

# Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

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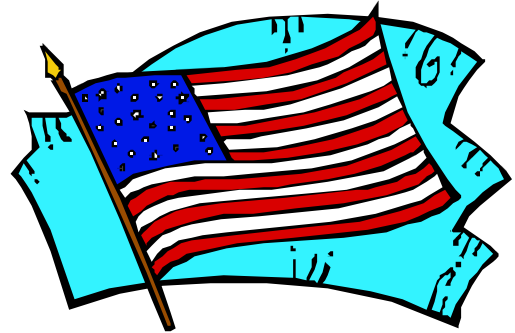
### THE AMERICAN WAY

To start wherever I chance to be,  
With an open road and a foot that's free;  
To follow through to a chosen goal,  
With independence and strength of soul;  
To lend a hand to the needy earth,  
And ask no more than its work is worth;  
To dream and try, aspire and pray –  
That's what I call the American Way.

To play my role with a heart that sings,  
To know the richness of simple things;  
To feel I've paid for what I've won,  
In the honest coin of duty done;  
To seek the weal of our brotherhood,  
And share in the larger common good;  
To keep the faith with my race and day –  
That's what I call the American Way.

To earn my portion to spend and give,  
To believe in God – find it good to live –  
To have good neighbors – and be one, too –  
To be a patriot through and through;  
To mingle moments of work and rest,  
To love my family and fireside best;  
To do my thinking and have my say –  
That's what I call the American Way.

—Joel D. Smith

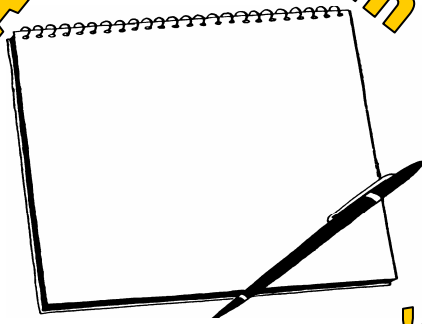


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**Dates to put on your calendar—**  
July 4 Church Picnic at Bass Lake  
July 12-22 Soquel Camp Meeting  
July 28 Harry Garlick Memorial Service

## A note from



## Pastor Steve's Wife

Have you ever asked the pastor, “How are you doing?” and his eyes widen and he says, “Busy?” Have you ever wondered what does that mean? What has he been doing this month? If you ask Steve, he probably won’t be able to tell you because he is thinking about tomorrow rather than three days ago. Well here is a little look from the inside. Here is a list of things that stand out as I look through his day planner.

### Regular Programming

Prayer Meeting  
Preparing and preaching Sabbath sermons  
Counseling people  
Marriage counseling  
Mentoring individuals  
Hospital visits  
Recording spots/talks on the radio station  
Bible studies

### Special Services

Overseeing and coordinating Teen Bible Academy with 80 students  
Teaching an evangelism class  
Planning the entire youth tent programming for camp meeting  
Help organize the 10 days of prayer  
Speaking for a graduation  
Preaching a funeral  
Preaching a wedding

### Meetings

Elders Meeting  
School Board  
Church Board  
Web page Committee  
Worship Committee  
Ministry Council  
Executive Committee at the Conference Office

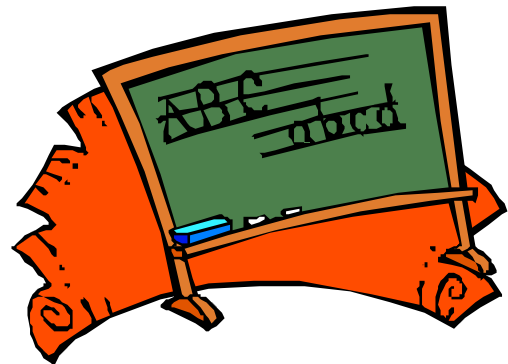
### Family

Being a father  
Being a husband

Just thought you might like a sneak peak at the Pastor’s day planner. But don’t feel sorry for Steve, I’ve learned early on in our relationship that he thrives on the intensity of a busy schedule. It’s the way he works best. He likes it.

