



Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Health

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Together in grace, service and witness to our community . . .

Member Spotlight: Mae Pierce

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In order to get to know each other better and to build community, each month we will feature one of our local church members or families.

So, when called on for an interview, be prepared to share interesting facts and stories to help us all get to know you better.

In addition to your family background, we want to know your likes and dislikes, hobbies, vocations, and your favorite song, hymn, and scriptures.

Don't be shy!!!!

Whether working or relaxing, Mae Pierce lights up our Church with her infectious smile, sweet spirit, kind words, and caring deeds. And what would Pot-lucks be without her amazing desserts?!!

Mae grew up in Brentwood, California and met her husband, Leon, in Madera. They were married in 1957 and Mae worked for the State Probation Department for a short time before embarking on her career as a mother of five children.



Fence Painter Fantastico!

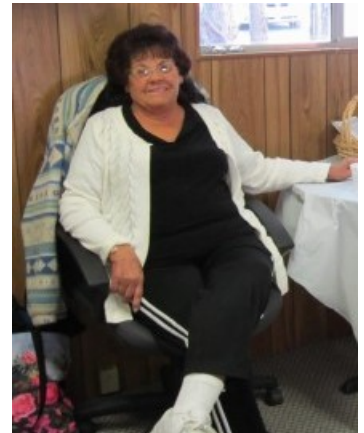
Mae and Leon came to Winnemucca in 1959 and made their home here. They loved music and had their own band, playing guitar (Mae played bass!) throughout Nevada.

Hungry for information about prophecy, Mae noticed an advertisement for a Revelation Seminar at our Church 14 years ago. She decided to attend, and even invited her boss and a co-worker to join her!

Enthralled by what they heard, Mae and Leon joined our Church Family. Mae says "It has made all the difference in my life."

She has been an active member ever since.

They enjoyed 52 years of marriage before Leon passed away four years ago. In addition to being a blessing to us, Mae now spends time enjoying her family, which includes 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



Relaxing at Rye Patch Retreat

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Valentine's Ice Cream Social - February 11

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us on Sabbath evening, February 11. We will begin with Vespers at 5 p.m., followed by a light supper at 6. Then Pastor Rob will serve up some of his famous home-made ice cream!

This is an event you won't want to miss! There will be fun and games, too, so come prepared to share the love!

What's your Favorite Flavor?

Chocolate

Vanilla

Strawberry

Coconut Milk (vegan)

Tutti Frutti (vegan)

Come try them all!!!



Technology Face-lift and Upgrades



Mounting the screen on the wall above the platform has been a welcome addition in the Sanctuary.

Our technology is improving in the church sanctuary!

Thanks to your generosity for our special Christmas Offering, we have been able to purchase new cordless microphones for our sound system.

These microphones replace the single microphone we had that was tethered to a 50-foot cord, limiting the mobility of our speakers.

The large screen that used to be lifted up from its base on the platform floor has now been mounted on the wall for easy access.

This is a great improvement for viewing the weekly sermon Powerpoint presentations and video presentations for Vespers and other meetings.

Track lighting has also been

added to the platform area, making visibility much better for the pianist and platform participants.

Our goal for 2012 is to install a ceiling mount for the LCD projector and install the presentation computers in the sound booth cabinet.

This will make for a much smoother flow to our services and will provide a greater ease

January Potato Bar Social

The 2012 Social Calendar began with a Potato Bar and games on Sabbath, evening, January 26. Everyone, including Ialeen Baxter(l) and Aurora Simsek (r), had a great time "dressing up" their potatoes for the main event--supper!



Life Talk Radio - FM 97.9

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, our Life Talk Radio station broadcasts Christian music and programming throughout Winnemucca.

This is a powerful witness in our community and we are thankful that we have been able to keep the station on the air.

Plans for this year include recording and broadcasting our church service each week, doing some local

programming, and advertising local church and community events.

We need to establish a board of directors and programming and operations managers for the station. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact Pastor Rob.



