

Eastgate Daybreak

Eastgate Seventh-day Adventist Church

**October
2008**

Birthdays

- 10.01 Craig Olson
- 10.03 Linda Hebert
- 10.05 Debbie Pierce
- 10.05 Isabella Lawson
- 10.07 Ron LeRoy
- 10.07 Lynn Serrano
- 10.08 Nicole Scruggs
- 10.08 Ryan Aqui
- 10.10 Aeryn Singer
- 10.11 Chester Burnette
- 10.15 Nic Ivy
- 10.17 Adele Herrera
- 10.17 Chelsea Moore
- 10.17 Marcus Louderback
- 10.18 Katie Forss
- 10.18 Matt Palmer
- 10.19 Jacob Mason
- 10.20 Duane Merth
- 10.20 Shana Bobbitt
- 10.22 Matthew Bobbitt
- 10.24 Mary Cardenas
- 10.24 Shirley Peterson
- 10.24 Jewell Putz
- 10.24 Sean Keymer
- 10.25 Les Cunningham
- 10.26 Chris Helfer
- 10.27 Vernon Putz
- 10.29 Willis Coffeen
- 10.29 Justin Roosma
- 10.30 Gaylen Hickok

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Serve

Service is popular right now. There are all kinds of organizations out there beside the church that help people. Even television is highlighting this desire to serve by producing shows like "Extreme Home Make-over" where a crew goes in and remodels a struggling families' home in a week.

So, when we as a church talk about serving we are joining many in our country who desire to help out those in need. That is good! Our church is hosting the Simple Solution seminar on Tuesday evenings right now. It is an attempt to serve our community by helping them

deal with health issues in their lives. Eastgate is also hosting a monthly cooking class for mom's to learn how to cook good food for their families.

To me, the added benefit the church has when serving our community is that we are by God's grace a witness to the love of God. When Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry etc. he was indeed desiring to help the people, but His bottom line was always to help people get a glimpse of the Father. We need not apologize for the fact that we want people in our community to be a part of our

church, this is where they can Connect, Grow and Serve.

Ellen White has this awesome statement in Ministry of Healing: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" {MH 143.3} The point of service is always a desire to show others Jesus.

With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Cary

A New Fellowship Hall?

We are at the point where we are considering building a new fellowship hall. If we decide to move forward, this would be a big commitment, and one that needs to be understood and supported by the church. To help each person in the congregation with this decision, we have included some things to consider. In addition, we

will be holding a meeting to further discuss building a new fellowship hall.

"We are considering building a new fellowship hall!"

Please watch the bulletin and announcements for this meeting date. We strongly encourage you to join us at the meeting and express your thoughts, questions, or to gain more information. Following the meeting, a form will be mailed to church members so that each person can vote either

"yes" let's move forward with planning to build a new fellowship hall, or "wait" let's wait before moving in this direction.

REASONS TO BUILD:

As you may have noticed our Church Family continues to grow. As we continue to try and connect with each other and God it requires space.

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Church Campout

Do you have a couple dozen eggs in the fridge? If not, you probably missed out on a great weekend in the woods with friends from church. Seriously though, I hope you've used up those eggs by now!

Camp Wooten is one of those places you write novels about. Boys and girls cabins, a mess hall, a woody amphitheater/firepit area, ample bathrooms (with showers!), an indoor swimming pool, and even the stereotypical slimy pond.

Sabbath offered a bright sunshiny morning with fresh, crisp air. Happy birds chirped and the bell tolled. It all looked and sounded so much nicer than the bright night lights and muffled crying heard the night before. We met for an outdoor Sabbath School where talented leaders took the children and adults alike on journeys through nature and the Bible.

I'm sure everyone agrees that the food was worth coming back for. Haystacks, pizza, peach pie, cookies, cakes, hash browns, EGGS, Saucettes, pan-



cakes...the list goes on. And on. We needed more people to eat it all! Back to the reason some of us still have eggs in our fridges.

