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\mathbf{F}	There are little eyes upon you,
A	and they're watching night and day
T	There are little ears that quickly
H	take in every word you say.
E	There are little hands all eager
R	to do everything you do,
6	And a little boy who's dreaming of
S	the day he'll be like you.
	You're the little fellow's idol
D	you're the wisest of the wise.
A	In his little mind, about you
Y	no suspicions ever rise.
	He believes in you devoutly,
	holds that all you say and do
	He will say and do in your way
	when he is grown-up like you.
	There's a wide-eyed little fellow,
	who believes you're always right,
	And his ears are always open,
	and he watches day and night.
	You are setting an example
	every day in all you do.
	For the little boy who's waiting
	to grow up to be like you.

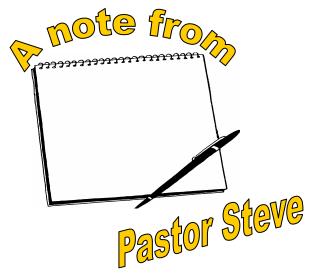


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Dates to put on your calendar—
June 7 8th grade graduation
June 16 Church Social/Ermshar Farewell June 17 Father's Day July 4 Church Picnic at Bass Lake



Can you believe it? Summer is here! I know, I know, technically the first day of summer is June 21. But the weather is warm, and when I drive into town I see ski boats and tour buses. That feels like summer to me.

Summer is typically a time for vacation. Vacation is supposed to be a time to relax, to get away from the rat race of life. To slow down, but I've noticed it's not always that way. It seems to be a rat race all of its own. Reservations, travel, activities, and when you are going to a prime location, you find that you are not the only ones with that idea. Hundreds of other people are there too. I remember driving down Highway 89 along Lake Tahoe passing campground after campground filled with tents, thinking people in the cities live in houses 30 feet apart. They come up here to go camping and pitch their tents 10 feet apart. It makes no sense.

Don't get me wrong. I love to go places and have fun as much as anyone, but I think it's good for us to remember that solitude with God is not a location it's a mindset. Jesus said to his disciples, "Come aside and rest awhile." He longs to spend time with us. So whether the summer slows down or speeds up may we take time to spend with Jesus, because that's a vacation. May God Bless you

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

General SS Program Clarification: In the May Newsletter Board Report, the item referring to the survey results and the board action should have read, "Voted that an educational program such as Religious Liberty, Youth Mission trips, or Religions of the World would be presented only every two or three months depending on resources available for quality programs. Included would be a 15-minute overview of the current SS lesson. Adult classes would meet on the remaining Sabbaths (9:30-10:30)."

Seminar on Children. June 23 by Dr. K. S. Wiggins at the Conference Office. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The deadline for pre-registration is June 13. To register contact CCC, Family Ministries Dept. or e-mail fmorales@cccsda.org

Platform Décor. A committee has been set up to study platform décor. Within the next two weeks the first change will be made, using seasonal decorations.

Pre-camp Meeting Prayer Walk. Join Jerry & Janet Page as they prayer walk the camp meeting grounds July 7, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and/or 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Questions? Call Janet Page 683-6350.

A Church Social and Farewell for Marvin & Jeri Ermshar and Steve Duke is planned for June 16. Come for sundown worship at 7:30 p.m. Afterwards there will be finger foods and games. There is a signup sheet at the missionary desk for you to indicate what you will contribute. Ideas are crackers, chips, dips, relishes, fruit, etc. Call Jeannie Garza at 658-8366 for more information.

Church Website: Visit http://www.oakhurst.church.org

PRAYER CORNER



"We will give ourselves continually to prayer." Acts 6:4

These few words let us know the reason or secret of the early church's tremendous success in soul winning and carrying the story of a resurrected Lord in one generation to the then-known world. Prayer was first in their program because it is of first importance. They would allow no secondary work to assume first place in their thinking or activity. There were problems to settle, churches to build, sick to be visited, organizations to be perfected, meetings to be held, finances to look after, a hundred and one important and pressing details that would more than fill the hours of the day. But, resolutely, they gave themselves to "prayer".

