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# TOUCHING AND BEING TOUCHED



Witt Family from Klamath Falls

One day soon you'll meet Jim, Robin, Jessica, Brandon, Meghan, Natalie, Ella Rose, another Brandon, Jason, Ross, Cherry...and the others. These are the sweet souls who gather with me twice monthly in Klamath Falls. Perhaps our pow wow has a resemblance to the gatherings of the early church. Most of our evening takes place at the dinner table. As the eating is going on we recite our assigned memory verses, place our prayers in the prayer cup as it is passed around. Over in the corner a big jar awaits the love-gifts these friends saved for tonight. Each time the cash amount reaches \$200 we find a place to give it away, in loving kindness. After dinner, communion and prayers we move to the living room to watch thirty minutes of the fabulous movie, The Gospel of John. Every word of this production comes from the Bible. The evening is precious and personal.

Recently one young mom asked if our church does Baby Christenings. I explained our Parent Dedication/Baby Presentation services. Meghan likes the idea and wants to have Natalie's special day happen in Ashland. Roxanne joins in and says that she and hubby, Jason, are ready to do the same...also in Ashland.

After Bible study one evening one of the FOF inquires about being baptized. Another joins in and expresses a desire to 'take the plunge' for Jesus. And still another. The tears are ready to leap onto my cheeks as I hear of such growing faith and commitment.

I explain to the learners/sharers/students/readers/eaters/givers/etc that the Ashland church prays for them. You'll be greeted with open arms when you all come over the mountain some Sunday, I tell them. There is already a bond.

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Wilson Family from Klamath Falls

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From the beginning I was so happy to tell these good people that the Ashland missions committee has earmarked funds to cover my fuel costs for these treks over the Cascade Mountains. Everybody likes our motto (borrowed from somewhere): No Budgets, No Buildings and No Big Shots. (Somebody had better nail my feet to the floor or I just might take flight, I'm so inspired by it all.)

And guess what! Now this fledgling group is impacting our church at Second and B. The participatory service over there is so delightful that I've already made plans to inject more involvement into our Sunday mornings, starting this month. I've just asked Juanita Hernandez to gather a team together to cover one Sunday morning's duties such as prayers, mediations, scripture reading and testimonies. She enthusiastically said yes.

Julie Hamilton will take on the same organizing duties for a Sunday in April. Imagine that...lots of people getting involved. Don't you just love it already?

And Evan. Evan is a new friend who works at Louie's Bar and Grill to and is a student at Southern Oregon University, majoring in Theater. I've asked her to help me with a few sermons using the medium of drama. She has agreed! So watch for her to suddenly show up in the middle of an upcoming message. This is just great. Participation, creativity and giftedness...here we come!

I'm absolutely jazzed about being a member of this congregation. Serving as one of the leaders makes for even more joy. The church was designed by God to operate this way with nobody being a nobody in the Family.

## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, February 13, Nyla Fenning will be our hostess for the Ladies Lunch Bunch. Watch the bulletin for the location. Please contact Nyla at 535-3854 to let her know if you plan to attend so she will have a good count for the restaurant.

## POTLUCK FEBRUARY 18, 2006

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. See you there.

*Remember to bring hot dishes already cooked. The ovens are set to just keep the food hot not cook it.*

## ALPHA RESCHEDULED

Because of the bad weather in January we have decided to reschedule ALPHA until later in the Spring. Be thinking of who you can invite and start talking to them now. Let the church office know if you would like to attend the next ALPHA and anyone you wish to invite so we can let you know as soon as we have a schedule available.

## ROGUE RIDERS AIM FOR THE AVALON...AGAIN

Because of the snow, ice and generally cold day we cancelled our Rogue Rider's get together last month. We shall try going to the Avalon in Talent on February 21.

For those who need a ride, we will meet at the Church at 10:45 and leave promptly at 11:00. Others can meet us at the restaurant in Talent--105 West Valley View Rd at 11:15. I will call to make a reservation, so let me know if you are going. (482-8225).

Helen Jane

## 39PLUS DIGS INTO REVELATION

It is a marvelous book, once you shed the fear of wading through candle sticks, crowns and the Red Dragon. Our pastor is eager to help us get to the core of this ancient book...Revelation. So far, so good. Here's the schedule for February.

