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Dick Duerksen

## I MET THE FUTURE

By Dick Duerksen

## LAST SABBATH

*I* met the future last Sabbath. Young people praying for their own spiritual growth, for the needs and hopes of other staff member, and for each of the young people who God is planning to bring into their lives this summer at Big Lake Youth Camp.

The entire summer staff had taken the Big Yellow Buses from Big Lake to a hilltop near Smith Rock State Park where they were spending the day reading scripture, worshipping, singing, and praying.

One group was hanging out on a rock pillar overlooking the valley. Another was in the junipers planning better ways to introduce campers to Jesus. A third group had walked over the hill to study and pray over the planned camp activities.

Sometimes small clusters of staff would break off from their group and pray together over a specific challenge. Then the group would re-form, report, and pray specifically for the job each member will be doing during camp.

About 4:00 pm all three groups joined up for a special dedication of the RAD team. RAD Camps include experiences like, High Desert Wakesports, Horse Trail Extreme, Advanced Rock Climbing, White Water Rafting, and (if you're really up to it) RAD Sports Ultimate! Though the RAD camps are about helping campers improve skills and learn to face giant challenges, the counselors and leaders are really about helping each camper develop a deeper bond with Jesus.

While the cooks were laying out an evening meal of haystacks and brownies, the rest of the camp staff walked into the junipers for a deep worship with Pastor Benjamin Lundquist, our new Oregon Conference Young Adult Ministries leader.

Yes, the entire day was an awesome time of worship and commitment, but it was in this worship where I met the future.

Pastor Ben asked each staff member to select a stone from the trail, a stone that would represent

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Contributed by Ty Gibson

## I MET THE FUTURE

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something that was weighing down spiritual growth. "It may be a specific temptation the Devil keeps using to entangle you, an experience you'd love to forget, or anything else, that if it is GONE, would make it easier for you to hear God's voice more clearly and live life more effectively as His servant."

The staff nearly picked the trail clean of stones!

Then, each staff member poured his or her ugly memories and powerful temptations onto the stone, and prayed for God to "clean up the past so I can better serve You in the future."

When all of the prayers had been carried away by the mighty mountain wind, Pastor Ben asked the team to "give the past a throw."

What happened next was like watching an NFL practice session. Stones flew from the trail far down into the junipers. No one simply dropped the stone nearby or tossed it back onto the trail. No one. Each stone flew as far from the trail as teenage biceps could send it.

I even picked up a couple stones myself, and though I'm no Peyton Manning, I made sure the stones flew far beyond where I could ever find them again!

When you give the garbage back to the Devil and throw the ugly and hurtful memories into the depths of God's forgiveness, your life is lighter, brighter, calmer, and you're eager to be filled with the energy and peace of God's Spirit Wind.

The future? I've seen it in the hearts and minds of our Big Lake Camp Staff! They're safe to follow!



Dick Duerksen

## DID YOU KNOW? ...

By Al Reimche

...that over 352 new members in ministry have joined the church in the Oregon Conference through baptism and profession of faith so far this year? That includes youth, young adults, seniors, families and children. In fact, did you hear about the students at the secular campuses throughout our conference that are making life-changing decisions to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives?

...that since the first of the year, over 50 evangelistic series have been held throughout our conference with over 78 churches involved? Some have been traditional series running for a month or more, some have been held on university campuses, some have been focused on specific books of the Bible, but throughout all has been a call to connect with Jesus and commit lives to Him.

...that a group of young adults made a huge impact at one of our state universities in support for victims of sexual abuse? They were able to share the healing ministry of Jesus with individuals who had experienced the pain of rape. (See page 3 for more on this story.)

...that of the 2346 students in our Adventist Kindergarten to 12 grade schools this year, 150 graduated? These young leaders are stretching their wings in jobs and continuing their education but still need the support of their church families as they leave our schools.

...that Portland Adventist Medical Center was recently ranked first among 28 hospitals in Oregon for patient safety and care by the Oregon Health Authority. The ministry that takes place on the grounds of the hospital continues to have an impact on patients as they demonstrate the healing ministry of Jesus.

