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CAMP HOST OR WAGON TRAIN MASTER?

I well remember my first sermon as your pastor. Somehow you had invited me, a retread, to be a leader of this congregation. A year out of the ministry had led me to the conviction that I could not return to the same sort of pastoring that had characterized my life over the previous 30 years. Although the congregations I had served had all constructed new facilities or conducted building projects, some purchasing additional property, I had not been truly obedient to the great commission.

My evangelism efforts were more predatory. I was there for people who visited the church or otherwise made the initial contact with me. In follow-up many of them accepted Christ and were added to the congregation. But it was more like a hyena circling the zebras, picking off the weak ones. Plus, as a young guy I was more intimidated by successful business people and those better educated than I. A step away from ministry in 1999-2000 provided an opportunity for a re-assessment of what it meant to be a preacher. Even while sitting on the bench for fourteen months, I was convinced that a real minister must get into the fray and fight the good fight, engaging the culture and serving as a faithful ambassador for Jesus Christ.

I've known 'camp host' preachers. I had been one. Isn't it true that there are caravaners and settlers? These days I see my role much more as one of the guys trying to steer the wagon train toward high ground. It means constantly checking the gospel compass and making adjustments in our direction. Same old compass...



constant course adjusting. This 'take' on ministry might lead an observer to conclude that outsiders are more important to me than the insiders. I prefer to use the analogy of the putting the 99 safe-and-sound sheep in good hands while looking through the bushes for lost lambs. Oh, I know that this may all sound a bit like 'look at me', am I noble or what? I don't mean that. I know full well that I often fall short in ministry. Sometimes I do look past our own dear ones while surveying the white fields. That isn't good, for sure. You've been gracious about that.

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So here we are at the first of another year and I'm just checking that little compass and appreciating how our wagon train keeps moving, even when there's a strong urge to put down roots and become settlers. Wagons ho!

Yours for moving and ministering,



SAINTS ALIVE...

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

For you newcomers...take note! A mighty fine breakfast meeting takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Come on over to the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!) at 9 a.m. on January 5 for laughter, fellowship and just-like-home-cooking. Order from the menu or enjoy the big buffet, including an omelet made to your liking. Bring a tall tale or a joke to share. All adults are welcome.

ROGUE RIDERS

On Wednesday, January 16, 2008 we will go to the new Railroad Museum on A Street. It is close by and we can go to Lela's for lunch before. Plan to leave the Church at 11:30, walk down to Lela's, eat and go to the Museum. Should be interesting.

Helen Jane Slack

39PLUS...GAMES, STUDY AND FINE VITTLES

It is a well-kept secret...the joys of our weekly 39PLUS gatherings. Who can beat Marie Hoffman's lunches...or the spread that Laurie Royer provides when she hosts our clan? This weekly event is geared for adults...originally for seniors. But we joyfully welcome those of all ages. Arrive at 10 for a robust game of Uno, Dominoes or King's Corners. At 11 we break for a Bible study, ready for lunch about noon. If you need a ride to the Royer's home



39 Plus and Rogue Riders check out Jim's flies during the December joint venture at the Larsen home.

Photo by Hal Bosworth

in Medford just meet at the church at 9:30 to caravan or car pool.

- January 2 Marie Hoffman's home 61 North Mountain
- January 9 Laurie Royer's place 2780 Cedar Links Dr, Medford
- January 16 Rogue Riders
- January 23 Larsen's, 114 Autumn Ridge, Talent 890-3209
- January 30 Fold Newsletter at 10 in the Fellowship Hall (Games/Study/Potluck)

FRIENDS OF FAITH...YOUNG, ON FIRE AND FAITHFUL!

My favorite journeys of the month...those treks over the Cascade Mountains to Klamath Falls. There I meet with a young congregation of believers and seekers. We pray together, share our dollars to give to the needy, dig into the scriptures, eat well and blend our lives. I think this must resemble the ancient church of Peter and John's era.

In December we met at Meghan's place for a great Mexican dinner, singing, a gift exchange, Bible Jeopardy, sharing of Christmas memories and the report



of my recent trip to Peru. The pictures include a shot of a portion of our crew, plus the fun of opening gifts. I'm grateful to the Mission Committee for covering the costs of driving over the river and through the woods. Thanks, as well, to our ladies who invited all of the Friends Of Faith gals to enjoy our Ladies Tea.

Jim Larsen, Roving Pastor

PERU



Some have asked about my annual journey to South America. This ministry with John Hendee and Project New Hope takes place in Trujillo, Peru. I've been asked to be the team's Director and Professor of Bible and Theology. In the past I've done preaching and teaching in Trujillo, especially ministering to the many staff members, pastors and other leaders. Starting next year we will invite

Trujillo's professionals and medical people to attend my seminars. This is pretty exciting. Guest speakers are welcomed, especially old guys with some experience and knowledge. One out of two isn't bad.

