

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 15th

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

Monday, December 17th

- Finance Committee Meeting: 4:30 PM

Tuesday, December 18th

- Church Board Meeting: 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19th

- Prayer & Bible Study Meeting: 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 20th

- Senior Ministry Christmas Luncheon @ Super King Buffet - See insert for details: 1:00 PM
- **Friday, December 21st**
- Sunset: 4:30 PM
- Women To Women Session: 6:00 PM
- Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM

Sabbath, December 22nd

- Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
- Divine Worship (Family Christmas Program): 11:00 AM
- Community Services Food Distribution: 2:00-4:00 PM
- Sunset: 4:31 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- Lou Vena 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'

Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church

"Where the Arms of Christ are Always Open!"

December 15, 2012

Sabbath School (Church at Study)

9:45 AM

Young People:

There are special classes held for our young people. These classes are under the direction of trained instructors for the following age groups. For directions to these classes please see one of the Greeters.

Beginners (Ages 0-4).....Dywanna Brewer

Kindergarten (Pre-School ages).....Saundra Brewer

Primary (Grade School ages).....Thomas Schlatter

Earliteen / Junior (Middle School ages).....Violet Larry

Youth (High School ages).....Kevin McCray

In the Sanctuary:

Praise Time Congregation

Season of Prayer Congregation

Lesson Study from the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides

Topic: The Christian Life

Memory Text: “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” ([1 John 3:16](#), NKJV).

Key Thought: Anyone can call himself or herself a Christian. What, though, does that mean in practical terms? The Christian is saved in order to be God’s agent for the salvation and good of others amidst the great controversy between good and evil. To be “so heavenly minded that you’re no earthly good,” however much a cliché, does represent a reality that Christians need to avoid. Certainly, heaven is our ultimate home, but for now we’re still on earth, and we need to know how to live while here. This week we looked at how some practical “hands on” Christianity should be manifest in our lives.

10:15 AM: Upper & Lower Divisions Christmas Program
“The Birth of Christ” (see insert)

Mission Statement:

To welcome with Love and minister to,
our families, our church and our community.

Divine Worship Service

11:00 AM

Prelude Musicians

Introit “Worship Experience” Platform Participants

Invocation Elder Lucien Loiseau

Welcome Elder Troy Price

Sharing With the Children Sister Tiffany Bryant

Praise & Worship Congregation / Praise Team

Intercessory Prayer “Amazed” Elder Donald Cobbs

Prayer Response “Souled Out” Congregation / Praise Team

Returning Tithes & Offering Elder John Olive

Loose Offering: Church Budget
Musical Selection Inspirational Choir

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Message Pastor Kevin Rhamie, Sr.

“The Missing Gift”
Bible Text: Luke 2:42-45

Benediction Elder Lucien Loiseau

Postlude Musicians



Remember In Prayer

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| 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).

Bereavement Notice: The Edwards' family has suffered the loss of their love one, Clyde Edwards, a long time member of Your Bible Speaks Adventist Church. Funeral arrangements are scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00 AM at YBSC Church. Please keep the family in prayer.

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 or you can obtain a CD of our entire service by stopping by the Audio Ministry booth or contact the church secretary. Donations are appreciated.
- ❖ **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 the fundraising details.

Announcements – Page Two

- ❖ **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:**
 - ✚ **Christmas is Tuesday, December 25th.**
 - ✚ **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 Monday, December 31st at 4:00 PM.**
 - ✚ **Dedication of Members & Ministries on Sabbath, January 5, 2013.**
- ❖ **Membership Transfers to Sharon Church-2nd 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 this evening 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.
- ❖ **Portland Adventist Community Services** continues to have an URGENT need for reliable volunteer help. We are short-handed in both the Thrift Store and Food Pantry. If you can commit to even a few hours a week, it is a HUGE help. Please call 503.252.8500 or visit PORTLANDACS.ORG to sign up.
- ❖ North American Division media event: **The Holiday Special, "The Present" can be seen December 15-25.** For a list of stations and airdates, go to breathoflife.tv or call (805) 955-7681.

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❖ Financial Trend as of November 30, 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 November 30, 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!

Prauer Response: "Souled Out" - Hezekiah Walker

*I am souled out. mu mind is made up
I am souled out. mu mind is made up
I am souled out. mu mind is made up
I am souled out, my mind is made up*

*Who can separate us from the love Jesus
Not death. nor life
Jesus paid the price, now I'm free from sin*

*I am souled out. mu mind is made up
I am souled out, my mind is made up*

*I've come through the fire. I've come through the rain
But God. He never left mu side
He's my comfort through all hurt and pain*

*I am souled out (x 6)
I am souled out (x 6)*

*Mu heart is fixed. mu mind's made up
No room. no vacancies, I'm all filled up
His Spirit lives in me
- and that's the reason - I'm Souled Out!
Yes
Mu heart is fixed. mu mind's made up
No room. no vacancies, I'm all filled up
His Spirit lives in me
- and that's the reason - I'm Souled Out!
Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes*

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His Spirit lives in me
- and that's the reason - I'm Souled Out!*

Praise and Worship Songs

For Sabbath, December 15, 2012

*Theme - **Amazing God***

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: "Lord You are So Amazing" - Tye Tribbet

Lord, you are so amazing
Lord, you are strong and mighty
Lord, you are full of mercy
Lord, your name above all others

And I cannot imagine what my life would be without you
I know I would be homeless
I'm a wretch undone without you

That's why I:
Can't be without you
And I won't last without you
I need you
I need you
And I'm:

So lost without you
I know that I would fail alone
I need you
I need you

Lord you are so amazing
Lord you are a strong tower
Lord you are pure and holy
Lord you are the very air I breathe

And I cannot imagine what my life would be without you
I know I would be homeless
I'm a wretch undone without you
And I cannot imagine what my life would be without you
I know I would be homeless
I'm a wretch undone without you

That's why:
I can't be without you
And I
I won't last without you
I need you
I need you
I'm so lost without you
I know I would fail alone
I need you
I need you

Wooooah Wooooah
I need you
Wooooah Wooooah
I need you Yea!
OOOOO OOOO
I need you!

Selection # 2: "More Than Anything" - CLC Youth Choir

More than anything
More than anything
I love you Jesus more than anything

More than world wealth
More than life itself
I love you Jesus more than anything

I love you Jesus
More than anything

Prayer Selection: "Amazed" - Phillips, Craig, & Dean

You dance over me
While I am unaware
You sing all around
But I never hear the sound

Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
How You love me

You paint the morning sky
With miracles in mind
My hope will always stand
For You hold me in Your hand

Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
How You love me (repeat)

How wide, how deep
How great is Your love for me
How wide, how deep
How great is Your love for me