

Generations in Ministry

Everyone is invited to enjoy the Adventurer Club investiture today at 5:00pm the Little Lambs, Eager Beavers and Adventurer Club will have their Investiture Service at Shelter #1 at Holmes Lake Park. Each family is to bring their own table service, a main dish and a side dish or dessert. Water and lemonade will be provided. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00pm with a potluck meal right after the service. Thank you! Beth Baker Schwimmer

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 17, 2014

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Adult Bible Study Classes

Superintendent: Ferlie Gaskin

Musician: Betty Jacobs Song Leader: Melfa Day

- **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

God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:9

His footsteps are your guidance, call Him **The Way**.

His majesty is your worship, call Him **Mighty God**.

His presence is your delight, call Him **Wonderful**.

His truth is your foundation, call Him **Rock**.

His will is your purpose, call Him **Lord**.

His kindness is your comfort, call Him **Shepherd**.

His promises are your hope, call Him **Faithful**.

His riches are your supply, call Him **Provider**.

His fellowship is your reward, call Him **Life**.

His authority is your confidence, call Him **King**.

His return is your hope, call Him **Omega**.

His heart is your home, call Him **Love**.

-Devotional message by **Roy Lessin**, from his blog "Meet Me In The Meadow."

Please pray for:

Dr Eric Johnson who is recovering well from heart bypass surgery
For the people affected by the recent tornadoes and severe storms

We praise God for:

The wonderful rain and the beautiful spring
For the promise of a new Heaven and a new Earth where no sin abides
For Maria Johnson who is traveling home from the Philippines

When What God is Doing Doesn't Make Sense

There will be times in all of our lives when we simply don't understand how God is working. It doesn't make sense. It doesn't align with what we can grasp with our minds. It doesn't fit into the way we believe things happen in this world. How will our hearts react in those moments?

You've heard the story: Four determined men try to get a paralytic to Jesus. But the crowd is too large so they lower their friend through the roof. Jesus responds to their faith by setting the soul and body of the paralytic free. "But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts. 'Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming!'" (Mark 2:6).

You know this story too: Angels appear to shepherds and tell them about a baby who has come to be the Savior of the world. The shepherds rush to find Him and show up just as unannounced as a man dropped through the roof. But Mary doesn't doubt what's unexpectedly unfolding in front of her. Instead she "treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

The Scribes and Mary have this in common: They are both witnesses to God's work. And they are both part of scenes that don't make much sense from a human perspective. But their responses couldn't be more different. The Scribes doubtfully question while Mary faithfully ponders. The Scribes didn't understand at all what God was doing or trust who He was. Mary didn't understand all God was doing but she did trust who He was. It's a small distinction that changes everything.

The reality is, we will never fully grasp all God is doing this side of heaven. But He does want us to really know this with all our hearts: He is good, He loves us and He's working on our behalf in ways beyond what we can even comprehend.

-Devotional excerpt by Holley Gerth, from her blog "Heart to Heart with Holley"

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





If you have any questions about Shield the Vulnerable or the need for background checks, please contact the Church Office at piedmontparksda@gmail.com

Adventist Risk Management, the Mid-America Union and the Kansas-Nebraska Conference have indicated that anyone who volunteers with children must have a background check. They have recommended Shield the Vulnerable.

The Piedmont Park Church Board has voted to use the service of Shield the Vulnerable to do this for our volunteers. We are asking ALL of our volunteers who have contact with our church's children to participate and have a background check.

The background check costs \$12. Piedmont Park will cover that cost. However, if you would like to make a donation for your background check to help the church cover the costs for this important program, you may place it in a Tithe Envelope and mark it "STV."

It is easy to sign up. Just follow these steps:

- Go To: shieldthevulnerable.org**
- Click >>**
- First-Time Signup**

 - >> 1. Pick **Seventh-day Adventist** from the dropdown list
 - >> 2. Select your **UNION**
 - >> 3. Select your **CONFERENCE**: if your Conference also trains Students, a "Select User" dropdown opens. Select "Adult".

