

Blessings?

By Pastor Gene

This Sabbath during our worship study time I would like to invite you to join me as we think about blessings – biblically.

This week we celebrated Thanksgiving. What are we thankful for if not our blessings – right? But what if our definition of a blessing and God’s definition are different? Even contradictory? As you contemplate this please consider the words to this Grammy Award winning song by Laura Story, “Blessings” ...

We pray for blessings ~ We pray for peace, comfort for family ~ Protection while we sleep ~ We pray for healing, for prosperity ~ We pray for Your mighty hand ~ To ease our suffering ~ And all the while You hear each spoken need ~ Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops ~ What if Your healing comes through tears ~ And what if a thousand sleepless nights ~ Are what it takes to know You're near ~ And what if trials of this life ~ Are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom ~ Your voice to hear ~ We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near ~ We doubt Your goodness ~ We doubt Your love ~ As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough ~ And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea ~ And long that we'd have faith to believe

When friends betray us ~ When darkness seems to win ~ We know that pain reminds this heart ~ That this is not, this is not our home ~ It's not our home

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Week at a Glance

Today	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:31pm
Sunday	NO Pathfinder Club Meeting Today	
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:00 am
	Decorating for Christmas	12:30 pm
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline	3:00 pm
	Prayer Power Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:28 pm
	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath School Classes	9:30 am
	Offering: Church Budget	
	Choir Potluck and Rehearsal	12:30 pm
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:28 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

November 26, 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

Organ Prelude	Joyce Bredemeier
Welcome	Pastor Gene
Praise Time	Praise Team
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"OC Youth Support" Everyone
Worship in Song	Mara Kramer "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Worship in Word	Pastor Gene "Blessed? Cursed? Confused?"
Prayer Song	"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #524
Prayer Garden	Orrin Lundy
Organ Postlude	Joyce Bredemeier

Sermon Audio available at RockwoodAdventist.com

Rockwood Community News

Help Decorate Rockwood for Christmas - Join Barbara Specht and her team here at Rockwood at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, November 29. Many hands make light work!

Thanks & Memorials - Please check your bulletin inserts. This is how we fund our Christmas Decorations each year. If you would like to help us this year please fill out your form, along with the appropriate contributions, and submit it no later than December 17. This year the "Thanks & Memorials" will be printed in our December 24 bulletin. Please mark your tithe envelopes "Thanks & Memorials."

Our Annual Christmas Program starts Sabbath morning, December 10, with a hot breakfast served from 9:30 to 10:15 am. We ask that those whose last names start with A-L bring fruit trays, and M-Z bring Christmas breads. **Both should be TABLE READY**, with no cleaning, slicing or other prep in the kitchen that morning. The Christmas program starts at 10:30 am. There will be no Sabbath-school classes on the 10th.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals - A new rehearsal scheduled has been posted on the bulletin board. All who wish to sing in the Christmas Choir may attend! The Choir will sing at "Follow the Star" on December 9 and at Rockwood for the Christmas program on December 10 and for the anthem on December 17. Next rehearsal is Friday, December 2, 7:00 pm.

Karen Ministry Needs

We have a new Karen refugee family that needs kitchen and bathroom supplies. (Pots, pans, dishes, silverware, towels, TP, etc.) Bring these items to the church and place them in the box in the coat-rack area marked for "Karen Refugee Family."

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

4th Annual Chamber Music Concert! November 27, at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception (cake, coffee, tea) at Tabernacle Adventist Church, 26 SW Condor Way, Portland. Tickets are not required, but monetary donations are urged to help support good causes, including PACS.

First Friday at Adventist Medical Center on December 2, 7:15 pm, in the lower level amphitheater. This meeting will mark our one year anniversary. Praise and worship will be led by the Adventist Health Praise Band.

Violinist Jaime Jorge - Christmas Concert at Stone Tower on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 pm. (3010 NE Holladay Street.)

Friday, December 9, 7:00 pm, Portland Adventist Academy will present their Christmas concert at Sunnyside Adventist Church, located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland.

The King's Heralds, celebrating over 85 years of ministry, will be in concert at Sunnyside Adventist Church on Sabbath, December 10, at 5:00 pm. Plan now to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy this very special event.

Fountain View Orchestra & Singers in live concert at Vancouver SDA Community Church (9711 NE St. Johns Rd in Vancouver) on December 10 at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers Urgently Needed - Portland Adventist Community Services has an urgent need for morning truck drivers & riders, and general support volunteers in the food pantry. Apply online at pacsonline.org or call (503) 252-8500.

Adventist Medical Center is looking for volunteers who can help us fulfill our mission "to be the human expression of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ". With a commitment of as little as 4 hours a week you can make a difference in the lives of the people in our community. To learn more call (503) 251-6114 or visit www.AdventistHealth.org/NW/Volunteer