“And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Gal. 6:9

—*Delinda Hamilton*

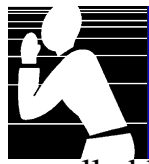


## Oakhurst SDA Christian School

Watch this space in the August Newsletter for information about registration, first day of school and an introduction to our new teacher.

In the interim, if you need further information contact school board chairman, Ed Guzman at 658-8582 or teacher/principal Gayla Rumble at 641-5305 or e-mail her at beesbuzz4gayla@gmail.com

# PRAYER CORNER



“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin; and will heal their land.” II Chron. 7:14

With prayer the key in the hand of faith that unlocks the storehouse of God’s unlimited supply of grace and power, why does not the church pray? Why is this key unused? Why the willingness to go on in weakness when all power of Heaven and earth is pledged? Why content to go on only as spiritual pygmies when we all can become moral giants, ...when the power that brooded over chaos at creation and brought order and beauty out of the abyss is promised to those who truly pray?

*Prayer Power, J. L. Tucker, p. 35*

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come, for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power.

*Testimonies, Vol 8, p. 297*

## ***Hour of Prayer***

Wed. 9:15-10:15 a.m. Church Office

Karen Bergh

All are welcome.

## **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—***

Teen Bible Academy

Ten Days of Prayer

Our new church entrance and sign— and all who made it happen

Safe move for Marvin and Jeri Ermshar

### ***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

Eduardo Que

Linda Garlick

Bob Bowman

Miriam Bergh

Violet Cree

Kathy Brix

Darlene O’Neil

Lynn Allen’s cousins, Ricky Jimenez and

Michael Hobbs

### ***Specific requests—***

Loss of loved ones

Linda Garlick and family

Delight Winterberg and family

Safety for traveling members

Camp Meeting blessings

Continued commitment in response to our 10

Days of Prayer

Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick Bray

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What a special blessing we have all received while sharing with one another during the 10 Days of Prayer.

Thank you to all who have participated!

Your Prayer Team

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But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the later days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God and shalt be obedient unto His voice; For the Lord thy God is a wonderful God; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He swore unto them.

# celebrate!

## Birthdays

### July

5	John Irwin	21	Louissette Brown
5	Amara Matlock	22	Jennifer Lyster
6	Dawn Vogel	22	Kim Maciel
7	Joshua Herr	22	Jasmine Valentine
8	Irv Curtis	24	Landon Harper
10	Cameron Maciel	26	Sabrina Carter
11	Tyrell McKenzie	26	Pam Isaac
13	Irma Carpenter	27	Diane Bray
13	Dorian Law	27	Evelyn Maynard
13	Gene Mickel	28	Shirley Finneman

### August

#### (First Week)

5	Mary Ellen Huddy	6	Jan Hardy
5	Michele Wisener	6	Lieselotte Menke
6	Donna Davis		

## Anniversaries

### July

- 1 Jim and Mim Schooley
- 4 Bob and Joy Kiser
- 6 Rick and Janice Britton
- 10 Ed and Dora Moore
- 14 Tom and Joyce Norman
- 20 Charles and Peggy Chavez
- 26 Virgil and Jeri Kolstad
- 28 Ken and Hope Graeff

### August

- 4 Jerry and Shirley Finneman
- 6 John and Maggie Irwin
- 8 Ed and Mona Guzman

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**Need Reporter:** We need someone to take over the "New Members" column for the *Newsletter*. Please contact Rosalind Hansen, 209-742-7452 or rosalind@sti.net

**Church Website:** Visit

<http://www.oakhurst church.org>

# AND SO — AMERICA

Before America became the land it is today,

—There was a dream;

A dream that men could say  
The things they wished to say.

Before America became to us a nation dear,

—There was a hope,

A hope that men could come and go at will,  
And without fear.

Before America was born, and here to stay,

—There was a prayer,

A prayer that men could speak of God  
And worship each in his own way.

