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A WORLD WIDE MINISTRY

Some years back we trimmed back but bolstered our mission program. Our mission team meticulously evaluated all of the groups we'd been supporting and settled on a few which we'd hold on to. Although the number of missionaries dropped to a handful, our church upped our giving to an amount that would really make a difference. This year our budget declares that 12% of all monies given to the church's general fund go to missions. Whenever you write a check to the Christian Church of Ashland you can be assured that 12% will end up touching the world.

In addition to this, the sermons which are presented here at the corner of 2nd and B are put on the internet and downloaded big time in five continents. Thousands upon thousands of individuals and groups use these messages. When I visited a western store in Klamath Falls recently I checked out the boot department. A guy was sitting at his computer but there were no other customers but me. I asked how he could make a go of his business with it sort of hidden in the basement. "The internet". That was his answer, "The Internet". He explained that each week he'd sell a few pairs of boots to locals, but he made a good chunk of money selling shoes and boots on line. I thought of our congre-

gation. Okay, so we don't attract thousands to our facility on Sundays. But tons of people are able to view and use a Bible message via OutSide-TheWalls.com.

The church website. Several times we've had people attend on Sunday who had been checking us out during the week at www.cc-ashland.org. They had gone online looking for churches in the Ashland area and found us. They liked our movie night ministry, outreach events and such.

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Klamath Falls. I like the idea that these young Christians and seekers who meet together will one day be moving on and taking their faith to distant places. Some had not found 'church' fulfilling until they experience the model which we enjoy

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through Friends of Faith. Another case of touch the world.

Local ministry. Your board and Elders understand the importance of engaging the community. Just putting a sign up and expecting the church to attract visitors is an old, unreliable and ineffective thought. Thus Alpha, Arbor Place Ministry, Bible school on the sidewalk, meeting in public places and allowing your pastor to cultivate deep relationships in the valley and even South America. Thanks to a creative Sunday morning service and a loving congregation that makes visitors feel at home, we have been able to touch the lives of many who aren't interested in 'church as usual'.

I have been challenged by the faith and vision of your leaders. This is the kind of ministry that a multitude of preachers would long to enjoy. I'm glad to be your pastor and friend.




THOSE INVIGORATING FRIENDS OF FAITH

Our Klamath Falls brethren are mainly connected to Kingsley Field, the Air National Guard base. So accordingly, the average of adults is about 28. Families include teens on down to toddlers. They are go-

getters, high achievers and take their faith seriously. Still there is much fun and plenty of good chow and chat. These believers want to study the Bible and make a difference in the world. That's a great combination. I like the dazzling drive over the Cascade Mountains, the frequent sightings of wildlife, new faces and eager-to-learn folk. By now Jessica has been baptized and Casey is in hopes that his immersion will happen when he is in Alaska on a caribou hunt. Amazing, huh? Jim



Casey



SAINTS ALIVE , ALIVE AND WELL

It's been going on for years...these First Saturday breakfasts. Here is a good place to get acquainted with some veterans who have touched our church with love and faithfulness for decades. Then, too, there are newcomers who have come to call us home in just recent days. It's a great mix...so come on over to the Iron Skillet on Saturday, August 2...9:00 a.m. Bring a joke or just a good appetite. There's a good buffet with a special price for seniors.

BUDDYTIME, BUDDY?

You know that I'm jazzed about this endeavor. It is for most anybody, believers or not. Each week you gather with a few friends (men, women, kids, neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc) with the intention of developing closer relationships, discussing important character traits and then planning/carrying out compassionate work projects. There are plenty of people who need a hand, right? BuddyTime aims to help us grow in friendship, grow in character and get about loving campaigns of service. Anybody can



start a group. Go to my website, BuddyTime.Org or give me a call. It's working here and in South America. BuddyTime can help you make somebody's world a better place. Jim 890-3209



REAL (NICE) MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S

Most of the guys are real gentlemen. They like to start the week off with back-slapping fellowship and some mighty fine chow. The Bible study is invigorating and discussions are always pertinent. Jerry Moore is always ready to buy breakfast for first-timers. Must bring this ad to qualify, buster. Yesiree, nice guys, everyone. Mondays at Annie's in Phoenix...7:45.

HOME GROUPS THIS AUTUMN

One of the best ways for a church to grow in numbers and closeness is Small Groups. Some of you

know this from experience. One family is planning to host a weekly gathering for those living in the Medford area. The Larsens will host a group in the Talent/Phoenix vicinity. How about welcoming folk to your home on a weekly basis? Please call Jim if this sounds like a possibility for you...890-3209.