- February 7 Meet at Larsen's home...114  
Autumn Ridge, Talent
  - 10 o'clock Games
  - 11 o'clock-Bible Study
  - Noon-Chicken and Rice Casserole Lunch
- February 14 Meet at Marie Hoffman's home 61 N. Mountain Ave,
  - 10 o'clock ...Skipbo
  - 11 o'clock-Study
  - Noon-Lunch hosted by Marie
- February 21 Rogue Riders head to Avalon
- February 28
  - 10 o'clock: Fold the Newsletter
  - 11 o'clock-Study
  - Noon: Potluck Lunch



**Joe and Nicole Davis**  
 Alexandor(10), Joshua(9), Brenda(8)  
 Nathaniel(5), Tyson(4), and Avery(3mos)

## CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL

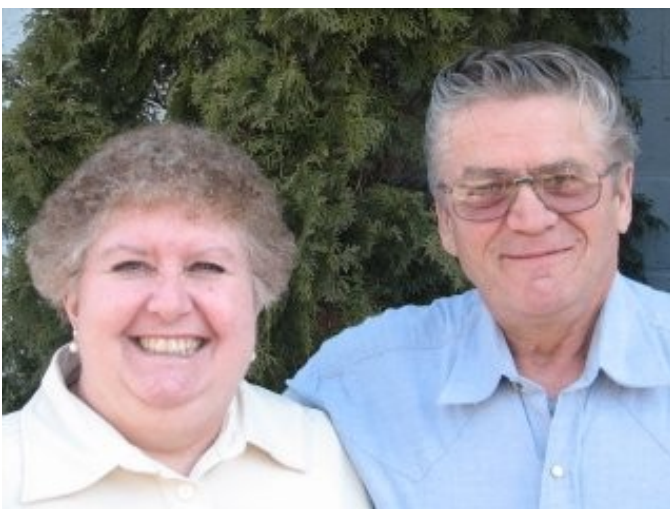
Recently I've had opportunity to share the Gospel with several folk during or after our Tuesday gathering (11 a.m.) at Louie's Bar and Grill. It reminds me of some of the unlikely places Jesus went to meet people. Come on down. Order from the menu or settle for their good coffee. Since David Bruce and I sometimes have to change to another day of the week it is always good to call ahead to confirm things. Call me at 890-3209.  
 Jim Larsen

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

It has been very nice to have some new folk with us recently. And it is even better when they choose to stick around.



**Rose Lupfer**



**Dan and Luci Siemens**



**Mike and Lori Royer**

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It gives us great joy to have friends make the declaration that this congregation is where they want to serve Christ. Welcome to these fine folk who have been attending here and now say 'count us in'. Welcome!

## OTHER NEW ARRIVALS



Miriam Cody with Ramona Lynn (12/8/2006)

## REAL MEN MEET ON MONDAY

These are good guys. They were with the church family the day before and just can't keep away from a chance to grow and build friendships. Join us at Annie's in Phoenix. Breakfast is always great or you can settle for a cup of coffee. Jim Larsen will buy breakfast for First Timers. Must bring this ad to qualify. Mondays at 7:45.

## SAINTS ALIVE!

The vittles are fine and the fellowship is better. Bring a joke or a tall tale and you'll fit right in. Although this has usually been a great place for mature adults to gather we are most happy to welcome anybody who is willing to act older. The Iron Skillet...Phoenix...Saturday...February 3...9 a.m.

## LORI JO, BRIAN AND CIELO REACH SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Many have asked about the Marlia-Larsen bunch. Their first stop in South America was to meet a family Brian lived with for a year in Ecua-



Brian, Cielo, and Lori Jo in Ecuador

dor. Then it is on to Chile to meet up with their team. Then the team heads north to Peru. So far all has gone well and they are healthy and happy to be on the field. Thanks for your prayers and love.

## REACHING OUR WORLD, ONE HIT AT A TIME

Week by week our Sunday sermons are posted on the internet at [www.OutsideTheWalls.Com](http://www.OutsideTheWalls.Com). This partnership with David Bruce and *The Heritage Outreach Foundation* has resulted in over a million 'hits'. Imagine young pastors in Africa or Southeast Asia downloading our PowerPoint sermons for their weekly use. We also know of small groups that tap our resources. The record shows a globe with dots all over it testifying to locations where seekers and saints look over our shoulder. Folk in Scandinavia, Saudi Arabia, Europe and the Middle East have all been making use of our free sermons, movie clips, background photos, and interviews from Louie's Bar and Grill. What we experience each Sunday touches a world hungry for the Gospel. Jim Larsen

## IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to Emily McKinney at the passing of her good sister and a member of our congregation, Vera Kerr. Emily had plans to head to the coast to see Vera but Vera graduated to glory before she could make the trip. No memorial is planned now but one may be planned when the weather turns better.

## BIBLE CLASSES TO HELP YOU GROW IN FAITH

Michael Wing is the man to help you get a grip on the truths found in the Book of Romans. Join him in the church library on Sunday mornings. Bring your Bible.

Gene Stringer will walk you through the beautiful Book John on Sunday mornings...with donuts and coffee provided too! He will play a portion of the DVD, *The Gospel Of John*, then take time to discuss the riches found therein. Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall...9:30.

