

A NEWSLETTER TO THE CANYONVILLE/MYRTLE CREEK/WINSTON DISTRICT

# Glad Tidings

## District Focus: A Brief Report

**Canyonville** – An outreach calendar was approved and includes continued outreach to Glendale, continuing the Cooking Club, MerryMakers, Men’s Ministry and other ministries. Also, Pastor Ken Williams and Curtis Fields are preparing to do seminars on *Israel in Prophecy* (April 19-21 with Pastor Ken Williams) and *Radical Teachings of Jesus* (April 25-28, May 2-5). This will be followed by inviting those who attend to the Wednesday night Gospel study/prayer time. Please pray for these meetings.

**Myrtle Creek** – *God’s Closet* was held on Sunday, December 17 from 11am to 3pm with a holiday theme. Around 80 households with over 200 children were helped with free clothing, gifts and drawing items. We praise God for his continued blessings on this ministry! The next clothing distribution is Sunday, April 7 from 11am to 3pm.

**Winston** – *Cooking on a Budget* was attended by several from the community. Providentially this cooking school coincided with a large UC Veg event at Umpqua Community College and the postcard for our event caught the attention of some who attended UC Veg. Several guests requested that another cooking class/school be offered. Two expressed interest in Bible study. Following *Cooking on a Budget* was a series of Revelation meetings presented by Pastor Murray Miller entitled *Revelation’s HOPE*. Over a dozen guests have attended, and the meetings continue as of this writing. Please continue to pray for God to bless this series and the follow-up class that will start on Tuesdays beginning March 26.

May God continue to lead and bless as we labor for Him in our respective areas!

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### A Special Invitation for Prayer – Oregon Conference Reductions

Some readers are already familiar with the information the Oregon Conference has provided online, or via a video that was shown at Churches in February 2024. In short: tithe is up (praise the Lord!), but expenses (medical, regular costs, personnel overstaffing) are up. This means the Oregon Conference is reducing expenses and part of this reduction includes laying off between 25-30 pastors plus some office staff. This is to be complete by April 30 with adjustments (re-districting, moving pastors, etc.) to follow.

President Dan Linrud shares: “I am encouraged by the fact that we are God’s people, and the Church is his Bride. . . We have the unique Seventh-day Adventist mission in the context of the three angels messages, of inviting all persons to enjoy a relationship with Jesus together with us here and throughout eternity. The conference team will lean even more strongly into equipping pastors, elders and lay members for even more effective missional ministry in their communities. In Him, together we will go forward, we will grow stronger, and we will fulfill his mission”. Source: [www.oregonadventist.org](http://www.oregonadventist.org)

Please pray for Conference Administrators as they make decisions affecting the Conference as a whole. Please pray for Pastors and Churches that will be impacted by this change. Also, subsidy to schools was reduced – please pray for our school. May God lead and guide!

# Dates to Remember

Here are some upcoming speaking dates for Pastor Murray Miller. See your bulletin for local dates.

- Sabbath, April 6 – Pastor Miller speaks at Canyonville (CV). \*Please bring your booklet.
- April 13 – Pastor Miller speaks at Myrtle Creek (MC). \*Please bring your booklet
- April 20 – Pastor Miller at Myrtle Creek (10am) and Canyonville (11am). \*Bring booklet.
- April 27 – Pastor at Winston (11am). \*Bring booklet.
- May 4 – Pastor at Canyonville (11am). \*Bring booklet.
- **May 11 – District Sabbath** at Myrtle Creek with Dr. Stan Hudson (11am, 2pm, 3pm). \*All churches are invited to worship and study together at Myrtle Creek!
- May 18 – Pastor at Pastor Miller at Myrtle Creek (10am) and Canyonville (11am). \*Booklet
- May 25 – Pastor at Winston. \*Bring booklet.
- June 1 – Pastor at Canyonville (Communion). \*Bring booklet.
- June 8 – Pastor at Myrtle Creek (Communion). \*Bring booklet.
- June 15 – Pastor at MC (10am) / CV (11am). \*Bring booklet.
- June 22 – Pastor at Winston. \*Bring booklet. June 29 – Pastor Miller OFF
- **\*Bible Study Booklet:** Pastor Miller has brought printed copies, but you can also access this booklet online at [www.revivalandreformation.org](http://www.revivalandreformation.org) and click on “Bible Study Tools”. If you have received a booklet, then please bring it **each time** Pastor Miller comes.
- **Weekly Dates:** Varies based on needs of the District, but Pastor Miller will try to be at Prayer Meeting when possible and have visitation at each area. Tentatively: Tuesdays: Winston, Wednesdays (Myrtle Creek / Canyonville) & Thursdays (Canyonville). \*Sunday/Monday - **OFF**
- **Monthly Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath – Canyonville (CV); 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath – Myrtle Creek (MC); 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath – MC (10am)/CV (11am); 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbath – Winston; \*5<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths - **OFF**

## Tidings Tidbits

### “Pray Always”

“There is no time or place in which it is inappropriate to offer up a petition to God. There is nothing that can prevent us from lifting up our hearts in the spirit of earnest prayer. In the crowds of the street, in the midst of a business engagement, we may send up a petition to God and plead for divine guidance, as did Nehemiah when he made his request before King Artaxerxes. A closet of communion may be found wherever we are. We should have the door of the heart open continually and our invitation going up that Jesus may come and abide as a heavenly guest in the soul” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 99).

May our experience of prayer be continual and may the door of the heart be ever open to Jesus!

### 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/to dedicate a baby
- 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 need spiritual help
- When you know of someone else in need of spiritual help
- When you have something encouraging to share

\*In an emergency, phone/text contact is the best method to communicate – please do not rely on e-mail. If the pastor is not available, then please contact an elder.

\*\*Pastor Miller reserves mornings for study/prayer and other tasks. **Please contact him in the afternoons unless it is an emergency.**

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