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Christmas
Program
Caroling in the
Community

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Church Choir
Christmas
Cantata

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Prayer Weekend

*“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
John 14:1-3*

From our Pastor...by Pastor Tony Rodriguez

If you were to ask my wife and I how we feel about being the new pastoral couple at the Better Life Roseburg SDA Church the only response we could give would be : “praise God from whom all blessings flow!!! We are well aware of the process that the pastoral placement committee patiently and prayerfully went through to finally extend to us an invitation to lead you by His Spirit in this next chapter. What you didn’t know is how much we have prayed for you!!! As I was candidate number 28, a little reminiscent of David tending the sheep as Samuel came to his father’s house to anoint the next king, on one occasion that we drove through Roseburg Sayuri and I pulled into the church parking lot and prayed that if this was the place that God wanted us to be then may

the doors open and if He so desired that we be elsewhere that the doors would close. Not only have the doors opened, but we know that your hearts have opened to us and for that we thank you!

Being so close to Roseburg in Grants Pass, we wanted to start this chapter sooner than later and so on May 14th, 2016 it all began. Soon thereafter we were able to find a house, move and get settled. Before you knew it, our evangelistic meetings started with Brian McMahon and what a blessing that was! If there ever was a time to pray it is now! You might have gathered by now that prayer is a central & key component to my wife & I’s ministry. Why is there so much prayer? It’s because when there’s prayer, there’s power, the

power of the Holy Spirit. And as we move forward as a church we are going to be praying and working as we see the power of God not only work in our own lives, but most importantly in the community as we seek to save the lost.

We consider it a privilege to not only serve as your pastoral team, but we do so with a holy pride for we are proud of our new church. We are getting to know you more and more and desire to do that not just with knowing your name, we want to know you as a person. And we desire that you would feel comfortable in knowing us too. We covet your prayers as we press forward by faith.

With Love,
Pr. Tony & Sayuri

Prayer Is The Key...

December 30th at 5pm we will start our Prayer Revival Weekend to start the year on the right foot. We will be praying at the church with an evening program that starts at 7pm. During the worship service Pr. Tony will start a five part series entitled “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”. Come January 11th we will be starting our 10 Days of Prayer. Nightly at 7pm from January 11th to January 21 we will gather to pray as we ask for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. On January 22nd we will launch our church’s 40 Days of Prayer. 40 Days that will change your life! So if there ever was a time to pray it is now beloved!!! Prayer is the key in the hand of faith that opens heaven’s storehouse.

*Daniel answered and said:
“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.
Daniel 2:20-21*

*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
Revelation 21:4*

Brian McMahon...Discover Prophecy Seminar

By Sandra Haynes

An exciting spiritual event recently took place in the prophecy seminar conducted by Brian McMahon at the Better Life Roseburg Church in September and October, 2016. The occasion was an outreach to the community to share the good news which cement our beliefs in the Bible as Adventist Christians looking forward to our Lord's return.

Brian McMahon had held a similar seminar in Roseburg twenty years ago, which was well received. It was a thrill to hear him once more present scripturally based truths in a culturally relevant manner. His wife, Heidi, aided in the registration process and provided delightful vocal selections, comple-

menting the evenings' messages.

Brian systematically covered all of the essential doctrines, building a solid foundation from the beginning of the series to encourage understanding of scriptural events and truths. He detailed each doctrine with many scripture texts and provided handouts as references for guests to take home for further study.

Guests were asked to register each night they attended, and each was awarded a copy of E.G. White's book, Steps to Christ.

Before the Saturday evening meetings, guests and members enjoyed an attractive meal together, becoming acquainted in a social setting. Near the end of the five week seminar, the

guests were invited to take a stand for the truth which they had heard. Twelve souls were baptized on the last Sabbath of the seminar, which was a high and special day. Local pastor Tony Rodriguez baptized most of the candidates, and each new member received a set of the Conflict of the Ages books, a white rose, and a bookmark. Warm congratulations and greetings followed the service.

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. In an outreach such as this, it takes many willing hands and praying hearts, as well as time and effort. As a church, God has rewarded these efforts with precious souls for Him. We welcome each new member and press closer together as we see the day approaching.

Pathfinders...

It's been such a blessing spending time with the eight pathfinders and the staff that are helping. Our Pathfinders this year are Zion Bailey, Stephen Seals, Hector Rodriguez, Genevieve Burlew, Trevor Seals, Axel Sta Maria, Rory Jorden, Riley Jorden, Marlin Hopper, and Raelly Jorden. We started off the Pathfinder year in September with the Pathfinder Camporee. This was put on by the Oregon Conference. The Pathfinders spent the weekend at the Milo Campground with other pathfinder groups, enjoying the Sabbath and then doing some honors on Sunday.

Since September, we meet almost every Wednesday and have a short worship, marching practice, learn an honor class, and then spend some time playing a game.

