

February 2009 Church Newsletter

Head Elder's Report

The Month of January has brought amazing blessings to our church. Michael Smith conducted training on giving Bible studies on January 3rd and 10th. Thirty people participated in at least one of the two trainings. We received more than 50 Bible study leads and have started over twenty studies. We still have about 15 leads to contact. The conference sent us a Bible worker, Kylee Gumm. She will be here for four months. In addition to the 50 leads, we have 15+ mail-in studies Roshelle is working with.

One very personal story about the Bible study leads. One of the people who signed up was a man about my age who is retired and working with a not-for-profit agency. We made a good connection but he only reluctantly took the first Bible study. I went back to his home a week later; thinking that there was no chance this would go anywhere. He had not completed the study but said it was on top of his list of things to do and invited me to come back in another week.

I have dreamed big for the church but honestly not so much for myself. God is truly working in our lives and the lives of those he has brought us. Other churches participating in this outreach are seeing similar results with one exception: Mountain View is having better member participation than any other church. What a blessing.

In Luke 10 Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. . ." We are blessed to have many workers. If you would like to have your spiritual life revitalized in an unbelievable way, let us know what your availability is and we will plug you into a study.

Pastor Search

The next conference executive committee is the first week of February. I have been told we should not expect a name from that meeting. There seems to be a high probability that we will see a name in March. The reason for the delay is that the conference is looking at a significant budget shortfall this year and wants to make sure they make wise moves that will be sustainable.

Upcoming

* Next Sabbath, January 30, Rob Bernardo, pastor of the Milpitas Church, will be our guest speaker. He is the leader of the pastoral group for this area. On February 7 Caron Oswald, the Central California Conference vice president for communications, will be speaking.

* The Bible studies will be in full swing by the end of February. We will continue to provide a report of God's working during our church service.

* The Marriage Seminar is continuing on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Mountain View Academy cafeteria.

* Prayer meeting is happening every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the chapel. It is a real blessing for those who are attending.

My prayers are with each of you.

In the grip of grace

Steve Moran

Mountain View Central Youth

Dear Members and Friends,

The Mountain View Central Youth are proud to announce that in the Summer of 2009, we, along with Pastor Curtis and Monty Church, will be doing mission work in Alberta, Canada. Aside from helping clean-up the neighborhood and spreading the word, the Adventist Elementary school has requested that we do a basketball sports camp for their students. We will be teaching the fundamentals of basketball and teamwork while teaching the students the importance of a life in Jesus Christ and what difference one youth can make.

Please continue to pray for our youth and our program. We are still very involved in visiting homes and shut-ins but feel we can do much more. Feel free to let us know if there is someone you'd like for us to visit (sing and worship with) as we gladly do what the Lord calls us to do.

Thank you for your continuous support of our youth here at Mountain View Central.

God Bless,
Hartman Laupati

Every Member Plan (EMP)

“The EMP committee is working on a line of greeting cards to help support the Every Member Plan Fund. We will have Valentine's Day cards available for you to see on January 31, at which time we will take orders. The price will be \$3 for an individual card, packs of 10 small cards for \$5.”

The Mountain View Central Seventh-day Adventist Church is Going Digital!

Beginning February 2009, this newsletter will be emailed to most members. This will save the church hundreds of dollars a year in postage and printing. It will also save some trees.

We will also post the newsletter on the church website:

<http://mtviewsda.adventistfaith.org>

If you simply do not use email, let us know and we will continue mailing you a hard copy.

To verify that we have your correct email, please send a note to Roshelle Brenneise:

gibbonmonkey@juno.com

Prayer Meeting

God is so near, and the arrows of prayer so swift in their course, and our Father is waiting intently for every cry of prayer that starts on its upward way, that it does not take long to go in. In an instant of doubt: at the first pang of distress: with the first misstep of a mistaken course: in the first second of a fierce temptation, we may go in. Amid the rush of traffic, the fever of a hurried day, the pressure of a strained and suffering one you may go in, if for but a second or two of precious approach. You may lift your heart in it all and whisper- “God help me; deliver me: give me strength: guide me: suffer not my foot to slip.” And He will hear you. And you will learn the sweet lesson of how quickly and how easily we may go in, in this so sorely needful life of prayer. - James McConkey *Going in to God and Out to Men*

When: Wednesday

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Chapel – Mt View Central Church

For further information contact:

Roshelle Brenneise 408-371-4168

Mountain View Mountaineers Pathfinder Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Room</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| Sat, Feb 7 | Junior Room | 2-5pm |
| Sun, Feb 8 | Primary Room | 11am – 2pm |
| Sat, Feb 21 | Kitchen/Social Hall | 3-6pm |
| Sat, Mar 7 | Kitchen/Social Hall | 3-10pm |
| Sat, Mar 14 | Junior Room | 2-5pm |
| Sun, Mar 15 | Primary Room | 11am – 2pm |
| Sat, Mar 21 | Kitchen/Social Hall | 1pm – 10pm |
| Sat, Apr 4 | Sanctuary – Pathfinder Sabbath for Church. Will provide: Praise Sing, Special Music, Children’s Story, Sermon Deacons will be needed to open/close church & take care of offering | 11am |
| Sat, Apr 4 | Junior Room | 2-5pm |
| Sun, Apr 5 | Primary Room | 11am – 2pm |
| Sat, May 9 | Junior Room | 2-5pm |
| Sun, May 10 | Primary Room | 11am – 2pm |
| Sat, Jun 13 | Junior Room | 2-4pm |
| Sat, Jun 13 | Chapel/Social Hall-Investiture | 4-7pm |
| Sun, Jun 14 | Primary Room | 11am – 2pm |

