

Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

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HEART GIFTS

It's not the things that can be bought
That are life's richest treasure,
It's just the little "heart gifts" that money cannot measure....
A cheerful smile, a friendly word, a sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures from the storehouse of our God...
They are the things that can't be bought
With silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold...
They are the priceless things in life
For which no one can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense in giving them away.

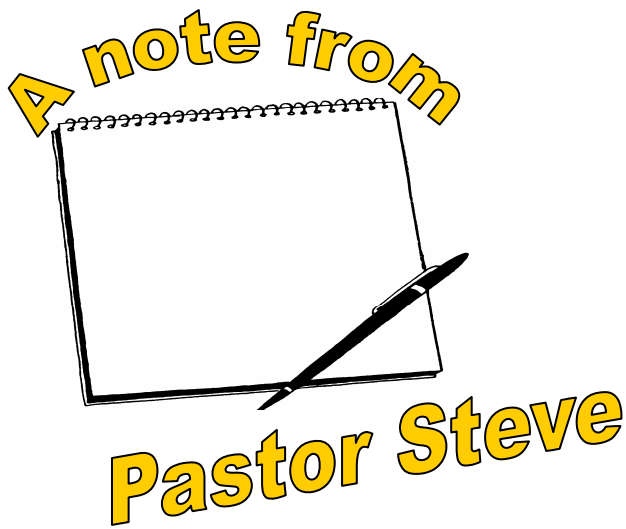
—Helen Steiner Rice

LOVE is caring
LOVE is daring
LOVE is time to share our thoughts
LOVE is understanding others
LOVE is our faith in action
I OVE is God at work

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Dates to put on your calendar—
Feb. 11 Family Council/Business Meeting
Feb. 22 Dynamic Marriage Orientation



Hello church family...

As I sit in my office in the middle of a snowstorm, contemplating what God has done in the last few months here in the Oakhurst church, my heart is warmed beyond description. We have been tracking church attendance for the last two months and, praise God, the attendance numbers have consistently been between 170 and 195. It appears that God is answering our prayers for a growing fellowship. The Prophecy Seminar has been a blessing. We are working with close to ten precious souls who are preparing for baptism. Last year we were blessed to have 9 people join our church through baptism. And now God is giving us more. May He get all of the glory! Our collegiate Sabbath School class is growing. They meet in the church office, but will soon have to find a bigger place. This Sabbath there were 13 crammed into that tiny space. It's also amazing to see our young people working for the Lord. Not only are they responsible for several attending the meetings, but are also studying with people from the community in their homes. This Sabbath I met two gentlemen who came to church for the first time in years, (Also the first time in an Adventist church) because someone had told them that this

was a good place to find direction. The more I think about it, I get the sense that we are beginning to experience a snowball effect as a result of all that's been happening here at the church. I believe that this is just the beginning of what God has planned for us. Isn't it exciting to be in the middle of what God is doing?

Praise His name!

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

Please Note: If you mail anything to the church, use the P.O. Box. Mail is not delivered to the street address.

SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. V is still missing from the church library. If you picked it up by mistake, we would appreciate having it back.

Family Council (Business Meeting) will be Sunday, Feb. 11. Breakfast at 9:00 am, meeting at 10:00 am. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Dynamic Marriage Interactive Class

When: Pre-session, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Multi-purpose room.

Cost: \$150.00 per couple. Make checks payable to Oakhurst SDA Church.

Facilitators: Ed & Mona Guzman, 559-907-8582

Class Dates: Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25

All classes start at 7:00 p.m.

ANY married couple can benefit!!

SOLO BC Party February 24th, 2-4 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship and celebrate the February birthdays with us! All "solo" ladies are invited, regardless of age. 40108 Pleasant Court. Call Helga Folkes for information: 641-2989

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

Celebrate!

Birthdays

January

3 Bonnie Wilson	13 Nicole Garza
5 Mia Valentine	15 Pat Allen
7 Linda Matlock	16 Walt Jenkins
8 Jenny Lockwood	16 Ryan Olson
8 Lyssa Rumble	16 Joel Shipp
10 Karen Moore	17 Gayla Rumble
11 Rosalie Brown	20 Robert Broomfield
11 Thelma Pombo	26 Don Pearson
12 Mel Grabast	28 Gorden Wilson
12 Darlene Herr	29 Charles Chavez
12 Melissa Hobbs	30 Jerry Finneman

February

(1st week)

2 Violet Cree	5 Jim Gilbert
7 Ingrid Wolff	3 Michael Wrona

Anniversaries

January

- 4 Ron and Lynn Allen
- 10 Wellesley and Evelyn Muir

February

- 7 Dan and Judi Guthrie

BULLETIN BOARD

Free: Marble top oval coffee table. Excellent condition. Contact Betty Jane Green, 683-7985

Help Alexi Fundraise: Every Thursday during the month of February, Angelica's Natural Health & Beauty is offering a discount to new clients for massage and facial treatments. All proceeds go to help Alexi raise funds for a mission trip to Australia. Please contact Kelly Hughes at 760-7501.

