

## To Educate Is to Redeem

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A former marine's story illustrates the sometimes-overlooked role that Adventist universities play in introducing students to God.

Tabatha Azua, a non-Adventist student fresh out of the U.S. Marines, had no interest in God when she reluctantly signed up for a religion class at Southwestern Adventist University. But Tabatha said she caught a glimpse of God in the classroom during that first semester in Keene, Texas. So she promised God that she would take more religion classes to learn more about Him. When she told a fellow classmate, an Adventist, about her vow, she was shattered to receive a sharp rebuke.

"I was immediately criticized about my decision and was told, 'That's not the right way to learn about God,'" Tabatha said. "I was hurt and told God to forget my decision to learn more, and that if His people were this way, I didn't want to be a part of this religion."

Tabatha's broken promise bothered her. She worried that she might have blasphemed God and been rejected by Him forever. A week later the tough former marine approached a professor in the Religion Department and, with uncharacteristic tears filling her eyes, told him the story.

The professor expressed sadness about the criticism and explained that Tabatha's sorrow indicated that she probably had not committed an unpardonable sin. He said that the devil sometimes puts things in people's paths to discourage them, and that Tabatha's experience provided proof that she was on the right track.

"This motivated me to pursue God more, and only God," Tabatha said. "I didn't need anyone's approval but God's." With newfound determination Tabatha embarked on a search for God's will in her life... Continue reading Tabatha's story at [www.adventistreview.org/1501-16](http://www.adventistreview.org/1501-16).

## Week at a Glance

Today	All-Church Potluck Deacon's Meeting Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	12:30 pm 1:45 pm 4:47 pm
Sunday	Pathfinders	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:30 am
Wednesday	Prayer Power Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:55 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath-School Classes Offering: Church Budget Worship Service Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath Gym Night at PAES	9:30 am  11:00 am 4:56 pm 5:00 pm

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

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## Exploring the Way

### Small Groups

9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

*Please visit our information desk in the lobby for a complete list of Sabbath School Groups. We have groups for ALL ages! We invite you to join the group of your choice.*

### Worship

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

Welcome	Pastor Gene
Praise Time	The Praise Team
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	Everyone
Oregon Conference Evangelism	
Organ Offertory	Joyce Bredemeier
Worship in Song	"The Holy City"
Linda, Alice, Ron & Jeannie	
Worship in Word	"Abandon Boat" Pastor Gene
Closing Song	"Learning to Lean"
Prayer Garden	Orrin Lundy
Organ Postlude	Joyce Bredemeier

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

## Rockwood Community News

**Food & Fellowship** – Meet us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the service this morning for our first all church potluck of the New Year!

**Tuesday Morning Small Group** - Our class will begin a new study on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit" on Tuesday, Jan. 20th. We meet in the Youth Room at 11:30 am every Tuesday. This study will go for 12 weeks. Everyone is invited. Call Diane Jones if you have any questions – (503) 706-4787.

**Deacon Meeting** – All Deacons are asked to please meet in the Youth Room immediately following the Potluck this afternoon, about 1:45 pm.

**Thailand-Themed Dinner and Entertainment** on Sunday, February 15, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of great food and culture from our Karen families and Pathfinders. This is a Pathfinder fundraiser. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** is coming back to Rockwood on February 18, 2015. For additional details or to register please visit <http://goo.gl/VDQITa>. A free information session will be held on January 14 at 7:00 pm.

**Wanda Vaz Presents** "On Earth as It Is in Heaven" on January 31 at 11:00 am, Rockwood SDA church. Come experience Wanda Vaz in message and in song as she uncovers the importance of fulfilling God's will on earth as it is in heaven. Featuring musical selections from her CD, "Kingdom Come." CDs will be available following the presentation. Visit our website at [www.WandaVaz.com](http://www.WandaVaz.com)

**Getting Involved** – If are new to Rockwood or if you looking for ways to make a difference through service please visit our website and complete the [Volunteer Survey](#). If you do not have a computer please pick up a survey from the church office.

**First Reading** – Carl Fulton as a Deacon and Emma Kaufman as a Deaconess.

**The Christmas Card Box** is in the lobby for the last time this holiday season. There are still lots of cards in the box!

**Children's Safety** is a 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 be aware of their whereabouts at all times.

**Big Lake Snow Trip** – February 27 to March 1, 2015. Please get this on your calendars! For registration and info visit [RockwoodAdventist.com/news\\_entries/2810](http://RockwoodAdventist.com/news_entries/2810)

## Other News and Events

**Join Us for a Delicious VEGAN Potluck** and presentation by Robert Ellis, DO, PhD on Nutritional Approaches to Cancer Prevention. January 11, 5:00 pm at Healing Hope SDA Fellowship, 15150 NE Glisan St. This is a NW Veg sponsored event. Please bring a vegan (plant-based with no animal products, including honey) main dish, salad, or dessert and a card listing its ingredients. We strive for a zero waste event so please bring plates and utensils for your use.

**Heart Help Presents** a FREE video seminar, "Binding the Wounds", with Drs. Ron & Nancy Rockey at Healing Hope SDA Fellowship, 15150 NE Glisan St. Portland, January 17-18. This seminar starts at 11 am on the 17th, and a potluck lunch will be served both days. On Sunday we will have a SKYPE Q&A with Ron & Nancy. For more information or to register please contact Audrey Woods, (503) 957-0809.

**All 8th Grade Students** are invited to "A Day at Portland Adventist Academy" on **Tuesday, February 3**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Enjoy PAA's worship band, campus tours, fun activities, a free lunch and a free t-shirt. You'll have a chance to win prizes, a free application fee or a month of free tuition.