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The Purpose of the Church

Pastor Daniel Buckley

On our Church website (www.cc-ashland.org), we have a page devoted to what kind of Church we are; there are many types of Churches and it's important know how we worship and style of ministry. If you are interested in this information, feel free to go to the website and search for the page: "What Kind of Church Is This?" under the "Connections" tab. Or if you are at the Church in the entryway, take a brochure with this information as a free gift to you and let us know what you think. As this information is important to our identity as Christians and in our involvement in the Church, it is equally important to know our church by our actions. This leads us on our quest to understand the purpose of the Church. Jesus, and later the apostles, spoke about the purpose of the Church, but they didn't speak in 21st century terms that makes it easy for people today to understand if they don't have a lot of experience in the Church. This is a problem for the Church because people outside the Church are trying to figure out why the Church exists and they are looking for answers in the actions of its members.

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Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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This summer, I am preaching on the purpose of the Church and I have been searching through God’s Word to realize the sanctity of the Church and its relationship with God so we can move forward as a Church body that glorifies the King of kings. The sermon series, that started in May, will be concluded this month and I wanted to go further in the subject so I am devoting the next three months of this newsletter to a study on the three categories of the purpose of the Church (see below). I hope that it will be informative and spark some dialogue with some who are curious about what our Church is all about.

I can tell you up front that the foundation of this series of articles is a love from and for God. I don’t know where you stand in your faith or if you don’t have any belief in God, but I can say from my experiences and those around me that God is very real and His love is just as real. He loves you as His child and His mercy and grace extends to you on a personal level. As we accept that love, we then follow Jesus’ command to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with and with all your soul and with all your mind.” I look forward to digging deeper into God’s Word in the coming months and uncovering this amazing love with you.

The Purpose of the Church is . . . **Connecting.**



Church Ministries



New ministries and opportunities to serve are opening up at the Church and your service is important to the Kingdom of God. If you have an area of concern for the Church or would like to be involved in a ministry, please contact Pastor Daniel at the Church. Don't feel like you need to be an expert to serve—we are all experts in service for the Kingdom of God when His love touches lives.



Children & Youth

Summer Camp



Middle School 2 (6th-8th Graders) – August 3-8

Junior Camp 2 (4th-5th Graders) – August 10-15

Grove Christian Camp
37028 Shoreview Dr
Dorena, OR 97434
Phone: 541-946-1662
grovecamp@grovechristiancamp.org
www.grovechristiancamp.org

Memorial Service for Olive Doods



Olive Doods went home to her Lord on July 4th and a memorial service is planned for **Saturday, August 23 at 10:30am**. It will be here at 2nd and B.

The Table-Next Step

Now that you're on the Table, here are five things you can do to get started:

1. Get rid of that default photo and upload your own profile pic. This will help people learn who you are.
2. Fill out the 'About Me' section of your profile with your interests, gifts and skills. This will help connect you with others at church.
3. Browse 'People' and click over to the map view to find other people from church who live near you.
4. Go to the 'Prayer Wall' and pray for a few of the prayer requests. When you click 'pray now' the person can be notified that you prayed for them--instant encouragement!
5. Browse 'Groups' and join a few. If you don't see a group for your ministry or interest, go ahead and start one. Contact Brad for assistance.

Wi-Ne-Ma Family Camp

Camp in your RV or tent or stay in Camp Housing
Delicious Meals available in the Camp Dining Hall
Dynamic Worship

Walk the Beach, Swim or Kayak in the Lake, Play Miniature Golf, Horseshoes, or Just Relax with Friends

Wi-Ne-Ma Family Camp is a family conference offering sessions and activities for all ages. Nursery care as well as a children's and youth program are offered during the main sessions. The afternoons are free to explore the Camp's recreational opportunities as well as the beach and nearby attractions.

Wi-Ne-Ma Family Camp seeks to strengthen family relationships by offering opportunities to learn about biblical principles for families today, to worship and play together, and to build lasting memories and relationships through the Christian camping experience.

Contact

Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp
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Cloverdale, Oregon 97112

Phone: (503) 392-3362

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Web: www.winema.org/winemafamilycamp.html

The Table

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.

We have been using The Table for awhile now, but some of you may not have heard about it yet or may have forgotten. The Table is our online community at CCoA. Pull up a chair!

How do I join?

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 link under the Connections Tab. When you click on **Join** you will be asked for your email address and a secret code.

The code is: **Jesus++is++Lord**

Note: If you use Facebook you can also connect using your Facebook login and the Table will pull your profile info from Facebook to help create your new Table account. Questions: Contact Brad in the church office.

Christ empowers me in all things: Part 1

Christ empowers me in all things." ---- Phillipians 4:13

I Am.....

