

*Could the End of a Tradition  
Mark the Beginning of a Legacy?*

Virtually every theologian and church growth expert agrees that the organizational structure of the New Testament Church played a major role in its ability to carry out the disciple-making mission Jesus handed over to it. That structure was what we would now refer to as small groups. Jesus used a small group model to train and equip his original twelve disciples through a systematic process of multiplication. They in turn used this model to expand the church throughout their first-century world.

The mission of our 21st century church here in Rockwood remains the same. We are to be about growing disciples and preparing people to meet Jesus. After months of prayer and thoughtful consideration the leadership team here at Rockwood Adventist has been led to the realization that if we are to be as successful as the 1st century Christians, then we must take the small group model used by Jesus and adapt it to our particular cultural context. The founders of Adventism did it in the 19th century and so must we.

However, the 21st century demands on our time make it impossible to integrate small group participation into our lifestyle without first giving something else up, regardless of how good that something may be. Nothing can stand in our way of helping Jesus to seek and save the lost.

Therefore, it's with great sadness and abundant expectation that the Church Board has stepped out of our comfort zone, stepped out in faith and prayerfully determined to end our Wednesday night community meal in order for small group disciple-making to become fully integrated into the organizational structure of our church.

This epic transition has already begun to take place and our last weekly community meal will be held on October 17. To learn more about what this transition will look like and how you can become a part of the creation of a New Testament-like legacy here at Rockwood Adventist visit [www.RockwoodAdventist.com](http://www.RockwoodAdventist.com) for more information.

**Week at a Glance**

Today	Fellowship Meal Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	12:15pm 7:07pm
Sunday	Pathfinders	6:00pm
Tuesday	Harvest Share	7:30am
Wednesday	Community Meal God's City: My City-small Groups	6:00pm 7:00pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	6:55pm
Next Sabbath:	Speaker: Pastor Gene Heinrich Offering: Alaska Conf.-NPUC Fellowship Meal Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	11:00am 12:15pm 6:53pm

**Do You Have An Urgent Prayer Request?** To start the prayer chain please call the church office (503) 661-4100.

**Contact Information**

Church Office Hours  
10-3 on Mon., 9-4 Tues. & Wed., 9-3 on Thurs.  
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Please note that messages left on voice mail after office hours on Thursday will not be heard until Monday morning.

Ministers	Everyone	ask-them
Lead Pastor	Gene Heinrich	(503) 781-5799
Youth Pastor	Jared Spano	(503) 888-0141
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Deacon Team Leader Today	Ken DesCamps	

**Rockwood  
Seventh-day Adventist Church**



*Growing Disciples  
Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

September 22, 2012



## House of Prayer Experience

9:30 A.M. to 9:55 A.M.

*Do you need hope? Do your friends, family, and/or neighbors need hope? Join our Church leaders every Sabbath morning as we pray for our community, our church, and our families. If you are longing for hope in the midst of apparent hopelessness the House of Prayer Experience is for you.*

## Small Group Bible Study

10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

*Please visit our information desk for a complete list of Saturday Morning Bible Study Groups. We invite you to join the group of your choice.*

## Worship

11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M

Welcome & Greeting Time	Pastor Gene	
Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Lamb's Offering & Children's Story	Pastor Gene	
Our Gift to God	OC Youth/Ed Fund	Everyone
Special Music/Offertory	Barbara Specht	
Worship in Word	"Invite the City"	Pastor Gene
Closing Hymn - #457	"I Love to Tell the Story"	
Prayer Garden	Bill Bond	
Organ Postlude	Barbara Specht	

*Audio and Video Recordings of our weekly Bible Teachings are available online or through our media library located in the lobby.*

## Rockwood Community News

**We Want to Welcome** our new friends to Rockwood Church this morning. We are so happy that you are here and we would love to have you stay for lunch after the service. Our Regular Members are welcome to join us; however, we ask that you please bring enough food to feed your family plus 5-10 more people. For example, if you have a family of 4, bring a casserole, salad or dessert large enough to serve a dozen people.

**Wednesdays** ~ Community Meal at 6:00 pm. "God's City: My City" - Small Group Meetings at 7:00 pm.

**Please Take a Moment** to look at our pew cards in the racks on the back of each pew. If this is your first time at Rockwood please fill out this card and hand it to the pastor as you leave. He has a gift for you! Members, if you have had a change of address, phone number or email address, please let the church office know. Fill out this card and drop it in the offering plate as it passes or place it on Kamille's desk. Thank you!

**The Apples are Late** this year, but don't give up! Our Pathfinders will have apples and pears for sale soon. We will keep you posted.

**Transfer ~ First Reading In:** Patty Lopez from the Gresham Spanish Company.

**Prayer Request** ~ Please remember Don Gray. He has a fractured arm, up high near the shoulder, and the doctors can't operate. He can now have visitors. He is at Pacific Gardens on NE Glisan and 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

**Online Giving** ~ Systematically supporting God's work has never been easier. You can return your tithe and support our church mission online through Adventist Giving. To learn more, watch an introductory video, and to start giving visit [www.RockwoodAdventist.com/onlinegiving](http://www.RockwoodAdventist.com/onlinegiving)

**Children's Safety** is a top priority at Rockwood Adventist. The Child Protection Policy and Guidelines are available on the bulletin board. Parents please escort your children to the restrooms and to be aware of their whereabouts at all times.

## Other News and Events

**Adventist Book Center** ~ The ABC's Open House Sale ends tomorrow, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They have a special selection of KJV, NKJV, and NIV Bibles at 40%-50% off the regular prices. The Andrews Study Bible is now available in Large Print. Download the sale flyer at [www.abcflyer.com](http://www.abcflyer.com) for all the details.

**Come to the North Pacific Union Prayer Conference.** The original first prayer conference team is coming back to refresh your prayer life and vitalize your spiritual growth. Join prayer warriors Don and Ruthie Jacobsen, Kurt Johnson, Paul & Corleen Johnson, Dick Hanson and Kevin Wilfley. Plus, enjoy a Friday prayer concert with the Heritage Singers. Come November 8-11, 2012 to Camp MiVoden, ID. Space is filling quickly. Register now for \$95 by Calling Dianna Burns at (509) 838-2761. Check it out at [www.uccsda.org/prayer](http://www.uccsda.org/prayer).

**Oregon Conference Women's Retreat** brochures are available on the lobby desk. The retreat this year will be held at Eagle Crest Resort near Bend, October 5-7. The theme will be "When Love Sees You - Stories of Transforming Grace." Regular price is \$99 and teen girls, age 15-18, come for \$25! Reservation deadline is September 26.

**Help Wanted** ~ The Adventist Book Center has an opening for a part-time cashier/custodian. For more information go to [www.oregonconference.org](http://www.oregonconference.org). Under the resources tab, choose Employment.

**"Homosexuality: Feelings, Facts and Fiction"** ~ Wayne Blakely is presenting two similar seminars at local churches; October 5-6 at Vancouver SDA Church, and October 12-13 at Open Arms Adventist Church. See the bulletin board for additional details on these seminars.