NOTE: if you cannot find your Union or Conference, STOP. Contact your administrator.
- User Login Data** / **Affiliation** / **Summary/Confirm**
User/Login Data: Fill in the requested information and create your login. Only one person can be named on the registration. It's important to provide a valid email address — if you have one.
NOTE: Please write down your ID and Password in case you need to log in again.
- User Login Data** / **Affiliation** / **Summary/Confirm**
Affiliation Tab: Here, you identify yourself as an employee (includes temp/contractor) or volunteer. Then identify which type of location (church, school, etc.) at which you work or volunteer. Finally, identify your position at the organization.
- User Login Data** / **Affiliation** / **Summary/Confirm**
Summary: Review your registration information and if correct and you "Accept" the license, click the "Confirm Signup" button. It will take you to the "My Courses" page to start your training.
- My Course Page:** Click "Start" button to open the "required" course. You may take optional once you take the required course.

- Background Screening:** Once you train, you may be required to do a background check. If so, you must electronically sign an authorization to permit the screening. If finger printing is required, arrange for it at a location near you. Your local administrator can help you.


Confidentiality:

The details of the report are kept on line and at the KS-NE Conference office in secure files, and only conference designated administrators of the Shield the Vulnerable site have access to the reports. At this point Don Stricker and Ron Carlson are the only ones authorized.

The conference will provide the church with a list of the people from the congregation that have completed the background check and notify the church if action needs to be taken. Then the conference will help the church process that action.

May 17, 2014

- Prelude
- Opening Songs
 "Jacobs Ladder" Words on Screen
 "Whisper A Prayer"
 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
 Song Leaders: Adventurer/Eager Beaver/Little Lambs Clubs
- Invocation Pastor Andy Moseley
- Re-Baptism "Criscilla Wright" Pastor Michael Halfhill
- Music for Meditation "Father We Adore You"
 Adventurer/Eager Beaver/Little Lambs Clubs
- Church In Family Prayer Jesse Campbell
- Tithes and Offerings "Our Local Combined Church Budget"
 Ashlea Johnson
 Adventurer Club Boys
(All loose and unmarked offering will go for our local church budget)
- Offertory "DVD" Ron Hagen
- Welcome and Announcements Pastor Michael Halfhill
- Children's Story "Lambs Offering-Peru "The Wheat and the Tares"
 By: Adventurer/Eager Beaver/Little Lambs Clubs with assistance
 from Beth Baker Schwimmer and Kevin Young
- Special Music "Do Lord"
 Adventurer/Eager Beaver/Little Lambs Clubs
- Scripture Reading "Deuteronomy 6:5-7" Erynn Sommers
 "Proverbs 22:6" Aubrey Chapo
- Sabbath Message "Train Up to Grow Up and Go Up"
 Pastor Andy Moseley
- Closing Hymn "When He Cometh" Words on Screen
 Hymn #218
 Song Leaders: Adventurer/Eager Beaver/Little Lambs Clubs
- Benediction Pastor Andy Moseley
- Postlude
- Pianist: Kristen Unterseher Organist: Tammy Adams

Church Calendar

Friday, May 16-8:37pm Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day

Sabbath, May 17-8:37pm 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 - Adventure Club Sabbath

12:30pm-Please bring food to share and/or give a monetary donation and join us for Potluck. We also appreciate help cleaning up, putting chairs and tables away and vacuuming

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

5:00pm-Adventurer, Eager Beavers, and Little Lambs Clubs Investiture at Holmes Lake Park p. 8

Sunday, May 18

4:00pm-GNCC International Club – Kenya p. 5

Wednesday, May 21

6:30pm-Pathfinder Club Meeting

7:00pm-Evening Prayer Meeting

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 – Memorial Day Remembrance

12:30pm-There is no Potluck at Piedmont Park today

Sabbath, May 31

CampMeeting - No Services at Piedmont Park. Please join services at College View Church.

