# Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church! A message from Pastor Eric Sayler

One of my earliest memories is my mom putting me down for a nap. I remember lying on my bed, listening to the vacuum hum in the hall outside the door (she was probably taking advantage of her energetic three-ish year old not being under foot) and thinking "How long do I have to lay here? This is boring." I'm sure I fell asleep right after that from the vacuum's white noise.

Though I took many naps as a child I know that once I grew older that custom went by the wayside. Take a nap? I have better things to do!

But then adulthood hit.

When I was at Seminary I was working hard, full time school and a part-time job made me yearn for rest. It was during this time that I returned to napping. I remember the first Sabbath I succumbed: it had been an especially exhausting week. After lunch I laid down on the couch with Julianna snuggled into my arm. I closed my eyes to enjoy the feeling and before I knew it two hours had gone by!

We need rest. Even active kids who have no interest in napping need rest.

Join in for worship this Sabbath morning as we explore how God built rest in the beginning of His creation.

Remember, if you have any sniffles, achyness, or any other illness symptoms, even if you don't have Covid, please stay home and <u>watch online</u>.

For those who can attend, I'm looking forward to seeing you! Please remember to wear your mask at all times as we worship and visit. Our church has loved ones who are seriously ill with Covid. It's serious and we don't want to be the source of people's suffering.

Thanks!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 15, 2022 Pastor Eric Sayler, Creation Series: Rest, Genesis 2:2, 3

Next Weekend: January 22, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler

# Week At A Glance ... plus @

#### Sabbath, January 15, 2022

9:00am – 10:00		Every Man A Warrior; Men's Class		
10:00am – 11:00am		Sabbath School Study		
11:15am – 12:15pm		Worship Service; speaker; Pastor Eric Sayler		
Monday, January 17: Martin	n Luther King	Jr. Day	6:30pm Feathers & Hares 4-H Club	
Tuesday, January 18,	6:30pm	Church Board Meeting		
Wednesday, January 19	6:30pm	Our Weekly Prayer Meeting if weather cooperates		
Thursday, January 20	7:00pm	Youth Gathering resumes if weather allows		
Sabbath, January 22	11:15am – 12:15pm Sabbath Service			
Sunday, January 23	8:00am	Men's Ministry Breakfast		
Sabbath, January 29		Following Chu	rch, First Potluck of 2022	

## Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

#### Worship Service 11:15am 01-15-2022 Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube

Gathering Song Praise Team
Community Life Lenard Wittlake

Kids Korner

Children's Story

Songs of Praise & Worship

Prayer

Nellie Alford

Praise Team

Lenard Wittlake

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler
Sermon Title: Creation Series: REST

Scripture: Genesis 2:2, 3

Song of Response Praise Team
Benediction Lenard Wittlake

Worship Team today

Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake

Praise Team Leader: Seth Gillham & Friends

Pianist:

Greeters: Les & Anita Cunningham

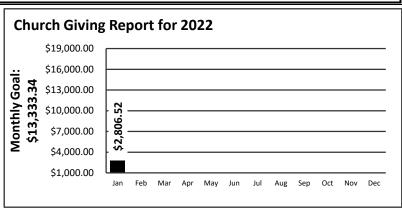
Lead Deacon:
Lead Deaconess:
AV Team:
Live Streaming:
Dwight Bartlett
Carol Reiswig
Ryan & Bob Daniel
Brian Hartman

Financial Report	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 16,479.22	\$16,744.82	\$ 155.18
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 20,592.33	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

# OFFERING OF THE DAY ~ January 15, 2022. Local Church Budget

**Appeal: 2 Timothy 4:18** "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

# Supernatural Protection. We worship God with our resources because of His multiple saving acts against supernatural powers. Apostle Paul



speaks about his assurance concerning God's protection and deliverance from every evil attack. God's rescue from such supernatural powers was one motive leading Paul to constantly give Him glory.

As a young boy, Eric struggled with frequent nightmares, dreaming of attacks by strange animals that looked like some of the divinities worshipped in his culture. Frequently, he would wake up sweating and crying. As soon as he went back to sleep, the nightmares would return. To make things worse, Eric's family would often hear strange noises on the steel roof of their house, like someone running or a stone rolling. The parents were convinced that their home was haunted and that the evil

spirit wanted to kill their son. They tried every possible means to ensure protection from these supernatural attacks. Among many things, the parents would bring the boy to a Hindu priest for regular rituals, and once a year, they would do a pilgrimage to the grave of a priest. They vowed not to cut Eric's hair until he turned 7. Apparently, these strategies did not bring the little boy peace. Finally, they resolved to seek help from the God of the Bible. At bedtime, the mother would read Psalm 91 while laying hands on the boy's head. Gradually, Eric began making the connection between a night without nightmares and prayers before sleeping. He became convinced of the existence of a God who is more powerful than the evil forces which were harassing him. For complete security, he dedicated his life to the powerful God.