Brad Fish will lead our newest offering—An eight week study based on the film *Facing the Giants* beginning February 4th in the balcony.

The pastoral staff of Sherwood Baptist Church—the church in Georgia that produced the film—has created a video-based Bible Study that is designed to take a more in-depth look at topics from the film. Topics include: Wholehearted, Prepare for Rain, Attempt the Impossible, Never Give Up, Complete Surrender, Life On Purpose, Pray for Revival, and Be an Encourager.

## GROVE CHRISTIAN CAMP MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat, March 9-11, 2007 with registration beginning at 4:00 p.m. Danny Harrod is the director. We are excited to have Terry Stine, the new President of Boise Bible College, as our speaker. Our theme is "**MEN WITH A MISSION**". Some of the topics will be:

- To Love the Lord
- To Serve My Family
- To Reach my World
- To Finish the Faith

Look for registration forms and more information beginning in early February. You can call the camp at 541-946-1662 with any questions.

## AMAZING GRACE SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 18, 2007

ONE DAY. ONE SONG. ONE VOICE



Two hundred years ago, British politician William Wilberforce and his band of loyal friends took on the most powerful forces of their day to end the slave trade. His mentor was John Newton, the slave-trader-turned-song-writer, who wrote the world's most popular hymn, *Amazing Grace*.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade. But the work of justice and mercy continues. 27 million men, women, and children are still enslaved around the globe.

How sweet the sound of freedom.

On February 18, we will join churches around the globe in singing *Amazing Grace* and in praying for the end of slavery once and for all.

You can find more information at:

[www.amazinggracesunday.com](http://www.amazinggracesunday.com)

[www.theamazingchange.com](http://www.theamazingchange.com)

[www.amazinggracemovie.com](http://www.amazinggracemovie.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG AND REBECCA LUCE

Greg and Rebecca were married in Medford by Pastor Jim on January 6, 2007



Greg and Rebecca Luce with Rebecca's daughters Amelia and Olivia Lethlean.

## 'WALK WILD AND FREE' OFF AND RUNNING!

A few weeks back I invited you to walk with me in 2007. A whole bunch of our folk jumped on board...and others who receive our church newsletter called to pledge to be sojourners with us. Another church has stepped onto the trail with us as well as a number of missionaries and other distant Christians who are eager to go Wild for Jesus. Here's a reminder of the plan:

### MY PLAN TO WALK WILD AND FREE

2007

#### READING MAIL FROM HEAVEN

- Weekly - Read One of The Gospels (Matt, Mk, Luke or John)
- Monthly - Read Two Other New Testament Books

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

- I'll have an intimate talk with God every day.
- Purple-Black-Red-Blue-Green-Yellow and Dark Blue

#### GATHERING WITH THE BRETHREN

- I'll consistently spend time with my church family, including (but not limited to) the Sunday Assembly.

#### CONSISTENT YIELDING OF MY RESOURCES FOR GOD'S USE

- Blend my faith-dollars with those of my church family to accomplish Kingdom Work.
- Consistent, reliable, financial stewardship

#### NURTURING NEW AND EXISTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH HIGH HOPES

- I'll ask God to help me develop and maintain genuine and sustained relationships in hopes that he will open doors for expanding his work.

#### LOOK FOR 'GOD EXPERIENCES' OUT- SIDE THE WALLS

- With Sunday as 'Half Time' I'll spend my week (the real game of life)
- looking for ways to be an ambassador of Jesus and touch others with his love.

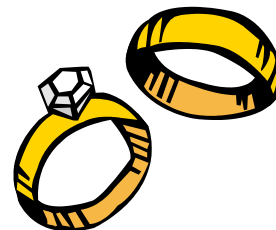
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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Velma Johnson  
7 - Angie Vermillion  
7 - Frank Loyd  
15 - Emily McKinney  
15 - Marie Ellis  
16 - William Doods  
19 - Dona Heath  
21 - Kecia Collins



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 - Jim & Velma Johnson  
18 - Jim & Angie Vermillion

*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





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

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### OLD TIME MOVIES

Clara Bow, as the "It" girl made the January Movie Night the most popular yet! Rave reviews! This month Greg Luce has plans to bless us with two more classics....

On **Saturday night, February 17**, our entertainment be these oldies:

We will be treated to *Flying Down to Rio*, 1933 starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, in their first film together, with a running time of 89 minutes. Our second feature will be *The Awful Truth*, 1937 starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne with a running time of 91 minutes.



Fred Astaire  
And  
Ginger Rogers

in

Flying  
Down  
To  
Rio  
(1933)

Snack bar opens at 6...  
first movie starts promptly  
at 6:30 pm.

Cary Grant  
And  
Irene Dunne  
in  
The Awful Truth  
(1937)