May 17 Our Local Combined Church Budget

May 24 Kansas-Nebraska Advance

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 is \$2,335.37 to the good.

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

\$177.12 was given for Lamb's offering/Pathfinders

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

Our Local Combined Church Budget

Let every hour be one of trust and prayer and faith. You may expect trials. We must all be purified from dross, and made white and tried. In the time of trial, seek to bring every thought into captivity to Jesus Christ. One foe after another may come in unexpected ways, but dismiss the temptations of the enemy. In this way, we go on from grace to grace, from strength to strength, obtaining one spiritual victory after another. {DG 184.4}

Is learning to love “giving” one of the spiritual victories Ellen G. White is referring to in the paragraph above? Possibly; in fact, likely! Over and over with little ones we try to help them understand the art of getting along while playing with toys. It's mine, one yells! I had it first, another retorts. No, I want it, the first one cries. Then the pulling tug of war begins. We have all witnessed this growing-up phenomenon! Over and over we tell them, there are other toys, there are lots of toys...please go find another one to play with, or get another one you think you can trade with, or, or, or. The internal understanding of “there is plenty,” or “there is more where that came from” or “there are creative solutions” or “you can ask for help” is something we all struggle with. God says he owns the cattle on a thousand hills, in fact the whole earth is His. He has plenty and He is ready to share it! So if we give of what He has given us, do you think He can give us more when we need it? My experience in life is that He not only can, but very often does. Step out a little...test Him. Happy Sabbath! 4

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.

Our Head Deacon is Mark Snyder. The elder for the day is Leon Hill. They are happy to be of assistance to you or to pray with you.

Today, at 4:00pm the Piedmont Pedalers and Piedmont Plodders invite you to meet at 27 & Hwy 2. We are going to ride towards Pioneers Park. Join us as we witness God's second book-the book of nature and gain from relaxation, fresh air, exercise, sunshine and good company on the Sabbath day, the day made for our good. Questions? Kent Thompson ktompson@cbcthompson.com

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.**

Come join us for the Good Neighbor Community Center 's International Club meeting-tomorrow, May 18 at 4:00pm in Piedmont Park's fellowship hall. Tom Randa, GNCC executive director, will be presenting the country of Kenya.

College View Academy will be holding graduation ceremonies the weekend of May 23. 8th grade graduation will be held on Thursday, May 22, in the College View Church at 7:00pm. Piedmont Park will host Consecration on Friday, May 23, at 7:30pm. The Baccalaureate is at College View Church on May 24, during the 12:00 service. And Commencement will begin at 10:00am, on May 25, in the CVA gymnasium. Hope to see many of you there.

On Thursday, May 29, Lincoln will come together for “Give To Lincoln Day”, sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation. We need YOU to join us. It's 24-hours of unprecedented giving to local nonprofits. 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 by using the link at <http://gncclincoln.org>. Thank you for your support. Tom Randa, Director Good Neighbor Community Center

Sabbath, May 31, the Piedmont Pedalers 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. This is great riding and walking trail. It is an enjoyable partially covered trail with great views of the country side. Details will follow. Questions? Kent Thompson ktompson@cbcthompson.com

I am excited to announce that we are now filling staff positions for the Piedmont Park 2014 VBS! To see what positions are available and/or to register to volunteer, go to <http://www.piedmontparksda.org/> and follow the step by step directions. This Year ALL volunteers helping in any church ministry involving children are required to complete the abuse prevention training and to submit a background check application. This is available through “Shield the Vulnerable” website at <http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org/>. For those who would prefer a non-online option, be watching for an announcement giving more information about a “Shield the Vulnerable” class in the near future. Thank you. Charlene Hawkins 402-486-4413 or 402-802-7582 or email at charlene.hawkins68@gmail.com