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DEALING WITH BLACK HATTERS

Talk about edgy living. Jesus went way out of bounds so many times. The lines were pretty clearly drawn. The occupiers, those Romans, definitely wore black hats. And tax collectors! What scum bags they were, collecting taxes from their own people on behalf of Rome. And adulterers...no need for explanation. Samaritans...those half-breeds. Unclean! Yet Jesus accepted invitations to eat with them, stay overnight in their homes, and such. And they loved him. He was the guest at a tax collector's banquet. Samaritans begged him to stay a few days in their village. A woman of ill-repute crashed a party so she could wash his feet with her tears. The list goes on...and on.

And I'm to be like him? For sure. He instructed his followers to pray for 'black hat' folk...to help them out...be good to them. After all, he explained, God sends rain to the righteous and the unrighteous. So if we want to be called Sons of God we'll need to follow suit. That kind of living takes plenty of self-control.

Those who don't go into the dark places of the world go as missionaries soon become part of the mission field.

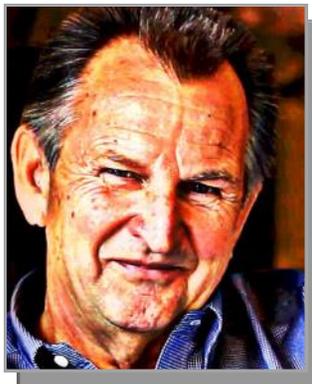
And it means intentionally stepping off of my usual path to frequent the places where dark hatters socialize, work and play. We don't read of Jesus inviting his listeners to a place... but to him. He invited himself into their world, and accepted their invitations to hang out on their turf. Imagine that...sleeping in a Samaritan village, a Samaritan home. He ate at their table...food prepared by half-breed Samaritans! Oh, the scandal of it all.

Doesn't it all come down to how we want to complete the race? We can cross the finish line sparkling clean, with a robe neatly ironed. Or we can wrap it all up with black hat friends in tow. On those dusty roads and in those 'unlike him' haunts Jesus worked to dissolve differences and optimize every relationship for

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heaven's sake. I'll need to be creative in following his lead in a world, so unlike his in so many ways, but just as lost and needy as ever. God help me. Is my hat so white, anyway?



REAL MEN HANG AROUND

This summer our guys are taking turns leading the weekly pow wow...the 8 am breakfast and study time. We order from the menu or cruise the ample buffet. Either way the price is fair and the vittles quite wonderful. But when we wrap things up they aren't finished. We chat on the way to the cashier. And once our bills are paid and ample tips are left behind, nobody goes home. A couple gents are seen talking out in the parking lot. Others stand by a car, catching up on family news. They simply won't go home. It says something about how this Monday morning gang feels about each other. You'd like it. The Iron Skillet...Petro Truck Stop...Phoenix (Oregon!) ...Mondays at 8 am



ROGUE RIDERS JUNE 19



Last month's steak fry out at the lake went so very well. In June we'll pack our own lunches and find a picnic table in Lithia

Park. Bring what you plan to eat. Not a potluck. Dessert provided. After lunch there will be time for a walk to the duck pond if you'd like. Meet at the church at 10:30 so we can keep track of each other in the big park. Everyone welcome!

ROGUE RENDEZVOUS



AUGUST 22-26

Get this straight. The 5-day encampment has little structure. This will be my annual personal prayer retreat, but I'm eager to have fellow campers join me. I'm inviting you to be a part of this Rogue Rendezvous. You'll be self-contained, although there may be some communal meals. Salmon are running in the Rogue River. Weather is usually great as summer wanes. Plan on cool evenings. John Hendee will be joining me from San Diego. Our son-in-law Ethan, a pastor in Phoenix, Arizona, will be flying in, with one of his elders as well. Fireside conversations will be rich, indeed. I'll be leading a course in prayer. A Rotary friend is interested in joining us and offering a short-course in fly casting. So...if you have an interest in spending any part of this time frame camping on the Rogue River, not far from Gold Beach, give me a jingle. Jim Larsen 541-890-3209

COMPASSIONATE ACTION

Want to make somebody's world a better place? Such opportunities abound. All summer we can tackle yard work, lawn mowing, weed pulling, painting, fence repair,



and such. Please contact Jim (541-890-3209) if you can lend a hand. It may mean putting in an hour here and there after work, knocking off small tasks. Some work is best done by a team of workers. Jim and the Compassionate Action crew can link you up with projects which match your skills and interest. Our 2012 version of a Serving Summer was quite amazing. This year finds us with even more service to be rendered. We've already helped two families move, done some landscape work and other odd jobs. Here is a good way to put your 'like Jesus' behavior into action.