Evil attacks may be visible or invisible, known or unknown, but they are a reality that many experience. However, everyone and everything dedicated to God can be securely preserved. This week as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us express thankfulness for the divine protection.

Prayer: Almighty, powerful God, we are thankful for Your divine protection against the evil one who seeks to destroy and steal what You have provided. Today, we place ourselves and our resources under Your trust and care.

## Eastgate Church News & Events

#### **ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING Was Held January 8**

The church leaders presented an all church business meeting last Saturday evening. All were welcome to attend and hear how God has blessed in 2021 and plans for 2022.

Presentations were made from the view point of "Where We Have Been, Where We Are and Where We Are Going. Pastor Sayler discussed items related to church growth and evangelism. A short report came from Facilities Committee and a Financial Report from the church treasurer, Dwight Bartlett. Dwight's presentation also included a proposed Local Church Budget for the 2022 calendar year. This was discussed, a motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote of those in attendance. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:45pm.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of this church in so many ways including the financial support this congregation has provided through the 2021 calendar year.

#### **Long Range Planning – September ~ Camp Wooten**

We have requested through the Washington State Parks Retreat Center Program the use of Camp Wooten for a weekend retreat again this coming Autumn 2022. The tentative dates are September 16, 17 & 18. We will confirm which dates we are assigned in a couple of weeks. We wanted you to start to think about setting aside time in your calendars to attend this special all church campout weekend!

#### Face-to-Face Prayer Meeting to Gather weekly at the church Fellowship Room!

This group will be meeting every Wednesday. Due to weather we may have to occasionally cancel an evening. Questions? Please call Carol at 1-509-200-0587. Our next meeting? January 12, 2022.

#### EASTGATE SDA WEBSITE! - https://www.eastgatesda.org

~ Sermon Archives ~ Bulletin Library ~ our weekly e-NewsLetter ~ Events Calendar ~ Offerings

#### EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: <u>Eastgate Church</u> or type out the address shown below. We are looking for 100 subscribers! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVM7uw9dcRxUHQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVM7uw9dcRxUHQ</a>

#### **EASTGATE SDA ON FACEBOOK** Like and follow our page on FB!

https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203 Eastgate SDA Church

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ A New Group meeting during Sabbath School in the Library

If you like to crochet or knit, or have ever wanted to learn, this quarter we will be making prayer shawls and lap blankets for hospice patients or community members who are experiencing a difficult time and are in need of comfort and healing. No experience or supplies is necessary but donations of full skeins of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks are appreciated.

Shawls and lap blankets are created in prayer and given as a reminder that the recipient is not alone in the midst of their loss or great sadness and to provide them with a sense of God's peace and love.

We will be meeting at 10 AM in the library each Sabbath. If you are not able to meet during this time, you can still participate at home and can drop off your completed shawl/blanket at a later date. Contact Keri.Self@gmail.com with any questions.

#### EASTGATE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are taking on several projects in the coming year with which we could use some well skilled do-it-yourselfer types! We will list projects here in the coming weeks. Thank you for checking back! When the weather warms we will be looking for someone to paint the Parking Lot Lamp Bases.

# School News & Children's Ministry Items

<u>Milton-Stateline Adventist School Eighth Grade Class:</u> We, the eighth-grade class at Milton-Stateline Adventist School, are collecting recyclable cans and bottles to raise funds for our eighth-grade trip and graduation. Please help us by dropping off your cans and bottles at the school. Thank you!

#### NAD Children's Ministries Retreat — January 19-20, 2022

This year, the North American Division Children's Ministries Retreat will be held in Portland, Oregon, Jan. 19–22, 2022. For more information or to register, visit <a href="news.uccsda.org/childmin122">news.uccsda.org/childmin122</a>.

## Collegiate & Young Adults

#### **Sabbath Morning Bible Study**

This group is a vibrant collection of 20-40 ish believers who are currently studying II Samuel as they study the life of David. To join this group and be in the know of how to meet, visit classroom 115 or call Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

# Men's Ministry

# Each Sabbath Morning: Every Man A Warrior; Helping Men Succeed in Life Please Meet Room 145 every Sabbath ~ 9:00 AM

Every Sabbath a group of Eastgate Men continue a special Sabbath Morning study group – yes, for men only. The *Every Man a Warrior* guide book. It is designed specifically to deal with the issues that men face and need to succeed in. It has been used with men of all ages from teens to men in their 70s. Toby Slater will lead in studying and share the role with others as they progress.

