

Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

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THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER

During the last days of Summer
When the earth is dry and still,
Wind blows the first fallen leaves
Across the wooded hills.
The rose that brought such pleasure
Now bids a fond farewell
As she sheds her velvety petals
Across the grassy dell.
I must say goodbye to the Summer skies
And to the fields of goldenrods.
I'll miss the daisies that line the hill
With their slow and gentle nods.
Seasons come and seasons go
And I know that Summer must surrender
To the beauty of the Autumn
That will fill the earth with splendor.

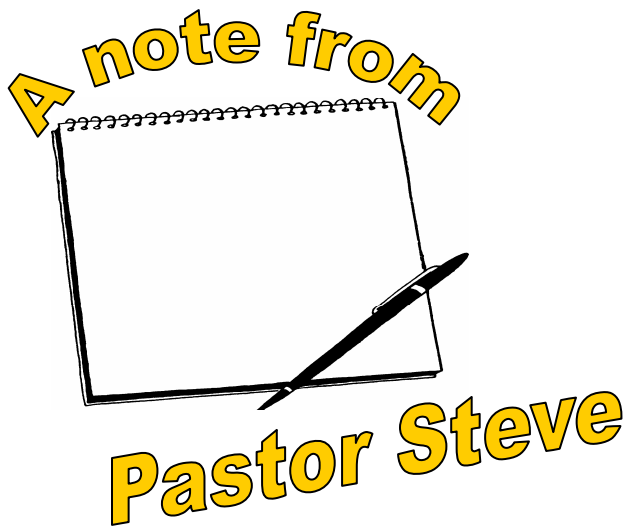
—Shirley Hile Powell



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Dates to put on your calendar—
September 15 , Brown Brothers
September 20. Randy Brehms



Hello church...

This month I want to recommend to you for study John chapter 15. It's where Jesus says to his disciples, "I am the vine you are the branches".

In the busyness of this summer God has reminded me again how important it is to *abide* in Him. Other translations use the word *remain*. It's this idea that *every day, every moment* we need to be connected with Christ. But in life it's so easy to get caught up in the busyness of each day, that instead of "walking in the spirit", we find ourselves "walking in the flesh". Reacting to situations humanly rather than in a way that Jesus would.

Jesus also makes it clear that this is the key to bearing fruit. We are a church that wants to pick fruit, to see new people joining our fellowship, but Jesus says we first need to learn to remain in Him regardless of what comes our way during the day. May we stay connected to the Vine.

P.S. This will be our study at prayer meeting for the month of September, So join me on this journey.

God bless.

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

Audio-Visual Dept. has requested that if you have DVDs, CDs or other media to present in church, that you complete the new request form and give to the Audio-Visual team 3 days prior to the Sabbath you want to use the media. The media must be in 48 hours prior to being used. This form can be obtained from the church office.

Have you picked up your Women's Ministries cookbook yet? We still have several left. There are a lot of delicious recipes in it from ladies in our church. Have you thought about Christmas? These will make nice gifts. Get your book from Kathleen Franger or one of the office secretaries.

New 2007-2008 Church Directories (non-pictorial) are available on the Missionary Desk. Please take one per family. If you need additional copies, please contact Rosalind Hansen. For phone numbers only, there are cards available with all the local phone numbers.

Directory Additions/Corrections

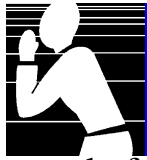
- ❖ Phone number for Kathy Cole, 916-429-2745
- ❖ Correct street address for Colin & Stacey Krause is 39694 Highview Drive

Coming Sabbath September 22!!!

Christmas boxes for the Honduran children at the Pan American Health Service will be passed out during the worship hour. If you participated in this adventure last Christmas you won't want to miss out on this opportunity to bless the life of a needy child. Invite a friend so they can join in on the blessing of providing for our extended family in Honduras.

Pathfinders. The registration/dinner for the new Pathfinder year will be on September 5. For more information call director Ed Guzman.

PRAYER CORNER



“If we keep the Lord ever before us, allowing our hearts to go out in thanksgiving and praise to Him, we shall have a continual freshness in our religious life. Our prayers will take the form of a conversation with God, as we would talk with a friend. He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Often there will come to us a sweet, joyful sense of the presence of Jesus. Often our hearts will burn within us as He draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch.” *Christ Object Lessons* p. 131

“Unwearyingly persist in prayer. The persistent asking brings the petitioner into a more earnest attitude, and gives him an increased desire to receive the things for which he asks.”

