

## If You Stand for God...

By Charles Steinberg, Esq. - courtesy of GleanerNow.com

My cell phone rang. It was Jeffrey Britt, a member of the Bremerton, Washington Seventh-day Adventist Church. Britt is a 30-year Navy veteran who decided to return to work at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton as a civil service employee. His employer had harassed him about requesting time off work to observe Sabbath, and the shipyard had a legal document that they wanted him to sign. The document would require his boss to take sensitivity classes and do nothing to accommodate his request.

I told him not to sign it and that the Northwest Religious Liberty Association would help him out. The Northwest Religious Liberty Association, where I work as vice president, is a Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated organization that promotes religious freedom in the U.S. Northwest and assists local church members like Britt with Sabbath conflicts. U.S. law stipulates that employers must give reasonable accommodation to employees' religious beliefs.

Britt's employer hadn't accommodated his Sabbath requests. Instead, they had threatened him with dismissal. He had to use up his "paid time off" — all because he had stood up to a supervisor and politely requested a Sabbath accommodation.

All parties agreed to mediate the complaint. Two federal government mediators were assigned, and the mediation took place in Seattle, Washington. I reminded the shipyard representatives of the long, rich history of Seventh-day Adventists standing up for their constitutional rights, litigating cases up to the U.S. Supreme Court if need be, and that Britt's case was no different in that his employer was required to accommodate the Sabbath.

At the end of the day, his employer agreed, in writing, to help find employees to swap shifts with Britt — even pay overtime, if necessary, to make sure Britt was accommodated — and reimburse the paid leave he had taken.

Britt was relieved. "If you stand up for God, others will stand with you," he told me.

## Week at a Glance

Today	Choir Potluck	12:30 pm
	Easter Choir Rehearsal	1:45 pm
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	6:04 pm
Sunday	Pathfinders	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:30 am
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline	3:00 pm
	Prayer Power Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	6:12 pm
	Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath School Classes	9:30 am
	Offering: Adventist World Radio	
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	6:14 pm

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

## Contact Information

Office Hours: 9-4 Tues. & Wed., 9-3 on Thurs.  
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## Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



## Growing Disciples Preparing People to Meet Jesus

March 5, 2016



## 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 invite you to join the group of your choice. We have groups for ALL ages!*

### Worship

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

Welcome	LeRoy Rieley	
Praise Time	Praise Team	
Children's Story	Dale Goodson	
Our Gift to God	"Church Budget"	Everyone
Offertory/Worship in Song	Sammy Castillo	
Worship in Word	Orrin Lundy	
	"In the Meantime"	
Closing Song	"Whiter than Snow"	Hymn #318
Prayer Garden	Bob Hessong	
Postlude	Michael Roslyak	

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

## Rockwood Community News

**Easter Choir Rehearsal** - If you would like to sing in the choir on Easter Sabbath, March 26, please join us for a potluck lunch today at 12:30 pm, followed by choir rehearsal, about 1:45 pm.

**New Online Pictorial Directory Coming!** - If you have not already turned in your family information sheets, please do so today. They are in your bulletins.

**Save the Date** - A Baby Shower for Michelle O'Meara is scheduled for April 3 at 3:00 pm.

**Special Thanks** to all those who came out and supported our Pathfinder Club at the Fabulous 50's Dinner. We had lots of fun and it was a big success. We are deeply grateful to the ladies who donated baked goods for our silent auction!

**Transfers Out/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Fayissa Adema-Bullo, Denebe Adema, & Fayissa Adema to Southview, Minneapolis, MN.

**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 6-13. Deliveries are available. For all the details, download the sale flyer at [www.abcflyer.com](http://www.abcflyer.com)

**How to Pay for College** - Walla Walla University will host a free online webinar for prospective students and their parents on March 16 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This 40-minute presentation will be led by experts from WWU Student Financial Services and Marketing and Enrollment Services. After the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Register at [sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars](http://sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars)

**You Are Invited** to a special concert, "An Ever-Present Savior," featuring Shannon and Jeanine Goodwin and Friends, on Sabbath, March 12, 5:00 pm at Stone Tower Adventist Church, 3010 NE Holladay St., Portland.

**Adventist World Radio's** annual offering will be taken next Sabbath, March 12. An AWR listener in Ukraine wrote, "Your program helped me and my close relatives find the Lord. Now we have a home church!" Partner with AWR and help bring peace and comfort to those who need it most. For a closer look go to [YouTube.com/awrweb](http://YouTube.com/awrweb)

**Portland Adventist Elementary School** would like to invite all prospective Kindergarteners and First Graders for the 2016-17 school year, to a K/1st Visitation Day on Tuesday, March 15, from 1-2:30. Everyone attending must pre-register with the school office by calling (503) 665-4102 no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, March 11.

**Hands On Gardening Work Shop** - Sunday, March 20 and May 15, from 10-4, at Adventist Community Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd, Vancouver, WA. Learn how to grow the best organic, healthy, tasty fruits and veggies, using EGW methods and more. Bring your lunch, garden rake and shovel. Cost is \$25 per person/couple, Free to previous attendees. Bring someone new and get \$5 credit. Contact [Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com) or call (360) 609-1461.

**The 2016 Oregon Prayer Conference** features Randy Maxwell, author of the book "If My People Pray," and 5 other inspiring books on prayer. The event is in Rockaway Beach, OR, March 25-27. Early Bird registration discount ends March 9. For more information call (541) 367-4913 or visit <http://orgcpersonalmin.netadvent.org/2016-prayer-retreat>

**Rosario Singles Retreat** April 1-3. Dick & Brenda Duerksen are our speakers. On Sunday enjoy whale watching, a jet boat tour, or a driving tour of the tulip fields. Cost is \$185. For details and a registration form, please send an email to [RosarioRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:RosarioRetreat@gmail.com). No access to email? Call (360) 588-3179. The registration deadline is March 23.