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EIGHT YEARS, THANK GOD!

I can still remember Gene Stringer's phone call. It came on the morning that I was heading to a funeral home to become their grief counselor. As I readied to walk out the door I stopped to take Gene's call. He said that there had been talk at the Ashland church of my possible availability to become your new pastor. You know that I'd been out of the ministry for a year and was in need of restoration. Gene said that your elders knew all about my background and thought that perhaps God was still willing to put me in the harness. I agreed to be a fill in preacher. The match seemed one made in heaven. I'm grateful that you voted me in as your pastor.

Now, eight years later, I'm still thanking God for his mercy and you for your trust. In the spirit of Jesus' words to be 'wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove' we tried all sorts of things to reach our community. You know how the park ministry touched hundreds of lives. We baked up several thousand gourmet pizzas and fed the homeless and other hungry folk. The Red Lion Restaurant gave me an amazing amount of food to share. Along the way we baptized a bunch of their waiters and waitresses. Out of the park work sprang Old Time

Movie Night. Many of our current leaders first came to us via that wonderful entertainment ministry... Killians, Royers, Bob Harrison, Vallingas and James Altman, to name some.

About six years back my sermon format took a new and delightful (for me) turn. David Bruce began putting my simple sermons into a PowerPoint format. Of course I got a bit over-zealous and used every movie clip and music video he offered as illustrations for those sermons. Sorry, but I did go overboard, and we lost a few folk who must have thought I'd gone bonkers. More recently we have found a great balance, using clips more sparingly.

All along God has blessed us. Those energized folk over in Klamath Falls (Friends of Faith) have been going strong for a while now. We celebrate newcomers, baptisms and their commitment to helping others. Then too, here in Ashland we have taken about 85 Rogue Riders trips to places all over Southern Oregon and Northern California. And 39PLUS! Wow.

Eight years ago I'd not have guessed that God would open such doors.

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Ministry opportunities all over our region plus mission work in the Middle East and South America, plus a global internet ministry.

So I'm thanking you and God for eight years of service, close relationships, love, learning and joy. And in my exuberance (sort of like Paul needing to have his feet nailed to the group to keep him from going airborne) I've needed to cool my jets from time to time. Your patience has been marvelous and our union magnificent. Karen and I thank you for giving us a place to heal, grow, serve and find sweet fellowship. You're wonderful!

Still amazed, Indebted and grateful,




KLAMATH FALLS CLAN TO VIST IN OCTOBER

On Sunday, October 26, our Friends of Faith bunch will travel over the Cascade Mountains to join us in our morning worship time. I've asked several of these brothers and sisters to participate in the service. What a joy this will be! This Klamath Falls congregation meets from home to home and has a dynamic spirit. I know you'll extend a wonderful welcome. Jim Larsen

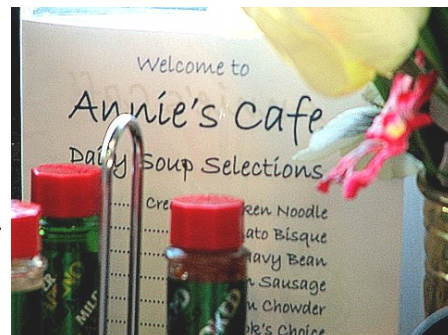
NEWCOMERS CLASS MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS

I'm delighted to offer a six or eight week class for newcomers and inquirers. Join me in the balcony class room Sunday mornings at 9:30. We'll take a look at the background of this congregation, our distinctives, mission and the church's 'culture'. New to Christian Church of Ashland? Considering linking up with us? Drop in, please. Coffee and pastries for all. Started September 21 but each week is a separate unit. Jim Larsen

REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S

Visitors to this special men's group find the gathering refreshing, inspiring and challenging. Each week our guys dig into the Word, pray together and enjoy camaraderie.

Newcomers welcome. Jerry Moore will buy breakfast for first-timers. Bring this ad to qualify, bust-er. Mondays, 7:45, Annie's in Phoenix (Oregon!!).



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Janie Moore will host the October Lunch Bunch at her home, 1950 Alamar St, in Medford on Tuesday, October 14th. Please let Janie know if you plan to attend so she can plan accordingly.

POTLUCK

October Potluck – It's a BANANA-RAMA Food Frolic Appreciation Celebration for our much loved pastor and his equally loved wife....Jim and



Karen Larsen. Banana Cream Pie☺, Banana Peanut Salad, Banana Pork chops?!, Banana gravey:<.....

