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Just Like His Dad

“Well, what are you going to be, my boy,
When you have reached manhood’s years:
A doctor, a lawyer, or actor great,
Moving throngs to laughter and tears?”
But he shook his head, as he gave reply
In a serious way he had:
“I don’t think I’d care to be any of them:
I want to be like my dad!”
He wants to be like his dad! You men,
Did you ever think, as you pause,
That the boy who watches your every move
Is building a set of laws?
He’s molding a life you’re the model for,
And whether it’s good or bad
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who’d be *like his dad*.
Would you have him go everywhere you go?
Have him do just the things you do?
And see everything that your eyes behold,
And woo all the gods you woo
When you see the worship that shines in the eyes
Of your lovable little lad

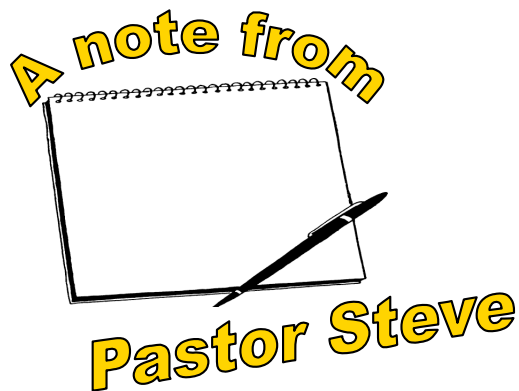
Could you rest content if he gets his wish
And grows to be like his dad?
It’s a job that none but yourself can fill;
It’s a charge you must answer for;
It’s a duty to show him the road to tread
Ere he reaches his manhood’s door.
It’s a debt you owe for the greatest joy
On this old earth to be had;
This pleasure of having a boy to raise
Who wants to be like his dad! —*Unknown*

Dates to put on your calendar—

June 13-15 Collegiate Camping Trip
June 15 Father’s Day
June 20-22 Soquel Boot Camp
June 22 Grace Dean’s celebration

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Hello church...

As you probably know, the nominating committee for the upcoming officer year has begun to meet.

As we have met for the last couple of weeks, the thing that has become most apparent to me is the fact that church would not happen without each other. In fact that is the model of Acts chapter 2. The people of the early church did not just attend on Sabbath, but all through the week they fellowshiped together studied together and ministered together.

As I look over the list of ministries in this church here in Oakhurst, I am struck with the reality that this is happening here. We come together for fellowship. There are opportunities for studying together and praying and opportunities for ministry.

None of this would happen without you. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your service in this church. It is what makes this church a church.

May God Bless you.

—Pastor Steve

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Men's Ministry has been conducting a Men's Bible Study studying the Sabbath School Lesson, as it pertains to men's issues. This study has been fascinating and those in attendance have enjoyed the camaraderie. We will be continuing the study thru June on each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 sharp.

Collegiate Camping Trip. All college-age young people are invited to a weekend camping trip June 13-15. It will be near Sierra Sky Ranch by Soquel Campground. For more information, please contact Lindsey Pratt at 209-743-6155.

Cooks Needed for TBA. Church Family, this is your time to mentor young people. TBA time has come again. During the week of June 30-July 5, help is needed to feed the TBA group. If you can help, please contact Lindsey Pratt at 209-743-6155.

A big thanks from the Cradle Roll Department to the donor of our new bells. We are enjoying them! God Bless!

Lay Evangelism. More and more, it is being realized that in nearly every church there are laypersons with speaking ability who would like to preach the Adventist message publicly. Share-Him Ministry with the Conference Evangelism Department is sponsoring a weekend training program for potential lay evangelists June 20-22 at Soquel. If you are interested in attending this weekend Boot Camp or wish additional information, please contact Irv Curtis, 642-2396.

Grace Dean's birthday will be celebrated on June 22, 2008 at Carmichael SDA church from 1 p.m.—5 p.m. Contact her daughter Sandra Dean-Stanley at 1-888-316-8919.