#### Sunday, January 23, 8:00am ~ Men's Ministry Breakfast ~ Eastgate Fellowship Hall

We are planning to resume our monthly breakfast meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please continue to follow announcements regarding this event!

# Walla Walla Valley SDA News

#### The Walla Walla Northside Adventist Church

Is in need of a pianist to volunteer two Sabbaths a month. If you would be willing to consider volunteering please contact Richard Wimer by text or phone at 360-356-1812 or email to RichardWimer@gmail.com. Thank you, Richard Wimer, Church Clerk & Sabbath School Secretary.

#### eBay Auction for E.G. White Personal Library Book

A book from Mrs. E.G. White's private library was donated to SonBridge Center for Better Living and is currently up for auction, ending on Monday, January 17. The book, "Anecdotes and Illustrations," has a bookplate inside that reads, "Private Library of Mrs. E.G. White." All proceeds will go to further the work of SonBridge Center for Better Living. For more information, call (509) 529-3100 or visit www.sonbridge.org.

#### Do You Want to Share Major Life Events with the Gleaner Readers of the Pacific Northwest??

When you have a significant major life event do you want to share it in the Gleaner? *The Gleaner* has provisions for announcements regarding the following:

- Anniversary Form
- Birth Form
- Birthday Form
- Obituary Form
- Wedding Form

You can follow these links or you can find them at <a href="www.nwadventists.com/contribute">www.nwadventists.com/contribute</a>
You can report these major life events yourself or I can help you from our church office. If you need my help, please contact me either by email or our office phone during office hours. Stan

**SONBRIDGE CONSTITUENCY MEETING**: will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include inspiring financial and development reports of God's blessings and an update of future plans. This constituency session is for designated delegates, but interested parties are welcome to attend! This will be both an In-Person & ZOOM meeting. Please contact SonBridge for an invitation and information. Thank each of you for your amazing support.

# **Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News**



#### Pathfinder Teen Retreat Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for this year's Pathfinder Teen Retreat. The theme, "Within the Struggle," will address personal and spiritual struggles our teens are facing today.

The retreat will be held January 28-30, 2022 at Camp MiVoden. For more information and to register, visit <u>ucc.regfox.com/struggle</u>

#### **10 Days of Prayer** — **January 5-15, 2022**

Lead your prayer group or church in 10 days of prayer and drawing closer to God with resources from the North American Division. To sign up or find more information, visit tendaysofprayer.org

#### AMEN Northwest Conference — Registration Now Open

Registration for the AMEN Northwest Conference is now open! The conference, titled "Building on the Basics," will be held at the UCC office on March 11-13, 2022. For more information and to register, visit uccsda.org/amenconference.

#### **Camp MiVoden Registration Now Open**

Would you like to be in the great outdoors of the Inland Northwest and get to know Jesus and build a relationship with Him or strengthen your relationship with Him? We have an amazing program planned for next summer at Camp MiVoden. Our week schedule is going back to a 7 day week for our summer camps. Several of our camps are filling up, but we still have some space in our youth camps.

Spaces will not last long in our Ultimate Camps. Please visit <a href="www.mivoden.com">www.mivoden.com</a> and register today for our 2022 summer camps. If you have any questions please email <a href="mailto:registration@mivoden.com">registration@mivoden.com</a> .

#### January/February Issue of the Gleaner Available Online

Many parents and students feel pressure when making education choices. Sometimes, the simplest gestures or the grandest miracles can show God's calling. In this issue, discover 10 reasons Adventist Education is a good choice. Also, meet six students who felt guided to Walla Walla University on their unique path to Adventist education. Read online at <a href="news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists122">news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists122</a>.

#### **Contribute Using the Lowest Fees Possible**

Adventist Giving negotiates the lowest possible fees for online giving. These costs are shared by the local conference (70%), union conference (10%), North American Division (10%), and General Conference (10%). When donating, please consider using ACH (electronic check or savings) as your payment method to help keep costs to a minimum.