And so that dream, that hope, that prayer

—Became America:

America the free, home of the brave,

—Elizabeth Bush

## Your Attention, Please!

**CCC Job Opening:** The accounting department is seeking a full-time cashier/accounting clerk. Immediate opening. Responsibilities include accounts receivable, church remittance data entry, and some administrative functions. Applicant must be efficient in data entry, computer, spreadsheets, Word, and have good customer service skills. Applications available online at [cc.adventist.org](http://cc.adventist.org). For more information, contact Human Resources at 559-347-3042. Please respond by July 9, 2007.

**Need "Tent Mom"** for camp meeting. Would you like to have free lodging and be able to attend meetings at camp meeting, July 12-22? Jim Hobbs is looking for someone to be a "tent mom" for 4 teen girls that are working the multi-media area. Please contact Jim Hobbs 559-760-3289 or Kathy Franger 559-658-8705

# Ruby's Ramblings

FROM AFAR

*(Note of interest. The material for Ruby's column this month was sent from Johannesburg, South Africa where Dick and Brenda were en route from Harare, Zimbabwe to Maputo, Mozambique. A subsequent call to Brenda's cell phone to leave a message that the e-mail had come through, actually found her answering as they were waiting for their luggage in Maputo. How's that for international communication!)*

Warm greetings from sunny summer in Florida! Brenda and Dick are flying to many countries gathering Maranatha Mission Stories, which I enjoy watching on 3ABN channel on the weekends. I enjoy my routine here, especially when getting to go on a field trip recently to an art shop where we all got to do an art project, and watching for so many different beautiful flowers when they bloom, my favorites are probably the magnolia and crepe myrtle.

Brenda was here in Orlando for 8 days the end of May to help me get things ready to move to Sacramento in July. On her return flight to Sacramento, she responded to the flight attendants' plea for medical assistance, and had a most interesting 5-hour trip comforting a 19 year-old girl, who was overcome by a panic attack, and demanding that the plane land "right now"! As they were approaching LAX, and the girl was calmly anticipating the plane landing, she asked Brenda if she was a Christian, which gave them a chance to talk about the Prince of Peace, who is always beside us, no matter where we are, or

what we are doing, and sees us through everything!

"...Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thess. 4:11

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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**What are they planning to do next year?** A survey of our recent graduates finds **Carissa Shipp** planning to attend Yosemite High—**Nathan Isaac** still undecided about next year. The five high school seniors' plans are as follows: **Elizabeth Pombo** will be studying at Oakhurst Community College, **Jennifer Burns** is going to Walla Walla College to study pre-med, **Joel Shipp** will be attending college in Fresno, **Nic Vecchiarelli** is going to the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Arizona, and **Rachelle Broomfield** is headed for Columbia College (Sonora) to study at the Culinary School. **Andrew Wieg**, who graduated from Walla Walla on June 12, not 17 as incorrectly reported in the last Newsletter, is headed to Southern California to start his graduate work in Mechanical Engineering at UC Riverside.

Last month we missed one graduate. **Josh Shipp** graduated from the Fire Academy at Butte College (Chico) on May 23. Belated congratulations, Josh! Josh is off to put in a very busy summer helping fight fires in what looks to be a very bad fire season. When he isn't off on the fire line, Josh will come home to Chico where his wife Aimee has one more year at Chico State. Although we hate to see her go, a group of church members helped load **Kathy Cole's** goods on a U-Haul truck and trailer that **Henry Pombo** drove to

Sacramento. **Kathy** has been promoted to a new job there. Those helping were **Glenn and Mary Bowman, Wilbur Brown, Charlie Chavez, Edwin Gramajo, Ed Guzman, Marland Hansen, Henry Pombo, and Terry Norton.**

The Oakhurst Community Concert Band performed at the “Celebrate America 2007” picnic in the Oakhurst Community Park on July 1. **Herman Brown, Rosalind Hansen, and Tyrell McKenzie** are members of the group.

