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CROSS-GENERATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL... ARRIVING SOON!

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Kay Killian's article can be found in this month's newsletter but I feel compelled to add my two cents worth. This two-month venture began with a question. How can we do a better job of reaching all ages during our Bible School hour? What sprang out of what was to be a fairly routine brainstorming session is the promise of a cross-generational encounter which won't be forgotten. Our team of Julie Hamilton, Ted and Kay Killian, Sandee McDaniel, Gene and Janice Stringer is on fire about this. Each Sunday, starting July 8, people of all ages will gather in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time of team building, an

investigative reporter sort of Bible diving and collaborative reporting. The older ones will assist the younger. The young ones will challenge the noggin power of the 'never did it that way before' types.

What fun! Arrive by 9:25 for a chance at a neat prize (shameless bribery!!). Bring your Bible and be ready for fun, fellowship and a practical lesson at morning's end.

And then...Harris Beach! This trip will be for Bible School participants only. That's the carrot. Got it? Oh, I

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really like this! Isaac interacts with Hal Bosworth. Phil Fullerton and Tim Killian construct a shining sword for the David story. A whole team quickly writes a song about Jonah's journey...to the tune of We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Yikes! We've never done it this way before!!

Who is invited? You. Yep. You! Imagine the new level of understanding and appreciation we'll arrive at by Summer's end! Haven't been a Bible School student in a while? Wonder if you are up to this? No problem. And those donuts we've been serving during the 9:30 hour? That little tradition will continue on.

Our Friday night planning sessions are more fun than I want to admit. Christian Education shouldn't be this interesting. It makes me realize the need for more small groups operating in our fellowship. A little dinner, some superb sharing of needs, the week's challenges and finally moving to lesson planning. Hey it doesn't get much better than this.

So here's the summary. Starts Sunday, July 8...gather in the Fellowship Hall...All ages welcome...bring your Bible...show up early for a prize...runs through August...concludes with a trip to the Coast. Questions? Anyone on the team (listed above) will be most happy to overwhelm you with facts.

See you soon...and July 8 in particular!



MISSION OF DISCOVERY

There is a new option for Sunday Morning Bible Class this summer. The class is open to ALL ages, elementary to Senior Saints.

Join in, starting July 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall (watch for the signs). Each session will send you on a Mission of Discovery about a Rescued Bible Hero.

We encourage whole families to participate, there

truly is something for everyone and each session is complete; so you can participate at any time.

We will top off the summer with a trip to Harris Beach.

Fun!Food! Fellowship! Free Stuff!

For more information contact Ted or Kay Killian, Gene or Janice Stringer, or Sandee McDaniel.

Kay Killian

JULY POTLUCK - JULY 15

Come join us for fun, food, & freedom, as we celebrate our freedom in Christ and our freedom in the USA.

Bring your food to the kitchen before church - ovens are at 225°F to keep the hot things hot, and the refrigerator is available to keep the cold things cold. Remember to label your dishes if they look a lot like everyone else's.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and 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, not cook it.

Janie Moore

SAINTS ALIVE! FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

You know the scoop on this...fine food, good folk, average jokes, tall tales and hot chow. Got it? The Saturday, July 7, is planned for seniors but anyone who thinks old is welcome. 9 a.m. at The Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!).

ROGUE RIDERS TAKE ANNUAL RIDE DOWN THE ROGUE

Galice Restaurant and Store...here we come! This is a favorite haunt for our Rogue Riders crew. We dine out there on the deck, looking down on the hustling Rogue River. Last time we observed two Osprey

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doing kamikaze dives on a large Bald Eagle. Rafting guides conclude their trip through the canyon here at Galice. Let's watch them unload and see if they have a few salmon on the stringer.



Rogue Riders at Galice in 2006

Ready to go? Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, so we can shove off in the church bus by 10 sharp. A couple dollars for the diesel tank would be great...and money for your lunch.

Helen Jane Slack, RR Guide

39PLUS A BIT OUT OF THE ORDINARY THIS MONTH

Since the Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday we'll not meet that day. But on July 11 let's gather over at Marie Hoffman's place. Games at 10...Bible Study at 11...Marie's fine lunch at noon. New-comers welcome! On July 18 we'll join Rogue Riders on a trip to Galice. Finally, on July 25, 39PLUS will meet in Fellowship Hall to fold the newsletter (10), enjoy Bible Study (11) and share a pot luck lunch (noon).

REAL MEN MEET ON MONDAYS

Your first visit to this weekly Gathering of Guys? Ahhh! This is your lucky day. Breakfast free, thanks to Jim Larsen (or Jerry Moore when he's back with us). Gene Stringer leads these gentlemen in a study of the Word. Recently he's been using the Lookout magazine which we offer free of

charge in the church foyer. Gene makes the lesson come alive and welds the scripture to our lives in a provocative way. So, come on over to Annie's Restaurant any Monday morning...7:45 a.m. We'll save a seat for you.

