

A note from Pastor Steve

Hello friends...

I'm sitting looking out the window and wondering what the weather will be like today. The last month I've learned that you can't predict the weather. It went from nice sunny days to two weeks of freezing cold. Then I thought spring was here just in time for a snowstorm, followed by rain. This morning I don't think the weather can make up its mind.

It occurs to me that life is that way. And that must be what Jesus was talking about when he said don't worry about tomorrow or try to predict trouble. Today has enough problems. Just remember that God cares for you. If He notices the sparrows and cares for the lilies how much more will He care for you His precious child.

So may we enjoy the sunshine, weather the storms, and always seek shelter in the arms of God.

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

Urgent Need of Support for Camp Wawona. March 30, 10 a.m. at Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp. This is the second of three public meetings in the permit process for rebuilding the camp. SDA attendance goal: 150-200. For more information and to let the Conference know you are coming, call Caron Oswald at 559-347-

3181 or email her at coswald@cccsda.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Piano/Organ Concert, under the direction of Ed Wagner, will be held at the Mariposa SDA Church on March 3 at 5:00 p.m. Tyrell McKenzie, piano/organ student, will be featured as a guest on the program. The program will consist of various styles of sacred music.

Ice skating planned for Saturday evening, Mar. 3. If you are planning to go, please sign up on sheet on Missionary Desk.

Women's Ministries will be featuring guest speaker, Delinda Hamilton on "Prayer Life for the Busy Woman", on Mar 4, 4:00 p.m. in the Community Services Room. Plan now to attend.

Improving Your Health Series is meeting Mar 6, 7:00 p.m. in Holbrook Hall. Dr. John Scharffenberg will be the March speaker. This series is running all winter on the 1st Tuesday of each month and is free of cost.

Stop Smoking Program March 8, 11-15 Your help is greatly needed for the stop smoking program for group therapy and support. This is a great chance to help someone in our community obtain the victory over smoking. Please tell everyone you know that smokes, to come to the orientation program on March 8. For information or if you are willing to help, call Eric Folks at 760-6821.

Highway litter pickup It is our church's responsibility to keep Hwy 41 clean from Mountain House to one mile north. We need someone to coordinate this cleanup activity. If interested, contact Karen Bergh, 683-4580.

Creation Seminar starts the first weekend in April.

Prayer Vigil Participants wanted during Stop Smoking and Creation Seminar meetings. For more information, contact Karen Bergh, 683-4580.

PRAYER CORNER



O my Saviour lifted
From the earth for me;
Draw me in thy mercy,
Nearer unto Thee.

Lift my earthbound longings,
Fix them, Lord, above;
Draw me with the magnet
Of Thy mighty love.

And I come, Lord Jesus;
Dare I turn away?
No! Thy love hath conquered,
And I come today;
Bringing all my burdens,
Sorrow, sin and care;
At thy feet I lay them,
And I leave them there.

—Bishop Walsham How

The first two verses are a prayer, while the last two are an affirmation and response flowing out from that prayer. Because of Christ's conquering love we can bring all our burdens to the cross...Remembering what Jesus Christ has done for us on His cross, seeing afresh the revelation of divine love at Calvary...we now quite deliberately and purposefully lay all these burdens at the foot of His cross and we walk away, having left them once and for all where Jesus has dealt with them. The result? "Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you." *Isaiah 26:3*

Hour of Prayer

Wed. 9:15-10:15 a.m. Multi-purpose room, Karen Bergh

Prayer Ministries

Contact Persons:

Kathy Fagan: 683-5210 if you have a request for the prayer chain

Karen Bergh: 683-4580 or **Don Bray:** 683-5440 if you have a personal request or interest in a prayer group.

