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# A LIVING PARABLE

Quite often I'll explain to a wedding audience that the happy couple will be a living parable wherever they live. As followers of Jesus these two and their offspring will demonstrate what Christian love really is. When they happen to hurt each other they will practice forgiveness and humility. From the way they drive to the way they share gardening secrets with neighbors Bob and Judy will be the living presence of Jesus.

So it is to be with our church in Ashland, Oregon. Visitors walk into our midst and feel arms about them and hear kind voices of welcome. It is Jesus speaking...through us. We allow our bodies to be not only influenced by him, but indwelt by him. Such God-possessed people are always seeking to see people through God's glasses. We take a stranger to lunch. We offer to be of help where we can. We are slow to speak and quick to listen.

And our life in the community... Ashland, Medford, Talent, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Central Point and Jacksonville? More living-parable living. Few people are won over to the spiritual side by argument; yet it is difficult to resist the argument of holy lives, over-the-top compassion and who-would-believe-it generosity. This is precisely why we conduct so many meetings in public places. You'll re-

member the teaching of Jesus about lit up cities being easy to see and candles doing their best work out on the table...maybe a restaurant table. Time spent at Louie's does not go unnoticed. It is something of an anomaly... church at a bar. It is meant to resemble 'the word becoming flesh and dwelling among men'.

So I'll keep on encouraging those newlyweds to treat each other with love that amazes the neighbors. And I'll continue to coach our CCOA family to do the same with each other and visitors too. You can expect that I'll practice the same kind of 'taking Jesus to the multitudes' in my own flawed body. How about you? Are we in this together? It's all about Christ in you, the hope of glory.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jim'.





## SAINTS ALIVE AND LAUGHING

It's a grand way to launch the month. Meet with a bunch of others. Fill up the banquet room at the Iron Skillet. Eat your fill. Bring a joke or a funny email attachment to read. Come on down to the Iron Skillet in Phoenix. Young or old...you are invited. Order from the menu or graze at the breakfast buffet. Good price, fine chow. Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m.



## REAL MEN MEET AT THE OLD FARM HOUSE

A few weeks back a gentleman visited us all the way from Boise, Idaho. Mark is the church relations man from Boise Bible College. He reads our newsletter and asked to join our guys for Breakfast. He gave us the scoop on our college in Idaho and stayed on to fellowship with your preacher man.

Of course, like all first-timers, he enjoyed a free breakfast. There it was...his drivers license and a copy of this article for his ticket. Men, you too can be treated like a king. A fine Bible study is mixed



with prayer, fellowship and fine vittles. Mondays at 7:45...The Old Farm House...Phoenix (Oregon, Mister!)

## 39PLUS STARTS AT MARIE HOFFMAN'S PLACE

Marie's dining room table is feeling the strain of too many elbows. Every 'first Wednesday' our 39Plus cohort pow wows at her home. Great cut throat games kick things off at 10. Jim's Bible study follows at 11. Marie's grand nourishment (mixed with pot luck items) brings even more smiles at noon. Despite the growing numbers you are invited to join the excitement. Wednesday...November 4...61 North Mountain Avenue. Need a ride? Call Jim at 890-3209

## THANKSGIVING AT TOU VELLE PARK...JOIN ME, PILGRIMS!

I've been going out to Tou Velle Park to cook Thanksgiving Dinner for many years now. We fill Dutch ovens with all kinds of fine food, let them slow cook, and experience an old fashioned noon meal on Turkey Day. This year you are invited. I'll arrive about 9 to put coffee on and get the charcoal going. Come on by. Tou Velle Park is located on Table Rock Road where it crosses the Rogue River. Don't cross the bridge. Turn right into the park and look for us immediately on the left. You'll need money for parking.