The honors that the Pathfinders have taken so far is orienteering and rock climbing. In the orienteering class, Robert Otis taught them about using a compass and reading a map. Now they are learning about rock climbing with Bill Laspe and Evan Smith. All the staff have been learning more about knot-tying, too. The teens have also enjoyed a rafting trip where they learned about white water rescue. All in all it's been a wonderful adventure.

I am very thankful for the time and effort of the staff members: Robert Otis, Carolyn Otis, Ken Seals, Tom Potter, Ray Rodriguez, Desiree Rodrigues, Greg Jorden, Heidi Jorden, Bob Tooley, and Dennis Mason."

Update From the Building Committee...

The bathrooms are complete except for a few minor things. They opened up the middle of September. For those of you who haven't seen them a couple of photos are included in this newsletter. If you would like to see them in color (highly recommended) go to the on-line edition of this newsletter. Go to the Church's website at: www.roseburgsda.org, click on the "Welcome to Our Church" tab. This will open up a drop down menu. Scroll down and click on the "Newsletter" tab, select the latest issue. It is so nice not to have to wait in line now and for those of our members or guest that have special needs it is a godsend.

However, the "Repairing the House of the Lord" project isn't finished yet. We still have the foyer renovation to do. The old bathrooms still need to be removed and that space turned into an enlarged foyer. This will take many months for this phase of the project to be done. Firstly, we must dismantle the old bathrooms by removing all of the fixtures (if anyone has need for or wants some of the old fixtures please contact the church). Secondly, the interior bathroom walls have to be removed. Internal electrical lines and water lines have to be moved and/or capped off. Thirdly, a trench has to be dug so that the main sanctuary's heating duct can be moved from the ceiling to under the floor. Fourthly, a new window wall will be placed in the exterior wall so that people in the new foyer will be able to

look out into the courtyard. Lastly, new sheetrock, light fixtures and carpet will be installed.

We have come in under budget and there are sufficient funds to complete the foyer renovation. As we start the final phase, what we need the most are abled bodied volunteers.

We want to thank everyone who has helped us thus far by either giving of their time, money, or both.



Classified Ads and Announcements...

HELP YOUR SCHOOL!!
by buying an **RJA** yard sign for a donation of only \$10, you can HELP your school grow! Simply place it in your yard so that those passing by can see and read about our school. Yard Signs and larger banner signs are available NOW at the school front office. THANK YOU!

IN-HOME CAREGIVER
looking for work with Medicare/Medicaid/OPI or private pay clients. Assistance with ambulation/toileting/transfer (no lifting), glucometer, oxygen and medicine management. Bathing, dressing, grooming, per-

sonal hygiene, decision-making. Healthy HOME cooking/baking, including special diets (vegetarian/vegan, etc). Housework (clean/organize, sweep/mop/vacuum/ beds, laundry, dishes, dusting. Transportation (shopping/errands). NO SMOKERS, please! Please call Karin Knowles at (541) 580-1267 or 679-2300.
E-mail: gandk1@hotmail.com

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) is collecting input to aid in the search for a new Oregon Conference president to replace Al Reimche who is set to retire in December. Members who have suggestions on desired

qualities or names are invited to submit them to the NPUC by December 8, 2016.

Widow's Potluck – Dec. 8 – 1:00 pm – Better Living Center

Roseburg Junior Academy

Dec. 15 at 6:30pm: RJA's annual "Christmas Program" is going CAROLING!! Come be a part of the fun! We will be having several "rounds" of singing bands going out, one every 30 min. starting at 6:30pm. We will travel by wagon from house to house and to some of our Senior Centers. But for those who cannot make the "wagon trek" we will have indoor carol-

ing, an elaborate "Hot Coco" bar and a warm place to wait inside the gym. We encourage everyone to dress in the Dickens period style! (1840-1860) Hope to see you there!

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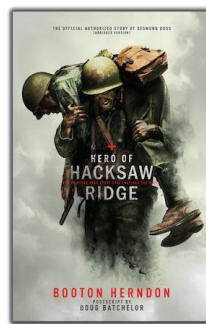
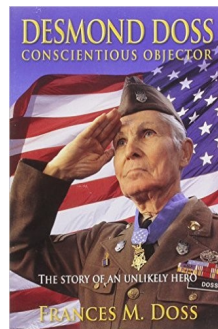
Hacksaw Ridge and Desmond Doss

During World War II, conscientious objector Desmond Doss refused to carry a weapon into combat—a decision that brought him scorn among his fellow soldiers and persecution from his commanders. But then in April 1945, as a medic, Doss joined his battalion as it attempted to capture a steep bluff. In the process, dozens of wounded men were pinned down at the top of the ridge beneath a withering counterassault. Doss repeatedly exposed himself to heavy gun and mortar fire as he rescued one man after another—75 in all. This courageous action

and others earned him America's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, the first ever given to a

conscientious objector.

Recently, a film about Desmond was released, named, "Hacksaw Ridge". With the increased interest a book that shares more of Desmond's story has also been produced. We have some copies of that book available at our church office. Please call the church office at 541-672-1542 to request a copy of that book for yourself or for a friend while supplies last.



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