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

Several years ago our family had the privilege of traveling to Costa Rica. While there we stayed in a bamboo house that insured our close connection to nature (i.e. lizards and bugs could walk right in).

The caretaker of the rental property was a Costa Rican guy named William.

William was a friendly, engaging, helpful man who didn't speak even one word of English.

Now, Stacie knows some Spanish but my one class in high school was not sufficient to create easy communication.

Because of this we had to resort to non-verbal communion: pointing, demonstrating, vocal inflection, drawing...

Through these means William taught me how to use a cast net, open a coconut, catch fish in the surf, and many other things.

Communication isn't only verbal. There are many ways to get concepts across.

This Sabbath we're starting a new sermon series on the book of Hebrews. As the writer begins this amazing teaching he begins by discussing God's "many and various ways" He's communicated with humanity over the generations, (spoiler) culminating with the greatest communication of all: Jesus.

I hope you can join for worship as we explore "The Book of Hebrews: God Spoke..."

First Service is at 9:00, Sabbath School at 10:15, and Second Service begins at 11:30. We'll be live-streaming second service on our <u>YouTube Channel</u> so if you can't attend or don't feel well check it out!

I pray you experience God's grace and rest this Sabbath.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: September 24, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler Next Weekend: October 1, 2022: Adventist Child India

## Week At A Glance

#### Sabbath, September 24, 2022

	9:00 – 10:05am	Early Service ~ Pastor Eric Sayler	
	10:15 – 11:15am	Sabbath School Study	
	11:30 – 12:50pm	Second Service ~ Pastor Eric Sayler	
	1:00pm +/- All Ch	nurch Fellowship Potluck Dinner	
Sunday, September 25	8:00am	Men's Ministry Breakfast	
Wednesday, September 28	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting – on Hiatus until Oct. 19	
Thursday, September 29	7:00pm	Youth Fellowship Meeting	
Friday, September 30	7:00om	Prayeradigm Group	
Sabbath, October 1	9:00am	Early Service ~ Adventist Child India	
	10:15am	Sabbath School Study	
	11:30am	Second Service ~ Adventist Child India	
Friday, October 7, at 6:00pm	Agape Comm	Agape Communion supper and service; all invited	

## Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

## Worship Service 11:15am 09-24-2022 Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube

Gathering Song Praise Team
Community Life Dennis Reed

Kids Korner

Children's Song Praise Team
Children's Story Dennis Reed
Songs of Praise & Worship Prayer Praise Team
Dennis Reed

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler

Sermon Title: Letter to the Hebrews: God Spoke ...

Scripture: *Hebrews 1:1, 2* 

Song of Response Praise Team
Benediction Dennis Reed

#### Worship Team today – First Service Worship Team today – Second Service

Lead Elder: Dennis Reed Lead Elder: Dennis Reed
Praise Team Leader: Rob Becker & Friends Praise Team Leader: Rob Becker & Friends

Pianist: Kevin Waite Pianist: Kevin Waite

Greeter: Erik Johnson Greeter: Whitney & Jeanette Johnson

Lead Deacon:David MeyerLead Deacon:Buz FlegelLead Deaconess:Sharon ReedLead Deaconess:Sharon Reed

AV Team: Bob Daniel AV Team: Gary & Ryan Wimer

Live Streaming: No live-stream early service Live Streaming: David Meyer

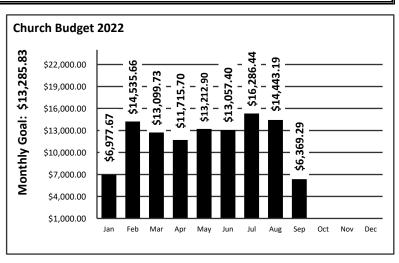
## Our Weekly Financial Reports will not be available for the next several weeks as Treasurer Dwight is on a Mission trip out of the country.

