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LEARNING TO WALK MEANS GOING FISHING

Little Cielo turned one on August 21. I'd say he's a perfect little guy. For a one-year old, that is. If he hasn't changed by this time next year we'll all say something is screwy. He walks around pretty confidently, seems to say some words and is wonderfully alert. But he'll need to grow up.



Okay, that goes without saying. Why? Because we expect kids to go and grow. When we came into Christ and were mere infants the congregation cheered as we took those little steps, didn't they. Is it possible to be 20, 30 even 50 years into the faith and still walking around wobbly-legged? Ah, that is one of the painful observations

we can all make. Wrinkled old babies.

Think about an aging fly fisherman. You ask him how the fishing is going. Oh, I haven't been out on the river. So far it I've listened to 3000 lectures on fishing and watching a ton of videos on purchasing gear, casting, tying those special knots and water safety. So, you ask him, when will you start 'doing it'? He is surprised by the question, as if the thought never occurred to him. Actually fishing? Now that is a good question. Yet the parallel to fishing for men is unmistakable. A fifty year old may have heard 2000 or 3000 sermons, depending on if he/she attended a church that had an evening worship time too. A sixty or seventy year old saint may have heard 4000 or 5000 sermons.

If the main purpose of the church is to fish for men it would seem appropriate to ask this pressing question: How goes the fishing? Ooo...that hurts, doesn't it? When asked to give names of folk we helped get into the Kingdom we may cry out for a place to bury our head. But don't do that. Instead just decide to go to the river and get started.

A good place to start is prayer. Lord,

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please open doors for me to give visibility to my faith. How's that for a starter? Grant me the insight to see those open doors and courage to walk through them. I've invited all of my neighbors to see the giant tomato plant that is growing out of my compost pile. I have also offered free strawberry plants to anyone who likes big, juicy, red berries. You have done the same sort of thing. Something stymies our desire to share our friendship with Jesus. Let's get over it.

When the master returns he'll ask us about our fishing results. Did we try? Did we fess up to our friendship with Jesus when speaking with friends, family and others? When we have week-end guests do we invite them to worship with us? Have we offered to pray for those who are sick or facing challenging times?

That Cielo guy is applauded every day. But if he is staggering around without communication skills at the age of twenty...well, that would be pretty pathetic. If you are interesting in learning some fishing skills I'd be most happy to meet with you to make a plan, get geared up and make a few casts. This is no mere hobby or a job for those professionals. Fishing is every believer's business... our main business. It's time to get our feet wet, dear friend.



39PLUS

Our secret. Sometimes it seems that this wonderful ministry is our under-discovered dessert. 39PLUS really is a mid-week treat. Games start at 10... Bible Study follows at 11...Lunch is served at noon. What fun! Here is an opportunity for sweet fellowship, superb eats and competitive dominos. All ages are welcome. Here's the schedule for September:

September 5 Jim and Karen's place...114 Autumn Ridge, Talent

September 12 Marie Hoffman hosts the

group...61 N. Mt Ave., Ashland

September 19 Rogue Riders Trip

September 26 Fold Newsletter (Fellowship Hall), study and Potluck

INTER-GENERATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL HEADS TO BROOKINGS

The carrot which we've held before our innovative Summer class has been a trip to the coast. It is time for that journey. On Labor Day (Sept 3) our caravan will depart from CCA parking lot at 7:40 AM and make a stop at the Lava Lanes parking lot in Medford at 8:00 AM. We'll have fun on the beach, returning to the Valley about 6 PM. Bring some warm clothes, sun screen and money for snacks. Lunch will be a wiener roast on the beach...with condiments, soft drinks, chips and paper goods provided.

ROGUE RIDERS

A small, but dedicated group of travelers made the trek to the Woodville Museum in Rogue River in August.



(photo by Karl Slack)

On September 19 we will meet at the Church at 10:00 a.m. to go out in search of little horses. Contact Helen Jane Slack for further information.

REAL MEN MEET ON MONDAYS

Sam Stone is our teacher (via The Lookout Magazine)...Gene Stringer is our facilitator. Men who lead real lives with real ups and downs share in the reading, praying, discussing and such. First-timers



are treated to breakfast by Jerry Moore. Bring this ad to collect your vittles... gratis.

Annie's...Mondays...
Phoenix...7:45...
You!

SAINTS ALIVE

Some of the best tales told make their way to the monthly breakfast of Saints Alive! The fellowship is always grand...the food truck-driver good...the price okey dokey. See you at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix on Saturday, September 1. Don't let the date catch you by surprise. 9 a.m....Fred!

