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Prayer and Praise

This update about Heather Boulais was posted by her parents on Caringbridge on the morning of February 12, 2015.

From Terry and Cheryl Boulais:

We want to thank you for your faithful prayers! Sunday's surgery has helped Heather make positive progress towards stabilizing. She has been off the ventilator again for a couple of days. We ask that you pray for Heather to remain stable enough to move out of the Intensive Care Unit and into a rehabilitation center. Her temperature has been regulating better as well. Please continue to pray for no infections and her temperature to remain stable.

We have a powerful, loving God!

Extended Announcements

Next week, on February 2, our offering will be for Piedmont Park's financial needs. Our church budget covers many items. Our budget provides monthly allocations for some ministries, but an allocation is usually not sufficient for the breath of the ministry, but a help. We want to bring focus to one particular ministry today....One of the ministries, that is so important to our people, is the "Caring Heart Ministry." Caring Heart Ministry used to be called "Homebound Ministry" and then "SomeOne Special Ministry." The new name has been adopted so that it is unique from other ministries that carry the word special in their name. It is with a Caring Heart that we keep in contact with members who cannot or cannot often come to church. For this ministry we need funds for stamps, CD/DVD covers, envelopes, and large envelopes to be able to send cards, bulletins, A Walk in the Park (quarterly newsletter). If you would like to make a donation, please place it in a tithe envelope and mark it Caring Heart. Thank you!

Christian Record Services for the Blind is seeking volunteers to help with a mailing project starting Monday, February 23, until the project is complete. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Alicejean Baker at prhr@christianrecord.org or 402-488-0981 ext. 222

Kids Ministries Workshop, Sabbath, March 7, 3:00-9:00pm (English) Light meal provided, at College View SDA Church, Heartland Hall, 4801 Prescott Ave. Speaker, Melanie Cruz is a much sought after Children's Ministries presenter with a B.A. in Educational Psychology and a lifetime of experience of working with children. Melanie will share insights and resources to equip you to make an eternal difference for the kids in your church! Reserve your spot today by calling 785-478-4726 or email scarlson@ks-ne.org. The \$20.00 registration fee includes: Seminars, Sabbath School Room Tour, Handouts, Light Meal, Use of Die Cuts and Die Cut Machines. Send check payable to KS-NE Conference by March 2, Attn: Children's Ministry.

Lutheran Family Services has asked College View to assist a family that is moving to Lincoln due to the conflict in Syria. They are wondering if Piedmont Park Church would like to help as well. If you have any extra household items (furniture, appliances, kitchen utensils, etc.) that you would like to donate or you would like to help financially with apartment rental costs, please contact Doug Hardt (doughardt@yahoo.com or 402-840-8690).

We, as a Church, want to thank each one who has supported the Better Day Ministry fund with their donations in the last month! We as a church were able to help two member families this month with expenses that overwhelmed their budgets due to past medical expenses. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please place your offering in a tithe envelope and mark it "Better Day"

2015 Honduras Mission Trip

Piedmont Park will pick up a special offering at the end of our service on February 14 that will be split between each of our youth members who are going on this mission trip. Place your offering in a tithe envelope and mark it Honduras.

Contact: Pastor Michael Halfhill at mhalfhill@gmail.com

Help our Piedmont Youth/CVA students serve in Honduras over Spring Break! Edward & Sarah Hardy, Estelle Trotter, Jonathan Deemer, Taylor & Preston Hillhouse, and Jeremy & Matthew Harvey will be part of a group of 40 traveling to Pena Blanca, Honduras March 5-16 to work at the Pan American Orphanage. They will be helping to build an administration building, as well as fellowship with and teach the local children. Here is where you can help this missionary effort. First, please start praying NOW for these students as they go out to show Jesus' love in action. This is the most important way to support their efforts. Second, you can partner with this group financially. Funds are needed for travel and building materials and should be received by February 16 to make the most impact. Tax deductible donations can be sent to:

KS/NE Conference Youth Department
3440 Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Please write "2015 Honduras Mission Trip" in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

“A Cranky Old Man”

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Melbourne. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and in magazines for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem. And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the world.

Cranky Old Man

What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking . . . when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice . . 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice . . .the things that you do.
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feedingThe long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?. .Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse .you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten . .with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twentymy heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vowsthat I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, nowI have young of my own.
Who need me to guide And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons . . .have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me . . to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more,Babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me My wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.

The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone . . . where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass . A young man still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few . . . gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people open and see.
Not a cranky old man .
Look closer see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too! And if you happen to have spiritual eyes, you may discover even more behind that face

At Piedmont Park SDA Church we have carefully prayed, surveyed, and discussed our core values. We have found that as a church body the following values are the ones we feel make this church useful and unique in the Lord Jesus Christ's service.

- 1) A community of Believers with Warm fellowship, Preaching/Teaching & Christian Education.
- 2) Godly Servant Leadership
- 3) Passionate Evangelism to Reach Lost People
- 4) Well Mobilized Laity
- 5) Biblical Discipleship
- 6) Inspiring Worship
- 7) Strong Families

Piedmont Park's Facebook Page is a great resource to keep up-to-date on what's happening at our church. Please visit it at www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda & be sure to Like the page

Piedmont Park's Website: Visit www.piedmontparksda.org to find events on the Calendar, learn about Ministries at Piedmont, donate using Online Giving, view each week's Bulletins or watch each week's Service. You can even find instructions on how to use Piedmont's Church Directory! We hope you will visit the website today and take advantage of all the information offered there! Questions: Vanessa Schaecher, Communications Chair

The Building Expansion is progressing. Members and guests at Piedmont Park's Sabbath services and activities will need to enter from the Cotner Street side of the building. Unless you are unable to manage the steps please enter our building from the back door just across from Bryan Hospital. Continue through the education wing and middle foyer, then enter the sanctuary through the door directly in front of you. For those who need this service, our stair-free entrance is on "A" Street on the north side of the building near the east end of the building where the glass wall/door is. Greeters will meet you at the back entrance, the stair-free entrance and at the south sanctuary door. You can pick up bulletins, Sabbath School lessons and flyers at all three entrance points. The Welcome Desk will be in its usual place, but the children's supplies are on a shelf inside the sanctuary. God bless you, and we are excited to see you this coming Sabbath at our old, yet "becoming new," building! It is still God's House where He will meet us for worship.