

Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

NEWSLETTER

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Lines to My Mother

Thank you for your inspiration
 Through my happy, childhood days;
 For your guidance in right living
 In all true and noble ways;
 For the wisdom you imparted
 From your store of knowledge deep,
 For ambition you awakened
 When it might have lain asleep.
 For the laughter you encouraged
 Our simple, youthful joys;
 For your heart of understanding
 Of all eager girls and boys;
 For the way you taught us always
 That great rule: "Do unto others".
 For your work in real life building—
 Thanks to you, O best of mothers.
 —Mildred M. Painter



Happy
Mother's
Day

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Dates to put on your calendar—
 May 5-6 Ten Commandments Weekend
 May 13 Mother's Day
 May 18-20 Pathfinder Fair
 June 7 8th grade graduation

A note from Pastor Steve

Hello church family...

If you would like to know what is going on in the Hamilton family, I'll tell you it is a little apprehensive. The doctor says 32 days until the baby is born. Yikes! And as you know, babies aren't born able to walk, talk or feed themselves. They need a lot of help.

Jesus told Nicodemus in John chapter 3, that when people are baptized it's like being born again. That means that they can't walk well spiritually. They aren't always able to "talk the talk" or feed themselves from scripture well. They need a lot of help.

Let's make our church a place where new baby Christians can grow in a faith environment. Where if they fall someone, is there to help them up rather than scold them. Where they are able to learn to talk by example. And Bible Study is taught in a way that can be understood, because man cannot live by bread alone but by every word of God.

How can this happen, you ask. Jesus answered that question in John chapter 3 as well. He says you must be born of water **and** of the "spirit". We must be born of the spirit every day. That means we are all little babies. Let's grow together in Christ. May God bless you.

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

The US Air Force Band



Come hear the US Air Force band at Mountain Christian Center on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

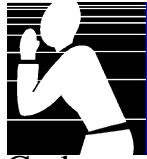
Seminar on Children. Are you interested in getting things from and for your children? Dr. K. S. Wiggins will be giving a seminar discussing just that on June 23 (Sabbath) from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Room at the Central California Conference Office (2820 Willow Ave. Clovis). The cost is \$25.00 per person including lunch, dinner and seminar. Topics being discussed: How children—make choices; are motivated; handle important information; really make decisions; naturally prefer to work: what children respond to easily; how the subconscious mind influences behavior, emotions and learning. Pre-registration is required by June 13. Contact CCC, Family Min. Dept. or e-mail fmorales@cccsda.org Phone (559) 347-3176

Camp Meeting, July 12-21. If you are interested in working at camp meeting you can obtain an application from our church office. The jobs fill quickly, so apply soon.

CCC Spring Volunteer Projects. Project 1, May 6-9, Camp Wawona; Project 2, May 20-23, Soquel Conf. Center. If you can help in either one of these projects, please contact Caron Oswald, 559-347-3181 or at coswald@cccsda.org

Church Website: Our Website is now up and running. The audio, slides, and notes for the nightly Creation Seminar meetings are available. You can view the bulletin for the week or get the Newsletter—in color!—before it arrives in the mail. Visit <http://www.oakhurstchurch.org>

PRAYER CORNER



“When a church loves God so much that its needs become of secondary priority, then the church will see the blessings of God in untold measure...Praise, thanksgiving, confession of sin, or a number of other things may be appropriate to renew the relationship with Him, but the people must begin with Him...At the prayer meeting in Acts 4:23-31, the people started off by focusing on God. The response of their heart in verse 29 was to ask for boldness, not protection. Had they not begun with who God is, they surely would have asked for a hedge. You see what God thought of their prayer meeting in verse 31: ‘And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.’ When the people of God have a heart orientation toward him and not a needs orientation, God moves powerfully in such a way that they experience His answers.”

And The Place Was Shaken, pp.90 & 91
—John Franklin

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—

Vespers program by Ed Wagner and his students

Those willing to serve on the nominating committee

Our pastor who is so dynamic in presenting the Word of God

The women who are so tirelessly creating quilts for the Honduras orphans

The wonderful flowers and new entrance to the church

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

Eduard Que

Specific requests—

The upcoming Creation Seminar —

Nathaniel Gibbs

Enough cheerful volunteers

Presence of the Holy Spirit

All attendees will receive a blessing

Commitment to inviting

The building of relationships

Those greeting

Those praying

Those serving refreshments

Those operating the PA/visuals

For equipment to work properly

Expecting parents and new parents

Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick Bray

God’s guidance in the choice of a teacher for next year

Follow-up and application of what was learned in SchoolWorks

Prayer for Goodness

Oh Holy Spirit, giver of light and life;

Impart to us

thoughts higher than our own thoughts;

prayers better than our own prayers;

and powers beyond our own powers;

That we may spend and be spent

in the ways of love and goodness,

after the perfect image of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CHURCH BOARD REPORT—

