

Pastor's Corner

Once upon a time, there was a king who had more money than he knew what to do with. He owned land as far as the eye could see. He built dozens of castles and filled them with silver and gold. He had hundreds of servants at his beck and call.

But no matter how much the king acquired, he never seemed to have enough. As a result he was a miserable man.

One day the king called for one of his servants and gave him these instructions: "I want you to scour the land from one horizon to the other and find the happiest man on earth. Once you've found him, I want you to take all that he owns and bring it to me. Kill him, if necessary. I must have what he has, because then I will be happy myself! By the way, if you fail in your mission, you will be beheaded."

After many months of searching, the servant returned. The king noticed the servant's hands were empty and became very angry. He gave the servant one minute to explain why he had disobeyed the king's orders.

With tears in his eyes, the servant looked at the king and said with a trembling voice, "Master, I did as you said. I searched from horizon to horizon looking for the happiest man on earth, and I finally found him."

The king stood and shouted at the servant, "Then why didn't you bring me this man's possessions?"

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Charity Navigator gives ADRA four stars three consecutive years

Adventist News Network, Silver Spring, Maryland

For the third year in a row, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International has earned a coveted four-star rating from the largest independent evaluator of charities in the United States.

Only nine percent of the more than 5,000 charitable organizations Charity Navigator evaluates annually to ensure a judicious use of donations have received at least three consecutive four-star ratings, a Charity Navigator executive said. The organization announced ADRA's rating in a January 30 letter.

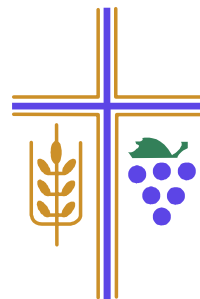
"ADRA outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible," said Michael Smith, interim president and chief operating officer for Charity Navigator. "This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates ADRA from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Charity Navigator's zero to four ranking system measures a charity's financial health in two areas: how responsible. Please see "ADRA" on page 5.

Good Friday Communion Service

As a member of the Ministry Association of Auburn churches, the Auburn SDA church has been given the opportunity this year to host the annual Good Friday communion service on Friday evening, March 21. As a community wide event, responsibility for this service is shared among the churches throughout our area as a means of bringing people of differing denominations together to worship under the same roof. Churches and friends throughout our area are encouraged to attend to remember the One who gave everything to save all who will put their trust in His name.

For members of our local SDA churches, a light potluck supper and footwashing will be held beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by the communion service beginning at 7:00 PM. Watch the weekly church bulletin for more information.



PHAA news

March Calendar

- Mar. 1** High School Choral Festival
- Mar. 9** WASC Reception
4:30 PM at PHAA Gym
- Mar. 10** School Finance Meeting
6:00 PM
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM
- Mar. 10-12** WASC Review of PHAA
- Mar. 12** Visitation Day
- Mar. 13** Ski Day #3
- Mar. 13-14** 2008/09 Pre-Registration
- Mar. 15** Talent Show - 7:00 PM
Refreshments to follow
- Mar. 24-28** Spring Break - No School!

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PHAA web site: www.PHAAonline.com

On-Going PHAA Fundraisers

Box Tops: Please clip & save box tops for Education Coupons and turn them into the school every month. Products to clip include General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Progresso, Gold Medal, and Ziploc.

Raley's/Bel Air Card: Please use your card (available at school office) when making purchases. Pine Hills receives a percentage of your purchases.

Campbell's For Education: Please save your UPC Codes and/or lids from the following products and turn them into the school office - any Campbells product, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Prego and V8.

eScript: Pine Hills earns money through your everyday purchases made at eScript merchants. See www.eScript.com.

New Sabbath School Classes

“WINGS” (Women in Need Growing Spiritually”)

A new Sabbath School class for women ages 18 to 105 utilizing a DVD curriculum entitled: “*Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman’s Soul,*” by John and Stasi Eldridge. As part of the Auburn Church Women’s Ministries program, the class will explore God’s desire for women. The class will begin at 9:30 AM in Room #1 in the Fellowship Hall.

