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CONVERGENCE, GOD'S TIMING AND HOLY SPIRIT ZAP

Friends, sometimes I feel a kinship with the Apostle Paul. Mainly the part of him that stood amazed that God would use him and take him to the heights, even after proving to everybody that he was Chief of Sinners. You'll read about one of his lofty experiences in Second Corinthians 12. There he tells of being taken to a "Third Heaven" where he saw wonders beyond his poor power to report. God allowed Satan to give Paul a thorn in the flesh just to keep him sensible. Otherwise, we get the feeling the apostle might have gone airborne.

When I get wound up I find myself exulting in the wondrous ways that God is opening doors that I insisted on shutting, just a few years back. You invited me to minister here in Ashland. That was the beginning. I discovered a stable of elders all harnessed up and ready to do battle with the devil. The board (I had always thought boards cumbersome and somewhat redundant) proved to be a marvelous mix of opinions and perspectives that blended together to sincerely pursue God's interests. Add Brad to the mix and you have the makings of a church that moves and grooves.

Oh, and the Mission Committee! They evaluated the long list of world-wide efforts we supported and trimmed the list way down...then gave the surviv-

ing recipients of mission funds a hefty raise.

Me? I tried all sorts of programs. Some flew and some stunk. Yet God was patient and supportive. We fed people in the park and held those Third Wednesday Forums. In the long run the greatest benefit to our congregation came from people who saw our consistent efforts and, for one reason or another, chose to get on board. Greg Luce started up Old Time Movie Night. The Royer's and Killian's came our way via this warm and entertaining offering. David Bruce (how many times will I shout this) came our way after observing the GOD In The G.O.D. (Great Out Doors) compassion ministry. Together we launched Church at Louie's Bar and Grill. Now he has our Sunday



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Sermon up on his website, often before we experience it on Sunday. Gene and Janice run those wonderful Alpha courses. Now we have the Klamath Konnection.

Add to this the list of faithful veterans who have stuck with us during these days of immense change...wow, are they my heroes! Those first years of using movie clips and music videos in sermons took their toll. Some folk found it a little too much a little too fast. Looking back I hardly blame them. They must have wondered if this pastor had lost his marbles. Some still wonder. But those who have stuck with us...well, what can I say? You're tops.

So I call this Convergence. A pagan would thank his luck stars. You *know* who we thank! Elders, board, healthy congregation...new comers and old stayers...this is a great time to be alive...a precious time to be entrusted with the gospel...a sweet moment to enjoy.

Ummmmm,




FRIENDS OF FAITH...OUR KLAMATH FALLS CONNECTION

They came over the mountain in full force on Easter...then two additional families worshipped with us the next week too! Everybody has been so jazzed about these new relationships. Many of these good people are students and former Northwest Christian College students who have studied under our pastor. The classroom friendships grew into something wonderful and lasting. Welcome Friends!

MEGHAN AND LOVELY NATALIE...A BIG DAY!

Meghan Lovell, from Klamath Falls, chose Easter Sunday as a day to publicly dedicate herself to raising her daughter, Natalie, to walk on the Jesus Trail. Plenty of folk were ready to offer themselves as grandpas and grandmas since Natalie's grandparents live in Montana and Alabama. Thanks to the congregation for such a moving and enthusiastic response to the Meghan's words.



BURIED WITH CHRIST...RISING TO WALK!

Roxanna Sander's baptism made Easter all the more beautiful. Roxanna has recently returned

from living in Klamath Falls for a time and is back in our lives. You'll see her in the church assisting Katie Anderson and can be prevailed upon to bake delicious breads. God bless you, dear lady!

REAL MEN BREAK BREAD AT ANNIE'S

These guys just love to fellowship, eat breakfast and get into the Word. With Jerry Moore back at work

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on Mondays David Lockwood would seem a likely candidate to buy breakfast for any first-timers. What do you thank, David?

Mondays...Annie's...Phoenix...7:45...are you still with us, Dave?

BALLOT RESULTS

As usual the annual congregational meeting was short and sweet...the blessing of a united and harmonious congregation. Both ballot items passed with nearly 100% approving.

Here is the slate of church officers, with newly elected or re-elected names in *italics*:



Elders: **Michael Wing**
Gene Stringer
Doyle Cornwell

Deacons: **David Lockwood**
Mel Metcalf
Ed McCauley
Brad Fish
Jerry Moore

Deaconesses: **Julie Hamilton**
Betty Tine Metcalf
Janice Stringer
Janie Moore
Juanita Hernandez
Ava Fish
Irma Potter
Sandy McDaniel

Trustees: **Mel Metcalf**
Doyle Cornwell
Rick Griffith

Treasurer: **David Lockwood**

Also on the ballot and passing handily, a change in the by-laws to combine the offices of Treasurer and

Financial Secretary, now called the Treasurer.



