

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!
A message from speaker; Pastor Bob Ratcliff

When the Pharisees interrogated the man that Jesus healed of blindness he simply said, "One thing I know; that though I was blind **now I see!**"

You know, people may argue with our doctrines, but no one can argue with "your story". One of the most powerful ways to witness is by telling how God has transformed our lives.

"Our confession of his faithfulness is heavens chosen agency for revealing Christ to the world ... but that which will be **most effectual** is the testimony of our own experience." DA 347

One of the most convincing, unanswerable arguments on earth regarding Christianity is our personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. The skeptic may deny your doctrine or attack your theology but he cannot honestly ignore the fact that your life has been changed ... he'll be attracted to the story of how you found peace in your life ... I was blind but now I see!

Join us Sabbath as I share the story of how God transformed my life and gave me a second chance!

We'll be gathering for first service at 9:00. Sabbath School will start at 10:15 and Second Service will begin at 11:30, which will be streamed on our Eastgate Church [YouTube Channel](#) for those who aren't able to worship with us in person

May Grace and Peace be with you!

~Bob Ratcliff

This Weekend: ***December 3, 2022: Pastor Bob Ratcliff; God of Second Chances***

Next Weekend: ***December 10, 2022: Annual Christmas Worship Service***

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 3	9:00am – 10:05am	Early Service ~ Pstr. Bob Ratcliff
	10:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30 – 12:50pm	Second Service ~ Pstr. Bob Ratcliff
<i>Children's Ministry Event</i>	<u>4:00pm</u>	<i>Warm Sock Event ~ Fellowship Room</i>
Monday, December 5	6:30pm	Facilities Committee Meeting; Library
Tuesday, December 6	6:30pm	Milton-Stateline School Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 7	6:00pm	K-4 Roger's School Christmas Concert
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Thursday, December 8	7:00pm	There will be a Youth Fellowship ~ Welcome!
Friday, December 9	6:00 & 8:00pm	WWU Christmas Concert: WWU Church
	7:00pm	Prayeradigm at Carol H's Home
Sabbath, December 10	9:30 am	Annual Christmas Brunch
	No Sabbath School Study for this day	
	10:45 am	Christmas Worship Service
Sunset	4:08pm	
6:00pm	Walla Walla Valley Academy Christmas Concert, WWVA Auditorium	

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 11-26-2022 [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Lenard Wittlake
Kids Korner	
Children's Song	Praise Team
Children's Story	Luke Self
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Lenard Wittlake
God's Word	Pastor Bob Ratcliff
Sermon Title:	God of Second Chances
Scripture:	Isaiah 55: 6 & 7
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Lenard Wittlake

Worship Team today – First Service

Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake
 Praise Team Leader: Seth Gillham & Friends
 Pianist:
 Greeter: Brian & Liana St Clair
 Lead Deacon: Erik Johnson
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake
 AV Team: Bob & Ryan Daniel
 Live Streaming: No live-stream early service

Worship Team today – Second Service

Lead Elder: Kristy Bartlett
 Praise Team Leader: Seth Gillham & Friends
 Pianist:
 Greeter: Gay Flegel
 Lead Deacon: Buz Flegel
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake
 AV Team: Gary & Ryan Wimer
 Live Streaming: Brian & Rachelle Hartman

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 13,322.19	\$23,500.00	\$10,177.81
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 40,140.69	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 & 3

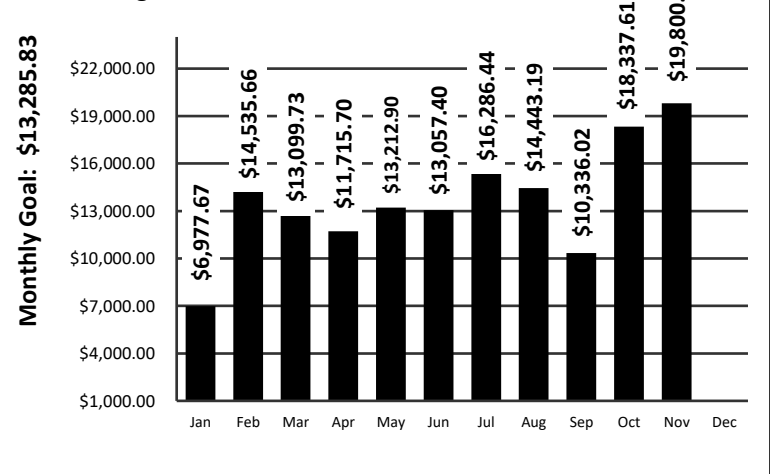
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Appeal: Psalms 145:15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Special Provider. We worship God with our resources because He often makes provision for our needs even before they arise. In a dream, the Lord informed Pharaoh about the 7 years of severe famines that would strike Egypt. However, before the beginning of the crisis, he provided 7 years of abundance.

