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# THE MATTER OF MONEY



At a recent pastor’s prayer meeting each of my fellow preachers explained how the current spike in everyday expenses is hampering their congregation. Ours is no exception. Take a look at the chart in the foyer and your eyes will see red. Our budget is sensible, our spending is cautious, but income doesn’t match either budget or spending.

I expect that a good part of this is my own doing. I’ve always prided myself in not haranguing our folk about dollars. Doing a better job of warning our congregation about the coming shortfall might have helped avert this crisis. These are tough days for individuals so it stands to reason that these are also tough days as a group of individuals. I have some suggestions for your consideration. Try these on for size, please.

**PRAY.** We should *always* start here. God is our provider. Let’s ask him for assistance...as a congregation and as individuals and families. Sometimes God will answer our prayers by speaking to us. Just writing this puts a bur-

den on my heart to seek God’s provision...beginning with me.

**CONSISTENCY.** Although I’ve not known, nor even asked, about anybody’s record of giving, I’ve always had the feeling that if everyone was simply faithful on a week-to-week basis a good bit of stability could be realized in church finances. When we miss a week it is easy to forget that the budget never takes a vacation. Some folk find that offering envelopes help with this. They sit right there staring us in the face, inviting us to keep current even when we need to be absent from the Sunday assembly.

**A STEP FORWARD.** This year our church increased our weekly Mission giving to 12% of the General Fund. Prior to this we dedicated one out of every ten dollars received to world evangelism. Perhaps a 5% or 10% boost in personal giving would stretch our faith...and give our ailing balance a needed hand. Salary increases had been put on hold for a few years but were included in this year’s budget. That too put a strain on an already stretched church check book.

**PRAY.** Oh, we need plenty of this!]

**THE LONG VIEW.** Maybe you know  
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that a family gave the church a large financial gift many years ago. We don't actually manage the money, but receive a quarterly check. The Wilson Estate funds aren't used for general fund needs, but they have been wonderfully useful for special projects. When Everett McGee passed away our church received a gift of over \$209,000. Again, we only have use of the interest from this account which we receive monthly. The income is split 65% goes to Missions, 10% to Benevolence and the remaining 25% is added to our general fund. God bless those dear saints who had the forethought and faithfulness to make certain they would not stop giving to Kingdom work when they departed from the earth. The Wilsons and McGees are still impacting our church and world evangelism! May their tribe increase! Although we are not praying for any of our number to graduate to Glory in the immediate future, what a great example these folk have left us...the example of planning for their 'after' life. We are encouraged to give 10% of our earnings to Kingdom work...why not make plans to put 10% of our estate to work for God when we are gone?

So there. You are paying wildly rising prices for gasoline and everything related to oil. Grocery costs are higher every time you head to the store. And now we inform you of a treasurers pen that balks at writing with black ink! Will you join me in facing this as a spiritual challenge? Lord, help me to be more like Joshua and Caleb than the other ten guys who spied out Canaan! Help me to see the big challenge ahead...but also have confidence that 'if God is for us, who can be against us'.

We've dug in our heels before. We've found power in praying together. Let's do it again, friends!

Taking my own advice,



## PASTOR BACK IN CAMPING BUSINESS

Perhaps there are students going into grades 4-5-6 who would want to spend a week at Grove Christian Service Camp with our preacher man, Jim. He will be a cabin dad and the daily chapel speaker during the week of June 22-27. If coming up with tuition is a problem we'll do our best to give young campers assistance. Grove Camp is located twenty miles from Eugene and just East of Cottage Grove. Pray for our aging pastor as he tends to young boys in his cabin.

## PREVIEW NIGHT, SEE MOVIES THAT ARE PRE-RELEASE OR PRE-DVD

Our next Preview Movie Night be Friday, June 13. We currently don't know the title of our June film.

Our Preview Movie Night 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.

## POTLUCK...FATHER'S DAY

At the June Potluck we will honor fathers and graduates. Come and bring Dad's (and/or graduate's) favorites. **June 15**...right after morning worship. Good food and great fellowship! See You there!

