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PERU ON MY HEART



You know that I love you. Right? At this stage of my life there is no place I'd rather be serving Christ than right here with the Christian

Church of Ashland. I look around and see (not to sound like a New Ager) a magnificent 'convergence'. Where would I be without the leaders and partners God has pulled together to make this dynamic team? The entire congregation has gotten into the spirit of infecting the world with God's love. You keep pushing mission support higher and higher. You encourage my work in Klamath Falls, Peru and all over the valley. And to top it off, I feel loved. It don't git much betta than dis, fella!

Yet...ah, we saw something coming... yet right now my heart is in Peru. Why? Because I am in Peru! God has opened a door for me to do college-level teaching for the pastors, teachers and team leaders in **Trujillo**. Project New Hope International, under the leadership of John Hendee, has developed a large and successful mission work here. My job is to help teach these workers who would otherwise

find it quite impossible to receive Bible college training. All of those years working for Northwest Christian College and four decades in the pulpit have prepared me for this. I'll be heading to South America twice each year on these short-term mission trips. And, with the kind of assistance you've provided to help me travel here, I feel as if you are standing right alongside me. Thank you.

Why me? I believe that my main gift from God is that of putting some complicated spiritual concepts into simple language. Add to that my abiding friendship with John Hendee and his deep trust in me...well, our partner-



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ship becomes natural. The students are appreciative, the application is evident and it seems to be God nudging it all forward. And your love runs over it all, like oil off of Aaron's beard.



Jim Larsen

POTLUCK...FINE CONVERSATIONS AND HOME-COOKED CHOW

What better way to get acquainted! Here is a great opportunity to experience plenty of fine food and enjoy it with your church family. **May 18...**right after morning worship.

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 please bring your food already cooked.



SAINTS ALIVE...AND KICKING UP DUST!

Who'd have thought it? Cold weather didn't keep these good folk at home. Maybe it was Keith and Hailaine Sorensen's presence that drew the crowd. We packed the banquet room and laughter filled the room. What a fine time. Let's make it happen again

on Saturday, May 3. We still meet at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!) at 9 a.m. Bring a joke, tall tale and an appetite.

FRIENDS OF FAITH



These folk mean business. They show early and stay late. Everybody contributes. They love Jesus. Friends of Faith are not real big on singing, although they love to listen to current gospel

music. Our old policy still stands: No Budgets, No Buildings and No Big Shots. Everybody is somebody and nobody is a nobody in this fam-



ily. I love the drive over the mountains. It is good 'think' time for me and for listening to the Bible.

One of my favorite sights is that of Klamath Falls folk dropping in for worship in Ashland. We have a good connection. God has blessed our fellowship. Only a mountain range separates us...and not so well, either. Jim Larsen

HERITAGE CLASS

For the month of May the two adult classes will combine, meeting in the Library. Jim started the Heritage Class and Gene Stringer will finish the job. Come June the two classes will go back to their usual meeting places. At that time Michael Wing will launch a rich investigation of Proverbs. Restoration Movement churches like ours came about in the early 19th Century. Names like Campbell and Stone surface often. We are a part of a movement, not a denomination. No headquarters, no hierarchy of authority above the local congregation. Leadership and ordinances as taught in the scriptures. Put it all to-

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gether and what do you have? Come to class and find out. Sunday mornings at 9:30. Coffee and donuts.



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The April Ladies Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday May 13 at noon. Please watch the bulletin for more information later.

for chow. Other than that, just bring an appetite for those biscuits, plus eggs cooked to order, hash browns, fried onion and mushrooms, plus the usual line-up of beverages. When? Saturday, May 31 at 9 a.m. Arrive at 8 if you wish to assist the chef. Children welcome! Jim Larsen



ROGUE RIDERS GO ORIENTAL, MAY 21

Thanks to Helen Jane Slack, our perky group will make the trek to Medford's Tin Tin Buffet. This is a fine establishment with more chow than you can imagine. The church bus will pull out of the driveway at 11 a.m. with the expectation of arriving back at the our parking lot at 1:30 or 2 p.m. All aboard!

Last month's expedition was to Eagle Point where the bunch of us enjoyed a well supplied museum. A two minute walk took us to the flour mill with it's novel store. A great time was had by all, concluding with an Italian lunch at Vinny's. Come join us on Wednesday morning, May 21. If you work in the area and wish to join us for lunch, please drop in at 11:30. Tin Tin's is in the G.I. Joe's shopping center.



