

## Generations in Ministry

Our church has been busy in prayer, play, work and helping! Wednesday night prayer meetings give encouragement. Friday Night Vespers are inspiring. Worship Services are a source of comfort and strength. Fellowship meals are well attended. Benevolent giving is alive and well. Today we celebrate with Thein Pyu and Ger Gaw as they are baptized and join Piedmont Park Church as new members. We rejoice along with their wives, Moo Wah and Eh Say and our Karen friends. All around us we see progress on the new expansion project. Stained glass windows have been removed and safely stored, basement walls have been poured, the tower has come down and donations continue to be given towards the completion of the project. We look forward to a larger space to minister from and much needed office and storage space. The Piedmont Pedalers have been active this summer. They report a beautiful ride last Sabbath with some young bikers going as far as 25 miles! As we finish up the details from a great Vacation Bible School, we look forward to our fall and winter ministries, Light Up the Dark, and Journey to Bethlehem/Live Nativity, Celebrate Recovery, Health Ministry events and Crown Financial Seminars. We hope you will find a church home, people to befriend, a place to worship God in spirit and truth and a base from which to help at Piedmont Park.

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



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)

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

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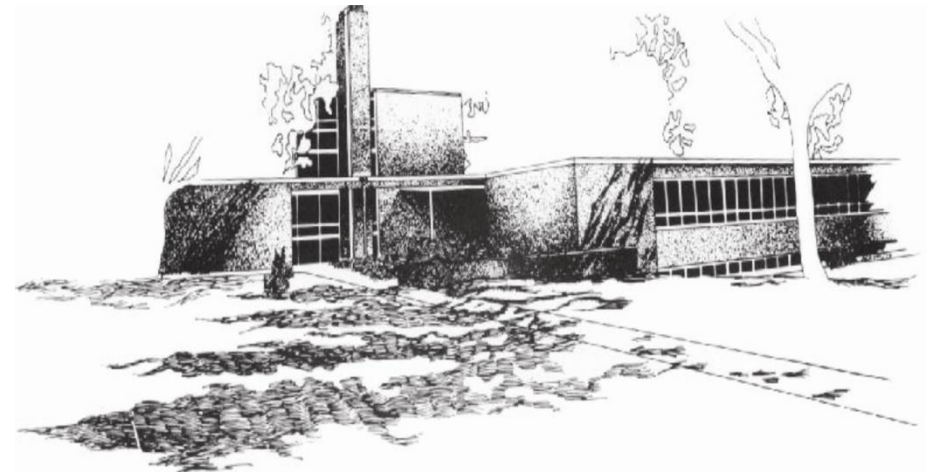
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## **Piedmont Park Community Seventh-day Adventist Church**

### 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.

August 9, 2014

## Adult Bible Study Classes

Superintendent: John Rhodes

Musician: Anne Schenk    Song Leader: John Rhodes

- **Balcony Explorers:** practical problem-solving through sharing Scripture and the Church 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, Church 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:** The Quarterly - Room behind Piano. Virgil Carner and Leon Hill
- **Themes of Hope:** You are Invited and Welcome! Guests are 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

“Father, we thank You for Your goodness to all mankind in that You gave Yourself for us while we were yet sinners.” Romans 5:8

**Today we bring some of our members to You with special needs and ask that they be helped and healed, yet all according to Your good will.**

Betty Jacobs for healing for her knee that she hurt in a fall.

Kay Sutton for healing and comfort during a difficult time.

A silent prayer for someone who is searching for the love of her life.

Sindy Vorderstrasse who has a serious infection on her leg.

Elliott Moseley who is waiting for approval for a work permit via immigration

**We want to thank you for answered prayer:**

Cheryl, Curtis and Jacob Moseley now have work permits via immigration.

Thein Pyu and Ger Gaw's decisions to be baptized into the Christian faith

“I want my friends to pray for me. To hold me up on wings of faith. That I may walk the narrow way. Kept by my Father's glorious grace. Yes, I want my friends to pray for me. To bear my tempted soul above. And intercede with God for me. I need the prayers of those I love.” Hymnal #505

## Message of Encouragement

Who is my Neighbor? Jesus answered that question by saying that, basically, our neighbor is every person who needs our help. How can we help? Sharing resources, knowledge, wisdom and compassion is common sense. But within our ever-widening circle, how can we help “everyone?” We cannot physically, personally help “everyone,” of course. What we can do for everyone to world wide is pray.

When we join our prayers with God's, we honor Him, and He is able to work in ways we cannot imagine. That would include praying for those who are different from us somehow or whom we don't understand. It could mean praying for those for whom we are not comfortable with such as ex-spouses, difficult children, frustrating co-workers, overriding bosses and even for ourselves. It definitely means we pray for ourselves because we are someone's neighbor, and we don't want to be the cause of a spiritual crisis for them. It may mean praying, by God's grace, for those who are hateful to us, who use us, who speak to us harshly or rudely, or who have been abusive to us. Luke 6:32-35, Matthew 5:44

Mostly and ultimately it means that we can help by praying unceasingly, in thankfulness, to God, for every good gift and for every troublesome thing because God is love, and all that He allows for us, He will bring to a good end. Why can we be thankful in everything? Because Jesus has already supplied all the help we need for all circumstances through the cross. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, not to condemn the world but to save it.” John 3:16-17.