HOW PRECIOUS...FAITHFULNESS AND STEADFASTNESS

Summer always puts a strain on our congregation's financial strength. Miss a week here and there as you get outdoors or visit family. Have fun! Just remember, as we hear, the church budget doesn't go on vacation. Many families find that using offering envelopes help keep their giving on course. Our church would have a much easier time of meeting financial obligations if only we'd all simply practice steady, consistent giving.

Like Paul, the apostle, I feel the need to apologize from time to time for not doing a better job of nudging our folk in this area. I think I am so intent on not living up to the stereotype of churches begging for money that I fail you in this area of spiritual growth. So, here we are a bit into summer and I'm asking you to help our church by practicing a kind of giving that is consistent, joyful and even sacrificial.



Friends of Faith Picnic

FRIENDS OF FAITH

In 2006 I began meeting with some former and current Northwest Christian College students. I was introduced to these good folk when teaching for

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NCC at Kingsly Field, an Air National Guard base in Klamath Falls. Our first gatherings came about as something of a dare. These folk hail from all over the country and had not yet found a church where they could settle down. One student invited me to move to Klamath Falls. "We'd go to your church if you preached over here", he said. I asked if he'd attend if I made the trip over the Cascade Mountains twice-monthly. The rest is history. Every other week I meet with a terrific crew of believers and seekers. Their ages range from a few months to, perhaps, 40 years of age.

It has been quite exciting. We include all of the ingredients in our less formal gathering as you'd find at Second and B on Sunday morning. Together we memorize scripture, pray, share in communion, sing, study the Bible, and view portions of The Gospel of John (the movie). Our offering money goes to help the needy. Mike was baptized in the Rogue River shortly after we began meeting. Others will be baptized this month. Friends Of Faith are planning a campout in July. If you are interested in details chat with me or give me a call (890-3209). These Klamath Falls friends love our Ashland church. What a joy divine!

Jim Larsen

HOLLYWOODJESUS.COM AND OUTSIDETHEWALLS.COM...GOING GLOBAL FOR JESUS

I am still trying to get my mind around the immensity of this global ministry, friends. David Bruce has had 2 billion hits on his www.HollywoodJesus.com website. There he does a spiritual 'take' on current movies. Just recently he has made the bold move of putting our Sunday sermons there on HJ. You'll also see videos of our conversations from Church at Louie's Bar and Grill. Frankly, I am stunned by these developments. It means that the PowerPoint sermon you and I experience together on Sunday morning is cyber-cast all over the planet, sometimes before it is presented at our church in Ashland.

What it comes down to is this: You are part of a 'congregation' of countless people from every con-

tinental. On Sundays you see a presentation that is more than trendy. It is ahead of the game. Now David has plans (again including our congregation) which will impact the world even more.

I know this means that we don't 'do church' as we have for decades and decades. I want to share a bit of my heart with you. For years I've wondered what impact my sermons were really having. I had a difficult time remembering what my own sermons were about even a week or so after they were preached. I couldn't expect more than that of you. Unlike more skilled preachers, I hadn't written books that would be kept around for future reference. When a sermon went out through my lips that was that. Certainly the Holy Spirit worked through my preaching. The Word of God bore a harvest. But the harvest was limited. Limited to those who were present on the particular Sunday who came with 'ears to hear'.

These days I prepare sermons with a variety of people in mind. My first audience is you. But another audience is standing right behind you. Some of these are pastors and youth pastors who download and use our sermons every week. Still others are folk who tap into HollywoodJesus.com looking for David's latest movie review. Out of curiosity or out of need they check out the Spiritual aspect of a particular movie. Low and behold! There is a spiritual message which begins with a synopsis of the movie (written by David), followed by my sermon presentation you saw one Sunday right here in Ashland, Oregon. A few years back we'd have stood in disbelief if told that one day our church would be impacting the world this way. If you are not one to use the internet this may not seem very impressive. We live in a world where essentially every young person with access to a computer is surfing the web. When they discover a site as inviting, open, professional and spiritual as HollywoodJesus.com or www.OutSideTheWalls.com they return to it over and over. I'm happy to report that the response is overwhelming.

So there you have it. A team effort. A collaborative ministry. A modern day 'Go Ye Into All The World'. I'm thanking God for the privilege of preaching at this forward-thinking congregation and partnering with David Bruce and the good people of the White

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ALPHA WEEKEND

On Saturday July 8 you have a chance to join participants in the current Alpha course for the content you may have missed when you took the course. This contains a very important series of videos/discussions on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The venue will be the home of Gene and Janice Stringer, 2808 Anderson Creek Road, Talent, OR 97540. The schedule for the condensed weekend away is shown to the right. If you plan to come please RSVP to 512-2856.