Financial Report	RECEIVED	GOAL	NEED
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 8,361.46	\$23,500.00	\$15,138.54
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 35,909.15	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

## September 24, 2022 — K.E.E.P. Scholarships

**Appeal:** Proverbs 22:6"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Eternal Influence. Gifts to the Kids Educational Endowment Program (KEEP) provide a yearly stream of interest income from which to offer financial assistance to students throughout the Upper Columbia Conference whereas todays offering, directly to K.E.E.P. Scholarships, is fully distributed to schools this school year for



immediate use. Even with heavy subsidies from the Conference, local churches, parents, grandparents, and benevolent individuals, tuition for many low and middle-income families becomes increasingly

unattainable. K.E.E.P. Scholarship offerings work to lessen that financial challenge. Obtaining an Adventist education has a profound influence in a young person's life as they are developing their own values and beliefs. We have the opportunity to influence them to develop an eternal relationship with our Heavenly Father by working to keep them in our schools. Won't you consider being a part of this mission through your financial gifts?

**Prayer:** Lord, we praise You for being a faithful provider. As we are inclined to forget and become stressed, help us remember Your goodness by giving back to You and others.

#### 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%

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

## Eastgate Church News & Events

## 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 <a href="https://hartmaninbox@gmail.com">hartmaninbox@gmail.com</a> or 509-240-6607 text or voice call.

### Adventist Child India ~ www.adventistchildindia.org ~ Coming to Eastgate October 1, 2022

In two Sabbaths we will once again be visited by William Mack and Nancy Mattison-Mack who were last here in 2020. Here is how they introduced themselves last time.

Nancy, my wife, and I are some of those people who have been traditionally called "missionaries", although the politically correct term now is an ISE. Ok, I'll let you in on the secret, ISE means an International Service Employee. We work for the church and are based in one Division, but work in a different Division. Nancy grew up in India where her parents were life-long missionaries and I was able to live & teach in Zambia, Africa for a year when I was a student missionary.

We have lived in India since 2013 and would love to share with you some exciting stories about the highs and lows of serving the Lord. We look forward to seeing you on October 1!

Have you slept on the floor of an all bamboo house? Have you had to get all of your water from a stream that was way down at the bottom of the mountain? Have you had to climb to the top of the tallest trees just to make a phone call? We will introduce you to young people who have had a variety of experiences.

## 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. Thank you for subscribing! <a href="https://www.YouTube.com/c/EastgateAdventistChurch/featured">https://www.YouTube.com/c/EastgateAdventistChurch/featured</a>

## **Refurbishing Projects here at Eastgate**

We are in the midst of repairing and repainting the damage to the ceiling of the women's restroom we experienced earlier this summer. Please excuse our process as we complete the repairs. Thank you!

## School News & Children's Ministry Items

## **Rogers Adventist School**

Is looking for part-time employees for the following:

After School Care Supervisors

Please contact Holley Bryant (holley.bryant@rogersschool.org or (509)529-1850) for more details

## Walla Walla Valley Academy Alumni Weekend

### Walla Walla Valley Academy Alumni Weekend, October 14-16 2022

After two years without Alumni Weekend due to the pandemic, we are so excited to welcome back our Alumni on October 14-16! We can't wait to reconnect with you. Our Alumni Weekend will be packed full of chances to re-connect and have some much needed fun! Register at <a href="www.wwwa.org/alumni-weekend">www.wwwa.org/alumni-weekend</a> or contact Josie Baird at (509)525-1050.

## Youth Thursday Evenings has Resumed!

It has been a very busy summer! Looking ahead for youth group and activities, we have resumed our Thursday night youth group. Meetings are on Thursdays, from 7-8:15pm. In October we will be having a Youth Harvest Party. I will let you know the date as soon as I can. It will be closer to the end of the month. ~ Jenny Alford

## **Collegiate & Young Adults**

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

This group is a vibrant collection of 20-40 ish believers who are currently studying I Kings 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

<u>Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm</u> Leader: Rob Becker, ~ 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 Sayler.

#### Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast and Worship Time Returns – Sept. 25 at 8:00am

After a bit of a summer break the monthly gathering of men for breakfast and worship will resume on the last Sunday of each month. 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.

## Membership Transfers & Nominating Committee Actions

## First Reading for Transfers in, Transfer out and Nominating Committee positions

Members Arriving: Kenneth Silver, Walla Walla Northside Adventist Church

Glenn Silver, College Place Village Church

Janelle Watson, TurningPoint SDA Community Church, Roseburg, OR Melvin and Melissa Roberts, Beltsville SDA Church, Beltsville, MD Tim and DeeAnn Buller, The Adventure SDA Church, Greeley, CO.