No wonder the early church was spoken of by Jesus through the Revelator as a victorious force going forth "conquering and to conquer." They triumphed not because they were brilliant and eloquent, not because they were men of high position, but because they were men who gave themselves "to prayer."

Prayer Power, J. L. Tucker

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—

Increased attendance at prayer meeting
Those filling church positions for 2007-8 year
All our new babies at church
Progress on our church "corner", including
the new sign and the volunteers who are

Those with health problems—

making it happen.

Lisa Menke Mary Plumlee June/Glen Bowen Evelyn Maynard Scott Norman Irene Frederico Pauline Hunter Mim Schooley Don Ericksen Betty Axt Kay Mickel Eduardo Que Harry/Linda Garlick **Bob Bowman** Miriam Bergh Violet Cree

Kathy Brix

Lynn Allen's cousins, Ricky Jimenez and Michael Hobbs

Specific requests—

Those filling church positions
Families traveling on vacation
Marvin & Jeri Ermshar for a safe move
Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick Bray

Our church will be participating in "Global Surge" June 27-July 7.
Watch the church bulletin for more details

"Never speak disparagingly of any man; for he may be great in the sight of the Lord, while those who feel great may be lightly esteemed of God because of the perversity of their hearts."

- Ellen G. White

PASIONATE PREACHING

That's our call. When a reporter watched Mother Teresa cradle a dying man in her arms, and saw the ugly sores on his body, and smelled the stench of the disease, he said, "Sister, I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Her quick answer was, "Neither would I." Passion, not reward!



Graduates

8th grade

Mountain Home School, June 7

Nathan Isaac

Oakhurst SDA, June 7,

Carissa Shipp

12th grade

Pine Heights Home School. June 3

Elizabeth Pombo

Fresno Adventist Academy, June 10

Jennifer Burns

Yosemite High School, June 13

Joel Shipp

Nicholas Vecchiarelli

Mariposa High School, June 15

Rachelle Broomfield

College

Walla Walla College, June 17

Andrew Wieg



There will be a church picnic at Bass Lake on July 4. Vegehotdogs will be served. There will be a signup sheet for you

to indicate side dish you will bring to add to the meal. There will be swimming, water games and other social events through the afternoon. Then we will watch the fireworks over the lake. Carpooling is planned. Watch the bulletin for more details. Call Jeannie Garza at 658-8366 for more information.

celebrate/

Birthdays

June

- 4 Pat Curtis 18 Delight Winterberg 19 Timothy Wieg 11 Jerry Glazener 12 June Bowen 20 Kathy Fagan 13 Glen Bowen 21 Don Bray 22 Anne Hamilton 13 John Davis
- 17 Chris Moore 22 Jared Shipp 30 Sandra Ruiz 22 Andrew Wieg

July (First Week)

5 John Irwin 7 Joshua Herr 5 Amara Matlock 8 Irv Curtis

6 Dawn Vogel

Anniversaries

June

1 Glen and June Bowen 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 *****

A minister parked his car in a noparking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. lead us not into temptation."

Ruby's Ramblings FROM AFAR

With Dick's and Brenda's house now sold, and the moving truck on its way to Sacramento, moving back to California is becoming more of a reality, as we work out the rest of the details.

I had a visit with my granddaughter Malora, from Bellingham, WA., and a friend the first week of May. They were here for a wonderful, fun-filled eight

The springtime has been so pretty. I think of my Oakhurst friends often, and pray for God's blessings in your lives.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Thank you, Findleys, for again sharing your fruit with our church members. We appreciate and enjoy it!

Congratulations to Robin Holliday and John Daley who were married Friday, May 25.

Work Bee. Thank you, to those who came to help make our church grounds look more attractive. Roland Ott manned the tractor. Wilbur Brown, Herb Betat, and Irving Curtis mowed down weeds. Ed & Shirley Moore, Paul Lutz, Marland Hansen, and Mike O'Neil worked on the brick wall. **Darrell Cyphers** spread out the bark. Eric Vecchiarelli and Walter Jenkins got the new church sign put up. While all this was going on, Kathy Franger and Christi Shipp prepared a tasty lunch for the workers.