COL p. 144

“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16 *NASB*

Hour of Prayer

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

Prayer and Praise Time

Fri. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Com Services Room

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—

Successful Day Camp
Pastor’s return from a **busy** summer schedule
Bob Bowman’s successful surgeries
Lisa Menke’s recent move
Shirley Finneman’s recent visit
Scott Norman’s remission

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
Evelyn Davis	Evelyn Young
Thomas Sisco	
Lynn Allen’s cousins, Ricky Jimenez and Michael Hobbs	

Specific requests—

Mark, Trudy, & Jonah Squires as they go as missionaries to Nepal.
Our school, students and teacher, as new year begins
Pray for “missing” members to return
Pray for whom God would have you reach by an invitation to lunch or a “How are you/missing you” phone call
Nominating committee/new church officers
Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick Bray

Our Prayer Team has grown significantly since our 10 Days of Prayer in July. Many have chosen to meet on Friday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 to share praises and prayer. Please feel welcome to come and join us. You will be **amazed** how quickly that hour flies by! You are welcome to join us, even if you feel more comfortable praying silently. We just claim the promise, “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matt. 18:20

Celebrate!

Birthdays

August

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Kathy Folkes | 19 Joy Kiser |
| 5 Mary Ellen Huddy | 19 Jamie Sisco |
| 5 Michele Wisener | 20 Gene Carpenter |
| 6 Donna Davis | 20 Chris Olson |
| 6 Jan Hardy | 20 Stacey Vogel |
| 6 Lieselotte Menke | 21 Jim Schooley |
| 11 Gary Wilson | 24 Judi Guthrie |
| 13 John Mark Brix | 27 Ed Hamilton |
| 13 Mysti Jeffries | 28 Ed Guzman |
| 14 Wilbur Brown | 30 Pheobe Maciel |
| 14 Art Dalglish | 31 Lynn Allen |
| 15 Linda Pribyl | 31 Virgil Kolstad |
| 15 T.J. Wisener | |

September

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Margie Burns | 17 Pauline Hunter |
| 5 Ron Brix | 19 Jerry Page |
| 6 Evelyn Davis | 22 Mary Bowman |
| 6 Nancy Wilson | 23 Terry Burns |
| 7 Ericka Law | 23 Rick Sisco |
| 8 Kay Mickel | 26 Helen Dalglish |
| 9 Kathy Whitfield | 27 Maggie Irwin |
| 10 Chuck Pribyl | 28 Rachelle Broomfield |
| 13 Beth Crisp | 29 Dustin Ginter |
| 15 Ron Allen | 30 Karen Bergh |

Anniversaries

August

- 4 Jerry and Shirley Finneman
- 6 John and Maggie Irwin
- 8 Ed and Mona Guzman
- 12 Chuck and Linda Pribyl
- 14 Tim and Gayla Rumble
- 15 Earl and Hazel Meyer
- 17 John and Kathleen Lutz
- 21 David and Linda Jeffries
- 24 Henry and Miriam Bergh
- 24 Irv and Pat Curtis
- 27 Marland and Rosalind Hansen
- 30 Doug and Darlene O'Neil
- 31 Bob and Wanda Nelson

September

- 1 Ken and Marietta Kolstad
- 4 Tom and Calle Wieg
- 5 George and Pat Allen
- 5 Art and Helen Dalglish
- 5 Virgil and Gerry Shipp
- 6 Gordon and Nancy Wilson
- 14 Bill and Jenny Lapham
- 19 Jerry and Vicki Glazener

Community Services News

If you would like to volunteer a few hours a week being a blessing by helping those in need, we can use your help. Maybe you know of someone who needs help with chores, shopping, special projects around the house, or just needs a visit to let them know God loves them. Let's reach out! Not only to our church family, but to others in our area. in the community services room. We have started some new projects and need more helpers. Come and let us share our excitement with you!

Our annual Yard Sale/Fund Raiser is coming up. Your support through donations, or help at the sale, will be much appreciated. Watch the bulletin for the dates.

Food Needed for hungry families in our area! Please bring dry and canned goods, things that can be stocked on our shelves to help those in need. Please bring your items to the Community Services room. Thank you.

For information about Community Services Projects Call Mary Bowman 683-3067

Ruby's Ramblings

FROM NOT SO FAR

Hey, we're actually here, thanks to Dick and Brenda working out many details for the trip from Orlando to Sacramento, and in spite of a fall and then a broken leg happening just days before we left. The transition was simple enough, but I was no good to them in packing; leaving was much harder than I ever expected. I'm looking forward to seeing my west coast friends and family that are so dear to me. Here is how you can reach me:

Gramercy Court, Room 712B
2200 Gramercy Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825
916-489-9270

“May Love and Laughter Light your days and warm your Heart and Home.”

R.C.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

It has been a busy summer. That is why we didn't publish the August Newsletter. Our contributors were at camp meeting, out of town visiting, or on vacation.

Gladis Gramajo was honored at a baby shower for her little girl who is scheduled to arrive in September.