SUMMER BREAKFAST PICNICS

It is pretty hard to top Jerry Moore's Dutch oven biscuits and that fancy sausage gravy. Come on out to Emigrant Lake for those goodies and much more. Bring the family and a few friends. As you arrive at the pay station just take a look to your right and you'll see our bunch under the oak trees. Parking will run you about three dollars. I'll have a basket for donations if you'd like to help out a bit

REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIES

Numbers vary from week to week, but everyone who shows up at Annie's attests to fine vittles, great



company and caffeinated discussions. All guys are welcome to the Monday morning pow wow at Annie's Restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon!!). Jerry Moore will buy breakfast for first timers. Must bring this ad and i.d. to qualify. That's 7:45, guys.

39PLUS...LET'S SKIP ONE WEEK

There will be no gathering of 39PLUSERS on May 7. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Jim Larsen. Bring no food. Just show with Bible in hand, please. You remember the drill: 10 a.m. Games, then Bible Study at 11, followed by lunch at noon.

On May 21 we'll all join Rogue Riders for eats at Tin Tin.

May 28 will find our fine crew back in Fellowship Hall, folding the newsletter. Drop in at 10 for folding, followed by time for games, Bible study and our Potluck Lunch at noon.

New to the church?
Available on
Wednesday morn-
ings? Are you 39
(or plan to be)?
39PLUS is for you!



PREVIEW MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Preview Movie Night be Friday, May 9 and will feature the upcoming DVD release of *bella*. Technically this will not be a preview since the DVD release is actually May 6

An international soccer star (Eduardo Verástegui) is on his way to sign a multi-million dollar contract when something happens that brings his career to an abrupt end. A waitress (Tammy Blanchard), struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until an impetuous action brings them together and turns an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience. Once a famous athlete, and now a cook at his brother's Mexican restaurant, José has retreated from the world but he recognizes something in Nina, a young waitress, and reaches out to her. In the course of a single day, he not only con-

fronts his past but shows her how the healing power of a family can help her embrace the future. (from hollywoodjesus.com ©2007)

Our Preview Movie Night (Normally the 2nd Friday of each Month) is an opportunity to come, bring a friend and get a look at a new film (often before release). After the film we will record video comments from anyone who would like to share their reaction to the film for posting on the Internet. Free popcorn, ice water, and lemonade will be provided.



Parent's note: This film is rated PG-13-Parents Strongly Cautioned, some material may be inappropriate for children under 13 [Thematic elements and brief disturbing images] You can find a further review at www.pluggedinonline.com/movies/movies/a0003464.cfm

PIECE CORP

Are you a "puzzler"? Are you creative? Do you like to put things together?

There is a wonderful palette of fabrics just waiting to



be put together, much like in a puzzle. It's great to take squares of fabric and spread them out on tables to see if we can create some sort of design. We pin them together and sew them into "blocks". Then all the blocks are sewn together, put with batting (filling) and a backing into a frame. We "tie" the quilt with cotton crochet thread.

The Piece Corps could be for you! We create lap-ropes, baby quilts and full size quilts. The quilts are given as gifts when there is a new baby born to a church member, there is a wedding of a church member, or when there is a need.

Each year we create one special quilt for a drawing towards the end of the year. The funds raised help to buy supplies for the next year's quilt(s). Soon we will be looking at patterns and fabric for our next quilt.

Let us know your ideas! Better yet join us, all are welcome! Tuesday mornings at 9:30, weather permitting. This is a nice time to visit with others during the week. Ava



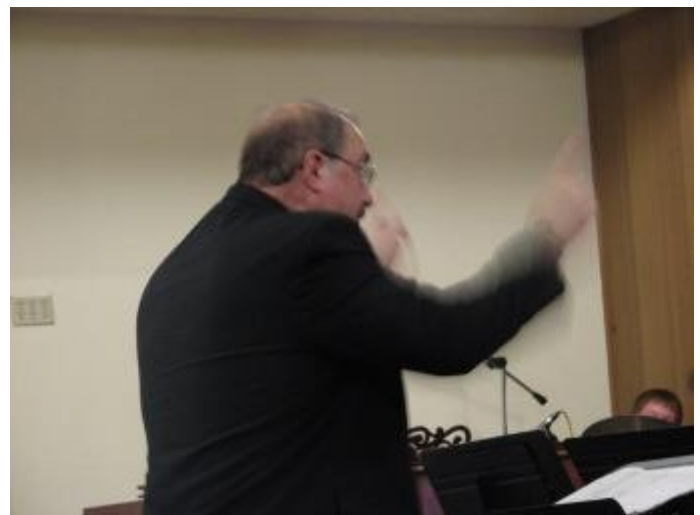
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS

The first order of business on Thursday, April 17, was a review of the annual reports and election of Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees. What unity! All were approved with 99% of the check marks being 'Yes'.