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:  
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## Back to School Weekend

**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.



**First day of school is:  
August 13, High School  
August 19, Elementary.**

August 9, 2014

Prelude	Darcy Pearcy
Opening Songs "Jesus Paid It All" "In Christ Alone"	Hymn #184 Words on Screen Song Leader: Linda Johnson
Invocation	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Music for Meditation	Karen Youth Choir
Baptisms	Thein Pyu Ger Gaw Pastor Andy Moseley
Musical Interlude	Darcy Pearcy
Church In Family Prayer	Richard Clark, Jr.
Tithes and Offerings (All loose and unmarked offering will go for our local church budget)	Ferlie Gaskin
Offertory Song	Pianist: Richard Kyaw
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Children's Story "Lambs Offering-Karen Fund"	Ryan Watson
Baptismal Dedicatory Prayer	Pastor Sah Kler Pastor Andy Moseley
Special Music "No One Cares for Me Like Jesus"	Oliver Williams
Scripture Reading "Matthew 28:18-20"	Merlyn Mead
Sabbath Message "Discipleship Series Part 1-Easier Than We Thought"	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Closing Hymn "Make Me A Servant"	Words on Screen Song Leaders: Piedmont Kids Pianist: Lisette Deemer
Benediction	Pastor Sah Kler Pastor Michael Halfhill
Postlude	Darcy Pearcy
Pianist: Darcy Pearcy	Organist: Tammy Adams

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

## Church Calendar

### **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

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

4:00pm-Piedmont Pedalers p.5

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

### **Monday, August 11**

6:00pm-UnRestricted Benevolent Ministry Committee Meeting – Junior Room

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

### **Wednesday, August 13**

7:00pm-Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

### **Friday, August 15-8:26pm-Sundown-We welcome the Sabbath Day**

### **Sabbath, August 16-8:26pm-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

12:30pm- Sabbath Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring food to share. p.5

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

## Offering Calendar

8-9 World Budget - Oakwood, Andrews and Loma Linda Universities

8-16 Our Local Church Budget

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

Our local church budget is \$1,642.83 in the red as of August 8. Our local combined church budget requires \$3,545.10 each week to fund our church's expenses and ministries.

Lambs Offering for Pathfinders: \$94.72

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

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

### **Our Offering Today is World Budget**

Did you know that you are part of a world wide church! This church has about 18.2 million baptized members, a presence in 200 countries and territories, is ethically and culturally diverse, and as of May 2007 it was the 12<sup>th</sup> largest religious body in the world and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest international religious body in the world. The Doctrines of the Church are Biblically based and focus on salvation through belief in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ. The church operates numerous health systems, schools and publishing houses throughout the world and is active in missionary work, worldwide humanitarian work and promotes religious liberty/freedom of conscious. This week we are helping support higher education at our Universities. . To learn more visit <http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/>

## 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 Ferlie Gaskin.** 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 and our new 3 year plan 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)

**Piedmont Pedalers will meet at 4:00pm at the Jamaica North trail head at Saltillo Road** (east of 27th and Saltillo is the parking lot on the north side of the road where the trail crosses). We will ride towards Cortland. Open to riders of all categories, but you must wear a helmet! Last weeks bicycling ride was very pleasant. We had a number of youth with lots of exuberance who pedaled almost 25 miles. Not bad for short legs! Dwain Leonhardt, 402-421-7507

**Piedmont Park Vespers is happy to welcome Folk Mountain Gospel to Piedmont Park to give a Vespers program tonight 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

**Please join us for a traditional potluck fellowship meal next Sabbath, August 16, after the church service.** Fellowship meals are provided in the context of community. Please bring food to share and/or a love offering and provide help setting up & taking down tables and chairs and cleaning up. Thank you. The Hospitality Ministry. Chair: Kim Hazelton [readabook94@hotmail.com](mailto:readabook94@hotmail.com)

**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? Next 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 e-mail [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com)

**Fall is coming and that is when Piedmont Park's 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.

**The Celebrate Recovery program is coming soon to Piedmont Park Church! Freedom from all of life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits is possible through Jesus Christ and solid biblical principles.** Celebrate Recovery is a proven Christian restoration program based on the Beatitudes found in Matthew chapter 5. Over the past 20 years, thousands of people have found Christ and new life through Celebrate Recovery. For more information please contact Jason Williams 402-802-3590 or Pastor Andy 402-450-4390. More details will follow soon.

**A great big thank you to all the following berry pickers!** Darcy Percy; Carol Leonhardt; Raylene & Steve Jones; Jeremy, Susan, Jeff & Malichi Middleton; Tom, Lena, Matthew & Andrew Toews; Brenda & Amber McGill; Kirk & Cindy Brown; Alan Peters; and Mustaba. We picked about 94 pounds total and the funds will go to Peru Projects. By: Virgil Carner