New address for:

Evelyn Maynard 11512 Pecan Way Loma Linda, CA 92354-3530

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New **Members**



Cookie McDonald:

We forgot Cookie!! It's been brought to my attention that in the switchover from writer to writer, we have forgotten some from the baptism of December 2005. As a member of that group myself, I'm not completely up-to date on who's been interviewed and who hasn't. So if anyone out there is aware of someone else who's been left out, please let me know.

Cookie McDonald was born on May 30, 1953. She was the third of seven children (Mary Bowman being #2). Originally from Maryland, Cookie found herself all over the map, bouncing from Baltimore to Grafton West Virginia, to San Francisco, Perris, Fresno, and eventually Ahwahnee California. She has two grown children and five grandchildren.

Cookie is a real Renaissance woman. She has owned two businesses, a thrift store/movie shop, and a jewelry/water toys store. She spent some time working in a pet shop where she learned much about animals and their care. She also spent three years serving our country in a military police unit and as a cook.

Cookie has several collections including tins, Avon collectables, and fast food toys. She enjoys working puzzles and spending as much time with her grandchildren as possible.

She says that her church and family are very important to her, and that without the Lord she would have absolutely nothing. She's amazed by the ways He continues to work in her

Cookie has been spending a lot of time in Fresno lately due to two new grandchildren in a row, but she is still around and thinking of all of her mountain friends and family. She will be leaving us again shortly to go and see her grandson be dedicated into his church, so if you see her you should hug her now while you have a chance!

—Carrie Bowman



Our **Blankets for Tots** quilting project is going well! We have enough tops for about 20 quilts. Now we need to assemble the back, stuff it with stuffing and tie them off. Any cash donations to the project will be gratefully appreciated. We meet at 2 pm on most Sunday afternoons. Watch the bulletin for more information. You're welcome to join in!

Our Monday and Tuesday women's Bible studies have begun a new community outreach! It's called Because We Care. The purpose is to send out notes of sympathy, encouragement and celebration internally, to our church family and also to those we may read about in our community.

The Women's Ministry Cookbook is finished and on sale now for only \$10! A special THANK YOU goes to all the women that donated their yummy recipes, Helen Dalgleish for her beautiful cover art and to Carrie Bowman, Pat Curtis and Will Franger for editing and assembling the book. You can get your cookbook through Kathleen Franger or Carrie Bowman. Proceeds from the cookbook will go to support other Women's Ministry projects and programs.

Have you treated your Secret Sister **********

Manna House Food Drive

We're pleased to announce that our food drive at Von's last Sunday was a great success for Manna House. In all, approximately \$2500 worth of groceries (in excess of 800 + pounds) will be distributed by Manna House to the needy in our community. We'd like to recognize each of the volunteers with a big THANK YOU for your hard work and efforts.

Wednesday night Kids Bible Hour

Kids – come on out and learn and play at the Wednesday Night Kids Bible Hour for kids under 12! This new outreach needs your help! All you need is a willing heart. The teaching materials are already available and ready to use! Please contact Kathleen Franger 658-8705 or Carrie Bowman 658-6972 to join the leadership team. If we get enough people to help, you might only have to help one night a month! We will not be meeting during the month of July.

Kathleen Franger

People can't get together with people here, so why are they trying to get together with people on other planets?

SCHOOL

Remember graduation June 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. We have one graduate this year, Carissa Shipp. The whole school will also be presenting a program of 8 songs. Please come and be a part of our joy. Afterward, we will have some refreshments in Holbrook Hall.

On Thursday of this week the class will have their final field trip to Fresno Island Waterpark.

Thank you church family for all of your love and concern for our church school. Thank you for your support. Thank you Jacob Gibbs, for your involvement at the school, Friday morning worships, and other activities that you, Steve Duke, and Erik Drinkard have arranged. And personally, thanks for the fun nights we have had at our house, Jacob. I'm going to miss you.

I know you will give our new teacher, Gayla Rumble, a warm welcome. She is very creative and very competent.