Angelica's Natural Health & Beauty
40671Hwy. 41, Suite A2
Oakhurst

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Our church is sponsoring a marriage enrichment seminar starting in just a few weeks. Ed and Mona Guzman will be facilitating the Dynamic Marriage Workshop developed by author and marriage counselor, Joe Beam. The program is based on the best selling Willard Harley book, "His Needs, Her Needs."

This is a Christian-based approach to helping couples learn to communicate better, appreciate each other more and grow in love. It doesn't matter if you have the strongest marriage on the planet, or are hanging on by a thread; the principles are designed to help all couples.

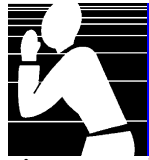
Ed and Mona have been through the program and most recently attended the training necessary to facilitate the program. They are certified Family Dynamics Facilitators. They are not counselors, this is not marriage counseling. It is an interactive program of growth for all.

The program begins soon! The pre-session is Friday, February 22 at the church. The program proceeds for eight more weeks with one break in the middle for spring break, and ending on Friday, April 25.

Sign up now with Ed and Mona. The course is limited to 12 couples and costs \$150 per couple. Some financial assistance is available. Talk to the Pastor. Do not miss this opportunity to enrich your marriage!

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PRAYER CORNER



Prayer changes situations and circumstances. Abraham prayed, and God gave him a son. Jacob prayed, and he was reconciled with his brother Esau. Paul and Silas prayed, and the prison was shaken open and the hardened jailor was saved.

Prayer changes the person who prays. David prayed, and he became a man after God’s own heart. Peter prayed, and he became the Lord’s chief apostle.

Prayer changes our perspective. Prayer permits us to view the things of this life from the perspective of the Lord of the universe. We are led by the Spirit of God through prayer to view ourselves and others from God’s point of view.

Hour of Prayer

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

The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything!

—Author Unknown

8:15-8:30 a.m.
Daily
Pray with our school

Praise For—

Those planning to be baptized as a result of the Prophecy Seminar.

Safety in the icy/snowy weather
Chad & Fadia Kreuzer’s ministry

Those so faithful in helping with the seminars
Kim Daggett’s successful surgery
Melvin Grabast’s successful surgery

Pray For—

Those with health problems—

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| Lisa Menke | Mary Plumlee |
| Glen Bowen | Evelyn Maynard |
| Irene Frederico | Helen Aved |
| Pauline Hunter | Mim Schooley |
| Don Ericksen | Betty Axt |
| Kay Mickel | Eduardo Que |
| Linda Garlick | Rosalie Brown |
| Miriam Bergh | Evelyn Davis |
| Kathy Brix | Darlene O’Neil |
| Thelma Pemberton | Marge Bacchus |
| Barbara Hayen | |

Specific requests—

- Youth group to Honduras
- Kathy Fagan’s daughter Marie recovering from recent surgery
- George Allen in the loss of his stepfather
- Karen Bergh’s stepdaughter, Karen Sue, in the loss of her husband and for a hedge of protection around her in the settling of affairs.
- Karen Bergh as she travels to be with Karen Sue and as she ministers to her.
- Those who have made decisions at the Prophecy Seminar
- Barbara Hayen (Beth Broomfield’s mother) as she undergoes chemo after breast cancer
- The Shipp family as they attempt to make contact with Gary’s brother Don.
- Mark, Trudy, & Jonah Squires in Nepal
- “Missing” members to return
- Those who God would have you reach
- Ongoing Bible studies
- Children/grandchildren
- Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick, Grant Bray, Greg Bray Merrilee Bray, Karen Wood, Billie Rankin, Tarik Rogers, Toby Peterson, Jon Grabast, Bob Dibble, Charlie Wiseman



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

A long weekend in Redlands and Loma Linda was enjoyed by Charlie and Peggy Chavez in company with son Steve and daughter Cindy and grandchildren, along with various other relatives and friends. Sabbath services were attended at the Temple City Church where they were members for 25 years. The occasion was Charlie's 80th birthday.

