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Amazing New Developments Within CCA



I remember the day we were videotaping at Louie's Bar and Grill. I commented to David Bruce that it would be quiet an undertaking to move his studio to a new home when that time came. He smiled and dared to whisper a dream he's had for several years...running HollywoodJesus.Com from our church facility. We have a room or two to spare. Not many days later the Elders took up the discussion and agreed to recommend to the church board that we invite David to set up shop in our largest available space. Subsequently the board agreed to the proposition and here we are. The balcony is now be-

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Jim and I had attended college together ages ago. It was there that I first got him in trouble. He asked me to show some film clips at his church. I did. And the elders and college officials went crazy. Actually it may have been one of the first times in American history that film clips were shown in a church service –albeit in a youth service. Church and school officials did not know what to think about it. The dean dragged me into a meeting before key college professors. They wanted to analyze every frame of film that had been shown at Jim's church. Back then, I used 8mm film, there were no VCRs or digital media as we have it

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ing prepared for the installation of a large flat panel High Definition TV, computers and whatever it takes to help David and HJ keep connected to and touching the people of our planet. It is the world's largest evangelism website, having already received over 4 billion hits.

A special feature of this amazing ministry is "Movie Pre-Viewing". Because David is on fabulous terms with Hollywood, he receives entire movies before they reach the movie-watching public. Movie companies have invited him to show these movies at our church, video taping our reviews. These taped reviews will then be posted on HollywoodJesus.com.

This entire venture will allow our church to be used of God in exciting and ground-breaking ways.

I applaud our church leadership for its visionary thinking and decision making. Welcome HJ.



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today. In spite of all there scrutiny, they found nothing "bad" and Jim stuck by me through it all. Actually my friend Jim and I had struck on the future; we just didn't realize it at the time.

Jim and I fell out of touch, as often happens with college chums, and the years past. And then, as though God was directing events, we met up again at Starbucks in Ashland. And again, Jim asked me to share film clips in his church. You would think that he had enough trouble. But no! He again was being the gracious friend I had always known him to be. And that was nearly 6 years ago now.

That Starbuck's meeting was the start of an incredible adventure that no one but God could have foreseen. In partnership with the White City Church of Christ, the Christian Church of Ashland has begun treading into new territory. "Outside the Walls" and "Church at Louie's Bar and Grill" were launched with amazing results. Our pioneering internet ministry has grown to a point that I personally could not continue to facilitate it out of my home. In an un-

precedented and gracious action through Jim and the elders, I have been invited to use the church to facilitate the ever growing needs of our worldwide ministry partnership.

After a number of meetings we have put together a plan that will allow us to enhance our worldwide outreach in a way that we have not been able to do before.

1. We are setting up an internet center where worldwide outreach can happen right out of CCA.
2. We are creating opportunities for the entire membership to participate. Bloggers, writers, talkers, debaters, reviewers, singers, musicians, set decorators, techies and encouragers needed.
3. Internet High Definition Television (HDTV) is being set up that will involve the production of local (RVTV), national and international broadcasts.
4. Regular Podcasts (internet radio) and Vodcasts (video iPod) will be produced.
5. Semi-weekly Hollywood premiers of new films will be presented for test audience review. This is a great opportunity to invite non-Christian friends.

I could go on. The adventure continues. Only God knows. We leave it in his hands. Just as God brought Jim and I together, so He has brought all of us together. We (and that definitely includes you) are in the right place at the right time. I'm excited. Feel free to call me at any time (541-261-2916).

David Bruce



The new home for the Internet ministries of **HollywoodJesus.Com** and **OutSideTheWalls.Com**

THANKS, REDWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

You know that Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen are pursuing their nursing degrees through Rogue Community College in Grants Pass. The best arrangement for them is to stay in Grants Pass during the first days of the week. They have use of a small motor home; what was needed was a place to park it. The folk at the Redwood church have been generous in offering their parking lot and even a key to the church! What wonderful generosity. After the current semester the Marlia-Larsens will head back to Peru for Christmas break. Please pray for Lori Jo, Brian and Cielo as they carry on a hectic, and often stressful, schedule.