Sabbath School Department

January 2009 Report

The Sabbath School Department is pleased to announce effective Saturday, March 7 we will be starting:

- All Sabbath School programs at **9:30am**
- A new Sabbath School program for those in grades 9 -12

| <u>CLASSES</u> | <u>AGE/GRADE</u> | <u>LEADER/S & HELPER/S</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| CradleRoll/Kindergarten | 0 • Kindergarten | Amy Imperio Cathy Church Meredyth Purcell |
| Primary | Grades 1 - 4 | John & Kathy Bylard Rachel Fetroe |
| Junior/Earliteen | Grades 5 - 8 | Lucila Lackey Melody Krun Joshua Imperio |
| Youth | Grades 9 - 12 | Vicki Knecht Kaitlyn Bylard |
| Young Adults | College & Up | Hartman Laupati |

Youth and Young Adult Class Locations - effective March 7th

- ❖ Youth **Committee Room** [by Pastor's Office]
- ❖ Young Adults **Social Hall, Section B** [or Courtyard, weather permitting]

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

We wish to acknowledge Kaitlyn Bylard, who accepted the call to lead a new youth group. We look forward to watching this class grow throughout the year.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

We are planning to reinstate having the children's rooms present something for church each quarter for your pleasure beginning this quarter. Tentatively we are looking at 13th Sabbath, so keep this date open on your calendars.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

If God has touched your heart and you have a desire to help with the Primary, Junior/Earliteen or Youth age groups helping the leaders with their programs or by being musical support, please let Steve Moran know.

Potluck Committee

The first Sabbath in January we had a terrific potluck with the Chinese, Brazilian and Anglo congregations together. We are planning to continue this effort each first Sabbath of the month.

Please bring your favorite dishes and join all your old and new friends. We will plan ahead to get our service finished by 12:05 to coordinate with the other groups.

Visitor's Lunch

We need volunteers to insure that we always have a lunch invitation for our visitors. If you are willing to share your Sabbath lunch with visitors, even once a quarter, please let us know. Any Sabbath aside from our all-church potluck on the first Sabbath of the month would be appreciated.

It is not necessary to invite the whole church, or even the usual potluck "crew". Invite your friends and add a few extra chairs for visitors. We will provide the greeters with maps to your home on "your" Sabbath.

Please contact Pat Moran if you would be willing to help in this effort.
(650) 964-4222 or moranpat@gmail.com

Pat Moran

Faith and Finance**Financial Planning with a Faith Factor**

The North American Division is pleased to announce the availability of the new *Faith and Finance* stewardship resource. It has been nearly four years in development and will fill a very valuable need in the lives of church families today.

What Is It?

Faith and Finance is a 12 lesson practical study on the Biblical principles of money management. Edited by G. Edward Reid, this study will be life-changing for those who read and study the material. The material has been prepared for personal or a small group study and contains helpful forms of bible study application worksheets at the end of each lesson.

Why Is It Needed?

This book has been prepared in response to the requests of families who wanted information that was Biblically based and yet had the practical information needed to manage family finances in our changing world.

What's In It?

The full cross-section of personal finance is covered, from getting an education to making end-of-life decisions.

Titles include:

- Why Money Management is Important to the Christian
- Planning for the Cycle of Life
- Giving: Tithe, Offerings, Helping Others
- Dealing with Debt
- Making a Budget
- Training Children, Money and Marriage, Money and Singles
- Major Purchases: Housing, Automobiles
- Honesty, Integrity, and Work
- Planning for Retirement
- Saving and Investing
- Inheritance and Estate Planning
- The Rewards of Financial Faithfulness

Who Is It For?

Pastors and local church stewardship directors are encouraged to order a leader's guide and the study book for presentation to the local church leaders and to use in promoting its use in a small group study. Readers will appreciate the strong Biblical foundation that is evident in the book and will benefit greatly by following the practical principles for daily living.

Many individuals in the church today did not have good training in managing money. No matter your current age or background, you will benefit from this book. The stress associated with economic downturns and crisis will be minimized. Preliminary feedback has all been very positive, from the cover design to the up-to-date content.

Who Wrote It?

The contributors to this study are Gordon Botting, Dick Hanson, Ben Maxson, and G. Edward Reid. They have all been stewardship directors and financial counselors and have worked together to prepare this material. *Faith and Finance* is a unique combination of the Biblical principles of money management, the practical lessons of life, and proven academic information on this topic.

How About Small Groups?