ACN has presented the collected works of pioneer preachers on a series of eight DVD videos. Distinguished preachers and talented individuals of today, dressed in period costume, have stepped back in time to preach the sermons of the pioneers. Steve Chavez presents the role of J.N. Andrews preaching the dedicatory sermon at the Dime Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan. Other pioneer preachers portrayed are: William W. Prescott, Roswell Cottrell, James White, Ellen White, Uriah Smith, John Harvey Kellogg and Ella Eaton Kellogg.

During January and into February the Oakhurst Church has been enjoying a Prophecy Seminar. Chad Kreuzer, an enthusiastic, dynamic speaker, has been presenting the series. He and his wife, Fadia, will stay through May in order to present another seminar in the North Fork church. We are glad to have them around for a few extra months.

At each of the meetings there is a new, large (5 ft. x10 ft.) drawing of the subject for the evening. Jacob Gibbs spends 4 to 5 hours during the day of the meeting drawing the illustration. He has a great talent that he has dedicated to the Lord.

Two young people who made their decision to serve God all the way found

the Lord had prepared the way before them to have Sabbath off at their jobs.

Each evening, special music has been given before the meeting. It has been especially good to have our younger members share their talents.

Several women from our church have attended the Women's Retreats at Tenaya Lodge the last two weekends.

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Rotide eht tcatnoc esaelp, tuo ti erugif
dna siht daer uoy fi.

We have had a stretch of very unsettled weather with rain, snow, ice and wind. We are thankful for the protection of the angels when driving in these conditions.

New addresses:

Henry & Miriam Bergh
39678 Road 425B, Space 16

Shane & Jennifer Lyster
49705 Pierce Drive

COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

Food Staples Wanted. During the month of February please help restock our food shelves for families in need. Bring donated goods to the Community Services Room. Please do not leave goods outside the church.

Employment Needed, There is a great need for jobs within our church family. Please contact Mary Bowman at 683-3067 if you can offer any information on job employment in our area—full-time, part time, or temporary.

Woodcutting. Woodcutters will start cutting again. If you would like to donate wood or your time cutting or hauling for those in need (shut-ins, financial difficulties, etc.), please contact Glenn Bowman 683-3067.

Ruby's Ramblings

FROM NOT SO FAR

It was great having granddaughter Malora and her friend Carrie here for a day on their way driving across country. They are now in Italy for 3 months to learn more about organic farming, and then plan to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. How I wish I could hike it with them! But they promised to come to Sacramento to see me when they get back from Italy. I am so looking forward to that.

How I enjoyed having son Bruce here for a weekend before he led his annual Yellowstone Snowmobiling Trip. Bruce's wife Sandy surprised me with a wonderful visit last fall on her way to her sister's wedding. How important family and friends are in our lives!!

*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.*

—Clay Harrison

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY,
Dear Friends!

R.C.

"I desire to so conduct the affairs of this administration that if, at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left and that friend shall be down inside of me."

—Abraham Lincoln

TIME SLIPS AWAY

"If I only had time"—how often it's said
By each of us in lives that are led
In pursuit of a dream or the seeking of fame,

In a task to be done or winning a game.

*But year after year and day after day,
Time always, it seems, keeps slipping
away!*

"If I just had the time, how gladly I'd spend

More hours with family or visit a friend.
How great it would be to sit by a brook
And write a long letter or read a good book."

*But month after month and day after day,
Time always, it seems, keeps slipping
away!*

"If I could find the time, I'd help those in need

And service to others would soon be my creed."

Yes, most of us feel there's much we should do,

But the minutes fly by and the weeks are too few.

*So month after month and day after day,
Time slides through our fingers and just
slips away!*

If only we knew, ere we run out of grace,

The time we have left to kiss a dear face,

To hold someone's hand who is faithful and true

And whisper these words: "My dear, I love you!"

*For moment by moment and day after day,
Our lives, just like time, keep slipping
away!*

—John C. Bonser

"The reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

—Author Unknown



We'd like to take this time to thank all of you that donated to our "From Our Hearts to Yours" program. This program was to send Valentine boxes to some soldiers in the war. We've chosen two companies to be recipients of our love gifts—a Medic team in Afghanistan and an HR group in Kuwait. Students from our church school are making Valentine cards to include in the boxes as a part of their Bible labs. If, or when, we hear back from our soldiers, we'll be sure to pass along their messages to the church. We may repeat this program again later this year!