Under the inspired leadership of Joseph, they could save the surplus and adequately prepare for the crisis. God provided before the need. Joseph told his brothers about the God who acted in anticipation: "But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance (Gen 45:7). Our needs and emergencies of today never take God by surprise or put Him off balance. During the Covid-19 pandemic, a family had witnessed how God

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acted in anticipation of their needs. Because they were staying in a foreign country, the wife had to renew her employment authorization. The process took much longer than expected. After some few months of waiting, her current work authorization expired, and she was terminated from her job. The family budget was not balancing anymore. At first, they thought that the authorization would come in a few days. It was not so. Interestingly, exactly 7 months before she lost her job, the week that many companies were closing down and dismissing employees, causing a record high unemployment rate, she miraculously held onto her job. This allowed the family to consolidate their emergency fund not knowing the challenge they would soon face. Regularly, they would check the status of her application. The waiting time grew from 3 months, to 4 months, 5 months, and finally up to 9 months. It was a testing time. During this extended time, their consolidated emergency fund kept them afloat. More accurately, it was the work of God who makes provision even before needs arise. This week as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us show our gratitude to the Provider who already has solutions for our unforeseen crises.

Prayer: Lord we worship because you do not only know the future, but you have also already prepared a way for us. You are our special Provider.

Eastgate Church News & Events

Refurbishing Projects here at Eastgate

We appreciate your patience as we work on additional projects including painting, wall construction, etc.

We would also appreciate your help in taking care of our church facilities. If you participate in an event where food or drink are part of the process or inside/outside traffic is involved; will you help by making sure that spills are cleaned up immediately? If we could monitor our comings and goings so as to reduce excess yard debris being tracked indoors? When spills, mud, dirt, etc. are left for someone else to clean long term damage often occurs. Thank you for your conscientious acts of service.

Children's Ministry Team Event ~ Warm Socks for Homeless

Saturday Night!!! Join the fun at 4:00pm this afternoon here in the fellowship room. **Bring warm socks to donate** to care packages which you can help assemble. Materials except for the socks will be provided. Enjoy some soup & hot drink. Then take the kiddos to the city Parade of Lights!

Winter Term Grow Groups

Are you looking to lead or participate in a grow group with the new year?

Green Smoothie Group – Guided by Brooke Goldner, M.D., author of the book *Goodbye Lupus*. It is a Six Week support group for the Green Smoothie Challenge. January 4 to February 12.

Questions? Contact Stephenie Renshaw or Stacie Sayler.

The Introductory Meeting will be here in our Library starting at 6:30pm. Weekly online Support Meetings will be every Sunday from Jan. 8th to Feb. 12th (poster doesn't say what time)

Hand Tied Fishing Flies: Learn to tie fishing flies during the winter months

A group where we will learn together techniques of tying traditional and modern fishing flies. One goal for this group is to develop a greater understanding of the equipment and materials used in tying fishing flies. Ten sessions are planned and dates are reserved on the church calendar. Starting date is Monday, January 9 from 6:30 – 8:00pm followed by a week break, then two weeks in a row, Jan. 23 & 30. Additional dates will be discussed at the orientation the first evening.

If you have a family member who is interested in this class, please watch for suggestions for Christmas Gifts related to this hobby/skill! [see page 8]

Social Committee Event

Christmas Cookie Exchange ~ Brought to you by the Social Committee

Get out your aprons, your favorite cookie recipe and put on some Christmas music! Bake up 6 dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies (all one kind). Bring them to the cookie exchange and you will in turn take home an assortment of 6 dozen cookies provided by others! Bring your recipe to share, too!