...that we more than double the population of Gladstone during our camp meeting each year? Or that Glad-

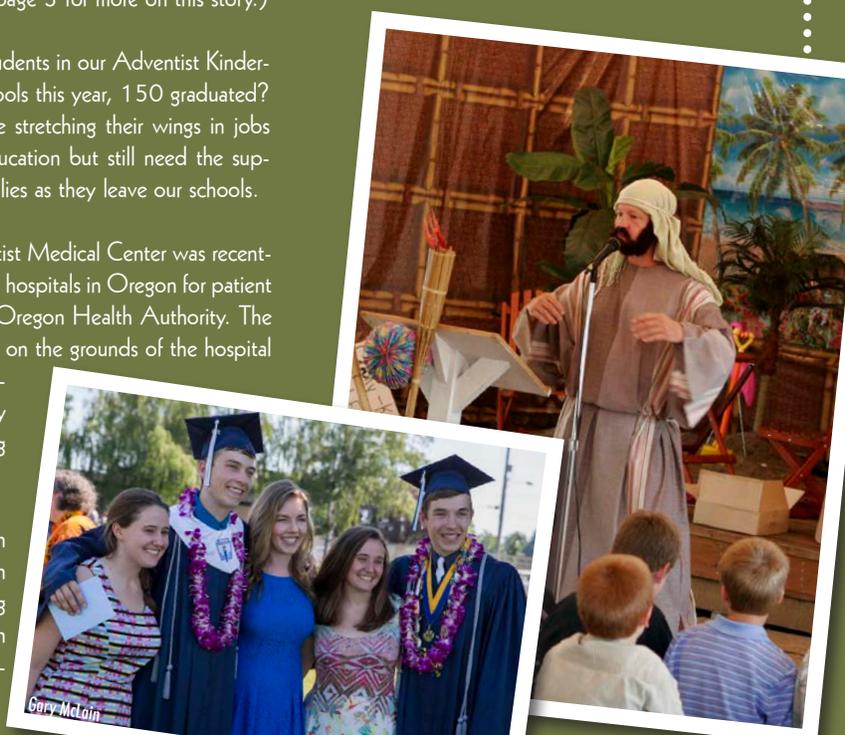
stone was once known as Robin's Nest, Oregon? Just think Robin's Nest Camp Meeting! This year with the speakers and seminars that are planned you will want to be here to add to that population explosion.

...that a team of our pastors and members from 13 churches have banded together to hold a fall evangelistic series in southern Oregon? Trainings for Bible studies have been held, and plans for a parallel series for children are being developed. In fact, the children's series is to be made available throughout the North American Division (NAD).

...that Big Lake Youth Camp offers a free hostel for campers hiking the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)? In fact, many of the YouTube videos about hiking the PCT talk positively about the ministry of Big Lake. Right now construction is taking place for a permanent place for campers to stop and shower and rest.

...that Jesus is coming soon? I hope that isn't a surprise, but rather a reminder that even with the trauma of the tragedies we seem to face regularly, Jesus is soon to break through the skies.

**Maranatha!**



Gery McLain

# THE SOLIDARITY WALL

Contributed by Gary McLain

It's called the Solidarity Wall. "The point is to allow students to openly express healing words of encouragement to victims of sexual assault and outrage against the perpetrators," says Ty Gibson, co-director of Light Bearers and lead pastor of Storyline Church in Eugene.