Continue to pray for our school during the summer. We need four new students.

I will be thinking of you, Jeri Ermshar.

Please email me at universestarr@hotmail.com

What we do during our working hours determines what we have; What we do in our leisure hours determines who we are. —Abigail Van Buren

Here's to Your Health!

Dear Church Family,

The health message this month is regarding low back pain.

I get asked a lot about how to deal with back pain. The answer is not always the same. I have worked with many people who have had back pain, and even on occasion had to treat myself, and have found that some of the principles are the same.

First, the causes of back pain can vary, but they usually have some of the same symptoms. Back pain can be caused from a herniated disc, pinched nerve, joint entrapment, joint restriction, ligament sprain, tendon/muscle strain and a few others. No matter what causes your pain, it is always associated with a significant amount of muscle pain and spasms.

The bodies God gave us were designed to protect us from further injury. This is why we sometimes get debilitating pain immediately after the injury depending on its severity. This is to tell us to stop moving causing further trauma and to rest. This is the time to use an ice pack to help quell some of the inflammation, and also when you may wish to see a doctor who can prescribe medications for pain, inflammation and/or muscle spasms. With most back injuries, the initial pain will finally stop worsening within the first week. Then you can start doing something about getting your back to feel better.

Typically, I don't like to have someone start by stretching their muscles because the muscles are in spasm to protect you. If you are trying to stretch out a muscle in spasm, it usually starts getting more painful because it doesn't want to stretch. The first thing I want someone to do is to start getting more blood circulation into the low back muscles, so I start using a hot pack, and then have them contract their muscles. Some of the ways to do this is by walking or doing light strengthening exercises. The key thing to remember is to

do it on a gradual basis. For example, if you injured one of your joints in your low back and have muscles spasms, you can start by walking for five minutes which will cause the muscles in your back to contract and increase the circulation in the injured area. Each time you try to walk a little longer but always make sure you don't overdo it causing more pain and then more muscle spasms. You will be essentially taking one step forward and two steps back if you do more activity than your injured tissue can handle. In general, if it is painful, then you shouldn't be doing it. As you become more active the injured area will continue to improve and the muscles don't have any reason to be in spasm. This is when I have people start stretching their muscles and other soft tissue structures to keep them from injuring their back again.

Most of the people I work with, injure their low back by lifting incorrectly. Most of us know we are supposed to lift something by bending our knees and keeping our back straight. Most of us, including myself, don't do it very often unless the object is very heavy. I see more people injure their low back by bending and twisting in one motion than by just bending to lift something that's very light.

We should all be very careful with our body mechanics when lifting or bending and, even more importantly, to make sure we keep our low backs stretched and strengthened to help keep ourselves from being injured in the first place.

Bill Lapham

A halo has to fall only a few inches to become a noose.



For Sale: Basic Yamaha keyboard like new. Baritone ukulele like new. Stereo that plays old records with FM radio. In good condition. Metal detector like new. Metal file cabinet in fair shape. Call Don or Jo Ann Ericksen at 559-658-5514.

For Rent: Extra clean and sunny 2BD/2BA house with bonus room (suitable for library, office, game room or 3rd bedroom), family room, 2-car garage and workshop, utility room, covered porch. Mature landscaping, shaded lawn, part-time caretaker included! Paved driveway, fenced garden area, energy efficient, wellinsulated, free solar-heated hot water. On 11 pine-studded acres between Mariposa and Oakhurst. Quiet neighborhood. Water included. Many extras. (New paint, new hot water heater, new mini-blinds, new bathroom fixtures, ceiling fan, wood/electric range in kitchen, circulating wood heater, A/C, 3ABN dish). First, last, deposit. \$1050

Sunday after church a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."



I'll get right into it so get mentally ready! How many sides does a box have? Before reading further answer that question in your mind. What was your answer? Did you say four or did you say another number? Is it possible that there is more than one answer? If you said four than you probably pictured a box that is perfectly square or close to being square. But what if the box was more in the shape of an apple crate, you know something rectangular. Then what would you have said? You probably would have said it had two sides. Because most people would have said such a box has two sides, two ends, and a top and a bottom whereas a square box has four sides and a top and a bottom.