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

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

## PICNIC BREAKFAST AT EMIGRANT LAKE, JUNE 28

Have you wanted to invited a friend to a non-threatening church event? Ah, so this outing is just what the doctor (Good Physician) ordered! Come early (8ish) if you can help set up and get the Dutch ovens going. Others can arrive at 9 for biscuits and

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gravy, eggs cooked to order, hash browns, plus fried onions and mushrooms. Yummy! Donation basket available for your financial assistance. When you stop to pay your parking fee take a peek over the right and you'll see our clan under the Oak trees.

## SINGSPARATION AND VARIETY SHOW...SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Remember the days when churches got together for Fifth Sunday Sings and Youth Rallies? How about an evening that promises that same sort of fellowship, participation, robust music, other presentations...ending with pie and ice cream? You can have it. Our church is inviting other congregations from Ashland and our sister churches in Medford, Central Point and Gold Hill to join the celebration. Come prepared with a special number...or a group presentation...maybe a poem or a dramatic skit. Get involved. We'll sing some old songs as in days gone by.



When: Sunday evening, 6 p.m. on June 29. Where: Corner of Second and B Streets

## 39PLUS, GROWING AND GLOWING

It's a happy bunch...these adults who gather for games, Bible study and tasty lunches. At 10 our games of dominoes, Uno, Skip-Bo or King's Corners get going. At about 11 we grab our Bibles and launch into a vigorous study time. Then the host invites us to dine at noon. Here's how June looks:

- June 4** Marie Hoffman's home 61 N Mountain
- June 11** Laurie Royer's home 2780 Cedar Links Dr
- June 18** Rogue Riders head to the Applegate Valley (see article)
- June 25** Fold Newsletter in Fellowship Hall..then games, study and potluck lunch.



## FRIENDS OF FAITH

Our dear brothers and sisters over in the Klamath Basin email each other about their Friends of Faith gatherings. And so they should! Every assembly is fresh with vitality. As you may know, most of these are young families and singles who have a connection to Kingsley Field, the Air National Guard base in Klamath Falls. Many have not put their roots down in a local congregation and find FOF to be a great spiritual family. I met many of these fine people while teaching classes on the base for Northwest Christian College. We became friends...and the rest is wonderful history. Pray for this fledgling congregation as they develop a strong leadership base. Jim Larsen

## SEVERAL LOVED ONES GRADUATE TO GLORY

Lucille Sisson's memorial service was held on Saturday, May 17. Earl and Lucille have been members of our congregation for many years, moving here from Southern California when Earl retired. Our hearts go out to Earl and his children, Lori and Randy.

Jerry Lillibridge, husband of Betty, was remembered at a service held for him at the Ashland Bible Church on Sunday, May 25. The Lillibridges have lived here in Ashland for many years and are very much loved by our folk. God bless you, Betty.

James Brown, son of Roberta Brown, passed away in May and his service was held at Mountain View Cemetery on Saturday, May 24. Although wheelchair bound for twenty years JD was a model of

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patience, loving concern for others and deep faith in God. Farewell, friend!

**John Walch**, husband of Mildred, passed away on Saturday, May 24. John was 91. You'll remember that he was baptized in December. His funeral was held on Thursday, May 29.

**Helen Farmer**, mother of Jim Farmer, passed away in Memorial Day morning in Klamath Falls. Jim and his brother are currently making funeral arrangements. Our prayers are with you, Jim.

### **SAINTS ALIVE...YOU BETCHA!**

Where can you find more vitality, laughter, sincerity, tight tummies, great jokes and genuine prayers? This group has it all! Join us on Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m. for an ample breakfast or a cup of coffee. The Iron Skillet is our regular haunt. Just walk through the truckers and find our banquet room...follow the laughter. Newcomers...here's a good place to get acquainted!



### **ROGUE RIDERS TRAVEL TO POPULAR MCKEE BRIDGE AND BAR-BEQUE**

On **Saturday June 14th**, McKee Bridge Historical Society is having their big day. There is a bar-beque lunch, and various booths that sell crafts, baked goods and a yard sale. They will also have music during the lunch.

Last year we had enough people to take the bus ,so we are wondering if you would like to go again this year? We have a bus driver scheduled if there are

enough. There is a clip-board in the Library to sign up if you intend to go with us. We would need to leave the Church parking lot by 10:00A.M.