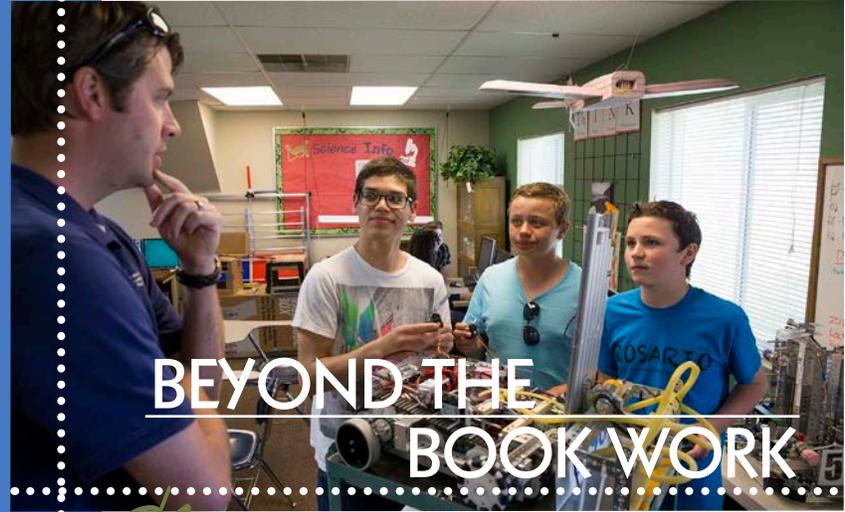
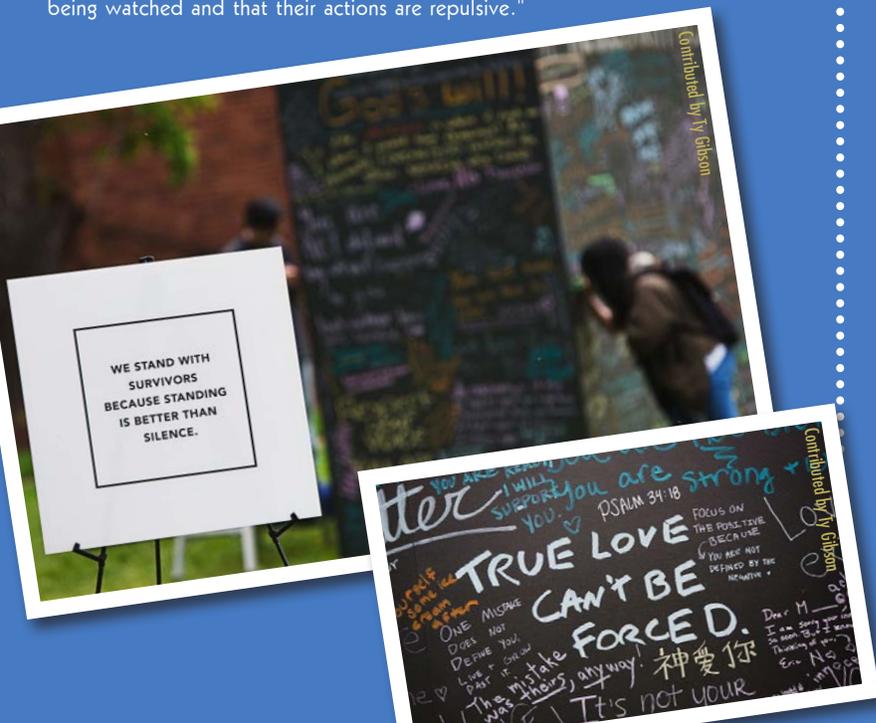
Light Bearers runs a discipleship school called ARISE, led by a group of educators who are passionate about Jesus and want to equip others for everyday ministry. ARISE interns constructed a large wall, covered it with a surface upon which messages could be written, and placed it in a prominent spot on the University of Oregon (U of O) campus in Eugene.

A love letter, sealed with a solidarity seal, was distributed on campus the week of April 18-22. As the interns gave each letter away, they invited students to visit the wall and write their messages to survivors of sexual assault. Testimonies were given and spoken-word poetry was performed at the wall during the week.

One in five females on university campuses across the U.S. is sexually assaulted, and many young men are sexually violated as well. In 85 percent of the incidents, there are no repercussions for the offenders.

The Solidarity Wall project is getting massive attention, not only on the U of O campus but also at Princeton University and universities abroad. Some girls responded by bursting into tears and telling their stories about being violated. Young men were also encouraged to be more willing to intervene in situations where a young woman might be threatened.

"The reasoning we call it 'The Solidarity Wall' is that the language is broad enough that walls can be installed on other campuses to promote awareness on a number of different social justice issues," explains Gibson. "This creates a medium in which anyone can have a voice on various crucial issues. Violated individuals can encounter beautiful encouragement from the community, and potential violators can [come away] with a sense of conviction that they are being watched and that their actions are repulsive."



## BEYOND THE BOOK WORK

I recently visited Livingstone Adventist Academy for a groundbreaking ceremony. They have begun the process of building a new school structure to hold grades K-12. I asked the science teacher, Robbie Wheeling, what I didn't know would be such a loaded question, "So, what are some of the things you're doing in your science classes?"

As we came into the classroom, students were busy working on a robotics project. There were students designing on computers, and another group working to program a servo that they would use to control the project via their smart phones. This was no small or simple robot. It had tires, tracks, gears, a lift system on the front, electric motors, and circuit boards!

