

Pastor's Corner

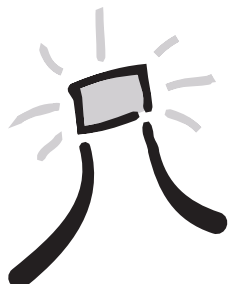
You and I were made to worship. It was part of the design God had in mind from the very beginning. Our sinfulness has driven us from the physical presence of God. Since we can't literally see God and physically be in His presence, worship is now an act of faith. We trust that the Holy Spirit is leading us and constantly teaching us how to approach God in worship.

Felix Mayerhoffer tells of an experience as a band teacher that illustrates what happens in God's heart when we worship. His story follows:

One of the things I enjoyed as a band director was recruiting new members. I'd enter a class at the beginning of a school year and ask, "Who wants to join the band?" Every hand would shoot up! Each student had an idea what he or she wanted to play; some the trombone or clarinet, others the flute, drums, or trumpet.

It took about two weeks for the kids and their parents to decide what instruments they wanted to buy or rent. When the day of their first lesson arrived, I could hear the commotions as the flute students scurried toward the band room. When I opened the door, they whizzed by me, found a seat, and anxiously waited with great expectation for me to make them instant players.

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AIDS Orphans Update

Many of you might be wondering why we are featuring another update about the efforts being made in Kenya by the Margaret Okari Foundation to help educate the many children losing their parents to AIDS. Well, it is not just another mission report taken from the news headlines to fill the pages of our newsletter. It is actually far closer to home as this happens to be one of two possible places that members from our church will be visiting next spring or summer to help with construction of a school. As many of

you may know, our church has already been involved in this particular project through your generous donations of Bibles and



books to help fill the library there at the Kisii school. By mid-summer of next year, however, we will have an opportunity to take the next step in lending assistance by physically helping them realize their dream.

As a means of keeping us all informed as to the progress being made on the project in Kisii, we will feature these updates along with photos of the children and their school. To find out more about the foundation, you can visit their website (address shown on page 3), or to see how you can become a part of next summer's mission opportunity to Africa, you can call Mike Wood at 878-1213.

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Communion Sabbath

October 4

Worship service begins
at 10:45 AM



Visit the Auburn Church
Media Ministries

<http://web.mac.com/jgbeitz/asdamm/welcome.html>

the auburn church family newsletter

September 2008

PHAA news

September Calendar

- Sept. 1** Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 8** School Finance Meeting
6:00 PM
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM
- Sept. 9** Fall Picture Day
- Sept. 13** Teacher Dedication - Rocklin
- Sept.15-19** ITBS/ITED CogAT Testing
- Sept.23-28** Sophomore Biology Trip
- Sept. 25** Constituency Meeting
7:00 PM at Pine Hills
- Sept. 25** K-2 Bishop Pumpkin Farm
- Sept.25-28** Student Leadership
Conference-Leoni Meadows
- Sept.29-** Week of Prayer
Oct. 3 Steve Hamilton

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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.

Inkjet/Laser Cartridges & Cell Phones: Drop off your old cartridges and cell phones at the school office to be sent away for recycling. School receives cash for each cartridge and phone turned in.

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

Member Spotlight

By: Traci Beitz, Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church

This month we will be restarting an old tradition of having a Member Spotlight section in our monthly newsletter. I feel its important for us as a congregation to learn more about each other on a personal level and my hope is that by doing this it will bring us closer together. Because I have not prepared myself better I now have a time crunch and have decided to do the first member spotlight on my own family (I hope this does not seem too narcissistic). I would love to do a spotlight on each of you so if you would like to volunteer you can reach me at tbeitz@ssectv.net...or I might be calling you myself.

Jonathan and Traci Beitz moved to Auburn from St. Helena CA in July of 2001. After the birth of their sixth child they felt it better to move closer to Jonathan's work to shorten his commute from St. Helena to Sacramento in order to spend more time with the family. Jonathan has been working at The Niello Company for almost 12 years and currently is the Director of Website and E-Media. Jonathan is a 3rd generation Adventist and married Traci in April of 1996. They had both come from a broken marriage and had two children each that they brought into their union. Together they had two more children to complete the family of 8.

