

Dates to Remember

July

Vegetarian Potluck Fellowship Dinner

Sab, Jul 6, 20
following services

Outreach Sabbath

Sab, Jul 6
2:30 p.m. Music at Pelican Point

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Red Rooster Grill
Sun, Jul 7, 8:30 a.m.

Walking Club

Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:00 a.m.

"Bread of Life" Community Dinner

Fellowship Hall
Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Community Service - Fellowship Hall

Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

School Yard Sale

Jul 5, 7, 11, 12, 14

School Board Meeting

Mon, Jul 8, 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Tue, Jul 9, 6:00 p.m.

Church Business / School Constituency Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Wed, Jul 10, 7:00 p.m.

Elders' Meeting

Thu, Jul 11, 5:30 p.m.

Vespers Service

Sab, Jul 13, 6:30 p.m.

Pickle Ball

Stukel Park
Sun, Jul 21

Brown Mountain Walk

Sab, Jul 27, 3:00 p.m.



Klamath Falls SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

July 2019

Stars and Stripes

With pride, men and women still sing the words written by that Russian immigrant, Irving Berlin, who landed on these shores back in 1893:

"God bless America, Land that I love;
Stand beside her,
and guide her,
Through the night
With a light from above.
From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home."

The twin legacies of liberty: civil liberty and religious liberty. We have declared them to be our unalienable God-given right. No other nation in the history of this planet has so powerfully championed these freedoms. Some commentators have concluded that the two horns of the beast with lamb-like horns seen in Revelation 13 are indeed the twin legacies of civil freedom and religious liberty.

The words of Emma Lazarus inscribed on the Statue of Liberty in New York's harbor have rung true in the hearts of this planet's exiles: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Land of the free and home of the brave. Those early pioneers, the framers of the Declaration of Independence were guided not by their own thoughts but by God. When the pilgrims courageously left Europe on the Mayflower and crossed the Atlantic to the unknown world of America, they wanted to escape the religious oppression of the past. They longed to be free from persecution. They wanted to found a country where they could be free to worship God and practice the religion they believed in. When the boat pulled into the harbor off Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the first band of Pilgrims set foot on this continent, they knelt to thank God for their safe journey.

The flag of the United States stands tall. The framers of our Constitution made clear statements about the separation of church and state. George Washington said in 1789, "Every man conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinion, is to be protected in worshiping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience."

Freedom- we often take it for granted. Prophecy points us to a time however, when we will not always enjoy the freedoms we have now. In fact the same chapter of Revelation tells us that there will come a time when our freedoms will be taken away. Even now, our personal liberties are being slowly and subtly undermined. And one day it will lead to a final conflict over the law of God and His worship. Just as there are twin liberties today there will be two targets of the devil's anger- those who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Why not make a commitment now to share God's message of love and truth to a world that doesn't know him. While the doors of freedom are still open- while Liberty's lamp still lights the way, the time for sharing His love is now. The time for opening His word to others is now.

Pastor Barry Taylor

Church Board Meeting

Items of discussion and action taken at the June Church Board meeting included:

- Update on maintenance projects
- Fellowship Hall use
- Nomination of David Moore for Elder was approved
- Nomination of Mark Ager for Head Deacon was approved
- Motion to not allow strollers in the Sanctuary was approved
- Update on Discovery Center materials availability
- Approved Church and School budgets

The next Church Board Meeting will be Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Pickle Ball

Thank you to everyone who has come and supported our efforts to keep our church healthy and active! We have had a good time getting to know each other and the game together. We will be playing pickle ball again on July 21 at Stukel Park. The time will be different than our usual 4:00 p.m., so watch the bulletin for updates. Everyone is invited to come and learn with us and join the activities. You don't have to play to have fun.

There are always a few people who come for the social environment and enjoy watching and getting to know others better. We plan to see you there, so keep watching the bulletin for updates!



Cooking Club

We are looking forward to a great time of food and friends on July 9 at 6:00 p.m. at our Cooking Club meeting. This will be a vegan potluck with cold items only (too hot for heated food). We are anxious to see what all the years of this club has produced. If you are new or aren't sure what vegan items are, we would welcome you to come, taste and see! If you need questions answered about food or other related health topics we will answer to the best of our abilities, or help you find answers. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us too!

School Yard Sale

We can use your donations of gently used items for our annual yard sale July 5, 7, 11, 12 and 14. Please call Cheri McMeekin, 541-591-9722, for more information, to arrange a drop off time or to ask questions. Thank you!



Sabbath Afternoon Walks

The entire church family is invited to walk in the beauty of God's creation with us on July 27. We will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Brown Mountain, or 2:00 p.m. at the church if you prefer to carpool. This is an easy walk for all. You can go for as long or short as you want. If you came on the last walk on Spence Mountain, thank you and we hope you were blessed by all of God's creation. There were both young and old, experienced and inexperienced. We had a great time and look forward to seeing you in nature again, where we can "be still and know that He is God". Keep your eye on the bulletin for updates