



The Vine & the Branches

October 2014

Happy New Church Calendar Year!

Worship is both a noun and a verb. The word history is that it comes from Middle English *worshipe*, worthiness, respect, and reverence paid to a divine being. Before that, Old English, *weorthscipe*, from *weorth* (worthy) and *-scipe* (ship). Used from before the 12th century.

As a verb, worship then is to honor and respect someone or something, as a god. We can honor and respect our God through words and actions. We can sing praise, we can pray, we can share Bible readings.

1 Peter 3:15 defines our worship: Instead, you must **worship** Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

Let's be thankful for Christ, the Lord of our lives, and let's be ready to encourage others with our hope!

Karen Maas, 2014-15 editor

**Look at my servant, whom I strengthen.
He is my chosen one, who pleases me.
I have put my Spirit upon him.
He will bring justice to the nations.
He will not shout or raise his voice in public.
He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle.
He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.
He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.
Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait for his instruction."**

Isaiah 42:1-4

James 5:13-15:

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Every Sabbath morning, 8:45am, join us in the Prayer Room before Sabbath School and church. It provides us with a time to come together in praise and thanksgiving, and present the needs of members in prayer each week. The Prayer Room is the classroom across from the Mothers' Room, in the back of the church foyer. – Donna Schacher

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From the Pastor's Keyboard:

Dear Church Family,

We, as a church, are launching into a new year! There is always the hope of something new and exciting and the desire of not losing what was important in the past. We all have our own personal expectation for this church body and what we would like it to be. This year I am calling the church to a deeper walk with God. It is easy to get into a routine and to float along from weekend to weekend. We know how to behave and we know what we like and dislike. But the real question is, do we have a walk with God like Enoch, or like Moses? Are the desires of your heart the same as God's desire for you? I use the term "walk" with God as a representation that we do not leave our experience with God at home or when we get off our knees. Our journey with God needs to be a daily walk with Him wherever He goes.

Here is what I propose that you do for a deeper walk with God. First of all, if you are not reading the Bible daily, start there. If you are reading daily, try going deeper into the Word. Do some deeper study into the meaning of words or phrases, or study the character of God throughout the Bible, or do Bible studies with others. For when you teach, you understand things better than you do if you do not teach. The second thing I would suggest is that you spend more time praying for others than for your own needs and problems. Pick people out that you worry about, that have lots of problems, are a thorn in your side, that are distant from the church, those that want little or nothing to do with the church and or God. Pray for them daily. Let's see what God does with them. That brings me to the third and last thing you can do for a deeper walk with God. That is to expect great things to happen when you walk with God, when you pray, when you talk with someone. Never be satisfied with marginal relationships with anyone, especially with God. Seek after love and oneness with God for yourself and others. God want all His children in His kingdom. If we love God, we will want all God's children in His kingdom as well. Have a great month

Love & Prayers,
Pastor Ballard

OCTOBER RECIPE: Vegan and Gluten-free Pie Crust

This is a rich pie crust for single crust pies. ☺

10 medjool dates (soak in water for 5 minutes)
1 cup pecans
1 cup walnuts
1 cup almonds
1 cup coconut
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp salt

Makes enough to fill a 10 inch pie plate.

Place dates in a bowl of water to soak. Add the other ingredients to food processor. Puree for a few minutes, until reduced to a sand-like consistency. Add dates (remove the pits!) and mix until a sticky ball forms. Press into pie plate.

A vegan, gluten-free pumpkin cheesecake can be found here:

<http://wakingupvegan.com/2012/09/10/gluten-free-pumpkin-cheesecake/>



PATHFINDERS – OCTOBER

- 03-05 Pathfinder Leaders Convention, includes TLTs
- 12 Northern Safety Training, Meadow Glade
- 15 Pathfinder trains, 7:00pm, Club T-shirt
- 18 Pathfinder Induction/Bible Experience, 2:00-4:30pm, Class A uniform
- 24-26 Teen Retreat, Big Lake weekend
- 29 Pathfinder trains/honors, 7:00pm

Looking ahead is the annual Pathfinder Shamburger/Cider Feed. November 8, 5:30pm, following vespers. Everyone is invited!