Sabbath, December 17, 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

There will be a memorial service in the church prior to this event from 2:00 – 4:00pm. We anticipate it should be done but we will appreciate it so much if you enter quietly. ~ Thank you!

Christmas Food Packages & Shut-In Ministry

Food Packages and Gifts: Christmas is fast approaching and it is time to begin thinking of those who would benefit from something a little extra. Those who are experiencing food insecurity or need other minor assistance.

If you have someone you know whether an individual or family with whom we can share love this Christmas season, please let us know.

We will begin taking names for our annual Christmas boxes until December 17. As these names come in, we will refer these names to the church family for assistance. Please see the giving tree in the lobby.

Please fill out the back of this form entirely (forms found in the lobby at the display). An additional questionnaire will be available for group leaders to assist in learning more about the families being helped.

Groups by family/friends/social groups or Sabbath School groups will be given the chance to be directly involved in finding out what families need and delivering directly to those families.

Deliveries will be up to each group individually by each group with each family.

Shut-In Ministry for our own Church Members who physically can no longer attend:

A New Healthy Twist

This year we want to deliver a healthy gift of love rather than a “Sugar Bomb”. If you think about it, in the past we have delivered a heaping plate of cookies to express to our members how much we value and miss them. Yet in reality, persons like this who cannot attend also very often have health issues which are adversely affected if they eat a lot of processed sugar, such as in a plate of cookies. So, this year we would like to create gifts that have a new healthy twist. If we prepare cookies we want to use recipes that are newer healthier options! We would like to include home make healthy treats which might include old fashioned fruit balls, or bread sticks. If you would like to help in this process, please speak with Rosalie Dickerson or Stan in the office. Email: Rosalie.d843@gmail.com or Stan at the church office: office@eastgateadventist.church

School News & Children's Ministry Items

Milton-Stateline Adventist School is looking for a certified, part-time teacher for grades five and six science and social studies. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jeanne Goodhew at (541) 938-7131.

Milton-Stateline Adventist School Christmas Concert

Milton Stateline's Christmas Concert will be December 6 at 6:30pm. After the concert there will be refreshments available by donation as a fundraiser for the Home and School fund.

Rogers Adventist School is looking for part-time employee(s) for the following:

After School Care Supervisors

We are looking for someone who can do three shifts per week: Tuesday & Thursday, 3-5:30pm and Fridays from 12-3:30pm. We would give consideration to hiring a mature and responsible high school or college student, age 17+. Please contact Holley Bryant (holley.bryant@rogersschool.org) or (509)529-1850) for more details

Rogers Adventist School ~ Christmas Concerts

K – 4th grade, Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:00pm, WWVA Auditorium

Ensembles Program, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:00, WWVA Auditorium

Youth Thursday Evening Gatherings

The Youth have resumed their Thursday night youth group each week from 7-8:15pm. In the Fellowship Room and the Youth Room.

Collegiate & Young Adults

Sabbath Morning Bible Study

Collegians and young adults (or young at heart) are invited to come for breakfast at 9:30am every Sabbath morning and stay for an engaging Bible study. We read a chapter of the Bible together and then dig deep to discuss the hard questions and figure out life applications. Come visit us at Classroom 115 and bring a friend! We are currently studying II Kings. For more information text Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

Men's Ministry

Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm Leader: Rob Becker, meet in Pastor's Office

This is a bible study group for men, lead by men, praying for men studying together. If this interests you please contact the group leader Rob Becker or our Pastor Eric Saylor.

Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast and Worship Time: Next UP – January 22 @ 8:00am

The gathering will be following the Christmas season and the start of the New Year. We will gather again Sunday Morning, January 22. Join the men at 8:00am for physical and spiritual food to share!

Women's Grow Group

Rhoda Ehrman invites you to join a group of women studying together. They will be starting a new book, "*Your Best Life in Jesus' Easy Yoke*" on September 12. Contact her at 509-200-2826.

General Eastgate Announcements

Expansion of Support Teams for Audio/Video and Live-Streaming ~ Help Needed!

We are trying to gear up for two services starting August 6. This is one area of ministry where more experienced operators would help to lighten the load.