Praise For—

Violet Cree, rescue in the snowstorm
Our youth and sponsors in Honduras
Fellowship at the Year of Love Dinner
The hour of praise with harmony Strings
The rain and the snow!
Safety as our members travel

Those with health problems—

Lisa Menke	Mary Plumlee
June/Glen Bowen	Evelyn Maynard
Irene Frederico	Scott Norman
Pauline Hunter	Mim Schooley
Don Ericksen	Betty Axt
Kay Mickel	Jeri Kolstad
Harry/Linda Garlick	Bob Bowman
Henry/Miriam Bergh	Violet Cree

Specific requests—

Expecting parents and new parents
Eduardo Que, Jenny Lapham's father,
continued improvement
Help for Linda Garlick when Harry comes home
Ericka Law, going into military
Ash Howe, deployed to Qatar
Our many members who have lost loved ones this winter
Dan & Judi Guthrie who are moving
Prison Ministry
Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick Bray
Lynn Allen's brother, Rod Hobbs for relief from pain and safety on the job.
Sabrina Carter's friend Dustin Baird returning to Iraq for the 4th time. He needs our prayers for health (has had cancer) and safety.
To be like Jesus in our fellowship with others—kind, patient, considerate, loving, forgiving, accepting
Stop Smoking/Drinking Seminar March 8-15—need of church member volunteers to support and fellowship with attendees. Also strength for those making commitments.
Outpouring of the Holy Spirit within our church family to prepare us for outreach to our community through our programs in March and April.

Ruby's Ramblings

FROM AFAR GOD NEVER PROMISED RAINBOWS

God never promised rainbows
Without a bit of rain.
He never promised comfort
Without a bit of pain.

His eye is on the sparrow
And every living thing.
We must endure the Winter
To know the joy of Spring.

It has been so special having my daughter Beth and her friend Ruth visit me here in Florida in January while Brenda and Dick were in Ecuador on a Maranatha trip. And then in February, my daughter Becky came to see me since she came to Orlando for the annual Adventist Hospitals Chaplains' Conference. We got a lot of things accomplished and had a lot of fun together.

I loved the Piano Duo Concert Brenda and I attended at Florida Hospital Celebration in January! They performed on two beautiful grand pianos in the 3-story atrium with the audience sitting in a big circle around them. I could have listened to that beautiful music for hours more.

Dick and Brenda have postponed their move from Orlando to Sacramento till later this spring, so I continue to stay busy in my daily routine of physical therapy and other activities here at the Adventist Care Center, where I have been so blessed.

"The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken

longings for what God will someday bring to pass."

—Philip Yancey

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so you learn to love God and man by loving. Begin as a mere apprentice, and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art."

—Saint Francis of Sales (1567-1622)

"Eternity will not be long enough to learn all He is, or to praise Him for all He has done, but then, that matters not; for we shall be always with Him, and we desire nothing more."

—Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

May God's peace and love give the guidance and purpose we each need in our lives.

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Birthdays

March

1 Caitlyn Burns	15 Ed Moore, Sr.
1 Jeannie Garza	16 Evelyn Young
3 Maria Betat	18 Carol Howe
3 Sharon Davis	18 Dora Moore
5 Bill Hager	20 Carmyn Scharffenberg
5 Paula Lutz	21 Wanda Nelson
5 Joyce Norman	22 Tom Norman
8 Marietta Kolstad	24 David Folkes
9 Deb Vecchiarelli	24 Hazel Meyer
10 Rick Britton	27 Elisabeth Lutz
10 Dan Guthrie	28 Dale Cottrell
11 Nic Vecchiarelli	

April

3 Will Franger	6 Rosalind Hansen
4 Marland Hansen	

Anniversaries

March

23 Don and Beth Crisp
15 Sonny and Jackie Garcia
22 Dustin and Angela Ginter

New Members



Eric Folks has a passion for youth. Born and raised in Vancouver BC, he grew up in a secular household where he developed lots of bad habits. He describes himself as a rambunctious teenager, hanging out with the wrong crowd and getting into frequent fights. But his life took a turn for the better when his [now] fiancée Sophie moved in next door with her family.

Throughout their courtship Sophie's parents prayed for the pair, and eventually brought them to a camp meeting. Eric said his first prayer there. He was much more comfortable in the environment and with the people than he had ever believed he could be. He attended church the very next Sabbath, and there he witnessed a baptism. He was touched by the baptism and wanted to do the same to show his newfound love for the Lord. He began studying and making changes in his life and habits.