MEGHAN BAPTIZED...FRIENDS OF FAITH REJOICE

Meghan Lovell had been eagerly waiting for the Friends of Faith campout at Hyatt Lake. Klamath Falls folk, along with Lee and Pat Lyon, Marie Hoffman and the Larsens, witnessed Meghan's confession of trust in Jesus and her baptism. What a wonderful day. Surely the angels rejoiced. Congratulations, friend! (picture of Meghan)



LETTER FROM ANDREA... ASHLAND PREGNANCY CENTER

Dear Jim, Brad and Board Members

This morning when I arrived at the Pregnancy Center I was pleased to see the church newsletter had been placed on my desk. With all the mail we receive I rarely get to read the Tidings all the way through. But I read this one cover-to-cover. Please excuse my language, but in reading this edition I re-fell in love with your church. The body here at CCOA is such a family. I read all of the stories about families and activities. A member here could never possibly feel lonely or 'outside the flock'.

Pastor Larsen, it is so refreshing that whether I am talking to you in person on Sunday or discussing a matter over the phone or we run into each other here at the Center, you are never hasty or rushed. You actively engage in conversation and are truly interested in my well-being as well as the progress of the Center. Thank you so much for your diligence.

Furthermore, I truly believe that if it were not for Brad, the Center would not have existed or endured long here in Ashland. He has been fundamental to the Center...from taking care of our little trees to praying for the clients and so much more.

Thank you, church board and all the members of the Christian Church of Ashland for your support, prayers and allowing us to be here. I hope we have blessed you in a small way because you have blessed us so much! Thank You!

Andrea

Note from Jim: Our congregation provides free office space to the Ashland Pregnancy Center. In a joint project with The Center a new glass door was installed at the corner of Second and B. We liked it well enough that the board had our main doors on Second street replaced with glass ones as well. Our relationship with the APC is superb. Thanks to Andrea for her vital ministry. God bless you!

HAL BOSWORTH CELEBRATES CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

Hal recently underwent surgery for Melanoma, a form of cancer. His follow-up visit was superb, with the doctors saying they are certain they removed all of the cancer cells. Hal rejoices but also encourages us all to have frequent check-ups, noting that it was only by God's grace that he happened to be diagnosed and treated when he did.

FREIDA FULLER

This dear lady has been a member of this church for over 60 years. She can be found in our worship services every Sunday her health allows. Frieda is one of our 39PLUS attendees and a champion domino player. No wonder we have all been praying for her in her time of hospitalization and surgery. Frieda received a pace-maker to keep her heart beat up above those days when her pulse was in the 20s and 30s. God bless you, sister.



DONNA CORNELIUS SAYS HELLO

A recent call from Donna assures us that she is doing well in Corvallis, Oregon. She says hello to all of the church and asks for our prayers in some decisions she is making these days.

RUTH SUSICH

Ruth is Bob Doom's sister. Some of us first met her at Old Time Movie Night. Ruth's hip surgery ran into some difficulties, sending her to the ICU ward. She is doing better now but thanks all of our folk for prayers and visits.

LEROY HENNEY GRADUATES TO GLORY

I knew Leroy when ministering with Rogue Valley Christian Church. He had served as an elder there for over 40 years. We were friends. Many of you knew this good man and were disheartened to hear of his passing in mid-August. Our prayers are with his dear wife, Elsie. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend his memorial service in Medford. Jim Larsen

FRIENDS OF FAITH

This is an exciting time for our Klamath Falls fellowship. Ross Wolf, Roxanne Wilson, Nikki Hill, Brian Wigen and Irvin Smith are graduating from Northwest Christian College on September 10. Our pastor, Jim, will deliver the commencement address. Congratulations to this fine bunch.

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

The Sumptuous September Sunday Potluck is scheduled for September 16th. Plan now to spend some time connecting with your 2nd and B Family and Friends around the Sunday table. Hunt up a family heritage recipe to prepare, dream up some new concoction or stop in and buy something already prepared then bring it to the church kitchen.

On potluck **Sunday, September 16**, if your last name begins with **A - K, please bring a main dish & a 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.

BRIAN AND LORI JO...

MISSIONARIES STATESIDE

Congratulations to Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen on being accepted into the nursing program at RCC. Over 200 applicants competed for 30 student slots. They also qualified for tuition assistance. This young couple from our church appreciates our financial assistance and encouragement. This training will allow them to touch both bodies and souls when they once again head to the foreign field with their

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son, Cielo...now one year old. Experience in Peru convinced them that medical certification will make them even more useful to the Kingdom in world evangelism. Good going!



NEW CREW HANDLES O.T. M.N. SNACK BAR

In recent months a new team has taken charge of set up/purchasing/running the snack bar and even selecting the monthly movies and working with the newspaper people. Wow!

Mike Royer is our new movie guy. He not only selects a movie from his archives, but works up the ad for the Daily Tidings and a press release for the Tempo. What a guy!

Jerry and Janie Moore volunteered to keep the Snack Bar pantry stocked with candy, chips, dogs, paper goods and such. They also work in the snack bar and help with clean up.

