

### Generations in Ministry

Last Sabbath was a fun day! In the morning we listened to a narrative sermon which reminded God is our all sufficient hope and also to beautiful music by several of our members!

The evening brought our annual community outreach event, Journey to Bethlehem - Live Christmas Nativity. Rain was forecasted and we prayed at church that God might use His mighty creative power to hold the rain off just until we share the story of His birth! He did that for us. We were able to see 111 cars filled with a total of 276 people drive past five Biblical scenes: Caesar signing the decree, Joseph and Mary on a live donkey going to register, Shepherds in the field with Angels heralding his birth, the Manger scene with the Baby Jesus and Wise men who came from afar to worship Him.

During the evening our Social Committee kept everyone comfortable with hot soup, hot cider and hot chocolate and snacks followed by singing Christmas carols!

Thank you to each and every one that made this a fun and meaningful event!

## Praise for the Past Faith for the Future

"Thank you for helping Piedmont Park to be a light in our community through your faithful giving to the Building Campaign Fund!

If you are able, please plan to complete your 3-year pledge by December 31, 2015."

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

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

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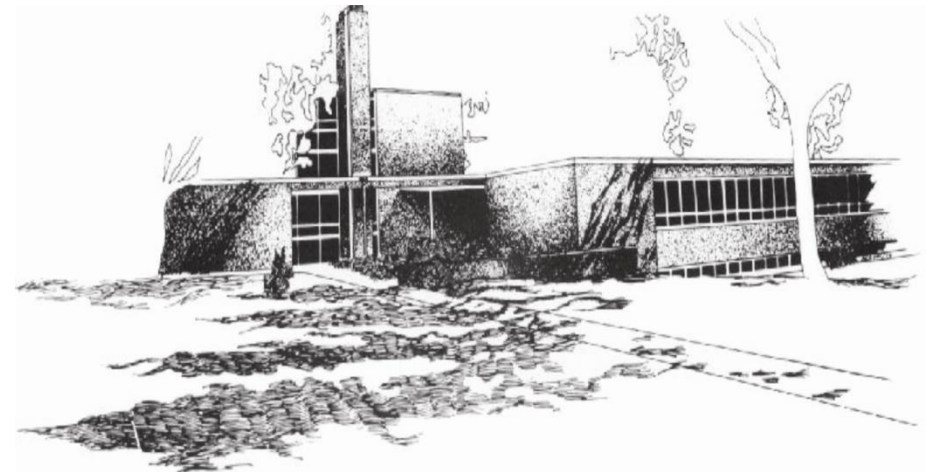
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## Piedmont Park Community Seventh-day Adventist Church

### 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.

December 19, 2015

### *Adult Bible Study Classes*

**Pre-Program Leader:** Mission Spotlight / Virgil Carner      **Musician:** Ann Schenk

**Song Leader:** Darrel & Tammi Daniel

**Sabbaths:** 1,2,4 & 5

Singing/Prayer: 9:15-9:25am, Missions: 9:25-9:45am & Class Study 9:45-10:40am

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath:**

Singing/Prayer 9:15-9:25am, Class Study 9:25-10:25am & Mission: 10:25-10:40am.

**As the Spirit Leads:** Office E. Quarterly and Spirit of Prophecy. Virgil Carner & Leon Hill

**Searchers of the Word:** Back left side of the Sanctuary. The Bible, Quarterly and the Spirit of Prophecy. John Rhodes and Assistants

**Balcony Explorers:** Balcony. Practical problem-solving through sharing Scripture and the Church Quarterly. Bill Fitts and Assistants

**Malcolm/Schwab:** Conference Room. Quarterly, Malcom Gaskin & Sandra Schwab

**Matthew 11:28-30** - Multipurpose Room # 2. Currently following the Quarterly, Peter Adams, Kim Hazelton, Kirk Brown, Kalvin Follett

**Young Adult Class:** Multipurpose Room #1. Breakfast at 9:30am, Bible Study at 10:00am. Collegiate Quarterly, David Deemer, Alexa Hazelton

**Themes of Hope: 9:30-10:30am,** Fellowship Hall. Light Breakfast. Welcomes Members, New Members & Visitors! Church Quarterly. Discussion Leaders: Donald Williams/Laura Neergaard, Scot Coppock, Jennifer Somers, Renee Schaecher, Manuela Coppock

**Karen SDA Class:** Room behind the Organ. 9:30-10:35am

## **Prayer & Praise**

### **Please intercede in prayer before God for:**

For the refugees who are misplaced by the millions by the current conflicts/wars.

For people who are ill, missing loved ones & in financial need.

For a good rest from school for our students, teachers and administrators.

For traveling safety over the Holiday season.

Continued prayer for a full recovery for Eula Key after her car accident.

### **A PRAYER OF THANKS**

Max Lucado

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that He paid the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. And thank you that He rose again to prove that death was truly defeated. I place my trust in You to be my Savior. Guide me through the dark times of my life and give me courage to live for You. Amen

## Message of Encouragement

Matthew 1:18-25

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet ...”