My plan is to be back in Peru in May and again in December. It is a way of multiplying our efforts, resources and experience. Thanks from your man for inquiries, prayers and encouragement.

Jim

REAL MEN...MEETING, EATING AND MINING THE SCRIPTURES

What a treat! Chocolate covered cherries. Annie surprised all of the guys with a box of candy, thanking us for pow wowing at her fine establishment for several years running. Even without the sweets is a most wonderful experience...real men meeting at Annie's in Phoenix on Mondays at 7:45 a.m. All guys are welcome to join this great-way – to-start-your-week event. While Jerry Moore and Mel Metcalf are wintering in Arizona with their spouses Gene Stringer will buy breakfast for first-timers. Bring this 'ad' to qualify.

TED KILLIAN'S CLASS A HIT

The age span is growing and the interest is too. Younger ones covering quite an age span are finding the Balcony Class to be intriguing, participatory and on-track. Young adults on down are invited to pop in and check out Ted's group...Sunday mornings at 9:30...fruit and pastries included.

NEW VIDEO PROJECTOR AND SCREEN...THANKS HELEN

I think it started with Helen Calhoun dedicating Charlie's memorial fund to the acquisition of a new projector for the church. That gift and an anonymous donation, plus some dollars approved by the trustees made possible the recent installation of a fabulous projector and a new and wider screen. Since so much of what happens in our auditorium is of a visual nature this kind of upgrade is precious and practical. Thanks to Kim Kent for doing most of the electrical work and to Brad Fish for the

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countless hours of
selecting and in-
stalling the units.

Jim



POTLUCK

BRRRR! The cold weather is here! What a great time to share a favorite "comfort food". Bring your favorite main dish for cold winter days.

Is your favorite a soup, stew, casserole, or macaroni and cheese? Whatever it is, bring it to share at the potluck on January 20th.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and a salad**. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

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



Congratulations to Olive Dooms who won the drawing for the 2007 Piece Corp Quilt

PIECE CORPS...QUILT ENJOYED BY OLIVE DOOMS

Every week the Piece Corps meets in Fellowship Hall. These good ladies give quilts to newborns and lots of other folk. One means of gathering funds to replenish their supply closet is the annual

Quilt Drawing. This year the new owner of a beautiful quilt is Olive Dooms. All ladies interested in the fine craft of sewing and quilting are welcome to join our Piece Corp team Tuesdays from 9:30 to Noon in the Fellowship Hall.



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Come one, come all!

Ladies lunch, Tuesday Jan. 8, 2008, 12:00 noon at Laurie Royer's house in Medford. 2780 Cedar Links Drive. 772-0689. It will be a potluck. Please see Laurie for suggestions on what to bring so it will be a variety of good eats. Let Laurie know if you're coming. She'd like to see everyone there.

ALPHA TESTIMONIAL

Dear Jim and Hal,

The wonderful Alpha Meetings in which I participated during the Fall of 2006, continue to have a rejuvenative effect in my life. The cause was the equivalent of lifting a veil from the face of spiritual consciousness.

Thank you for all your good works and have a blessed Christmas.

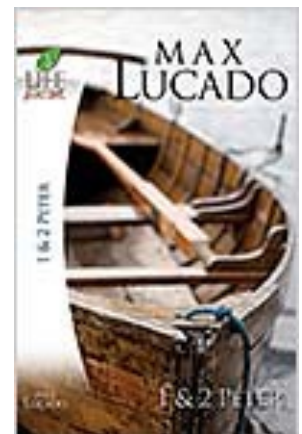
Stacey

LADIES' MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Between the Rock and a Hard Place.

Life has a way of not turning out like we had wanted. The disciple Peter knew what it was like to go through tough times.

The ladies' Monday Afternoon Bible Study will resume at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2008 at Ruby Balbo's home, 2833 Alameda in Medford. Contact Nyla Fenning for more



information. They will be studying from Max Lucado's Life Lessons study of 1st and 2nd Peter.

BUDDY TIME

We are the smallest church in a cluster of 11 congregations kicking off Buddy Time. The others are located in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Colorado and Idaho. I have been asked to be the director of this new and exciting ministry centered on Camaraderie, Character Building and Compassion. Each week small groups will meet across the country, taking time for these three matters, including the possibility of traveling to Peru once a year to participate in work-like-a-dog compassion projects. Although we are the runt of the litter (the other congregations average 2000 in membership) I'd like to see us launch the first group of Buddies. Care to join me in January in christening Buddy Time number one? Call me...890-3209. Those who receive the newsletter from outside of the area...we can do this long-distance!