Then the great joy of the evening...the St. Mary's Jazz Band, directed by Michael Wing. Smashing! Top rate! Thanks to the students, parents and friends who

came to hear and support the band. It was a fine turnout that enjoyed an abundance of pie and ice cream in Fellowship Hall to cap off a mighty fine event. Thanks to all who donated sweets for the reception.



Mothers Day



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| advice | grandmother |
| blessed | happy |
| bouquet | heart |
| breakfast | home |
| camera | hug |
| card | joy |
| caregiver | kiss |
| celebrate | listener |
| chauffeur | love |
| comfort | mom |
| dress | restaurant |
| family | rose |
| food | slippers |
| gift | |



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Dan Siemens
- 2 - Austen Tiller
- 2 - Fred Kannasto
- 2 - Madge Center
- 4 - Karl Slack
- 4 - Logan Ellis
- 5 - Amanda Vellinga
- 21 - Ethan Phillips
- 22 - John Dooms
- 24 - Bill Evans
- 28 - Roxanne Wilson
- 29 - John Daniel Sutton
- 29 - Nyla Fenning
- 31 - April Rudy

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Earl and Lucille Sission
- 25 - Robert & Dona Heath
- 31 - Jim & Robin Witt

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
<p>4 12:30 PM Board Meeting Karl Slack's B'day Logan Ellis, B'day</p>	<p>5 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe Amanda Vellinga's B'day Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship & Lucille Sission, Anniversary Ship Hall</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM National Day of Prayer- 1st Baptist Church Dan Siemmens, B'day</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Preview Movie Night</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet</p>
<p>11 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg  Mother's Day</p>	<p>12 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship & Lucille Sission, Anniversary Ship Hall</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM National Day of Prayer- 1st Baptist Church Dan Siemmens, B'day</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Preview Movie Night</p>	<p>17 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night  Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>18 12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>19 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>20 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>21 10:45 AM Rogue Riders Ethan Phillips' B'day</p>	<p>22 John Dooms' B'day</p>	<p>23 Bill Evans' B'day</p>	<p>24 Bill Evans' B'day</p>
<p>25 Robert & Dona Heath, Anniversary  Memorial Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>26 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe Memorial Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter Roxanne Wilson, B'day</p>	<p>29 Daniel Sutton's B'day Nyla Fenning's B'day</p>	<p>30 Daniel Sutton's B'day Nyla Fenning's B'day</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake April Rudy's B'day Jim & Robin Witt, Anniversary</p>

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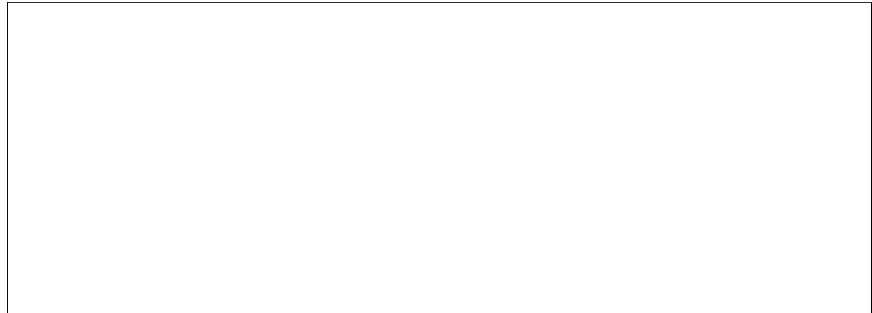
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Sunday Service Schedule

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



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unforgettable poker game. A seldom seen delight.

The Rogue Valley's own Ginger Rogers co-stars with William "The Thin Man" Powell in an amusing comedy mystery where Ginger is the gal pal of Powell, a lawyer who enjoys solving cases more than trying them in court. *The Star of Midnight*, 1935, sparkles.

Plus the usual extras and surprises.
Join us for the fun!

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

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT, AN ASHLAND HIT-MAY 17

Mike Royer! You know how to wow a crowd. April's showings had everybody raving over your selection of classic films. Now we are getting geared up for Old Time Movie Night in May. Bring friends and family for the best buy on hot dogs, candy and pop corn. The word is getting out on this quality entertainment. Thanks to the snack bar crew: Killians, Moores and Karen Larsen.

Riverboat captain W.C. Fields and his star attraction Bing "Major Steele, The Singing Killer" Crosby head a bright cast in the musicomedy *Mississippi*, 1935, featuring songs by Rodgers and Hart and an

