

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 22nd

- Sabbath School (Church at Study): 9:30 AM
- Divine Worship (Family Christmas): 11:00 AM
- Community Service Food Distribution: 2:00-4:00 PM
- Sunset: 4:31 PM

Tuesday, December 25th

- Christmas Day – Church office closed

Wednesday, December 26th

- First day of Kwanzaa
- Prayer & Bible Study Meeting: 7:00 PM

Friday, December 28th

- Sunset: 4:35 PM
- Communion Prayer & Preparation: 7:00 PM
- Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM

Sabbath, December 29th

- Sabbath School (Church at Study): 9:30 AM
- Divine Worship (Communion Service): 11:00 AM
- Sunset: 4:36 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'

Family Christmas Celebration
December 22, 2012

Sabbath School (Church at Study)

9:30 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: Last Things: Jesus and the Saved

Memory Text: “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” ([Acts 3:19-21](#), NKJV).

Key Thought: The Bible’s teaching on Christ’s ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, His second coming, and the resurrection of the dead stand together as a message of hope for those who have placed their trust in Him. In this week’s lesson we looked at three special events within this general period of the “last things” that have immense spiritual implications: Christ’s ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, the second coming of Christ, and the resurrection of those who died in true faith.

Mission Statement:

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

A Family Christmas

11:00 AM

Prelude Musicians

Introit “Worship Experience” Platform Participants

Invocation Brother Esau Williams

Welcome Elder Troy Price

Children's Story The Cooper Family

Musical Selection The Hill Family

Praise and Worship Praise Team Family

Intercessory Prayer Elder Troy Price
Here I Am to Worship Chorus/Vamp

Offering Sister Chantay Reid
Musical Selection A Inspirational Choir Family
“Give Me A Star” Led by Brian Foxworth

Musical Selection B Inspirational Choir Family
“Oh Holy Night”

Musical Selection The Posey Family
featuring Shawnea Posey

Reading Reflection The Hawkins Family

Prayer and Musical Selection The Richards Family

Musical Selection The Ladies Group Family
“Oh Come Oh Come Emanuel” Led by Donna Mullen

Reading Reflection The Loiseau Family

Musical Selection The Graham Family

Benediction Brother Esau Williams



Remember In Prayer

Mildred Baker³ Beauty Brown¹
Ernest Bryant³ Ruth Collier¹
Marie Crane³ Arthur Payne³
Norma Gabner³ (out of state) James Foster¹
Donald Ingram³ Girtha Norman¹
Harvey Rice¹ Vergie Sloan¹
Clarence Streeter¹ Oris Wesby¹
Dovie Taylor² (out of state) Clara Young³
CeCe Thongs¹ Sarah Vanarsdale¹
Michael Beresford¹ (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).

Poem

My Christmas Wish For You by Cecilia Bailey

My Christmas wish for you, my friend is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness to fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too.

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.

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- ❖ **Bulletin Information:** Both written and/or verbal announcements need to be submitted by Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Please submit your information via the church's e-mail or voicemail. Any announcements received after the above time may be published in the next week's bulletin. Also, announcements may be modified due to limited space.
- ❖ **Events of Interest:**
 - ✚ **Communion Service - Sabbath, December 29th.**
 - ✚ **Sundown Service** is scheduled for **Monday, December 31st** at 4:00 PM.
 - ✚ **New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1, 2013.** Church office closed.
 - ✚ The next **Women To Women Meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, January 4, 2013** at 6:00 PM.
 - ✚ **Dedication** of Members and Ministries is scheduled for **Sabbath, January 5, 2013.**
 - ✚ North American Division **"A Day of Prayer"** is scheduled for **January 5, 2013.** For more details visit www.nadprayerministries.org.
 - ✚ **"Creating a Safe Place to Minister" Sunday, January 27, 2013** at Holden Convention Center, Gladstone, OR. Sponsored by Oregon Conference Risk Management.
 - ✚ Walla Walla University (WVU) **Black History Sabbath** scheduled for **February 2, 2013** in College Place, WA. For more details see flyer on bulletin board.
 - ✚ Save the Date for our annual Lift Every Voice (LEV) Workshops and Concert scheduled for **February 24 - March 2, 2013.**
- ❖ **Membership Transfers** from Sharon Church to Bethel Adventist Church (Kansas City, KS) – 1st Reading:
 1. **Troylando** Brewer
 2. **Evette** Brewer
- ❖ **Portland Adventist Community Services** continues to have an URGENT need for reliable volunteer help. Interested, please call 503.252.8500 or visit PORTLANDACS.ORG.
- ❖ North American Division **Holiday Special, "The Present"** will be broadcast until **December 25th**. For a list of stations and airdates, go to breathoflife.tv.

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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 \$195,457.90/ 17,768.90 mo avg.

Combined Budget contributions totaled \$168,169.94 ytd/ 15,288.18 mo avg.

Church expenses totaled \$184,843.03 / 16,803.91 mo avg.

Expenses exceeded Combined Budget contributions by **\$16,673.09 ytd/1,515.74 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 22, 2012

Selection #5 Continued:

Chorus:

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship You,
for who You are!

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship You,
for who You are,
For who You are, for who You are. And You are good!

Theme - Worship Him

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: In the Beauty of Holiness

By James Abbington

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.

(repeat)

Give Him the honor, give Him the praise.

Come let us worship the Lord,

Let's give Him the praise. (repeat)

Chorus:

Worship Him, worship Him, give my God the glory.

Give my God the praise.

Worship Him, worship Him. Come let us worship the Lord,

let's give Him the praise.

Selection #2: Alpha and Omega *By Israel Houghton*

You are Alpha, and Omega, we worship You our Lord,

You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all, the glory, we worship You our Lord,

You are worthy to be praised.

Selection #3: Oh Come let us adore Him *By John Wade*

Oh come let us adore Him, oh come let us adore Him,

Oh come let us adore Him Christ, the Lord.

For You alone are worthy, for You alone are worthy,

For You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord.

We give You all the glory, we give You all the glory,

We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord.

Selection #4: Jesus You're the Center of my Joy Chorus

By Richard Smallwood

Jesus, You're the center of my joy.

All that's good and perfect comes from You.

You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do.

Jesus, You are, the center, of my joy (repeat this line as directed)

My, my, my joy!

Prayer Song: Here I am to worship Chorus

By Israel Houghton

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're all together lovely, all together worthy, all together wonderful to me. (repeat)

Prayer Response: Here I am to worship Vamp

I'll never know, how much it cost to see my sins, upon that cross (repeat)

I'll never know, how much it cost to see my sins, upon that cross (repeat)

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're all together lovely, all together worthy, all together wonderful to me.

Here I am to wor-ship You, hallelujah, hallelujah, I wor-ship You for who You are.

I wor-ship You, hallelujah, hallelujah, I worship You for who You are, for who You are, for who You are, You are good!

Selection #5: You are Good *By Israel Houghton*

Lord You are good and your mercy endureth forever X2

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

Chorus:

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship You, for who You are!

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship You, for who You are!

You are good! (1st time back to the top, 2nd time to Vamp)

Vamp:

You are good, all the time, and all the time, You are good. (repeat)

You are good, all the time, and all the time, You are good. (repeat as directed)

Lord You are good and your mercy endureth forever X4

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

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