Brian Hartman who leads the Live-Streaming Team is looking for one or two more individuals who would be willing to learn and assist in the ministry of our On-line Worship Service. There are those who use our YouTube as an option for viewing for a variety of reasons. We need to expand the team and he would be happy to speak to anyone who might be interested. Contact Brian at hartmaninbox@gmail.com or 509-240-6607 text or voice call.

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Walla Walla Valley Academy

Walla Walla Valley Academy Drama Department

WWVA Drama presents *Pride and Prejudice* Dec. 3 at 7 and Dec. 4 at 2 in the school auditorium. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children, are available in the school office beginning Nov. 28, or at the door.

Walla Walla Valley Academy Christmas Concert, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm

Reserve a space on your calendar for your favorite high school music department!

Walla Walla Valley Academy Kicks Off Auditorium Remodel Campaign

WWVA is raising \$1 million to update their auditorium. This project will serve many purposes on campus and houses special moments in many people's lives. This special space has served thousands of people throughout our WWVA and Walla Walla community. It is well-used and well-loved, but the time has finally come for some much-needed updates. To find out more, and how you can participate, visit news.uccsda.org/wwva1122.

Walla Walla University

Walla Walla University Music Department invites you to the following events:

To view the livestream visit our webpage: [WWU Music Department Concerts](#)

Evensong: Saturday, 3 December 2022, 4:00 p.m., Walla Walla University Church

WWU Christmas Concert: Friday, 9 December 2022, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., Walla Walla University Church

~ We hope you can join us!

Walla Walla Valley News

Pastor Steve Walikonis Retirement Party ~ a previous pastor of this congregation

You are invited to gather December 17th in the College Place Village Church sanctuary at 3:30pm for a special vespers where those who have been pastored by him will say "Thank you and God Bless" to Pastor Walikonis as he steps into retirement. Following the vespers all are welcome to gather in the foyer for some refreshments and conversation. Please bring cards filled with wonderful memories, funny stories, or advice on how to be retired for Pastor and Mrs. Walikonis.

Adventist Retired Workers

ARW, Sunday, December 4, 1:50-4:00, at SonBridge: All Adventist Retired denominational Workers and/or spouses are invited to enjoy this event featuring Hand Picked, one of Walla Walla Valley's favorite bluegrass groups. A potluck buffet will also be featured. Open to all members or prospective members. (Call Barbara Bohlman (509) 540-4771 for membership details.)

Stateline SDA Church

Don't miss this opportunity to experience **Castle Valley Academy Orchestra and Singers** on tour! They will be presenting a Christmas concert, *O Holy Night*, Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, Stateline SDA Church under the direction of Craig Cleveland. Craig is the president and music director at Castle Valley Academy in Castle Valley, Utah and was the former music director of the renowned Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers in British Columbia, Canada. A freewill offering will be collected.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY SEEKS PAID ON-CALL GROUNDSKEEPER

See the listing on the last page of this newsletter

Christian Aid Center News for Job and Volunteers

JOB Opening: We have a job opening for a *Programs Director* in our department of *Men Services*. This staff member oversees the delivery of our various recovery programs. The job is full-time with benefits. For a complete job description, please visit our website at christianaidcenter.org. If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please send a cover letter/email and resume to jradzikowski@christianaidcenter.org.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities at the Christian Aid Center:

--Breakfast Cooks in our community kitchen (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday shifts available)

--Van Driver to pick-up donated food on Saturday mornings

--Kitchen Helpers in our community kitchen (various shifts available)

--Registered Nurses to help in our Health & Wellness Center

--Prayer Warriors to pray on behalf of our guests. This is a women's prayer group that meets on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Community Engagement Director at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out a volunteer application on our website at christianaidcenter.org.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SINGALONG, Sabbath, December 3, 9:30am at Walla Walla University Fine Arts Center. Doors open at 9:00 am. Contact Kurt Schäfer, 509-527-3116 for more info.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



Vertical: Thirty-One Days of Praying for Renewal

Do you like to start your year off right? Vertical: Thirty-one Days of Prayer for Renewal will begin January 1 and going through January 31, 2023. We invite you to participate in “Thirty-One Days of Prayer for Renewal.” Your participation will bring growth to your life as well as your church. Sign up at www.uccsda.org/vertical

Happy birthday, Jesus! — Free Children's Devotional

A free 25-day activity devotional for the whole family created by the North American Division Children's Ministries Department is available for download. This devotional will take you through the

first 25 days of December, to help you celebrate and remember Jesus, the real reason for the season. To receive your copy visit news.uccsda.org/devotional1122.

