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FRIENDS INVITE FRIENDS!

Friend Day is slated for Sunday, September 14. The timing of this is crucial. Normally our potluck would take place on the third Sunday, but to encourage our guests to get in on the start of Alpha (17th) we have moved the potluck up a week. My class for newcomers will begin the following Sunday (21st). All of this sprang from my sermon on Andrew the Inviter. Remember how he introduced his brother, Peter, to Jesus? How about being an 'Andrew' in September?

- Take a look around. Who do you know who doesn't have a church family...or seems to be in need of a relationship with Jesus?
- Pray about these friends. Perhaps you'll want to pray for an opportunity to have a comfortable moment when you can make your invitation.
- Offer to bring enough food for you and your guests. Remember it is Potluck Sunday!
- You may want to provide transportation.
- Make a point of introducing your guest to your church family. Who wouldn't want to mingle with such a fine group of folk!?
- Encourage them to use the attendance slip so we can be of ser-

vice...prayer, possible home visit, etc.

We are told that many people never visit a church for the simple reason that they've never been asked. Ask. Friends who stopped going to church years ago may find that our service is refreshing and a welcome opportunity to get started again. After all, you have stuck around...right?

I'll begin a new series of messages on September 14. The theme of these sermons will be Grace, a favorite. Remember, friends don't let friends slip slide away without reaching out a welcoming hand. It'll be a great day... and maybe somebody's new beginning!

Your Friend,



MONEY MATTERS

Your church board has given the Budget Review Committee the task of finding ways to cut the budget. The reason is quite simple...spending surpasses income. Although this is the plight of most churches it still remains a matter of utmost importance for us. At the first committee gathering a few hundred dollars were whittled from monthly spending. At the August board meeting the finance team was asked to find even more places to save.

Of course the other side of this balancing act is the possibility of increased income. And that has happened this summer. Amazingly our offerings have held up quite consistently. Yet the margin between income and outgo will put us in even more serious straits unless the gap can be bridged. So thank you for your consistency, prayer and, where possible, sacrificial love gifts. The charts in the foyer will keep everyone updated on our progress. The task is daunting but God is good.



WELCOME, THE ROGERS FAMILY

Earl and the twins, Nathaniel and Sean, recently stepped forward to declare us their church family. Emily attends here quite often but is conscientious about fulfilling her duties to the families previous home congregation. Welcome, Rogers family! Both Emily and Earl have assisted in our Emigrant Lake breakfast picnics as well as becoming involved in other areas of ministry.

JOSH MCDANIEL BAPTIZED BY GRANDPA GENE

This young man has had baptism on his mind for many months. He is the son of James and Sandee and the brother of Isaac and Delanee. Congratulations to Josh as he eagerly takes this step of faith and commitment!



NEWCOMERS CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21

I suggested to the Elders that we have a class for folk who are new to our congregation. They, too, see the value of letting visitors, newcomers and seekers get a better glimpse of who we are, a bit of our history and our vision for serving Jesus Christ here in Ashland. This 6-week class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with the exact location to be decided. Coffee/donuts/fruit will be available. So, if you have been attending here for a few weeks or months, please join me at the first gathering...Sunday, September 21. Questions? Call me at 890-3209. Jim Larsen

FRIENDS OF FAITH



At a recent Northwest Christian University class in Klamath Falls I invited my students to consider attending our Friends of Faith Sunday night gathering. There was real interest. Lots of people would like to worship God, follow Jesus and make a difference in the world...

without the traditional props, time table and such.

You've heard me rave about these good folk, many of them connected to Kingsley Field, the Air National Guard base located 70 miles east of us, on the other side of the Cascade Mountains. Our



mission committee pays my fuel expenses so that I can meet with these dear souls. What a joy it is to work with these energized families.

BOARD MEETING CHANGE

Due to Friend Day and the monthly Potluck occupying September 14, the board meeting has been moved to Sunday, September 21. After this month we'll be back to the normal schedule.



REAL MEN STUDY AND WORK

What fun was had by our Monday morning gang. After breakfast and a streamlined study time we jumped in our vehicles and headed out to do yard work for some of our folk who need a hand. It was great to stand around Millie Walch's bed and sing some hymns and upbeat songs. We call it Lecture and Lab. Guys, come by Annie's any Monday morning...7:45. Jerry Moore will spring for your first breakfast with us. Must bring this ad to qualify, buster!



LAST OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

Oh, what fun it has been. In May, June and July our church family was invited to dig into some fine vittles cooked up fresh, out at Emigrant Lake. The last of these will happen on August 30 at 9 a.m. Jim's dad will be on hand, having requested Dutch oven biscuits and gravy.

It'll cost you a few dollars to come into the park and you'll want to consider

making a donation for the breakfast. Cooks can show up at 8. What a great opportunity to introduce a friend to some of your church family!



