

Worship Service

8:45 am & 11:10 am

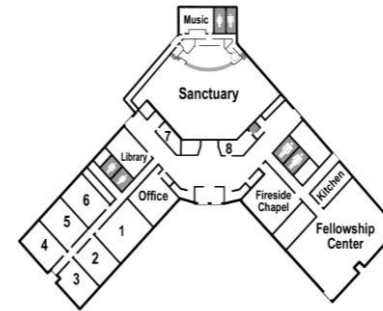
Good News of Great Joy

** Rejoicing in Christmas	<i>Christmas Medley</i>	Tiffany, Grant and Bryan Steinweg
Welcome		Pastors
Rejoice in His Word	<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>	*Dave & Ginny Allen Verda Lee Davis, Matt and Trish Ballard
** Rejoicing in Song	<i>Mary, Did you Know?</i>	Olivia Alvarez
** Rejoice in His Word	<i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	Verda Lee Davis, Matt and Trish Ballard
Praise Hymn #122	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	*Congregation Jan Hammond & Nikki Smith
** Rejoice in His Word	<i>Luke 2:15-20</i>	Verda Lee Davis, Matt and Trish Ballard
The Joy of Giving		*Wayne Alvarez Jack Peterson
** Offertory	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	Tiffany Steinweg
** Kidz Korner		Brian Cassagneres
** Kindergarten Shares	<i>If I were a Shepherd</i>	Kindergarten
** Rejoice in His Word	<i>John 3:16</i>	Verda Lee Davis, Matt and Trish Ballard
** Rejoice in His Birth	<i>Happy Birthday Jesus</i>	Avianna & Elizabeth Alvarez
Sharing in Prayer		*Ginny Allen Stephanie Richards
** Celebrating His Birth	<i>Gesu Bambino</i>	Matt Mandrones
Bible Teaching	<i>The Christmas Gift of Love</i>	Jeff Richards
Reflecting in Song #152	<i>Tell me the Story of Jesus</i>	Congregation

Sabbath School

10:00 am

Rm 1 - Beginners - 0-3
 Rm 6 - Kindergarten - 4-6
 Rm 2 - Primary - 7-9
 Rm 3 - Junior - 10-12
 Rm 5 - Earliteen - 13-15
 Rm 4 - Youth - 16+
 Rm 7 - Holy Spirit - Craig Frantz
Music - Deaf Congregation
Sanctuary - Laura Hamilton
Sanctuary - Burton Boundey
Fireside - David Allen, Wayne Alvarez
Fellowship Ctr - Revelation - Samuel Wang
Fellowship Ctr - Inductive - Jack Smith



Things You Can Do!

- ☞ **Lunch!** ~ Have you prepared a lunch or have a stocked pantry? Ask someone to lunch today that you don't know. If they are taken, invite someone over you do know who you have been meaning to get better acquainted with.
- ☞ **Conference Call Prayer Meeting** ~ Plan to join us Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Call 518-825-1300; use Access Code: 558256.
- ☞ **Participate in the Mission/Vision Process!** ~ This process is very important to the future of our church and the future decisions we make. If you have not gotten involved yet, now is the time.
- ☞ **Remember, and Pray for, our Members in Care Homes** ~ Bea Byrnes, Eileen Dahlberg, Dr. LeRoy Nelson, Charlotte Roberts and Marion Zander.
- ☞ **Begin the New Year with Communion** ~ Friday night, January 1, in the Fellowship Hall. A special candlelight service with time to reflect on what God has done in your life and to look forward to a new year walking with Him.

Local Events

- ☞ **Do you enjoy Old Fashioned Gospel Hymns?** Join us for an afternoon of favorites from a bygone era featuring *The Sounds of Praise Gospel Quartet, Sabbath,*

January 16, at 4 p.m. here at the church. Invite your friends and neighbors. Seating is free; there will be a love offering.

Announcements

- ☞ **Don Albertsen** ~ passed away Sabbath morning, December 12. A private burial will transpire with a memorial service to be announced after the holidays.
- ☞ **Francis Blahovich** passed away December 14; no memorial service is planned. We can help the family out through prayers, calls and/or a visit.