First is Lance 23, who attends UCI and married Adventist DeAnna Cordis from Angwin in October 2006. They both live in Irvine, CA. Alekzander 21, works for the Niello Company in the IT department. He will be attending Sac State this fall and lives at home after returning from two years away in Irvine. Alexandria (Alex), 20 is living in Angwin trying to decide what she wants to do next. She loves art and is very creative. Mikhail (Koyla) 17 works at Best Buy and loves it. He will attend Sierra College in the fall and lives at home. Claiborne 9 is in 4th grade at Forest Lake Christian School and loves to play computer games and is very artistic. Lastly, Truitt 7 is in 2nd grade and also attends Forest Lake he loves all kinds of music, singing and takes guitar lessons.

The Beitz's love to spend family time together. Enter-Please see "**Member Spotlight**" on page 5.

**Auburn
Men's Ministry**



Monday evening meetings postponed
until September

The last Sunday of each month as usual,
7:30 AM at Sweet Pea's Restaurant in Auburn

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By Kwamboka Okari, Kisii, Kenya
<http://www.educating-aids-orphans-in-africa.com>

It has been another busy month, juggling between Nairobi and Kisii. Currently, I am in Nairobi, following up on: 1) Water bore hole which we plan to start at the beginning of September. We have raised almost half of what is required to sink a deep bore hole (\$23,000) and we are trusting God with the rest.

2) Building plans for our school. I met with the architect who is working on the school’s architectural plans. She has completed the plans for a two story quadplex, which we plan to start constructing after the well is in. Our plan is to complete the quadplex, then bring most of our children temporarily into this new building. As more donations come in for the Parcel of Promise capital campaign (see our website for details) we will then start the main elementary school construction, in phases.

Last week, I was in Kisii, 250 miles NW of Nairobi, which is where our children’s project is. Gas is very expensive, at \$6 a gallon. This in a country where the average person earns \$75 a month! Schools closed last week, so we picked 55 of our children in a borrowed pickup truck and dropped them at the homes of their relatives. In total we made 4 trips, back and forth. 15 of our



children stay with our coordinator Tom Maseno. These are children who either have no aunt or grandmother to go back to, or their circumstances are such that it is not safe to leave them with their relatives. So we pay our coordinator to take care of them during the one month that they are on vacation.



Kwamboka Okari

Pace, where eight of our children are schooling was celebrating the 20th anniversary on the same day that schools were closing, which was August 1st. So as soon as we had completed dropping all the children, we went to celebrate with Pace. You can see from this picture Pace’s Alumni. Out of these beautiful looking young people, there was a medical doctor, an electrical engineer, a high school teacher, a computer engineer and one lady is working for Please see “Kisii, Kenya” on page 4.

**A man is never in worse company
than when he flies into rage and is beside himself.**

“A quick-tempered man does foolish things...
Proverbs 14:17 (NIV)

A little girl was once in a bad mood. She took her frustration out on her younger brother, at first just teasing him, but eventually, punching him, pulling his hair, and kicking him in the shins. The boy could take it all — and even dish back a few blows — until the kicking began. That hurt! And he went crying to his mother, complaining about what his sister had done.

The mother came to the little girl and said, “Mary, why have you let Satan put it in your heart to pull your brother’s hair and kick his shins?”

The little girl thought it over for a moment and then answered, “Well, Mother, maybe satan did put it into my heart to pull Tommy’s hair...but kicking his shins was my own idea.”

All evil in the world doesn’t come from direct satanic involvement. Much of it comes from the heart of man. What we do with our anger, feeling of hatred, and frustrations is subject to our *will*. We can choose how we will respond to stress, or to the behavior of others. Our challenge is to *govern* our emotions; otherwise, they will rule tyranny over us.

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

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I showed them how to blow into the hole of the top section of the flute. Going down the line, each student made a sound for me, until I came to a pretty but fragile girl. Her name was Jennifer. Even though she tried with the biggest breath she could muster, nothing came out.

“Don’t worry,” I assured her. “You’ll soon be able to play.” I had the students put the three parts of the flute together, then taught them how and where to place their fingers. At the end of the rehearsal, the kids left the band room as excitedly as they had entered, with the trumpets scrambling in next.