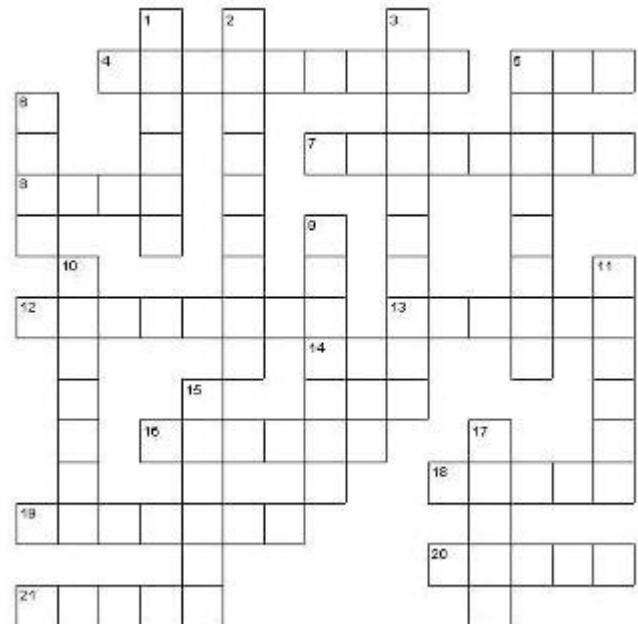
Jim Larsen
Mr. Buddy

BATHTUB BAPTISM...THE ANGELS REJOICE FOR JOHN WALCH



It was wonderful to baptize John Walch on December 19. John has been pondering this decision for some time now and had hoped to be immersed in the Rogue River. He turned 91 in November and said, "Who knows if it will be too late if I wait for the river to warm up enough for me to be baptized there?"

John and Mildred have been connected to our congregation for several years but have been unable to drive or get out much. Surely the angels rejoice that John made his decision to be obedient to Jesus in this important act of faith. God bless you, sir!



Here is a crossword puzzle to challenge your knowledge of John chapter one. (answers on page 6)

- 19. have faith in
- 20. blessing
- 21. live

ACROSS

- 4. start
- 5. yell
- 7. miracle
- 8. bird of peace
- 12. night
- 13. heavenly messengers
- 14. wrongdoing
- 16. Peter
- 18. body

DOWN

- 1. paradise
- 2. followers
- 3. comprehend
- 5. family
- 6. created
- 9. Christ
- 10. immerse in water
- 11. O.T. prophet
- 15. expose
- 17. magnificence

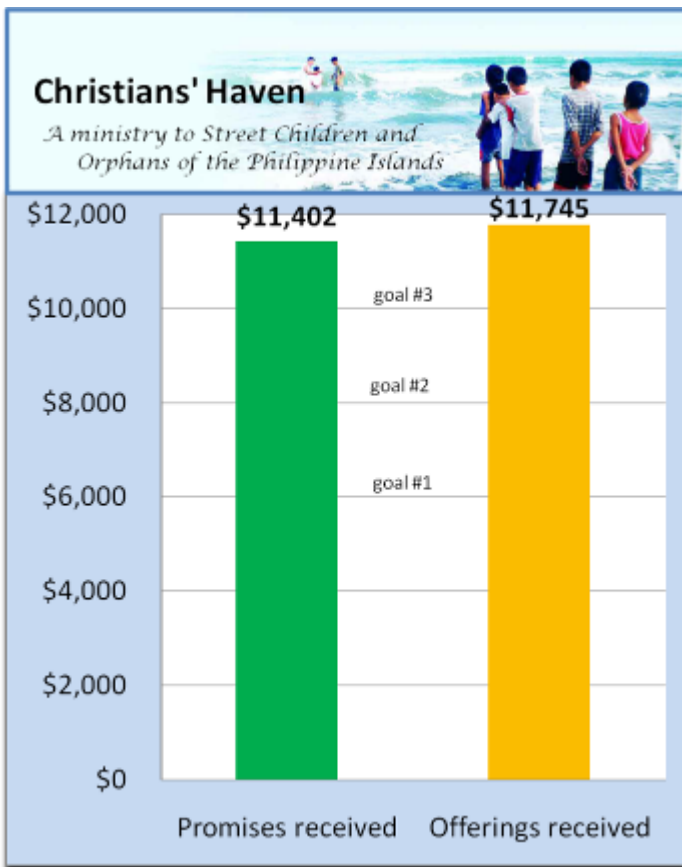
DR. GLEN BASEY TO SPEAK

Dr. Glen Basey will return as our guest speaker on Sunday, December 30 as we conclude our Faith Promise campaign in support of Christians' Haven. Dr. Basey will present the message **"Hearts and Visions for 2008"** Based on Nehemiah 1:1-11.