☞ Membership Transfers

IN:

- Marvin & Janis Boyd from Meadow Glade SDA Church in Battle Ground, WA
- Jammie Elder from Gaston SDA Church in Gaston, OR
- Joel & Amber Hesgard from Pleasant Valley SDA Church in Happy Valley, OR
- Lydia Noel from Kent SDA Church in Kent, WA

OUT:

- Michael Hamilton to Sunnyside Adventist Church in Portland, OR
- ☞ **Recommended by the Board** ~ First Reading; Sandy Bostrom for Deaconess and Nathan Lydie for Social Committee.
- ☞ **Electronic Bulletin** ~ To view the bulletin before Sabbath morning, check our website www.VancouverAdventist.com.
- ☞ **Sermon Copies Available** ~ A free sermon audio is available at www.VancouverAdventist.com or you can request a DVD (of the full service) in the Church Library. Don't forget to pick them up!
- ☞ **Bulletin Information** ~ needs to be in by Wednesday at noon.

Our Schools

- ☞ **CAA office hours during Christmas vacation** will be December 28-30, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.

*First Service Participant **Second Service Only

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Oliver - Head Deacon: Neil Allen

~ If you would like special prayer ~

Please come to the front of the Sanctuary following today's service...

Community News

Join the LIFE Journal Revolution!

Last month, I decided that I was going to get in shape. It's a long story about how I came to that decision, but it involved years of neglect of my health, eating whatever I wanted, sleeping only when necessary, and avoiding exercise as much as possible. "That's it", I said to myself one day, "I can't stand looking at you anymore, and we are going to do something about it." So, early the next morning, I dragged out some old running clothes, sucked in my gut in order to get the shorts on, stuffed my feet into running shoes, left my wife sleeping blissfully, and tread-milled my way through twenty-five tortuous minutes of great pain, rivers of sweat, and profound questioning of my own sanity. After carefully considering whether the dull ache in my side was an early sign of a heart attack (I'm pretty sure it wasn't), and deciding that calling "911" was not necessary, I made my way back into the bathroom to start getting ready for work. As I passed by the mirror, I did what all guys do: I checked myself out to see what a manly man I was! Amazingly enough, I found myself disappointed that I wasn't looking better already! Apparently, I expected that one early morning workout was somehow going to counteract years of early morning Krispy Kremes, lunchtime cheeseburgers, and an incredible attraction to late night Doritos! I was really upset! "THIS ISN'T WORKING!", I thought. I was ready to quit on the spot. Thankfully, I didn't, and today, one month later, the exercise is easier, the sweat is less profuse, and the pain is virtually gone. The guy in the mirror still isn't eighteen, but he has gradually gotten a bit less offensive!

I am struck by how similar this process has been to spending time in the morning, every day, studying the Bible, journaling, and praying. When I first started doing that, to be honest, it was painful! I'm not a morning person, and I'd much rather sleep than get up to read the Bible. More to the point, though, when I did manage to get up for quiet time, I found myself disappointed that I didn't change right away! "I mean, come on! I read the Bible this morning! How come I just said that horrible thing to my kids? Why do I still struggle with my temper? THIS ISN'T WORKING!" What I know now is that it takes time. It took me a lot of years to make myself a spiritual mess, and a few mornings with Jesus doesn't take all those old habits, thoughts and flaws away instantly. He has promised that when I seek Him, I will find Him, but He doesn't say it will take 5 seconds. I believe that knowing Jesus is a journey, one that is well worth it and one that is life-changing, but I also know that if you give up on it too soon, you will miss an amazing journey. I haven't gotten rid of all my messes and flaws yet, by any means, but with His help, I guess I find myself "a bit less offensive" now!

This Week at a Glance

Today	Feed a Visitor – At your house!	
	Sabbath Ends	4:31 p.m.
Tuesday	Conference Call Prayer Meeting	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Binding the Wounds	7:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	New Year's Eve	
Friday	New Year's Day	
	Sabbath Begins	4:36 p.m.

Speakers Coming Up

January 2	Joy for the New Year	Ginny Allen
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Offering

Offering Next Week:	Church Budget
Monthly Church Budget	\$19,014
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$20,382

Church Office Information

1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday
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Seventh-day Adventist Community Church

of Vancouver, WA

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