Sometimes it is like that in life. We make up our mind based on our perspective and then we stick to our decision, refusing to even look at any other point of view. Here's a little story to illustrate that kind of mind set.

There was a professor of Anthropology who was insistent that a certain group of people who lived 2000 thousand years ago, only used green thread in their garments. So he put together an expedition to prove his point and took a group of students with him to do the digging in the area these ancient people lived in. As they sifted through the debris of this civilization the students begin to bring him the evidence that he sought to prove his point of view.

Then one of the students brought him a blue thread upon which the professor said "NO NO, that doesn't belong, throw it out!" As other students brought him Page 9 always the same, "NO NO, that doesn't belong, throw it out!"

Sometimes we are like that professor and refuse to accept evidence contrary to our point of view. Does the box have four sides or does it have two? Maybe there is more to the golden rule than we think. Could we substitute the word "listen" for "do"? Listen to our brother, as we would have him listen to us! And that's my perspective on perspective!

—Roland Ott

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We have mailed out letters to some of you asking if you wished to continue receiving the Newsletter. We are happy to keep sending it if you are reading it. We are just checking to see that we aren't mailing out to the Dead Letter Office. Because of the postage rates, we do not ask for address correction, therefore, unless you keep us updated on your current address, the Post Office discards the piece.

Thank you to those who responded and to those who sent donations.

If your birthday or anniversary isn't appearing in the appropriate column, please give the information to Rosalind Hansen.

If you know of anyone who should be receiving the Newsletter and is not, we would appreciate that information, too.

Thanks for your help.

Be a **GOOD LISTENER**; your ears will never get you in trouble.



(This month we are including a longer than usual report to give you a better idea of what is happening with the board.)

A Word from your Church Board

This past year has been a good one for your Church Board. The devotion, discussion and prayer time spent at the beginning of each meeting has been spiritually uplifting and inspiring. A number of months ago we decided that the length of meeting time should be limited to an hour and a half. At times we have stopped in the middle of a discussion, realizing that we have already spent 20-30 minutes focusing on God and his will for our church and we still have a long agenda ahead of us.

But, this has all been well. It has set the tone for the business at hand, brought the group into unity and harmony with a desire that our actions and decisions be God's, not ours.

The May meeting had a very long agenda. But because we spent time with the Lord, our minds were clear and focused on the tasks at hand and we moved through the items quickly. Here is a summary of the decisions made:

- 1. Transfer of Kelley Hiten Mickelson to the Green Lake SDA, Seattle WA.
- 2. As many of you are aware, we have been transitioning our church financial records from the old system which was maintained on two separate computers into a single computer with the new NAD preferred software. In addition, the 2005 and 2006 records were being audited. As a result of this multi faceted activity, we have been without a good financial report for many months. After the completion of the audit and restructuring to a single computer, it became necessary to review all the accounts and their Page 10

activity to ensure their integrity. This took many hours of verifying and adjusting to ensure the credibility of all the accounts. The adjusted account with balances for the year ending December 2006 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

- 3. The minutes of the May Ministry Council were reviewed and approved. The approval included such items as:
 - a. Sanctuary platform décor funding for the rest of 2007.
 - b. Walnut tree stump near the new sign to be removed professionally.
 - c. Due to the lack of response to continue the Hwy. 41 cleanup, Roland Ott and Mike O'Neil volunteered to co-lead this ministry. Their response was happily accepted.
 - d. To dispose of the old sign entirely.
 - e. CD's of the recent Creation Seminar be made available to members and guests.
 - f. In July with the new officer year, each Adult Sabbath School class will be evaluated for size and location. If necessary, some classes will be moved to a more appropriate size location.
 - g. In place of the former picture board in the foyer, the Board will investigate some sort of electronic media display to hang where the glass display case is currently. This could be used for sharing pictures of new people attending, advertising current happenings in the church, and welcoming visitors.
 - h. During the Ministry Council discussion it was determined that there should be training classes for Sabbath School teaching, Platform Etiquette and Public Speaking.