Alpha "Weekend"

Stringer's Home -- Saturday July 8, 2007
Tentative Schedule



8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Dining room buffet.
9:00 am	Introduction to the Weekend	Nicky Gumbel
	Talk 1 - "Who is the Holy Spirit?"	Nicky Gumbel
10:15 am	Coffee Break	
10:25 am	Talk 2 - "What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"	Nicky Gumbel
11:10 am	Small group discussion	
12 noon	Lunch	Outdoor picnic weather permitting
1:15 pm	Reconvene	
	Talk 3 - "How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit?"	Nicky Gumbel
2:15 pm	Ministry and prayer	
2:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
2:45 pm	Talk 4 - "How Can I make the Most of the Rest of My Life?"	Nicky Gumbel

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City church who make this ministry possible. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Jim Larsen

MARLIA-LARSENS RETURNING FOR NURSES TRAINING

We've been praying that Lori Jo and Brian would be accepted by the RCC nursing program. The competition for a few positions was stiff. After taking tests and enduring interviews, both Brian and Lori Jo have been included in a program which will better equip them to serve Christ here and abroad.

Along with their son, Cielo, these good people will be returning to the Rogue Valley mid-July. It will be good to have them back among us. Thanks for your love and prayers on their behalf.



**Brian, Lori Jo, and Cielo
hiking in the Andes**

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT...A NEW TEAM JUMPS IN

What a fine response to our request for help! On a recent Monday evening a bunch of folk met together to offer their help in our Old Time Movie Night ministry. Jerry and Janie Moore have agreed to do the purchasing for the monthly event...as well as serve in the snack bar. The Killian family offered to serve in set up, snack bar duties and even clean up! Mike Royer will select the two movies and prepare press releases and ads. Karen Larsen is prepared to help in the snack bar during the first movie as well as during intermission. Brad will continue his work of preparing the marquee, monitoring the popcorn preparation, showing the movie, setting up the sound booth and other related duties. Jim Larsen will assist where needed, especially interacting with our many guests. Thanks to all who are committed to this important monthly event, including those who attend and visit with our movie-going neighbors.

NEW FACES ON WORSHIP TEAM

Hey, isn't it good to see some new faces and hear new sounds coming from the worship team! Ted Killian plays his magic guitar, Nicky Davis lends her singing voice, as does Penny Nelson. Dan Nelson plays the keyboard but is equally proficient on the guitar. Welcome! To our faithful worship leaders, Michael Wing and Chris MacDonald...thanks for your ongoing contribution to the worship life of our church family.

SMALL GROUPS, ANYBODY?

I have a real interest in seeing more small groups springing up, even for the summer months. If you are interested in hosting a group in your home I'd be happy to help you get started, including inviting some folk to join your group. What do you think? Ready to step up your spiritual life, experience fine fellowship and help others grow in their faith. Now is a great time. I can help.

Jim Larsen

WORSHIP SONGS

Every so often somebody will request a particular worship song or hymn that has been a blessing to them. How about you? If there is a song that helps

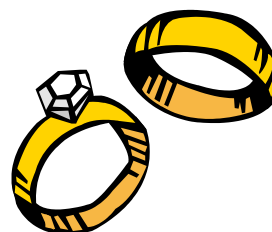
you worship and express your faith, please pass that on to me and we'll work at including on a Sunday morning.

Jim



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Austin Phillips
- 6 - Brandon Wilson
- 8 - Bobbie Ashby
- 11 - Delanee McDaniel
- 11 - Larry Ellis
- 18 - Jamie Altman
- 18 - Rick Griffith
- 23 - Jean Dooms
- 27 - Heather Pepper
- 29 - James McDaniel
- 31 - Evelyn Kent




JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Jason and April Rudy
- 29 - Dan and Jenny Acery

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
1	2 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe	3 9:30 AM Piece Corps	4  Independence Day	5 Austin Phillips, B'day	6 Brandon Wilson, B'day Jason & April Rudy, Ann	7 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
8 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Bobbie Ashby, B'day	9 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe	10 9:30 AM Piece Corps	11 10:00 AM 39 Plus Delanee McDaniel, B'day Larry Ellis, B'day	12	13	14 Alpha Day Retreat!
15 12:15 PM Potluck	16 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe	17 9:30 AM Piece Corps	18 9:30 AM Rogue Riders - Galice Janie Altman, B'day Rick Griffith, B'day	19	20	21 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
22	23 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe Jean Dooms, B'day	24 9:30 AM Piece Corps	25 10:00 AM 39 Plus -	26	27 Heather Pepper, B'day	28 9:00 AM Buddy Break- fast - Emigrant Lake
29 Dan & Jenny Acery, Ann James McDaniel, B'day	30 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe	31 9:30 AM Piece Corps Evelyn Kent, B'day				

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

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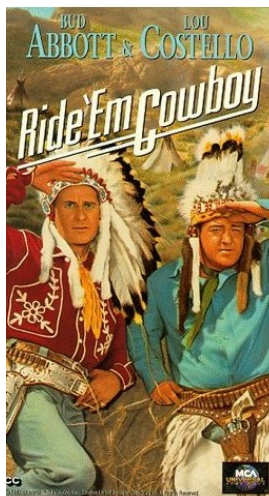


OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... JULY 21

This unique ministry has been the door through which some of our current members first came to the Christian Church of Ashland.

This month our twin bill features: *Ride 'Em Cowboy* (1942) starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello followed by *Ride Him Cowboy* (1942) starring John Wayne.

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



Ride 'Em Cowboy (1942)

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and
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