Member Leaving: Joe Wren to Kennewick Adventist Church, Kennewick, WA

The Church Board acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee recommends the following:

To add Daniel Hopkins to serve on the Youth Team

To add Amber Maldonado to the Deaconess Team

To add Heather Wimer to the Deaconess Team

To add Wendy Rick as a Milton-Stateline Adventist School Board Representative from Eastgate.

## Walla Walla Valley News

#### **Christian Aid Center News for Job and Volunteers**

**JOB Opening:** We have a job opening for a <u>Programs Director</u> in our department of <u>Men Services</u>. 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 <u>christianaidcenter.org</u>. If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please send a cover letter/email and resume to <u>jradzikowski@christianaidcenter.org</u>.

#### **VOLUNTEER Opportunities:**

- --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.







YOU ARE INVITED! SonBridge Center for Better Living is inviting you to a Supporter Luncheon on Wednesday, October 12 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Thanks to your generosity, for over 17 years,

SonBridge has been providing assistance services to members of our community. Come network with and listen to people who are passionate about helping others, enjoy a meal together while contributing to bringing hope and wholeness to our valley. The luncheon will be held at SonBridge at 1200 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, College Place and tickets are available for a donation of \$50 each. Each donation will contribute toward the goal of raising \$50,000. For more information and to register, go to sonbridge.org/supporter-luncheon.

## Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



#### <u>Vertical Prayer Zoom Prayer Meeting with Randy Maxwell – Oct 6, 6:30 p.m.</u>

We praise God for the prayer time that we had with the nearly 300 participants in the prayer meeting with Pavel Goia. The next all conference Prayer Zoom Prayer Meeting will be Thursday, October 6 a 6:30 p.m. We are praying for 1,000 people praying together before this night before the visioning session at Camp MiVoden begins. As you were blessed, we invite you to share the blessing and invite three more to attend with you. Here is the information we would like you to have:

David Jamieson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Vertical Zoom Prayer Meeting with Randy Maxwell Time: Oct 6, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87490948022?pwd=WFNZK3hEMHovcnZnNklERms3YTJtZz09

Shorter link: <a href="https://news.uccsda.org/vertical1022">https://news.uccsda.org/vertical1022</a></a>
Please enter with phones muted. (Mute toggle \*6)

Meeting ID: 874 9094 8022

Passcode: 324059

Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kFVRlZq5m">https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kFVRlZq5m</a>

#### Vertical: 40 Days of Prayer for God's Vision

We are sending out daily inspirational devotionals based on the book of Acts. If you haven't signed up to be a part of Vertical, you can do that at <a href="https://www.uccsda.org/vertical">www.uccsda.org/vertical</a>.

## Fourth Quarter Sabbath Lesson Overview — September 26

September 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. MT all Adult Sabbath School teachers are invited to an overview of the 4th Quarter Sabbath Lesson, "On Death, Dying, and Future Hope" with Dr. Alberto R. Timm, Associate Director of the Biblical Research Institute (BRI), author of the 4th Quarter lessons. He will provide teaching tips and hold a questions and answers time. Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94297896393?pwd=Q1FPdE03S1FkUUh1QUkzam83SXhGZz09">https://zoom.us/j/94297896393?pwd=Q1FPdE03S1FkUUh1QUkzam83SXhGZz09</a>

#### New It Is Written Series Focuses on Relationship with God — October 19-22

*It Is Written* will present Grounded from Oct. 19 to 22. Grounded is a revival series focused on leading viewers into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God. It will air on It Is Written TV, 3ABN, Facebook, and YouTube. Churches and small groups are encouraged to sign up to stream the series. Register and find free promotional materials at grounded.study.

