

### Generations in Ministry

Last Sabbath afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm 12 Piedmont Park members and 1 visitor traveled down to the Center for People In Need on 27<sup>th</sup> street here in Lincoln. There we joined up with other volunteers from the community to distribute free & new backpacks loaded with school supplies, as well as items from various tables that were filled with puzzles, crayons, craft supplies, construction paper, sewing patterns and more. There were also tables of diapers of all sizes and tables filled with different types of bread. "Tools for Education" is one of the Center for People in Need's newer and smaller, but growing, events. The numbers are not in for this year yet, but last year they, with our help, distributed to 3,000 children. Center for People In Need does surveys every year to find out more about the people that they are serving. Last year's survey was done during their Christmas Toy distribution "Toyland for Kids." They found that, of the people they are serving, and we with them, 91% live below the Federal Poverty Guidelines for Income and 55% of those same people live in "deep poverty" which is half of the Federal Poverty Guideline Income Level. Volunteering at the Center for People in Need is one way we can help, plus our smiles. Jesus said, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day." We were happy to be a part of making someone else's life better in one small way.

## **Piedmont Park Community Seventh-day Adventist Church**

### Welcome to Worship!

We pray that your encounter with God and His Family will renew your experience of joy and peace in your journey.



## *Praise for the Past* **Faith for the Future**

More progress was made this week on the work for the expansion! The overhang and the chimney on the 48th Street side of the church were taken down!

Please continue to keep the workers in your prayers!

We thank you for your faithful giving toward your pledges!

To see more pictures of the expansion progress visit [www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda](http://www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda)

Questions?  
Send an e-mail to Steve Duden at [steveduden@rocketmail.com](mailto:steveduden@rocketmail.com)

[www.faith4thefuture.com](http://www.faith4thefuture.com)

### Vision Statement

We will, with God's guidance, introduce individuals to Jesus Christ and support their growing relationship with Him in preparation for the Second Coming.

### Mission Statement

With God's leading, we will create an atmosphere of Christian love and friendship, nurture spiritual growth and equip members for active involvement in ministry to our community and world.

### Church Office Information

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(Please call, text or email the Administrative Staff for an appointment)

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## Adult Bible Study Classes

Superintendent: Ferlie Gaskin  
Musician: Darcy Pearcy Song Leader: Melfa Day

- **Balcony Explorers:** practical problem-solving through sharing scripture and the quarterly. Located in the Balcony. Bill Fitts and Assistants
- **Eclectic Journeers:** Various Topics. The Montessori School Building. Peter Adams, Jeremy Middleton or Kim Hazelton
- **Searchers of the Word:** the Bible, quarterly and the spirit of prophecy. Back left side of the Sanctuary. Oliver Williams or Guest teachers
- **Hearers of the Word:** Ask a Greeter for a hearing assistance device. Church Quarterly. Right front of Sanctuary. Quarterly. Richard Cotter, Alice Mihulka, Thomas Toews
- **As the Spirit Leads:** The Quarterly - Room behind Piano. Virgil Carner and Leon Hill
- **Themes of Hope:** You are Invited and Welcome! Lite Breakfast. Church Quarterly. 9:30-10:40am. Kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall. Class Leaders: Renee, Jennifer, Eula, Scot & Manuela & Ryan
- **Adult Sabbath School Class.** Front Left of Sanctuary. The Quarterly. Malcolm Gaskin & Sandra Schwabb
- **Karen SDA Sabbath School Class:** Room behind the Organ.
- **Young Adult Discussion Class:** Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath. South end of Fellowship Hall.

## Prayer and Praise

Our Father in heaven,  
may Your name be kept holy.  
May Your Kingdom come soon.  
May Your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the food we need,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one

Matthew 6:9-13

## Message of Encouragement

How does a person become saved and build a relationship with Jesus, a personal Savior who saves them from their sins and sin's penalty which is eternal death? Fortunately for us, Jesus has made it pretty straight forward, plus He has done all the hard work in our place, like becoming sin for us and dying the second death for us. So how to we start? First we must believe God is. We are drawn imperceptibly by the Holy Spirit at first. Slowly we begin to see things differently. We begin to see the selfishness, unfairness and cruelty of the world, and sometimes of ourselves.

We begin to see that certain feelings, thoughts and actions are hurtful to ourselves and possibly to others. We begin to long for something better. God continues to draw us closer with His heart of love that the Holy Spirit brings to us. God gives us an experience that begins to help us see that Father, Son and Holy Spirit, do exist and that they know and care for each one personally. We realize we cannot stop ourselves from selfishness, jealousy, anger and other sins that we need victory over, and so we long for forgiveness. We find that Jesus Christ provided forgiveness for us personally, one by one, on the cross, and we let him know that we accept His sin-bearing in our place. We admit that we are sinners and are hopelessly & eternally lost without Him. We pray, "Jesus please forgive me" (Romans 10:13), and He gives us salvation in that instant.