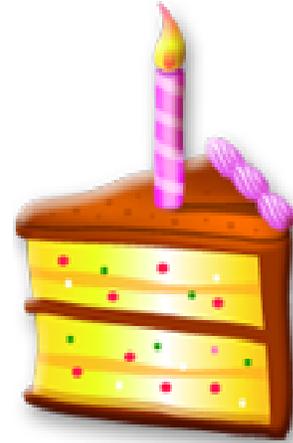
BEVERLY BEACH CHURCH CAMPOUT

The campout is the weekend of October 11. If you are not camping for the weekend, come out and spend Sabbath with us at the beach!

LOTS OF WHITE SPACE! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HERE?



- October Anniversaries**
- 02 Christ & Marcia Vilorio
 - 11 Art & Donna Schacher
 - 12 Dougy and May Buck



October Birthdays

- 03 Martha Alonso
- 03 Pastor David Ballard
- 03 Hayley Pekarek
- 03 Aleyah Whyte
- 03 Asia Whyte
- 04 Anna Able
- 04 Chuck Stone
- 04 Naomi Yates
- 05 Penny Ballard
- 06 Bill McCart
- 06 Kaye Schmechel
- 07 Tina Miller
- 07 Stephen Stone
- 08 Josh Henley
- 08 David Keightley
- 10 Richard Thatch
- 10 Weldon Whitley
- 10 Donna Young
- 12 Janet Sanchez
- 16 David Hawke
- 16 Sarah Martin
- 16 Rueben Rogers
- 19 Tristin Mahurin
- 21 Elodia Reyes
- 21 Zion Sanchez
- 22 Danielle Bradley
- 22 Matthew Yates
- 23 Debora DeLeon
- 23 Rebeca DeLeon
- 24 Hank Billington
- 24 Conor Nielson
- 24 Nathan Otte
- 26 Bonnie Lampley
- 27 Cristina Ventura
- 29 Emma Mayne

RED CROSS PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Presented by the McMinnville Seventh-day Adventist Church

TOGETHER WE PREPARE

This adult-oriented presentation is usually an hour in length and is a way to increase your own preparedness and safety level, as well as the levels of your family, workplace, and community. Together We Prepare discuss the types of disasters (either man-made or natural that can occur in our geographical area) and how to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters by establishing family meeting places and addressing emergency communication strategies, making personal and family disaster plans, and building emergency supply kits. The presentation emphasizes the three tenets of preparedness: Be informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit.

YOUTH TOGETHER WE PREPARE

This program is approximately 30-60 minutes in length and covers material similar to the adult TOGETHER WE PREPARE but in a format designed for students, ages 11-17.

PILLOWCASE PROJECT

The Pillowcase Project is a national program sponsored by the Walt Disney Company to empower youths in grades 3-5 to prepare for emergencies. The program's stated goals are to increase youths' knowledge about hazards and ability to engage in necessary protective actions, increase youth awareness of the importance of individual and family preparedness, build coping skills, to strengthen youths' abilities to manage emotions related to emergencies, and to increase household preparedness. This is a 60 minute presentation with each child given a pillowcase to decorate, a workbook of exercises to practice, and a certificate of completion at the end.

PREPAREDNESS PALS RESILIENCE CHALLENGE PRESENTATION

There will be three different 20-30 minute Preparedness Pals presentations: EARTHQUAKE SAFETY, FIRE SAFETY, AND WINTER SAFETY. Each presentation has its own 'PAL' which is represented by a hand puppet. The highly-interactive presentations can be taught in any order and are an entertaining and nonthreatening way for young students ages 3-10 to learn preparedness and other safety procedures.

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE MCMINNVILLE, OREGAN, SEVEN-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH,

1500SW OLD SHERIDAN ROAD PHONE:

503-472-7841

OCTOBER 19, 2014 9AM-12

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