



Winnemucca Seventh-day Adventist Church

Winning Winnemucca

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

Spring Spiritual Refreshment - Rye Patch Style!

Come apart and rest a while is what our Lord admonishes us to do, and what a blessing it is when we gather together at Rye Patch!

Guest speaker, Elder Ron Woolsey, pastor of the Marshall, Arkansas Adventist Church and speaker/director of The Narrow Way Ministries, blessed us with a series of sermons on "Living Free Indeed." We were challenged, inspired, and blessed as we learned the blessings the Lord has for us when we give our hearts completely to him and forsake our natural inclinations.

Pastor Rob led out with music on his guitar, and while the adults studied the Sabbath School Lesson, the youth enjoyed a lesson study on Ezra and rebuilding the temple in



Pastor Ron sharing the Sabbath morning Sermon.

Food was plentiful and the games were fun!



Jerusalem. Spiritual lessons were drawn on how important it is to have people with various skills and talents to work in building up our church.

After an excellent sermon by Pastor Ron we enjoyed a fabulous fellowship meal. The afternoon was filled with exploring various scriptures to find clues for a nature treasure hunt. Then the more adventurous ones in the group headed out along the river to gather the items found in the Bible Scripture Search. Prizes were awarded to the winners--and everyone was a winner!

After worship on Sabbath evening, Pastor Rob whipped up a batch of homemade ice cream which was enjoyed while we played Scrabble and Mexican Train.

The weekend culminated with the traditional pancake breakfast and a final message from Pastor Ron. We left blessed, refreshed, restored, and looking forward to the fall retreat!

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Nature Scripture Search for scavenger hunt clues!



Studying Spiritual Gifts and how to use them in our church

First Financial Peace University Class Graduates!

Arousing success, our first *Financial Peace University* series culminated in the graduation ceremony for the 13 graduates who completed all 13 weeks of the course.

Graduation standards were very strict as each student could miss only two of the 13 weekly class/seminars.

The community outreach education seminar started with 37 students and maintained an average attendance of over 24. Those students who did not reach the graduation requirements still gained both valuable training and a blessing. All students who attended the seminar are considered “alumni” and thus receive a lifetime membership in Financial Peace University, exempting them from future enrollment fees.

One of the couples who participated in the course had this to say:

“We wanted to say a big thank you for your hospitality and generosity in serving as host for this seminar. We are now better equipped to be good stewards of everything God has given us. Your giving spirit blessed us. We enjoyed getting to know all of you!”

Several students were very successful in reducing their debt and establishing emergency funds which result in savings and peace of mind.

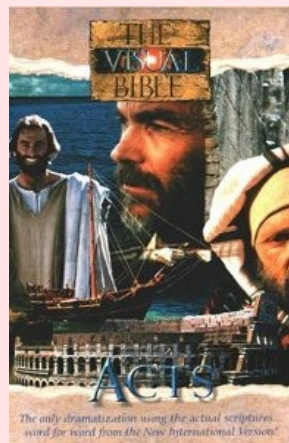
The next Financial Peace University Class will be offered this fall starting September 27, 2012.



Sabbath Vespers The Book of Acts - Video Bible

What a privilege it has been to close the Sabbath with a captivating video look at God's word. Having just completed the Book of John, we will embark in April on an in-depth study of the Book of Acts.

Each week we view a chapter from *The Visual Bible*, a word for word scripture presentation that comes to life, stimulating discussion and opening our minds to new treasures from God's word.



We invite you to attend and broaden your knowledge and experience as we study the works of the Early Christian Church Sabbath evenings at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.



Government mandated ,upgraded equipment for the emergency broadcast system for KKTT-LP has arrived and we are working on getting it installed by the June 2012 deadline. Unfortunately, the installation requires some skill in electronics and we are seeking assistance with the set-up and testing of the equipment.

In order to keep our station running in the future, we must start the processing of replacing some of our nine year old equipment. A new computer system is needed first. The cost is over \$4,000 and funds are needed in order to continue the ministry to our community.

If you have ideas for a fund-raising event, or are interested in helping to support the station with a special “love gift” please contact one of the KKTT-LP board members--Pete Wool, Wendy Dexter, or Julie Roth.

Prayer Meeting - Great Controversy Countdown Continues

Our weekly Wednesday evening service continues to be a blessing as we are working our way through the Conflict of the Ages Series. We have made our way through the books *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, and *Desire of Ages*.

