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Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

Pastoral Message from Pastor Scott...

Dear Saints;

Dorothy and I found it to be a wonderful experience rejoining Roseburg in worship this last Sabbath after a hiatus of more than eighteen years. It was also a delight to meet so many new people for the first time. In case you were not here this weekend, and you are new to the Roseburg church, Dorothy and I pastored Roseburg from 1990-1997. We recently retired and have responded to the request to fill in as your pastor on a half time basis until the "real" pastor arrives.

We will be here every other Sabbath, and when we come will be here for 5-6 days at a time. In the meanwhile, we will likely be at our home in Portland. However, feel free to call us at any time. My cell number is 503-860-5856, and our home number is 503-658-5078. If I am unable to pick up immediately, please, do leave a message and I will get back to you. It will be as though I were sitting right here in Roseburg!

Our next Sabbath will be February 13. In that worship service we will look at

the wonderful story of our redemption as it culminates in the final judgment scenes in heaven. Yes, it is a wonderful story! We will see how God will provide for us, even in the judgment. New insights into the love of God are unfolded as all heaven is gathered for this special event. As we will see, the cross of Christ stands over God's people even at a time like this.

On Sabbath, February 27, our worship service will look at an old Adventist theme of the final sealing of God's people. Yes, it has much to do with the Sabbath. However, it has to do with much more than just the Sabbath. As we will see, the Sabbath is a sign of a covenant, an eternal covenant between God and His created beings. This covenant is eternal. Hint, the Sabbath is not the seal, but it is the sign of the seal. So, what exactly is this seal? Again we will see from God's word wonderful insights into to His unfathomable love.

Until then, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may He cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

Pastor Scott LeMert

Have you noticed?

Our new church sign was recently installed with our new church name, Better Life Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are still the Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist Church too. Our church family is excited to share our church name with Better Life Broadcasting Network so that our church community knows we are connected. Our prayer is that this name will draw more people to our church and saving message.



This Newsletter includes a third page that has updated directory information as well as a report from our Church Treasurer.

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

For further study on this, look up "The Two Ways" from "Signs of the Times" April 1, 1880

Recipe...From Chef Mark Anthony

Middle Eastern Potato Chickpea Burgers

Ingredients:

1/2 lb. red potato, cooked and cooled
3 Tbsp olive oil, divided
1 tsp garlic, minced
1 - 15 oz. can garbanzo beans, rinsed
2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
1/2 tsp sea salt
1 Tbsp lemon zest
1 tsp smoked paprika
1/4 tsp freshly ground red pepper
2 egg replacer of ground flax seed and water

Directions:

Place all ingredients into a food processor and pulse a few times until the mixture is easily formed and not falling apart. Form into 3/4-inch thick patties and cook over medium-high heat for about 3 to 5 minutes on each side.

For more vegan recipes, <http://www.chefmarkanthony.com/recipes.html>

Repairing the House of the Lord...Bathroom Update

I'm sure that most of you are anxious for the new bathrooms to be completed, but because we are doing this project with volunteers we are dependent upon when they have free time. Many of our volunteers work full time to provide for their families and we are so very thankful for all of those who have given of their time and resources to this project. We are very fortunate to have all of the building trades represented in our church and if it wasn't for this fact, we would easily be paying twice as much for our new bathrooms. Today, as this is being written, the first layer of stucco is being applied to the outside bathroom walls. We will need one more Sunday with good weather, to finish the outside walls. On the inside, the framing and the in-wall electrical are finished. The heating ducts have been installed. Now we are waiting for the plumbing to be finished. Once we

clear the framing and plumbing inspections, you should see a lot of new activity. The following is the order work to be done: 1. Insulation, 2. Sheetrock, 3. Tape and texturing of the walls, 4. Painting, 5. Floor tile, 6. Cabinets, 7. Bathroom stall partitions 8. Finish installing final plumbing and electrical fixtures. 9. Final decorating. i.e. mirrors. Once the bathrooms are complete then we need to do the foyer renovation. The old bathroom wall will be removed to make way for our new enlarged foyer. A new window wall will be installed so that you will be able to look out to the courtyard from the foyer. We would love to have the project finished in time for our Fall evangelistic series with Pastor Brian McMahon. There is still a lot of work to do to be done, but everyone can help in some way, even if it is just prayers. We must be diligent and labor hard until the Lord's return.

Pastoral Search Report...