The kids (and adults) enjoyed nature

hikes, picking blackberries, canoeing through the slime, swimming in the pool, ringing the bell, and playing Capture the Flag and hide-and-seek in the dark. Saturday night, a few of us enjoyed a rousing game or two of Dutch Blitz while others played more lengthy and strategic board games.

I know my family was sad to leave Sunday morning. Living out in the woods seems to have this effect on many people. You feel closer to God, closer to each other, just closer to the center of what living should be. Thank you to those who planned this weekend, thank you to those who bravely went, and thank you Camp Wooten. We'll be back next year.

-Laura Kyle

Fellowship Hall, continued

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Studies have been conducted that show small groups are a positive force in the growth of a Church, in this case our Church. We are currently using every available space to support small group settings along with some of our larger Adult Sabbath school classes. Up for consideration is the prospect of building a new fellowship hall. This would allow us to convert our old hall into several smaller class rooms. A new fellowship hall would also give us a larger room for the many activities that are happening now. Not only are our fellowship meals filling the room but many of the events put on by our social committee are running out of space. More space would give the kids some space to burn off some energy so we could spend more time together here at Church as a family strengthening our bonds with each other as well as God. A larger fellowship hall/multi purpose building would allow the social committee time to set up during the week

and not waiting until Saturday night and Sunday morning and being worn out before the event.

FACTORS THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED:

It is always wise to take the time to consider all of the consequences of a decision before making a major commitment of time and money.

“Would any of you think of building a tower without first sitting down and calculating the cost, to see whether he could afford to finish it? Otherwise, if he had laid its foundation and then is not able to complete it, all the onlookers will laugh at him, ‘There is the man’, they will say, ‘who started to build and could not finish.’” Luke 14:28 NEB.

It is true that the original plans for the church building took into consideration how possible future expansion could be accommodated. This should always be done, whether it turns out to be needed or not.

QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES:

Is this building a necessity, or is it just a convenience? If after careful consideration, we are convinced that this is a necessity to carry forward the work of God, then we should “step into the water” as God commanded Israel, and we can then expect a miracle, if needed, to complete the work. However, if it is a convenience, then we need to carefully evaluate whether our plans are in harmony with God’s plans, whether we are making the best use of this money, and whether we have the ability to fund the construction

Do we have the ability to raise funds for this building? The building plan, presented for consideration, is 80 feet wide and almost 125 feet long, or just under 10,000 sq ft in area. As a comparison, it would be a little longer than the Sabbath-School wing and about 50% wider.

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Save the Date!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Oct. 11 – Potluck Haystack Dinner & Game Night

Nov 1 - Harvest Party

Dec. 31 – New Years Eve Progressive Parties

Jan. 24 – Marimba Kids & Ethnic Food Dinner

Feb. 14 – Catered Valentines Banquet

February 28 – Winter Frolic

CONGRATULATIONS:



Giselle Xiuhtonal Alinares
Was born to Absalon and Rachel (Reedy) Alinares on August 8, 2008.

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A rough estimate of its cost might be \$ 700,000 to \$ 1,000,000. This is equivalent to 10 to 14 times our annual combined budget. You might ask yourself: Am I prepared to stick with Eastgate Church and perhaps double my present giving for quite a few years in the future? In a relatively large organization it is easy to vote for a project we would like and then hope that the money will come from somewhere. For relatively small projects, a few individuals with means have sometimes come forward with the extra money to complete a project. This project is not small, and it does not have the appeal of a small congregation with a leaking roof or one in need of a place to worship. Is it prudent to place ourselves in a position where God has to work a miracle to bail us out?

Possibilities of seeking secular or non-Adventist funding would almost certainly come with actual or per-

ceived strings attached and a temptation to compromise our principles in order to accommodate our contributors.