Our journey continues as we start studying the work on the early Christian church in *Acts of the Apostles*.

Join us on Wednesday nights as we continue our journey through these great

books which will culminate in a study of *The Great Controversy*.



Camp Meeting Schedules

Arizona Conference	June 8-16	Prescott, AZ
Central California Conference	July 12-21	Soquel, CA
Northern California Conference	July 19-28	Redcrest, CA
Nevada-Utah Conference	July 30-Aug 4	Lake Tahoe



Soup Kitchen Ministry continues with our faithful workers serving up tasty meals every fifth Thursday of the month. Last week, on May 31, the group served 23 people.

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 MINISTRIES
 Women's Ministry for Every Woman



Celebrating June Birthdays

- 14 - Theresa Holesclaw
- 20 - James Wallace
- 27 - Kimberly Reed

Women's Ministries Emphasis Sabbath June 9

Service includes:

- * Biblical character monologue
- * Current updates - Women in Ministry
- * Special Sermon Message : *"Our Testimonies: God's Delight"*

Special Luncheon prepared by the Winnemucca men

2012 Summer Worship Sermon Series

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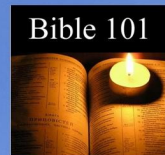


JUNE 9 - Women's Ministries Sabbath Emphasis

11:10 a.m. "Our Testimonies: God's Delight"

JUNE 16 / 23 What's the Use of the Bible?

11:10 a.m. A journey into the origin, purpose and application of the Word of God



Bible 101

JUNE 30 / JULY 7 - 11:10 a.m.

What's the Use of the Spirit of Prophecy?
A journey into the origin, purpose and application of the Spirit of Prophecy



JULY 14 / 21 / 28 - 11:10 a.m.

What's the Use of Being a Seventh-day Adventist?

A journey into the purpose and personal application of being a Seventh-day Adventist



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Pastor's Corner:



“E.” To those who are brilliant in the game of *Scrabble*, the letter “E” can be seen as quite the find. Remembering back to grade school, an “E” meant

“excellent.” But there is a purpose for the letter “E” which goes on each and every day - **EVALUATION**.

You and I are constantly being evaluated. In our jobs, relationships, parenting skills, you name it - we're being evaluated. Is it any wonder then that evaluation is going on in the church? The end of this month marks my first year at Winnemucca. And you have been evaluating me. It happens every time I preach a sermon, conduct a Bible study or even tell stories in Primary.

Being objects of incessant evaluation can intimidate us, especially if we are uncertain about the conclusions members form about our ministry. Unless assured of their confidence, it's hard to provide confident leadership. How can pastors tell what verdict their members are reaching?

One indicator is church attendance. If members don't like their pastors, they vote with their feet and go elsewhere. Or they just stay

home. Another measurable clue of how members evaluate pastors is financial commitment to the church.

Yet another feedback indicator is the involvement of members in church activities. This is less tangible than some other formal evaluation criteria, since members can use excuses to mask actual motives for withdrawal. A deacon might refuse the nominating committee, explaining, “I'm just burned out.” The invisible reason may be dissatisfaction with the church program or the pastor. Burnout more often results from disappointed expectations than from physical exhaustion. The pastor is weighed in the balances of the member's minds and found wanting.

Pastors who don't know what members are thinking (and vice versa) tend to misinterpret motives. They may see themselves as victims, imagining that people around them are out to get them. The real problem is lack of communication, specifically the lack of a recognized system of evaluation.

When the scrutiny that inevitably happens anyway becomes organized into a formal evaluation, those problems are solved. Everything is up front, leaving nothing for the imagination to worry about. Evaluation becomes a construc-

tive and encouraging force rather than something to dread.

It is my understanding that my 3 predecessors endured difficult times with evaluation. Communication ceased. Sides were drawn up. Expectations were not met. Hence, this is the reason I have started the monthly *Message Forum*. Each month, we will review the prior month's messages, reveal expectations, and keep channels of communication open. One simple process in formalized evaluation is to ask three basic questions, requesting a minimum of five responses to each:

1. **What should we preserve?** (This starts the evaluation on a positive note, affirming the good things happening.)
2. **What should we avoid?** (This identifies problem areas and potential challenges that need remedial measures.)
3. **What should we achieve?** (This closes the evaluation on a more positive note, pointing to the future and its dreams.)

In the meantime, my door is always open. The church bulletin flap is always available for comments to the pastor. Let's practice the principles of Matthew 18.

Yours in His service,
Pastor Rob

