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A HOLY DISCONTENT

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Maybe you have sensed my discontent with 'church as usual'. It has been building for years. Maybe you have experienced something similar as well. When I was out of the ministry for one year the components of this unhappiness with church came into focus. For the first time in nearly four decades I saw church from the pew. I had enjoyed the ministry...preparing messages, spending most of my time with very fine Christian people like you. But from the pew it was quite boring. The plan seemed to run something like this...Let's meet at the church on Sunday morning to sing songs which may or may not verbalize what you'd like to sing to God. Then sit down and listen to the main man talk for thirty to forty minutes. And come back next week for more of the same. Actually the sermons I heard in those pew days were pretty good. But I kept asking... how have people put up with this from me. I didn't like it. It was too easy. So I repented. I vowed to never return to that model of church.

Sometimes people are bothered that I include so many people in the sermon time. If you cut your church teeth on those monologue messages I can see how you'd be bugged by people interrupting and raising their hand to interfere with my talking. Personally I am delighted to interact with the congrega-

tion. I tell folk that our whole church preaches on Sundays. I write the message a week ahead of time and send it to David Bruce. He adds all of those great backgrounds and puts it in a PowerPoint format. He sends it back so Brad and I can tweak the slideshow a bit. Music is added. Then Sunday arrives. At 10:45 we preach it..all of us.

Furthermore, Sunday morning is the not the end all, be all. It is not The Game. It is Half Time. The plan is not just **"Y'all come back next week"**. The plan is to get out there in the trenches and live the sermon we shared in the hour before noon on Sunday. I hope I'm serving as a good role

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model. I should. We are what the world needs. Of course they really need Jesus. But we are his hands and feet. We are his mouth and warm heart. That necessitates interacting with our neighbors...mixing with the folk. So we get in a service club, join a bowling team, volunteer at the kid's school and look at our work week with Kingdom Intentions. Right? Amen! We met in the locker room and heard a pep talk and sang songs of praise and loyalty. But the game is not played in the locker room.

I am in hopes that a newcomer will never plunk down in church, experience our warm time together and then walk away asking, Is that it? That's all that's expected of me...just showing up? I hope some ailing pastor who is sitting on the sidelines for a season will walk into our midst and find that we have tapped into what it means to be a follower of Jesus...gathering and scattering...with Kingdom Intentions.

Glad to be back in the saddle and on the high road.



39PLUS

Okay, it is about time...we are growing in numbers. Naturally a seniors event will see some loss as our dear ones eventually become less mobile. So growing takes some doing. This is the kind of fun, invigorating morning you'd expect at a full service Senior Center. Cut throat games start at 10. Bible Study gets us loving and forgiving each other at 11. By noon we are ready for mighty fine fellowship and vittles...always good. Here's the schedule for July:

Wednesday, July 2 Marie Hoffman's home, 61 N Mountain. Ave, Ashland
 Wednesday, July 9 Laurie Royer's home, 2780 Cedar Links Dr, Medford
 Wednesday, July 16 Rogue Riders (see article)
 Wednesday, July 23 No 39PLUS today
 Wednesday, July 30 Fellowship Hall Fold Newsletter Potluck (arrive 10 a.m.)



ROGUE RIDERS

Helen Jane is planning a trip to Wildlife Images for our Rogue Riders excursion for **Wednesday, July 16**. She needs your help in making this trip a success. Please let her know if you are interested in joining us for this trek by **July 10th**. If there is enough interest Helen Jane will see about setting up a tour for us. Let her know in person, by phone 482-8225, or make a note on your attendance slip.

SAINTS ALIVE



What's happening?! Our banquet room is filled to over-flowing each First Saturday. The place is buzzing with great conversation as you've welcomed some youngsters from time to time. Keep it up, Senior Saints. We still meet at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!)...this month on July 5. Time: 9 a.m. , Fred.



REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S

David Lockwood and I were reflecting on the Monday morning gathering at Annie's. He noted that the morning together had been one of the best yet. The discussion was meaty, participation was quite evenly spread and we were able to be 'real'. Ah, I thought...real men. This is a better definition of 'real' than being able to repair your own auto, land a Chinook salmon or split your own firewood. 'Real' for these guys is more about authenticity, being genuine, forthright and honest.

Men, if you're looking for a place where you can be a real man even if you're not a he-man, stop by Annie's in Phoenix some Monday morning. First timers, Jerry Moore is ready to spring for your breakfast. You must bring this ad to qualify. See you there...7:45 a.m.

Jim Larsen

YARD SALE MOVED BACK TO AUGUST

You may remember that I'm helping raise the salary for a young doctor in Peru. A Tucson church has built a clinic, but the doc is missing. One way to help generate funds is the upcoming Yard Sale. One child has offered to sell some baked goods and lemonade. That's the spirit! Marilyn from the Pregnancy Resource Center is donating some antiques. How about you? Do you have some earthly goods which we could convert to dollars to benefit friends in Peru? I have a trailer to see and a canoe, too. Let's pool our resources and give the needy of the Barrio a hand.