Celebrating Life's Milestones

February

- 7 **Debbie Hicks**
- 17 **Arlene John**
- 11 **Lorene Lott**
- 14 **Pete and Vonnie Wool-30th Anniversary**



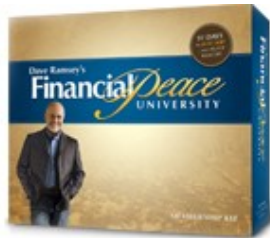
February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Financial Peace University

Our first Community Outreach event for this year, Financial Peace University, will begin on March 1. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to participate in this outstanding program and to invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

A special preview event will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about FPU and what is involved. This is a life-changing opportunity that has helped countless Americans find their way to financial

fitness in this extremely challenging economy. You owe it to yourself and your family to take advantage of this opportunity!



Nearly 1.5 million families have been able to positively change their financial situation through Financial Peace

University (FPU), the 13-week video course taught by Dave Ramsey on DVD.

“FPU teaches families and individuals common-sense principles like how to make a plan with their money so they are able to free themselves of debt and build lasting wealth,” it states.

Pastor Rob will be facilitating the course on Thursday nights, beginning March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

After each lesson there is a small group discussion that provides accountability and

encouragement. Topics include saving for emergencies, budgeting, relationships and money, and getting out of debt.

“FPU is a fun and easy-to-understand program that is built around Biblical principles of financial management.

Whether you are deeply in debt or financially secure, FPU will help you gain a new perspective on how to handle your money,” writes Ramsey. “These lessons are especially essential right now as people are trying to regain control of their finances.”

Community Outreach Plans for 2012

Plans are under way for several outreach events for our community this year. In addition to the Financial Peace University event, here is a brief summary of other events in the planning stages:

FLAG Camp: Fun Learning About God = FLAG Camp! This is a two-week summer day camp for children in our commu-

nity. It’s an all-day VBS format with spiritual lessons, recreational events, crafts, games, and a lunch meal. Led by student missionaries with support from our local church members, this will be a fun summer program for our local kiddies.

Forks Over Knives is a feature film that is being used by Adventist churches to do health

outreach in their communities. Vibrant Life Magazine has produced a special edition that can be given to community members who attend the program. It will be followed up with Live Well Winemucca--a healthy living series.

The Art of Marriage is a weekend program we will offer this fall to help strengthen marriages in our church and community.

Watch for the Church Outreach Schedule which will be voted on by our Church Board. Plan to invite your friends and neighbors to one or all of these Community Outreach Events in 2012!

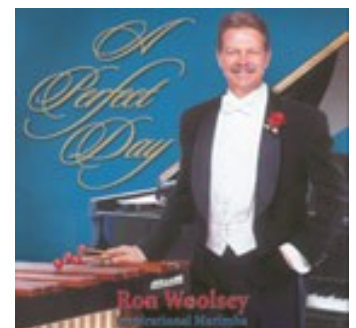
Plan now for Spring Retreat at Rye Patch

The tentative date for our Spring Church Family Retreat at Rye Patch is May 11-13. Please mark your calendars, and we will confirm the dates as soon as possible (the campground will not confirm our dates until 60 days prior to the event).

Our special retreat speaker will be Ron Woolsey from Narrow Way Ministries in Tilley, Arkansas. Ron is the pastor of the Marshall, Arkansas Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is a musician/speaker you may have seen on 3-ABN.

In addition to being an engaging speaker, Ron is an accomplished musician on the keyboard, accordion, and Grand Marimba.

You won’t want to miss his inspiring messages, great music, and the wonderful opportunity to fellowship with our church community.



Ekklesia: Basic-We Are Church - Sermon Series

Pastor Rob began a new sermon series on January 14. In this important series, we learned that **WE** are the church; and that we shouldn't just *do* church, we are to **BE** the church in our homes and in the community.