NEW TESTAMENT COURSE AT MEXICAN EATERY

Get a grip...on the New Testament. I've designed a course which will help you gain a better understanding of the New Testament and its main themes. What believer would not wish to have a working knowledge of Jesus' teachings and the heart of Paul's thinking?

Join me at El Tapatio Restaurant on Summer Sunday mornings, starting June 9. I'll buy coffee. If you'd like to order breakfast (they have some terrific deals) you'll want to arrive sometime after 8:30 am. The one hour class, starting at 9:15, will give you plenty of time to make it to morning worship. Jim L

JACKSON HOUSE, ARBOR PLACE AND MOUNTAIN VIEW

If you have a heart for oldsters this ministry is for you. Each week I visit 3 retirement centers. Care to join me from time to time? Jackson House is located on Suncrest in Talent. My Sunday afternoon stop there is brief...from about 1:50 -2:30. Next is Arbor Place over in Medford at 3150 Juanipero Way, a few blocks off of North Phoenix Road. I tell a Bible story and make applications... as well as lead the group in singing and prayer. Fellowship is a big part of this gathering of about a dozen residents. Monday afternoon finds me at Mountain View Retirement Center in Ashland...3 pm. These folk are quite knowledgeable of the Bible. The one hour visit often includes donuts and coffee. We meet in their library area. All three of these ministries are immensely fulfilling. No skills are necessary...just lots of love. Let me know if you have an interest in 'making somebody's world a better place'. Jim

GROCERIES NEEDED



Perhaps you'd like to see your food donations (or money for groceries) help families we know. If so, just place your non-perishables in the marked box in the church foyer. If you have fresh food just give me a call and I'll do the pick-up and delivery. Checks or cash can be placed in the offering, earmarked 'benevolence-food'. So this summer you are invited to help out a bit. Your gifts of love will help families we know and want to serve. Jim Larsen

39PLUS...ALWAYS UPLIFTING

For June this year we will skip our usual 39 Plus gathering at the beginning of the month.

On June 26...Newsletter Folding. This is such fun. Sit around the table and select your task... folding, labeling, applying the sticker, use the crease roller...or cheer the rest of us on. Show up

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at 10 for work. Come a little later for Bible Study and stick around for the potluck (bring a little something, okay?). Where? Fellowship Hall...

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

Who'd have guessed that hosting a monthly evening of vintage movies would touch our church as it has? Thanks to Mike Royer for continuing to select oldies which have such broad appeal. All items from the snack bar are a real bargain. The movies are free.



What a fine and inexpensive way to spend a Saturday evening. Ashland's Old Time Movie Night is often featured in the local newspaper and touted by the crowds who have made this 'gift to Ashland' a habit. See the article on the back of this month's newsletter.

EMIGRANT LAKE...GREAT PLACE FOR BREAKFAST

The summer outdoor breakfasts got off to a terrific start in May. Ready for the June 29 gathering? The menu will feature blueberry pancakes, eggs to order, bacon, fruit and hash browns. Expect hot coffee, chocolate milk and juice. This monthly (May-September) event provides a wonderful opportunity for introducing friends and family to our church

bunch. Bring a lawn chair, \$4 for parking and a little something for the donation basket. Next outdoor breakfast will be Saturday, June 29. Cookers are invited to do set up, prep work and griddle work. Eaters should arrive about 9. You are invited!

Emigrant Lake Park...Saturday...June 29...9 am

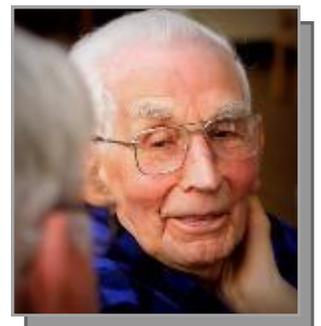


Ladies, if you are interested in some fast paced exercise, consider Zumba. Check with Monica Collum or Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen for the summer schedule. Free!