The Pastoral Placement Advisory Committee or PPAC has met three times with Pastor Dan Linrud, the Oregon Conference representative that has been assigned to us. The first meeting, which was held in mid-December, was an organizational meeting. At that meeting the replacement process was reviewed, also we reviewed the qualities and abilities we were looking for in a new pastor. No names were discussed at that first meeting. We were then given the assignment to draw up a list of names with the help of the local congregation. A Pastoral Candidate Recommendation Form was handed out at church and all of the names submitted plus name given by those on the PPAC committee were then forwarded to the Oregon Conference. The Conference then makes informal contact with those on the list to see if they have any interest in being our pastor. If there is an interest, they are asked to submit a resume for us to look at. Our second meeting, which was held in mid-January, we were given some additional names of pastors who the Conference had in their files. We updated the list by removing the names of those who felt like they needed to stay where they were or felt like God was leading them in another direction. There were about 5 or 6 names that the Conference hadn't been able to get

in contact with yet. Their status will be updated at our next meeting. Resumes were then handed out for those pastors that had sent them to the Oregon Conference. By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had our 3rd meeting. We will have updated our list and hopefully have resumes for all the pastors who are willing to be on our list. In between meeting PPAC members have been tasked with assignment to find out as much as possible about each of the pastoral candidates. We will have listened to countless sermons, reviewed many "letters of recommendations", prayed together, and will have spent many hours discussing the candidates amongst ourselves. Once we come to a consensus on one name, that individual will be invited to Roseburg for a face to face interview. After the interview, if it is felt that this is the man God has in mind for us, an invitation will be extended to him to become our next pastor. If he accepts our invitation, then it is just a matter of time for him make the necessary arrangements to move to Roseburg. We covet your prayers. We truly want to be led by the Holy Spirit as we go through this process.

Roseburg Junior Academy

WHERE WOULD RJA BE WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS?

"The RJA staff really does appreciate the many volunteers we have at the school. Since becoming the office secretary in February 2015, it amazes me to think about how many things wouldn't get done without people willing to offer their time to help the teachers and students. We have people come pull weeds, work in the library, help with students and teachers in the classrooms and office, make hot lunches, fundraising, shuttle students around in their cars...and the list goes on and on. It is truly inspiring!" Peggy Yoder, Office Secretary

May is double bonus month for "LABELS FOR EDUCATION"

We can earn twice as many points when we turn in our Labels in May. There are over 2,500 products that have this label on them, so just check out the products that you use in your home, clip them off the package and turn them in to the RJA Office or drop them off in the lobby. How easy is that?! And the points really do add up!

Classified Ads and Announcements...

Douglas County Pathfinder Club will be starting up soon. They will be meeting on Wednesday nights. Pathfinders is for ages 10 and older or 5th grade and up. There will be a meeting on February 27 at 2:00 pm in the Better Living Center that we would like the parents and others interested in helping with this club to

attend. Some children need financial help to be able to partake in some events, so if you are able to donate, please consider marking your tithe envelope Pathfinder Club. Call Bob Otis 541-430-7444 if you have questions.

For Rent - 2 BR in Camas Valley, \$500.00 wood heat, & electric, gas stove,

electric refrigerator, washer & dryer. Fruit trees, large fenced garden spot hot house for starting seeds & small plants, quiet, on 20 acres, no smoke, drink, drugs, references, call Shirley 541 643-8011

Employment: Noah's Ark call Mark [541 784-1261](tel:5417841261) Closed Sabbath, and Monday

"Eight Witnesses", a play that BL/RSDA Church presented and was recorded by Better Life TV will be shown on BLBN in late March 2016. Please remember to check BLBN programing for broadcast dates and times for this presentation.

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Discover Prophecy Seminar this Fall!

Roseburg Better Life SDA Church will be hosting the “**Discover Prophecy Seminar**” with **pastor Brian McMahon** this fall. This 24 lecture series will begin Saturday night, September 10, 2016 and conclude on Saturday night the 8th of October. We have a lot to do before this seminar starts, therefore everyone’s help is needed. We will need help in the following areas: Greeters, Registration, Child care, Offering, Visitation, Prayer teams, and Financial. We have budgeted \$16,200 for this series. The Oregon Conference

will be helping us with \$6,000. We are hoping to get \$1,200 from offerings during the meetings. Which leaves us with \$9,000 to



Jesus, the light of the world!

raise before the series starts. If we all give a little extra each month we can raise the necessary funds. Mark your tithe envelopes “Evangelism 2016”. In the meantime, think of people you personally want to invite to the meetings. Then pray, pray, and pray some more for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit so when the invitations go out that the people that need to hear this message will respond.

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