The Killian Family, Ted and Kay plus sons Tom and Tim, help with set up and work in the snack bar... they stay to help with clean up. Wow, indeed!

Karen Larsen is on the team to help set up and works in the snack bar.

Brad continues in his work of preparing and hanging

the marquee, plus getting the popcorn machine going, setting up the projector, running the movie and lots of other stuff.

Jim Larsen helps where needed and enjoys introducing the Old Time Movie Night Host, Mike Royer. In August we enjoyed the assistance of Cameron and Clara, grandchildren of the Moores, visiting from Battle Ground, Washington. They are pictured here. Thanks, kids!



ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT

Mark your calendars, Prepare your camping gear, Stock your ice chest or refrigerators. We will be camping at Wildcat Campground on Hyatt Lake.

When: Friday, Saturday, Sunday: September 21, 22, 23

Fees: Campsite, \$7/day for one RV and one vehicle, and/or one tent, Extra Vehicle, \$6/day

This campground has water at a pump and restrooms available, otherwise RV's need to be self-contained. Showers and RV dump are available at the Main BLM campground. Firewood is available at Main

BLM campground, at Hyatt Lake Resort, or Howard Prairie Resort.



Please come prepared with food for your campsite for all meals. Some meals could be shared potluck affairs.

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There will be short devotional periods Friday and Saturday evening followed by singing around the campfire, and Sunday morning communion. Bring warm coats for sitting around the campfire, evenings could be cold.

More details, including map and directions, will be available (to those interested in camping with us) as we get closer to camping time.

COMBINED POTLUCK, PRAISE & PRAYER GATHERING

Mark your calendars for the first annual outdoor multi-church Community Potluck, Prayer & Praise gathering (in Ashland) on Sunday, September 16th. This grand event will begin at 4 PM, at Lithia Park's historic Band Shell & "Lithia Fountain" Gazebo. The First Baptist Worship Team will lead the music. This will be an awesome evening of Christ-centered unity (based on Jesus' prayer throughout John Chapter 17)! Bring a favorite dish and several friends to meet some new faces for a great time of fun and fellowship! For more info, call Margaret at (541) 482-1784, or Illis at 482-3836 Monday - Thursday mornings.

Scott Spalding

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies mark your calendars. It's time for our lunch gathering. Tuesday, September 11, noon at Laurie Royer's home (2780 Cedar Links Dr, Medford). Come one come all. Please call Laurie at 772-0689 to let her know you are coming. It's a great time for us ladies to relax and enjoy one another's company.

Laurie Royer

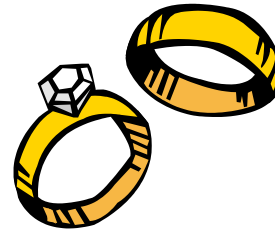
Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold the new things

2 Corinthians 5:17



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 - Jim and Karen Larsen
- 24 - Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen
- 24 - Thom and Christa Phillips

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 |
|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 2 | 3 7:30 AM Bible School Class trip to Brookings 7:45 AM Men Alive-Ann's Cafe social & lunch B'day Cabo-Iday | 4 9:30 AM Piece Corps | 5 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Larsen's Home Connie Griffith, B'day | 6 Jean Vermillion, B'day | 7 Helen Jane Slack, B'day | 8 Jim Johnson, B'day Rose Lupfer, B'day |
| 9 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting | 10 7:45 AM Men Alive- Ann's Cafe | 11 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch | 12 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's | 13 | 14 | 15 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Catherine Kent, B'day |
| 16 12:15 PM Potluck 4:00 PM Combined Potluck, Praise & Prayer Gathering - Lithia Park Bandshell Jim and Karen Larsen, Ann | 17 7:45 AM Men Alive- Ann's Cafe | 18 9:30 AM Piece Corps | 19 10:00 AM Rogue Riders | 20 Becky Belt, B'day | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 7:45 AM Men Alive- Ann's Cafe Brian and Lori to Maria-Larsen, Ann Thom and Chrissa Phillips, Ann | 25 9:30 AM Piece Corps Jennifer Dooms, B'day | 26 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall | 27 | 28 | 29 Christopher Macauley, B'day David Smith, B'day |
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9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship

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SHAKESPEARE WITH A SCI-FI TWIST, AN OBEDIENT ROBOT AND JAMES ARNESS AS A SUPER CARROT!

Legendary Howard Hawks blends science-fiction and horror in a classic about scientists that dig up an alien in the frozen Arctic and what befalls them when it is accidentally thawed out! *The Thing From Another World*, 1951 from RKO. Running time 87 minutes.

Our second feature, *Forbidden Planet*, 1956 MGM. An ambitious and intelligent science-fiction version of the Bard's "The Tempest" finds space travelers forced to deal with a determined scientist, his lovely

daughter, a very helpful robot, and the horrible fate awaiting them all at the hands of ...? Running time 98 minutes.

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