SUMMER PICNIC BREAKFAST A HIT

A crew of chefs has stepped forward to give our Last Saturday breakfasts at Emigrant Lake some real quality. My dad, Norm, will be visiting from Nevada for our August 30th breakfast and will expect to sample Jerry Moore's Dutch oven biscuits and gravy. Come on out and meet the good man. The real carrot for this food function will be blackberry cobbler...made on the spot in Dutch ovens. Anticipate fried bananas, hash browns and fried mushrooms, apples, onions and peppers. Eggs to order, of course. Bring a few bucks for the donation basket and don't forget the \$4 entrance fee for the lake.

Workers and learners arrive at 8. Eaters and resters show up around 9, appetite in tow. A lawn chair might be a welcome touch.

FIFTH SUNDAY VARIETY HOUR

Thanks to the Gold Hill bunch and friends from Hope Christian in Central Point, our first Variety Hour went very well. Kay Killian's kid's Bible

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school class put on a short play. Hal read a poem or two of Matha's and others sang or played solos or presented ensemble numbers. A real hit was the good selection of favorite songs from the hymnals. Coffee and desserts capped off a fine evening. We're giving this another try in August... Sunday the 31st. So sign up and let us know what you'd like to contribute... an instrumental, poem, reading, song/s, skit, Bible reading? And make a list of some grand old hymns that we've not sung for a time. Once again, we'll have dessert and coffee/tea/milk afterwards... including Blackberry Cobbler! Time: Variety Hour starts at 6, vittles at 7:30ish.

ROGUE RIDERS

Our trip to Wild Life Images was enjoyed by the group. We had a guided tour of the grounds and the animals in residence there. It is free admission, but donations keep them in business. We had a picnic lunch there in the shady area provided on the grounds.



August 20th is the date for our next excursion. Calahan's Restaurant should be open by then, so how about joining us for lunch? I will call to make sure they are ready for us and then we will have a notice in the bulletin.

Helen Jane



SCHOOL DAYS SCHOOL DAYS AUGUST 17 POTLUCK

It's getting close to school time again and parents are having to buy school supplies. As a way of helping, the deaconess' have been having school supplies as the decorations for the potluck, in the month of August, for the last few years, then these are available to take home for any families with children in school.

So if you would like to donate any school supplies, bring them to church on the Sunday before potluck Sunday and give them to Betty Tine. Please no permanent markers, only washable. For an idea of what to get just check out the school supply lists from any school which are available at most places where school supplies are available.

On potluck Sunday, August 17, if your last name begins with **A - K, please bring a main dish & a dessert.** If your last name begins with **L - Z, please bring a main dish and a salad.**

Remember to bring hot dishes already cooked! The ovens are set to just keep food hot.

FOCUS ON FINANCES... A SUMMER CHALLENGE

We are not unlike other congregations who find Summer a bear of a challenge. Expenses stay about the same with utilities even taking a hike. The persistent budget doesn't take a vacation. So we remind our church family that the key words are 'consistency' and even 'sacrifice'. Thanks to all who can remain steady, faithful and generous at a time when our giving takes a hit. We rejoice that our little

congregation is touching the world in some marvelous ways, but it all has a price tag. With all of us tackling this together and remembering the church even when plans take us elsewhere on Sunday, we can surely complete these summer slump days on high ground.

MATT WING, GRADUATE, GIVES THANKS

Dear Christian Church of Ashland... Thank you so much for all that you have done for me over the years I have been a part of our 'community'. You have provided an excellent spiritual compass with which I have been guided through many difficult situations. Thank you especially for the gift card to Evangel. The books I purchase will definitely be a great help to me throughout college and beyond. Thank you.
Matt Wing

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

It's been going on for over six years! Some of those who attend and belong to our fellowship first came our way through Old Time Movie Night. And the attendee base keeps growing. July's silver screen event was very well attended. How about August, Mike Royer? What's to be expected when we show up on Saturday, August 16, at 6:30? (see back page)



YARD SALE TO HELP HIRE PERUVIAN DOCTOR

I returned from Peru with a promise to help raise funds to hire a doctor for our clinic there. In addition to writing close friends seeking financial help, I am planning the August 23 Yard Sale. Already people have donated camping gear, a canoe, utility trailer, small appliances, knick knacks, sporting goods, fish-



ing equipment with the promise of more to come. One youngster plans to sell lemonade and baked goods at the sale. How wonderful! If you have wanted to help in world missions and have wondered what you can do...here's an opportunity. Scour your garage, attic and cabinets and ask God what you might give that we can convert your donations into dollars for Peru. I'll gladly arrange to pick up your items. Just give me a call. Jim Larsen 890-3209 Location: Church Parking Lot, August 23 from 8 to 1.

ELEANOR OLSON...UNITES WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Eleanor has been attending here for many weeks. She already participates in a Bible school class, the Wednesday night Science/History/God class, 39PLUS and other ministry events. Eleanor was formerly a member of the Clay Street Community Church. We welcome this good lady into our church family.

