

## A New Adventist Church Opens every 3.5 hours, the Fastest Rate in History

Adventist churches are springing up around the world at the fastest rate in the denomination's 152-year history, with a new building opening its doors to worshipers every 3.58 hours, according to newly released figures.

A record 2,446 new churches opened last year, helping fuel the largest single-year increase in membership and bringing total membership to nearly 18.5 million, according to the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research.

Gary Krause, director of Adventist Mission, whose missionaries play a key role in opening new churches, praised God for the impressive growth figures and called for the Adventist Church to push ahead boldly in its Revelation 14-inspired mission to proclaim Jesus' soon coming.

"These statistics suggest that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is heading in the right direction in its mission and must keep that focus," Krause said Monday.

Also according to Krause "Countless studies show that church planting is the most effective form of sustained church growth – confirming the testimony of the book of Acts, the counsel of Ellen White, and the Adventist Church's own history."

Newly compiled figures indicate that a record 1,167,796 people joined the Adventist Church last year. 3,197 new members joined the church every day, or 133 every hour, and 2.22 every minute. Today, one out of every 392 people in the global population of 7.238 billion is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, an uptick from one in 393 people in 2013 and one in 459 people a decade earlier in 2004...

Visit [www.AdventistReview.org](http://www.AdventistReview.org) to finish reading this story. The complete story also contains a link to other interesting facts and figures about the Adventist Church.

## Week at a Glance

Today	All-Church Potluck Lincoln Steed-The Road to Freedom Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:06 pm
Sunday	Pathfinders - Away Camping!	
Monday	P.A.C.S. COW Training	3:15 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study OC Jr. High Choir Festival	11:30 am 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline Prayer Power Group Financial Peace University	4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	7:14 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath-School Classes Offering: Adventist World Radio Easter Choir Potluck & Rehearsal Veggie Burger/Ice-Cream Supper Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30 am  12:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:15 pm

**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

9-4 Tues. & Wed., 9-3 on Thurs.

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## Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



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*Growing Disciples*  
*Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

March 7, 2015



## 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
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"Church Budget" Everyone
Organ Offertory	Barbara Specht
Praise Time	The Praise Team
Prayer Garden	Bob Hessong
Worship in Song	Iryna, Ruth & Pavel
Worship in Word	Lincoln Steed "The Bones of Joseph"
Benediction	Gene Heinrich
Organ Postlude	Barbara Specht

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

## Rockwood Community News

**All-Church Potluck** after the service this morning. Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship.

**Lincoln Steed, editor of *Liberty Magazine***, is our guest speaker today. There will be an all-church potluck after the service, and Mr. Steed will continue his presentation at 2:00 pm with "The Road to Freedom."

**PACS COW Volunteer Training**—Portland Adventist Community Services' Commodities On Wheels will be on site at 3:15 on March 9<sup>th</sup> for training to prepare us for our first service period from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, or a personal shopping assistant, please email [pastorgene@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgene@gmail.com)

**Oregon Conference Jr. High Choir Festival** at Rockwood on March 10, at 4:30 pm. Please come and support our Oregon Conference students.

**Veggie Burgers, Ice Cream and a Business Meeting** – Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in a special fellowship supper and church business meeting on March 14 at 6:00 pm. Several important opportunities await your input so all members are encouraged to participate in this special planning event.

**Our Next Gym Night at PAES** is scheduled for Saturday night, March 21, at 7:00 pm.

**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.

## Other News and Events

**ABC Sale** - The Adventist Book Center's Case Food Sale is March 1-8. Download the sale flyer at [www.abcflyer.com](http://www.abcflyer.com)

**Tim Ellis & Aaron Meyer in Concert** at PAA on March 8 at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the cost of tickets is \$20. Tim and Aaron have busy schedules and we are so thankful they always find time to help the students of PAA. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit the Junior Class Fund. Portland Adventist Academy is located at 1500 SE 96th Ave.

**Save the Date! Christian Edition Men's Chorus** in concert on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm at Pleasant Valley SDA Church, 11125 SE 172nd Avenue, Happy Valley, OR. You won't want to miss this widely traveled and acclaimed men's chorus here at PVC. Christian Edition is directed by PVC's own Calvin Knipschild. Bring a friend!

**A Memorial Service for Dr. Bob Manley** will be held on March 28, 4:00 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market Street, Portland.

**Oregon Conference Prayer Retreat March 27-29** at Twin Rocks Friends Camp at Rockaway Beach. Keynote speaker is Jeffrey Rosario and the theme is "Soul Talk." For additional info email [OregonPrayerWarrior@gmail.com](mailto:OregonPrayerWarrior@gmail.com). To register: <http://orgcpersonalmin.netadvent.org/2015-prayer-retreat> Questions? Call Tawny Sportsman at (541) 367-4913.

**YOU are Needed!** - Oregon Conference is requesting all who are willing and able to volunteer during Camp Meeting this year. We are seeking volunteers for both Hispanic Camp Meeting (July 16-18) and Gladstone Camp Meeting (July 21-25). We need volunteers for Hospitality, Shuttle Drivers, Safety and Security, as well as licensed RNs and EMTs for 8-hour shifts. Whether you would like to work a shift daily or only have time for a single shift, your services would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer contact Lisa Rodriguez at [lisa.rodriguez@oc.npuc.org](mailto:lisa.rodriguez@oc.npuc.org) or by phone at 503-850-3575, or visit <http://volunteer.oregonconference.org>

## Words of Wisdom

Don't Find Fault – Find a Remedy  
The First Duty of Love is to Listen