- Sabbath School Survey on World Sabbath. Discussed at length with a recommendation to nominating committee: to have a special Mission Emphasis Sabbath School 2-3 times a quarter as opportunity arises. There would be a short lesson period on each of these Sabbaths as well. On the others Sabbaths the lesson period would remain from 9:30-10:30.
- Creation Seminar Update: Nathaniel Gibbs giving an excellent seminar with a good attendance each night. Seminar ending April 28, 2007.
- VOTED: Appreciation Dinner April 29, 2007, at Hardy home for those involved in meetings.
- Church Sign: Concrete base poured. Sign should be up in May.
- CCC Constituency Delegates: Five delegates are needed for November 11, 2007 meeting at MBA. Names are needed by June 4.
- 2006 Audit Report: Audit is finished. Money that goes out of country needs to go through conference first.
- Church Stewardship: Board, not Nominating Committee will work on this.
- Website: Up and running. Irv Curtis and Leo Lutz main contributors. Seminar is on website now.
- Independent Ministries: Cannot send money to conference. Must send money directly to independent ministries. (3ANB, Amazing Facts, Quiet Hour, etc.)
- VOTED: Give Jim Gilbert generator that church unable to use.
- VOTED: \$400 out of Deacons Fund to help Nathaniel Gibbs with car repairs.
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Celebrate!

Birthdays

May

1 Marguerite Francis	17 Glen Bowman
1 Sonny Garcia	17 Jeremy Herr
7 Jeff Burns	17 Vera Pribyl
7 Sydney Lapham	18 Gaile Chenowith
7 Elizabeth Pombo	21 Janet Page
7 Morgan Wrona	21 Gerry Shipp
8 Gladys Hollingsead	22 Jenny Lapham
10 Irene Miller	24 Henry Bergh
11 Barry Olson	24 Eric Vecchiarelli
11 Jaimie Vogel	25 Mona Guzman
12 Peggy Chavez	25 Tim Wisener
12 Robin Holliday	29 Delinda Hamilton
14 Jonathan Hiten	30 Don Crisp
15 Jonathan Sellers	30 Cookie McDonald
17 Glen Bowman	

June

4 Pat Curtis

Anniversaries

May

4 John and Darlene Herr

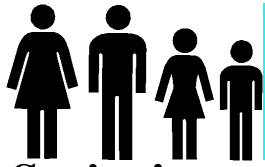
June

1 Glen and June Bowen
8 Barry and Chris Olson



Ed and Janet Hardy hosted a picnic at their Bass Lake home for all those helping with the Creation Seminar. There were about 50 present for an afternoon of fellowship. Some played in the water, others played games. Everyone visited and ate!

New Members



It Must Be Spring!

This season has brought us several vibrant new members, but none quite as cute as all the new babies. We have toddlers like J.J. Hobbs who was dedicated into the church not so long ago, and the adorable Aleya that you see with Skye Burger on some days. We have **five** newborns! And we have plenty more on the way! I think it's time we introduced our newest Junior Members.

First we have Quaid Dylan & Kye Jacob. These twin boys entered the Lyster family on December 12. Kye weighed 3lb. 15oz.— Quaid was 4lbs. 4oz. Shane, Jennifer and the rest of the family couldn't be more proud of them.

Next there is Ezekiel Gabriel Elijah Amador, born February 26th. He was 7lb. even at birth and stretched 21 inches long. Debbie would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and support. She says that she loves you all very much and will be returning to church soon.

Our fourth baby of the year is Joshua Austin Holliday. Weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs 5 oz., he was 21 inches long—and growing! Jon, Robyn, and Joshua are all doing well.

And last but not least is little Ashley Gail Hamilton. She was born early on April 25 and Delinda and baby were both home by that evening! Ashley weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Babies are such a blessing. They remind us of the life all around us and keep us in love and awe. Everyone be

sure to show a little love to each of our newest members and their parents.

—Carrie Bowman

Cookbook/Directory

Carrie's update

“It's almost done.” Chances are that's the response you've gotten from me if you've asked about the pictorial directory or the women's ministry cookbook. The trouble with that is that I've been saying, “It's almost done” for eight months now! My apologies to all of you who have been so patient with me (and to those of you who haven't!). The truth is that there have been several setbacks on both the Olan Mills side and our own, but now I can see the light at the end of the tunnel and I'm very excited about it.

The cookbook is done! Or at least the copy to be printed is done. The only things left to do are to find the time to actually print it, cut it, bind it, and hopefully sell it. Thank-you again to all of the ladies who contributed their time and recipes, and especially to Will Franger for fixing all of our mistakes and getting me back on track.

The directory is also getting very close to being completed. It's been a long journey but it's looking like it will be well worth the wait. We have worked out all of the kinks and collected every last picture that we possibly could so that no one is left out. I should be putting the final touches in sometime this week. After that I will send it in to be published, edit it one last time, and then we will get our final copies. Thanks again to everyone who has been supportive of me during these projects.

(Editor's note: Thank you, Carrie for the many hours you have put in amidst everything else you have had to do.)