MANY THANKS TO MICHAEL AND ST. MARY'S CHOIR

After the Annual Meeting we were once again blessed by the singing of Michael Wing's award winning school choir. The group recently won first place in area choral competition and headed now headed to 'state'. This marks the fourth consecutive year that we have invited this outstanding choir to bless us.

Pie and ice cream was served to all in attendance. An offering was received to assist the music department at St. Mary's.

Thanks Michael!

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the St. Mary's High School Choir, I would like to thank you sincerely for your attendance and support at last Thursday's Annual Meeting and concert. This was the Choir's fourth year of providing entertainment for the meeting, and we

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always enjoy the chance to share our music with you.

Your offering of over \$300.00 will fund scholarships to allow two students to go on our Portland tour in May.

Thank you so much for being a great audience, and thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Michael Wing

BE LOOKING FOR SIGNS

We mean *real* signs. The board recently approved ordering a new sign to be placed on the church adjacent to the parking lot. New signage will also appear on the double doors on Second Street, plus a small sign identifying the parking lot as our property.

WILD APPLAUSE FOR DONA HEATH

Our entire congregation is indebted to Dona Heath for her splendid job of serving as Treasurer since 1999. Her faithful work was done at home on the dining room table, where she kept track of the church's finances, made monthly reports to the board and paid our bills, all without the aid of a computer. Thank you, dear lady, for your constancy and dedication to God and your church family.



LAND-SCAPING SHAPING UP

Thanks to a special gift to the church last fall, new trees and plants are leafing out at the "B" Street end of the church building. A new irrigation system will do a great job of keeping our lawn and other vegetation full of life. Thank you anonymous friend!

SERMONS NOW ON

WWW.HOLLYWOODJESUS.COM

In a magnificent development, David Bruce has taken a number of our sermons to his www.HollywoodJesus.com website. Here's how to check them out:

On the internet, go to www.HollywoodJesus.com

- Click on "Movies"
 - Click on any of these movies
 1. The Reaping
 2. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 3. Reign Over Me
 4. Disturbia
- Click on 'Spiritual'

Hundreds of thousands of people check out David's website every day. One of his goals has been to tie his movie review to our collaborative sermons as well as steering people to our other site, www.OutsideTheWall.Com. Now it is a reality!

"Outside" has a few dozen of our PowerPoint sermons ready to be downloaded, free of charge. In addition there are 600 free movie clips and a plethora of background photos for the use in creating sermons. And there is more. David and I have taped and uploaded a bunch of episodes of *Church At Louie's Bar and Grill*. The response to all of this has been nothing short of amazing. Hats off to D. Bruce and our White City friends, whose visionary thinking has given the world a wonderful gift...all free of charge.

Jim Larsen

NEW FEATURE IN NEWSLETTER

It seems that we are always getting the news a little bit late. The McDaniel kids make 'Student of the Month'. Matt Wing beats his Personal Record in Cross Country. Alicia Pepper is excelling in her Explorer group. So...let's hear about these honors and achievements as they happen, parents and grandparents. Please call the office, leave a note in the offering or contact Jim (890-3209) so we can get the word out about our nifty young ones. Okay? Let's start with the June newsletter.

FRIENDS OF FAITH TO TAKE THE PLUNGE

Those Klamath Falls folk are outdoor people. They are praying for the ice to go out soon so they can plan a baptism day and combine it with a picnic. You've met these splendid folk. Some have worshipped with us over the last year or so. Others visited for the first time on Easter Sunday and the next week-end. Guess what! They like you. They love our congregation. Some have even indicated they want to unite with us, despite the distance.

We'll get the word out on a baptism date so our Ashland Friends of Faith can celebrate and share a picnic with our Friends of Faith from over yonder hill. Isn't this grand!?

Jim Larsen



Dr. Jim
Larsen,
Pastor

OLD RIVER, NEW START

On a canoe trip down the Rogue (starting at Agness) I baptized Larry Jones. Fidgety Blue Herons and hovering Osprey must have held their breath at such a sight. The ageless river gave birth to a former rogue who would now outlive the earth. The angels applauded as Larry took the plunge, rising to walk in a new life...forgiven, Spirit-filled, heaven-bound and hooked on Jesus.