39PLUS...NOVEMBER PLANS

Available adults, you miss out on a real mid-week treat if you pass up the weekly games, study and fabulous food enjoyed by 39PLUS folk. With Thanksgiving on the horizon our schedule will be shifted a bit. Here's how it looks:

Nov 7 Marie Hoffman's home

Nov 14 Rogue Riders

Nov 21 Stay Home This week...no meeting

Nov 28 Fellowship Hall Fold Newsletter, Bible Study and Pot Luck Lunch

ROGUE RIDERS

Last month a small group ventured out to our nearby neighbors at the Genealogical Society in Phoenix. In November on a special day our intrepid riders will again take another sort trek this time visiting the Talent Historical Society. We will meet at the church at 10:30 and depart for lunch at 11:00 on **Wednesday the 14th** since the normal Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving. Contact Helen Jane Slack at 482-8225 with any questions.

POTLUCK DINNER

It's November, the Thanksgiving month. Plan now to spend some time connecting with your 2nd 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 dessert**. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a **main dish**

and a salad. Single folks just bring one item to share. We hope you will join us on **Sunday, November 18** 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

We will be enjoying the hospitality of Janie Moore for a delicious luncheon on **Tuesday Nov 13** at 12 noon. The address is 1950 Alamar Street, Medford, (1/4 mile north of South Stage Road off Orchard Home Drive). Ladies, Please let Janie know if you are going to attend, so she will know how much food to prepare.

Janie Moore

SAINTS ALIVE...FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Enjoy tons of laughter, hear tall tales, eat heartily... go home and nap. Every month a bunch of mature adults gather at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix for a 9 a.m. pow wow. What fun! Come join us. Younger ones are invited too...40 or so. Next meeting... **November 3**.

REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S

Lately we've been taking our lesson from the Lookout. These studies from the Old Testament have proven to be quite applicable to our own day, despite their antiquity. Until Jerry Moore heads south for the Winter he'll treat any newcomers to a big breakfast. A guy can't that up, can he. Mondays at 7:45...Annie's Restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon).

THANKSGIVING...DUTCH OVEN STYLE

For several years now I've cooked Thanksgiving dinner out at Tou-Velle Park on the Rogue River. Fill those Dutch



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ovens will all kinds of healthy vittles, let them slow cook and you have dinner fit for a king. This year I'm inviting you join the drama. I'll arrive at the park (\$3 to park) at about 9 with plans to have guests eating by noon. If you'd like to help out just come early. I'll have a jar handy for those who want to help out with a few bucks. Everything will be provided. Just bring an appetite plus your family.



The one main requirement is reservations. Thanksgiving is on the 22nd this year. Reservations must be made by the 18th. Menu looks to be Beef Brisket, Yams and String Beans, Peach Cobbler, Potato Casserole, Veggies and Shrimp.

Expect plenty of hot coffee and hot chocolate too.

Jim Larsen

FRIENDS OF FAITH...THE KLAMATH FALLS BRETHERN

This fine group started over a year ago when a Northwest Christian College student said, "Most of us here at Kingsley Field (Air National Guard Base) haven't put our roots down in a local church. If you preached over here in Klamath Falls we'd attend your church." Not one to pass up such an opportunity, I volunteered to make the trip over the Cascades twice a month. The Mission Team offered to put fuel in my car so I'm able to participate in a wonderful ministry with this growing group of believers. Before our first meeting Mike was baptized over here in the Rogue River. Meghan Lovell

was our most recent one to be baptized. She chose Hyatt Lake as her baptistery.

Now we are making plans for a Spiritual Retreat at Diamond Lake. Please pray for this fledgling congregation that has the motto: No Budgets, No Buildings and No Big Shots.

