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# THE PROBLEM WITH "CHURCH"



Westminster Abbey. Detail above the western entrance. Photo by Dr. Simon Ho.  
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Building churches (buildings) began a few hundred years after Jesus walked the Earth. We read that prior to 'churches' the church met in homes, halls and even outdoors. In time buildings dedicated to worship and teaching became a normal part of congregational life. In fact we expect that a group of believers will eventually have their own 'church'. And that is nice isn't it? We gather in out of the rain. Seats can be nailed to the floor and left in place from week to week. Here in America Christians began constructing facili-

ties like this in the mid-1800s. Parlors, teaching rooms and even areas for smoking and the consumption of alcohol became normal for some denominations.

But once you erect a place of assembly everything changes. Ask where the local church is and you'll get directions to a place, not people. Behavior changes inside that building and is resumed when we walk back outside. Worship is thought of as what happens at that place at a certain time. 'Going' to church replaces 'being' the church. So when I invite a friend to join me for Church at Louie's Bar and Grill he naturally pictures a formal service. The point of it all is that since the primary meaning of 'church' is people, they can meet anywhere and still be called church.

The fledgling congregation in Klamath Falls is a wonderful model for our consideration. I

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Friends of Faith—Klamath Falls

doubt that any of our brothers or sisters invite their friends to our gathering by saying, 'Why not come to church with me?' They'll talk about our Friends of Faith meeting. There is no spot in the evening when dinner moves into the 'church' stage. Around the table we pray, sing, recite our memory verses and conduct the Bible study. There is no church building or church service...just the church gathered. I love it! Guests begin the evening with a hint of nervousness but depart feeling accepted, encouraged and cared for.

I recently discussed this matter with a friend whose congregation is growing quite rapidly. New members are being added right along. I asked how his church responded when his wife passed away. There was a moment of hesitation followed by the confession that nobody came by to visit him until he called the church office and asked for a pastor to come over to discuss the funeral. It could be said that the church wasn't the church. The people didn't tend to the guy or help carry his sorrow. Just the other day a lady told me that she had to leave the mega-church she had been attending because it seemed to mainly conduct a pep rally each Sunday, rather than help people care for one another.

So where is our church at this moment? Reading this newsletter, that's where. Where-



The Church Serves Soup

ever you are, friend, is where the church is. Is the church taking care of people? Look in the mirror and ask that question. Some of the church meets at Louie's. Some of the church meets over at Ruby Balbo's place. Where is our church? Wherever God's people hang their hat, eat lunch, tie their shoes or walk the dog.



**OCTOBER 7-10**

## Teach, Baptize, Teach

### A Schools of Mission...

...to please God by making disciples of all nations  
 ...to pray for missionaries and people of different cultures  
 ...to equip the local churches in mission strategy  
 ...to assist local churches in challenging her members to consider cross cultural ministries

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." .. Matthew 28:19-20*

Our church plans to take full advantage of this year's Schools of Mission:

Sunday, October 7 Jaffet and Norma Perez will be guests of Michael Wing's class. Let's have a good turnout to hear about **Ministry in Spanish Evangelism**.

Monday, October 8 The Men's group will host Dr. Glen Basey, as he tells of **Christian' Haven**. Everyone is invited...Men, Women and Children. Annie's Restaurant, Phoenix, 7:45 a.m. Jerry's offer is not in effect today. Gene Stringer will pick up the tab of first-timers!

Wednesday, October 10 Phil and Susan Casey will bless our 39PLUS meeting in the church Fellowship Hall by telling of their labors with **LATM, Literature and Teaching Ministries**. This Fellowship and Dominoes at 10...the Casey's speak at 11... Potluck lunch at noon. Ya'll come! Everyone invited.



You can't see Karl because he is behind the camera

## ROGUE RIDERS

Once again our intrepid Rogue Riders have completed another mission to the great beyond. In September they took a trek to see some miniature horses. As you can see we had a nice turn out. In October our next trek will be on Wednesday, October 17. Watch the bulletin for details.