Questions?????????????????  
See Helen Jane Slack 482-8225

### **YARD SALE TO BENEFIT DOCTOR PROJECT IN PERU**

You may know that I've made a commitment to help raise \$700 per month for two years to pay a doctor's salary in Trujillo, Peru. The clinic is ready to open but what is lacking is the physician. I have met Eleasar Cabrera, a Christian medical doctor who is eager to get started with our mission group there. Thus far some friends have committed to about \$160 per month. So I am holding a yard sale on Saturday, July 12, with all proceeds going to Project New Hope International (Doctor Project). All sorts of



items can be donated but I'm hoping to get some large pieces. One family has donated a boat, another a utility trailer and another some high end sporting goods. How about you? Have something in the garage, attic or closet that can be converted into cash for this worthy project? Maybe a vehicle? Coin collection? Or even a gift of cash! Bake sale items, anybody?

I'm working on a location for the event and will need some help picking up items and running the sale. Want to help? Give me a jingle, please.

Jim Larsen 890-3209, **July 12, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



## RELAY FOR LIFE...MIDNIGHT SOUP KITCHEN

For several years Linda Johnson has served as chef of the Midnight Soup Kitchen for the (cancer) Relay For Life walkers. Hundreds of volunteers walk the track at Southern Oregon University for 24 hours. Our little clan of Soup Servers sets up our tables and gas ranges to make fantastic soup at the midnight hour. If you are interested in helping Linda with this most excellent ministry of love please give her (944-5446) or her assistant, Jim Larsen (890-3209) a call. We'll meet at the church at 10:30 p.m. and head over to the stadium together. Again, call if you wish to be a souper person on Saturday evening, May 31.

## REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S

You've heard about this month after month...but it's true. This is a fine way to get your week started,

guys. Where can you go and have conversations like this? We study the Good Book, pray together and enjoy mighty fine vittles. Here are some irregular guys who are regulars at the Monday pow wow: Gene Stringer, David Lockwood, Jerry Moore, Mel Metcalf, Jim Larsen, Cielo Marlia-Larsen, Dan Siemens and Rick Everingham. That collection of saints should be enticement enough, people! See you at Annie's in Phoenix (Oregon!)...or else. Time 7:45 a.m. Don't forget that Jerry Moore will pony up for your first breakfast with the big dogs. Must bring this ad!



## WELCOME TO JERRY AND CLAUDIA CHRISTIANSEN

It was a great treat to have our former youth minister and wife with us over the Memorial Day week-end. Jerry had served as our church's youth minister mucho years ago when Keith Sorensen was our pastor. Jerry planted a new church in the Salem area and today the congregation is healthy and growing. Welcome to these two fine friends who touched our church in wonderful ways.



## GOD, SCIENCE, HISTORY

Join Bob Harrison and Gene Stringer discussing the topics listed above from 7-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Christian Church of Ashland. Bob and Gene will draw on their experience as professors of history and physics at SOU and active members of CCA to introduce each topic using a variety of resources from differing perspectives. This will be followed by small group discussion and interaction. Inquirers of all perspectives are welcomed.



## Tentative Course Schedule

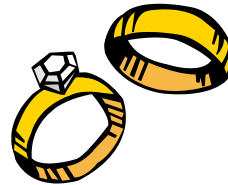
Date	Topics to discuss
18-Jun-08	The Quest for Knowledge and Understanding
25-Jun-08	Genesis and Other Creation Models
2-Jul-08	Aristotle, Galileo, Newton and the church
9-Jul-08	From Clockwork to QM--Shifting Paradigms
16-Jul-08	Correlation, Causality, Chaos
23-Jul-08	Darwin, Platypuses, Polkinghorne
30-Jul-08	Heaven, Space and the Earth
6-Aug-08	Global Warming, Energy, World Population
13-Aug-08	Brain, Mind and Soul--Functional MRI
20-Aug-08	Stem Cells, Abortion, and Medical Ethics
27-Aug-08	Why are We Here?