MimicCreme. If you are interested in purchasing a quart of MimicCreme, Rosalind Hansen has the unsweetened variety available for \$4.59/quart.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

What a high day for Henry Bergh! His 90th birthday was on the Sabbath of Memorial Day weekend. Many friends and relatives from all over came to help him celebrate. Dr. & Mrs. Robert Burgess gave a mission talk on China and Dr. Richard Osborn had the lesson for Sabbath School. For the church service Randy Brehms played the organ, the Pathfinders posted the colors, the four Bergh sisters led out in the praise songs, Victor Friedrich played “The Holy City” on his trumpet, and Tom & Calle Wieg showed slides of the Yosemite area with scripture meditations. The Pathfinder club was recognized and there was honor given to those who have served in the armed forces. In the evening in Holbrook Hall there was a special meal and a time for Henry to give his life story with many of the people in the story present. Jonatan Tejel, World Pathfinder Leader, participated in both the evening program and the church service. The Hansen Brass 7 played songs that they had played during the summers that Henry & Miriam were in charge of the Church Bowl in Yosemite 25 years ago. Wellesley Muir led out in the Pathfinder song, which Henry wrote. Harriet Hooper led in singing “We Have This Hope” which was written by her late husband Wayne. (At the beginning of their

ministries the Hoopers and Berghs shared a house.)

Irv and Pat Curtis are back home safely after a memorable couple of months in Europe. You can read about it and see pictures on their blog at 50sblast.blogspot.com

It is nice to have Elizabeth Pombo back from her time at Mission College.

Jacob Gibbs, who has served as youth pastor for the past 14 months, gave his farewell sermon on May 31. He is going back to Michigan to help his parents who have medical problems. We will miss you, Jacob. We hope you can work it out to come back and bring your folks with you.

A special joint North Fork/Oakhurst vespers communion service was held May 31. It was a nice way to close the Sabbath.

A recent electrical storm wiped out Pastor Steve's answering machine and Internet. It also took out the church and school Internet. When these events happen, we realize how dependent we get on modern conveniences.

Good news! At least 6 people will be blessed with 3ABN satellites, thanks to all your donations! The Community Services yard sale was a big success raising over \$1500! Some of our best customers were our volunteer helpers. Many helpers started helping before daybreak and worked long hours. All enjoyed fellowship.

There were 137 families that received food in the Neighborhood Market program. This represented 419 people!! They received potatoes, microwave popcorn, carrots, zucchini, onions and flavored waters. What a blessing! Watch for future Market dates!

Celebrate!

Birthdays

June

4 Pat Curtis	20 Kathy Fagan
11 Jerry Glazener	21 Don Bray
13 Glen Bowen	22 Anne Hamilton
13 John Davis	22 Jared Shipp
17 Chris Moore	22 Andrew Wieg
18 Delight Winterberg	30 Sandra Ruiz
19 Timothy Wieg	

July

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

Anniversaries

June

- 8 Barry and Chris Olson
- 10 Eddie and Esther Mindoro
- 21 Ed and Anne Hamilton
- 21 Bryan and Pamela Isaac
- 24 Gene and Kay Mickel
- 27 Glen and Mary Bowman
- 28 Terry and Margie Burns
- 28 Will and Kathleen Franger

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



... to our 2008 graduates!

8th Grade

Oakhurst SDA School, June 4

Alison Guzman

Brent Pieffer

Mountain Home School, June 5

Rochelle Isaac

Tyrell McKenzie

Oak Creek Intermediate School, June 10

Chandra Shipp

Monterey Bay Academy, June 8

Sabrina Carter

Pacific Union College, June 15

Zac Page

Children's Ministry

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, August 11-15 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm! This year's program is Castles and Crowns - a Royal Adventure. We'll explore some of the great Kings and Queens of Bible times—King Joash, King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, King David, Queen Esther and of course, King Jesus. All children ages 5-12 are invited to attend (kids under 5 will be welcome with a parent). There will be a \$10 craft fee. We still need adult volunteers. Please invite your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen 658-8705.

PRAAYER CORNER



(From *Partners in Prayer* by John Maxwell)

Five guidelines that will help you have the right attitude toward prayer:

1. **Be Spontaneous.** Try to put out of your mind once and for all that prayer has to be tedious or repetitive. Instead it should be spontaneous and exciting. The main thing is to be yourself. P 16

2. **Be Specific** Adopt an attitude toward prayer with the desire to be direct and specific with God. (Matt 6:7) As we speak, it is the sincerity of our words that matters to God. What is in our hearts gives our voices credibility. P 19

3. **Ask the Right Way.** In our relationship with God, it's obvious that He already knows our needs. (Matt 6:8) But how well do we know what God wants for us? Ironically, we know ourselves less well than God does. We have to learn to put ourselves at the disposal of God's agenda. P 21