We invite the Holy Spirit (God) to openly help us live a life pleasing to Him now. He becomes our center. He helps us every minute to turn away from sin and leads us into a better way of life here and then to enjoy a sin free world in the new heaven and new earth. We learn that prayer is as important as breathing – the essence of life. We ask to learn more about Him through His word, the Bible, and we ask to be baptized and become part of the Body of Christ, the Apple of His eye. His Beloved. This completes the steps to be saved and begins a new dimension of an everlasting relationship with God. Questions? Pastor Michael 402-318-1856 or Pastor Andy 402-450-4390

Piedmont Park Vespers Presents  
Don & Donna Mohl  
**Folk Mountain Gospel**  
August 9 (Sat) at 7:30pm  
Free-will Offering



More info:  
Vanessa at 402-486-0629 7

# spiritual GIFTS

Are you curious what your gift is?  
Would you like to find out how  
to use your gift in ministry?

## August 16 @ 2pm

Come to a FREE seminar  
about spiritual gifts and  
ministry opportunities!

Presented by  
**Pastor Michael Halfhill**

Questions:  
piedmontparksda@gmail.com



# Back to School Weekend

**Thursday, Aug. 7 - Back to School Fun Night: 4-7 PM**



Come see friends and teachers.  
Complete your registration. There will be a bounce house, popsicles, and funny pictures!

**Sabbath, Aug. 9 - Prayer Walk: 4:00 PM**

It is of utmost importance to begin our school year with the blessings and protection of the All-Mighty. Join us as we open with a season of prayer around our buildings. Let's ask for the presence of God and His angels throughout the school year. Everyone is welcome!



**Sunday, Aug. 10 - Work bee: 9:00 AM**



Parents and friends of the school, we need you. There is a lot of cleaning, weeding, rearranging, etc. for many hands to do. We would love to have as many willing hands to help as possible. Please bring your garden tools, and cleaning supplies, and a great smile! We look forward to having you, and we thank you for supporting CVA.



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Opening Songs  
 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Hymn #499  
 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Hymn #229  
 "Jesus Is Coming Again" Hymn #213  
 Song Leader: Jessica Scharffenberg

Invocation Student Pastor Seth Gaskin

Music for Meditation "Give Them All"  
 Chris Evans and Anna Balsanek

Church In Family Prayer Kaye Duden

Tithes and Offerings Finance Chair – Carol Rees  
 (All loose and unmarked offering will go for our local church budget)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andy Moseley

Children's Story "Lambs Offering-Pathfinders" Renee Schaecher

Special Music "Blessed Assurance" Hymn # 462  
 Congregational Song  
 Song Leaders: Darrell and Tammi Daniel  
 Accompanists: Piedmont Guitarists

Scripture Reading "Matthew 7:21-23" Kenny Scharffenberg

Sabbath Message "So, What's Your Name Again?"  
 Student Pastor Seth Gaskin

Closing Hymn "I've Found a Friend" Words on Screen  
 Hymn #186  
 Song Leader: Jessica Scharffenberg

Benediction Student Pastor Seth Gaskin

Postlude

Main Musician and Organist: Sandra Schwab  
 Pianist: Anne Schenk

## Church Calendar

**Friday, August 1-8:44pm Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day**

**Sabbath, August 2-8:44pm Sundown-We look forward to a blessed week**

9:20am-Adult Sabbath School Song Service

9:30am-Child, Youth & Adult Sabbath School Program and Study

9:40am-Adult Lesson Study

10:50am-Sabbath Message

12:30pm-Sabbath Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring food to share.

4:00pm Piedmont Pedalers p. 5

**Wednesday, August 6**

7:00pm-Prayer Meeting

**Friday, August 8-8:35pm Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day**

**Sabbath, August 9-8:35pm Sundown-We look forward to a blessed week**

9:20am-Adult Sabbath School Song Service

9:30am-Child, Youth & Adult Sabbath School Program and Study

9:40am-Adult Lesson Study

10:50am-Sabbath Message Pastor Andy Moseley, Karen Congregation Baptisms

4:00pm-Piedmont Pedalers

7:30pm-Folk Mountain Gospel in Concert p.5

**Monday, August 11**

7:00pm-Church Board Meeting plus All Church Business Meeting p. 5

**Sabbath, August 16**

12:30pm- Sabbath Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring food to share.

2:00-4:00pm-Spiritual Gifts and Ministry Opportunities Seminar with Pastor Michael p. 5

## Offering Calendar

8-02 Our Local Combined Church Budget

8-09 World Budget – Oakwood, Andrews and Loma Linda University

### **Our Local Combined Church Budget**

Our local church budget is \$859.25 in the red as of August 1. Our local combined church budget requires \$3,661 each week to fund our church's expenses and ministries.