A small group leader's guide is available and sold separately. The leader's guide has helps for each lesson to assist in outlining the primary principles for each lesson and to focus attention on each lesson's highlights. It presents discussion questions that will facilitate the small group study.

In Spanish, Too

The Spanish edition will be available in the first quarter of 2009. The book is available from *AdventSoucre* and the *Adventist Book Centers*. The price is: \$12.99.

A Very Timely Tool

The *Faith and Finance* material is being released just in time to coordinate with outreach and nurture efforts by our local churches in connection with the 2009 designation as the "Year of Evangelism." The North American Division has set a faith goal of 100,000 new members in just this one year! Current enthusiasm would indicate that the goal, by the grace and power of God, is attainable. If all of the current and new members are educated regarding the Biblical principles of money management, it will be a big boost to strengthen the financial base that is so vital in carrying our work forward.

With more than 2,000 references to money and our attitude toward it, the Bible is a virtual gold mine of financial information. We are very pleased that we now have a tool that can deliver this information to all of our members. We hope and pray that this life-changing material will be used in every church in the North American Division. We welcome all comments and questions about *Faith and Finance* in this first edition so that subsequent printings can be even better. We pray that God will grant each reader His wisdom and blessing for the practical application of the principles.

CHURCH BUDGET OVERVIEW, DECEMBER 2008

| | <u>DECEMBER</u> | <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> | <u>PRIOR YEAR</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Church Budget Donations | 28,106 | 113,6051 | 117,900 |
| Sabbath School Offering & Coins for Education | 498 | 4,669 | 3,873 |
| Rentals Transfer | <u>3,700</u> | <u>44,223</u> | <u>36,668</u> |
| TOTAL (donations and rental transfers) | <u>32,304</u> | <u>162,497</u> | <u>158,441</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Property Taxes | (1,798) | 12,726 | 2,434 |
| Salaries/Labor | 4,918 | 60,563 | 57,933 |
| Utilities | 3,180 | 30,412 | 25,325 |
| Maintenance | 4,495 | 15,333 | 11,114 |
| Subsidies (Miramonte and Mountain View Academy) 6,170 | | 72,996 | 71,441 |
| Office, Postage | 1,261 | 13,395 | 13,915 |
| Sabbath School | - | 5,395 | 4,528 |
| Property Insurance | <u>-</u> | <u>8,724</u> | <u>9,616</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 18,226 | 219,545 | 196,306 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES OVER REVENUE | <u>14,078</u> | <u>(57,048)</u> | <u>(37,865)</u> |
| ADDITIONAL TRANSFER FROM RESERVES | | <u>57,048</u> | |
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The \$57,048 deficit at the end of calendar year 2008 was funded from reserves.
We need your continued support for the Church Budget in order to properly maintain the facilities.

PASS THROUGH TO CONFERENCE OVERVIEW, DECEMBER 2008

| | <u>DECEMBER</u> | <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> | <u>PRIOR YEAR</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Title | 56,874 | 359,338 | 359,507 |
| World Missions | 541 | 13,287 | 13,874 |
| Conference Donations | <u>25</u> | <u>1,649</u> | <u>2,930</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>57,440</u> | <u>374,274</u> | <u>376,311</u> |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 7-11am BWF <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Melody Krun | 2 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Daniel Pothmann | 3 | 4 10am Bible Study 7pm Prayer Mtg. <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Steve Moran | 5 | 6 | 7 9:45am Steps to Christ 10am Lesson Study 11am Caron Oswald POTLUCK 2-5pm Pathfinders 3-5pm Winterfest Pract. SUNSET: 5:37pm |
| 8 7-11am BWF | 9 | 10 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Richard Ott | 11 10am Bible Study 7pm Prayer Mtg. | 12 7:30pm Finance Meeting <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Randy Lackey <u>WEDDING ANNIV</u> Alex & Rachel Telles married 67years | 13 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Apollo Taleporos | 14 9:45am Steps to Christ 10am Lesson Study 11am Steve Moran 3-5pm Winterfest Practice <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Lanabelle Corpuz SUNSET: 5:45PM |
| 15 7-11am BWF <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Dalila Pitta John Brenneise | 16 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Mekey Lepulu | 17 7pm Church Board | 18 President's Day 10am Bible Study 7pm Prayer Mtg. | 19 | 20 | 21 9:45am Steps to Christ 10am Lesson Study 11am Roshelle Brenneise 3-6pm Pathfinders/Kitchen and Social Hall 3-5pm Winterfest Practice SUNSET: 5:53pm |
| 22 7-11am BWF Pathfinder Fundraiser <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Terry Gibbon Barbara McDow | 23 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Ed Jusay | 24 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Barbara Nappi Antonio Almeida | 25 10am Bible Study 7pm Prayer Mtg. | 26 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Lidia Riffel Violeta Jusay Carolina Souza Adriene Moraes | 27 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Walker Lepulu, Jr. | 28 9:45am Steps to Christ 10am Lesson Study 11am Steve Moran 3-5pm Winterfest Practice SUNSET: 6:00pm |