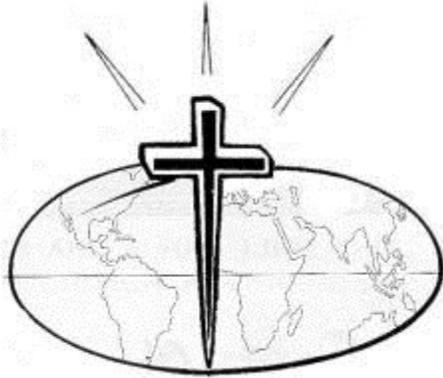


# Cross Beams



## Lion Dens and Fiery Furnaces

You may think this is a curious title for the lead article in our June Newsletter. Maybe it is a forecast of an exceptionally hot summer or perhaps a sudden increase in the local population of mountain lions. Instead it is a few thoughts concerning two men who both happen to be named Daniel. One of the most inspiring accounts in the Old Testament is found in the book of Daniel the first 6 chapters. A group of boys are taken from their ancestral home and rudely transplanted into a foreign land with strange customs and practices. They were transported over 700 miles and placed in the service of a king who later went crazy. They took with them nothing but their relationship with God which in the end proved to be entirely adequate to meet their needs. They resisted the temptation to blend in and adapt but chose to remain true to their godly training and values. Daniel is the leader of this stalwart band of boys who lived to serve God and others. In the process they lived triumphantly through many trials including those mentioned in the title above.

The history of Christian Church of Ashland could be organized into books titled with the names of our pastors. We could read several books of



Frank, one rather long and another much shorter. There is a book of Keith, parts one and two. There is a book of Murray, of Dick, of Bill, several books of Jim. They too are filled with stories that teach and inspire us. All of these men came to us from a far country (some not too far) bringing a

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If you throw us into the hot furnace, the God we serve can save us. And if he wants to, he can save us from your power. But even if God does not save us, we want you to know, King, that we refuse to serve your gods. We will not worship the gold idol you have set up."

(Daniel 3:17-18)

So King Darius gave the order. They brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May the God you serve save you!" (Daniel 6:16) The next morning, King Darius got up just as it was getting light and ran to the lions' den. He was very worried. When he got to the lions' den, he called to Daniel. He said, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God been able to save you from the lions? You always serve your God." Daniel answered, "King, live forever! My God sent his angel to save me. The angel closed the lions' mouths. The lions have not hurt me because my God knows I am innocent. I never did anything wrong to you, King." King Darius was very happy. He told his servants to lift Daniel out of the lions' den. And when Daniel was lifted out of the den, they did not find any injury on his body. The lions did not hurt Daniel because he trusted in his God.

(Daniel 6:19-23)

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zeal for God and a desire for service to God and to others. These books are part of our history.

And now we come to the writing of a new book here at Christian Church of Ashland, our own book of Daniel. What Daniel James Buckley brings to us from over 700 miles away is the Godly heritage and values of his upbringing, training and experience. It is a good heritage which has already stood the test of many trials. We begin our book of Daniel with optimism and eager expectation. Even so we can expect challenges which lead to hard choices. At this point we do not know what the pages of this book will contain but we can be sure of at least one thing. If we keep our eyes on God and maintain our relationship with Him we will be inspired and instructed by what we will read.

Who will we find mentioned in the new book of Daniel? It could be you. Please consider being a part of the long history at Christian Church of Ashland founded in 1898. There is a role here for you. Help us write this new book. We are looking forward expectantly to your arrival.

Gene Stringer

## [More about Daniel](#)

Briefly, Daniel is the middle of five siblings and was raised in the church pastored by his father in Southern California. Charity who partners in ministry was raised in Idaho. They met while attending Hope International University, were married and became school teachers. In 2005 they were called to the ministry and Daniel began his studies at Emmanuel Christian Seminary in Tennessee. At about the same time he began seven years of youth ministry first in North Carolina and then in Harrisburg, OR after finishing a Master of Divinity at ECS. The church in North Carolina then rehired him to work with their youth. For recreation he loves to play and coach basketball.

