



Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Church

# Winning Winnemucca

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

## Member Spotlight: Pete and Vonnie Wool

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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!!!!

Pete and Vonnie Wool have blessed our church with their ministry for the past 12 years.

Pete ably serves as our Head Elder, and Vonnie not only provides us with her talents on the piano each week, she also maintains our church books, pays the bills, and keeps our church finances in order as our treasurer.

But what brought them here? Pete and Vonnie met on the Big Island of Hawaii. Pete was working at a greenhouse, tending roses.

Vonnie was working as a nurse on Oahu. Now anyone who knows anything about Hawaii will say, wait, they were on different islands! How could they meet when they were two hundred miles from each other? Fortunately, there are several flights a day between the islands.



*30-years of Valentines--Pete and Vonnie celebrate their wedding anniversary every year on February 14 - sweethearts forever!*

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Vonnie's brother and his wife lived on the Big Island and attended the same church Pete did in the little village of Honokaa. When Vonnie came to visit, Pete was smitten! They were married on February 14, 1982 in Honolulu, Hawaii, with lots of roses from the greenhouse.

A few years later they welcomed a precious child to their family through adoption, and Jade became the apple of their eye.

Oregon was their next home, and in 1998 they moved to Vonnie's brother's ranch at Rye Patch, Nevada, where they tended a number of fruit trees and took care of the ranch property.

The Wools moved to Winnemucca three years ago, and spend their time helping at the local Food Bank and being an integral part of our church.

We have Pete and Vonnie to thank for the wonderful blessing of our retreats at the Rye Patch Homeowner's Association Campground each spring and fall. It is through their connection with the ranch that we are able to use the facilities free of charge.

What delight it is to be able to gather spring and fall for spiritual renewal as a church family.

Thank you, Pete and Vonnie, for being such an integral part of our Church Family. You are a blessing to all of us.

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## St. Patrick's Day Social - March 17

Wear your favorite green outfit and join us for our next Social event on Sabbath evening, March 17, at 6 p.m. Not only will we be wearing green, our dinner menu will be green as well! Ever heard of green eggs and Wham?!

We'll have a limerick-writing contest, and more fun and games from the Emerald Isle. Don't miss this special time of fellowship.



**Save the Date!!!**

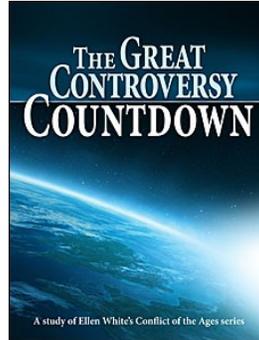
## Prayer Meeting Series focuses on Great Controversy

Our new prayer meeting series is using *The Great Controversy Countdown*. Developed in conjunction with the Ellen G. White Estate, the driving motivation behind this book is to help members become reacquainted with *The Great Controversy*. Created in a workbook format, *The Great Controversy Countdown* traces the great controversy theme through selections from the Conflict of the Ages set. Lessons provide discussion questions for those reading

about *The Great Controversy* theme for the very first time, as well as questions for more advanced readers.

"It is our vision that within the next twelve months, every seventh-day Adventist

Christian will be studying this timely message, and will be



inspired to share it with their friends and neighbors," said Dale Galusha, Pacific Press president. "What a powerful way to unite the church in preparing for eternity and for spreading the gospel to the entire world."

Elder Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists said, "I urge indi-

viduals, prayer meetings, and small groups to make use of this wonderful resource to see how God will guide His remnant people through the challenging days ahead as we anticipate Christ's soon, second coming."

Please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings for a light supper at 6 p.m. followed by this important study.

## Our Church Website Expanding

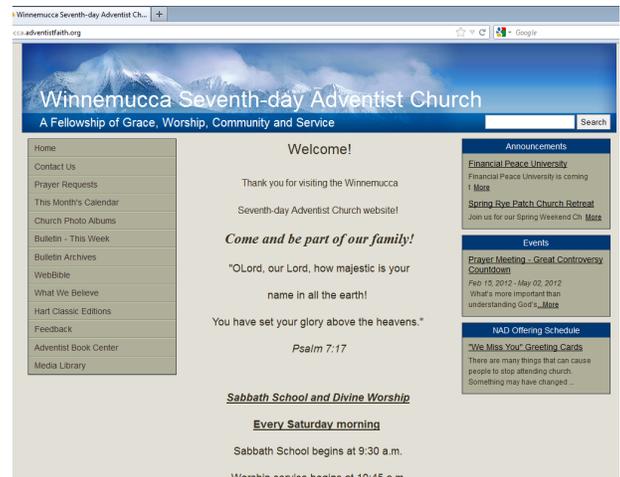
In recent weeks our church website has been growing. Aurora Simsek and Julie Roth have been working to add content to our website and to make it a helpful resource.