### UCC Women's & Young's Women's Retreat — October 21 & 22

Cindy Mercer was giving up, but God was only getting started! In her gripping and transparent story, you will join Cindy's journey of hope, failure, growth, and healing amid seemingly insurmountable odds. There is power in prayer and God's Word! Plan to join us for Upper Columbia Conference Fall Women's & Young's Women's Retreat, "Pray Big," on October 21 and 22 in-person at Upper Columbia Conference and online. Registration is set to open September 6 at <a href="https://womensretreat.com/womensretreat">uccsda.org/womensretreat</a>. Other special features will include guest artist, Vania Kasper; Cindy Williams, with a health inspiration; and Sheryl Janke, sharing kindness with a craft project.

#### Former UCA Principal Accepts Position as Education Director in Alaska Conference

In early August, John Winslow accepted the position to be the Director of Education and Youth and Young Adult ministries. John is looking forward to supporting teachers, administrators, and lay people of Alaska. He is equally enthusiastic to continue growing a culture in their conference in which youth and young adults are connected with their church family and involved in leadership and community outreach for their local church.

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## North American Division News

## **Holbrook Indian School Mourns Loss of Student**

On Aug. 28, 17-year-old student Kiarra Alma Gordon was killed and six others injured during an accident involving a bus from the Holbrook Indian School in Arizona. Gordon, from the Wide Ruins on the Navajo Nation, was a talented young woman who loved sports and was focused on her education. To read more of Kiarra's story, see <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/holbrook922">news.uccsda.org/holbrook922</a>.

## 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, or on a communication card dropped in the offering box.

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

Prayers for a member who is having Sabbath Work issues. Seeking God's help in allowing church attendance again and making ends meet financially.

Prayers for a family working through difficult circumstances.

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.

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

Please Pray for Carol Hargreaves, Dwight and Kristy Bartlett as they are on a mission trip for the next few days.

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

Prayers for the children of Hollie Johnson who lost her battle with cancer.

Please do not forget her children.

Prayers for Carol R. as she recovers from and adjusts to the loss of one of her eyes.

#### **Praises:**

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

Praises for those of you who have participated and assisted our school, MSAS prepare for and get started this fall! (See Pictures on the bulletin board in the church lobby)

Praises for Jay M's apparent good results this week!

Praises for the response of all who attended this year's Camp Wooten Retreat! From meal prep, clean-up, music, recreational time together! Thank you for your participation.

## When the Jordan Doesn't Part

Dear friends,

We arrived back in the Maghreb a few weeks ago. We felt so thankful that Haniya looked after our home while we were away. We came back to both our cats and no cockroaches. What wonderful blessings!

We got set up to begin our homeschool year, connected with friends, and Christian started working again at the language center. Then, just last Thursday, Gladys and I decided to try to go visit the believers in India.

Here's some background for you. The believers in India have been facing trials. Misunderstood by their Hindu neighbors, they've had to move the house church several times, eventually relocating outside the village we used to call home. They currently hold church services without any singing.

We thought about going as a family, as we haven't been able to visit since before Covid. But Christian would void a mountain of paperwork if he were to exit the country before his yearly residence permit was renewed. He had a 2-week vacation coming up, so we thought Gladys and I could make the trip up to the Pahari project site and hopefully be some kind of encouragement. We asked our daughter, and she was thrilled at the idea--which is a kind of miracle of its own.

Christian and I worked almost around the clock trying to make it possible for Gladys and me to go. And, although it seemed doors kept closing, we got ready in faith that if going was a part of God's plan, God would make it happen. We were literally packed, in our car, with our PCR Covid tests completed, just waiting for our tickets to be confirmed (after hours on the phone with our bank, which suddenly suspected fraud, and the airlines) and Gladys's visa to come through.

Finally, we had to call it. We drove home, put our things away, and shed some tears. It wasn't God's plan for us to go right now.

Sometimes faith means knowing that God will do something specific. Other times faith is believing that whatever God does, it's the best thing. It's like walking to the Jordan and putting your foot in, knowing that if you're supposed to get to the other side, God is going to dry it up. And that if He doesn't, it means He has another way.

Are you standing with your feet in the raging Jordan river, looking for God's "other way"? Let's pray for each other, that we'll be sensitive to His voice and follow with willing hearts. And let's pray together for the believers in India and the Maghreb, that they will be faithful and full of faith, and have the courage and devotion to follow God . . . In times of clarity and times of confusion.

Your Fellow Servants,

Alexa and Christian Sharma