There were airplanes made of foam hanging from the ceiling and sitting on desks, and no, they're not from kits you buy. Students were given blocks of foam, and each one shaped the fuselage, wings, and affixed a motor and servos to remotely control each plane. Then they tested their planes to see if they would fly. Some did better than others. If the plane didn't completely disintegrate on the test flight, they were refined to fly even better.

Next we moved onto the lab where the typical counter tops, sinks, Bunsen burners, graduated cylinders, test tubes, beakers, and safety goggles reside. A couple large saltwater fish tanks hugged the west wall where sea anemones, starfish, coral, and various fish provided a colorful addition to the room.

On the east side of the lab were gardens of seedlings under grow lights. Tomatoes, peppers, and several varieties of flowers add oxygen to the lab. These will soon be planted out in the garden on campus, either in the greenhouse or in the ground. Two brand new greenhouses are yet to be set up. One will be used all winter long and the other will be for spring and summer time use.

And, of course, there is still the classroom book learning, and the labs that go with the lessons.

After the tour we came back to the classroom where the robotics team had been troubleshooting the smart phone-controlled servo. Sure enough, they succeeded. The servo was moving the robot to the left or reversing with the touch of their phone's screen.

It's so fun to see the passion of our teachers and their desire for our kids to learn and experiment beyond the classroom!

—Gary McLain





# NOTE WORTHY...

## FOREST LAKE CHURCH OFFERING FUNERALS FOR SHOOTING VICTIMS

The Forest Lake church is one of several churches offering to host funeral services, free of charge, for victims of the June 12 mass shooting in Orlando, Florida. The Adventist church's Facebook post announcing the offer went viral: within 24 hours the post had been shared nearly 24,000 times with more than 13,000 likes and reactions, and more than 900 comments largely expressing compassion, love, and gratitude. Read more at Adventist News at <http://bit.ly/28WgGVr>.

## C.D. BROOKS REMEMBERED AS GREAT ADVENTIST EVANGELIST

Charles D. Brooks, one of the foremost Adventist evangelists of the 20th century, succumbed to pancreatic cancer. Brooks, led a 60-year ministry, including 23 years as founding speaker for the Breath of Life television ministry. He was 85. Read more from Adventist News at <http://bit.ly/28Sr8dc>.

## WINES TO LEAD UPPER COLUMBIA YOUTH

Jeff Wines, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) pathfinder, adventurer and family life director, has accepted a new role within UCC as the conference youth director, which includes serving as Camp MiVoden director. UCC is actively seeking a replacement to fill the vacancy now open in Pathfinders and Adventurers. Read more from UCC at <http://bit.ly/28SdgAb>.

## MAGIC JOHNSON DONATES \$500,000 TO OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

Former basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson Jr. has donated more than half a million dollars to Oakwood University and the Oakwood University Church in appreciation for the influence that Seventh-day Adventists have had on his life. Read more from the NAD at <http://bit.ly/28VVhx7>.

## NPUC APPROVES TWO DIGITAL MEDIA GRANTS

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) has approved two matching grants for digital media projects in the Northwest. One grant will assist Screaming Rock Media to equip up to 10 small churches with digital media capabilities. The other will enable a digital presence for marketing the educational "Adventist Advantage" to communities throughout Idaho's Treasure Valley. Read more from the Gleaner at <http://bit.ly/28QEmZB>.

## AMC RANKED #1 IN OREGON FOR QUALITY OF CARE IMPROVEMENT

The Oregon Health Authority released its Hospital Transformation Performance Program report, ranking Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., first on the list of 28 participating Oregon hospitals for its dedication to patient safety and quality of care. Read more from Adventist Health at <http://bit.ly/28SNAUj>.

## CANADA PUTS ADRA IN CHARGE OF RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER FIRE

Canadian authorities have hired the local branch of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to collect and distribute donations to those affected by a devastating wildfire that prompted the evacuation of the city of Fort McMurray last month. Read more from Adventist Review at <http://bit.ly/28Y8GDw>.

## NPUC HOSTS 40TH CONVOCATION

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) welcomed hundreds to the 40th Regional Convocation held May 12–15 in Auburn, Wash. An energetic mix of inspiration, fellowship and training, this annual event is supported by conferences and regional churches throughout the Northwest.

