

Dates to Remember

February

"Bread of Life" Community Dinner
Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Community Service
Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wed, 6:30 p.m.

Vegetarian Potluck Fellowship Dinner
Sab, Feb 2, 16
following services

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Upper Deck Restaurant
Sun, Feb 3, 8:30 a.m.

Women's Ministries Bible Study
Church
Tuesdays, Feb 5, 19, 26
2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Gym Night
School, Sat, Feb 9, 6:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting
Mon, Feb 11, 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club Meeting
Tue, Feb 12, 6:00 p.m.

Elders' Meeting
Thu, Feb 14 5:30 p.m.

No School
Mon, Feb 18

Church Board Meeting
Mon, Feb 18, 6:30 p.m.

Coming Up

Talent Show, Mar 2

Spring Break, Mar 18 - 22

Women's Ministries Tea, Apr 7



Klamath Falls SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

February 2019

Pastor's Corner

During the month of February romantics all over the world will be finding clever ways to express their love to their Valentine with chocolates and hearts and roses! They will be crowding the Hallmark stores trying to find the right card that says just the right things for the one they love.

Webster defines love as "a gift or greeting sent to someone (special)." It almost always contains a message of love or affection that the sender has for the receiver.

What is true friendship and love all about anyway?

In the heart of the gospel of John there are these statements: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you" **John 13:34**. "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you" **John 15:12**. "These things I command you, that you love one another" **John 15:17**.

Jesus said, "A **new commandment** I give unto you." The command to love was not in itself new. It belonged to the instructions given to the Lord through Moses. The command was new in that a new demonstration had been given of love, which the disciples of Christ were to emulate. By His revelation of His Father's character Jesus had opened to mankind a new concept of the love of God. The new command required them to preserve the same relationship with one another that Jesus had cultivated with them.

How did Jesus love his disciples? He loved his disciples **selflessly**. We think of the happiness we will receive or the loneliness we will suffer if love fails or is denied. But Jesus never thought of Himself. His one desire was to give all he had for those he loved. Jesus loved his disciples **sacrificially**. There was no limit to what his love would give or where it would go. If love meant the cross Jesus was prepared to go there. Jesus loved his disciples **understandingly**. He knew his disciples through and through. Jesus knew all that was to be known about them. Sometimes we say that love is blind. That is not so, for the love that is blind can end in nothing but bleak and utter disillusionment. Jesus loved his disciples **forgivingly**. They were blind and insensitive, slow to learn and lacking in understanding. But Jesus held nothing against them. The love which has not learned to forgive cannot do anything else but shrivel and die.

God has indeed sent to this world a **Valentine**, the **message of love** He has for all mankind.

Perhaps one of the best known verses in all the Bible is **John 3:16**- "For God so loved the world..." Another Scripture reference with the same verse thought, **1 John 3:16**, in essence says the same thing: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us..."

We know that God the Father and the Son love us and because of this love we are instructed to love one another. The same John writes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" **1 John 4:7-11**.



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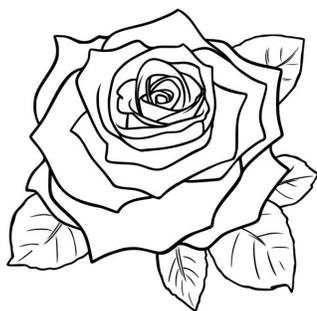
Faith For Today

Faith For Today is a television ministry of the North American Division, committed to sharing God's grace with the world through broadcast media. They produce the show Lifestyle Magazine.

Lifestyle Magazine is a half hour television talk show focused on living a full, healthy and balanced life. It is the second longest show on the air after "Meet the Press." The show features panel discussions, interviews and demonstration segments focused on whole life health, including fitness, nutrition, relationships, outlook and more. This multiple award-winning show reaches a wide age demographic and covers a wide variety of topics.

You can view the programs each week on the following:

- Sky Angel Faith and Family TV
- Uplift TV
- DircTV channel 368 or 378
- Hope Channel
- NRB Network
- faithfortoday.tv
- lifestyle.org
- Roku
- Apple TV
- AmazonFire TV



Please check the network's websites for air times and dates or call our the office 805-955-7681.