A Child of God....Romans 1:16

Not my own....I am bought with a price-1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Crucified with Christ--Galations 2:20,

Dead with Christ-Colossians 3:3

Buried with Christ-Colossians 2:11

Risen with Christ-Colossians 2:13

Forgiven-Colossians-1:13-14

Washed-1 Corinthians 6:11

Saved by grace through faith-Ephesians 2:8

Born again-1 Peter 1:24

Sanctified--1 Corinthians 6:11

A new creature-II Corinthians 5:17

His workmanship-Ephesians 2:10

A partaker of his divine nature-II Peter 1:4

Pure-1 Peter 1:22

Holy-Hebrews 3:1

A saint-Colossians 1:12

In his hand-John 10: 28-29

Redeemed from the curse of the law-Galations 3:13

Delivered from the powers of darkness-Colossians 1:13

Translated into the kingdom of Jesus Christ-Colossians 1:13

His sheep and he is my shepherd-Psalm 23:1

Led by the spirit of God-Romans 8:14

A son of God-Romans 8:14

Kept in safety wherever I go-Psalm 91:11

Getting all my needs met by Jesus-Philippians 4:19

Casting my cares on Jesus-1 Peter 5:7

Strong in the Lord and in the power of his might-Ephesians 6:10

Doing all things through Christ who strengthens me--Phillipians 4:13

My beloved and he is mine-Song of Solomon 6:3

Delighting myself in Jesus-Psalm 37:4

Acknowledging him in all things-Proverbs 3:6

An heir with God and joint heir with Jesus-Romans 8:17

Seated with Christ in heavenly places--Ephesians 2:6

Copied: Submitted by James A. "Jim" Farmer

To be continued....

Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 2

SAINTS ALIVE BREAKFAST

9am—Iron Skillet (Phoenix)

It's time for 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.

Friday, August 8

DEACON MEETING

6:30pm —Church

Sunday, August 10

BOARD MEETING

12:30pm —Fellowship Hall

This meeting will be more informative on the process of leadership in the church and the vision for the future ministries. All members are invited to learn more about the leadership of the church.

Friday, August 15 & 16

YOUTH SLUMBER PARTY

6pm-10am—Church

All youth are invited to attend an all-night party with food, fun, and games. Bring a pillow and sleeping bag and spend the night at the Church and then get up and prepare breakfast for the workers at the Church Cleaning Day. For more info see Lesslea Goswiller.



Saturday, August 16

CHURCH CLEANING DAY

9am-5pm—Church

Enjoy breakfast prepared by the youth and get to work deep cleaning the Church. Jobs will be designated to the willing and ready. You don't need special skills to help.

Sunday, August 17

GOSPEL TRIO

The worship service will be led by Betty Lilibridge's Gospel Trio. Come and share in the morning's worship as we continue to learn about God's purpose for the Church.

Friday, August 22

FAMILY CAMPING

Bring your tents and bug spray as we go out to the woods in the Lake of the Woods area. Anyone interested in camping talk to Pastor Daniel.

Sunday, August 24

MONTHLY POTLUCK

12:30pm—Fellowship Hall

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. Also this morning, the Marlia-Larsens will be giving an update on their recent mission trip to Tacna, Peru and be leading worship for the worship service. Enjoy their fellowship and praise with their success of spreading the Gospel to other parts of the globe.



Wednesday, August 27

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.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, September 7

FAMILY SUNDAY

10:45am

Our morning worship service will include family participation. If you aren't involved in the service, come out and worship with your family as we kick off the upcoming school year in community with one another. There won't be any Jr. Worship this Sunday, but Nursery care will still be provided for children under 4. Following the service, we will have a catered lunch and games for kids of all ages.

Weekly Events

Sundays

9:30am— Adult Bible Study (Downstairs)

 Youth Bible Study (Green Room Downstairs)

 Children's Bible Study (Prayer Room Upstairs)

10:45am—Worship Celebration

11:00am— Jr. Worship

Mondays

7:45am—Real Men, Iron Skillet, Phoenix

6:00pm Ladies Zumba Exercise , Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

9:30am Piece Corps, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

6:00pm Ladies Zumba Exercise , Fellowship Hall

Celebrations!!



August Birthdays

- 7 - Evelyn Sayles
- 13 - Paul Creel
- 14 - Mia Jo Marlia-Larsen
- 19 - Jennie Macauley
- 19 - Maryanne Rossini
- 21 - Cielo Marlia-Larsen
- 28 - Nadine Christie



August Anniversaries

- 18 - Ted and Kay Killian

Editor's Note: For any changes or updates, please contact the office.

Thank you. Brad

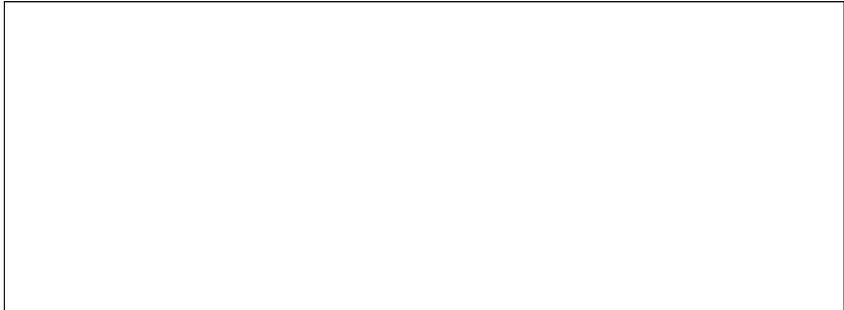
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Service Schedule
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
11:00 AM Jr. Worship

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37*

Missions

PIONEERS

Each month we plan to give you a closer look at the missions we support as a church. This month we will take a look at Pioneers.

“Pioneers mobilizes teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church-planting movements in partnership with local churches.”

Their Story

God has truly blessed Pioneers since its founding more than 35 years ago. Today they have more than 2,600 international members serv-

ing on 250 teams in 100 countries among 180 unreached people groups. Pioneers partners with more than 2,000 churches to send these missionaries to least-reached peoples.

For security reasons we do not mention specific missionaries that we support, but you can get an idea that it is all about the Great Commission.

You can find out more at them by visiting their redesigned website at

www.pioneers.org

We thank you for your partnership.

