



Your Bible in Action

"Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God" (Steps to Christ, p. 98).

Family Literacy Centers in partnership with Operation ReachBack, Portland Chapter & Your Bible Speaks Community Church



Family Literacy Classes — Your Bible Speaks offers free individual tutoring services in reading, math, and computer literacy for all ages, including adults and seniors. The Family Literacy program jump-started in August 2009, with only one computer, four tutors, and three students. We now have six students and seventeen computers thanks to Elder Al Reimche, president of the Oregon Conference, and to Sara Smith for putting the word out to Elder Reimche about our program! We are also working to team up with the officials at Rigler Elementary School—located across the street from our church—to bring in more students. This is further proof that with God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). Just one hour a day, two days a week makes a huge difference in the lives of our students. We have competent tutors in a variety of professions that volunteer with our program. We ensure our students are here to learn, and to have fun doing it! Not to mention, it's FREE! For more information or to sign up, please contact Tom or Sandraneta Hall at 503-287-8423.



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Hoops for Haiti

The basketball tournament was a great avenue for raising money for the many struggling families in Haiti. Over 40 individuals came out to play and donate money for this important cause. Also these companies sponsored the event: The Adventist Medical Center, Adventist Federal Credit Union, John Hancock. They and all of the competing teams together donated over \$1300 to ADRA to send to Haiti. The Lord really blessed this effort, and we look forward to holding other tournaments in the future. Thank you to Your Bible Speaks, its Youth Department and members for donating their time to make this tournament possible. Let's do it again next quarter! —**Gabriel Canals, YBS Youth Leader**



A Pastoral Thought

During ages of spiritual darkness the church of God has been as a city set on a hill. From age to age, through successive generations, the pure doctrines of heaven have been unfolding within its borders. Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts. . . In society He found nothing with which to compare it. Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power; but from Christ's kingdom every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion, is banished. This kingdom is to uplift and ennoble humanity. God's church is the court of holy life, filled with varied gifts and endowed with the Holy Spirit. The members are to find their happiness in the happiness of those whom they help and bless.

Wonderful is the work which the Lord designs to accomplish through His church, that His name may be glorified. A picture of this work is given in Ezekiel's vision of the river of healing: "These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: . . . and by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine." Ezekiel 47:8-12. {AA 13.1}

—**Louis Turner, Pastor**



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A Special Thank You to...

Marlynn and Mike Bishop – Who performed their Easter Concert on April 3, 2010 at Your Bible Speaks Community Church. They uplifted their audience with the calm, sacred sounds of hymns, inspirational music and heartfelt testimonies.



Notes from the Editor

We are thrilled to welcome you to the very first issue of the Your Bible in Action Newsletter. Its purpose is to inform our church members of the many interesting events that take place throughout the year on a quarterly basis. Please feel free to submit ideas and articles as the months progress. Finally, I am pleased to express my gratitude and thanks to Jeanine Goodwin for joining the Communications team and for sharing her creativity. This newsletter is an outcome of her talent and willingness to serve.

—Sandraneta Hall



Happy Birthday to You!

- LouVena Warner—Jan 15
- Zelma Johnson—Jan 23
- Deborah Turner—Feb 5
- Tom Hall—Feb 8
- Aloma Jarmon—Feb 14
- Herfa Zimmerman—Feb 16
- Jean Ewell—Feb 20
- Vera Barnett—Feb 27
- Shannon Goodwin—Mar 1
- Melania Miller—Mar 5
- Sequita Hudson—Mar 12
- Marjorie Jones—Mar 18
- Regina Hunt—Mar 27
- Margaret Milton—Mar 29



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COMING EVENTS...

Visitor's/Community Outreach Day is April 24th and 25th at Your Bible Speaks, featuring guest speaker Dr. Calvin B. Rock, senior pastor of the Abundant Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, and member of Operation ReachBack, a charitable, educational and non-profit organization of professionals of African descent within the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

"The Miracle of the Cross" - The Your Bible Speaks Community Choir is giving an Easter celebration concert on May 1, 2010, featuring several soloists and special guests, and of course, our beloved choir. Come and witness the miracle of the cross and be blessed in the name of the Lord! Bring a friend!

Mother's Day Sabbath—May 8, 2010

The 30th Annual African-American Convocation for the Pacific Northwest is here! May 13th-16th at the beautiful Camp Berachah. Make your reservations now!

The General Conference is holding its 59th annual session starting June 23rd through July 3rd, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, please visit www.gcsession.org.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS...

Financial Peace Seminar—Held every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Prayer Meeting—We all need a mid-week recharge. Why not fuel up with prayer and a cup of faith? Join us every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm for prayer, praise, and a dose of encouragement.

Friday Night Vespers—Come and bring a friend to our *Steps to Christ* study series held every Friday night from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We are reading the book *Steps to Christ* paragraph by paragraph, and, using Scripture, learning how to have and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Refreshments served at each meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME!

1st Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary!

Reginald and Flora Lewis celebrated 22 years of marriage on Feb. 14th. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rhobert and JoyVonne Shaw on their 34th anniversary (March 21st)

Brandon Pugh and Billie McCullough were married on March 20, 2010, right here at Your Bible Speaks. Congratulations to the happy couple!