

Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Where the Arms of Christ are Always Open!”

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 8th

- Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
- Divine Worship: 11:00 AM
- Sunset: 4:27 PM

Wednesday, December 12th

- Prayer & Bible Study Meeting: 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 13th

- Prayer Ministry Team Meeting: 6:30 PM

Friday, December 14th

- Sunset: 4:28 PM
- Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM

Sabbath, December 15th

- Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
- Divine Worship: 11:00 AM
- Sunset: 4:28 PM
- King of Glory Program: 6:00 PM

Church Ministries and Leaders

Pastor Kevin Rhamie (krhamie@hotmail.com).....503-427-2556
Head Elder- Troy Price.....360-885-2320
Church Clerk- Denise Williams.....503-558-9057
Church Secretary- LouVena Warner.....503-287-7649
Church Treasurer- Sharon Ewers.....503-245-3236

Department Heads

Administration- Derrick Foxworth.....503-788-4404
Education- Reuben Polk.....503-698-4442
Fellowship- Violet Larry.....503-666-6177
Outreach- Donald Cobbs.....503-723-5229

Ministry Leaders

Communications- Donald Cobbs.....503-723-5229
Community Service- Sharon Ewers.....503-245-3236
Cultivating Ministry- Denise Williams.....503-558-9057
Event Planning- Drechelle McCray.....971-227-1619
Music- Linda Foxworth.....503-788-4404
Teaching- Vincent Harrison.....313-347-3290
Training and Mentoring- Kevin McCray.....904-891-0052
Visitation Ministry- Trudy Rice.....503-331-6922

Note: 'Information subject to change'

December 8, 2012

Remember In Prayer

Mildred Baker ³	Beauty Brown ¹
Ernest Bryant ³	Ruth Collier ¹
Marie Crane ³	Arthur Payne ³
Norma Gabner ³ (out of state)	James Foster ¹
Donald Ingram ³	Girtha Norman ¹
Harvey Rice ¹	Vergie Sloan ¹
Clarence Streeter ¹	Oris Wesby ¹
Dovie Taylor ² (out of state)	Clara Young ³
CeCe Thongs ¹	Sarah Vanarsdale ¹
Michael Beresford ¹ (George Lake's father-in-law)	

Health Concern¹ Hospital² Care Facility³ Spiritual⁴

If you know of anyone who should be added to the list or is in need of visitation, please contact the church office.

And, let's not forget to express our caring with tokens of love (a card, a call, an visit, plant/flowers, etc).

Message Notes

Title(s): _____

Scripture(s): _____

Messages Main Point(s) _____

What did God say to me during the Message?

Announcements - Page One

- ❖ **Welcome** to the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church... "Where the Arms of Christ are Always Open!"
 - If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to make our church your place of worship and become part of our church family.
 - For those who would like special prayer, our **Prayer Ministry team** is available before, during after service.

- ❖ **Contact Information:**

Church Address.....5209 NE 22nd Ave; Portland, OR 97211
 Church Telephone.....503-287-7649
 Church Fax.....503-287-8688
 Church Email.....sharonsda@qwest.net
 Church Website.....www.sharonsda.net

- ❖ **Church Courtesies:**
 - Please turn off or silence alarms, pagers, phones, etc.
 - Please be sensitive to others by not talking during services.
 - No food or drinks are to be consumed in the sanctuary.
 - Please do not use the Tithes & Offering envelopes to record notes.
 - Please insure that the Children's Quiet Bags are left behind after use.
 - Please do not run in the building.
 - Please be sure to check around you and take all your belongings and any debris.
 - Please check the bulletin board for additional church and community announcements.

- ❖ When God gives the vision, He will send the provision. Read Acts 2:1. **Join us in the Upper Room** (Chapel) as we take one step at a time in seeking God's plans and purpose for Sharon Church. When: **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**; Who: Sharon Church Family.

- ❖ **Communications:** Please visit www.sharonsda.net and on the left side under menu click watch or listen to church services for Videos of special events and Audio of weekly church services.

- ❖ **Community Service Food Panty will open** once in December on the 22nd from 2-4:00 pm for food distribution because of the holidays.

- ❖ **Women's Ministry Prayer Line:** Please join us every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. See Renee Williams or Tracy Price for details.

- ❖ **Help Sharon Youth** attend West Coast Youth Congress April 2013!!! See insert for details.