The weekly bulletins are now posted online, as well as our monthly church calendar. The newsletters are next to be posted, and soon you will be able to listen to a recording of the wor-

ship service--a great feature for those of you who have to miss church on occasion.

Visitors can find a map and directions to the church, prayer requests can be posted to the site, Bible studies are available, and other information about our church is there for the viewing.

The web address is: <http://Winnemucca.adventistfaith.org>.



## Life Talk Radio - FM 97.9

Plans are under way to upgrade the emergency broadcast system for our Life Talk radio station. This important piece of equipment must be kept in good operating condition in order to maintain our license with the FCC.

John Geli, programming director of Life Talk Radio in Tennessee is evaluating our equipment and will offer advice to bring us into compliance with FCC regula-

tions. He is also going to assist us in getting local station identification's back on the air.

We look forward to having our station fully operational and in compliance with all FCC standards. Please remember this important ministry in your offerings.



## Celebrating Life's Milestones



- March 04 - Virginia King
- March 08 - Perry McCart
- March 14 - Timothy Dexter
- March 18 - David Simsek
- March 22 - Oscar Garcia
- March 30 - Robert Roth

## Financial Peace University

Classes began on Thursday, March 1, for our newest community outreach series, Financial Peace University.

*Twenty-three* people attended the first class and learned the importance of setting up an emergency fund. Dave Ramsey explained the Seven Baby Steps that will guide us throughout *Financial Peace University*. We also learned the three key reasons why we should save money—and why we must start now.

Lesson Two, on March 8, will focus on *Relating With Money* and will teach us why it's important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success. Also, singles will learn the importance of teamwork, and parents will find out how to teach their kids about money.

On March 15 Lesson Three will outline *Cash Flow Planning* and will unlock the secret of developing a monthly spending plan that really works.

Lesson Four, *Dumping Debt*, debunks some common debt myths! Dave reveals the truth about credit lies and gives us a plan to walk out of debt with confidence.

Lesson Five will focus on credit ratings, what they mean, how to improve them, and how to deal with debt collectors.

Registration is open through March 8, so its not too late! Sign Up!



## Valentine's Ice Cream Social Won Hearts



*Pastor Rob whipped up some of his famous home-made ice cream and everyone enjoyed creating delicious sundaes with nuts, chocolate sauce, and whipped cream.*



## 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).

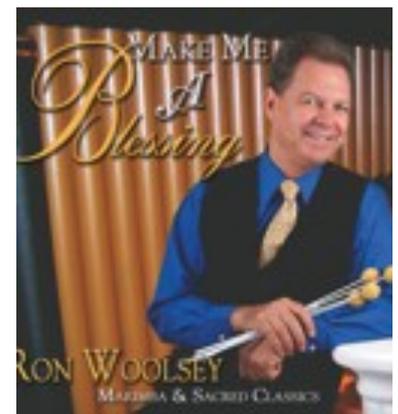
Our special retreat speaker will be Ron Woolsey from Narrow

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, accor-

dion, and Grand Marimba. When his family is able to travel with him, they perform together.

You won't want to miss his inspiring messages, great music, and this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with our church family.



## Sabbath School Training: Connections

Something new is happening in Sabbath School!

Building on the current worship series, *Basic. We Are Church*, Pastor Rob is leading a training seminar entitled **CONNECTIONS** during the early portion of the Adult Sabbath School.

“Implementing Spiritual Gifts in the Church - **CONNECTIONS** - is getting the right people in the right places for the right reasons,” explains Pastor Rob. “For far too long we have let church nominating committees determine the placement of God’s people into service and church ministries. And sometimes it has been like

driving a square peg into a round hole. The ministry is ruined and the individual never reaches fulfillment and becomes discouraged.”

Seventh-day Adventists have long recognized the importance of spiritual gifts. “It is quite generally understood that Seventh-day Adventists are believers in the perpetuity of spiritual gifts ...” wrote J.N. Andrews in the Feb. 15, 1870 Review, “but the use which we make of the doctrine of spiritual gifts is very generally misunderstood... The object of spiritual gifts is to maintain the living work of God in the church.”

**Connections** is not intended to be an exhaustive study on spiritual gifts. Its goal is to help move members into meaningful places of service in the church.

This study will continue through April. Come early to church and find your connection.



### Important Dates in March

Don't forget these important committee meetings this month. Please remember your responsibilities as you serve:

- March 11 - Communications Committee 9:00 - 10:00am
- March 17 - Elders Meeting 2:00 - 4:00pm
- March 21 - Church Board Meeting 7:30 - 9:00pm
- March 31 - Celebrate Lord's Supper 11:00am

## Church To Study Changing Worship Times



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11.

After consulting its Church Board, the Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Church will decide on Sabbath, March 17 whether to adjust the present Sabbath worship time. Currently, we gather for Sabbath School (9:30-10:40am) and the Worship hour (10:50-12:15pm).