Speaking of **Tyrell**, he was the object of a very special presentation at the last rehearsal of the band. Speaking of “Rites of Passage” in many cultures, **Pat Mierkey**, who teaches **Tyrell**, called him up to receive a brand-new professional model Getzen trumpet. Besides cheering and clapping for **Tyrell**, the band members gave well-deserved recognition to **Janice Britton** for her dedication in getting him to lessons and band rehearsals.

Two groups of 30 teens have been attending the Teen Bible Academy. For one week the group backpacked in to a quiet lake in the Sierra north of the Beasore Meadows Road and just south of the Yosemite National park where they spent time in nature with an emphasis on solitude. The second week, one group “camped out” at the Sonora Church while the other 30 were here at the Oakhurst Church. If you happened in to the church during that week, you saw sleeping bags and duffle bags in the Youth Room and the Multi-purpose Room. (A point of interest; the group shared the one shower for the girls and one shower for the boys in Holbrook Hall.) During this week, the emphasis was on Bible study. Several of our members volunteered to fix dinner for the group in Holbrook Hall each evening— Sunday, **Charlie & Peggy Chavez**; Monday, **Pat & Irv Curtis**; Tuesday, **Ed & Mona Guzman**; Wednesday, **Jeannie**

**Garza and Christie Shipp**; Thursday, **Bill & Jenny Lapham**; and Friday, **Tom & Calle Wieg**. The final week the group went to Bakersfield to engage in witnessing.

June 30, 2007 was another of those High Sabbaths. The Youth Evangelism Team, along with the 30 teens staying at the Oakhurst Church for the second week of the 3-week Teen Bible Academy, had the church service. Besides the songs of praise and testimonies of life-changing insights from the teens involved, we rejoiced with **Rachelle Broomfield** as she made her public profession of faith in Jesus by being baptized.

By the time you receive this, 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be celebrated at the Hardy’s with plenty of good food, water sports, games, and a lot of visiting topped off with a great lakeside view of the fireworks over Bass Lake. Thanks, **Ed & Janet**, for again letting us enjoy your beautiful location.

A note from **Jane Steen** told of the death of her son **Bud** after losing a long battle with colon and liver cancer. She says she is “looking forward to our reunion in heaven”. She also mentioned her sister **Mim Schooley** who is recovering from a broken pelvis. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, **Jane**.

Another longtime member of our church has finished his fight. **Harry Garlick** went to his rest on Wednesday, June 27. A memorial service is planned for July 28. Before **Harry** died, he wrote his own obituary and life sketch to be used for his memorial service. Some excerpts follow. Harry and his mother were baptized by H.M.S. Richards, Sr. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the army where he became a jeep driving instructor, bugler, and assistant company clerk. Later he volunteered for parachute training. He was sent overseas where he participated in battles/campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Naples, Foggio,

Normandy, Holland Ardenes, and Rhineland. In the Holland campaign he was awarded the Silver Star, which is the third highest medal given for gallantry. When he returned after the war, he headed for a career as a veterinarian. Due to a very definite call from God, he changed direction and studied for the ministry. He began his youth ministries with John Hancock and was one of the pioneers of the Pathfinder Club. Much of his career was spent in youth ministries. His later career years were as a chaplain with the San Diego Navy and Marine Corps. He married Linda in 1984 and retired here in the Oakhurst area. During his years here he served as a valuable contributing member of the Oakhurst Church, elder, speaker, trumpet player. We look forward to being with him again in that wonderful world made new. Linda, we pray for God's continued blessing and guidance in your life as you make this difficult transition.

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*Lord, we thank you today for our country, the best place on earth. We are so blessed. Grant that we may behave in such a way that this country will be proud of us, and guide our leaders in such a way that we may be proud of our country.*

*Teach us to maintain our liberty in a way that you can be proud of us. Teach us to work diligently to correct our flaws, to include all people in our life of abundance.*

*Teach us to be healers, to know when and how to administer a healing touch.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, fill our souls with your peace, our minds with your truth, our hearts with your love and our hands with your work—Amen.*



**Another ministry beginning!**

If you're a woman on your own (divorced, single or widowed), we welcome you to come to the Solo Ladies Birthday Club Party! Monthly, we'll be celebrating the birthdays in our group and making each birthday ESPECIALLY joyful. We're organizing now, so please contact Karen Bergh (683-4580) or Marge Bacchus (683-7792) for more information.

