

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, July 3, 2021



### Greetings church family!

Matthew 5 is the beginning of the single greatest sermon ever preached. The *“Sermon on the Mount”* will always and forever, in my opinion, be the most Kingdom-driven words that have been and will ever be spoken. They are just as informative and relevant today as they were when they came from the precious lips of Jesus Christ,

Himself. Tucked away in this sermon is a statement that I have just never understood, but I believe the Holy Spirit has given me a little glimpse into what Jesus is trying to say. In verse 30, Jesus is speaking on adultery and He says, *“And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.”* (New Living Translation used here).

I always thought this text was interesting. In many other translations outside of the NLT you will read instead of *“even your stronger hand”*, something like, *“If your right hand causes you to sin.”* So, the NLT gives us a broader definition of “stronger hand”, for our left-handed brothers and sisters. We have to ask ourselves though, why would it be better for me to be without one hand? Also, haven't we all sinned with both of our hands and both of our eyes? Shouldn't all of us Christians be known as folks that stumble around with no eyes, and no hands?

Here is what I think is one of the points that the text, and ultimately Jesus, is getting at. If you are to look at the time you wake up until the time you go to bed, your “strong hand” is what helps you get through a majority of your day. You pour your morning beverage with your stronger hand, you open your door and lock your door with your stronger hand. You shake or fist bump with your stronger hand. You cut your vegetables with your stronger hand, you eat those vegetables with your stronger hand. You get the point. If you were to take a look at all of the things that you do on a daily basis, you rely on your dominant hand. As an example, right now as I type I am only using my right thumb to hit the space bar between every sentence. This sentence I only used my left hand to hit the space bar, and it is taking me significantly longer to write it.

“Your right (or stronger hand) is one of the best things you have, but Jesus says that if it hinders you in following His precepts, then *“cut it off”*. The principle taught here is the strictest discipline or less that ever hit humankind.” (Oswald Chambers, [www.utmost.org](http://www.utmost.org)) So, what is hindering you from following Jesus? Here is what I know in my

limited time in being a Christian. The very thing that you are the strongest at in this life is where you may be the weakest in your walk with Jesus. Not just your walk, but including Him into it. Where you are strongest, maybe work, or relationships for the extroverts, or reading and retaining a lot of information, is the place that you invite God into the least. Why? Because you have this. You don't need His help here because you are more than proficient.

Here is a great example. I know someone who, because of some trauma in their lives, does not sleep very well. It is incredibly difficult for them to go, and stay asleep every night. They pray every night to help them sleep and when they wake up in the middle of the night they ask God for help. I have never had this problem, except for about a week of my life. I always sleep, and 90% of the time I sleep well. This strength for me is not something I bring Jesus Christ into. The only time I am grateful for my sleep is when I talk to this other person who struggles so much with it.

Don't let your strengths in this life go by without bringing them to Jesus as well. There are many things in this life we are all gifted with and if those things are getting in the way of our walk with God, “it is better to be injured and lovely in God's sight, than to appear lovely to man's eyes but lame to God's.” (Oswald Chambers).

My challenge for you this week is to find three things that on a daily basis you do not bring God into because you are proficient at it. Thank Him for these gifts and ask Him how you can use these gifts to glorify Him.

Love you church family!

**Pastor Billy Hungate**

## News & Notes

### THIS WEEKEND

Tonight, Friday, July 3, 7:00 PM, we will be hosting a watch party for “The Chosen.” Come together tonight for a good time, a rich blessing, and continue worshipping with us tomorrow for both Sabbath School and church.

The Sabbath School class which met in the Willamette Room (next to the kitchen) is now meeting in person once again with the start of this new quarter effective July 3. Everyone is welcome to participate in discussion of the Sabbath School Lesson Study Guide. Teachers for this class include Norman Henry, Del Colton, and Raymond Baker.