It’s In the Book - A 6-week study of Colossians

A new Bible study class will be starting Sabbath, April 5. Come experience with us the Living Word in a special way. Come get an idea of what Hebrews 4:12 means:

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

This class format is patterned after Bible Study Fellowship and Community Bible Study. There is Bible homework. This is a special time for you to spend alone, studying the Bible in prayer with direction from the Holy Spirit. The homework may take about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours to complete. This means about 10 - 15 minutes each day.

Our class time will be spent going over the questions. We ask that only the people who have completed their homework participate in the discussions. We understand that circumstances sometimes prevent one from getting the lesson done. We do encourage you to still come and listen to the discussions.

You will be intrigued by the questions, blessed by the time you spend preparing for our class discussions, challenged and encouraged by the testimonies of class members.

Deadline - Wednesday, March 19 - We need to know how many lessons to order. Please call Brad or Carolyn Heisler at 916-663-9127 if you wish to participate in the study or have any questions. Class location to be announced.

**Auburn
Men’s Ministry**



Meets in the Youth Chapel
2nd Monday Each Month • 6:45 to 8:15 PM

Also, the last Sunday of each month
7:30 AM at Sweet Pea’s Restaurant in Auburn

The Wedding Ring

By: Marilyn Herron

Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which he had made and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it because that in it he rested from all His work which God created and made” (Genesis 2:1,2).

All animate and inanimate things were created in six days. If God’s work was ended, why create a seventh day? The Bible says God rested on the seventh day. Can God, who “neither slumbers nor sleeps,” experience weariness? What was this rest? It must have been a day of satisfaction in beholding His finished work and acknowledging that it was very good. God blessed the seventh day; it was wonderful!

The seventh day, the Sabbath, had a holy purpose because God sanctified it with His very presence. God calls it His holy day. The very special presence of God made it holy beyond any other day. This concept is illustrated in the experience of Moses at the burning bush. God commanded Moses “draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes from thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground” Exodus 3:5). The ground itself was not intrinsically holy or different than any other piece of ground—it was because of God’s presence.

This is emphasized again in the tabernacle erected in the wilderness. It was God’s desire to dwell among people. The tabernacle would be sanctified by God’s presence—the holy Dhekinah that rested between the cherubims above the mercy seat upon the ark of testimony containing God’s ten commandments. In the Most Holy Place or second compartment of the tabernacle was the presence of God himself. Wherever God manifests His presence, that place or time is blessed, santified and holy.

On the seventh day of creation God initiated a twenty four hour day that was spent in fellowship with Adam and Eve. God’s personal presence embraced them. A spiritual union was formed between the Creator and His created beings in a type of marriage ceremony. Throughout the Bible, God likens His relationship with His people to the bridegroom and His bride—husband and wife. The seventh day Sabbath might be called the wedding ring that would forever be a sign of the love relationship that exists between God and His people. It would be the evidence or sign of commitment between the Maker and His beloved.

In the garden home sin marred this beautiful and holy love relationship. The first couple allowed an ugly rival to separate them from their true lover. The fellowship that once was enjoyed was broken; the holy pair were covered with shame as an aduress who has joined herself to another lover. This act passed on to their prosterity propensities, hereditary inclinations for infidelity and unfaithfulness to the Creator who was jealous for their devotion.

But God pursues a wayward, adultrous people with pleadings and indescribable love to turn to Him for His promised restoration. The highest demonstration of God’s relentless love is enacted as His only Son is put to death on the infamous cruel cross as a sacrifice—an awsome demonstration of how far love will go to win back those who have dishonored Him. Will people respond with gratitude and appreciation for this mighty act of love and seek God’s presence in their hearts again? God offers His wedding ring as a sign of the renewed relationship and restoration.

God and His people can once again experience the oneness of the marital relationship as God on His holy Sabbath sends His special presence to unite with the hearts of those who in love and repentance turn from their lovers and receive Jesus, their Creator and Redeemer. God can rest in the joy and satisfaction of His re-created work.

The sabbath becomes a permanent seal and witness of the faithfulness of God to His spouse who unites herself to Him in loving obedience. It is the testimony of a people to their alliegiance to the God of creation. It becomes an identifying mark and evidence of His ownership and intimate love restored—the wedding ring.

