

Generations in Ministry

We felt inspired and relaxed after May's Friday Night Vespers service. We enjoyed a variety of music and readings given by all ages. Our youngest participant was 9 year old Miles Schaecher who paired up with Aunt Vanessa as guitar accompanists for song leaders Crystal Schaecher & Jessica Scharffenberg. Jessica moved our hearts as she sang the song she performed at her Sister's memorial service, "Give Me Jesus." Our eldest participant was Eleanor Peters who is in her 80's! She played the piano as we sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" in a fun, lilting style. It was great to praise God together with all ages.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting ministry our church has chosen to use to reach out to the families of our church and our neighborhood. Through VBS we are able to present Jesus in a unique way that portrays Him as real, fun and approachable.

There are several ways you can support our VBS program:

- 1) Time and talents - It takes a small army of volunteers to operate a successful VBS. We need Craft helpers, Group leaders, Drama team, Safety monitors, Decorators, Kitchen workers, Photographers ... and more. If you choose this avenue of giving, we have a place for you! **Please sign up at www.piedmontparksda.org, click on VBS**
- 2) Finances - You can help reduce the church's cost for VBS by giving donations of money and/or supplies or by loaning non-consumables. We will soon be posting a list of specific supplies needed. Be watching for more information.
- 3) Prayer - As with all ministries, prayer is our primary key for success. You can pray for the families that will attend, the staff who will be helping and the leaders that are currently putting all the details of this exciting program together.

So, how is God asking you to help? After prayerfully considering this question, go to our VBS website and look over the volunteer opportunities, applying for the position(s) that interest you. ***www.piedmontparksda.org and click on VBS*** God will bless ALL efforts, large and small.

Piedmont VBS 2014: July 20-24 (Sun-Thurs)

Director: Charlene Hawkins, 402-486-4413



All volunteers must complete Shield the Vulnerable

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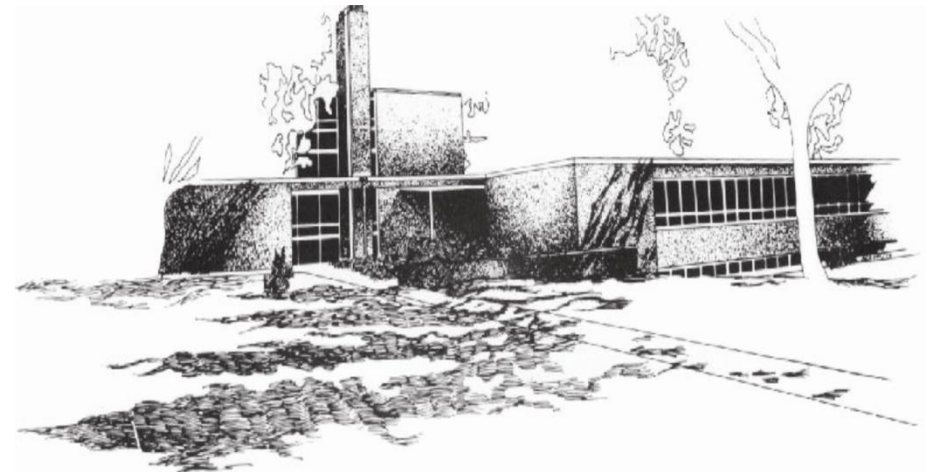
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Piedmont Park Community Seventh-day Adventist Church

Welcome to Worship!

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



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.

May 24, 2014

Adult Bible Study Classes

Superintendent: John Rhodes

Pianist: Darcy Pearcy

Chorister: John Rhodes

- **Balcony Explorers:** practical problem-solving through sharing scripture and the quarterly. Located in the Balcony. Bill Fitts and Assistants
- **Eclectic Journeymen:** 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. Richard Cotter, Alice Mihulka, Thomas Toews
- **As the Spirit Leads:** Christ's Object Lessons and The Quarterly - Room behind Piano. Virgil Carner and Leon Hill
- **Rediscovering our Roots:** "Education" by E.G. White. Fellowship hall. Russ Huggins & Ed Meelhuysen
- **Themes of Hope:** You are Invited and Welcome! 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. Malcolm Gaskin & Sandra Schwabb
- **Karen SDA Sabbath School Class:** Room Behind the Organ.
- **Young Adult Discussion Class:** Meets every 1st and 3rd Sabbath. Pastor Andy's Office.