Come and be part of the Celebration...the beginning of the Larsen's 9th year helping us fulfill God's purposes in Ashland, Oregon, The Rogue Valley...and the World. WAHOO! Janice Stringer is the Hostess for October if you have any questions.

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.

P.S. Autumn Stew, Corn on the Cob, sliced tomatoes, apple crisp... or other early fall standbys are definitely welcome to round out the banana frenzy.



EARL SISSON GRADUATES TO GLORY

On Monday, September 15, Earl departed from earth and went to be with Jesus. A memorial service was held on Friday the 19th. Longtime members will remember the skits and plays that he wrote and helped produce here at

the church. Earl faithfully tended to Lucille during her time of illness. He'll be missed very much.



MILLIE WALCH, UP, UP AND AWAY

Mildred Martha Walch passed away on Tuesday, September 9. Her funeral was held on the 16th. Her husband, John, was bap-

tized last winter and passed away this spring. Thanks to Doug Fenning for ministering to these two wonderful believers each Sunday. May God's mercy and loving kindness be experienced by Millie's three boys and daughter.

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL BROADCAST ON ROGUE VALLEY TELEVISION

I've used Louie's Bar and Grill as something of a second office for many years. It is a place to meet people, touch lives and serve Christ. Several years ago David Bruce and I began taping shorts segments for the internet called Church at Louie's Bar and Grill. Beginning Sunday, October 5th at 3:30 p.m., RVTV (cable channel 15) will begin broad-

casting half hour programs of Church at Louie's. The format is quite simple. Brad video tapes David and me hashing over current events from a spiritual point of view. Take a peak and see what you think. Those shorter ditties can be seen on www.OutOfTheWalls.Com.

On OutSideTheWalls we also offer dozens of PointPoint sermons for free. Folk all over the globe download and use these unique Christian tools. Jim Larsen

SAINTS ALIVE...FIRST SATUR- DAYS

Sometimes the banquet room at the Iron Skillet Restaurant is jam-packed. The chatter is delightful and the jokes are knee slappers. Don't forget the reliable buffet and ample menu. Young and old are invited. What a great way for newcomers to get acquainted. October 4 at 9 a.m. (Fred!)

ROGUE RIDERS



Helen Jane Slack is so excited she can't tell us what's in store for the October Rogue Riders on October 15th. We will just have to keep watching the bulletin each week for when she reveals our destination and departure time. The photo above was taken on the September Galice trip.

39PLUS POTLUCK (AND NEWS- LETTER FOLDING)

Although 39PLUS is not meeting the first two weeks of the month we still join the Rogue Riders

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on the third Wednesday (Oct 15) and anticipate the potluck on the 29th. All available adults are welcome. We'll start the morning folding the monthly

newsletter, then move on to great games. Before lunch Jim will lead us in a good Bible study. So arrive as early at 10 and bring something to contribute to the potluck at noon. Come one, come all!

Our August outdoor breakfast at Emigrant Lake had new chefs turning out omelets and a new batch of cooks baking up Dutch oven biscuits. Oldsters and youngsters worked side by side. The numbers grew month by month. Thanks to all who joined the fab time.



DAVID AND HEATHYR WING...MARRIED!

It was a grand day...David and Heathyr getting married on September 13. Michael Wing did the honors, marrying the handsome couple. They will reside in Medford and we'll celebrate their big day the next time they are in our midst. Congratulations!!



FIFTH SUNDAY VARIETY HOUR, A NEW GEM

What fun! We sang many old favorites from the hymnal... with Everett Cade at the pi-

ano. You read poems, sang specials and joined the impromptu choir with Arlene and Eleanor (Brad, spelling?) accompanying. A great time was had by all, convincing us that these Fifth Sunday Night Variety Hours must go on. The next one...in November.

SUMMER PICNIC BREAKFASTS GREW MONTHLY



YET ANOTHER WEDDING!



Michael was not content with only one wedding for September. The Saturday following David and Heathyr's wedding Michael performed his first wedding at our 2nd and B location. This time he had the honor of performing the wedding of his step-brother Russell and his bride xiujie. You

can even view a 15 minute video from the wedding at video.yahoo.com/watch/3551690/9830188 The video was posted so that the bride's family in China would be able to share in their special day.

E-VINE

Dear Sisters,

While talking to our daughter-in-law Angie I was struck with her enthusiasm and God glorifying witness about a tool which is helping her and other women in their congregation. It is basically a small group which "meets" by appointment via e-mail once per week. Please look over John 15 which includes Jesus words, "I am the vine; you are the branches" for the biblical connection of the name E-Vine. Angie is willing to help us start using this tool in our congregation, which we can adapt as needed. Here is her message.