In Concert  
**Matt & Josie Minikus**  
January 2  
5:00pm

Sponsored by  
Piedmont Park Vespers  
ppvespers@gmail.com  
402-486-0620



# CAROLING

**December 20**

3pm to 5:30pm

We will meet in fellowship hall about **2:45pm** and walk over to Bryan Hospital for caroling!

Soup dinner to follow for those who participate. Bring soup, sandwiches and goodies to share

**\*\*Those who are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please join us next year\*\***

Please RSVP to Melissa Young  
402-646-2036 (lv msg)  
Sponsored by the  
Families with Special Needs Ministry

## Christmas Social December 19 5:00pm Multi-purpose Room



Stories, Christmas songs and learning  
Scandinavian Jingle Bells.  
Bring a Gag Gift for a fun game  
(please don't spend money or if you do, please stay under \$5)!

Hosted by Vern Thompson  
Piedmont Park Social Committee

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## Piedmont Park's Annual Christmas Eve Program



Every year Piedmont Park's Annual **Christmas Eve Program** is a special time of worship and celebration.

Plan now to attend this special program on **December 24** at **6:00pm** in the **Sanctuary** as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! **We hope to see you there!**

Questions:  
Crystal Schaecher - sing4yahweh@yahoo.com

**December 19, 2015**

Prelude	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	Darcy Pearcy
Call to Worship	"There's a Song In the Air" Vs. 1,2 & 3	Hymn # 120 Song Leader: Lisette Deemer Pianist: Darcy Pearcy
Prayer of Invitation		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Welcome		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Gift from the Heart Chorded Bells	"Happy Birthday, Jesus" "Away In A Manger"	Kindergarten Class Primary Class
Tithe and Offering	"Piedmont Park Church Budget"	Rich Jacobs
Song of Gratitude	"Mary, Did You Know?"	Earliteen Class Pianist: Ashley Unterseher
Announcements		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Prayer of Dedication	"Peru Projects Missionaries"	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Children's Story	Lambs Offering: Peru	Carol Leonhardt
Special Music	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Junior Class Guitarists: Miles Schaecher, Colton Snyder
Scripture Reading	"Matthew 2:1-6" NKJ	Trystin Somers
<i>Please stand &amp; join in singing the songs of worship and prayer chorus</i>		
Songs of Worship	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	Hymn #127
	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Vs. 1 & 3	Hymn #130
Prayer Chorus	"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" Vs. 4	Hymn #135 Song Leader: Lisette Deemer Pianist: Darcy Pearcy
Church in Prayer Musical Interlude		Vern Thompson Darcy Pearcy
Hearing God's Word	"Reason to Believe-Prophecy in the Bible"	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Song of Dedication	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" All Verses	Hymn #122 Song Leader: Lisette Deemer Pianist: Darcy Pearcy
Prayer of Blessing		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Postlude	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Darcy Pearcy

## Church Calendar

**Friday, December 18, 5:02pm – Sundown – We welcome the Sabbath day**  
**Sabbath, December 19, 5:02pm-Sundown-We look forward to a blessed week**

9:15am-Adult Sabbath School Pre-Program (Details see in Class Schedules Box)  
 9:30am-Adult, Youth and Children’s Sabbath Schools  
 10:50am-Hearing God’s Word: Pastor Michael Halfhill  
 5:00pm-Christmas Social (Vespers at 5pm, Social at 5:30pm) p. 5

**Sunday, December 20**

2:45pm-Caroling at Bryan Hospital & “Bring & Share” Soup Supper p.5

**Wednesday, December 23**

6:30pm-Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room

**Thursday, December 24**

6:00pm-Christmas Eve Program p. 5

**Friday, December 25, 5:06pm – Sundown – We welcome the Sabbath day**

**Sabbath, December 26, 5:06pm-Sundown-We look forward to a blessed week**

9:15am-Adult Sabbath School Pre-Program (Details see in Class Schedules Box)  
 9:30am-Adult, Youth and Children’s Sabbath Schools  
 10:50am-Hearing God’s Word: Pastor Andy Moseley  
 12:30pm-Bring and Share Fellowship Meal after Worship Service-Downstairs

**Sabbath, January 2**

12:30pm-Bring and Share Fellowship Meal after Worship Service  
 5:00pm-Matt & Josie Minikus in Concert p. 7  
 6:30pm-Soup Supper & Guitar Vespers p. 5

### Tithes and Offering Report

12-19                      Piedmont Park Church Budget  
 12-26                      KS-NE Advance

**If you would like to receive a tax-deductible receipt for offerings given at the end of the year,** those offerings must meet the following criteria: They either need to be in the church office by midnight on December 31, or they need to be postmarked no later than December 31. Questions: Church Office [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com) or 402-489-1344