We still have a few cookbooks available so if you haven't received yours yet, please contact Kathleen Franger. Cost is \$10. Remember, they still make great gifts during the year!

If you haven't turned in your Secret Sisters application form yet, please get it in as soon as possible so we can match you up with your 'sister'. Application forms are available in the box next to the Secret Sisters pink mailbox on the Missions desk in the foyer. When you're finished with the application, please leave it in the mailbox so we can pick it up. We already have several ladies and girls participating!

"A cheerful heart is good medicine," says Proverbs 17:22, so be of good cheer!

—Kathleen Franger

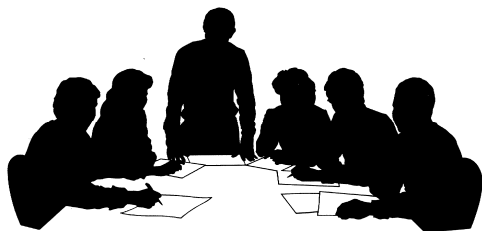
"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

Ephesians 1:16

Have you stopped lately to think about the special people in your life that you are thankful for? This month at school we are taking the opportunity to show our grandparents how special we think they are. On February 14, we are having a special luncheon to tell *all* the grandparents in the church thank you for the support you give us. We know that many of you pray for us each morning at the same time we are having worship. We appreciate that! We are also thankful for the wonderful example of faithfulness that you give us. Many of you sacrifice to support our school financially. We are so grateful!

If you are able to join us at Holbrook Hall on February 14 at 12:00 noon, please let us know so that we can reserve your free lunch. Students will be contacting their own grandparents, but we would like to invite you, if you are a grandparent in the church, to let us know if you would be able to join us. We would *really* like to have *you* come! It is important that you have a reservation—call us at school: 683-7020, or call my cell phone: 363-0487.

—Gayla Rumble



CHURCH BOARD

January 31, 2007

- **Membership transfer**
Recommended to church body for vote: Mark & Jenny Lockwood transferring in from Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, WA
- **Proposed Budget** recommended to take to Church Family council Meeting.
- **School Report** No school for 2 snow days and 1 power outage day. Eighth grade is planning a campout at Mt. Lassen. Students are making 8x4 paddle boats.
- **Pathfinders:** The club successfully defended their 3rd Bible Bowl title at Fresno Academy.
- **Marriage Seminar Training:** Voted Ed & Mona Guzman as facilitators for a Family Dynamics Marriage Seminar starting with a pre-session Feb. 22. Will meet Friday nights through April. \$150 per couple. Limit of 12 couples.
- **Prophecy Seminar:** Pastor Steve gave update. Several baptisms are expected. "Best Life Seminar" is being scheduled for North Fork.
- **Task Force Workers:** Jacob Gibbs will supervise TBA this summer. Lindsey Pratt will officially start June 2008. Voted to Continue Bible worker program, with conference sharing expenses.
- **Church Facility Maintenance:** Irv presented form to report maintenance problems. Voted to approve concept. Approved: Tom Norman repair hot water heater in church closet. \$350.00.

The Oakhurst Mountaineers have done it again! For the third year in a row, your Pathfinders have come home as winners of the Conference Bible Bowl! Two weeks ago the Pathfinders traveled to Fresno Adventist Academy to compete once again in the annual Bible Bowl. And our little club defeated the likes of Fresno Central and the Clovis Voyagers to take home the trophy again.

The club practiced long and hard under the capable coaching of Thelma Pombo. The clubs were informed at the end of last year's event that the books of the Bible to be emphasized this year would be Exodus and John. The contest consisted of multiple-choice questions, verse recognition, find the text, and fill in the blank. All of the questions are team participation so kids of all knowledge levels get to participate.

It is good fun and fellowship. At the end of the event, we all enjoyed a potluck fellowship dinner of haystacks and juice.

The club recently finished the Model Rocketry honor that culminated in a launching of the kids' homemade rockets at the school three Sundays ago. There's nothing quite like watching the rocket you made soar straight up into the heavens. We had only one launch pad mishap.

Now the club is working on the First Aid honor. They will be learning about bleeding control, splinting and choking, among other things. Our next big event will be the Pathfinder Camporee to be held in April. It is the practice event for the year-end finale, Pathfinder Fair.

The Pathfinders meet every Wednesday evening in Holbrook Hall from 5:30 to 7:00. The club is open to all children ages 9 to 16. Come by and check it out!