Doors Close for Christian College at Health Institute

Adventist News Network, Weimar, California

Weimar College, a four-year Christian school and missionary training center at Weimar Institute in Northern California, will close this summer after 30 years of operation. School officials say shutting down will allow them to re-evaluate finances.

Citing financial reasons, board members of Weimar Institute of Health & Education in Northern California announced in a statement last month that the self-supporting Christian college known internationally for its eight-step, 18-day NEWSTART health recovery and disease prevention program will close its doors on June 20.

The NEWSTART program hinged on many of the healthy lifestyle principles -- including proper nutrition, exercise and temperance -- advocated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church's department of Health Ministries. NEWSTART, which school officials say draws more than 400 participants every year, will continue.



Also expected to remain open is Weimar Academy, the institution's boarding high school.

Established in 1978, Weimar College grew steadily until the early 1990s when changes in economics and student priorities began whittling away at enrollment, the statement said, adding that the decision came after "various financial and ministries solutions" floundered.

Rather than go into debt by continuing operations with so few students -- enrollment last semester was 20 -- college officials decided closing the school would best allow them to reevaluate the situation.

In the statement, Bob Hancock, Weimar acting chief operating officer and board chairman, cast a positive light on the closure, insisting it would give Weimar a chance to re-evaluate its finances and "rebuild from the ground up."

"We are not abandoning our goals for the educational aspect of our program," Hancock said. "We are going to keep that an essential part of our mission ... [but] we have to get down to bedrock and develop a solid financial foundation."

Dr. Michael Orlich, Weimar acting academic dean, elaborated on the college's plans to rebuild, naming healing arts, foreign missions and evangelism as possible areas of training Weimar administration might explore.

Noah's Ark? Heard of it?

You no doubt know the Bible story about Noah and his Ark and how he and his family saved two of every animal on the earth after a world wide flood. What you probably don't know is if this story is a myth or if there is actual evidence beyond what we've seen by inventive reporters on the Discovery Channel.

On the evening of Friday, March 7, one of the world's foremost archeologists, Dr. William Shea, Ph.D. will be at the Auburn SDA church giving a presentation

with slides and a lecture describing what we really know about Noah and his Ark. This is a great opportunity to hear the evidence and to decide for yourself about one of the oldest tales in the history of civilization.

This informative presentation begins at 7:00 PM in the Auburn Church Sanctuary and is free to the public. A question and answer session will follow. Invite a friend!



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The servant replied, “Master, the happiest man on earth didn’t have any.”

It’s no secret that money can’t buy you happiness. There is no relationship between an increase in one’s bank account and an increase in one’s joy. In fact studies show that the majority of state lottery winners say they regret having won at all. Their sudden wealth actually creates more problems for them than happiness.

Jesus said, “Blessed [or “happy”] are you who are poor” (Luke 6:20). And he wasn’t just trying to make poor people feel better about themselves! The Bible tells us that Jesus himself had “no place to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20). What’s more, he had no possessions of his own.

God may bless you with more than you need to get by in today’s world, and if he does, you can be very grateful. But never mistake possessions for the abundant life that Jesus offers (John 10:10).

Pastor Dave

**It is good to remember that the tea kettle,
although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.**

“Rejoice evermore. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV)

An old legend tells how a man once stumbled upon a great red barn after wandering for days in a dark, overgrown forest. Seeking refuge from the howling winds of a storm that seemed to rage perpetually in the forest, he let his eyes grow accustomed to the dark and then, to his astonishment, he discovered that this was the barn where Satan kept his storehouse of seeds to be sown into human hearts. More curious than fearful, he lit a match and began to explore the piles and bins of seeds around him. He couldn’t help but notice that the containers labeled “seeds of discouragement” far outnumbered any other type of seed.

Just as the man had drawn this conclusion, one of Satan’s foremost demons arrived to pick up a fresh supply of seed. The man asked him why the great abundance of discouragement seeds. The demon laughed, “Because they are so effective and they take root so quickly!” The man then asked, “Do they grow everywhere?” At this the demon became sullen. He glared at the man and admitted in disgust, “No. They never seem to thrive in the heart of a grateful person.”