## [Congregational Meeting, May 25](#)

Following the service on Sunday, May 25 where Daniel concluded his two part series on Embracing God's Love our Board Chairman, Ed Macauley, called a special Congregational Meeting to order. He stated that Daniel Buckley had received the unanimous support and recommendation from the Pulpit Search Committee and the church Elders that he be called as our new Pastor. Ballots were distributed to the members present and then collected as most went downstairs for the monthly Potluck. After the ballots were collected they were counted and there was an overwhelming response in favor of confirming the calling of Daniel Buckley as our new pastor. The results were announced at the potluck.

Brad Fish

## Welcome from Daniel

Hello Christian Church of Ashland! I consider it an honor to write my first article as a contribution to the Christian Church of Ashland Newsletter. So what do I say? A lot of words and thoughts come to mind, but only a few can be chosen. First of all, I want all of you to know that Charity and I have accepted the invitation for me to be the new pastor of the Church. If you didn't attend the service and the potluck meal on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> then you missed the announcement that the congregation that was represented that day voted to have me be the next pastor. Then the confusion set in because I didn't say I would take the position—not because I was thinking about not taking the position, but because I thought it was understood. So, now I have formally accepted the position in writing and you are my witness.

Second, my vision for the Church is a bright one filled with a future that God can mold. I mentioned the purpose of the church (universal) on Sunday: connect to God, connect the Church, connect to the world. This is a starting point for the vision of the Church. In many ways, it will be the foundation for the growth of the ministry of the Church and community of Rogue Valley. And in connection to all of this is a more personal note that I carry with me. In Matthew 20:20-28, Jesus explains to an ambitious mother that having her sons sit at His left and His right is not for Him to grant because that's not what it is about. It's not about position, but service. Jesus demonstrates a critical message in this story, one that connects my ambition for ministry in Ashland, that, "whoever wants to be the first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:27-28, NIV) I am a servant of the Church, just as you are all called to serve by this passage. My ambition is to serve in the community and the Church to help the ministry grow. After meeting all of you, I am excited that we can enter into this time together as servants of the kingdom, bound together by the message of the Gospel and sent out together as missionaries to a lost world.

There will be time for us to get acquainted in the future and live life together as this calling in ministry is carried out. I enjoy thinking about how that time will come and feel honored to be a part of the ministry and mission of the Christian Church of Ashland. And this brings my first salutation to a wonderful body of believers to a close. As I close, I would like to leave you with an invitation to pray in the coming months for the Church and each other so God can lift up what we will attempt to do and make something great out of our service.

In Service to Christ,  
Daniel Buckley



Back Row: Daniel (35), Charity (?)

Front Row: Mikaela (8), Gabby (5)

This picture was taken last Summer at a beach in Malibu, California. This was a fun Summer day at the beach with the family.

