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Events

Jan. 19, James Rafferty, 11am & 2:30pm.

Feb. 10, Valentine Banquet

I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently?

And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says 'Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again.'"

- Lewis Carroll

Looking Back...by Tray Williams

As we look back on the year 2012 it could become easy to look at the awful things that took place during the year and get discouraged, discouraged with the ongoing economic situation, discouraged with the political climate, and especially discouraged with man's inhumanity to man as we recently witnessed in Newtown, Connecticut. And yet, even as we attempt to make sense of the things that are not so easy to understand, we can all look back on the past year and see God's hand working in our lives.

Remember:

We have no idea what is going to happen in our lives in the days ahead. None of us do. And since we can't see what's coming up, we should be trying to remember. We should be

trying to remember how God has led us through the past. Scripture tells us not to worry about tomorrow (Matt 6:34) "for tomorrow will worry about itself and each day has enough trouble of its own", and Ellen White says "We have nothing to fear lest we forget how the Lord has led in the past." (TM 31) We know that if we remember how he has led in the past, we can trust Him with our future.

Reflect:

Reflect upon His love and His mercy. For God is love. (1 John 4:8) and His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136) If we will continually reflect upon His love and mercy, we can and will be sustained regardless of what is going on in our lives.

Resolve:

Resolve to share that love and mercy with others. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

(Ephesians 1:3)

As we move forward into this New Year may we all be blessed by our Lord and Savior as He leads us forward for His honor and glory, and may we all be faithful to His calling.

Belize Mission...By Lynden & Margie Kruse

We relay to you, a big thank you from many in Belize to those of you who have prayed for the projects, contributed financially & to those of you who have joined us in Belize working on one or more of the six major projects we have had the privilege of working on.

We recently returned from a Nov. trip to Belize, which included "checking out" our next school building project site near the Rhaburn Ridge SDA church about 35 minutes north of the Belize airport. The proposed name for the new school is "Hope Christian Academy".

It is 15 miles to the nearest school. The site is fairly isolated, but near the Northern Highway in a sparsely populated area. The "hope", for Hope Christian Academy, is to have enough completed so the school can begin Sept. 2013.

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Guest Speaker

January 19, James Rafferty, Co-Director of Light Bearers Ministry will present the 11am Worship Hour, followed by a second presentation at 2:30pm.

Valentine Banquet Benefit Social

February 10, 5:00 pm - Better Living Center. Cost will be \$10 for singles or \$20 for couples. It is important that you RSVP to the Roseburg Church office by February 5 in order for food to be ordered and prepared. All adults are invited.

Book Found!

Did you misplace a daily devotional – “Lest We Forget” by George R. Knight? One was left in the Chapel. Please contact the church secretary if it is yours.

Welcome to

new member:

MaryKay Fletcher

Finance Report from the Church Treasurer...

The Pastor Search Committee, as most of you are aware, is in the process of working with the Oregon Conference to select a new pastor. Our Roseburg church leaders are providing spiritual and cohesive direction for our church family while the selection process continues.

This transition does also require from our congregation an extra effort to help provide for the needs of the church.

To begin our **review of last quarter of 2012**, the monthly budget goal was \$13,237. For the last three

months offerings received were for **October:** \$10,379, **November:** \$14,275 and **December:** \$22,262.

Donations to tithe and local offerings for the last quarter of the year have decreased significantly in 2012 as compared to 2011. Tithe has decreased 20% and local budget offerings have decreased 6%.

So as it stands, as of December 31, 2012, you are able to surmise by the above numbers, these monthly numbers do greatly swing up and down. It is recognized that each family's timing of returning their

monthly tithes and offerings does reflect the monthly totals which I am reporting. The good news is that we are starting the New Year with no deficits. However, the offerings typically do drop off after the start of a new year. The church needs **consistent** monthly support of all members to provide the means to pay the church bills for our ministry to the Roseburg Church. Something to think about as the New Year progresses.

India Mission... by Nancy Worley

As most of you know, I have been going to India for well over 10 years. The focus of the trips has been to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have done the preaching on the last 5 visits. It seems that my audience has been changing a bit over the last few visits. It is an incredible experience to enter an area where the knowledge of Jesus Christ does not exist. It is a marked change that comes over the preaching site as people realize that we have a Creator who loves us and cares about each and every one of us. Faces change as the understanding of God's love permeates the darkness of heathenism and spirit worship.

On my next to last trip to India, I was asked to do a

week of prayer at a school. The students were LKG (age 3-4) through Plus 2 (age level of 18-20). During this trip I began to understand more fully the challenges of the church in areas where the population is 90% Hindu and 10% Muslim and there are not enough Christians to count. This school is considered the premier school in the entire area around Bhubeneshwar, the capital of Orissa state. A very high percentage of the students from this school win seats to very prestigious universities in the country of India. Because of this, the school has a waiting list of students. The student body was 1700 strong at that time.