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

New Babies!



Robyn Holliday delivered **Joshua Austin** on Friday, April 20. Joshua was 21 inches long and weighed in at 9 pounds 5 ounces.

Ashley Gail Hamilton arrived early in the morning of Wednesday, April 25. She weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces. She also makes history as being the first baby born to a current pastor of the Oakhurst SDA church.

The Grants Pass band and choir gave an inspiring musical church service on April 21. These groups are under the direction of Jan Hossler, daughter of Marland and Rosalind Hansen.

The Creation Seminar meetings came to an end last Saturday night. The meetings were very well attended. Several members of the North Fork Church, the Mariposa Church and a number of guests from the community joined the Oakhurst members four nights a week to listen to Nathaniel Gibbs' excellent presentation of evidences for creation and then reasons for faith in God and the Bible. On Sabbath, April 28, he gave his personal testimony of how God saved him from his destructive lifestyle. These topics are to be continued in an informal way on Wednesday evenings through the month of May.

Leland Cottrell, former longtime member of the Oakhurst church, passed to his rest in Loma Linda in April. Many remember him for his welcome to those arriving at the church. When it was raining he was there with his big umbrella to escort you from the car. To wife Dale and the rest of his family we extend our condolences.

Art and Helen Dalglish are participating in this year's Tri-County Art Competition and Exhibition sponsored by Yosemite Western Artists. They entered

two paintings each of their recent watercolors. The show is located at the Stellar Gallery in Gallery Row, Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA. The show is open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6 through May 13. YWA, founded in 1969, has a 30-year history of sponsoring the Tri-County Art Exhibition, which is its most important art show of each year.

A special thanks to Jeannie Garza and those who helped her for the tasty, attractively served refreshments each evening after the Creation Seminar meetings. It was a nice touch that allowed for visiting after the program.

The new teacher for next year is Gayla Rumble. She has been teaching at the school in Chowchilla for the last few years. Originally she came from the Midwest. Her husband works at Wawona



Women's Ministry has launched another ministry to help support our community neighbors. **BWC (Because We Care)** sends out cards to people listed in the *Sierra Star* who have had deaths in the families, need encouragement or are celebrating a special occasion. We are also sending cards to people that we know that need the same kind of support. If you're interested in this exciting project, please contact Janet Hardy at 642-2611 for details.

Blankets for Tots is still working hard on making quilts for our children's project in Honduras. We currently have 6 quilt tops made but we have many more to go! We meet Sundays from 2-5 in the Community Services room at the church. Please come join in the fun!

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are needed to see this picture.

OAKHURST MOUNTAINEERS

Well the Lord does have a sense of humor. Our Pathfinders have been preparing for the April Camporee for some time. The time came two weekends ago, and behold the skies opened up with a much needed, but poorly timed rain shower. We knew the weather was threatening but we were determined to try out our newly purchased tents. They had rain flies and were supposed to be watertight.

We arrived at the event Friday afternoon under clear skies with a gentle breeze. By Sabbath the skies were clouding up and the wind was starting to blow. The rain came later in the afternoon, which alone would only have slowed us down. But it was the wind that was our undoing. The driving rain could not be kept out of the tents, and so, reluctantly, we had to bug out. This was the second year in a row the Camporee had to be canceled due to weather. That's just the way it goes in springtime. But no one was hurt and the kids managed to have fun anyway.

Our next event is the Pathfinder Fair coming in mid May at the Paso Robles County Fairgrounds. We will be participating in the events we had been planning to practice at the Camporee. We will arrive Friday, spend Sabbath afternoon at the beach and participate in the events on Sunday.

In June, the Pathfinders will celebrate their success at the Bible Bowl in February with a much deserved reward trip to Magic Mountain. The kids raised

the money in part through the bike-a-thon and dues. We will make a day trip on Sunday, June 10, returning that same night.

For more information about Pathfinders call the director, Ed Guzman, or the deputy directors, Thelma Pombo and Gary Ship—E.G.

SCHOOL

Graduation is Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Remember to reserve that evening to support our one graduate, Carissa Shipp. The school students will present a program of 8 songs as well. Come and enjoy.

May 4, 2007, our school is taking a field trip to the Coarsegold rodeo.

And our final field trip will be to the Fresno Waterpark on May 30, 2007.

We are excited to have Kathleen Franger to facilitate work on the yearbook. She has enlisted the mother of one of our students, Hunter, so a big thank-you to Michelle Starner, as well.

Another thank you to Jo Ann Ericksen for all the work she has done in collecting and counting and mailing all those Campbell soup labels. We have close to 1500 pts. It takes a LOT OF LABELS so keep them coming.

You will be happy to learn that Jacob Gibbs is coming into the classroom every Friday to have worship with the students. He is also planning some art instruction as well. We are so excited to have him coming. Also he and big brother Nathaniel are coming to spend time at lunch with the kids.

Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to be at our school. —Jeri Ermshar