Besides their individual group instructions, the entire band got together once a week. As the beginning band improved, Jennifer was always there, but looking frailer as the weeks passed. She still couldn’t get a sound, but her friend continued to encourage her. Jennifer knew the fingerings and did everything correctly, so I knew she’d been practicing. She was a sweet and patient girl. Since she’d made the effort to learn, I didn’t pressure her.

After a rehearsal, I asked Jennifer to stay. “Jennifer,” I said, “you don’t seem to have the energy to play the flute. Is anything wrong?”

With maturity beyond her years, she looked up at me with her big blue eyes and said, “I have cystic fibrosis and I’m going to die.”

As tears clouded my eyes and a lump came to my throat, I asked with difficulty, “What is cystic fibrosis?”

“It’s an inherited disease,” she explained, “with a thick sticky mucous that clogs my lungs and airways, making it hard for me to breathe. My older brother died two years ago of the same disease, but luckily my younger sister doesn’t have it.”

“Why did you take up the flute since you have trouble breathing?” I asked.

In a small but determined voice, she responded, “I’ve always wanted to play the flute and love it, even though I can’t make a sound.”

I wanted to hug her as if she were my own child, and when she left, I sat down heavy hearted, having trouble holding back the tears.

As the weeks passed, Jennifer coughed and choked more, and during one of our rehearsals, her seat was vacant. I was told she had a serious breathing attack and would be out for a few days.

When she returned to band, Jennifer tried playing her flute like she had never been ill. I began teaching the flute players three new notes. Each student played them for me to make sure they knew the fingerings. When I came to Jennifer, I decided to skip to the next player because the notes were higher and more difficult.

“I want to try it, too,” Jennifer said softly. Lifting the flute with her delicate hands, she put the instrument to her lips and out came three beautiful notes. I never saw a broader smile on a child’s face, like she’d been touched by an angel. There was stunned silence, and then the entire band erupted into cheers and applause. Kids were jumping up and giving each other high fives, “All right, Jennifer!” It was a moment to be remembered.

We never heard her play again. The principal came into the band room the following rehearsal and informed us that Jennifer had died quietly in her sleep.

Sin has made it difficult for us to worship God as He initially intended for us to. I can’t help but feel that every attempt, every endeavor on the part of God’s people, is met with the same warmth and joy as Jennifer’s silent flute.

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Wachovia Bank, in Texas. There were many other professionals who were not able to come to the celebration. This is the kind of bright future we want for our orphaned children. We want them to learn to give back to society with the talents that God has given to each one of them. In whatever I do, I am constantly reminded that I am a co-laborer with Him

who holds these children in the palm of His Hands and they belong to Him. All He is doing is simply using my hands, which I have fully and whole heartedly given to Him.
Kwamboka

“Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. “
1Corinthians 15:58

Need Firewood?

Auburn Church Fire Wood Project

By now everyone has no doubt gotten a look at the mountain of fire wood in the back of our church. Most are probably wondering what on earth we are going to do with all those dead trees? Well, my friends, it's fire wood; and with the pile estimated to contain between 300 and 350 cords, it represents an enormous financial blessing to our church. The hard part is taking all those enormous tree trunks and whittling them down into itsy-bitsy little pieces that will fit in our wood stoves and fire places. Lucky for us, one of our own has volunteered to take on the job.

With the help of Auburn church youth, Mike Wood will be taking orders for cord lots of split fire wood to be processed as time and manpower availability allow. Mike and his crew (right now it's Mikhail Beitz and Eddie Van De Pol) are currently taking orders at \$285 per cord, buyer load up and haul away. Delivery to your home will be available for an extra charge. Keep in mind, however, that the

wood was cut just a few weeks ago so it is not seasoned and probably won't be ready for burning until spring 2009 at the earliest.

Many of you are probably wondering if it is possible to cut your own wood from the pile and perhaps save a few bucks in the process. Unfortunately, the liability of allowing the public to operate chain saws and load trucks on church property was more than the conference was willing to handle so we'll let our resident woodsman, Mike Wood (with a last name like that you wonder if this really wasn't divine providence!) and his able bodied crew handle the job. To place your order call Mike at 878-1213 today.