SAINTS ALIVE...AND WISHING YOU'D SHOW UP



Some who make this breakfast gathering a regular part of their month have been showing up for many years. But be assured, we love to greet newcomers. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. Bring along your AAA card for a discount. The routine doesn't change much. Show up by 9. Listen to (or tell) some goofy stories, jokes or riddles...order chow...talk to one another. It is that simple...and wonderful. Saturday...June 1...The Iron Skillet 9 am...Phoenix (Oregon!)



**APRIL AND JACKIE...
UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

Here is the low down on April Rudy...

“I attended Western Oregon University and my major was Criminal Justice and my minor was Social Science. My area of concentration was juvenile crime prevention. I would like to either work with juveniles or obtain a victim advocacy position. This summer my plans are to work as an educational assistant at the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Facility. In the fall I hope to find full-time employment either continuing with the Medford School District or with a different non-profit organization.”



John and Trudy Vermillion and their fine children have expressed their desire to become a part of the CCoA family. How very wonderful! Over the years John has had the joy of baptizing each of the Vermillion kids...Lindsay, Katie and Justin. He is the son of Jean...a longtime faithful member of our church. We welcome you with open arms. Lindsay, Katie and Justin are all quite athletic. Welcome!

GARCIA FAMILY...MOVING!

It has been such a blessing to us... having Brian and Crystal Garcia in our midst. They have blessed us in so very many ways. We have prayed for them as they traveled to Africa as short-term missionaries. Their photography and video skills touched us too. Now they move to Washington where Brian has taken an exciting job. God bless you two and your fine kids, Joshia and Autumn.



DONNA CORNELIUS...BACK!

Welcome back to our friend. We first met Donna when she served as a volunteer at the ICCA facility when it was located next to the church. She returns to Ashland after living in Corvallis for a year. God bless you, good lady.

POTLUCK—JUNE 23

THANK YOU! to all who helped with the May Potluck. An Old Fashioned Potluck is where you bring whatever food you would like to share with the church family. There is no theme or host, just everyone joining in food and fellowship. Some are also led to help with set-up, others with clean-up. We share it all. Come join the fun! Our next Potluck will be June 23rd at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Ava Fish



Jackie Riley came our way a couple years ago via odd circumstances. But she soon became a regular at CCoA. Her interest at SOU has been in forensics and archeology. Jackie’s plans are unclear from here, but she looks forward to enjoying a bit of well-deserved rest this summer

after these hard years of study. Congratulations, ladies!

**VERMILLION FAMILY...
CONNECTING!**



SUNDAY MORNING VBS COMING SOON

Beginning July 7th and for the following several Sundays we will be offering a VBS program for kids ages 4-12. We will be looking for volunteers for the craft/activity station, snack station, story telling. If we have enough volunteers a person would only miss 1 or 2 worship services. This is a great time to get involved in the life of the church family and to encourage our young folks by giving them a quality learning experience. You can let Karen Larsen know of your interest.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Mercy Gosswiller
- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 13 - Anisa Bero
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 27 - Brian Garcia
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Colton McDonald
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing



Church doesn't end just because the worship service is over. "Church" is the body of Christ seeking God's kingdom, not just an event on Sunday morning. Prayer, service, study and fellowship are important aspects of faith that shouldn't be restricted to the hour or so we sit in a pew. That's what the Table is all about. It's a private social network, just for our church, that enables us to connect 24/7, not just on Sunday.

The Table is our new online community at CCoA. Pull up a chair! You can sign up for the Table by going to ccoa.tableproject.org or just go to our website at www.cc-ashland.org and click on the Table button on the menu. When you click **New Here?** **Sign-up!** You can watch a welcome video from Jim and then click on **Join** where you will be asked for your email address and a secret code. Just ignore the secret code and choose **Continue** or if you use Facebook you can click on **Connect with Facebook** to use your Facebook login and the Table will pull your profile info from Facebook to help create your new Table account. Once you sign up your account must be authorized by the church office.