Jim Larsen



Davenport Family, New to Friends of Faith

TED KILLIAN'S NEW CLASS FEATURES ROB BELL

Teens and young adults are loving Ted's new balcony class. Rob Bell, a terrific communicator/pastor has been captured on video and provides excellent 'shorts' that stimulate discussion and discovery. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 with the promise of Bible study, mining for spiritual truth...plus a fruit tray.

ELEMENTARY AGE KIDS INVITED TO A NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Kay Killian beckons all families of school age children to give our new Bible school class a try. You can expect innovative teaching, well-planned lessons with ample opportunity for growth, discovery and service. Deliver the young ones to the Fellowship hall area next Sunday, parents, and take your choice of three adult classes ready for your participation. Sundays...9:30 a.m. Don't forget the nursery and pre-school ministry directed by Sandee McDaniel. With more kids in the church and more opportunities for learning and developing spiritual wings, these are great days to get connected on Sunday mornings.

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THE NEED (EXCERPTS FROM CHRISTIANS' HAVEN NEWSLETTER)



A fund-raising campaign, 242 Health Care, to cover medical expenses at CH was launched on June 1, 2007. The campaign goal is to raise \$242,000 to pay for the unexpected cost of the Hepatitis B health care crisis. These unavoidable expenses have been a contributing factor in the cash flow problems of the last year.

Though CH is making payroll for staff, it has been delayed in recent months as a result of the overwhelming medical bills. Reaching the campaign goal will relieve the pressure of these bills and help put CH on sound footing again. In a concerted effort to explain the need and seek partners in the campaign, I am meeting with individuals, congregations, corporations, and foundations. Please make this a matter of urgent prayer...

The Missions Committee has already sent \$4000 from the Opportunity Fund to help meet this urgent need and is now asking the congregation to add to this gift through the Faith Promise approach. Further details on Christians' Haven may be found at <http://www.christians-haven.org/welcome/>

HOW YOU CAN HELP

On November 4th worship will be devoted to a detailed explanation of the idea of Faith Promise and the details of our project. During the following six

weeks two pieces of data will be gathered and reported on a weekly basis; the amount that has been promised and the amount that has been received. There will be opportunities for those who have experienced God's leading in the process to share their testimonies.

We respect the fact that giving is a private matter so although we ask you to report the amount of your promised gift when you know what it is, we do not ask you to identify yourselves. Even if you do choose to sign the form, no one will contact you about your gift. It is between you and God. Simply place your promise card in the offering plate. When you are ready to make the gift put it in the special Faith Promise envelope and place it in the offering plate.

We will conclude the project at Christmas and celebrate the outcome with a special worship on December 30th when Dr. Glen Basey, Christians' Haven Vice President for Development, will bring the morning message.

Those who participate in the Faith Promise project will need to use the materials found in the Faith-Promise envelopes. This includes the following:

1. This brief explanation of the Faith Promise project
2. What is Faith Promise giving to Missions by Keith Sorensen
3. A form to be used for reporting the amount you are promising to give
4. A form to remind you of the amount and to pray for the project need.
5. The Faith-Promise envelope to be used when you are ready to make your gift.



AN APPRECIATIVE PASTOR

Oh, thanks so much for the nice words, gifts and attention. Due to the exceptional celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month by our flock, I've decided to extend the event another month. Keep those flowery words coming my way. In all sincerity, we have a fine thing going here at the Christian Church of Ashland, don't we? People get along, we are enjoying a multi-year season of unity and love. It doesn't get much better than this.

So the next month will be a turn about. Let me find some ways to tell you how much I love you. Maybe we can begin by repeating the invitation located elsewhere in the newsletter...an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner out at Tou Velle Park. I need to find ways to thank you for giving me a new start back in 2000. The years have zipped by, but I am still keenly aware of the step of faith you took in hiring a re-tread preacher. Even after arriving here I've gone through a time of re-invention. Through it all you have been nothing short of encouraging and supportive. Every Sunday I look out at you and thank the one who made my lucky stars. We have walked together through startling changes. God has opened doors for our church family and together we've walked on through them.