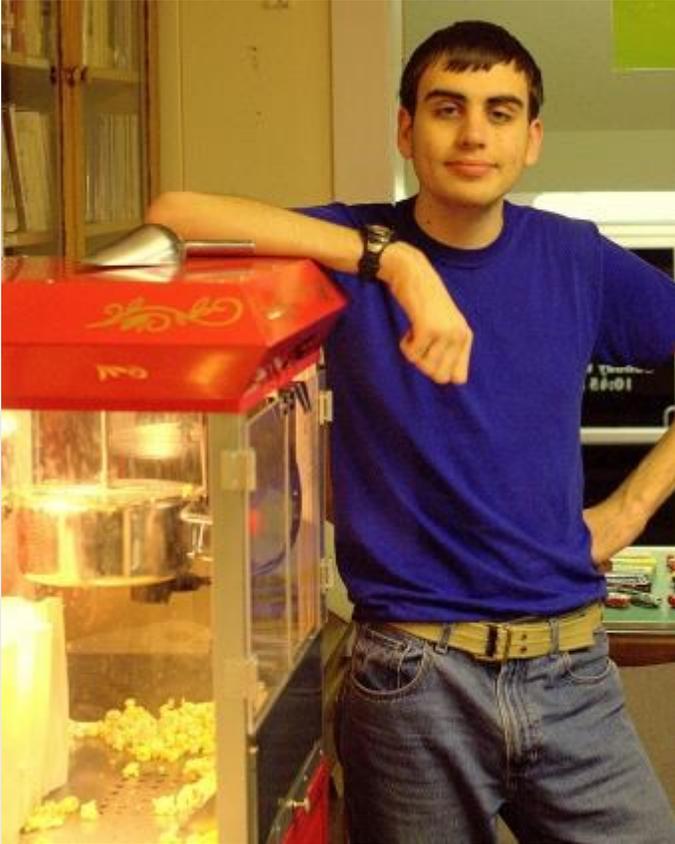
## Piece Corp

We have a small dedicated group that meets on Tuesday mornings. These ladies take time out each week to create quilts of varying sizes and fabrics. This is not just a time for quilting. There is a wonderful time of fellowship and connecting with each other on a deeper level.

Anyone is welcome to join us, you don't have to sew. Come, sit and chat with us awhile. You can even bring a craft project of your own to work on.



## Old Time Movie Night - An End to an Era



What started out as a humble sharing of movies became much more. It brought in people from all over the Rogue Valley and gave a wonderful venue to start and conversation.

For our family, it was something free to do and looked intriguing. For some it was the only way they would set foot in a church building. And for others it was a unique opportunity to be a missionary to the community at large.

It taught our kids skills in money handling, customer service, dealing with the public and problem solving by working in the snack bar. It was a casual way to get to know some of the other members on a deeper level. It was a simple way to "serve a cup of cold water (or soda!) to those who graced the door.

While we are sad to see it end, this may just be the beginning of new ideas! Who knows what the future holds in store for 2nd and B. Let's all rejoice in the time we had and look for new opportunities!

Kay Killian

### June Potluck

The May Potluck was great! We had a lot of food. Everyone had a good time. No one left hungry. Thank You to all who helped in any way they could!

The Potluck for June will be on 29th at 12:15 pm. Bring whatever you feel the Lord leading you to share. It can be something simple or complicated.

It can be one item or more. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship as well as good food!

Please remember that the ovens are set at for keeping food hot. So whatever you bring should already be cooked. There are outlets at the counters for plugging in crockpots. We have two refrigerators, one in the kitchen and one in the quilting room. Plenty of room for cold food with the Summer heat outside.

### Kids night at Old Time Movie Night!

Since this is the last OTMN provide a kid friendly movie (TBD) and have the kids build their very own drive in movie "cars" out of cardboard boxes. Volunteers are needed so that we have a good kid to adult ratio. We will provide popcorn and boxed juice (kids can ask their parents to buy them some things at snack bar if they need more!). This would be a unique opportunity to include kids in the last of this community outreach.

Kay Killian



## Praise Him with Jazz—Jim Martinez & Friends



As part of our celebration last week with Daniel and Charity Buckley here to give us the once-over while we did the same with them we were blessed with the opportunity to enjoy a great concert and share it with the community. About a month ago I received an email through the church website from Jim Martinez asking if we would be interested in hosting a concert on Wednesday, May 21. I passed the info on to the other Elders and they jumped at the chance.

It turns out the Jim Martinez was returning to William Jessup University along with two bus loads of choir members from a concert up north and they were going to be staying over the night and letting the kids explore our fine town. He had with the choir a guitarist and vocalist that joined him for our concert along with a local standup base player.

Jim Martinez and the rest of the ensemble were fascinated to learn some of the history of our 1890 piano. They were quick to take pictures of Duke Ellington's signature on the sound board inside the piano. Duke Ellington played our piano on the Elizabethan stage on June 5, 1966 as part of a fund raiser for the Angus Bowmer theatre.



Everyone in attendance enjoyed the blending of hymns with jazz and we learned a little more about the structure of jazz at the same time. Following the music we all went downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a wide selection of desserts and a chance to interact with our guests.



## Children's Ministry

The Education Department is looking for leadership. There is a sore need for someone to coordinate Children's Ministry as well as be a liaison with Adult Education.