## KNITTEL HEADED TO PARADISE

Monty Knittel, who has served as president and CEO of Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) in Walla Walla, Wash., since 2007, has been named president and CEO of Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif. Bob Beehler, vice president at Adventist Health responsible for market development, has been named interim president and CEO of WWGH. Read more from Adventist Health at <http://bit.ly/28Sfimf>.

## PFLUGRAD TO JOIN NPUC EDUCATION TEAM

Golda Pflugrad has accepted the invitation to serve the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) as a full-time coordinator for early childhood education and care (ECEC) and K–12 education projects. Upon joining the NPUC Office of Education team in July, she will fill vacancies left by the retirements of Sue Patzer and Carol Dodge. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/28VUMTN>.

## STATEMENT ON ORLANDO, FLORIDA MASS SHOOTING

**Daniel R. Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, issued the following statement on June 12, 2016, in response to the mass shooting at the Pulse Club in Orlando, Florida:**

*"The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is heartbroken as we mourn the loss of innocent lives in the deadliest mass shooting in United States history. We extend our deepest condolences and prayers for the 50 people killed, the 53 wounded, their families, loved ones, and friends. We also pray for the community of Orlando and the heartache and sadness they are experiencing as a result of this tragedy.*

*"We strongly denounce the hate that led to this mass shooting. This type of senseless violence has no place in this country or in this world. It is appalling that these lives were tragically cut short because of hate. We pray that God's love will comfort and console the victims' loved ones whose lives have become a nightmare overnight.*

*"As Christians, we strongly believe that hate, for anyone, brother, sister, friend or enemy, comes not from God, but from the father of evil himself, the devil. We must condemn all expressions of hate, from speech to deadly violence. All of the women, children, and men in this world, regardless of whether they worship, live, or love like us, are children of God.*

*"We are assured that, in the end, love will win. We know that one day hate and evil will be no more. Until that day, we will continue to pray that communities in this world can live their lives without fear."*

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13, NIV).*



# Transitions

**Dale Beaulieu** (Lorene) is retiring as head auditor for the Oregon Conference.

**Scott LeMert** (Dorothy) has returned to retirement after serving as interim pastor for the Roseburg Church.

**Monica Wiedemann** has joined the Conference office staff as administrative assistant for the Informational Technologies (IT) department.

**David Schmidt** (Donna) has returned to retirement after serving as interim pastor for the Gladstone Park Church.

**Nathan Hellman** (Emily) has transitioned from his position as pastor of the Madras/Prineville district to pastor the Gladstone Park congregation.

**Tony Rodriguez** (Sayuri) is transitioning from the Cave Junction/Grants Pass district to the Roseburg Church.

**Joanna Wart** has joined the Conference office as the new Community Outreach Minister for Education.

**Crystal Kielman** (Taylor) has joined the Conference office as a business intern.

**Wendy Kessler** (Scott) has joined the Oregon Conference office staff as the administrative assistant for risk management.



## GLADSTONE CAMP MEETING

July 19-23, 2016

Join us this year as we explore what it means to be called together by God.

Featured speakers include: Mike Tucker, Jennifer LaMountain, Ron Halvorsen, Jr, Carl Gosaert, and Alice Busch.

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## CAPTURING GOD'S HANDIWORK...

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each week.

# Events

## GOD WILL MAKE A WAY – VBS

*When: July 25-29, 2016*

*Location: Grants Pass Adventist Church*

VBS at Hood View Adventist Church – God Will Make a Way, will be held July 25-29 from 9:00 am-12:00pm. This year age groups are ages 4-7th grade. Students ages 8 and up will work toward a Pathfinder Badge. Children ages 4-7 will have a different type of class. There will be worship, Bible classes, singing, games, snacks, drama, meeting new friends, learning about the love of Jesus and how it applies to everyday life. Visit the church website at [www.hoodviewchurch.org](http://www.hoodviewchurch.org) to register.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS QUARTERLY TRAINING

*When: June 28, 6:30 pm*

*Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church*

Join us for our disaster preparedness quarterly training on June 28, 6:30 pm at the Castle Rock Adventist Church. This training will provide information on basic first aid needed during a disaster event. The presenter will be Rob Von Roch of Search and Rescue Cowlitz County. Questions? Call Wanda 360-967-2165. Castle Rock Adventist is located at 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N. in Castle Rock, Wash. I-5 to exit 49.