Love in Him, Janice



e-Vine is an exciting new ministry starting up this fall which reaches out to women and joins them to the Vine. We join small groups together (3-4 ladies per group) and communicate through emails on a weekly basis. Each lady will grow closer to the Lord, set goals, and report to her small group how she's doing. The group will support, encourage, and keep things in confidence as we love and pray for one another. The time commitment is small, one email minimum per week to the group. Benefits of joining an E-vine group are enormous. Ladies are making goals that draw them into the Word more regularly and blessing their family with stronger commitments to them and Him. Having a small group of ladies that are daily praying for you is so amazing and very bonding as well. Please email Janice Stringer if you would like to be in an e-Vine group this fall. She will help coordinate the groups and send your group a start up email with examples of goals and accountability responses. Have any questions? Wish to Sign up to be in a group?

JOHN, CHAPTER 15

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ALPHA CONTINUES



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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. Even now it is not too late to join in, but you need to join us this next Wednesday. You can see from the schedule what you have missed and can come back next time to pick up the ones you missed. 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?

- 1 - Jerry Moore
- 3 - Spencer Hayes
- 3 - Thom Phillips
- 4 - Kathy Wing
- 5 - Jazz Hernandez
- 5 - Phil Fullerton
- 8 - Kevin Smith
- 10 - Ava Fish
- 10 - Linda Cornwell
- 17 - Julie Smith
- 21 - Janice Stringer
- 22 - Jon Vellinga
- 24 - Marjorie Russell
- 25 - Benjamin Stringer
- 29 - Lyle Petersen



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Jon and Amanda Vellinga
- 16 - Dominic and Juanita Hernandez

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>5</p> <p>Jazz Hernandez, B'day Phil Fullerton, B'day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Jerry Moore, B'day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Jon & Amanda Vellinga, Ann Thom Phillips, B'day Spencer Hayes, B'day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Kathy Wing, B'day</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Columbus Day (Observed)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Kevin Smith, B'day</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ava Fish, B'day Linda Commwell, B'day</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Janice Stringer, B'day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM Rogue Riders 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Dominic & Juanita Hernandez Ann</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Julie Smith, B'day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Jon Vellinga, B'day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Marjorie Russell, B'day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Benjamin Stringer, B'day</p>
			<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM Newsletter Folding/Sentors Potluck 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Lyle Peterson, B'day</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Alpha Day Retreat</p>

OCTOBER 2008

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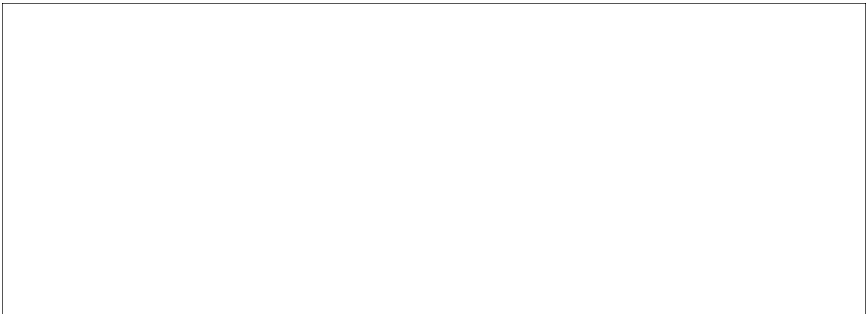
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Sunday Service Schedule

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



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of his small American town. *The Old Dark House* (1932, 72 min.) is an outstanding tongue-in-cheek melodrama about storm stranded travelers who take refuge in a mysterious Welsh house populated by many strange "creatures," including Boris Karloff. It's a real cinematic gem. And Carl... *Gunga Din* is coming in November!

**OUR OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT
...AN ASHLAND FIXTURE**

It seems that everybody knows about our popular movie night. Michael Royer flashes classic movies on the silver screen. Young and old enjoy the inexpensive snack bar, robust fellowship and wholesome entertainment. Mike, what do you have in store for us in October?

Halloween Mayhem And Mirth awaits **October 18** as Old Time Movie Night presents two films that will scare and amuse all who attend. *Invaders From Mars* (1953, 78 min.) is a sci-fi classic told from a little boy's perspective as he alone witnesses the arrival of aliens and their brain washing of the residents



**Snack bar opens
at 6:00 p.m.**

**First movie starts
promptly at 6:30
p.m.**



The Dark Old House (1932)