Church Board Meeting

Items of discussion and action taken at the January Church Business meeting included:

- Noted that the Church Budget reflected a deficit of \$4,283 at the end of the year
 - Received a report on Church improvements and repairs including outdoor lighting upgrades for the Fellowship Hall; Sanctuary lighting repairs; grant approval for improvements to the Fellowship Hall acoustics, lighting and sound system.
 - Pastor's schedule update
 - Reports from our School, Women's Ministries Committee, Sabbath School Superintendent, Pastor Search Committee Chair, Men's Ministries Committee
 - Noted letters of appreciation from United Christian Ministries and Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank
- The next Church Board Meeting will be Monday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministries Events

Ladies, take note of the following:

Women's Ministries Bible Study on the women of the Bible, beginning Tuesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at church. The first study features Deborah.

Widows & Women Alone Valentine luncheon at Gladstone will be held Sunday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Tawny Sportsman, 541-367-4913 for more information and to register.

Women's Ministries will host our church service on Sabbath, March 2. The theme is "Walking with Jesus". If you would be interesting in participating please contact Roma Gryte or Kathy Davis.

A Women's Ministries Leadership Retreat is scheduled for March 22- 24 at Agate Beach. Get more information from Roma or Kathy, or check on the Oregon Conference website.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. The Women's Ministry is having a Tea Party! For information on hosting a table please contact Marcia Mollenkopf. We hope you will bring friends and join us for a delightful afternoon retreat!



Pastor's Corner

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In Greek mythology and philosophy **Eros** played many roles. As a young playful god he was often referred to as a son of Aphrodite and was frequently depicted as causing love by shooting a gold-tipped arrow. In Roman mythology he was known as Cupid.

But friends, Jesus was no mythical figure. He came as love personified. He shot no gold-tipped arrow to cause love, but a sword pierced his very heart as he died on Calvary's cross so that we might catch a fleeting glimpse of the **greatest lover** this world has ever known.

Because of God's love for us we are constrained to send a message of love to the world. We are called to be a **Valentine**. We are called to **love** those around us.

Pastor Barry Taylor

School News

Greetings from all of us at the Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School. Our church school has begun a month-long fundraiser. We are raising money to buy "shoes-that-grow" for the children in Madagascar. Our goal is to earn \$15 per student. We have already doubled our goal thanks to extremely generous donors and lots of cookie sales at our gym night! Thank you so much, and we're sure the children of Madagascar will be very thankful, too. And, of course, it's okay to keep on donating until the end of February. More shoes on more growing feet.



Sincerely, Melody Osborne and the students

Men's Summit 2019

Men don't retreat. We reach for the Summit...

This is a personal invitation to all the males at the Klamath Falls, Bonanza and Chiloquin Seventh-day Adventist Churches to attend this year's Oregon Men's Summit at beautiful Dorena Lake featuring Dick Duerksen. This summit is May 3 – 5 at the Grove Christian Camp, sitting on the Row River just south of Eugene.

A team of guys from all over the Oregon Conference are hard at work to make this the best Men's Summit ever, with activities and events in the works to include: Excavating into the Bible, a basketball tournament, learning no-spin knife-throwing, survival skills (both spiritually and worldly), birding, photography, mountain biking, gold mines, hiking, kayaking/canoeing, campfire gatherings, church safety and more...

Meet new friends as you converse over some of your favorite collections that you bring - Your 3 favorite knives... 2 favorite guns... two items your wife wishes you did not have... three items from your collection of ??? "Stuff worth watching on the Internet" might be a really short activity.... We are even entertaining the idea of a Saturday Night/Sunday "Swap Market".

Some of the things YOU could walk away with are any one of the great Summit Weekend Giveaways - Duerksen's "Twenty Best Stories" audio book, Duerksen's "Twenty Best Stories" printed book, and Sabbath/Sunday guided tour through the Klamath Wildlife Refuges, an "Elite Pass" to "Man Camp 2019 Survival Camp", and other items from across the Pacific NW!

There are great cabins and tasty meals! All you need is a sleeping bag and appropriate gear for the activities you want to join. Pre-registration (Early Bird Discount) is \$125 for the month of February and March. April is \$135.00 and at the door rate is \$140.00. Sign up sooner than later.

Please join me for a weekend of getting back to nature (where men can be men), spiritual food and great comradery.

This is also an appeal to all the women of Klamath Basin area churches that have men in their lives to lovingly encourage them to make this event and to live intentionally closer to God.

Have any questions? Please call me, Jerry Bowers, at 541-281-3388 or send me an email at jbowers@bowersfencing.com. A website is coming online soon with all the information, details and how to register. Oh, and remember... Men don't retreat. We reach for the Summit!!