For your reference (1st quarter 2020 fees):

- ACH (electronic check or savings account) averaged 19 cents each
- Debit cards averaged 0.63% of the amount donated
- Credit cards averaged 2.18% of the amount donated

#### Keeping the financial health of our church in mind ~ Giving Plan

How your local church budget fits into "My Personal Giving Plan"

Like every family, the local church family has financial obligations to meet. Some are easy to see like power and heat, but many are not so obvious: children's magazines, Sabbath School Bible study guides, teaching supplies, staff salaries, cleaning services, church school operating expenses, property insurance, worthy student fund, and community outreach. These are but a few of the costs that must be met month after month as the local church seeks to be a light in the community. Because these expenses are constant, My Personal Giving Plan recommends that 3-5% of one's income be set aside for the local church budget. This systematic giving ensures that all share both in the blessings and the responsibilities of the local congregation.

The North American Division encourages the use of the "My Personal Giving Plan." This plan was developed as a guideline to assist members in systematic giving. The plan suggests that, in addition to returning 10% of a member's personal income as tithe, certain percentages may be dedicated as offerings to three main categories:

- Local Church Budget: 3-5%
- Conference Advance: 1-2%

(Education, evangelism, VBS, summer camps, and union magazines)

• World Budget: 1-3%

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# North American Division

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAMPAIGN 2022: January 8, until March 31, 2022

This is an annual event which celebrates freedom of conscience, a heritage and the blessing we received from our Constitutional Founders, but one that requires continual vigilance to maintain.

<sup>\*</sup>Visit <u>www.personalgivingplan.com</u> to see a more extensive breakdown for each category.

In harmony with holdings by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that government at any level does not have the constitutional right to instruct anyone how to pray, when to pray, and who to pray to, let alone what religion to believe in – if any at all.

The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result – intolerance and persecution.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAMPAIGN 2022: January 8, until March 31, 2022 (continued)

# "Jesus Christ came into the world to set men free, and to plant in their souls the genuine principle of liberty – liberty actuated by LOVE"

These words were written by Alonzo T. Jones, one of Adventism's most eloquent and effective religious liberty pioneers. In fact, it's the first sentence of the first chapter of his 1889 book *Civil Government and Religion*.

As you turn the pages of this extraordinary book, it soon becomes clear that to be a Seventh-day Adventist in the time of A. T. Jones could be a risky business. Take the case of Pastor James Scoles from Springdale, Arkansas. He volunteered to help finish painting his congregation's newly build church and decided to complete the work one quiet Sunday morning. "I went over to the church," he said later, "and finished up a small strip of painting on the south side, clear out of sight of all public roads; and here I quietly worked away for perhaps two hours." For this act Pastor Scoles was arrested and jailed. This was just one of many cases in which Adventists and other religious minorities were prosecuted under the state Sunday laws.

Fast-forward to today, and perhaps we've grown comfortable – could it be complacent? – in the knowledge that being an Adventist in the United States carries very little risk indeed. There's almost zero chance we'll be arrested for attending a Sunday morning church work bee!

But being comfortable can be dangerous. An attitude of vigilance, as Ellen White clearly foresaw, is by foresaw, is by far the most essential tool we have in the fight to defend and protect religious freedom for all. Speaking about the threats to religious liberty in her day, she wrote to the church: "O awake, I pray you, awake! For you bear the most sacred responsibilities. As faithful watchmen, you should see the sword coming."<sup>2</sup>

Today we must be vigilant. Recent events have shown us, once again, just how easily and willingly we relinquish civil liberties when safety and security are in the balance. And today even the idea of religious freedom itself is under attack as "discriminatory" or worse.

For almost 120 years *Liberty* magazine has spoken to lawmakers, public officials, and thought leaders. It shares a distinctly Adventist warning about the urgent need to guard this precious Godgiven right of religious freedom. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving, which is the bedrock of this mission. And thank you for your prayers as together we work to be faithful watchmen in these difficult times.

- 1: A. T. Jones, Civil Government and Religion (Oakland, California: American Sentinel, 1889), p.114.
- 2: "An Address in Regards to the Sunday Movement," *Review and Herald*, December 24, 1889.

#### **Liberty Magazine:**

You can subscribe to this publication for \$6.00 for one year. Or, you can donate to support sending *Liberty* to judges and lawmakers of your state. It is also often sent to administrators of colleges and higher educational institutions. Your donation may expose these educators to a different view regarding how public policies may impact their communities.

Pick up a flier from the table in the lobby and make your contribution during this campaign.

# Prayer 7ime ~ Cherishing People ~ "Pray for one another."

We are inviting you to pray for members and friends of our church family each day. Please keep this in a place that will make it easy for you to remember to pray for one another.

"... we do not make requests of *You* because we are righteous, but because of *Your* great mercy. O Lord listen! O Lord forgive! O Lord hear and act!"