VARIETY HOUR, AUGUST 31



It'll be a fine evening. A bunch of musical presentations, poems, prose and perhaps a skit or two. You can also request a favorite hymn be sung by the bunch of us. So come on down to the church at 6 p.m. and expect dessert to be served about 7:30. Sign-ups for participating in the Variety Hour, re-

questing a song or bringing a dessert can be made in the foyer.

SAINTS ALIVE BREAKFAST



September 6... mark your calendar! Sometimes we fill the banquet room of the Iron Skillet Restaurant and the place is filled with chatter and laughter. How very nice. Our

senior saints invite you to a morning of great jokes, tales and such. So come prepared...to share an item or laugh when others read theirs. Saturday, September 6 at 9 a.m. (Fred)!

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39PLUS CHANGE

As our weeks get more and more crowded and fuel gets more and more expensive, the 39PLUS crew has opted to not meet the first two Wednesdays of the month. Of course Rogue Riders will keep on taking those trips all over creation and we'll need a crew to fold the newsletter late every month. We're hoping this will free up a bit of time for our faithful attendees.



ROGUE RIDERS

Just called Galice Resort and they are looking forward to our visit!!!!!! No, they are open 'til Oct 31st. So we should leave here on Sept. 17th about 9:30 and plan to return around 3PM.

One trip we saw Eagles and Osprey, so who knows what our adventures will surprise us with.



DONATION FROM ROGUE VALLEY PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

No doubt you know that the Ashland office of the RVPRC is housed in our church facility. It is a wonderful relationship. Here is a note from them, that accompanied a \$1,000 check:

"Dear Pastor Larsen,

We would like to thank you for providing a lovely place for us to call 'home'. We certainly feel welcome and free to come and go as our schedule dictates.

Please accept this token of appreciation and love for taking us in and trusting God to work through us. We love it here and thank you again for your generous hospitality.

*Love In Christ,
Cyndi Bright and The Board of Directors"*

NEWSLETTER FOLDING/SENIORS POTLUCK



A new face for Newsletter Folding Day. All available adults are invited to a Bible Study led by our pastor (about 11 a.m.) and a nice potluck lunch at noon. Arrive at 10 to help fold the newsletter. So, friends, take in whatever part of the morning you wish. It'll be a big day each month. The last Wednesday

of the month...in September...the 24th.

JIM'S THANKS FOR YARD SALE SUPPORT

You know that I was smitten by the need for a doctor in a poor barrio in Trujillo, Peru. My two year commitment is to help provide the salary of a young physician, Dr. Eliasar Cabrera. Friends have committed dollars to this project and others promised to pray. Still others have made donations for the big Yard Sale held on August 23. Thank you, thank you so much. Jerry Moore and I drove all over picking up donated items. Others gathered to clean and price items. And others helped the day of the sale. Again, thanks...muchas gracias! Items included a utility trailer, canoe, paddles, new tent, kitchen ware, camping supplies, a 5th wheel towing package and much more. I am especially grateful to the Piece Corps for donating a beautiful quilt to be auctioned off. Your support was wonderful and heartwarming. Jim Larsen, on behalf of the residents of a needy barrio

\$8.50. If you have any questions please contact Nyla Fenning at 535-3854.

MANY, MANY THANKS FOR THE STIMULATING 'GOD, SCIENCE AND HISTORY' COURSE

Thanks to Dr. Gene Stringer and Dr. Bob Harrison for eleven weeks of mind-bending sessions. The course was very well received and attendance was good. Thanks to these two gentlemen, elders of our church, for superb preparation as they guided us through rich and pertinent subjects of great interest to Christians and others.

POTLUCK-FRIEND DAY

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maybe just someone you haven't met yet. This is always a great time to invite someone new to join you but, it is especially true for **Friend Day**. 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.

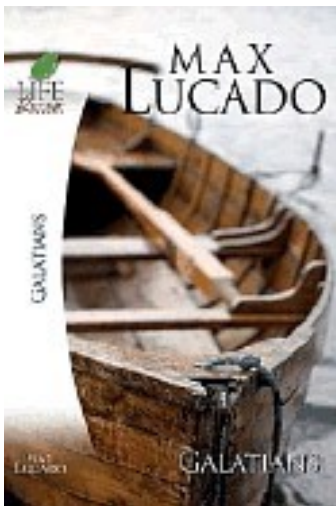
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Come one, come all! Ladies lunch, **Tuesday September 9, 2008**, 12:00 noon at Laurie Royer's house in Medford. 2780 Cedar Links Drive. 772-0689. Laurie will be providing lunch so be sure to let her know so she can prepare. She'd like to see everyone there.