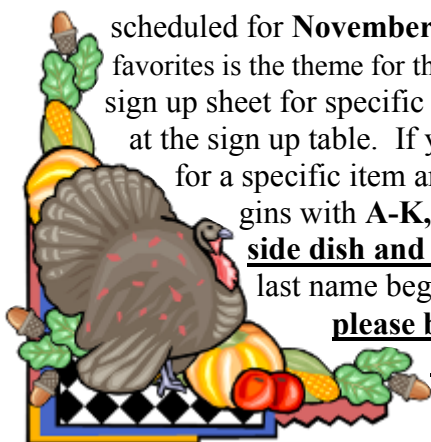
I'll provide the big items to cook but you are most welcome to bring a dessert or salad. Want to eat and that's all...arrive at noon. Or maybe you'd like to learn to cook with a Dutch oven? Drive on out anytime after 9. All I ask is that you sign up. We need to make sure we have enough food. No drop ins, please. Again...sign up by Sunday, November 22. Hope you can join me. Jim Larsen 890-3209  
NOTE: This an outdoor event. Although there is shelter from rain or snow it can still be quite cool. Dress appropriately. Bring a lawn chair for more comfort. Table service, beverages provided.



## NOVEMBER POTLUCK DINNER



You Are Invited to The NOVEMBER POTLUCK, scheduled for **November 15<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving favorites is the theme for this gathering. A sign up sheet for specific dishes is available at the sign up table. If you do not sign up for a specific item and your name begins with **A-K, please bring a side dish and a salad.** If your last name begins with **L-Z, please bring a side dish and a dessert.** Single folks just



bring one item to share.

See you for a "gobbling" good time on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.*

## PRAYER RETREAT...HALLOWEEN SATURDAY

Our last Prayer Retreat, facilitated by Julie Hamilton, was such a rich experience. Our second edition is coming up this Saturday. Call Julie at 773-5048 to see if there is still room for you to sign on. So far about a fourth of our congregation are planning to make the trip to Prospect, Oregon. There we'll devote ourselves to serious prayer.



## JACKSON HOUSE...ARBOR PLACE...NORTHRIDGE CENTER MINISTRIES

Each week three care centers enjoy the ministry of our folk. Gene and Janice have been touching lives at Arbor Place in Medford every Sunday at 3 p.m. for many years now. The same goes for the Oliveri family which takes music, communion, a message and fellowship to the good people at Northridge Care Center in Phoenix each Sunday morning. Eleanor Olsen and Jim Larsen lead an hour of music, prayer and a Bible story at Jackson House in Talent each Tuesday afternoon. Care to be a part of ministering to older saints? Call the office to see how you can be included in one of these precious ministry.

## CHUCH AT LOUIE'S

It's a television program aired on channel 15 every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.. Church At Louie's

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is also an internet video found on [WWW.OutOfTheWalls.Com](http://WWW.OutOfTheWalls.Com) anytime you choose. David Bruce and I discuss news items from a host of sources and address them from a spiritual point of view. Perhaps the greatest impact of the program which takes place at Louie's Restaurant and Bar is the exchange we have with those we meet and often minister to at Louie's. Thanks to Brad Fish, our camera man and production chief.

## OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT, AN ASHLAND FIXTURE

It may not be as old as the Shakespeare Festival, but OTMN has its own faithful following. Folk drive from Grants Pass and all over the Rogue Valley to view these classics. One regular, Doug, calls Old Time Movie Night the best night of his month. Check out the pack page to find out what Mr. Royer has planned for us in November.

## FIFTH SUNDAY VARIETY HOUR

It happens four times a year...a fifth Sunday in the month. The next one is November 29. You can expect solos, duets and other ensembles. How about a few poems, stories and possibly a skit? Add to the list of performances the singing of great old hymns...wow! Count on a marvelous evening. Oh, and how about the desserts and ice cream! So, sign up soon to add your talent to the cluster of good stuff. Maybe you'll want to also commit to bringing some sweets...there is a place to sign your name. Sunday, November 29 6 p.m. Need a ride? Call Jim at 890-3209

## JIM'S ARTICLES IN LOCAL PAPER

The other day a young lady joined us for Sunday worship, saying, "I read your article in the Daily Tidings and thought this must be an interesting church." We reach out to the community in many ways. The Thursday ditty in the Ashland paper is one way of giving our neighbors a glimpse of what we are up to. Sometimes I write about God's love and the work of the cross. At other times I make it more homey with a word about my dad visiting or a childhood memory.

## CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN THE MAKING

It is a challenge to get a directory printed. We gather all of the information we can from the flock and take a bunch of photos. All of that is taking place right now. If you'd like a new picture in the upcoming directory bring the whole family and remind Jim to get his camera out.

## EMILY ROGERS BAPTIZED!

It was a wonderful morning. Worship was expressive and attendance was up. But the greatest joy of Sunday, October 11, was the baptism of Emily. This dear lady has been a believer for many years. Her family, husband Earl and boys Nathaniel and Sean, have been attending here for some time. Emily decided to be obedient to the command of Jesus to enter the watery grave of baptism and we rejoiced with the angels.



## ANDY AND BECKY DEDICATE LITTLE NAOMEE MAY TO CHRIST

We actually call it a 'Parent Dedication/Baby Presentation' since mom and dad promise to cooperate with God to raise their child to know and love Jesus. On Sunday, Oc-





tober 25, Andy and Becky were joined by Andy's parents (Myron and DeeDee) and brother Mark. Our Elders prayed for the dear family and ladies from the church offered valuable counsel on the raising of a little girl. What a day!

## WOULD YOU LIKE THE QUILT IN THE LIBRARY

The Piece Corp ladies will be selling tickets for the king size quilt in the Library. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Funds raised traditionally go for supplies for the Piece Corp. Please support this wonderful ministry. The drawing for the quilt will take place at the Ladies Tea in December. Contact Helen Jane for more information or tickets.



## ROGUE RIDERS

Rogue Riders will be taking a break in November and December.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)

FPU returns to Christian Church of Ashland at 7 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning in January 2010 ([www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/)). Preview/question sessions are scheduled at the next two potluck dinners on the third Sunday of November and again in December.

Here are a few testimonials from those who have completed the 13-week course.

*"Since completing the course, God (through Dave's ministry) has helped our family eliminate over \$20,000 in debt. Lord willing, the last \$5,700 will be*

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*gone by this August at the latest. We have done this on one income."*

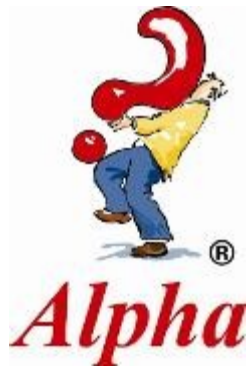
*"You don't have to make a six-figure income to become debt-free. I won't say it was easy, but wow, what peace we have now!"*

*"I am SO thankful that the course was offered at my church and that I had the opportunity to enroll. I can truly say that was one of the best investments I ever made of my time and money."*

The cost for membership materials and access to on-line resources is \$100 per family unit and are available from the church office. If you are struggling with debt/finances in these difficult times (and who isn't) FPU offers a solution.

Doyle Cornwell will again be our facilitator.

## ALPHA IS BACK

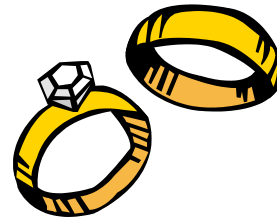


It has been a while since we last ran the Alpha ( <http://www.alphausa.org/> ) course here at Christian Church of Ashland. During that time we have been blessed with many new faces in our gathering so it is timely to again offer this basic course on the Christian faith. Even long-time Christians can benefit from a refresher on the basics which are addressed in this course. We begin each evening with a buffet style meal at 6 pm. This is a great chance to meet your fellow participants and get to know each other. A bit of humor and announcements transition us to the DVD lecture by Nicky Gumble, who developed the Alpha Course in London. The finale of the evening is small group discussion on the questions raised during the video. Any question is quite okay...even encouraged. All inquiring mind types are welcomed regardless of their orientation to Christianity. All that we ask is mutual respect and courtesy. The first part of January 2010 we will have the Invitation Dinner to give you a taste of the course and answer questions. This is a great chance for you to check it out. Come and see. Bring a friend. Let us know though so we can plan appropriately. Call 482-1591. This will also be our first opportunity to use our newly updated DVDs. Brochures will be available soon



