

Stuck in Space

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Feeling stuck is not a good sensation.

Leo Wan just wanted to see the sunrise after a long night celebrating a birthday with his friends. So he chose to get the best seat: right on top of the chimney, with his legs dangling inside.

In hindsight, that was his first mistake. As he tried to climb out of the chimney he slipped and finally stopped seven feet down at the bottom of the flue. No amount of shouting and yelling was able to catch the attention of his friends, who, soon after, left to saunter home.

Leo was left in the tight space of a sooty chimney, unable to move up or down. Fortunately, his cell phone still showed coverage, and he was able to call for help. The fire brigade arrived 45 minutes later, and, with the help of a rope, Leo was finally able to squeeze his way back up. After more than seven hours stuck in space he once again enjoyed the sunlight of an English late-autumn day.

Feeling “stuck” is an awful sensation. Whether it’s a self-destructive habit, a disastrous relationship, or an unsatisfying job – we don’t like feeling “stuck.” In fact, judging from the comments of members of the recent graduating class of my oldest daughter, “being stuck” (in an office, a job, a relationship or something they just don’t like) rates high on the list of things high school graduates want to avoid. People all around us send clear (and sometimes less clear) SOS signals as they tell us, “I feel stuck; I don’t know how to get out of this.”

Do you ever feel stuck? Continue reading at <http://www.adventistreview.org/1612-40>

Week at a Glance

Today	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:37pm
Sunday	NO Pathfinders Tonight!	
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study Elder’s Meeting – GC, Chap. 9-12	11:00 am 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline Prayer Power Group	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:43 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath School Classes Offering: Church Budget Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30 am 4:45 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*

December 31, 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	Linda Waagen
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	Everyone
"Rockwood Church Budget"	
Offertory/Worship in Song	Stephan Ilie
Worship in Word	Pastor Gene
"Twas the Week after Christmas"	
Prayer Song	"I'd Rather Have Jesus" #327
Prayer Garden	Bob Hessong
Organ Postlude	Joyce Bredemeier

Sermon Audio available at RockwoodAdventist.com

Rockwood Community News

Elder's Meeting – Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 pm. Our assignment this month: Chapters 8-12 of *Great Controversy*.

Our Next All-Church Potluck is scheduled for Sabbath, January 14. Plan ahead to join us for food and fellowship!

Revive-2017 - Join us for a special 10 day email revival series at FAST Missions! It starts January 1 and it's FREE! Learn how to experience more of God's Spirit in your life. <http://www.fastmissions.com>

Special Thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas breakfast on the 17th, and those who assisted with the Agape Feast on the 30th. You are appreciated! – **Mayumi Ilie**

Our Next Finance Committee & Church Board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

The Christmas Card Box will be in the lobby through January 14, 2017. Please remember to check for cards that have been addressed to you!

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

Walla Walla University will host a free online webinar for prospective students and their parents titled "How to Pay for College" on Wednesday, January 11, at 4:00 pm, and again at 7:00 pm. This 40-minute presentation will be led by experts from WWU Student Financial Services team and the Marketing and Enrollment Services team. After the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Register at sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars

Support Big Lake This Winter - This year we have been working to help Big Lake expand their winter program. We have helped them get over 400 ice skates and an ice skating rink for this winter. We need your help. We have someone who's willing to donate \$3,000 as a matching grant for every dollar we can raise. Would you be willing to donate some so we can buy new cross country skis and maybe some more snow shoes? We have till the end of December to raise the money. Go to Big Lake's page and click on the "Support Big Lake This Winter", or call (503) 850-3585 with a credit card, or write them a check and mail it to: Big Lake Youth Camp, 19800 Oatfield Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027.

First Friday at Adventist Medical Center on January 6, 2017, from 7:15 – 8:30 pm in the lower level amphitheaters. First Fridays are a time of music and spiritual fellowship and we would like to encourage you to join us. The January First Friday service will feature praise and worship by the Sharon church praise team and an inspirational thought from Patty Danielson. Registration for the free January 6 First Friday soup and salad dinner will open on December 19 and will run through Wednesday, January 4. Be sure to reserve your spot! Remember that registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and each dinner guest must register separately. Soup and salad will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 6.

Clifford Goldstein at Beit Shalom Balevav January 6 and 7, 2017. Goldstein will speak on Friday at 7:00 pm and on Sabbath at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Goldstein will share a devotional thought during the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service. The two Sabbath afternoon sessions are entitled "Called by Name" and "Questions and Answers." Beit Shalom Balevav is located at 7902 NE St. John's Road, Suite 104 in Vancouver, Wash. (<http://cliff.hopetv.org>)

Heart Help Presents "The Passenger," a Women's Group by Drs. Ron & Nancy Rockey. This 10-week series begins on Wednesday, January 25, from 7-9 pm at Healing Hope SDA Church, 15150 NE Glisan. Details are on the bulletin board.