It was soon after this that he felt a calling to preach. He preached for ten minutes at his own baptism, and then again at a youth revival. This only increased his hunger to share the word and he soon began his education in Evangelism. While Eric was attending Mission College of Evangelism he learned about door to door outreach. After Mission College Eric joined a group of young Bible workers and evangelists called the Radiant Living Team and while there he and his friend co-preached an evangelistic meeting.

In September of last year Eric began a pastoral course at Mission College.

He will finish the course in April of this year. He has no plans to go through Seminary, but would rather wait to see where else God may take him next. He does think that he would like to remain in the area with the people that he is working with now.

Eric enjoys mountain biking, camping, hiking, basketball, and now four wheeling. Eric will be joining our youth in Honduras this year. He also has plans to be married August 12th 2007. Sophie is now taking the same Mission College course that Eric took in the beginning. Eric was excited for Sophie as she preached her first sermon just yesterday. Congratulations to both of you.

Eric says that as a child he wanted to be a fire fighter. But as he grew as a Christian, that desire was challenged by the idea of going into ministry. Either way he was going to save others. He chose saving the soul. And we are all happy that he did.

—Carrie Bowman

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The Harmony Strings put on an excellent, uplifting vespers program at the church on Feb. 10. Carol Howe is a member of the group.

Thank you to the Social Committee for a wonderful Valentine's dinner on Feb. 11.

The youth spent 10 days in Honduras helping at the orphanage there.

CONGRATULATIONS!—

—to the Amador family on the safe arrival of baby Ezekiel on Monday, February 26, 2007.



SCHOOL

Our first “quilting bee” for tots on Sunday, February 18th was such a success the dozen ladies decided they didn’t want to wait a whole month to meet again, so planned to meet the following Sunday the 25th and frequently thereafter!

Half the ladies who came didn’t think they wanted to quilt, but even the “knitters” and “crocheters” had to admit they had a great time and plan to come back!

If you can cut, iron, sew, sort fabric, or tie knots—we need people who can do any of these things—not necessarily all of them.

The following items can be donated, by men! as well as women:
scissors (fabric & paper)
ironing boards
sewing machines
irons

WonderUnder
unbleached muslin
cloth with high thread count and bright colors
acrylic or baby yarn (washable)
crochet hooks or knitting needles
\$\$\$\$ for miscellaneous items
For information: Kathleen Franger 658-8705

Come join the fun!

The Secret Sister program is now ready for you to sign up! Please pick up your application in the box next to the Women’s Ministry mailbox on the Missions desk in the church foyer. We plan to match up the Secret Sisters in the beginning of March, so get your application in NOW!

Your Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist School has two spelling bee contests for which some of our students are preparing. The community spelling bee (look for time and place in the local newspaper) and the Central Calif. Conf. spelling bee held in Modesto this year on March 15.

Office depot is offering a way to help schools, ours included, as they will give back to the schools 5% of everything you buy, provided you use our school’s ID number which is 70011560. Thank you so much for using these little ways that benefit the school.

—Jeri Ermshar



February 11, 2006

- VOTED: Recommend to church body transfer of membership of Mabel Folkes to Coeur d’Alene, ID.
- VOTED: To approve the 2007 budget.
- VOTED: To rent our church facilities to the Nazarene Church for 6 months @ \$300/month. They will set up on Sat. evenings and hold services from 8-12:30 on Sundays.
- SABBATH SCHOOL: Don Bray asked for feedback from church members on continuing the World Sabbath once a month.



Pathfinders Win Again!

Three weeks ago the Oakhurst Mountaineers Pathfinder club successfully defended their first place title in the annual Area 7 Bible Bowl held at Fresno Academy! Yes, our small club of 14 Pathfinders answered more Bible questions correctly than any other area club, all of them much larger clubs than our own.

Our Pathfinders had been studying the Bible as a part of our weekly meeting program since September. The kids were able to demonstrate superior general Bible knowledge, knowledge about famous stories in the Bible and selected Bible verses. The emphasis this year was on the books of Ruth and Exodus. The clubs answered questions in a variety of formats, including multiple choice, matching, and ‘find the verse’. What an enjoyable way to honor the Lord! We now retain the trophy for another year. The Pathfinders were rewarded for their hard work with a pizza party at the following club meeting.