(Daniel 9:18 & 19. NIV)

#### **Anonymous:**

Do you have an anonymous prayer request? Please state it via email to the church office. We will share it here anonymously for the body to provide prayer support!

#### Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

# Prayers for all of our Health Care providers in our fellowship that they may be protected from infection from COVID-19

Seth A., Evon A., Kristy B., Jen B., Rachel B., Cal B., Jamie C., Stephanie C., Jen D., Guy E., Heidi E., Rhonda E., Rod F., Debbie H., Daniel H., Dr. Gilly I., Tammy J., Susan M., Julie S., Toby S., Nancy R., Carolynn V., Sherry W.,

Rachel Drake – please pray for my friend Elijah who has sepsis and pneumonia.

Religious Liberty Campaign until March 31, 2022

Jay M. – Prayers for health challenges

Connie R. – Is experiencing some complications. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Prayers for our members who serve our community on either Fire or Police Departments

Prayers requested for several members who are currently experiencing the effects of winter viruses, colds, flu and Covid. We ask that you continue to reach out to fellow members checking on their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Dan M. – appreciates your prayers for him.

Holly J. - Prayers as she continues the fight against cancer.

Debbie P –prayers as it is harder to get around

Debbie S – continued health & strength

"D" Underwood – continues to be thankful for your continued prayers for her daughter & son Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

Stan's friend Bruce K. - Prostate Cancer, prayers for healing

Tami J. – Continues to ask for your prayers as she struggles and praises for successes in Christ Paul D. – As he is deployed on active duty away from family.

### In Military Service - Continual Prayer for those serving

Diane U. – Grandson in the Marines

Paul D. – Army Reserves

Evon A.'s daughter; Anna Harris ~ Navy

Seth A. – Air Force Reserves

#### **Praises:**

What do you have on your heart that you would like to share as Praise to the Lord!?!?

Asher P. – Praises as improvement takes place

## <u>Job Network</u>

Looking for a position? Looking to Hire? Please let us know so we can assist in getting the word out!

#### Job Opportunities in the Oregon Conference

Looking for work in the Oregon Conference? Check the following for job postings: www.oregonconference.org/employment-home

#### **New Positions Open at UCC**

Upper Columbia Conference may have openings available. For more information and to apply see uccsda.org/jobs.

#### Walla Walla University is Hiring

Would you or someone you know like to join the WWU team? We are hiring in a variety of departments, including Academic Records, Facility Services, Information Technology, Nursing, Social Work, and others. You can see all available positions and apply at <a href="jobs.wallawalla.edu">jobs.wallawalla.edu</a>. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

#### Youth Recreation Manager at SonBridge

Coordinate youth recreation programs during the summer and after school for College Place by creating a safe, healthy, and fun environment. Use your passion for the wellbeing of children and youth to develop citizens who demonstrate collaboration, kindness, and resiliency. To learn more email <a href="mailto:search@sonbridge.org">search@sonbridge.org</a> or call 509-529-3100. This is a full-time position with benefits.

## Classified Ads, Services & Needs

Are you in a service industry? Would you like your church family to be aware of what services you can provide? Please consider placing an ad in this space. At this time, to place an advertisement here will not cost any money. It should only be basic text with no illustrations or photos. To add graphics may or may not be possible based on time and graphic software available. Thank you, Office Manager.

Submit your service ads to the following email address: office@eastgateadventist.church Weekly Deadline: Items must be received prior to 8:00am Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. Sincerely, Eastgate SDA Office Manager

#### **Need Electrical Work Done? Power Solutions Electric**

Casey Werner and Trent Fowler may be your solution to your electric wiring and repair projects. Contact Heidi or Tara at <a href="mailto:pselectric01@gmail.com">pselectric01@gmail.com</a> or 509-540-2656. It's always good to know your electrician!

**REALTOR:** Thinking about buying or selling your home? Want a Christian Realtor to be your advocate and guide? Let me serve you with the best resources and service in the business. Call or text Sarah Bergman at John L. Scott, Walla Walla at 509-240-6826 or reach me by email at <a href="mailto:sbergman@johnlscott.com">sbergman@johnlscott.com</a> for a no-obligation consultation and market analysis. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Family Seeking a Personal Chef

Do you like to cook? And would you like to be paid for your services? We are seeking a personal chef who knows how to prepare non-spicy & delicious plant-based meals. This person would need to prepare two main meals a week for an elderly couple, with enough leftovers to freeze for meals throughout the week.

Interested? Contact Dixie Cramer at 509-522-0379. (Or text at 509-301-2827).