

The Soccer Evangelist

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People have called Dariusz Ginda foolish and worse for turning down a nearly \$500,000-a-year soccer contract in Poland.

Ginda, a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist, said he does not enter into controversy over his decision to keep the Sabbath rather than play in the premier league.

Instead, he says: "I know you don't understand, but this is what I believe. Money was never the issue. It was always God who was more important. Please try to understand that."

Ginda's decision to place God first may have cost him the chance to become an international soccer star. But he is a hero to many people in soccer-loving Poland, a predominantly Roman Catholic country with 38.5 million people and only 5,800 Adventists. He receives letters nearly every day from people who express gratitude for his example of faithfulness.

You could call Ginda an accidental soccer evangelist. "You shouldn't look at the things that this world tells you to look at," Ginda, 46, said in an interview in Poland's capital, Warsaw, this week. "You will only have those things for a few seconds and then they will go away. You must focus on God and having a good relationship with Him. That lasts forever."

Ginda, known to friends and sports fans as Darek, is not only a soccer player but also a Christian musician and the Sabbath School superintendent at the Adventist church near his hometown of Chojnów in southwest Poland. The father of two daughters, aged 15 and 23, he works full-time as a company driver and coaches and plays for a fifth-league soccer team, Skora Jadwisin, three days a week.

But he is known across Poland for refusing to play on Sabbath since becoming a professional soccer player in 1989 at the age of 19...

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Week at a Glance

Today	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	7:03 pm
Sunday	Pathfinder Club Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study Finance Committee & Board	11:00 am 6:00 & 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline Prayer Power Group "Thunder in the Holy Land"	3:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	6:52 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath School Classes Offering: Church Budget Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30 am 6:50 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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Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



Growing Disciples Preparing People to Meet Jesus

September 24, 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	Pastor Gene
Praise Time	Praise Team
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	Everyone
"Oregon Conference Youth Support"	
Offertory/Worship in Song	Sammy Castillo
Worship in Word	Pastor Gene
"The Great Divide"	
Prayer Song	Hymn #593
"In Times like These"	
Prayer Garden	Todd Lincoln
Organ Postlude	Joyce Bredemeier

Sermon Audio available at RockwoodAdventist.com

Rockwood Community News

Caring Cards - Please stop at the desk in the lobby and sign the cards for **Mike Jones**, who lost his sight in one eye, and for **Bob Jordan**, who has been in the hospital.

Finance Committee & Church Board - We will be meeting this coming Tuesday, September 27, at 6:00 and 7:00 pm. (These meetings were postponed from last week for the PAA Constituency meeting.)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class - Time Change! Due to the interest in the study of the Book of Romans, class time has been lengthened. It will now be from 11:00 (instead of 11:30) am to 12:30 pm. We are using George Knight's outstanding devotional book, "Walking with God through the Book of Romans," as a study guide. If you are interested in attending, please call (503) 706-4787 and talk to Diane Jones to order a book.

International Sabbath October 8 - Help us celebrate the diversity of our church family with an International Sabbath celebration. Come dressed in the traditional attire of your country or cultural heritage and bring your favorite traditional dishes for our international potluck.

Student Aid Pledge Forms for the 2016-2017 school year are in your bulletins again today. What do you do when twenty-two students from our church want to attend an Adventist School but their families don't have the financial resources to make that possible? I hope our answer will be to rally around these families and search deep within our hearts and our treasuries to find the resources to make it happen. Please prayerfully consider what God wants you to pledge toward our Worthy Student Fund. Thank you for giving sacrificially for our young people.

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.

Ladies - If you are planning on attending the Women's Retreat October 28-30, and are interested in sharing a house, please contact Linda Waagen at (503) 663-9678.

Other News and Events

Jaime Jorge in Concert at Sunnyside, 10501 SE Market Street, today at 6:00 pm. Join the millions around the globe who have been touched by his sacred and classical violin music.

Are You Interested in lowering your blood pressure, losing weight while feeling great, potentially reversing diabetes, boosting your immune system, and more? If so, please attend our "Amazing Health!" classes at Stone Tower Adventist Church (3010 NE Holladay in Portland) on Sept. 30 (7-8:30 pm), Oct. 1 (5-6:30 pm) and Oct 2 (4-5:30 pm).

First Friday at Adventist Medical Center (10123 SE Market St, Portland, Lower Level Amphitheater) on Friday, October 7 at 7:15 pm. Quest speaker will be Rico Hill, national motivational speaker and health coach.

Sharon Adventist Church Celebrates their 70-Year Anniversary October 14 and 15, 2016. Come and celebrate with us at 5209 NE 22nd Ave., Portland. If you have questions please call (503) 287-7649,

"Living a Long and Beautiful Life" - Oregon's 30th annual women's retreat will host Loretta Bacchicchi, at Eagle Crest Resort October 28 - 30. Teens coming with a mom or mentor come for only \$25! **The discount rate has been extended to October 13.** To attend, register at AdventSource.org or call (800) 732-7587. Flyers are on the lobby desk.

Do You Love to Answer the Phone? Is your personal ministry one of hospitality and warmth to others? If so, the Oregon Conference is looking for a Full-Time Receptionist to be the face and ambassador of the Conference for those who call and visit our headquarters. Available November 1. To apply visit oregonconference.org/employment-home