

Dates to Remember

September

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.

Reversing Diabetes Seminar

Fellowship Hall

Tue, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00 p.m.

Vegetarian Potluck Fellowship Dinner

Sab, Oct 5, 19

following services

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Upper Deck Restaurant

Sun, Oct 6, 8:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting

Mon, Oct 14, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Festival & ABC Sale

Sun, Oct 20, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Church Board Meeting

Mon, Oct 21, 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming

VOP "Final Empire" Shawn Boonstra

Jan 23 - 26

Welcome New Members

We are happy for recent baptisms!

Hanna Rivera and Leslie Rodgers at Klamath Falls

Tom and Tina Kyzer at Bonanza

Blessings to you all!



Klamath Falls SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

October 2019

Our Adventist Heritage

October is the month when we remember the rich Heritage we have as a church. In our history, the people who became the Seventh-day Adventist Church had come from other churches and had gone through what is known as the Great Disappointment.

Many thousands of people thought that Jesus was going to come on October 22, 1844. A group of people had gathered at the farm of Hiram Edson. They were eagerly expecting the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Their expectations were raised high as they looked for the coming of the Lord. And when the Lord didn't come their disappointment was so great, it was as they had lost every earthly friend at the same time. Their fondest hopes and expectations were blasted and there was "such a spirit of weeping" that came over them that they had never experienced before.

Many people began the next morning to walk slowly, quietly back to their homes. Many were tempted to give up on their faith, in fact many did. But they could not forget that the experiences they had leading up to the disappointment were some of the richest and brightest times of their lives.

Some of them went to the barn of Edson's and began to pray. They prayed until the conviction came over them that their prayer had been heard and that light and truth would be given and their disappointment explained. Elder Crosier who was with them convinced

them to go and encourage some of their friends. They were walking along and crossed Edson's field where corn was still standing and pumpkins were still on the vines (they were not harvested because they didn't think they would be needed). Suddenly Edson stopped and as he stood there, the overwhelming conviction came to him that God was answering their prayer.

After that experience three people studied together all winter. Hiram Edson, O.R. L. Crosier and F. B Hahn. Back then there was no television, no movies.... These people studied and prayed. And what they found would later become the basis of a pillar Seventh-day Adventist teaching- the Sanctuary Message.

During this month of October, what would happen if we committed to spending quality time studying our Bibles and listening to what God is trying to teach us. He says, "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10. "When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul (all gadgets off) makes more distinct the voice of God" Desire of Ages 363.

We have a wonderful heritage- one that looks forward to the Second Coming of Jesus. Yes, they were wrong about setting a date- but they had an intense desire to be ready for the Second Advent of Christ! Shouldn't we?! And the Sanctuary message keeps the focus on the fact that He is coming again sooner than we perhaps realize.

Pastor Barry Taylor



Cooking Club

Due to the Reversing Diabetes seminar there will not be Cooking club this month. We will see you again Tuesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m.

School News

Everyone is invited to our Fall Festival and Adventist Book Center Sale on Sunday, October 20, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be veggie burger dinners available for \$8.00, a blue grass band entertaining, face painting and a local artist doing caricatures! You won't want to miss the fun!

Many thanks to everyone who is saving box tops for the school. We appreciate your help.

Our Pathfinders at Oshkosh

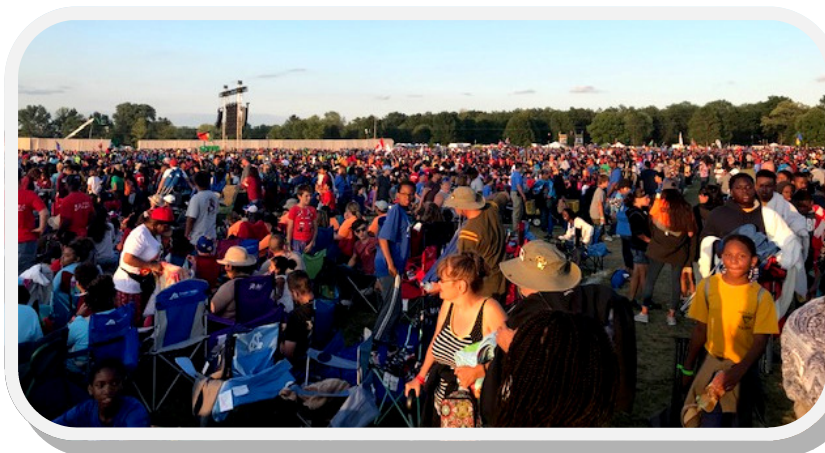


Church Board Meeting

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

- New signs for rooms are being installed
- Well repairs are in process and Sanctuary lights will be installed soon
- Building improvement projects prioritized
- Department reports from Pathfinder Club, School and Personal Ministries

The next Church Board Meeting will be Monday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.