## 39PLUS

These Wednesday morning events have it all...fun and games at 10....followed by an 11 o'clock Bible Study usually led by our pastor...then lunch. Need a little fellowship time and a place to go on Wednesday mornings? 39PLUS is for you. Here is the schedule for October:

October 3 Marie Hoffman's Home

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- October 10 Fellowship Hall...Guest speakers: Phil and Susan Casey LATM (Literature and Teaching Ministries)
- October 17 Rogue Riders
- October 24 Laurie Royer's Home
- October 31 Fellowship Hall Potluck Lunch

## SAINTS ALIVE...FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

So we bundle up a little on mornings these days. Pack along a good joke or two...or some internet goodies to share. Count on a good confab with the other mature adults in attendance. Expect fine chow. Stop in at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix and plan to order from the menu or get in on the hefty buffet. See you at 9 a.m.,...Fred!

## POTLUCK DINNER

Fall is officially here. That means it is time for our Harvest-Potluck. Plan now to spend some time connecting with your 2<sup>nd</sup> and B Family and Friends around the Sunday Dinner table. 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. We hope you will join us on **Sunday, October 21** for our monthly potluck. Come join us for a time of fellowship, fun, and food!!

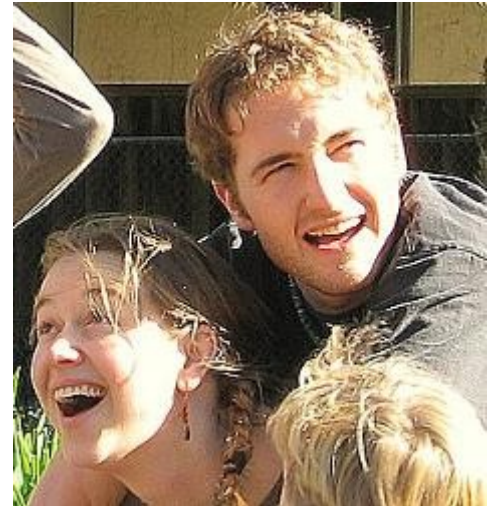
*Remember to bring hot dishes already cooked! The ovens are set to just keep food hot.*

## NEW BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS FOR ELEMENTARY AGE

Kay Killian and Julie Hamilton have begun

a new class for kids in elementary school. Parents, you'll find this a unique and invigorating experience for your children. Sunday mornings, lower level classrooms, 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

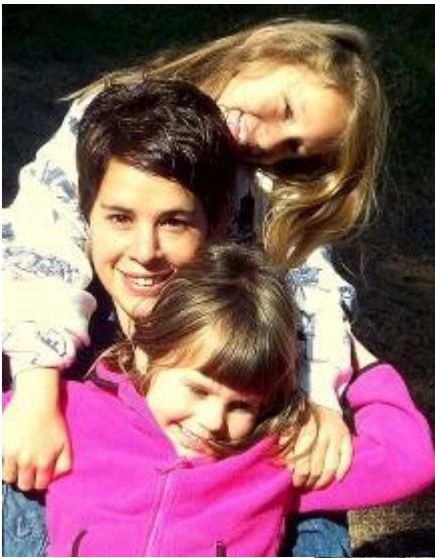
## LORI JO AND BRIAN PRESENT MISSION WORK



On Sunday morning, September 30, the Marlia-Larsens will make a presentation of there mission work. We have asked Brian and Lori Jo to conduct the whole service...leading us in worship, preparing the congregation for the Lord's Supper and presenting the message. Expect a wonderful morning of singing, challenge and prayer.

## REAL MEN MEET ON MONDAYS

Not all real men join us for breakfast, prayer and Bible study on Monday mornings. But the guys who show up are real. They seem to be real hungry. The sharing time is filled with telling one another about real life situations. The Bible study is real interesting and pertinent. So come join us at Annie's in Phoenix. Mondays at 7:45 a.m. Jerry Moore promises to by breakfast for first timers. Bring this ad to collect your free vittles.



## ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

Congratulations to Mel Metcalf and Jerry Moore for organizing and pulling off a high country camp out for the church family. Hyatt Lake was



teeming with hungry bass, fisherman lined up ready to use the boat.

Jim Jarrell

had potatoes cooking in a pot of resin and the Nelsons did a grand job of providing camp-fire music. Eating was dandy, the weather co-operated and the company was superb. We'll do it again next year.



## FRIENDS OF FAITH

This fine congregation meets in various homes in Klamath Falls twice monthly. Meghan Lovell hosted the group on September 23. Irvin and Suzanne



Meghan and our newest member, Tom



Roxanne and sister, Amy, ready to offer up a bowl of prayers

Smith have invited the whole bunch of us to their home on October 7. After a pot luck dinner we've been studying the Book of James... paraphrasing, doing words studies

and such. Twenty minutes of viewing The Gospel of John, prayer, singing and sharing our burdens and joys... suddenly two hours have sped by. The of-



Our current study... from the book of James



Brandon Wilson, part of our Youth Group

fering is being saved to assist poor families around Christmas time. Welcome to our newest participant, Tom!





## HARRIS BEACH CELEBRATION

After a great summer of planning and presenting cross-generational lessons, the education time and friends took their long-anticipated trek to the Oregon Coast. The one-day event was highlighted by corn-on-the-cob, chili dog, salad and dessert overlooking the beach. Great fun! Thanks to Gene Stringer and Ted Killian for driving the gang to Harris Beach.

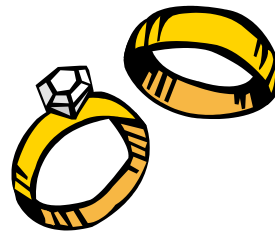
## PIECE CORPS QUILT

The "Piece Corps" has almost finished the Annual Quilt and it will be hanging in the Library around the end of October. This year's quilt is very special. Our quilters have been meticulously hand stitching all around the stars since around May. Let's really support our Piece Corp this year.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jerry Moore
- 3 - Spencer Hayes
- 3 - Thom Phillips
- 4 - Kathy Wing
- 5 - Jazz Hernandez
- 5 - Phil Fullerton
- 7 - Lucille Sisson
- 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
	1 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Jerry Moore, B'day	2 9:30 AM Piece Corps	3 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Larsen's Home Jon & Amanda Vellinga, Ann Thom Phillips, B'day Spencer Hayes, B'day	4 Kathy Wing, B'day	5 Jazz Hernandez, B'day Phil Fullerton, B'day	6 9:00 AM Saints Alive Break fast - Iron Skillet
7 Lucille Sisson, B'day	8 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Key to Bible, B'day Columbus Day (Observed)	9 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch	10 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellow- ship Hall - NW SoM Ava Fish, B'day Linda Cornwell, B'day	11 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellow- ship Hall - NW SoM Ava Fish, B'day Linda Cornwell, B'day	12	13
14 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting	15 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home	16 9:30 AM Piece Corps Dominic & Juanita Hernandez Ann	17 Rogue Riders Julie Smith, B'day	18	19	20 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
21 12:15 PM Potluck Janice Stringer, B'day	22 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Jon Vellinga, B'day	23 9:30 AM Piece Corps	24 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Laurie Royer's Home Marjorie Russell, B'day	25 Benjamin Stringer, B'day	26	27
28	29 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Lyle Peterson, B'day	30 9:30 AM Piece Corps	31 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellow- ship Hall - Newsletter			

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

### OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT HALLOWEEN THEMED PROGRAM

No. 1: Mystery, comedy, love...you'll gasp, then giggle with chills, thrills and then smiles, in the 1933 Warner Brothers early 2-strip Technicolor delight "**DOCTOR X**"

No. 2: Revived after thousands of years an Egyptian mummy seeks his reincarnated mate. Boris Karloff stars in Universal's 1932 horror classic "**THE MUMMY**"