Prayer and Praise

We pray the prayer of intercession for:

Dr. Eric Johnson as he recovers from heart bypass surgery

Our Silent Requests

Those of our members who are ill or discouraged

Those in need of jobs or a change in their financial situation

Our Building Expansion Project

Funds and Volunteer Staff for Piedmont Park's Vacation Bible School

Dena Simonds who may be rejecting her new kidney

We are thankful today and praise God for His intervention:

Vacation Bible School's around the area-for our children to find the love of Jesus

Those who have served our country and who have given their lives for our benefit

Colossians 1:9-12

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."

Message of Encouragement

Even in difficult times, we can find blessings. Whenever there is a hurricane, flood or some other disaster, people seem to come out of nowhere to offer help, many times working long, hard hours to rescue, rebuild or restore. Hardship forces us to grab hands with one another and pull closer together. It generates "brotherly love." Suffering never ruined a nation and hardship doesn't break up families. Blind indifference does! When we choose to get involved and volunteer our services to someone in need, it builds character. It not only matters to the person we help, but it matters to God! He loves to see "His love" demonstrated by His children. That is why the Bible says, in Matthew 25:39-41, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." We need to do what we can to make a difference in the lives of others. Stand up! Don't wait for your friends to stand up too! Answer the call of God as the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart! Remember you are never really alone-Jesus is right there beside you, guiding your every step! Choose today to make a difference!

Devotional: Brenda Walsh

Philippians 2:17 "Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all."

Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

1 Peter 5:6,7 "So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

Friday Night Vespers June 13 at 7pm in Piedmont's Sanctuary



Come enjoy Friday Night Vespers presented by the Binder and Unterseher families. The program will include musical selections including congregational choices and Roger & Charlene will share sights & sounds of India from their recent trip to India.

Friday Night Vespers is a blessed way to welcome the Sabbath hours with your church family. We hope you will invite your family and friends and join us for this special evening!

Questions?
Vanessa at ppvespers@gmail.com
or 402-486-0629

Praise for the Past Faith for the Future



Purchase an inscribed brick and have a permanent, tangible way to honor a special someone or event in the **new lobby** of the addition. Deadline is May 31 - so pick up an order form in the lobby today and turn in your order as soon as possible per the instructions.

www.faith4thefuture.com

Memorial Day reminds us of our duties towards the wounded soldiers and the bereaved families, orphans and widows of the dead soldiers.

Ways to honor and show our gratitude towards them could include:

- *Adorning the graves of soldiers with flags or flowers.
- *Visiting cemeteries and memorials.
- *Furling the American Flag at half-mast until noon.
- *Furling the 'POW/MIA Flag'.
- *Keep silence for a minute at 3 pm and listen to Taps being played ('National Moment of Remembrance').
- *Find a way to aid the disabled veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of the dead soldiers. There are many organizations to choose from. Here is just one of them: <http://www.childrenoffallensoldiers.org/>



May 24, 2014

Opening Songs
 "God of Our Fathers" Hymn #645
 "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love" Hymn #505
 "Amazing Grace" Hymn #108
 Song Leaders: Adam and Crystal Schaecher

Invocation Pastor Michael Halfhill

Music for Meditation Trombonist: Kyle Pearcy
 Accompanist: Darcy Pearcy

Church In Family Prayer Seth Gaskin

Tithes and Offerings "Kansas-Nebraska Advance" Ferlie Gaskin
 (All loose and unmarked offering will go for our local church budget)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andy Moseley

Children's Story "Lambs Offering-Peru" Pastor Andy Moseley
 "Memorial Day"
 "The History of Red Poppies and Taps" Renee Schaecher
 "Prayer of Remembrance" & "A Moment of Silence" Jason Williams
 "Taps" As recorded by Clyde Peters

Special Music "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Video
 Fountain View Academy

Scripture Reading "Philippians 2:5-11" Eula Key

Sabbath Message "We Need A Hero" Pastor Michael Halfhill

Closing Hymn "Jesus Saves" Words on Screen
 Hymn #340
 Song Leaders: Adam and Crystal Schaecher

Benediction Pastor Michael Halfhill

Postlude

Main Musician: Darcy Pearcy

Church Calendar

Friday, May 23-8:44pm Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day

Sabbath, May 24-8:44pm 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 – Pastor Michael Halfhill - Memorial Day

12:30pm-There is no potluck/fellowship meal at Piedmont Park this week

4:00pm-Piedmont Pedalers and Piedmont Plodders p. 5

Wednesday, May 28

Camp Meeting begins at College View Church (www.ks-ne.org)

Thursday, May 29

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Camp Meeting continues at College View Church (www.ks-ne.org)

Friday, May 30-8:50pm Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day

Camp Meeting continues at College View Church (www.ks-ne.org)

Sabbath, May 31-8:51pm Sundown-We look forward to a blessed week

Piedmont Park is closed today.