Be thankful for what you have today. And trust the Lord to take care of what you don’t have.

“God’s Little Devotional Book,” Honor Books, Inc., 1995

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sibly it carries out daily operations and how well positioned it is to sustain those operations.

ADRA president Charles Sandefur said ADRA was both honored and humbled to receive Charity Navigator’s highest rating for a third straight year.

“This continued external recognition affirms just how much we appreciate and value our donors,” Sandefur said. “We treat them and their contributions with the utmost respect, making sure that as much of their gifts as possible go directly towards ADRA’s humanitarian services.”

ADRA is present in 125 countries, providing community development and emergency management without regard to political or religious association, age, gender, or ethnicity.

community services

The weather is still cold weather here in the foothills and the our Adventist Community Services is in need of a variety of cold weather clothing and outdoor gear to assist their clients:

Jackets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps (not blue please), sheets, blankets, sweaters, jeans (mens large sizes, women large sizes, boys 6-12), hygiene supplies (tooth brushes and tooth paste, hand soap, towels and wash cloths).

Anything you can spare is welcomed and appreciated.



church website

Please take a few minutes to visit our church website at:

www.aubda.org

Children's Choir

Grades K - 5

Meets Second Sabbath
each month after fellowship luncheon

Begins March 8th

For information contact Pastor Dave • 885-4232



PHAA WASC accreditation

Members of Pine Hills Adventist Academy constituency are asked to attend a reception at PHAA's gym on Sunday, March 9 at 4:30 p.m. to meet with the visiting committee member representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Pacific Union Conference who will be making recommendations regarding accreditation for Pine Hills Adventist Academy. We would like to thank you for your strong support in the past and ask for you to please help us demonstrate that support to our WASC committee at our Sunday afternoon reception.

PHAA "vege food store"

A small, but well stocked, vegetarian food store is for business at Pine Hills Adventist Academy supplying customers with a wide variety of fresh and packaged vegetarian food items. Store hours are Monday through Friday during school hours. Special orders are available.

If you have questions regarding availability of a product, speciality items, or to place an order call the school office at 885-9447.

The proceeds go to help the 8th grade class graduation and class trip.

Fellowship Luncheon March 8

Join us March 8 following our worship service for our once-a-month time for good food and fellowship with friends. Bring a favorite vegetarian entree/salad/dessert or bread. *Please bring items pre-cooked and wrapped to keep them warm and make the dining experience run more smoothly.*

Elder Mulvihill Honored as "Pastor Emeritus"

In recognition of his years of service to the conference and to our local church, the church board unanimously voted to honor Elder Don Mulvihill with the title "Pastor Emeritus." Pastor Mulvihill will be available to assist our pastoral staff as his schedule allows.

Church Bulletin Typo's

The following was erroneously printed in a church bulletin somewhere. Special music, no doubt!!

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."

sermon notes

Continuing in March the remaining two parts of our sermon series entitled:

"Eight Important Keys To A Growing Relationship With God."

Following this we begin a series entitled: "Important Keys To A Growing Relationship With People."

Mar. 1 **Growing Relationship With God**
Part 5 - Pastor Dan Appel

Mar. 8 **Growing Relationship With God**
Part 6 - Pastor Dan Appel

Mar. 15 **Growing Relationship With God**
Part 7 - Pastor Dan Appel

Mar. 22 **Growing Relationship With God**
Part 8 - Pastor Dan Appel

Mar. 29 **Growing Relationship W/People**
Part 1 - Pastor Dave Carreon

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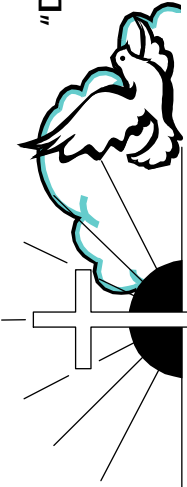


Thanks to Tobias Nilsson

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SURE I KNOW MY BODY IS A TEMPLE ... I'M
JUST A MEGA-CHURCH

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
 <p>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter." Mark 16:6-7 (NIV)</p>						
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