**PROPOSED:** To accommodate those members who must travel great distances and to seek to increase greater membership participation at Sabbath School, the Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Church wishes to adapt the following hours:

- 10:00am - Sabbath School begins
- 10:25am - Lesson Study begins
- 11:00am - First Bell
- 11:10am - Second / Final Bell (1 minute)
- 11:11am - Closing Prayer
- 11:13am - Sanctuary Meditation
- 11:18am - Announcements on Screen
- 11:25am - Winnemucca Family Life
- 12:30pm - Closing Hymn
- 12:45pm - Fellowship Dinner begins

Please consider and pray before the March 17 Sabbath ballot.

## Quarterly Soup Kitchen Ministry Resumes on March

Want to join a ministry where you will receive instant gratification, get your hands “dirty” by preparing and distributing nourishment, and be totally blessed?

Then participating in our Soup Kitchen Ministry is for you!

Mark your Daytimers, Thursday, March 27 from 4:00-7:00pm

The Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Church has been privileged to serve our Winnemucca community on any month which has five Thursdays. We last served in December, 2010.

This month we will be serving tacos, Spanish rice, Mexican breads and horchata drink.

We will meet at our church's Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm to prepare the food and then move to the Methodist Church kitchen. After serving the meal, volunteers are needed for cleanup. Please join us for the entire time or come for just an hour. For more information, please contact Pete Wool.



## COMING SOON - Nevada Youth Rally to Reno

It's time to Save the Date! You may have received a "Save the Date" card or magnet from a young couple who have recently announced their coming nuptials. The purpose of the special announcement is to remind you to save the date on your personal calendar. And we all place the card or magnet on our refrigerators in order to remember the upcoming date.

Well, here is a special announcement to place on your calendars. The Nevada-Utah Conference Youth Ministries Department Director, David Solomon Hall, recently shared with the Nevada / Utah churches a special

event coming to our area May 4-5.

The speaker for the rally will be Mike Tuionetoa, who has served the last five years as the Associate Pastor in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area. He leads out in youth activities throughout the Wisconsin Conference. He also leads the Youth department at the Wisconsin Campmeeting.

Stay tuned for more information. See Pastor Rob if you are interested in traveling to Reno as a group.

Similar events are being held throughout our conference this spring in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

Come let us worship Him...

Nevada-Utah Youth Events 2012

**LAS VEGAS**  
Youth/Young Adult Speaker  
Philip Wesley  
Northwestern Conference  
Associate Youth Ministries Director

**LAS VEGAS**  
Jr Youth Speaker  
Manny Vitug  
Southeastern California Conference  
Children's Ministries Director

**Utah**  
Youth Speaker  
Sonia Perez  
Pastor, Potomac Conference

**Reno**  
Youth Speaker  
Michael Tuionetoa  
Pastor, Wisconsin Conference

Las Vegas Area Jr Youth/Youth Rally - March 16-17, 2012  
Utah Area Youth Rally - April 20-21, 2012  
Reno Area Youth Rally - May 4-5, 2012

For More Information:  
Contact Conference Youth Director, Pastor Hall at (775) 322-6929 or NUCYouthDirector@gmail.com

NEVADA-UTAH CONFERENCE

## Pastor's Corner: (from last page)

It was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments trying to cause Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy.

Do you sense the busyness in the world today? I know I do. This story so accurately portrays the temptations Satan uses to keep us from developing an intimate connection with Jesus.

When we stay connected to Jesus, our marriage, ministries, and children do so much better!

When we separate ourselves, even for a short time, things go downhill in a hurry. We've learned that without Him we just can't do anything of lasting value.

I pray that the words of John will be true in your life today:

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear*



*much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. . . If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disci-*

*ples. . . I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:5, 7, 8, 11, NIV*

Together, In His Service,

*Pastor Rob*



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Dear Church Family;

Imagine with me a very popular, successful convention . . .

Satan called a worldwide meeting. The huge crowd hushed as he stepped up to speak. "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading the Bible and knowing the truth. We can't keep them from conservative values, but we can keep them from something else." He paused. Everyone listened.

"We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding experience in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time so they can't gain that experience in Jesus. This is what I want you to do. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining a vital connection through their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels.

"Simple. Keep them busy, busy, busy in the nonessentials of life and invent unnumbered schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend and spend, then borrow and borrow.

"Keep them from their children. Convince the wives to go to work and the husbands to work six and seven days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Tell them that are doing it FOR their children. Hah! That one works well. As their families fragment, their homes won't offer an escape from the pressures of work.

"Overstimulate their minds so they can't hear 'the still small voice.' Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive, to keep the TV, DVDs, MP3s, iPods, cell phones, text messages, and CDs going constantly in their homes. This will jam their minds and

break that union with Christ.

"Fill their homes with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, catalogs, and every kind of promotions with free products, services, and false hopes.

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead.

"And above all, when they get together, keep them from praying for one another. Let them be involved in soul winning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family unity for the good of the cause."