- 4. Approved Tyrell McKenzie, Janice Britton, Evelyn Muir and Wellesley Muir as participants in the Quiet Hour Evangelism, Iquitos, Peru, August 10-26, 2007.
- 5. Selected five delegates to the CCC constituency meeting, November 11, 2007 at MBA. Also selected were the persons recommended to serve on the Large Committee, Nominating Committee, Conference Executive Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Lay Advisory Committee.
- 6. Roland Ott will present to the June Board, recommendation and cost to repair/improve four of our exit doors.

Please remember your Church Board and Ministry Council in your prayers as they deliberate and make decisions for the ministry of our church and to our community.

> Irv Curtis Church Board Chair

Things you simply must know—

- In 10 minutes a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- It's physically impossible to lick your elbow.
- No word in the English language rhymes with "month".
- It's possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.



A book in our church library grabbed my attention this past weekend. I brought it home and it held my interest way past my bedtime! The title, *Though Bombs May Fall*, was written in 2003 by Korean-born Penny Young Sook Kim, with help from Richard Schaefer and Charles Mills. The book found its way into the Oakhurst Church Library during 2006.

Art and I have just returned from a week-long stay as guests at Silverado Orchards Retirement Home in St. Helena, CA. While there, I participated in a five-day watercolor workshop in nearby Calistoga.

Every day at Silverado Orchards dining hall, we were invited to share the table with two elderly ladies, Grace and Nora, both 96 years old. On getting acquainted with Grace, I learned that her last name is "Rue" and that she was a missionary in Korea for 20 years. She told how she had run an orphanage for homeless Korean children and helped to place hundreds of children in adoptive homes.

I mentioned that my husband's sister had adopted a Korean orphan circa the 1950s, and that we have embraced her into our family as our niece. She is a lovely well-adjusted person with three beautiful children, now grown, and has a wonderful devoted husband. Until just recently she had been an administrator of a retirement home in Loma Linda, CA. Grace brightened up as she asked; "Is her name Sharon?" When I answered in the affirmative, Grace

replied that she kept Sharon in her home for six years until they found a home for her, and that she had really desired to adopt Sharon as their very own child. Because of his advanced age, Dr. George Rue didn't want them to take on this responsibility.

The story became even more interesting when I mentioned that during the early 1940s I attended Loma Linda Academy with Betty Rue, and her younger brother George Rue, returned missionary children. Grace responded that these were Dr. George Rue's children, and that their mother had died in Korea about four years before their being sent to Loma Linda. When Grace married their father, the children were already adults. Of even further interest was that Betty Rue married Leland Mitchell, another of our classmates from Loma Linda Academy, and that they accompanied the Rues to Korea as missionaries. Grace told me of a book published about her husband but was not able to recall its name. I replied that I remembered seeing a book in our church library about Dr. George Rue, but didn't remember the title.

While serving in the church library last Sabbath, I found the book and brought it home to read. Now that I have read the story and connected it to the living, lovely personality of Mrs. Grace Rue, I present it to you and hope you will also find it of interest.

It is a biography of George Rue, missionary doctor who devoted many years of service to the Korean people. During dark days after two devastating wars, he faced many difficult challenges as he built up the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital. The Korean people loved this dedicated physician who devoted his life to their care following in the example of Christ. His wife, Grace, in charge of the orphanage connected to the hospital, was loved by the children in her care. Each child

claimed her as "mother" as she loved them in return. Grace kept careful records to see how her boys and girls were doing after they left Korea. Eventually over 1000 homeless children found their way to this haven of safety until its doors were closed permanently in the 1970s.

"As you read about Dr. Rue's commitment to serve the people he loved while landmines, bombs, and devastation repeatedly threatened his life, your own faith will deepen." *

Again, the title of book is *Though Bombs May Fall*

—Helen Dalgleish * From cover of the paperback book

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long, holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man,
"Sorry about the delay. It seems as if
everyone waits until the last minute to
get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Many people use religion like a bus — they ride it only when it goes their way.