I've moved the date of the Yard Sale to Saturday, August 23...9-3. The location is still being deter-

mined. If you can donate items, help pick up items, help price the goods or hang out with me at the sale...your partnership is welcome. Give me a call and we'll make this a slam dunk event.

Committed to Getting This Good Doctor Paid,
Jim Larsen

BOB HARRISON, NEW ELDER!

Dr. Robert Harrison was recently added to the Shepherd Staff. You know him as a very fine preacher, teacher and university professor. Bob taught at Biola University in Southern California



and also served in that area as a pastor. His doctorate is from the University of Southern California, where he also taught. He's been a probation officer to boot.

Our congregation is delighted to welcome Bob to this important work, that of an elder. And the current elders, Doyle Cornwell, Michael Wing and Gene Stringer are grateful that he accepted their request to join their cadre. God bless, you Dr. Bob. Welcome!

POTLUCK

On **July 20** we will again gather for our monthly time of food and fellowship. As always this is a great time to get acquainted with someone new or maybe just someone you haven't met yet. This would also a great time to invite someone new to join you. Bring enough for you and your guest and let them know they are a guest and don't need to bring anything, but themselves. Good food and great fellowship! See You there!

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.



FRIENDS OF FAITH...BAPTISMS AND CAMP OUT

These dear Klamath Falls friends are a tight unit. Their gatherings are filled with great conversations and deep concern for one another. Their motto: No building, No budgets, No big-shots! Recently Jesse Witt and Casey Grimes announced their intention to be baptized. You know the angels love to hear that! Ross and Cherry grilled burgers and dogs at our last pow wow, we enjoyed a skit, Bible study and prayer.

Now the tribe is planning an overnighter up at Hyatt Lake, with hopes of getting to our Old Time Movie night on July 19. I've often wondered if the primitive church of the Apostle's day looked a good bit like these friends whose common bond is Jesus. Keep them in prayer, please, and me as I make the treasured trip over the mountains so this oasis of joy.
Jim Larsen

RELAY FOR LIFE MIDNIGHT SOUP KITCHEN

Just a word of thanks to Linda Johnson and Karen Larsen for making and serving soup to the hikers at the recent Relay For Life event at Southern Oregon University. The midnight soup kitchen they run (outdoors) is very much appreciated by those who camp and walk at the stadium track for 24 hours. Linda's grandson, Bradley, is a great help with set up and clean up. Thanks for representing our church at this regional event.

PICNIC BREAKFAST JULY 26

This is what you get for living in Southern Oregon...picnic breakfasts at the lake! Come on out to Emigrant Lake on Saturday, July 26, at 9 a.m. and expect Dutch oven biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, potato-apple-onion-pepper- mushroom hash, plus juice, coffee, milk and chocolate milk. Donations are welcome but not required. Dirty looks will be given to those who stiff us.



Bring a friend and plan to stay for a few fun games. Don't forget your lawn chair. Four dollars for parking.



BUDDYTIME AT THE NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Jim has been invited to set up a booth at the upcoming NACC in Cincinnati (July 1-4). At a recent gathering of pastors in Arizona Jim received hearty approval of BuddyTime...a program for including the community in compassionate action. This is for men, women and youth. No dues, no charges. Bud-

dyTime clusters meet once a week for Camaraderie, Character Conversations and to plan campaigns of Compassion. Want to hear more? Ask Jim, the founder of BuddyTime. Thanks to April Rudy and Lori Jo and Brian Marlia-Larsen for teaming up with our pastor to manage the website, BUD-DYTIME.ORG.

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

You'll be pleased to know that the Budget Committee is reconvening with the intent of seeking ways to put our church finances on better footing. Perhaps there are places where we can cut, postpone expenditures or otherwise trim our budget. Of course we are hoping that every attendee will seek God's leading in addressing a situation which sees our spending exceeding our income almost every month. Naturally this can not continue without serious consequences.

You'll hear more about the committee's recommendations. Please make our church's finances a matter of frequent prayer and prayer for God's leading in your own contributions. We can handle this with a concerted effort directed by God.

LETTER FROM HOLLY'S MOM

Dear Jim and Church Members,

I want to thank you so very much for all the kindness you've showered on our daughter, Holly. I was quite concerned (okay, worried!) about leaving her so far away at a school that didn't seem to provide much Christian support for students. But, on her very first Sunday in Ashland, she hiked out to your church. She then called me and sounded so excited. "Mom, I've just found a church home and I've already been adopted by several people!" Wow! One of my most fervent prayers answered...and so soon.

You are guardian angels personally appointed to watch over our daughter and to nurture and encourage her in the ways of Christ. You've fed her, helped her financially and driven her home for holiday (St. Helens, Oregon) and allowed her to experience being a part of your music ministry...and basically provided the love and support that is called 'Family'. I consider you a direct 'God send', as much for my benefit as for her.

Thank you again and again for being God's people.