The above is just the initial cost of the building. After it is built, there will be continuing monthly utility bills (possibly several hundred/month), janitorial cleaning costs, and building- and equipment-maintenance costs.

Typically, there has been a turnover of membership. Unfortunately, some of the members with good jobs end up moving away, and wealthy members sometimes hesitate to join a church that has gotten itself into debt, particularly if they come from a church that they have assisted through a similar situation. Can a church get into an embarrassing financial condition? The answer is yes. Eastgate Church has done it before. –When we took out a loan to build the Sanctuary, overestimated the contribution of volunteer labor, exceeded our loan,

and finally got into such a serious condition that we were unable to pay the school subsidy or meet our loan payments.

Are there other alternatives that would be less expensive?

Several of the valley churches have built fellowship or recreation halls, and there are many school-gyms around. Do we need to build one too? –Or could we look into the possibility of renting for special events that exceed our present capacity? It may be far less expensive to occasionally rent than to build a facility that may only occasionally be used.

If we still feel that we need an additional building, it might be well to consider a smaller building. The only plan that has been presented to date included a large gym in addition to a fellowship hall.

–Submitted by Brian Treadway and Les Cunningham

NEW in the Church Library:



The Not-So-Secret Mission (Elizabeth, An Adventist Girl #1)
Springtime 1851 comes to the town of Balston Spa, New York. Two mystery guests arrive at the boarding house where Elizabeth Ann "Patty-cake" Mayes lives. They are on a mission and Patty-cake is determined to find out what that not-so-secret mission might be.



Bananas - DVD's
The "apeeling" comedy show for the whole family! Features the best comedy from comedians like Ken Davis, Bob Nelson, Taylor Mason, Anita Renfroe, Tim Hawkins, and more.

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We are conduits of God's grace to the lost
We are a community centered on grace filled
accountability
We are obedient by faith to the law of God
We are saved eternally by faith in Christ alone*

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Turkish Lentil Pilaf

-Recipe from Cooking for Moms

2 tablespoons Better Margarine
3 tablespoons Olive Oil
1 very large or 2 medium chopped onions
1/4 c. chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon fresh minced garlic

Sauté the above ingredients in electric skillet until onions are clear and lightly browned.

Add the following directly into sautéed onion mixture in electric skillet:

1 c. dry lentils
1/2 c. long grain brown rice

Cook and stir into onion mixture until rice and lentils are well coated with the oils—about 5 minutes.

Then add in the four following ingredients:

3 and 3/4 c. water
3 heaping teaspoons McKays Chicken Seasoning
1/2 teaspoon thyme
dash cayenne pepper (1/8 tsp)
salt to taste (for some, the McKays is enough)

Bring to a rolling boil and then reduce heat to a very slow simmer. Cover with lid and simmer 45-50 minutes or until all the water is absorbed. Do not stir while simmering—just keep temperature on low—this will make a more fluffy pilaf.

Before serving, toss 1/4 c. lightly toasted slivered almonds into the pilaf. Serve immediately. Makes a nice meal with steamed broccoli and a tossed salad with wheat rolls.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Prayer & Praise	2	3	4 8:15am Spkr:
5 6:00 PM Elder's Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7 6:30 PM Simple Solutions	8 6:30 PM Prayer & Praise	9 7 PM Church Board Meeting (Library)	10	11 8:15am Spkr: P. Cary
12 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14 6:30 PM Simple Solutions	15 6:30 PM Prayer & Praise	16	17	18 8:15am Spkr: P. Cary 11:15am Children's Church
19	20	21 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22 6:30 PM Prayer & Praise	23	24	25 8:15am Spkr: P. Cary 12:00pm Fellowship Dinner
26 7:00 PM Evangelism Group	27 7:00 PM Evangelism Group	28 7:00 PM Evangelism Group 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29 7:00 PM Evangelism Group 6:30 PM Prayer & Praise	30 7:00 PM Evangelism Group	Christian Women's Retreat - Mivoden	
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