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Clyde Fuller
- 5 - Jason Wilson
- 8 - Sandee McDaniel
- 12 - Martha Bosworth
- 12 - Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen
- 16 - Gene Stringer
- 22 - Jim Farmer
- 22 - Ashton Acery
- 26 - Brandon Witt
- 27 - Genice Normand



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Mel and Betty Tine Metcalf
- 24 - Jim and Gwen Jarrell
- 27 - Chris and Corey McDonald

*Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office. Brad*





# "JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 12:30 PM Ladies Ministry Mtg  Daylight Savings - set back 1 hour	<b>2</b> 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Study in Eagle Point	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Piece Corps 6:30 PM Ladies Study in Talent	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home Clyde Fuller, Bday	<b>5</b> Jason Wilson, Bday	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
<b>8</b> 12:30 PM Board Meeting Sandee McDonald, Bday	<b>9</b> 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Study in Eagle Point	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch 6:30 PM Ladies Study in Talent	<b>11</b> Pancake Breakfast - Pioneer Hall Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Lori Jo Martin-Larsen, Bday Matha Brownworth, Bday Mel & Betty Tine Metcalf, Ann	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 12:15 PM Potluck	<b>16</b> 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Study in Eagle Point Gene Swanger, Bday	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Piece Corps 6:30 PM Ladies Study in Talent	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
<b>22</b> 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office Ashton Acery, Bday Jim Farmer Bday	<b>23</b> 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Study in Eagle Point	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Piece Corps 6:30 PM Ladies Study in Talent Jim & Gwen Jarrell, Ann.	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding	<b>26</b> Brandon Wicks Bday Thanksgiving	<b>27</b> Chris & Corey McDonald, Ann Genice Normand, Bday	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 6:00 PM 5th Sunday Variety Hour	<b>30</b> 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies Study in Eagle Point					

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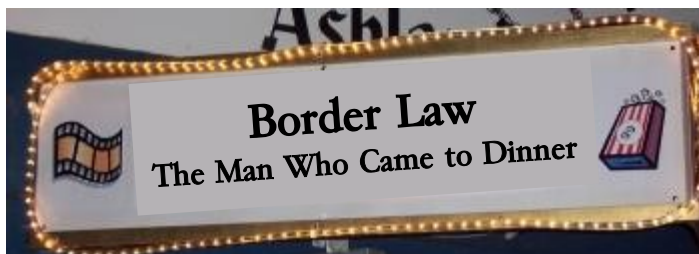
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### Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Discovery Club  
10:45 AM Worship

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### OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

An evening of outdoor thrills, excitement, action and romance, followed by a deliciously wicked character portrait and helter-skelter satire awaits all who attend OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT Saturday Nov.21. The thrills start with Columbia's 1931 western "BORDER LAW" starring legendary BUCK



JONES, one of the screen's greatest western stars of the early 20th century, as a Texas Ranger who must cross the international border to

bring the slayer of his younger brother to justice. The second offering of the evening is the 1942 Warner Bros. film version of the Broadway tour



de force "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DIN-  
NER." A celebrated author and radio celebrity, waylaid by a cracked hip while visiting a small Ohio town, wreaks havoc while bossing his helpless hosts from his wheelchair. What a cast! Bette Davis, Ann Sheridan, Jimmy Durante and Monty Woolley reprising his Broadway triumph as Sheridan White-side, ready to "devour" all those he considers his inferiors. Need we say more? Expect the usual surprises. Tell your friends and neighbors. Don't miss this great evening of entertainment **Saturday Nov. 21!**

**Doors and Snack bar open at 6:00 p.m.**  
**First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**