In his love, Robin, Ron and Heather Nunn

OUR REPLY TO THE NUNN FAMILY

Dear Friends,

This street runs both ways. Holly added pizzazz to our bunch from day one. She'd only been attending here a couple of weeks when we put her drama gifts to use, having her set the tone for the morning message with her monologue. We regret that we've yet to hear her play the saxophone...but she's mighty fine on the bass guitar. Holly sits right up front. I like that. Brad told me how great it was to see Holly from time to time on the university campus. They could pray for each other and bear one another's burdens. So rest assured that your fine daughter is welcome here, loved by us all and already missed.

Thanks for your kind words, friends. May God bless you richly as you minister at your church.

And hello to Holly. Don't forget the sax when you head this way for the Fall term.

Jim Larsen

ED KEEPS KIDS FLYING HIGH

Congratulations to Casey McDonald! She accepted Ed McCauley's challenge to memorize the books of the Bible. The prize? A new Bible and a flight around the valley in Ed's plane. A parent is welcome to accompany the youngster. Thanks, Ed. Way to go, Casey!





Emerging from elementary school... Isaac McDaniel, Sean and Nathaniel Rogers.

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?

GRADUATES

Congratulations to Matt Wing as he launches from St Mary's High School. You've seen this handsome guy in the school choir. Maybe you know he's a speedster in Cross Country racing. Now he's heading to Willamette University. Way to go, young man. We love and respect you.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Austin Phillips
- 6 - Brandon Wilson
- 8 - Bobbie Ashby
- 11 - Delanee McDaniel
- 11 - Larry Ellis
- 18 - Jamie Altman
- 18 - Rick Griffith
- 23 - Jean Doods
- 27 - Heather Pepper
- 29 - James McDaniel
- 31 - Evelyn Kent




JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 - Dan and Jenny Acery

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>6</p> <p>Brandon Wilson, B'day</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Aristotle, Galile- o, Newton and the church</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p></p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Austin Phillips, B'day</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Minist- ry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Bobbie Ashby, B'day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Laurie Royer's Home 7:00 PM God, Science & History - From Clockwork to QM--Shifting Paradigms</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Preview Movie Night Delancey McDaniel, B'day Larry Ellis, B'day</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>20</p> <p>12:15 PM Pottluck</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Rogue Riders 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Correla- tion, Causality, Chaos</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jamie Altman, B'day Rick Griffith, B'day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Heather Pepper, B'day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM God, Science & History - Darwin, Platypuses, Polkinghorne Jean Dooms, B'day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Dan & Jenny Acery, Ann James McDaniel, B'day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Heaven, Space and the Earth</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Evelyn Kent, B'day</p>				

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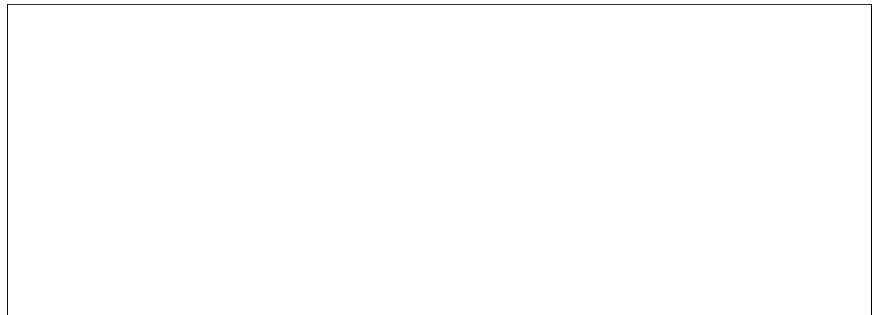
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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

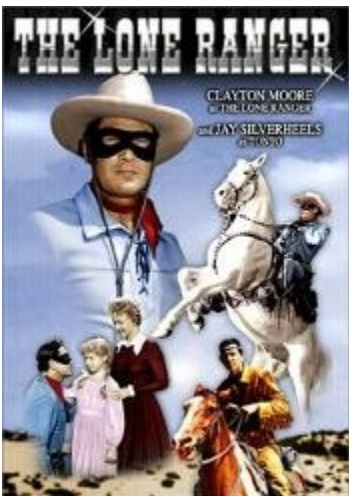


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**OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008**



Return with us now to the exciting days of yesteryear, when out of the past comes the roar of the sporty little convertible of spunky amateur gumshoe **NANCY DREW** and the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse Silver, heralding the arrival of **THE LONE RANGER!** Bonita Granville shins as the teenage

daughter of lawyer Carson Drew, imbued with an insatiable appetite for solving crime in the 1939 "**NANCY DREW-DETECTIVE**" with a running time of 66 minutes and as a favor to her producer husband Jack Wrather, Bonita comes out of retirement to play the frustrated wife of a ruthless frontier empire builder in Wrather's big screen full color 1956 action masterpiece "**THE LONE RANGER**" starring (who else?) Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels, defending the helpless on the big screen as never seen before or since with a running time of 86 minutes. Don't miss these gems!

Of course we'll have the usual fun and surprises 'tween the films.

Invite the neighbors.

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



Nancy Drew—Detective