There have been several work bees at the school to help get the physical plant ready for the new year. Thanks to all who came to lend a hand. Gayla's family, husband Tim, daughter Lyssa and mother, Pat Edsell, were all drafted to help prepare for the new year. A peak at the classroom the week before school started showed a very attractive and inviting classroom.

There have also been work bees for the church including a specialized day

of helping to string new wire for the P.A. system. There was a short somewhere and it was easier to just replace the wire.

Bob Bowman, who came through his surgeries wonderfully, for which we praise God, is now back at J.C. Fremont Hospital. He is getting ready to go through physical therapy to give him more motion. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of caring. Bob would enjoy hearing from you. Cards may be sent to J. C. Fremont Hospital, Ewing Wing, 5189 Hospital Road, Mariposa, CA 95338.

During the month of August, our church services had the theme of “Practical Ways to Grow Your Life with God.” The list of speakers included Pastor Steve Hamilton and his wife Delinda, Nathaniel Gibbs from North Fork, and retired pastor, Jim Brown.

The final message for August was “prayer”. Delinda Hamilton illustrated this in a very moving message of how she was saved from the ocean after a 30-hour ordeal when her sea kayak overturned in rough seas off Baja California.

September's theme will be “The Family”. Steve Hamilton will cover the following topics on September 1, 8 and 22: “The Family – Who Made It?”, “Family 101”, and “The Family – Who Can Fix It?”. Special guests during the month will be the Philippine men's chorus, The Brown Brothers, on the 15th and pianist Randy Brehms will give his testimony regarding miracles in his own family on the 29th. Please join us each Sabbath in September for this helpful series on “The Family”.

Former members Henry & Pauline Doll are moving from Exeter to Yountville.

The Ericksens had a successful garage sale and are planning to move to Loma Linda sometime in September. They send their heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who helped with their sale, and who also brought food for them. They appreciated all the help and support.

The summer has not been all fun and games. On a trip to San Pascual Academy reunion, Darlene O'Neil fell and broke her kneecap. She is slowly getting better. Charlie Chavez had an accident and lost the end of his left thumb. This has put him out of commission on his sax. Evelyn Young had a stroke and is going through rehab at Pacific Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Home, 577 S. Peach Ave., Fresno, CA.

Lisa Menke is in Summerfield Home Care, 43249 Ellen Mine Rd., PO Box 998, Coarsegold, CA 93614

Lorraine Felker has moved to Porter Place, 1001 East Yale Ave., #314, Denver, CO. 80210; Tele. 303-722-0891.

A note from Mabel Folkes says, "I miss my church, but I am doing well." Her address is 2340 W. Seltice Way, Apt. 315, Coer d'Alene ID 83814.

Janice Britton, Tyrell, and the Muirs had successful meetings in Peru during the month of August. We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences.

Janice Britton's son and wife live in the city of Belize (in the country of Belize). Hurricane Dean destroyed their home. They had evacuated and when they returned they found the house ruined. They are now staying with friends and have plenty of drinking

water and food. Communication and transportation are real problems.

Carol Howe's daughter and husband, Mark & Trudy Squires with little Jonah, who is a year-and-half, are leaving for Nepal. They will be going to the Scheer Memorial Hospital. This is the Hospital at which Stanley Sturges worked when he was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1961. (He wrote about his experiences in Nepal in the book *In the Valley of Seven Cities*.) Mark and Trudy have a blog at markandtrudy.blogspot.com if you are interested in following their adventures.

Day Camp

Oakhurst Christian Day Camp, sponsored by our church and Christian Camp Charities was a roaring success! We had 33 children who attended. Nine were from our church families in North Fork and Oakhurst. 24 were non-Adventist children, and about half of those were without any prior church exposure. All of these children were referred by church members! What a joy to share Jesus with those around us! God worked miracles to bring this about in a very short time. Many thanks to Kathy Brix who led out in crafts, Lorie Tharp who shared information about the animals in the Nature Center, and Mel Sundean who worked tirelessly to bring this ministry to Oakhurst. He brought all the kids closer to Jesus in Camp Council, and all enjoyed the archery classes he taught. Two special events were a climbing wall and horses.

Our thanks to Johnny Sidhu for bringing the horses the last day. His daughter attends our school. Please pray for the families who we met, that seeds were planted which can be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and the families who invited them!

Karen Bergh, Camp Registrar



At eight o'clock on Monday morning, August 20, nine students sat in anticipation, ready for a new school year to begin. With worship and prayer, we were off and running! Twelve students have enrolled for this school year in grades 3-8. We are looking forward to a great year.

We have divided the job of teacher's aide between three people this year. Pastor Jacob will be helping with our Bible lab, art, P.E. and chapel. Roland Ott will be assisting with math and science and Tim Rumble will be taking care of paperwork and helping with grading. It is a real blessing to have these willing and able assistants.

