

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, December 4, 2021



Hello Church Family!

Returning this week back home (Chelsea and I truly enjoy calling Portland and Sunnyside home), from visiting Chelsea's family in Texas, I hope each one of you were blessed and had a lot to be thankful for. Chelsea and I have started to talk about when we are going to make plans to go get a real tree to put in our living room for Christmas time.

As we turn the corner from fall and Thanksgiving towards Christmas I thought it would be fun to talk about what is talked about in the Bible before Jesus' birth. In our Young Adult Sabbath School (which is awesome by the way) we are currently reading through the gospels simultaneously. If you are interested in reading this on the YouVersion Bible App just search "A Harmony of The Gospels in 30 Days" and I know you will be as abundantly blessed as the Young Adult Sabbath School has been.

The three spots where there is significant mention in the gospels before Jesus' birth is in Matthew 1, John 1, and Luke 1. In the book of Matthew the main thrust of what I will call BCG or "Before Christ Gospel" is the genealogy of Jesus. This is incredibly important because we see a trend from Abraham to ultimate triumph in King David, back to a steep decline to the exile in Babylon, and ultimate fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant with the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In the gospel of John, specifically verses 1-14, John mentions Jesus as the "Word" and that in the beginning (much like Genesis 1) Jesus was there and He was with God. He is the light that gives light to everyone, and that Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us. Humbling himself he was full of grace and truth!

In the gospel of Luke, the entirety of chapter 1 is BCG. This first chapter of Luke is so important for us to understand because right off the bat he gives us his reasoning behind why he is writing this gospel and he discusses how he carefully investigated everything "from the beginning" (sound familiar like John and Matthew). He then goes on to talk about the birth of John the Baptist being foretold and the birth of Jesus foretold. He specifically mentions some miracles where Zechariah's mouth is shut during Elizabeth's pregnancy because of his unbelief in the promise, and how the Holy Spirit will conceive with Mary, and then when Mary visits Elizabeth John the Baptist, still in Elizabeth's womb, jumps!

Luke wrote in such detail "from the beginning" because he was a physician. In Colossians 4:14, Paul calls Luke the "beloved physician." As a physician, he believes and knows science and

science cannot explain a person's mouth being shut for months, and some invisible person conceiving with a human, and a baby jumping inside its mother's womb when another person walks into the room.

Luke was also a Gentile, which is not a Jew (we all know this, Billy). Why is this important? Two reasons: First, how cool is it that God the creator of the heaven and the earth chose a Gentile physician to write one of His gospels? I can guarantee you if we were to rewrite the story of Jesus none of us would pick a secular evolutionist; however, here we are being blessed by a Gentile physician. The second thing is found in the first 2 verses of Luke chapter 1. He uses one of the most basic two-letter words you can use with massive implication. That word is "us". A gentile physician, someone who literally is the exact opposite of a Jew is saying this is an account of "things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us...."

I'm not sure how you feel about yourself and how much you feel like you belong at the table of Christ, but I can tell you without a doubt that from the beginning God's plan has been for us all to be at the table. Paul says it best, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

Just like Matthew, John, and Luke (all three different people with different backgrounds) can all be in unison that from the beginning Jesus was there and His plan was to save the world, I am confident that from the beginning Jesus's plan was to spend eternity with you, and there is always room at the table for one more!

Love you church family!

Pastor Billy Hungate



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

*Shout out to Olivian Gramada, Tom Kramer,
and Richard Zaversnuke
for making corrections and reinstalling our flag pole!
It's no longer leaning and it looks great! Thank you.*

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to Sunnyside! A special welcome to Anthony León, Sergio Leiva, the guest choir, and orchestra as they present amazing music during our worship service. In compliance with state regulations, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth the entire time you are in the building, both during Sabbath School classes and church service, as well as maintaining physical distancing. We want to do our part in promoting a healthy situation. Again, if you feel sick or have been around anyone that has been sick, we request that you stay home and watch our services on livestream.



This afternoon, December 4, 4:00, Cuban and Colombian tenor, Anthony León, a well-known and honored international vocalist, will be presenting vespers here at Sunnyside Church. He will also be singing during our worship service. Anthony is a Fellow at the highly regarded New England Conservatory, has performed in multiple arenas including Carnegie Hall, and extensive music productions with La

Sierra University. His accompanist, Sergio Leiva, is from Chile and also has an impressive background. You won't want to miss this presentation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive:

November 27-December 12. It's time to help out our neighboring school with Christmas gifts. Here is a suggested wish list for the toy drive: Soccer balls, basketballs, Legos, slime kits, board games, volleyballs, softballs, baseball and softball gloves, playdoh, Barbies. Toys will be delivered Monday, December 13. Jackee Duvall, 503-309-9400, will be happy to shop for you. Please make checks payable to: Sunnyside Church, memo Cherry Park School. Thank you for your continued support of our neighboring Cherry Park Elementary school!