For Prayer/Canoe Retreats
Call Jim...890-3209
Christian Church of
Ashland
Sundays, 10:45 Corner of
2nd and B Streets

JIM'S WEEKLY ARTICLE IN LOCAL PAPER

Keep an eye out for Jim's article in every Thursday edition of the Ashland Daily Tidings. Here's a sample, taken from April

MOTHER'S DAY... LET'S DO IT UP!

Hey guys...Jim Larsen and I are planning a Mother's Day breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. How many of you manly guys will give us a hand. The menu is quite simple, even a bunch of guys can handle this: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes or waffles and maybe a fruit cup. Let's honor the ladies of our church and others who attend on May 13. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 until

10:15. That will allow Bible School attendees to get to class and others to dine up pretty close to the 10:45 service. Okay, there'll be a donation basket for you who insist on contributing. Mainly just bring the family and have a Mother's Day breakfast served by the guys of the church. Okay, men, let's get organized. Sign up in the foyer on May 6 if you'd like to help. I'll make the coffee.

Jerry Moore and Jim Larsen

CHURCH PICNIC BREAKFAST AT EMIGRANT LAKE, JUNE 16

Here's a great opportunity for introducing a friend to our church family at a non-threatening venue. Come on out to Emigrant Lake (you'll need a few bucks for parking) on Saturday, June 16, for some Dutch oven biscuits, country gravy, grilled pork loin, eggs to order, hot coffee or chocolate, plus orange juice. Okay, we'll have an offering basket around if you'd like to help out a little.

Expect some fun and games for all ages.

- Time: 9 a.m. to 11 or so
- Look for signs along the road once you get past the entrance booth.
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All eating gear provided. Bring an appetite!

WALK WITH ME...FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

I started the year out with a simple plan:

- Read a gospel every week and two other New Testament books each month.
- Take a daily prayer walk (ride, sit...) with God. Use beads if you'd like.
- Maintain consistent financial support of the church's ministry.
- Aim to have my relationships honor God and bless the Kingdom.

Be open to God Experiences outside the wall.

I'll quickly admit that some weeks went better than others. I missed the mark on occasion. But this has been a growing time for me and for plenty of others, too. It's not too late to step out in faith and walk

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with us. What do you say? I'll supply prayer beads. Just ask. All aboard!

Jim Larsen

ROGUE RIDERS

Our May outing will be on Wednesday, May 12. The destination and details are still being worked out so we will let you know in the weekly bulletin as they are completed.

39PLUS

You know the routine. We are invited to play games (10 a.m.), study the Bible (11) and eat (noon). Here's the May schedule:

May 2 Jim and Karen Larsen's home 114 Autumn Ridge, Talent Ph 890-3209

May 9 See Bulletin for location

May 16 No study today. Rogue Riders

May 23 See Bulletin for location

May 30 Fellowship Hall- Fold Newsletter at 10...then Study...Potluck Lunch at noon

SAINTS ALIVE

How long has this fine event been blessing our mature adults? What a great idea this is, to eat and joke around together, catch up on the latest news in our lives and just have a relaxing time. You don't have to be an oldster to attend. Order from the menu or pick an choose from the buffet. They even make custom omelets. So we be seeing you on Saturday, May 5...9 a.m. at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon).

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Lori Royer invites the ladies of the church to her home at 2780 Cedar Links Drive in Medford on Tuesday, May 8 for their monthly Luncheon. Please contact Lori at 772-0689 to let her know if you can come so that she can plan accordingly. Directions will be provided later.

The Person who takes time for prayer will find ample time for all the other things needing his/her attention.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Dan Siemens
- 2 - Austen Tiller
- 2 - Fred Kannasto
- 2 - Madge Center
- 4 - Karl Slack
- 4 - Logan Ellis
- 5 - Amanda Vellinga
- 14 - Harold Smith
- 21 - Ethan Phillips
- 22 - John Dooms
- 24 - Bill Evans
- 28 - Roxanne Wilson
- 29 - John Daniel Sutton
- 29 - Nyla Fenning
- 31 - April Rudy



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Earl and Lucille Sission
- 25 - Robert & Dona Heath
- 31 - Jim & Robin Witt

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"

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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

Our community likes movies. They love the old classics. In May Greg Luce expects another crowd to fill our place to watch this month's double feature, starting at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 19**. Here's the plan:

We will be treated to *Who Done It*, 1942, starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, with a running time of 77 minutes. Our second feature will be *Dark Passage*, 1947, starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, with a running time of 106 minutes.

Snack bar opens at 6:00 p.m.

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



Who Done It?

This was the first Bud Abbott and Lou Costello film that did not contain musical numbers. As a result, it was shortest film that they had made to date.



Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall
in *Dark Passage* (1947)