So, thanks for using October's special emphasis to convince me that our connection is valued. Let's tighten our grip on one another, keep checking our spiritual compass and march together to the beat of the gospel drum.

Appreciative, Jim Larsen

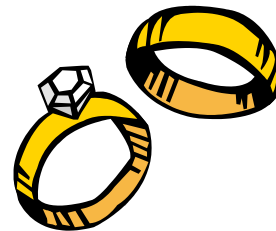


2007 Piece Corp Quilt—tickets \$5 ea or 3 for \$10



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Clyde Fuller
- 5 - Jason Wilson
- 8 - Sandee McDaniel
- 12 - Martha Bosworth
- 12 - Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen
- 16 - Gene Stringer
- 26 - Brandon Witt
- 27 - Genice Normand



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Paul and Nellie Creel
- 12 - Mel and Betty Tine Metcalf
- 24 - Jim and Gwen Jarrell
- 27 - Chris and Corey McDonald

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
<p>4 Clyde Fuller, B'day Daylight Savings -set back 1 hour</p> 	<p>5 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Jason Wilson, B'day</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM Piece Corps 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Bala-Marie Hoffman's Homence Class</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class Santee McDaniel, B'day</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class Gene Stringer, B'day</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet</p>
<p>11 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Lori Jo, Marla-Larsen, B'day Matha Bosworth, B'day Mel & Betty Time Metcalfe, Ann</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM Piece Corps 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>14 11:00 AM Rogue Riders 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>	<p>17 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>18 12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>19 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home</p>	<p>20 9:30 AM Piece Corps 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class</p>	<p>21 No 39 Plus this week</p>	<p>22 Thanks go to </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Jim & Gwen Jarrell, Ann.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:45 AM Men Alive-Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Brandon Witt, B'day</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Piece Corps 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class Chris & Coey McDonald, Ann Genice Normand, B'day</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM TAI CHI Bala-nce Class</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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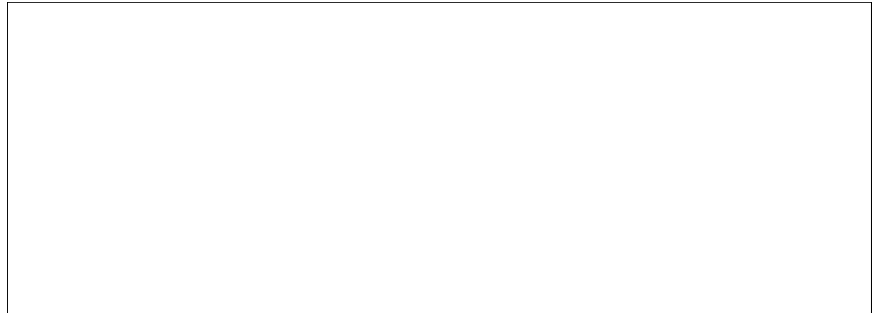
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- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Discovery Club
- 10:45 AM Worship



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Dancing Lady
MGM
1933

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

Glossy backstage romance, Fred Astaire's film debut, Clark Gable, Joan Crawford and Ted Healy and his stooges, Larry, Moe and Curley are all part of the Showbiz story **DANCING LADY**, MGM 1933. Running time 92 minutes.

Cary Grant, joined by Katherine Hepburn, in her sole venture into slapstick, May Robson, Charlie Ruggles and a pet leopard named Baby star in what is now considered the definitive screwball comedy, **BRINGING UP BABY**, RKO 1938. Running time 102 minutes.

Join us for an evening of melody, chuckles and laugh-out-loud entertainment.

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

Bringing Up Baby
RKO
1938