It is said that little girls are not safe in the womb, neither are they safe outside.

It is not uncommon for little girls to be taken out of school at age 12 or 13 to be married. Education is not highly valued for girls. So I can safely say that my priorities have shifted toward education for children, particularly girls. Orphan girls have the best opportunity of completing an education because they are not likely to be sold for a bride price. When Dorothy Watts was in India she developed the Adventist Child India program. Another program is Asia Aid. These programs provide all of the necessities to a child for education. If you have a desire to help one of these little helpless ones, contact one of these programs.

May God bless you.

Recipe...by Sue Williams

Veggie "Hamburger" Patties

- 2 Cups water
- 1/4 Cup soy sauce, unfermented (Braggs Aminos), OR a mix of Braggs, Teriyaki, Worcestershire (anchovy free), & Hickory barbeque sauce.
- 1 Tbsp. grape seed oil
- 1 Tbsp. Sucanat (organic sweetener)
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 Tbsp. nutritional yeast flakes
- 2 Cups oats or mixed grain flakes
- 1/2 Cup pecan or walnut meal
- Few drops liquid smoke

Combine all ingredients except oats and nut meal in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add oatmeal and nut meal. Cook until mixture thickens. Cool mixture completely. Shape into patties with dampened hands. Heat oil in skillet. Brown patties on both sides in oil until golden brown. Serve with gravy or use as a sandwich filling. If you want to make this into burger crumbles instead of making into patties, put cooled mixture on a sprayed cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 30 min. then turn or stir burger and cook another 30 min or until burger looks done and no longer is mushy. This freezes well and is very good for tacos or other recipes calling for burger. Adapted from Taste of Heaven: Veggie "Hamburger" Patties recipe.

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The local people are currently working on the foundation, restroom and showers. We plan to return in March 2013 to work with the Monterey Bay Academy group to begin the major building project. It will likely take one or two more group work sessions to complete

this project. This is where you may be able to help, as all work and finances for these projects are by "volunteers".

The main qualification needed is willingness to work. There seems to be a real need for this school. The local people are very

motivated and dedicated to doing all they can to make it happen. They believe this can be a self-supporting (agriculture) school. The Belize government is enthused enough that they have donated 60 acres of land. The school needs our help to make it happen.

If you would like to help in this project in any way contact us (Lynden or Margie) at 541-673-4864 or 541-643-1651, margiek@dcwisp.net

Classified Ads...

Room for rent, \$350-\$450 per month negotiable. Location Winchester. Contact DJ Archer, 541-680-4075 for more information.

One bedroom for rent, partially furnished guest house (600 sq. ft.), W/D, stove, fridge, in shared gated property available for rent now. Call Arlene 541-430-0432 for more information.

KLLF-LP 106.7 FM local 3ABN Radio affiliate brought to the Roseburg area by **Amazing Love**,

Inc. 3001 Wild River Drive Roseburg, OR 97470-7998 541-430-0432 contact Tax Deductible donation receipt available for supporters.

Jean Hart is looking for a room to rent in the Roseburg area. Please call her if you know of a room that is available. Her number is 541-391-3395 or leave a message with Ramona Lee at 541-459-5678. Jean has a nursing background and can care take, housesit, or petsit.

Beautiful Cross-Stitch items made by disadvantaged women in Bangladesh. God can use you to help widowed, orphaned, abandoned, and poor women in Bangladesh by purchasing their beautiful cross-stitch items. Contact Eileen Swegles at 541-643-5541, or come to the Better Living Center on Wednesdays during potluck.

For rent, one bedroom in a 2 bedroom home, single lady, 4668 Hubbard Creek,

Umpqua. \$500 a month plus electricity. Call Ok-sun 541-672-8257.

If you would like a copy of *Out of Thin Air* (The Origin of Species) by Shawn Boonstra, there are copies available in the Church Office and in the foyer. This book goes along with the Sabbath School Lessons this Quarter.

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God Will Guide To The End!

I have words of encouragement for you, my brethren. We are to move forward in faith and hope, expecting large things from God. The enemy will seek in every way to hinder the efforts that are being made to advance the truth, but in the strength of the Lord you may gain success. Let no discouraging words be spoken, but only such words as will tend to strengthen and sustain your fellow-workers....

When in the night season I am unable to sleep, I lift my heart in prayer to God, and He strengthens me, and gives me the assurance that He is with His ministering servants in the home field and in distant lands. I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people,

and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end....

The Lord desires to see the work of proclaiming the third angel's message carried forward with increasing efficiency. As He has worked in all ages to give victories to His people, so in this age He longs to carry to a triumphant fulfillment His purposes for His church.



Jesus, the light of the world!

He bids His believing saints to advance unitedly, going from strength to greater strength, from faith to increased assurance and confidence in the truth and righteousness of His cause.—The General Conference Bulletin, 164-165. (Manuscript Releases 311, Chapter 10)