4. **Pray with all Your Heart.** Have you ever tried to maintain a conversation with a toddler? It's really hard to keep their attention for more than a couple of minutes. That's probably how God feels when He is trying to communicate with us. Part of the solution is to come to prayer with the desire to give Him all of our attention, just as Jesus suggests. (Matt 6:6) p 4 & 5

5. **Pray Continually.** In I Thess. 5:17, Paul tells believers to "pray continually". By that he means that we should maintain an almost continuous conversation with God throughout the day—like breathing, constant and life giving. Once your relationship with God begins to deepen, that becomes easier to do. P 27

Praise For—

Violet Cree's recovery
Henry Bergh's 90th birthday
George Merkel's healed shoulder
Successful school year
Irv & Pat's safe return
Miriam Bergh's successful surgery
Darlene O'Neil's healed knee
Lorraine Felker's 90th birthday

Pray For—

Those with health problems—

Lisa Menke	Mary Plumlee
Glen Bowen	Evelyn Maynard
Irene Frederico	Helen Aved
Pauline Hunter	Mim Schooley
Irene Miller	Betty Axt
Kay Mickel	Eduardo Que
Linda Garlick	Rosalie Brown
Thelma Pemberton	Marge Bacchus
Barbara Hayen	Gerry Shipp
Jeri Kolstad	Evelyn Young
Joy Kiser	Evelyn Davis

Specific requests—

Teen Bible Academy
Jacob Gibbs for safe travel
Nathaniel Gibbs & their parents
Lindsey Pratt, Youth Pastor
VBS – Castles & Crowns
Families on vacation
Camp Meeting
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

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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.

Ruby's Ramblings

FROM NOT SO FAR

When I think of Father's Day, I feel so blessed to have had a godly father and a godly husband who cherished his family and children.

Even though Dick and Brenda are gone to Mozambique for a month with Maranatha volunteer projects, my friend Deanna Paxton was able to work out the arrangements to take me to church one Sabbath, and also to bring her ladies' singing group to give a mini concert at Gramercy Court, which was enjoyed by all. So many things to be thankful for!

*"The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly
And give you peace!"*

—Numbers 6:24-26

R.C.

MY DAD

My dad was a *simple* man
And one who loved his home;
He took such pride in all of us
Because we were his own.

My dad was a *kindly* man
Who taught us many things
That we have found, as we grew up,
Are part of what life brings.

My dad was a *godly* man
And one who trusted all;
Who judged a man for what he was
And not for stature tall.

My dad was an *honest* man
And one who understood
That sometimes folks can go astray
And yet inside be good.

My dad was a *prayerful* man
Who taught us how to pray;
To love our neighbors as ourselves,
So God would light our way.

—Gertrude Rudberg

BLESS THIS HOUSE

Within these bright and solid walls,
God holds a golden key;
To rooms of safety,
Warmth and pride,
A place called "family".
May all our days be filled with trust,
Nights blessed from
Up above, and as the years pass tenderly,
May this roof
Shelter LOVE.
From month to year...
From friend to kin,
GOD BLESS the hearts that dwell within!

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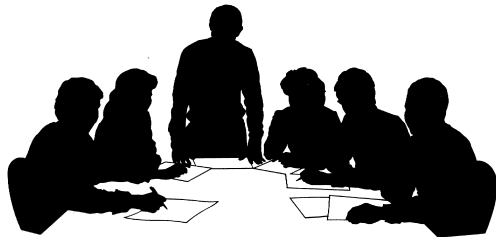
It is with mixed feelings that I write this. Eighteen years ago this December, I began as the makeup editor for the Oakhurst Church Newsletter. Less than a year later, I took over from Henry Bergh as the editor.

During these years I have had a lot of help from many different people. Thank you to each one of you who have contributed so much.

Over the entire period I have worked with the Newsletter, Ruby Christensen has been a most faithful contributor. Even when she moved and could no longer collect the interesting tidbits of news she gave us, she still sent her contributions of poems and other items used as filler. Thank you, Ruby.

Now it is time for a change. The direction has not been decided yet, so this may be your last issue, at least for a while.