Lambs Offering –Vacation Bible School \$132.92

Tithe & offerings may be donated online by going to [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org) under Online Giving.

Treasurer-Evelyn Cornforth 402-484-3004 [evcornf@gmail.com](mailto:evcornf@gmail.com)

### **Our Offering Today is for Our Local Combined Church Budget**

We have a very generous church family who values their church home. Not only do they worship, pray, eat, play and work here at their Church home but they also “put their money” into the mix as well. Every other week we have a special Local Church Budget emphasis offering. Without funds to support our running expenses we cannot keep the church open. What would 48<sup>th</sup> street look like without our Church? But more than that, our offerings to Local Church Budget give us the opportunity to shine like a light in our community through ministry. Ministry is sometimes messy...it is mostly rewarding, it usually takes committed effort and creative persistence, and almost always costs money. Today we invite you to give to keep our doors open and our facility in good shape, but also to dream with us. What is God calling us to be for Him in this place, at this time? Together we can do what we cannot do alone.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Bulletin**, the weekly Prayer and Praise & the Family Communiqué (extended announcements) are posted on the Piedmont Park website. To see them, please go to [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org) and click on Bulletin. The monthly Piedmont Birthday List is sent out via the Prayer and Praise email contact group at the beginning of each month.

**The deacon for the day is Steve Duden. The elder for the day is Kaye Duden.** They are happy to be of assistance to you or pray with you.

**You may have noticed that some of our lights** have gone out in the sanctuary. We have been discussing and researching if we should simply replace the lights or completely replace the fixtures which would provide more light to our sanctuary. We will be discussing this at our **next Business/Board Meeting on Monday, August 11 at 7 pm.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend our Business Meeting. Please send agenda items to Pastor Michael at [mhalfhill@gmail.com](mailto:mhalfhill@gmail.com)

**The Piedmont Pedalers will meet at 4:00pm in Eagle to go east on the Mopac Trail.** This part of the trail is the most scenic and also least used so usually a great ride. We will start from the parking lot by the swimming pool. To get there, go east to Eagle and take the first road (5th Street) after you get into town. Take it north for 5 blocks and turn left onto Applewood Dr. and go to the end of the gravel road to the parking lot. (The road turns off just after you pass the water tower on the right and before you reach the grain elevators. I do not know if there is a street sign or not.) Open to riders of all categories, but you must wear a helmet! Ride is from 0 to 23 miles total. Dwain Leonhardt, 402-421-7507

**Thank you to all who came out to the Cherry On Top Fundraiser for the Un-Restricted Benevolent Ministry Fund.** We had a good turn out...It was almost like a Piedmont Park social right there at Cherry on Top! We have been able, because of your heart of mercy, to make two needed grants this month. Every little bit of funds help to give us what we need to help our church members who are hard working, good hearted, faithful people who have hit a rough spot in the road. We are making good progress to our annual goal of \$10,000.00 raised. If you would like to donate please mark your tithe envelope URB. Questions?

Renee –URB Chair 402-489-1344 Leave a Message or [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com)

**Piedmont Park Vespers is happy to welcome Folk Mountain Gospel to Piedmont Park to give a Vespers program on August 9 at 7:30pm.** Don & Donna Mohl play a variety of instruments including hammered dulcimer, bowed psaltery, zither, mandolin and guitar as they sing about God's love and care. Their programs are filled with personal testimonies and sweet melodies and we are confident you will be blessed! To watch a full program go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDu\\_6zgYd38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDu_6zgYd38) For more information contact Vanessa at [ppvespers@gmail.com](mailto:ppvespers@gmail.com) or 402-486-0629

**God has given spiritual gifts to all believers, so that we can be used in ministry.** Are you curious what your gift is? Would you like to find out how to use your gift in ministry? On Sabbath afternoon, August 16, at 2 pm, Pastor Michael will have a seminar about spiritual gifts and ministry opportunities. This seminar is free of charge and open to all. Questions? Contact the Church office and leave a message at 402-489-1344 or email [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com)

**Fall is coming and that is when Piedmont Park children's clubs start up again.** We have Little Lambs for ages 2-3, Eager Beavers for ages 4 thru Kindergarten, Adventurers for grades 1-4 and Pathfinders for grades 5-12. Your child would be most welcome to join in the fun. If you would like more information please contact the church office, Renee 402-489-1344 leave a message or [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com) and she will get you in touch with the leader of your child's age group.

**A big thank you to our post-hospital meal ministry** chaired by Heidi Johnson [he\\_johnson@windstream.net](mailto:he_johnson@windstream.net) and Beth Snyder [mbsnyder@windstream.net](mailto:mbsnyder@windstream.net). If you are interested in providing meals for those who have been in the hospital contact Heidi or Beth or visit the Meal Ministry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1436288176603785/>