## KAREN AND JIM SAY THANK YOU

Karen's mother, Ruth, touched so many lives. A memorial service held for her in Flagstaff, Arizona, brimmed with testimonies of her faith, godly influence, service as a pastor's wife and 27 years of teaching kindergarten. Karen and family thank you for the multitude of calls, prayers, cards and hugs which helped them through a difficult time. Ruth Garrison's memorial was held on April 28.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 4 - Earl Sission
- 5 - Juanita Hernandez
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 12 - Joyce Jacobs
- 16 - Zachary Sutton
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 28 - Trevor Ellis
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Jason and Roxanne Wilson
- 4 - Rick and Connie Griffith
- 8 - Doyle and Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed and April Macauley
- 15 - James and Sandee McDaniel

*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
1 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Doyle & Linda Cornwell, Ann	2 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe Jason & Roxanne Wilson, Ann	3 9:30 AM Piece Corps	4 Brian Maria-Larsen, B'day Rick & Connie Griffith, Ann Earl Sisson, B'day	5 Junita Hernandez, B'day	6	7 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
8 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Doyle & Linda Cornwell, Ann	9 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe	10 9:30 AM Piece Corps	11 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall Ed and April Minceauley, Ann	12 Bob Heath, B'day Joyce Jacobs, B'day	13 7:00 PM Preview Movie Night	14 10:00 AM Rogue Riders Flag Day
15 12:15 PM Potluck Father's Day James & Sandra McDaniel, Ann	16 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe Zachary Sutton, B'day	17 9:30 AM Piece Corps	18	19 Edan Rudy, B'day	20	21 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
22	23 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe Laurie Royer, B'day	24 9:30 AM Piece Corps	25 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter	26	27	28 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake Mike Royer, B'day Trevor Ellis, B'day
29 6:00 PM Singpiration and Variety Show Erica Tiller, B'day Michael Wing, B'day	30 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe					

July

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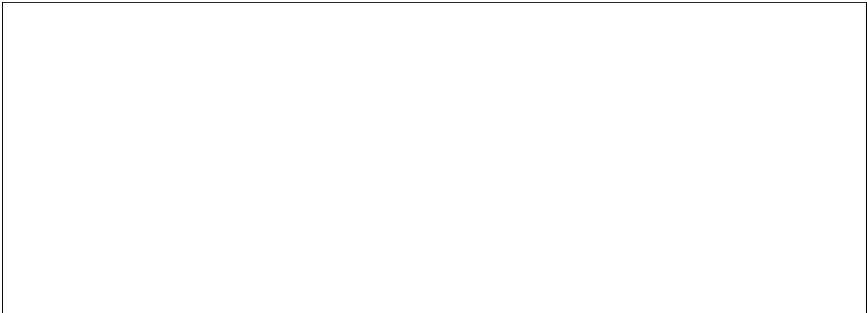
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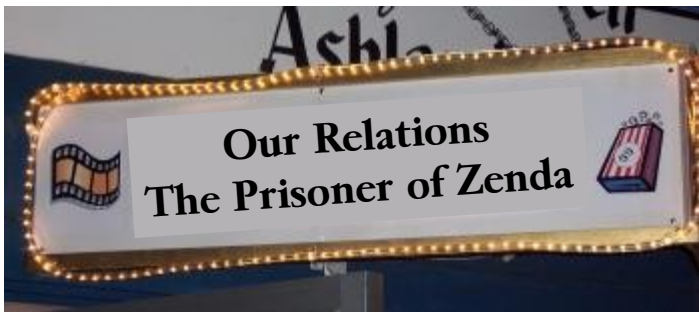
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**Sunday Service Schedule**

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



*Faithful to God, Responsive to People*



Laurel and Oliver Hardy involved in an escalating comedy of errors when the boys cross paths with their long lost identical twins, two sailors out on the town. Hilarity follows!

The second feature is MGM's lavish 1952 Technicolor tale of love and honor, **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA**, the story of a vacationing British subject, Stewart Granger, forced to substitute for his look-alike cousin, the soon to be crowned king of a small European country, who falls in love with the real monarch's intended, Deborah Kerr. Oooh...the dilemma.

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 KEEPS ROLLING**

Michael Royer has moved us into our seventh (!) year of monthly show times. You remember that Greg Luce launched this superb community event. Michael has kept it at a high level of attendance and enthusiasm. Last month's movies enjoyed the second highest attendance and the future (with gas prices rising) is promising. From anywhere in Ashland it's a short drive or walk to our place. Take a peek at what is in store in June:

June's Old Time Movie Night is full of **DOUBLE TROUBLE**. The evening starts with **OUR RELATIONS**, a 1936 Hal Roach comedy that finds Stan