Pathfinder News

Pathfinders, the Smith family and Rebecca Hastin, have just returned from Oshkosh for the 2019 International Camporee. CHOSEN was the title and the theme was the life of David. This was a phenomenal camporee. Over 59,000 people were in attendance, not counting the ones watching on the internet.

The program each evening was about David and his life. Both adults and the Pathfinders were tremendously moved by the lessons learned. Most importantly God CHOSE David. He recognized God dependent leadership skills in David that no one else saw. David relied on God for his strength to kill a lion and bear. He relied on his relationship with God for both defeating Goliath but also in the long years of being persecuted by Saul. David endured because he saw Saul as CHOSEN by God also. In the years of despair in fleeing Saul, he came to recognize that it was his loss of reliance on God that challenged him. Pathfinders and Pathfinders leaders were very moved by the depiction of David's life.

Each evening's play was preceded by a short devotional by Pastor Damien Chandler from the Sacramento church. He was very dynamic and was well liked by the Pathfinders. He ended each evening after the dramatization of David's life with a call for baptism. Then the next evening they had four tanks that could each baptize two Pathfinders simultaneously. 1,320 Pathfinders or adults chose to follow Jesus and were baptized! There were well over another thousand that will go home for further study with their local pastors!

There were so many people that we had to have Dwight Smith go to the meeting three hours early to hold our seats. We were excited to help create a new Guinness World Record of the most people, over 13,000, to form a human cross.

During the day we did a number of activities, such as trading pins, earning honors or playing games at different booths. They had a nice pioneer village where we could earn a number of honors. We enjoyed the food booths with both American choices and international choices.

Our driving trip to and from Oshkosh was also exciting. We left Klamath Falls, Thursday, August 1 hauling our new cargo trailer donated through a grant from Cascade Health Alliance. We traveled the first day all the way to near Jackson Hole WY. Over the next two days we toured the Grand Tetons and the lower part of Yellowstone. We then moved to West Yellowstone and toured the northern half of Yellowstone. We visited and learned about geysers and the hot springs. We saw elk, bison, moose, deer, prong horned antelope, one black bear, two grizzly bears and a fox. We watched the bison in rut and trying to take over the parking lot of the Mud Volcano area. There were three park rangers trying to keep the people safe and trying to get the bison to go around the parking lot. It was really exciting to see the bison dusting themselves off in a dust pit and the bulls trying to romanticize the cow bison.

We visited Mt Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument. While there we stayed at a KOA resort that had basketball courts, a swimming pool and Jacuzzi, and watched a movie in their park that evening. Also the kids rented some three wheeled bikes that did not have a steering wheel. You turned by shifting your balance!

We stopped off at Nancy's cousin Joyce's home and had fun looking for Montana agates and petrified wood on the banks of the Yellowstone River that ran right by their property.

We then drove to Mall of America for a day of "shopping". The rides at Mall of America were all too expensive, but we did play fluorescent mini-golf. It was a leisurely drive then to Oshkosh. We arrived a day early and did some shopping for supplies at Walmart and went to their community water park that had a few slides, a diving board and a lazy river.

It was interesting that for the week of the camporee, the Walmart at Oshkosh was the busiest in the nation. They exceeded \$1.5 million in sales in one day. Also the City of Oshkosh estimated that the revenue generated by the camporee for the city was about \$30 to \$40 million. The mayor came and addressed us. It turns out she, her mom and her grandmother were all Pathfinders. While she was no longer Adventist, she was clearly nostalgic about her Adventist upbringing. I am told that her husband was very interested in Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. Who knows what the Holy Spirit can work out as a result of the Camporee?

There was another story told on Facebook. After the last meeting was over Saturday night an older gentleman came up to a pastor in the audience and ask to be baptized. The pastor tried to refer him to the local Adventist pastor, but he insisted on being baptized that evening. After spending 30 minutes assessing his readiness for baptism and getting permission from the Oshkosh Camporee authorities he was baptized about 11 PM that evening.

This was a wonderful experience for our Pathfinders. It will now be five years to the next Oshkosh Pathfinders International Camporee 2024 which will be about the life of Moses – "Believe the Promise". Who wants to go? It is time to start fundraising for the next Camporee.

Anyone interested in joining Pathfinders please contact Dwight Smith, 541-884-1441.