We need someone for the 3-5 class. Any volunteers? Talk to the Elders We need Nursery help - talk to Ava We need someone to schedule the Elementary Group after June

## Calendar for June

Here is the June Schedule for Elementary (1st - 6th)]  
 Lesslea Gossweiler Jun 1  
 KayKillian Jun 8  
 April McCauley Jun 15  
 Lynda Bell Jun 22

Special Summer Celebration Jun 29  
 Need volunteers

if you cannot work the Sunday assigned, please let Kay know so we can switch around.



## The Deity, Majesty, and Preeminence of our Lord

The very foundation and cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6, I Corinthians 3:11, Proverbs 10:25) of the Christian faith and Biblical Christianity is predicated upon the person and deity of Jesus Christ, and his divine Lordship. Jesus was fully equal with God the Father as both the resurrected Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). Jesus was also divine being "God come in the flesh" (Colossians 2:9, John 1:1, 12, Philippians 2:6-11, 1 Timothy 3:16). Unfortunately, many non-Christian cults and religions deny this. Let us therefore examine what the Holy Scriptures (The Bible) teaches on this subject. Remember those Bereans in Acts 17:11 "who were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

John Chapter 1, verse 1 states: In the beginning was the word, and the Word was God." Verse 14 states: "and the word (Jesus) became flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Also, "All things were made by him (God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and without him (Jesus) was not anything made that was made."--- "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." ---1 John 5:7. Read also Colossians 1:13-20 and Hebrews 1:1-18. Jesus is revealed as the "image of God" in 2 Corinthians 4:4, again affirming his deity.

Titus 2:13 correctly ascribes deity to the Lord Jesus: "Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus." Also, the scriptures teach that Christ made "himself equal with God." (John 5:18). And of course Jesus himself was born to a virgin (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23) despite being God come in the flesh which Colossians 2:9 previously mentions. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was I am." In this passage Jesus himself claims to be what God said unto Moses in Exodus 3:13-16, I Am God (Jehovah).

In conclusion we are to "Test the spirits" (1 John 4:1-6). And also to "Examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith: proving our own selves." ----II Corinthians 13:5. Despite false doctrine which attempts to demote our Lord and Savior Jesus from his rightful position of God and Creator, he still deserves all preeminence! The word "preeminence is thus defined as "The quality or state of being preeminent: Superiority in rank, position, or influence: dominant authority." Jesus is founder, head, and savior of the church and redeemer of mankind. "And he (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence." --- Colossians 1:18 The Bible believing Christian must be wise against Satan's elements which war against God's people in the Church and Body of Christ (Ephesians 6:10-18, Hebrews 4:12). Fortunately, the gates of Hell won't prevail against the church (Matthew 16:18). And since Jesus is Lord may we earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3) and stand up for Jesus (Romans 1:16).

James A. "Jim" Farmer

## Congratulations Graduates



Jennifer Macauley is graduating from Rogue Community College with her associates in Early Childhood Education. You are invited to a BBQ Picnic and Open House on June 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM @ the Macauley's home at 4587 Antelope RD, White City. *"God is within her, she will not fall."* Psalm 46:5

The Commencement will take place at Majorie Holzgang Concert Bowl at the RCC Redwood Campus at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 with a reception to follow.

*If anyone knows of other graduates please contact the church office at office @cc-ashland.org or 541-482-1561.*

## Calendar of Events

### Sundays

9:30— Adult  
Bible Study

10:45—  
Children's Bible  
Study

10:45— Morn-  
ing Worship

### Mondays

7:45—Real  
Men, Iron Skil-  
let, Phoenix

6:00 pm Ladies  
Zumba Exer-  
cise , Fellow-  
ship Hall

### Tuesdays

9:30 Piece  
Corp, Fellow-  
ship Hall

### Wednesdays

6:00 pm Ladies  
Zumba Exer-  
cise , Fellow-  
ship Hall

### Friday, June 6

#### **DEACON MEETING**

6:30 p.m.—Church

### Saturday, June 7

#### **SAINTS ALIVE BREAKFAST**

It's time for a another great breakfast gathering at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix. This is open to all (you don't need to be a Saint). Bring a joke or funny story and a friend. Plan on leaving home a little early because of the construction on I-5. We get started at 9:00 a.m.



