

A NEWSLETTER TO THE CANYONVILLE, MYRTLE CREEK & WINSTON DISTRICT

Glad Tidings

District Focus: God is on the Move

Canyonville – Follow up to the *Great Reset* series at the Canyonville Church (which ended in March of 2022), has continued and on Sabbath, September 17 decisions for Jesus were made by three individuals. The individuals that made decisions to join the Canyonville Church, or be rebaptized, were Ray Dodson (Profession of Faith), Pat Bryant (baptism), and Ron Moe (rebaptism). We praise God for these decisions! Others are still making decisions, and your continued prayers are solicited. Canyonville Adventist Elementary School (CAES) has gotten off to a good start with 18 students. I (Pastor Miller) have enjoyed doing a weekly worship with the young people and hopefully can make more time to be at the school as the district schedules are solidified. Merrymakers quilt/sewing ministry has touched multiple people's lives – including one city employee. A wonderful gathering at prayer meeting is progressing in their Acts study and the monthly Cooking Club continues to be a blessing. A prayer group for those that need to be saved (including children/grandchildren, etc.) had a soft launch and will continue with some modification in the future. The Board will begin praying and brainstorming ways to do ministry in the coming year, so please continue to pray for the work in Canyonville.

Myrtle Creek – Personal Bible studies and literature distribution continues. Meaningful men's breakfasts continue to be a part of their calendar in conjunction with Canyonville. The women's ministry meeting has also been a blessing for those who have attended. Prayer meeting continues to go through a meaningful discussion on the *Great Controversy*. Additionally, two new elders were ordained for the coming term: Terry Curtis and Mervyn Hatton. Monthly elders meetings will continue to foster the leadership development of these new leaders who serve with seasoned elder Leonard Miller. September 7 to 16 was the *10 Days of Prayer* focus that led up to communion September 17 and a *Vision Quest* session in the afternoon. The Biblical mission of the church was considered and some mission statement drafts were developed. The next *Vision Quest* Session(s) will be October 8 after the fellowship meal. ALL members and attendees are invited to attend!

Winston – Weekly groups abound (take a look at their bulletin or website = see below) and a meaningful gathering each week for prayer meeting continues to draw hearts to Jesus as they study the concept of abiding in Christ. The *Signs* box is still casting seeds of truth as are members in their personal ministries to community members, neighbors, family and friends. Recently the Church Board voted to adopt the Light Asia – Rogers Jesus for Asia project. They are endeavoring to raise the remaining \$6,000 for the electrical to be put into a publishing house that will print Cambodian literature. If you want more information, then contact Pastor Miller or visit their page directly online: <https://jesus4asia.org/invest-projects/light-asia-publishing-rogers>. Winston also continue to support RCA (formerly RJA).

Spiritual Insights – The Holy Spirit is on the Ground Commanding the Battle

“They [God's people] are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. . . The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God” (Desire of Ages, page 352).

Dates to Remember

Here are some upcoming speaking dates for Pastor Murray Miller. Please see your bulletin for local church announcements. What is below is subject to change if needed.

- October 1 – Pastor Miller at Canyonville (CV)
- October 8 – Pastor Miller at Myrtle Creek (MC) / *Vision Quest* session 2 after the meal: All are invited!
- October 15 – Pastor Miller at MC (10am) / Canyonville (hopefully by 11:15am)
- October 22 – Pastor Miller at Winston / *Elder Bob Fetrick will do a special baptism at Canyonville.
- October 29 – Pastor OFF. *Pastor Tim Taylor (OC Evangelism Director) at Myrtle Creek
- November 5 – Pastor at CV. *Pastor Daniel Ortega (OC Pathfinder Director) at Myrtle Creek.
- November 12 – Pastor at MC: Unveiling of 5 year plan / commitment during worship.
- November 19 – Pastor Murray Miller speaks at 10am (Myrtle Creek) / 11am (Canyonville)
- November 26 – Pastor Miller speaks (Winston)
- December 3 – Pastor Miller at CV
- December 10 – Pastor Miller at MC.
- December 15 to January 2: Pastor OFF. End of year vacation.
- **Weekly Dates:** Pastor Miller will try to be at Prayer Meeting when possible and have visitation days in each area starting in October. Tentatively visitation days: Tuesdays (Winston), Wednesdays (Myrtle Creek/Canyonville), Thursdays (CAES/Canyonville). *Sundays - **OFF**
- **Monthly Dates:** 2nd Monday – Winston Board Meetings; 4th Monday – Canyonville Board Meeting (7pm); 2nd Wednesday – Myrtle Creek Board Meeting (4pm). *5th Sabbaths - **OFF**
- **Dates to Remember** - 10 Days of Prayer: January 11-21. Go to www.tendaysofprayer.org

Resources

Church/Helpful Sites

Canyonville: www.canyonvillechurch.org. Find bulletins, a link to the Pastor's blog, and more.

Myrtle Creek:
www.myrtlecreekor.adventistchurch.org. The Pastor's blog, pages with resources (radio, etc.) and general contact information is available.

Winston: www.winstonor.adventistchurch.org. Calendar of events, links to Roseburg Christian Academy (formerly RJA) and more are available.

Oregon Conference: www.oregonadventist.org.

Church Leadership Resource Site:
www.ministryteams.org for helpful resources for the local church and lay training.

When to Contact Your Pastor

Please feel free to contact your pastor by phone, e-mail / mail or in person for any of the following reasons (and for any not listed too):

- Before going to the hospital
- When a baby is born
- When there is a death in the family
- If there is a prolonged reaction to grief
- Before giving up on your marriage
- When you would like to talk or pray about a difficult situation.
- When you are spiritually depressed.
- When you know of someone in need of spiritual help
- When you have something encouraging to share

*In an emergency, phone contact is the best method to communicate – please do not rely on e-mail. In the event that the pastor is not available please contact an elder.

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