**Blankets for Tots**, our quilt-making project, is going very well but we still need some help. **Wanted:** someone that can machine sew a straight line to help put the quilt blocks together **and** financial assistance to help us get the materials we need to get the batting for inside the quilts.

**Cookbooks are available!** What a bargain for only \$10. Please see Pat Curtis, Carrie Bowman or Kathleen Franger for your copy. The recipes are great!

**The year in review:** During the past year, we've had a wonderful time hosting speakers, projects and community service. We're looking for more ideas for the upcoming year. Thanks to all of you who helped, or participated in these events.

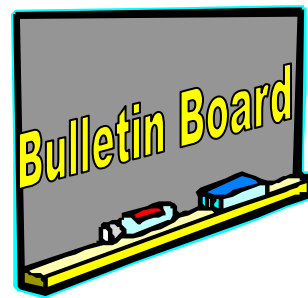
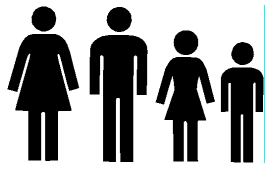
—Kathleen Franger

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**Have you treated your Secret Sister this month?**

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# New Members



Leo Lutz:

See that new guy up in the sound room? That's Leo Lutz. Born in Oceano and raised in Adventist schools, Leo pursued a career in audio installation and engineering. He took four years of Computer Sciences at Pacific Union College, and two years of Programming in Nipomo. Shortly after, he began to work with a family friend, Jim Hobbs, where he fine-tuned his skills at concerts and camp meetings. Jim and Missy also put him to work doing installations for churches, schools, and conference events. Those jobs eventually brought Leo to us.

Leo thoroughly enjoys computer programming and coding, and it reflects in his work and personality. He has several personal websites and is responsible for our own website in the works, oakhurstchurch.org. He jokingly admits to being an internet addict, but he also enjoys some outdoors activities. He says that he considers volleyball the best sport in the world.

Although Leo grew up in a beach area, he says that he loves the mountains and has every intention of remaining here. Just talking with Leo one can see his Christian nature shining through, and I for one am thrilled to have someone like him around.

—Carrie Bowman

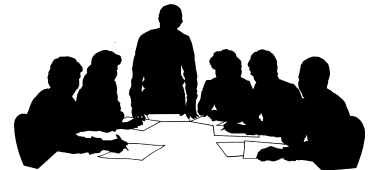
*You may be disappointed if you fail,  
but you are doomed if you don't try.*

—Beverly Sills

**Next Church Board meeting,  
August 20, 2007**

**For Rent:** Two bedroom, one bath, two-story house. \$50 monthly and \$650 deposit plus 12 hours per month property care. No drugs, No alcohol, no smoking, no inside pets. Suitable for a mature couple. Phone 559-683-4866.

**For Sale:** Sears canning pressure cooker. Heating, vibrating pad for your easy chair, Smith-Corona portable, manual typewriter, 3-cut letter size file folders, Hanging file folders, legal size.



## CHURCH BOARD REPORT

June 18, 2007

- Recommended to church body transfer of membership to Oakhurst of Leo Lutz, from Arroyo Grande, Norman & Teresa Peters from Enterprise, Kansas.
- Approved the June 4 Ministry Council minutes:
  - Education for new church officers for the 2007/08 year.
  - Think tank meeting on Website
  - Develop plans for childcare during prayer meeting and future seminars
- Received reports on recent church activity including:
  - Church campus entrance
  - Sprinkler system upgrade
  - Repairing church door locks.
- Rape Prevention Self Defense Class: Well attended. 22 people. Another class talked about in September or October