Tithe & offerings may be donated online by going to [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org), then click Online Giving. Treasurer-Evelyn Cornforth, 402-304-4219 or [evcornf@gmail.com](mailto:evcornf@gmail.com)

### Please remember your Tithe and your Love Offerings First;

#### Then Please help Support our Self-Funded or Partially Funded Ministries

Deaconesses (Funeral Dinners)	Deaconesses (Baby Showers)
Hospitality Ministry (Fellowship Meals)	Vacation Bible School
Access Ministry (Disabilities & Seniors)	Men’s Ministry
Caring Heart Ministry (Shut In Members-DVDs, Cards, Postage)	Light Up The Dark
Elders (Pastor’s Gifts)	Music Fund (music, copyrights)
Personal Ministries (Literature and Book Distribution)	Pastor’s Fund
Themes of Hope (Signs of the Times Box Ministry)	Audio (Equipment, CDs)
Journey to Bethlehem/Live Nativity (Costumes/Props)	Video (Equipment, DVDs)
Journey to the Cross/Easter (Costumes/Props)	Better Day Ministry (Benevolent Grants)
Church Upkeep, Maintenance and Improvements	Families With Special Needs Ministry
Pathfinders & Adventurers, Eager Beavers, Little Lambs Clubs	Office Equipment
College View Academy Student Aid Scholarship Fund	Kids/Youth Sabbath Schools
Communications (copyrights, software)	Women’s Ministry (Camps, Showers etc)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Bulletin & the Family Communiqué (extended announcements) are posted on the Piedmont Park website at [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org) and click on Bulletin. And be sure to visit [www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda](https://www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda) for more!

**The Elder for the day is Vern Thompson. The deacon for the day is Adam Schwimmer.**

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**A huge thank you** to everyone who helped with the Journey to Bethlehem Live Nativity last Saturday night. The rain held off enough for 111 cars and 276 people to drive thru and experience scenes of Christ’s birth. It was a thrill to hear the reactions and gratitude of those who drove thru. Thank you church for sharing the birth story of Jesus. **Pastor Michael Halfhill**

**You are invited to a Christmas Vespers followed by a Social on December 19. Vespers at 5:00pm. Social at 5:30pm. Please bring snacks to share. The Social will be in Piedmont’s Multipurpose Room.** Stories, Christmas songs and learning Scandinavian Jingle Bells. Bring a Gag Gift for a fun game (please don’t spend money or if you do, please stay under \$5)! Hosted by Vern Thompson – Piedmont Park Social Committee

**Please mark your calendars. You are welcome to join in the fun of sharing God’s love for others at the Christmas Sing Along on Sunday, December 20.** This event is organized by Piedmont’s Families with Special Needs Ministry and is held at Bryan Hospital. The sing along is followed by a Bring and Share Soup Supper in the Piedmont Park Fellowship Hall. Questions? Melissa Young 402-646-2036, Leave a Message

**Please invite family and friends to join us at Holiday skate night at Skate Zone** roller skating fun while supporting College View Academy’s Parent Teacher Student organization. Monday, December 21 from 5-7 pm. Admission \$5.00 plus skate rental. 300 N 48th Street, Lincoln.

**Piedmont Park’s Annual Christmas Eve Program will be held on December 24 at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us for this special program as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. More information: Crystal Schaecher, [sing4yahweh@yahoo.com](mailto:sing4yahweh@yahoo.com)

**Our next “Bring and Share” All Church Potluck will be an All Church Christmas “Bring and Share Potluck on December 26.** We invite you to bring food to share and stay for our fellowship meal after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help serve the meal after church and then help clean-up, vacuum, and put tables and chairs away at after the meal, it is most appreciated. Questions? Chair Renee 402-580-1608 (text) or [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com)

**If you have ordered Thunder in the Holy Land DVD’s would you please see** Pastor Michael, Sabbath or as soon as possible to pick them up at his office, and if you not paid the \$35.00, you can pay when you pick up the DVD’s.

**Matt & Josie Minikus will be in concert here at Piedmont Park on January 2 at 5:00pm.** Their music is a reverent, contemporary-folk blend of guitar, piano, beautiful vocals and a variety of other instruments. Info: Vanessa Schaecher, 402-486-0629 or [ppvespers@gmail.com](mailto:ppvespers@gmail.com)

**We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan!** It teaches God’s ways of handling money. College View Church will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University starting in January. Please contact Jarred Decker at 402-540-6483 or Dan Carlson at 402-730-5789 for more information.

**More than 700,000 refugees have made their way into Europe this year** - more than at any time since World War II, making this an urgent and growing crisis caused largely by today’s refugees escaping a war zone – the brutal civil conflict in Syria. As vital as material needs are, there is also need for translators, trauma psychologists, and even lawyers who specialize in refugee rights. When possible we also provide Wi-Fi so that refugees can contact family and research transportation and logistical issues. As the year ends ADRA is asking that you support them to help many, many people in need. 800-424-ADRA (2372) or [www.ADRA.org](http://www.ADRA.org)