A lot of work has been done on the school building. One classroom has been painted and we are making some changes to the storage room and the lobby. The yard and the back porch have also had a sprucing up. We have been blessed with a lot of volunteer help this fall as we were hurrying to get things ready for school to begin. Although we still have more to accomplish before we will be ready for an open house, you are welcome to come by and see the progress. We have some great plans for making our school welcoming, fun and safe.

We appreciate your support and prayers as we strive to make our church school here in Oakhurst a place where students can receive a quality education.

It is our goal to inspire a desire for learning that will continue through eternity.

—Gayla Rumble

A SUCCESSFUL TEACHER NEEDS—

The education of a college president,
The executive ability of a financier,
The humility of a deacon,
The adaptability of a chameleon,
The hope of an optimist,
The courage of a hero,
The wisdom of a serpent,
The gentleness of a dove,
The patience of Job,
The grace of God, and
The persistence of the devil!

—Anonymous

THE WAY TO SCHOOL

Small feet may lag along the way,
Their owners more inclined to play.
But when the school days all are done,
How often do adult minds run
Fondly back to book and rule
To see again the way to school!

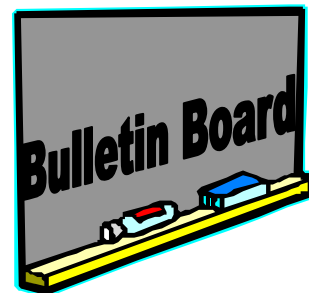
—E.B.Y.

*“Learn as if you were to live forever;
live as if you were to die tomorrow.”*

—Ghandi

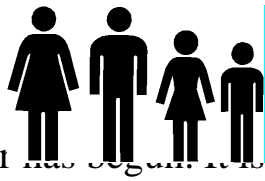
**“If you have knowledge, let others
light their candles at it.”**

—Thomas Fuller



Wanted: Non-smoker to help
handicapped lady with house work.
No heavy lifting. Please call 683-
4866

New Members



Another school year has begun and it is time for those who haven't yet met our teacher and her family to get acquainted.

Tim and Gayla Rumble with their daughter Lyssa come to us from Chowchilla. They came to Chowchilla from Michigan where all three were born. Interestingly enough, Gayla had come out to visit family and attend the Soquel Camp Meeting four years ago. They needed a teacher at Chowchilla. The family was interested in coming to California because they have family here. (Gayla's sister teaches in Modesto and her husband is the pastor of the Parkwood Church there.) Since camp meeting was late that year, Gayla had only 2 ½ weeks to get herself out here and prepare for the school year. Tim and Lyssa followed a month later.

Tim, who has two college degrees one in Physical Plant Maintenance and the other in Bible Work, is working for University of California, Merced, at their facility in Wawona. His official title is "Facilities Maintenance Coordinator".

Tim lived near Gayla's grandparents in Tennessee for a time. When he moved to Michigan, he joined the church to which Gayla belonged and that is where the couple met. Gayla is a life-long Adventist and Tim became an Adventist shortly before they met.

When she is not spending all her time teaching or preparing to teach, Gayla likes to sew, cook and work with crafts. She has taught crafts at summer camp.

Tim likes all sorts of woodworking. He also does cross-stitching.

Lyssa will be returning to PUC as a sophomore nursing student working toward her B.S. degree.

Gayla and Lyssa like to sing. Lyssa plays the piano. Gayla says she plays the piano for her "own amusement".

The family is happy to be here and is looking forward to contributing their talents to our church family.

—rmh

Church Board Report

Aug. 20, 2007

- Recommended to church body transfers of membership. *Incoming*: Jacob Gills, profession of faith; Tom & Betty Sheldon from North Fork, Jeffrey & Shea Yeager from McDonald, TN. *Outgoing*: Jeri Ermshar to Hanceville, AL, Alice Burness to Hanceville, AL, Lorraine Felker to Conifer, CO
- Report on Christian Day Camp. Next year Oakhurst will be responsible and Mel Sundean and Lorie Tharp will oversee. There will be a "graduation" the Sabbath after the camp. For ages 5-8 it will be VBS. For those 9 and up it will be Day Camp. Letter to be sent to Mel and Lorie thanking them for all the effort they put into making this year's camp a success.
- Voted to purchase a new cordless headset mike.
- Discussion on Holbrook Hall as a Red Cross Shelter Site. Voted that Jeannie Garza and her committee do a walk-through and present findings at Sept. Board meeting.
- Voted to loan to Chico SDA Elementary extra orchestra equipment
- Voted to approve Youth Mission Trip to Honduras, Feb. 13-26, 2008. Gary Shipp and Leroy Corson to go down 2 weeks early to prepare. Volunteers are needed for this project.