

## News from the Pastor's Desk

**The Youth Room Challenge** – Some say the youth are the leaders of tomorrow. Others say the youth are the leaders of today. Regardless of which camp you are in I think you will agree with me that our youth cannot be the leaders God needs them to be unless yesterday's youth train and equip them for service.

Here in the United States we often shake our heads in frustration because we see the youth failing to live up to their potential. However, it is inexcusable for us to simply sit back and judge the "short comings" of today's youth while we overlook how we have fallen short of the expectation God has for us to be mentors, trainers, equippers – "disciplers" of our youth. We have fallen short by investing more time in our careers than in our children's character development. We have fallen short by preaching a lifestyle of worship while living a lifestyle of self-gratification. We have fallen short by investing more money in our instruments and places of worship than we have in cohabiting spaces where we can educate and connect them to the only God worthy of worship. I could go on but as you can tell I have already crossed the line and started meddling, so I think I will let you develop your own list of our shortcomings as people who have been called to disciple today's youth.

However, there is something else that must be said. Maybe I have already said it but just to be certain, let me say it another way. As parents and as a Church, Christianity has also failed our youth by investing in youth pastors and expecting them to disciple our youth instead of fulfilling our own God given role to each be ministers to the youth God has put in our lives. Which brings me to the "Youth Room Challenge."

Rockwood Adventist has a room we call the Youth Room. However, it has been even more neglected than our youth themselves. Thanks to the generosity of one of our families we are about to embark on a re-equipping of our youth room to prepare it to be a place where we can come together with our youth, disciple them, minister to them and minister with

them to our neighborhood. The challenge I place before you today is two-fold. First and foremost capitalize on every opportunity you have to mentor someone younger than yourself. Second, sacrifice some of the financial blessings God has placed in your storehouse to invest in the re-equipping of our youth room so it can become the place of ministry it was meant to be when the blue prints were originally drafted. Please see today's bulletin for more information about how you can respond to the "Youth Room Challenge."

## Week at a Glance

Today	Fellowship Meal – all Welcome! Reviewing Our Health Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	12:30pm 2:00pm 6:30pm
Sunday	Developing Our Health - for Church Leadership Pathfinders – Field Uniform	9:00am 6:00pm
Wednesday	Prayer Power Group	7:00pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	6:32pm
Next Sabbath:	House of Prayer Experience Sabbath-School Classes Worship Service Offering: World Budget-Voice of Prophecy Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:30pm

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

## Contact Information

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# Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



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*Growing Disciples  
Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

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### 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 us 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 10:50 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
Praise Time		The Praise Team
Children's Story		Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"Voice of Prophecy"	Everyone
Offertory	"In the Garden"	Jeannie Andrews
Worship in Word	"Organic?"	Pastor Gene

Closing Hymn	Hymn # 374
	"Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"
Prayer Garden	LeRoy Rieley
Organ Postlude	Joyce Bredemeier

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

## Rockwood Community News

**Fellowship Meal Today!** Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship after the worship service this morning.

**Reviewing our Health & Discussing Improvements** at 2:00 pm today, after the potluck, in the sanctuary. All Rockwood members are encouraged to attend.

**Developing Our Health Improvement Plan** at 9:00 am tomorrow morning, October 13. This is for Rockwood Church Leadership.

**Pathfinder Fundraisers** - Take an "M&M" canister home with you today, fill it with quarters and bring it back. Help our Pathfinders meet their goal to make it to Oshkosh for the world-wide camporee in August, 2014. 35,000 Pathfinders from around the world will be there! Meet a Pathfinder in the lobby after the service today and pick up your canister. They will also be handing out flyers for the annual apples and pears from Hood River. Get your orders in soon and stock up for the winter!

**Mark Your Calendars!** January 31 through February 2 will be Rockwood's snow trip to Big Lake.

**Please Remember the Caring Cards** - If you would like to send a note of encouragement to one of our members or regular attendees, just grab one of the postcards off the desk in the lobby, write your note and place the postcard in the

offering plate or on the office desk. **We will mail it for you!**

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

## Other News and Events

**A Memorial Service for Scott Geigle** is planned for October 19 at 4:00 pm, at the Mt. Tabor SDA Church, 1001 SE 60th Portland. All are invited to attend.

**"Jesus Matters"** meetings by Pastor Steve Madsen start on October 19 at the Lents SDA Church and Activity Center, 8835 SE Woodstock Blvd. This will be an interactive seminar, an in-depth look at Who Jesus Is and what He teaches.

**Host Families Needed** - Have you considered being a host parent but in the end chose not to? Are you interested in trying it out for a couple weeks or months? The following students are coming to audit at PAA for a short time. Please contact Maria Bibb at [mbibb@paasda.org](mailto:mbibb@paasda.org) if you have an interest.

January/February for 2 weeks: Boy or girl from China  
January 21 - March 21 (3rd Quarter): Boy from Japan

**Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship (PAASS) Auction** is coming up on Sunday, November 3 here at PAA. Plan on attending for lots of fun while giving to a worthwhile event. Tickets are \$20 per person. If you can host a table of 8, call Heidi for a great deal! For tickets or information, email her at [hwoodworth@paasda.org](mailto:hwoodworth@paasda.org) or call 503.255.8372 ext. 230.