LADIES MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study will be resuming at Ruby Balbo's home, 2833 Alameda in Medford. Their first meeting will be September 8th at 2:00 p.m. They will be using **Book of Galatians: Free in Christ** by author Max Lucado. As usual Nyla has secured a number of the books at a cost of \$9.99; however, with our discount they will be only



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ALPHA IS BACK



It has been a year since we last ran the Alpha (<http://www.alphausa.org/>) course here at Christian Church of Ashland. During that time we have been blessed with many new faces in our gathering so it is timely to again offer this basic course on the Christian faith. Even long-time Christians can benefit from a refresher on the basics which are addressed in this course (See the list of topics in the Schedule below). We begin each evening with a buffet style meal at 6 pm. This is a great chance to meet your fellow participants and get to know each other. A bit of humor and announcements transition us to the DVD lecture by Nicky Gumble, who developed the Alpha Course in London. The finale of the evening is small group discussion on the questions raised during the video. Any question is quite okay...even encouraged. All inquiring mind types are welcomed regardless of their orientation to Christianity. All that we ask is mutual respect and courtesy. On September 3 we will have the Invitation Dinner to give you a taste of the course and answer questions. This is a great chance for you to check it out. Come and see. Bring a friend. Let us know though so we can plan appropriately. Call 482-1591.

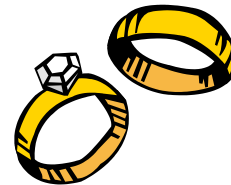
Alpha Schedule - Fall 2008

Date	Topic for Video/Discussion
3-Sep-08	Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?
17-Sep-08	Who is Jesus?
24-Sep-08	Why Did Jesus Die?
1-Oct-08	How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
8-Oct-08	Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
15-Oct-08	Why and How Should I Pray?
22-Oct-08	How Does God Guide Us?
25-Oct-08	1-Day Retreat--Who is the Holy Spirit?
29-Oct-08	How Can I Resist Evil?
5-Nov-08	Why and How Should We Tell Others?
12-Nov-08	Does God Heal Today?
19-Nov-08	What about the Church?



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Jocelyn Jarrell
- 5 - Connie Griffith
- 6 - Jean Vermillion
- 7 - Helen Jane Slack
- 8 - Jim Johnson
- 8 - Rose Lupfer
- 20 - Becky Belt
- 25 - Jennifer Dooms
- 29 - Christopher Macauley
- 29 - David Smith



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Hal and Martha Bosworth
- 16 - Jim and Karen Larsen
- 24 - Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen

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
7 Helen Jane Slack, B'day	1 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe Labor Day	2 9:30 AM Piece Corps	3 6:00 PM Alpha Invitation Dinner Jocelyn Jarrell, B'day	4	5 Connie Griffith, B'day	6 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Jean Vermillion, B'day
14 12:15 PM Potluck	8 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Jim Johnson, B'day Rose Lupler, B'day	9 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch	10	11	12	13
21 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting	15 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Est & Marsha Bosworth, Ann	16 9:30 AM Piece Corps Jim and Karen Larsen, Ann	17 9:30 AM Rogue Riders 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting	18	19	20 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Becky Belt, B'day
28	22 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	23 9:30 AM Piece Corps	24 10:00 AM Newsletter Folding/Sensors Potluck 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Brian and Lori Jo Macho-Larsen, Ann	25 Jennifer Doorns, B'day	26	27
	29 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Christopher Masenley, B'day David South, B'day	30 9:30 AM Piece Corps				

August

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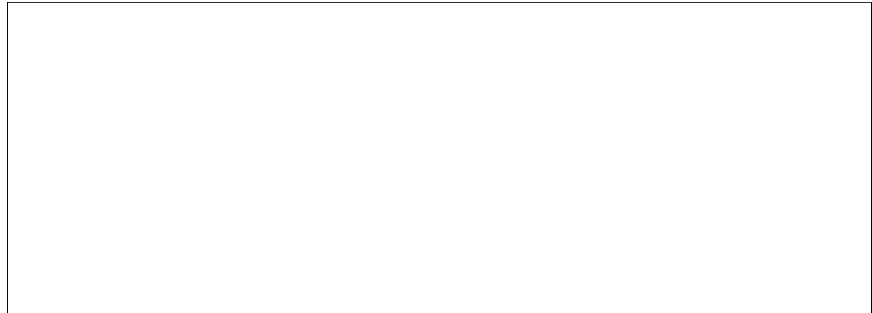
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



minutes.

There'll be the usual drive-in ads, vintage previews and perhaps a surprise or two. PLEASE JOIN US. INVITE THE NEIGHBORS, STRANGERS, ANY-ONE NOT NAILED DOWN. It'll be a fun evening. **September 20th.**

AN EVENING OF HOUSE AND HOME PROBLEMS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Threatened with eviction, country folk win a slogan contest and with their 15 children move into a luxurious "home of the future." Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride star as the heads of the famous movie family in *The Further Adventures of Ma and Pa Kettle*, (1949), 75 minutes.

City dwellers Ann Sheridan and her screen husband Jack Benny, who is fired up with the spirit of "back to the soil," are beset with a multitude of plot twists after purchasing a colonial-era farmhouse in the hit comedy *George Washington Slept Here* (1942), 93



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