You can learn more about the Table Project by going to tableproject.org/help or send an email to: table@cc-ashland.org

Brad Fish



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Doyle and Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed and April Macauley
- 11 - Brian and Crystal Garcia
- 15 - James and Sandee McDaniel
- 20 - Adam and Nadine Christie
- 26 - Andrew and Rebecca Blore

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

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

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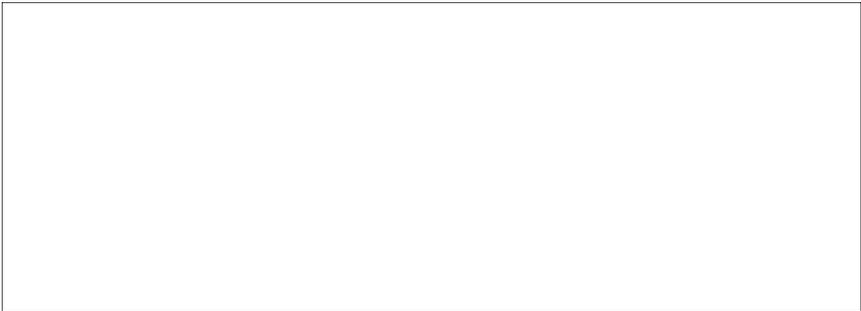
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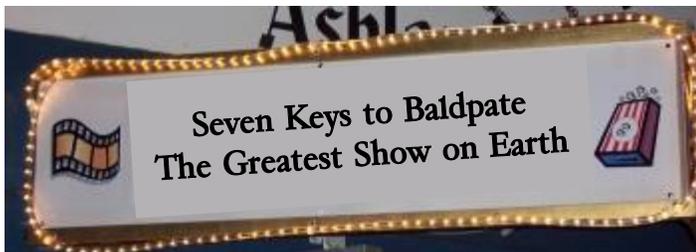


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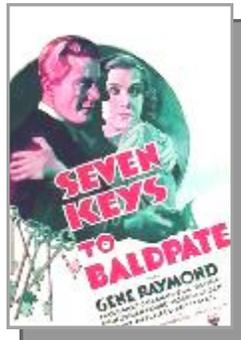


Sunday Service Schedule
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Junior Church
10:45 AM Worship

Faithful to God, Responsive to People



A DESERTED (?) MOUNTAIN LODGE AND THRILLS UNDER THE BIG TOP!

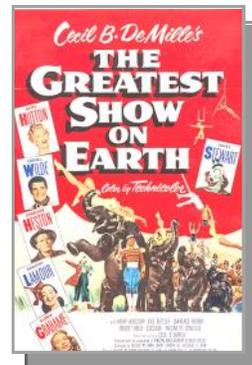


Saturday, June 15, 2013 We start the evening off with an amusing mystery-suspense thriller set in a New England inn, adapted from a story by none other than the creator of legendary Charlie Chan, Earl Derr Biggers. It's the tale of a novelist who wagers he can write an *entire* book in 24 hours while staying at a *supposedly deserted* mountain lodge named Baldpate. He believes

he has the *only* key, but then, the film title says it all: **"SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE,"** a 1935 Golden Age gem starring Gene Raymond.

After our usual intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and coming attraction previews for next month's presentation we take a cinematic tour of a major entertainment of another age: **the three ring circus.** *Hurry, hurry, hurry!* Step right up! It's Cecil B. DeMille's spec-

tacular Academy Award winning Best Picture of 1952, **"THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH."** An all-star cast headed by Charlton Heston, Betty Hutton, James Stewart and Cornel Wilde, it's a Technicolor story about the thrills, chills and exhilaration of the famous Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus, full of clowns, classic high wire acts and a spectacular train wreck that threatens the survival of the circus. Join us and take a ring side seat for this evening of fun, suspense and colorful excitement, all done before excessive CGI effects and pointless violence: Good old-fashioned *family entertainment.*



Our reasonably priced snack-bar will be open most of the evening, so bring a hearty appetite. Tell your young friends and family members who've never experience the fun of *circus!* The movies are **FREE!** That's right.

There is **NO** charge for admission, but donations are gladly accepted.



Doors and snack-bar open at 6:00 p.m. and the movies start at 6:30 p.m.

While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.