October Events Not to Miss!

It looks like October is shaping up to be an exciting month at the Auburn Church with three back-to-back weekend events you won't want to miss.

The weekend of October 10-11, we will be hosting Friday evening, Sabbath morning and afternoon talks by Paul McGraw on remaining faithful to our Adventist history while living in 2008.

The following weekend, October 17-18, we will host another two day event featuring George Knight who will show us how to deal with our theology in the present day.

On the last of our weekend events, October 24-25, we will learn from Douglas Clark, a noted archaeologist, how to combine the findings of modern archaeology with what we read in the Bible.

After our Sabbath church service on these three weekends we will host picnic-type luncheons. Begin planning ahead now for good sack lunches for your family or for quick picnic lunches that you can take out of your own ice

chest or picnic basket and eat--or share with others if you wish. The usual serving area will not be set up. No kitchen crew will heat casseroles or prepare salads, vegetables, or desserts.

As you can see, these will not be the potlucks we have become accustomed to, for we'll want to keep it really simple so that we can return to the afternoon meetings with the minimum of set up and break down labor that others normally do for us. Think along the lines of what you would do for your own family for a picnic, with each family being as self-sufficient and self contained as possible. It is hoped that this plan will free the usual kitchen crew members to attend all of the meetings.

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taining and fellowship is one of their great pleasures. Jonathan enjoys his RC airplanes, boats, photography, his new Church Media Ministries, computers and mostly his wonderful sweet kind loving wife. Traci enjoys decorating, her friends, cooking, gardening, reading and Bible study groups. One of the families all time favorite things to do is

visit Disneyland...it's a place that everyone, with all their ages, can be happy. They are friendly and outgoing people and love to make new friends. So, if you ever feel inclined, please introduce yourself, they would love to get to know you.

Remembering My Story

By: Jeff Pierson, Auburn Men's Ministries

I love stories. Take a look at any culture and they each have their stories. The love of story is part of being human. I think this is because we are made in the image of God and God loves stories and God is trying to tell us his story. By learning of the story of God we learn who God is. We learn about God through story and get an understanding that cannot be obtained through rote facts or sterile statements. Stories get to us because they not only inform the mind but they touch the heart.

With the love of story being such a part of human nature, why is it the second most important story, after the story of God, so easily ignored? What story is that? It is my and your own story. My own story I want to ignore, not talk about or not even admit I have one. I may be embarrassed or ashamed of my story. I can think my story is unimportant or insignificant. But each of us has our own story and the story is important because God is a part of each of our stories and these stories magnify the story of God.

I would summarize the first part of my story with the word, isolation. Coming from a family of seven, and going to 8 schools by the time I graduated from high school, I found myself with very little guidance and really no idea of who I was. Looking back, I see my attitude towards men was that they abandon me, did not really care about me and I was on my own. I lived my life trying to look good on the outside, but with no sense of who I was in my heart. How could I know how to have the heart of man when no one had showed me?

My story for the past 20 years has been one of coming to know who I am, so I can join in saying with Jesus, "Here I am. I have come to do your will, Oh my God". One of the incredible parts of the life of Jesus, was that he knew his story so well that by the age of 12 years old he could tell his parents, "I know what I am to be about, didn't you?"

Jesus knew who he was, so he could then surrender and be open to doing God's will. Doing God's will is a topic of frequent discussion among Christians, but how often do we examine who God says we are beyond that we are sinners? It seems we have forgotten that God has dealt with the sin problem and has restored us to our original design and status.

Pick any story in the Bible, and if you examine it, you will find that God always starts by revealing to a person who they are before he reveals his will. This is how God designed us to function. This is why,

if men are going to fulfill the positions and roles God has for us we must first know who we are. In the blessing on men, which God grants in Psalms

45, men can find the beginning of who they are. Too many times it appears to me that the attempt to change men starts and ends with telling them to act better without any sense of identity. In the Scripture it would appear, God works to move men to act out of a vision of who they are.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Iron Men for the 8 weeks series beginning, Wednesday, September 10th at 6:45 PM at the church. You may just find the vision for which you have been looking.