—Rosalind Hansen



CHURCH BOARD REPORT

May 19, 2008

- **Membership transfer.** Voted to recommend to church body for vote: Karen Gail Hamilton coming from Angwin Village Church
- **Treasurer Report:** Approved financial summaries done by Irv Curtis. 2007 reports will go to audit.
- **TBA:** Instructors arrive June 20. Group 1 begins June 24. There will be 2 groups. Zach and Leah Page and several others will be leading out.
- **SCHOOL REPORT:** Six prospective students attended visitor's Day. Computer lab being set up with 6 library carrels for next year. Lawn care issues discussed. 8th-grade trip to Mt. Lassen was a huge success.
- **SHARE HIM BOOT CAMP:** Approved \$60-\$120 to sponsor anyone who hasn't been on a Share Him Campaign to attend boot Camp Training in Soquel June 20-22
- **PLATFORM MODIFICATIONS.** Voted to look into costs to extend the church platform over the steps and resurface flooring
- **YOUTH ROOM REDECORATION:** Approved repainting the Youth Room using \$300 from the Building Fund. Youth will raise additional money if needed.
- **MOTHER'S ROOM:** Gayla Rumble volunteered to re-do the Mother's Room. Voted to graciously accept Tim and Gayla's offer
- **CALENDAR:** VBS August 11-15. Irv & Pat Curtis; 50th Anniversary, August 23. Heinz & Maria Betat; 50th Wedding Anniversary Holbrook Hall, December 7.



**Oakhurst
SDA
Christian
School**

"I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4:7, Good News Bible

We made it—one more year of learning, praying and playing! God has blessed us in so many ways. We have grown physically, mentally and spiritually. We have had a safe year. We have also had the opportunity to reach out to our community.

We have been so blessed through your support and prayers. Please continue to remember us through the summer months. We are praying that God will fill our school with children that will benefit from our program. If you know of friends or neighbors that may be interested, please have them call the school at (559) 363-0487. (*Gayla's cell phone.*) I'm looking forward to a great new school year.

I will be taking several classes towards re-certification this summer. One class will be a two-week course in assessment at La Sierra University. Between that and continuing work on the remodeling of the school, I'm sure I will be busy!

God bless you this summer!

—Gayla Rumble

"The best things you can give children, next to good habits, are good memories."

—Anon.

From the Home and School

Your Home and School committee is pleased to announce that we have reached our goal for the Computer Lab project for our school! We raised \$1091 toward the carrels and chairs! Our heartfelt thanks to the many that contributed to this effort!

From Women's Ministry

The Save A Sole collection box in the foyer of the church has been full on a regular basis! In the next few weeks, we'll be doing an inventory of the shoes that have been received to date and a box will be heading down to Honduras at the end of June. Please remember, we need any shoes you can spare (sandals, tennis shoes, dress shoes—no high heels please—new or gently used) for this project. All cash donations received will be used to purchase black school shoes for the kids in our orphanage so we still need your help! Many thanks go to those that have already helped!

Kids In Discipleship

In these last days God promises to “turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers” (Malachi 4:6). The Holy Spirit is binding the hearts of families together today as parents and other caregivers are being equipped, supported and empowered as spiritual mentors to their children.

Kids in Discipleship is specially designed for families and is focused on children. The K.I.D. mission is *mentoring kids to be empowered disciples of Jesus now!* The Oakhurst church will begin a K.I.D. program by training parents to mentor their children through an 8-week series of studies beginning on October 1. This will be followed by combined parent/child studies beginning on November 8 and running for 32 weeks. Please watch for details in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen 658-8705.



OAKHURST MOUNTAINEERS

We camped, we learned and we praised Jesus in song, prayer and fellowship.

We completed our year with the traditional Investiture program held last week at the church. We presented a variety of honors to our Pathfinders. The honors included; First Aid, Livestock, Model Rocketry, Drilling and Marching, Bicycle and Camping honors. We enjoyed the traditional end-of-year slide show, and we gave special recognition to a few standout Pathfinders for special achievement. This year's award for the most miles ridden at the Bike-a-thon went to Brent Pieffer. Alison Guzman received the award for the most sponsors and the most money raised.

The Pathfinder of the Year award was shared between Alison Guzman and Jared Shipp. Both had point totals that were just too close to call.

The club participated in the Bike-a-thon and the Bible Bowl, winning the Bible Bowl for the third consecutive year! We continued our tradition of singing at the Oakhurst Living Center Convalescent Hospital on the first Sabbath of each month, and our grand finale for the year was a wonderful campout at San Simeon State Beach. We swam, we collected shells and explored the tide pools. We sang around the campfire and ate s'mores.

The club could not do what we do without the support of the church family. Thank you all very much. I offer special thanks to Deputy Directors, Gary and Christi Shipp and Thelma Pombo. Without a willing and able staff, none of this could have been accomplished. Praise God for our kids and for parents willing to participate.

—Ed Guzman