We discovered the principles of Fellowship, Teaching, and Prayer. Church is not for the rugged individualist. Yes, Christ died for each individual. However, when He returns to earth, it will not be for indi-

viduals, but for His Bride, The Church.

Teaching is one of the key tasks of The Church. But not "teaching" as we usually think. This series is meant to lead us to think about what we do as a church and why we do those basic things.

We all have ideas about what a church should be and do, but those ideas are often formed more by our own experiences with the church than by what God says in the Bible about the church.



Journey with us as we study one of the *Basics* of Christian life, We Are The Church.

Mid-week Series: The Tabernacle and the Great Controversy



A 1:90 scale model of the wilderness tabernacle was built by the group, and discussion focused on the various aspects of the Sanctuary and how they pointed to the Messiah.

Beginning in late November, the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting series has focused on The Tabernacle, from Sinai to Heaven.

Pastor Rob led the discussions on through the centuries to the temples built by Solomon and Herod, and the series culminates in a discussion of the Sanc-

tuary in Heaven on February 8.

Our new Prayer Meeting topic, The Great Controversy Countdown, a 13-week series, begins on February 15. The Great Controversy Countdown is a study guide for tracing this theme through Ellen White's Conflict of the Ages books and how they expand our understanding of God's plans.

The Great Controversy Countdown will begin on February 15.

Join us on Wednesday nights for supper at 6 p.m., followed by our prayer session and discussion of this fascinating topic.

Church Gets Attention from Vandals!

Our church has apparently become a magnet for vandals. We wish they would give us their attention in a more positive manner, however! Twice in the past 6 weeks our church has been vandalized.

On January 4 the Pastor went out to change the letters on our outdoor sign and discovered the east

-facing side had been shattered by a shot from a shot gun.

Two weeks later, the Pastor walked into the foyer of the church to discover that the front door had been shattered.

Police were called on both occasions and came to take reports. Photos were taken and the appropriate risk management re-

ports were filed with the Conference insurance. Our local police have increased their surveillance of the property, driving by at random times.

The Church Board will be discussing the need for a motion activated video surveillance system as additional protection.



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Pastor's Corner:

Whenever I start to get discouraged about the future of the church, I remember a conversation I had a few years ago with fellow seminary students and Seventh-day Adventist theologian, Dr. John Webster. We were lamenting the sorry shape of the church, the doctrinal squabbles, lackadaisical laity, and non-existent discipleship. We asked Dr. Webster if he saw any hope in the coming generation of Adventists. And I will never forget his reply.

"Why, you speak as though Christianity were genetic," he said. "Of course, there is hope for the next generation of Adventists. But the leaders of the next generation might not be coming from the current Adventist Christian establishment. They are probably still pagans."

"Who knew that Saul of Tarsus was to be the great apostle to the Gentiles?" he asked us. "Who knew that God would

raise up a C.S. Lewis, a Charles Colson? (Or I might add, a David Assherick or a Doug Batchelor?) They were unbelievers who, once saved by the grace of God, were mighty warriors for the faith."

After all, while Phillip was leading the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ, Saul of Tarsus was still a murderer.

But the Spirit of God can turn all that around. And He seems to delight to do so. The new birth doesn't just transform lives, creating repentance and faith; it also provides new leadership to the church, and fulfills Jesus' promise to gift his church with everything needed for her onward march through space and time (Ephesians 4:8-16).

Most of the church in any generation comes along through the slow, patient discipleship of the next generation. But just to keep us from thinking Christiani-

ty is evolutionary and "natural", Jesus shocks his church with transformed leaders that seems to come like a Big Bang out of nowhere.

Jesus will be King, and his church will flourish. And he'll do it in the way he chooses, by exalting the humble and humbling the exalted, and by transforming cowards and thieves and murderers into the cornerstones of his Bride.

So relax. And, be kind to that atheist in front of you on the highway, the one who just shot you an obscene gesture. He might be the one who evangelizes your grandchildren.

Yours in His service,

Pastor Rob