39PLUS

These adventuresome souls travel over to Laurie Royer's home in Medford, sometimes drive to the Larsen home in Talent and Marie Hoffman's place in Ashland. And monthly they are the ones to fold your newsletter. It is a



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morning filled with variety. First we play a game of dominoes, Skip Bo or King’s Corners. Then we dig into the Good Book. Finally at noon it is time for fine food. Here is how August is shaping up:

- Wednesday, August 6 Marie Hoffman’s home, 10 o’clock
- Wednesday, August 13 Laurie Royer’s place, 10 o’clock
- Wednesday, August 20 Rogue Riders Trip
- Wednesday, August 27, Fellowship Hall, 10 o’clock (fold newsletter, games, study, pot-luck)

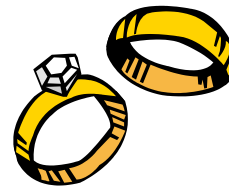


AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - David Ellis
- 7 - Evelyn Sayles
- 11 - Marie Hoffman
- 13 - Paul Creel
- 19 - Jennie Macauley
- 19 - Maryanne Rossini
- 20 - Dominic Hernandez
- 21 - Cielo Marlia-Larsen
- 22 - JD Maulsby
- 25 - Jesse Vermillion
- 27 - Erich Tiller
- 28 - Nadine Jones

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.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 - Michael and Kathy Wing

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

Date	Topics to discuss
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?

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe <i>David Ellis, B'day</i>	5 9:30 AM Piece Corps	6 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Global Warming, Energy, World Population	7 <i>Evelyn Sayles, B'day</i>	8	9 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
10 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting	11 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe <i>Marie Hoffman, B'day</i>	12 9:30 AM Piece Corps	13 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Lanier Royer's Home 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Brain, Mind and Soul... <i>Paula Crowl, B'day</i>	14	15	16 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
17 12:15 PM Potluck	18 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe	19 9:30 AM Piece Corps <i>Jennie Macaulay, B'day</i> <i>Maryanne Rossini, B'day</i>	20 10:00 AM Rogue Riders 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Stem Cells, Abortion, and Medical Ethics <i>Dorcas Hernandez, B'day</i>	21 <i>Cielo Marila-Larsen, B'day</i>	22 <i>JD Mulsby B'day</i>	23 8:00 AM Yard Sale for Peruvian Doctor
24	25 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe <i>Jesse Vermillion, B'day</i>	26 9:30 AM Piece Corps <i>Michael & Kathy Wing, Ann.</i>	27 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter 7:00 PM God, Science & History - Why are We Here? <i>Jan Ter, B'day</i>	28 <i>Nadine Jones, B'day</i>	29	30 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake
31 6:00 PM Singpiration and Variety Show						

September

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July

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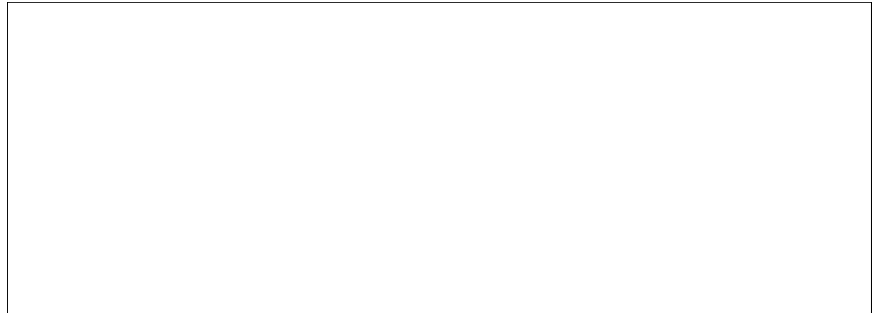
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



sic "**THE NARROW MARGIN**" detailing the ordeal tough cop Charles McGraw encounters guarding a gangster's moll from Chicago to L.A. to testify before a grand jury. Gosh...you wouldn't be surprised to know that also riding the Pullmans are determined hitmen bent on "taking her out", would you? However, they don't know what she looks like! It's a 71 min trip that zigzags with surprise turns. All aboard!

AN EVENING OF MENACE ON THE RAILS. SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

Join us Saturday evening August 16 for "Railroad Thrills."

Leaving on track one is the Paramount's 1932 cinematic gem "**SHANGHAI EXPRESS**", the story of former lovers reunited on a train bound for Shanghai and what happens when they and their motley group of fellow international passengers are captured by Chinese rebels, whose leader is already aboard the fated train. Marlene Dietrich stars as the mesmerizing Shanghai Lily. It's full steam ahead for 82 mins.

Leaving on track two is RKO's 1952 film noir clas-

Of course there'll be the usual drive-in ads and pre-views and ? **Please join us. Bring your friends. Ask strangers. Form car pools. August 16.**

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



Anna May Wong and Marlene Dietrich in Shanghai Express