**This week for worship we are singing a Patriotic song** that you might be unfamiliar with unless you spend time listening to British formal services. Below you will find a YouTube link to listen to it if you like. The words are a poem written by Sir Cecil Spring Rice in 1918 after serving as a diplomat for England during World War I. The first verse speaks of the love and sacrifice of so many for their country, while the second verse reminds of our commitment and dedication to the spirit of the Kingdom of Heaven. In 1921, Gustav Holst adapted the music from a section of Jupiter (God of War) from his suite The Planets to create a setting for the poem. <https://youtu.be/o6ZvylOSy5A>

**This afternoon, Sabbath, July 3, 2:00-3:30 PM**, NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty will present a panel discussion on the following topics:

- Social media and free speech
- COVID-19 vaccination requirements and exemptions
- LGBTQ rights at Christian colleges and universities

The panel includes our very own Andre, Wang, Esq. View the live stream: at [LibertyMagazineSDA](https://libertymagazinesda.com) You Tube Channel or Facebook page. <https://tinyurl.com/svs2pj7w>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**July/August Sabbath Kids' Activity Packets are available** for pick up. Since we have returned to in-person Sabbath School, we have reduced the total number of packets. We hope that families not attending Sabbath School will continue to enjoy our activity packets at home.

**Pastor Wendy Witas** will be commissioned by the Oregon Conference here at Sunnyside Church July 17, 3:00 PM. Save the date and plan to witness this very important event.



**You are invited to a baby shower** for Wamucii Miriam to celebrate the birth of her daughter (2-months old) on Sunday, July 18, at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. They will be on Zoom, & we will meet in person to show her our gifts. Check out

the registries for suggestions: [amazonbabyregistry.com](https://amazonbabyregistry.com) and [target.com](https://target.com). Enter Wamucii Kareko. For additional information and a group gift, call Dianne at 503-706-5611. Hope you can join us to celebrate!

**Dates to remember: Oregon Camp Meeting — July 20-24:** “Sharing Jesus With Others.” Sunnyside Church is a partner church with the Oregon Conference this year for Camp Meeting. We will be serving a meal beginning at 6:00 PM, then watching the evening meeting at 7:00 PM, on our screen in the Fellowship Hall — come and join us for this event. *It Is Written's*, John Bradshaw, will be the evening speaker.

**Join us every Friday night, 7:00 PM, for a viewing of “The Chosen,”** a compelling video series about the life of Jesus. All are welcome.

**The children's division needs help!** We are searching for teachers, schedulers/greeters, and helpers for arts and crafts. If you can help us, please contact Pastor Wendy at 503-252-8080 or [Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org).

**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. Send an email to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto: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.

**Our flower calendar is posted** in the hallway and [online](https://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](https://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on “Our Ministries.”) Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



**During this difficult time,** 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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).

## LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



**Sunday:** Jennu Dalusong, Joyce Hughes; **Monday:** Sharon Brooks, Emily Lien; **Tuesday:** Jackee Duvall, Valeria Ursu; **Wednesday:** Robert McDonald, Jacenda Olson; **Thursday:** Dale Beaulieu, Richard Cardona, Jr., Gene Denis, David Schmidt; **Friday:** Shirley Judd

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION

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

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

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com) 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](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS**

**Adventist Book Center** is having their Camp Meeting Sale. Prices are effective July 6-August 1. View their flyer: [abcflyer.com](http://abcflyer.com)

**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](mailto: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.

**PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore)

### **Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!**

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons PACS can use them. We would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our Office or Donation Receiving. Thank You In Advance!

### **Job Opportunity:**

#### **PACS is hiring!**

Needed! **A full-time Donor Experience Specialist.**

Includes full benefits including health, vision, dental, PTO, and more. For more information contact [laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org](mailto:laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org)

**We are looking for a housekeeper** who can work an average of about 2 days per month providing backup for our custodian when he's on vacation and for certain holidays. Contact Shari Ferrier, 503-252-8500.