Next on our plate is preparation for the Pathfinder Camporee coming up in April. This year it will be held locally, at a ranch outside of Raymond. We now begin practicing for the ‘events’, knots, first aid, and map and compass. But first, we are finishing up our Leather Craft honor being taught by Roland Ott. And lest we forget, we will, once again, be singing at the convalescent hospital after potluck on Sabbath, March 3. All are welcome to join us.

—E.G. -Page 6-

Here's to Your Health!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, What Can I Do?

As a paramedic for over 25 years, I get this question asked frequently, “What can I do to be prepared for a real emergency?” The truth is, you can do a lot! With just a little bit of time and effort, you can be prepared to deal with most emergencies that might confront us here in the mountains.

Let’s talk first about CPR, cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The basic class takes about two hours. I can’t tell you how many times I have gone into homes as a paramedic and found a victim lying on the ground pulse-less and non-breathing while a loved one is standing nearby pleading “do something”! Well the sad truth is that it is usually too late. Without immediate CPR, brain death begins in 4 to 6 minutes. I’m fast, but not that fast.

People have said, “I could never do that, I’d be too panicked, too afraid!” The fact is we all have a little bit of hero in each of us, and we all know full well that we are capable of doing much more than we give ourselves credit for. Here is a motivational thought; well over 90% of all witnessed cardiac arrests occur in the presence of family or friends. Think about it. Who are we around most of the day? It is our family, our coworkers, our friends. How sad it would be to stand helplessly by if one them collapsed.

Think about this. What if it was you who collapsed? Maybe you and your

entire family should take CPR together. The life they save may be your own.

Finally, a word about 9-1-1. If you or your loved one are experiencing chest pain, or shortness of breath along with sweating, and it doesn't go away with rest, don't wait. Call 9-1-1. The hospital is an hour away. You need to be under the care of a medical professional right away. All of the ambulances up here are staffed with paramedics who carry the cardiac equipment and medications necessary to care for you en route to the hospital. Denial that it could be happening to you can be fatal. Bad things do happen, so be extra safe now and live to talk about it tomorrow.

CPR instruction is readily available through the Red Cross, the American Heart Association, and locally, through Sierra Ambulance Service. Sierra Ambulance offers a low cost class designed for lay people that takes two hours and with five or more students, they will schedule the class at your convenience. Why wait? For more information about CPR through Sierra Ambulance call 658-1052.

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*"A borrowed book is like a guest in the house; it must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality. You must see that it sustains no damage; it must not suffer while under your roof. You cannot leave it carelessly, you cannot mark it, you cannot turn down the page, you cannot use it familiarly."** These words and thoughts by Dr. William Lyon Phelps reflect the manner in which books should be treated in any lending library. To these descriptive attributes should be added that the borrower ought to be respectful to

always return a borrowed book and hopefully with punctuality!

The Oakhurst Church Library deserves to be preserved with the best possible care, as it is indebted to the untiring efforts and excellent work of earlier librarians who have laid a good foundation for establishing and organizing the initial collection, then maintaining it through the years. Many books are out of print and irreplaceable classics written by Adventist theologians and authors of years long past. It is inevitable that these older books will suffer from mishandling with occasional loss from attrition. However, if the borrower would treat the library books with respect and care, they will last many years longer.

Please—don't scribble, underline, or write in any library book! **Please**—do not try to mend any library book with Scotch Tape or labels! Leave the mending to the librarians! **Please**—return a book promptly upon its due date! **Please, please**—do not borrow a book when the librarians are not present! This practice of not following proper procedures is responsible for the loss of many books, and makes the task of the librarians much more difficult. **Please**—continue to search in your home for those 100+ missing books! A list of those books is posted in two places at the church: one is on the hall bulletin board; the other is on the Library counter in the lobby.

There are now well over 1200 books on the shelves. This soon grow to 1300 as the result of recent donations. Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church has a library equal to, if not better than most churches of its size. Soon its shelves will be bulging! It is hoped that you will be inspired to nurture and help make the library a very important resource and learning center, and a valuable part of Oakhurst SDA Church life.

—H. Dalglish, Church Librarian

*John D. Snider, *I Love Books*, Review & Herald Pub. Assoc., 1951, pp 413-41