Dr. Glen R. Basey is Vice President for Development for Christians' Haven and has spoken here recently.

As the chart below shows, as of Christmas Eve we are now less than \$300 from reaching our goal of \$12,000 in support of the health needs at Christian's Haven

Dr. Basey is very pleased to be with our congregation. And has said that our fund raising has been an example for others he is looking forward to encouraging the saints as I thank them personally.



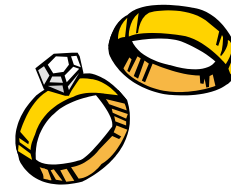
- ACROSS
- 4. beginning
 - 5. cry
 - 7. blessing
 - 8. dove
 - 12. darkness
 - 13. angels
 - 14. sin
 - 16. Cephas
 - 18. flesh
 - 19. believe
 - 20. grace
 - 21. dwell

- DOWN
- 1. heaven
 - 2. disciples
 - 3. understand
 - 5. children
 - 6. made
 - 9. Messiah
 - 10. baptize
 - 11. Isaiah
 - 15. reveal
 - 17. glory



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Helen Calhoun
- 1 - Jason Rudy
- 1 - Bonnie Maulsby
- 2 - Robin Witt
- 2 - Jim Witt
- 2 - Kacey McDonald
- 3 - Terry Hayes
- 7 - Everett Swain
- 8 - Katie Anderson
- 9 - Hal Bosworth
- 9 - David Lockwood
- 11 - Luci Siemens
- 13 - Betty Tine Metcalf
- 14 - Nicky Davis
- 15 - Ed Macauley
- 18 - Audrey Morrison
- 18 - Joshua McDaniel
- 24 - Linda Bell
- 25 - Jim Vermillion
- 25 - Shelly Vermillion
- 29 - Harold Russell
- 29 - Teri
- 31 - Kim Kent



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Greg and Rebecca Luce
- 12 - Lee and Pat Lyon
- 21 - Joe and Nicky Davis
- 23 - Karl and Helen Jane Slack

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"

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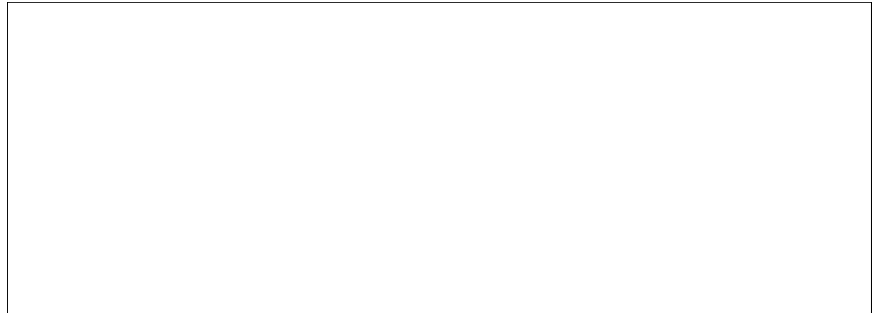
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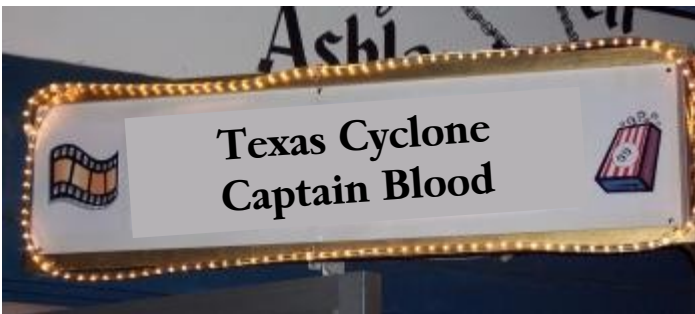
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Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



time of 63 minutes. Then, the film that made a star of young ERROL FLYNN as the romantic title character in the classic "CAPTAIN BLOOD" co-starring lovely Olivia de Havilland in the first of their 6 features together with a running time of 119 minutes.

Of course, expect the usual fun extras.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

The December edition of Old Time Movie Night was one of the best-attended in over 5 years. Friends and neighbors filled our auditorium to enjoy the showing of Babes In Toyland, the Laurel and Hardy classic. What fun! As a result of the event several relationships were started with newcomers. Thanks to Mike Royer for his labors in choosing a find a popular flick, connecting with the local newspapers and making the third Saturday production happen.

**Snack bar opens at 6:00 p.m.
First movie starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

Long before he was a star, Young JOHN WAYNE brightened the screen co-starring with legendary western star COL. TIM McCOY in the terrific little outdoor saga "TEXAS CYCLONE" with a running