## CAMP MEETING LUNCH

*When: July 23, after church*

*Location: Rivergate Elementary School grounds*

Filipinos of Oregon and Washington you're invited to camp meeting, July 19-23 in Gladstone! Plan to join us for potluck following the Sabbath morning service, at the Rivergate Adventist School behind the camp grounds.

## IMPACT YOUR HEALTH PORTLAND 2016

*When: August 26-28, 2016*

*Location: Portland Adventist Academy*

Get ready for Impact Your Health Portland 2016 happening this August! This free medical, dental, and vision clinic will happen August 26-28 at Portland Adventist Academy in Portland. Volunteers needed include physicians, nurses, EMTs, physical therapists, social workers, mental health counselors, optometrists, dentists, hygienists, translators, greeters, registration workers/coordinators, food coordinators, security staff, prayer warriors, and many others! Learn how you can help and volunteer at [www.AmenSDA.org/mission/info/Portland-OR](http://www.AmenSDA.org/mission/info/Portland-OR). If you have questions, contact Jenny Jin at [jenny@JinFamily.com](mailto:jenny@JinFamily.com) or 408-805-5864, or Carl Parker at [PeopleMinistries@gmail.com](mailto:PeopleMinistries@gmail.com) or at 971-803-2337. This event is sponsored by Adventist Medical Evangelism Network - AMEN.

## AVALANCHE RANCH VBS

*When: August 1-5, 6:30-8:45 pm*

*Location: Sandy Adventist Church*

Sandy Adventist Church invites children ages 4-12 to Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School: A Wild Ride Through God's Word! Avalanche Ranch will be held August 1-5 from 6:30 to 8:45 pm. Come early and watch the "Chadder Adventures" at 6:15 every evening! Each evening, kids (ages 4-12) will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, take on a daily challenge to let God's love grow into their homes, experience Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us each evening at 8:30 for Showtime Roundup! Call 503-735-5159, for more information.

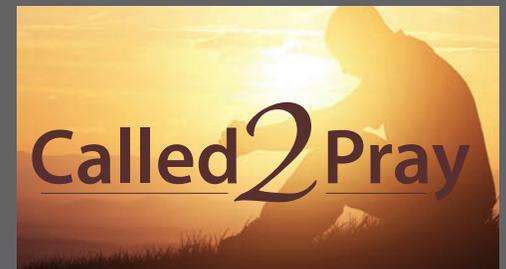
## THE POWER OF RAW FOODS

*When: July 10, 5:00 pm*

*Location: Healing Hope Adventist Church*

Join Northwest VEG and Healing Hope Adventist Church in welcoming Kathy Peterman, RN as she shares her journey in raw food, detoxifying, juicing, and trying out various ways to lose weight. Come learn more about her journey and how it might be helpful to you. Recipe and samples of a raw smoothie will be provided. Please bring a plant-based (no animal products, including honey) main dish, salad, or dessert; a card listing its ingredients; and plates and utensils for your use. NW VEG potlucks are alcohol-free events. Questions? Call the church office at 503-253-8595.

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## Called<sup>2</sup>Pray

You can begin to experience the joy of camp meeting today by praying now for the 2016 Oregon camp meetings! Pray that the time will draw everyone, including non-members to Jesus. Pray for the speakers, that God will prepare them to be a channel for Him to us. Pray that camp meeting will be a place of healing for hurting people. Pray that nothing will be able to keep anyone from attending who really wants to.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Bend	8:52 PM	8:52 PM	8:50 PM	8:46 PM	8:40 PM	8:32 PM
Eugene	9:00 PM	8:59 PM	8:57 PM	8:53 PM	8:47 PM	8:39 PM
Hood River	9:00 PM	8:59 PM	8:57 PM	8:52 PM	8:46 PM	8:38 PM
Longview	9:07 PM	9:07 PM	9:04 PM	8:59 PM	8:53 PM	8:45 PM
Medford	8:52 PM	8:52 PM	8:50 PM	8:46 PM	8:41 PM	8:34 PM
Newport	9:06 PM	9:05 PM	9:03 PM	8:58 PM	8:52 PM	8:45 PM
Portland	9:04 PM	9:03 PM	9:00 PM	8:56 PM	8:50 PM	8:42 PM

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