Please join us at College View Church for Camp Meeting (www.ks-ne.org).

4:00pm-Piedmont Pedalers and Piedmont Plodders p. 5

May 24 Kansas-Nebraska Advance

May 31 North American Division / Emphasis: Evangelism

Our Local Combined Church Budget

Our local combined church budget requires \$3,661 each week to fund our church's expenses and ministries. Our balance as of May 17 is in the black by \$4,291.87.

Tithe & offerings may be donated online by going to www.piedmontparksda.org under Online Giving.

\$99.73 was given for Lamb's offering/Pathfinders

Treasurer-Evelyn Cornforth 402-484-3004 evcornf@gmail.com

Today's offering is for Kansas-Nebraska Advance

What is Kansas-Nebraska Advance, and what does it do?

Pastor John Sweigert, at the Conference office, explains that Kansas-Nebraska Advance comes from funds that all churches give into a large fund managed by the Conference office who then uses those funds to support the following:

- 1) The Elementary School and Academy Scholarship Program.
- 2) Broken Arrow Ranch which hosts multiple summer camps for our kids, Pathfinder Camporee, Men's Retreat, Single Mom and Kids Camp, Various weekend retreats/meetings, Kansas Hispanic Camp Meeting and more.
- 3) About 20% of the fund supports Public Evangelism Outreach efforts held at Local Churches.
- 4) About 10% of this offering goes to support the total project cost of qualifying local church projects for infrastructure and capital improvement projects.

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Thank you for your offerings to KS-NE Advance this week.

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 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 Soldatke. The elder for the day is Ferlie Gaskin. They are happy to be of assistance to you or to pray with you.

You are invited to join the Piedmont Pedalers and Piedmont Plodders as they bicycle /walk in God's great outdoor creation today at 4:00pm. We will meet at the benches behind Shopko on Hwy 2 and 27th Street. If it is raining, please consider the ride/walk canceled.

Women's Ministries is seeking nominations of women in our congregation whose service to home, church, and community have been a blessing to others. Please take a moment to write that woman's name and the reason for your nomination on a card and place it in the special "Women's Recognition" box in the church foyer or email Carol Leonhardt at caleonha@gmail.com **Women's Recognition Sabbath is June 7.**

On Thursday, May 29, Lincoln will come together for "Give To Lincoln Day" sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation. It's your chance to help make a real difference, right here in our community. Show your support through Give To Lincoln Day, and your gift will be increased by helping us get a proportional share of the \$300,000 challenge match fund. If for some reason you can't donate online, please send your donation to **Good Neighbor Community Center**, 2617 Y street Lincoln, NE 68503 and we will take care of it for you. You can also schedule a payment to be processed on the 29th today using the link at <http://gncclincoln.org>. Thank you for your support. Tom Randa, Director Good Neighbor Community Center

Next Sabbath, May 31, the Piedmont Pedaler's and Piedmont Plodders are going to Valparaiso to enjoy the fabulous Oak Creek Trail that goes to Brainard. We plan to meet at the trail head in Valparaiso at 4:00pm. Dwain and I are going to bicycle to the trail head. If you would like to add 40 miles to the ride, please contact Kent right away. It is an enjoyable partially covered trail with great views of the country side. Questions? Kent Thompson 402-421-7700

Thank you everyone who participated in the Women's Bible studies on Thursdays. We have had a good time studying the gospel of John and praying together. We will not be meeting during the summer. May the Lord bless you and watch over you wherever you go and in whatever you do. Sincerely, Lena Toews for Women's Ministries

Ed Melhuysen let us know that the Young Adult Class that meets in the Fellowship Hall will take a break over the summer. We will keep in touch if/when it starts up again in the fall.

Larry and Carol Bucher will be celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary soon. Their family would like to invite you to stay by and enjoy cake and fellowship after the all church fellowship meal on **Sabbath, June 7 from 1:30-4:00pm.** Questions? please contact their daughter, Margie Jakub 402-432-6699

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Piedmont Park Church will be hosting a baby shower for Rachel Huggins, Sunday, June 8, from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Russ and Rachel are registered at Target and Diapers.com. We will meet either in the Mother's room or the Youth room depending on construction. Details will follow. Questions? Cheryl Moseley for Women's Ministries at cherylmoseley01@gmail.com

George Stone School thanks the many who support GSS in their prayers, in friendship, and with finances. It has been a great year! Applications and information for 2014-2015 are available at 402-486-2522.