Portland Adventist Academy will be presenting its winter concert at Sunnyside Church December 10 at 7:00 PM. Music will be from the band, choir, Alegria, Bell Canto, PASO, and musicians from the Music Performance and

Production class. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via livestream at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/index.php?p=live-stream>.

Sabbath, December 18, 11:15 AM, Sunnyside Adventist Church will present its Christmas program featuring *Curly the Camel*. This is a depiction of Jesus' birth with live actors. Come and enjoy this special service with us.



We are excited to launch a new Youth Sabbath School January 1, 2022! We want to make sure this is something that will be meaningful to the people it's meant for, so if you are someone in that general age range, share your thoughts and needs with Pastor Jonathan. We want this to be something that is built for you! If you are a parent or adult that has wished for more for our youth at Sunnyside, we want you involved! Come talk to Pastor Jonathan about how you can help. Either way, look forward to hearing more soon!

Please pray for the following families:

Tom and Brooke Stafford whose son, Sid, passed away Sunday, October 24. There will be a "Celebration of Sid and Janell Stafford's Lives" on Sabbath, **December 11, at 3:30 PM**, in the Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church where Sid was a member. Location: 3010 NE Holladay St, Portland, Oregon.

Eva Seibel who passed away November 7. A memorial service will be conducted at The Village Church in Gresham at **1:00 pm, December 5.**

Anita (Pearson) Schultz, a friend of many, passed away November 26. She was a graduate of Milo Academy and Loma Linda School of Nursing. She and her husband, Mark, spent their time here in Portland as well as Loma Linda. For more information about a memorial service contact her daughter Angie at lijunandangie@hotmail.com or her son, Monty, at 503-289-7192. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Schultz Endowment for San Manuel Gateway College at Loma Linda University.

If you ordered a devotional book and haven't picked it up yet, you may pick it up at the office.

The month of December is here! We have multiple Christmas programs happening with lots of preparation going on. Be sure to watch the bulletin for upcoming events. They are listed here for your planning — invite your friends!



December 10, 7:00 PM: PAA Christmas Concert
December 11, 11:15 AM: Children's Christmas program
December 17, 7:00 PM: Sunnyside's Christmas program with Curly the Camel

December 18, 11:15 AM: Sunnyside's Christmas program with Curly the Camel

December 25, 11:15 AM: Sunnyside's Family Christmas



The Church Library is open! The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours will be 10:45-11:15 AM, and 12:30-1:00 PM. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@sunnysideadventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080, and let us know the latest with your family!



Directory photos — just a reminder. We have a photo directory, but we are missing many photos or several need to be updated. Please help us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory. Thank you.

If you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Today: Stephen Henry, Will Johnson; **Sunday:** Robert F. Bolton, Lorraine Jacobs; **Monday:** Julia Hadley; **Tuesday:** Carol Denny; **Wednesday:** Don Reynolds; **Thursday:** Erin Brunese, Anita Christensen, Tracy Clark, Michael Hamilton, Charmaine Roloff, Kathy Rosenquist; **Friday:** Jeffrey Boskind, Lavon Turner

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS



December 5, 5:30 PM, Under the Willow presents its first annual "Glad You're Here!" Christmas concert featuring Jan Bostic from Nashville, Nate Botsford, and 300 Watts Trio, plus many more performers. It will be held at Southlake Church, 1555 SW Borland Road, West Linn. This program is organized by Don Wescott and is similar to Lloyd Wescott's Christmas Eve music program, including many of the same musicians we enjoyed at Sunnyside Church for 39 years. Some are calling this program "Lloyd's 40th Christmas Eve musical!" You won't want to miss this very well-planned Christmas event! Doors open at 5:00 PM.



The Adventist Book Center is currently having its "Holiday Sale. It will continue through December 31. [Click here](#) to view their flyer.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School
<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy
<https://paasda.org/>

PAA / PUA ALUMNI WEEKEND — SAVE THE DATE— May 7, 2022

PAA is planning an in-person alumni reunion morning worship service at Sunnyside Church for Sabbath, May 7, 2022. Honor classes reunions may meet on campus in the afternoon. There will also be a

retirement reception for long-time math teacher, Bob Johnson, who retired at the end of last year after a 39-year teaching career and 32 years at PAA.

The honor classes are: 1942 (80th Year), 1952, 1962, 1972 (50th Year), 1982, 1992, 1997 (25th Year), 2002, 2012, 2017 (5th Year – Why wait 10 years?)

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](#) charitable organization. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to PAA. You can feel good knowing that you're helping our students receive a Christ-centered and character-driven education! Create your account at www.smile.amazon.com. Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>



PACS UPDATE

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 am. We are still operating with social distancing and social responsibility. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220 operating with social distancing and social responsibility. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220 .

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

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