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North Pacific Union Conference

NPUC Welcomes Keith Hallam as Vice President for Education

North Pacific Union welcomed Keith Hallam as the new vice president for education in September during the 2022 NPUC Constituency Session. Hallam was nominated to fill the vacancy left by Dennis Plubell, who recently retired. Read more by visiting news.uccsda.org/npuceducation1122.

Adventist Education Stories Being Collected

The Center for Research on Adventist Education is looking to collect and share stories of individuals who credit Adventist Education with who they've become and what they've accomplished. To share your story and learn more about this project go to adventistedstories.com.

General Conference

It Is Written ReCharge Retreat - December 9-11

Come join John Bradshaw, Wes Peppers, and Eric Flickinger along with NAD President Alexander Bryant, Dr. Ron Clouzet, and NAD Vice President Calvin Watkins in this exciting December weekend event that will recharge your members and leaders.

- When: December 9-11 (Register by December 5)
- Where: General Conference Headquarters, Silver Spring, Maryland
- Cost: \$189 with roommate, \$289 without (church/conference discounts available)
- Who should come: Conference leaders, pastors, local elders, personal ministry leaders, lay leaders, and church members!

Livestream: \$25, so you can watch online wherever you are. For more information and to register, please visit the *ReCharge* website at itiswritten.com/recharge.

2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention — January 8-11

Join us at the 2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention, held on Jan. 8-11. Register is open! We want to see all our ministries leaders at the "Replenish" Adventist Ministries Convention! To register and learn more, go to news.uccsda.org/ministry1122.

Considering the Fly Tying Class?

If you or someone in your family is considering joining the fly tying class which will start in January the first question will be: Do you have tools that you can use? Not endorsed, simply samples.

Cabela's Deluxe Fly Tying Kit with Case ~ [Deluxe kit](#)

Amazon Fly Tying Standard Tool Kit ~ [Colorado Angler](#)

Sportsman's Warehouse – Vise Only ~ [Colorado Angler Crown Vise](#)

Prayer Time ~ 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, or on a communication card dropped in the offering box.

We will share it here anonymously for the body to provide prayer support!

Prayers from a father for his two special children – that they stay safe in Christ!

Praises and Prayers of thanksgiving for members of this church who care for each other, for their children, their grandchildren and their church.

Prayers for older members who are struggling to maintain their independence and dealing with realizing their increasing need to rely on others.

Prayers for a brother who is struggling with addiction, trying to stay clean and sober while looking for a healthier work environment.

Please pray for a sister who is facing breast cancer. Still early in the diagnosis and treatment.

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

Please pray for the family of Skyler Gregg. He was in the Ukraine and was recently killed. He was the son of Steve & Michelle Gregg, grandson of Gretta Gregg. The family has requested their privacy as they grieve this loss. Notes and cards are welcome.

There will be a memorial service here on Sabbath, December 17 at 2:00pm

Please remember Connie and Randy Roger’s as they journey through treatment and travel to and from the treatment center.

Prayers for Birdie Einig as she is dealing with some health concerns.

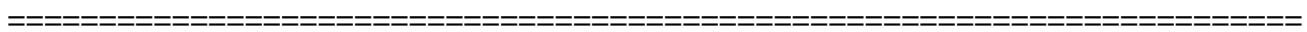
Prayers for Carol R. as she continues her recovery and adjustment to the loss of one of her eyes.

Prayers for a young man who is living in the homeless camp hoping to secure housing soon. – Shaun

Prayers for Jonathan M. as he looks for new employment and is currently struggling.

Praises:

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



Job Network

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

Mt. Hope Cemetery seeks paid, on-call groundskeeper to provide vacation backup and relief work as needed. Duties include excavating graves, burial functions, lawn mowing and other tasks. Ideal candidate must have a flexible schedule. Interested? Call Steve Walikonis – 509-200-2116