### Sunday, June 8

#### **BOARD MEETING**

12:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, June 14

#### **FLAG DAY**

### Sunday, June 15

#### **FATHER'S DAY**

Be sure to remember your father today.

### Saturday, June 21

#### **OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT**

6:30 p.m. (see back page)

### Sunday, June 22

#### **MONTHLY POTLUCK**

Following the morning worship we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and food. Bring whatever you like to share with your church family. Come on down and get to know someone new. We expect Pastor Daniel and his family will probably be here by this time.

### Wednesday, June 25

#### **NEWSLETTER FOLDING**

On the last Wednesday of the month a dedicated group of individuals give of their time to fold and prepare the monthly newsletter for the mail. Come and join them for this worthwhile service to our church. We follow the folding with a potluck lunch.



### June Birthdays

- 2 - Maddie Sterling
- 3 - Mercy Gosswiller
- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Colton McDonald
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing



### June Anniversaries

- 8 - Doyle & Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed & April Macauley
- 15 - James & Sandee McDaniel
- 20 - Adam & Nadine Christie
- 26 - Andrew & 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 church office. Brad

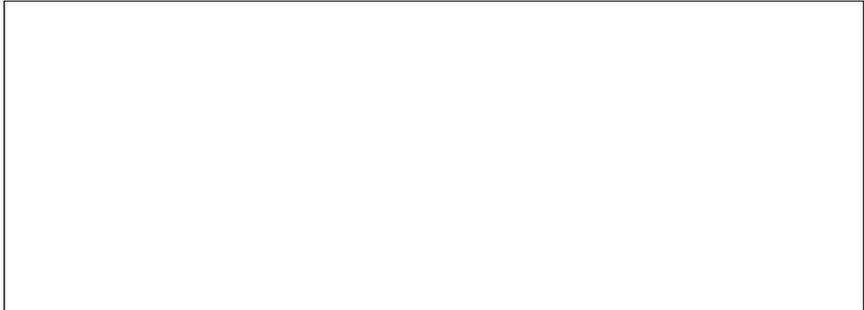
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Sunday Service Schedule  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
10:45 AM Junior Church  
10:45 AM Worship

*Faithful to God, Responsive to People*



**A CLEVER HOLD-UP ARTIST AND A FREE TRIP TO THE BIG APPLE, OH MY!**



Please join us for our **LAST** monthly Old Time Movie Night presentation **Saturday, June 21, 2014.**

We are pleased to present a detective film with a remarkably fanciful premise and a comedy with a satirical look at what some folks will do for a great newspaper story and an all expense paid trip to the big city.

We begin with the last big screen appearance of Ralph Byrd as a famous big city detective in 1947's **"DICK TRACY MEETS GRUESOME,"** who is played by none other than creepy Boris Karloff.

Watch out! The determined Gruesome uses Dr. A. Tomic's experimental gas, which freezes people in place, and commits a daring daylight bank robbery. Hmmm. Silly, you say? Of course, but it's watchable, fun, and evidence that they don't make 'em like this anymore...possibly.

After our usual intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and nostalgic coming attraction previews we will present a

comedy in glorious Technicolor. Its' star, *Carole Lombard*, considered it her favorite film role.

It's a satirical gem about hotshot reporter *Fredric March's* exploitation of a Vermont girl's "imminent" death from radium poisoning, for all its' headline value in NYC. It's 1937's **"NOTHING SACRED"** in which *Lombard* and her doctor, upon finding their diagnosis is *wrong*, decide to go along for the ride anyway. Doctor *Charles Winninger's* reasoning for perpetrating the hoax is fueled by his distaste for people in the news profession, about whom he states "The hand of God, reaching down into the mire, couldn't raise one of them to the depths of degradation!" *Cynical?* You bet! And..it's a comedy *too!* Don't miss this fine and very entertaining conclusion to *12 years* of Old Time Movie Night presentations by your friends at the Christian Church of Ashland.



Oh yeah...expect a surprise or two.

Our reasonably priced snack-bar will be open most of the evening, so bring a hearty appetite. Tell your friends, family members, neighbors and strangers on the street about our Old Time Movie Night *"swan song."*



**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.*