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- ❖ **Bulletin Information:** Both written and/or verbal announcements need to be submitted by Tuesdays at 5:30 P.M. Please submit your information via the church's e-mail or voicemail. Also, announcements may be modified due to limited space.
- ❖ **Events of Interest:**
 - ✚ **Church Board Meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, December 18th** at 7:00 PM.
 - ✚ **Communion Prayer and Preparation Service** on Friday, December 28th at 7:00 PM.
 - ✚ **Communion Service** is scheduled for **Sabbath, December 29th**.
 - ✚ **Sundown Service** is on **December 31st** at 4:00 PM.
 - ✚ **Dedication of Members & Ministries** on **Sabbath, January 5, 2013.**
- ❖ **Membership Transfers to Sharon Church-1st Reading:**
 1. **Annett Richards** from North Bronx Adventist Church (Bronx, NY)
 2. **Deborah Brown** from Blue Mt. Valley-Mission Adventist Church (Athena, OR)
- ❖ **Music Department:** Please join us for the upcoming Christmas musical sponsored events at Sharon Church:
 - 1) The **King of Glory Drama Presentation and Musical Sabbath, December 15th** at 6:00 PM.
 - 2) **Family Christmas**, a Sharon church tradition. Church service will include praise service and music, drama and readings presented by you. Please sign up to be on the program for **December 22nd** divine worship service at 11am. You may sign up with anyone you consider family to be on the program. Signup sheets on bulletin board in foyer.
- ❖ Today's loose offering will help **Adventist Community Services** (the humanitarian ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America) continue to assist people. Learn more or donate at www.comunityservices.org
- ❖ You are invited to attend **PAA Musical extravaganza** this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church, 20501 SE Market St., Pdx.
- ❖ **Follow the Star live nativity event** continues this evening and on Sunday at the Gladstone Park Conference Center Grounds, 19800 Oatfield Rd. Gladstone, OR. Space is limited each night so come early! Visit www.followthestar.us for more details.

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❖ Financial Trend as of October 31, 2012 Tithes, Combined Budget & Expenses

Tithes primarily support the preaching, pastoral, evangelistic work of ministers and Bible teachers. In addition, because Adventist schools are an ongoing ministry to students, tithes funds are used to subsidize selected administrative salaries and a percentage of salaries for teachers. Tithes provides for the support of local, union, division and General Conference services. Tithes is not used to purchase property, build churches or fund the general operations of churches or schools. Tithes are sent directly to the Oregon Conference to support the aforementioned efforts.

Offerings-Combined Budget

Contributions to Combined Budget remain at Sharon Church to pay church operating expenses. These expenses include but are not limited to utilities, landscape, janitorial services, subsidies to PAA and PAES, church secretary, maintenance, supporting church ministries, purchasing new equipment, church repairs, building and ground improvements. Our monthly target budget is \$15,500/186,000 a year.

Summary

"As of October 31, 2012 total year-to-date contributions to Tithes/Conference funds totaled \$182,112.94/18,211.29 mo avg. Combined Budget contributions totaled \$156,847.75 ytd/15,684.77 mo avg. Church expenses totaled \$174,052.26 ytd /17,405.22 mo avg.

Expenses exceeded Combined Budget contributions by **\$17,204.51 ytd/1,720.45 mo avg.**"

The expenditures can be attributed to 1) the unexpected mandated repairs of the sidewalk in January; 2) repair plumbing and install new pipes in church due to water leak in the system. This was not detected until the church received two very high water bills; 3) the need to replace carpet & tile in just about every room downstairs due to recent flooding and resulting water damage due to inadequate drainage system; 4) installation of new drainage system to prevent future flooding; 5) repairs and maintenance to fire sprinkler system and 6) Church ministries are increasingly becoming more active.

What is Needed?

We are asking everyone to make a special sacrifice and please contribute to our Combined Budget to help cover expenses.

The church is exploring how to enhance church services and is considering acquiring large visual display screens that can be used during Worship Services and other special events. The church also plans on purchasing an AED (automatic external defibrillator) in the event of a medical emergency. These purchases and improvements may need to be placed on hold until repairs are complete.

We appreciate member's support of his/her favorite ministry. However once a ministry has received sufficient monies to support its goals, it may become necessary to direct additional donations to other church ministries or combined budget. This will provide balance and ensure all ministries are successful and the church remains financially sound. Please give accordingly. We ask for your continuing prayers and financial support to the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church Combined Budget. If you have any questions or know someone that wants to be a special blessing to the church, please contact Head Elder Troy Price or Finance Chair Derrick Foxworth (see back page for contact information). May God continue to richly Bless You!

Praise and Worship Songs

For Sabbath, December 8, 2012

Prayer Response Continued:

*Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother-
All who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.*

Selection #3: Joy to the World - Hymn 125

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

Introit: Worship Experience By William Murphy III
When I come into Your presence, I can feel Your anointing,
Like an overflowing fountain, OOO_____
The flow of Your power, saturates my spirit,
And the breakthrough overflows my soul. (Repeat)

Vamp:

*Lord I worship You, for Your righteousness,
Lord I honor You, for Your holiness.
Lord I enter-in, beyond the veil,
To worship You, to commune with You.*

Chorus:

*I need a worship experience, connection with your Spirit,
Empowered by Your presence, yes.* (Repeat)

Vamp:

*Lord I worship You, for Your righteousness,
Lord I honor You, for Your holiness.
Lord I enter-in, beyond the veil,
To worship You, to commune with You.*

Key Change

To commune with You!

Chorus:

*I need a worship experience, connection with your Spirit,
Empowered by Your presence, yes* (Repeat)

Key Change

*I need a worship experience, connection with your Spirit,
Empowered by Your presence, yes* (Repeat)

Bridge:

*Endow me, with Your presence,
Cover me, Lord_____.* (Repeat, may invert and repeat)

Ending:

I need a worship experience!

Selection #1: O Come, All Ye Faithful – Hymn 132

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Selection #2: The First Noel - Hymn 118 (Verses 1, 2, 3)

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Prayer Selection: Silent Night - Hymn 143

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Prayer Response: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - Hymn 12

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

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