



BROOKINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk...

July is going to be a busy month for Linda and me. First, we will be attending the North American Division Ministerial July is going to be a busy month for Linda and me. First, we will be attending the North American Division Ministerial Convention in Austin, Texas from June 28 to July 1. Then, from July 2 until July 11 we will be helping with the Gospel Outreach booth during the General Conference in San Antonio, Texas. This will also give us an opportunity to attend some of the General Conference sessions as representatives from around the world meet to discuss current issues in the church.

One of the main issues that will be discussed is whether women can be ordained as pastors. We read in the 15th chapter of Acts that the early

church also faced a very difficult problem. The question was: "Does a man have to be circumcised before he can be saved?". The outcome of this council could have divided the church. Those attending this council recognized their need of the Holy Spirit. A decision was made and the church was not split but strengthened in its outreach. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will also guide the discussion and decision that will be made during the coming meeting of the world church.

Lord willing, Linda and I will be back on July 13.

Sabbath afternoon/evening of July 18 we are having a "Strawberry Shortcake Social" topped off with an "Evangelism Town Hall" meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Mary, Shantel, and Linda

will be giving us a report on some of the things they learned at the AFCE week-end that they attended last month in Roseville, CA. We will also continue our discussions from the Business Meeting on evangelism plans. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

On Sunday, July 19, Linda and I head for Gladstone where we will be involved with the one-week Oregon conference Camp Meeting. I hope that you will be able to attend some meetings that will be offered, either here or in California.

Guest speakers will care for the sermons while we are gone. This will give you some variety and bring us back with increased enthusiasm to prepare for Christ's soon return.

Love, Pastor & Linda Shultz

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Gladstone Camp Meeting is from **July 21-25, 2015** The speakers include Lee Venden, Carla Gover Park and Jon Paulien with the theme "Called to Love."
- ◆ Redwood Camp Meeting is from **July 23 to August 1, 2015**. The theme is "Building Relationships-Christ's Method Alone" and the speakers are Doug Batchelor, Ron

Clouzet and Jim Pederson. Jonathan Henderson, Pacific Union College Chaplain is leading out in Adult II.

- ◆ During Camp Meeting, you can stock up on Food items as well as printed materials. **The Adventist Book Center will no longer be mailing sales brochures** (to save money) but you will be able to see what's

available online at www.abcorders.com. Look for sales in July at Camp Meeting.

Rummage Sale

We're in serious need of funds for the Building Fund and the proceeds from the Rummage Sale are designated for just that! Please dig deep into your closets, storage areas and bring those **clean, usable items** for the sale. Please call before bringing furniture or large items. **See calendar for dates and times of the sale.**

Brown Bag Ministry

WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCOURAGE FOLK FROM GIVING CASH TO THOSE WHO COME ON SABBATH MORNING ASKING FOR HANDOUTS AS THOSE FUNDS USUALLY ARE SPENT FOR ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR CIGARETTES.

INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THEM A LITTLE BROWN BAG—ONE WITH A BOTTLE OF WATER, CANNED FRUIT WITH A SPOON, PERHAPS CRACKERS, HAND SANITIZER, AND A TRACT.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING PERSONALLY, YOU CAN PURCHASE SUBWAY OR MCDONALD'S GIFT CARDS. THESE FOOD CARDS COST \$5.00 EACH AND ARE FOR FOOD ONLY, THEY ARE NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH.

WE CAN LET THESE PEOPLE KNOW WE CARE IN A POSITIVE WAY.