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Suit Cases for Mozambique

Our brothers and sisters at the Carmichael church are currently planning an outreach mission trip to Mozambique, Africa. As part of this trip, they need suit cases. That's right, suitcases, one extra suit case per mission volunteer.

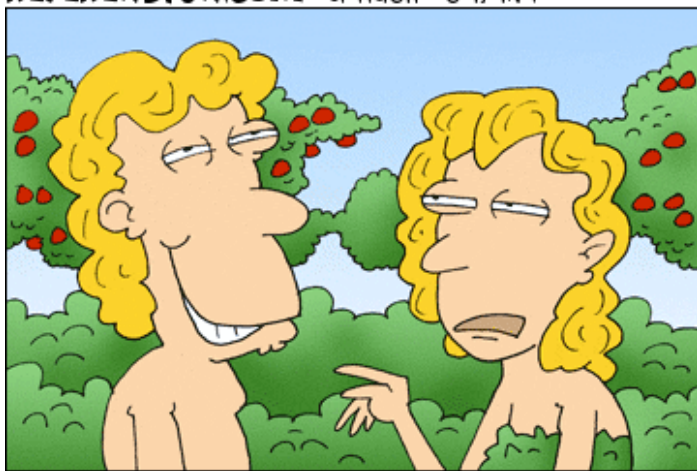
This may sound a little strange, but not when you consider that this extra suit case will be filled with much needed baby and maternity cloths for the expectant mothers the mission participants will be visiting. You see, each traveler is allowed two pieces of luggage to accompany them on the flight to Kenya at no extra charge; one for personal items for the trip and one with baby/maternity clothing (50lb maximum weight, softsided preferred).

The trip is planned for March 11-25, 2009, so there is plenty of time to gather up the much needed clothing from friends and family members who are past the expectant mother and infant stage. For more information call the Carmichael church office at (916) 487-8684.

PHAA "vege food store"

A small, but well stocked, vegetarian food store will be open for business at Pine Hills Adventist Academy supplying customers with a wide variety of fresh and packaged vegetarian food items. Store hours during the coming school year are Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, and Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. To place an order, to check on the availability of a product or speciality item call the school office at (530) 885-9447. The proceeds go to help the 8th grade class graduation and class trip.

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THE MOST HANDSOME MAN ALIVE

Fellowship Luncheon September 13

Join us September 13 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 precooked and wrapped to keep them warm and make the dining experience run more smoothly.*

ESL Sabbath School

A new "English as a Second Language" Sabbath School Class is currently underway for Spanish-speaking members of our community. Headed by Milton Kindrick, the class meets Sabbath morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen. The class is free to anyone in the community wishing to attend...pass the invitation to all!

Recovery in Community

A hearty breakfast and a Twelve Step path to recovery is now available to the community every Saturday morning at 9:15 AM in the Community Services Lobby at the Auburn church. For Information contact Community Services at 823-0345.

Points to Ponder

Life observations someone finally put into words:

*"A flashlight is a case
for holding dead batteries."*

Sermon Notes

September sermon dates and speakers:

Sept. 6 **Worship:** It's all in your heart.

Part 2, Pastor Dave Carreon

Sept. 13 **Worship:** It's all in the past.

Part 3, Pastor Dave Carreon


Sept. 20 **Worship:** It's all in the future.

Part 4, Pastor Dave Carreon

Sept. 27 **The Judgement:** Daniel 7

Part 1, Pastor Dan Appel

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	LABOR DAY 1	Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	PHAA VegeFood Store 3:00 - 4:00 PM	Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym	Sunset 7:29 PM PHAA VegeFood Store 12:00 - 1:00 PM	Sunset 7:27 PM 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Worship" Part 1; It's all in your heart Pastor Dave Carreon
Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	8	Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	PHAA VegeFood Store 3:00 - 4:00 PM Men's Ministries Iron Men Meeting 6:45 PM	Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym	Sunset 7:18PM PHAA VegeFood Store 12:00 - 1:00 PM	Sunset 7:16PM Fellowship Lunch 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Worship" Part 2; It's all in the past Pastor Dave Carreon
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Men's Ministries Breakfast "Sweetpea's" 7:30 AM Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	29	Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	"And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised" Hebrews 5:15 (NIV)			



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