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Special points of interest:

- * **Volunteer**—360° Sports League Hospitality Tent
- * **Volunteer**—OVSDA Readers' Choir
- * **Volunteer**—Share Your Ministry Blessings Story

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Church Hospitality

Our role at OVSDA is to welcome people and connect them into the life of God's Family. Our task is to help guests feel the love of God by truly welcoming them into God's house through friendly, authentic and gracious service. As it says in II Corinthians 5:20, "we are his ambassadors", Jesus uses us to be the welcoming arms of the church. It is powerful to contemplate that WE are the ones that Jesus uses to seek others.

I would like to take this moment to affirm our 360° Sports League and the dedication that Elder "coach" Chuck and his volunteer coaches give to this ministry. We are currently in the midst of our Flag Football season. This will then be followed by Basketball and Soccer leagues going into 2015. Every

Sunday during league play, our coaches and players meet on the field for football. This is not just about sports; it is about connecting with the kids, parents, and bystanders. It is about forming long lasting solid relationships. It's about learning commitment and sportsmanship.

Here at OVSDA we are launching our "OVSDA 360° Hospitality Tent" which is a place where anyone can come, have a drink, and be greeted by our church member "hosts." Kicking it off at the beginning of the season, Dave and

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Church Hospitality *(continued from page 1)*

Ginger Jewett were the hosts of our hospitality tent efforts and were met with many thirsty individuals throughout the morning. The Glass, Eby, Stacey, Borrowdale and Funada families have also staffed our hospitality station. Showing a presence on the field and extending OVSDA hospitality is one of many ways we can be the church that God has called us to be!



sure to let us know. We will find the right fit for you - our goal is to encourage others to smile and make them feel special - because they are.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jon Cicle

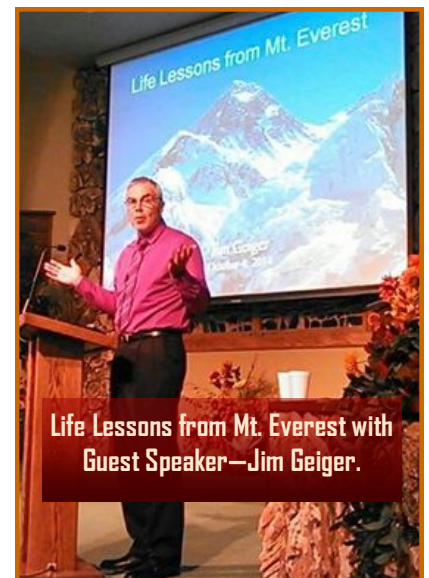
One may ask, where do I fit in? We have many volunteer needs at OVSDA such as the 360° OVSDA Hospitality Tent hosts as mentioned above. If you are interested in reaching out and being part of our OVSDA volunteer team, please be



Volunteer to host the 360° Sports League Hospitality Tent.

Orangevale SDA Church Facebook Post:

"**James Geiger**, I enjoyed your presentation (sermon) about your experiences climbing all of those mountains in God's preparation for your experience on Mt. Everest, during that horrible avalanche disaster. My takeaway quotes are: **'Loving others must be our highest priority.'** **'Trust in God, not in things, not in self.'** **'I will not quit.'** **'The higher the mountain, the harder the climb, the more I need a guide.'**" *Posted by Scott Alvord.*



Life Lessons from Mt. Everest with Guest Speaker—Jim Geiger.



Getting acquainted with ¹ Pat Wilson, ² Donna Frost and ³ Scott Alvord

Have you received that call yet? The one from Pastor Jon, or that email from Heather, inviting you to an intimate one-on-one interview—on the platform—during the Worship Hour? Pastor has been helping us get to know one another better by asking a series of questions...

- ◆ “How long have you been a member here at Orangevale?”
- ◆ “What do you do during the day?”
- ◆ “What has been your high point this week?”
- ◆ “Low point this week?”
- ◆ “If you met Jesus on the street, what would you ask him to do for you?”

Whether you are new, like Pat Wilson—interviewed as her transfer was being processed, or have been an active member serving the Lord at Orangevale church and school for several years, like Donna Frost and Scott Alvord, you may wish to consider your answers to these



questions. Why, because your church family and friends want to know you better.

It is our prayer that we feel more connected as a church and school family as we grow together in faith in the Lord our God.

By Michael Alarice Brown

***“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all?”***

2 Corinthians 13:14



MISSION FOCUSED OFFERING CALL

Perhaps you have noticed Pastor Jon and others, during the traditional offering call, are telling the story that Orangevale Church is more than buildings, more than staff, more than office supplies. Through faith we find the people, money, and other resources needed to do the things that touch lives. The sacred stories we share show not only where our donations are used, but how we are being blessed and how the lives of those we serve are being changed for the better.

SACRED STORY ...

...much of Scripture is the sacred story of God's care for the people of God, i.e., Exodus 16 and Manna from heaven. Our mission focused offering calls tell our sacred stories of God's care of His people today through our efforts and resources.

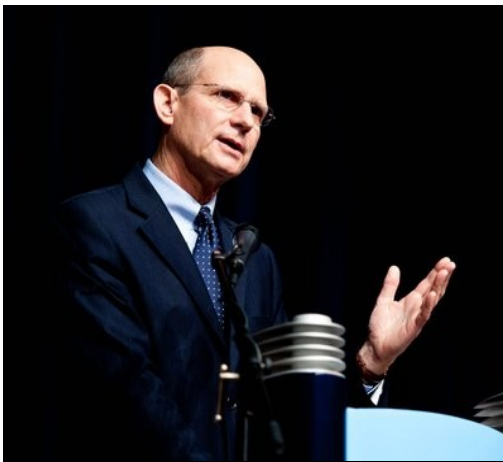
TELLING OUR STORY

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4

Are you a part of our Children's Ministries—teaching God's truth to the children of Orangevale Church? Do you love teaching Bible truth to our children? We love to see them walking in the ways of God. It is exciting! It is fun! If you have been working to make a difference in the lives of our children, please share your sacred story with the Church family. May the God of truth bless us richly through your efforts!

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In a statement September 26, 2014, Adventist Church President Ted N. C. Wilson called for an October 11 Day of Prayer for West Africa as it deals with an expanding Ebola epidemic.

[ANN file photo]

ADVENTIST CHURCH PRESIDENT CALLS FOR PRAYER FOR EBOLA VICTIMS

Excerpt from Adventist News Network (ANN) World Church Article

"On behalf of the leadership and membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in its 13 world divisions, and indeed the more than 18 million members in 215 countries, I would like to express my deep concern for the people in West Africa who are living under the threat of the Ebola virus—particularly in the countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Senegal and Nigeria.

I am urgently imploring all Seventh-day Adventists around this globe to make Sabbath, October 11, 2014 a special Day of Prayer for our brothers and sisters in West Africa and for the entire population in that region as they face this virtually unprecedented tragedy. Let us pray that God will put a halt to the spread of this virulent virus."

Read complete article at <http://news.adventist.org/all-news/news/go/2014-09-26/adventist-church-president-calls-for-day-of-prayer-for-ebola-victims/news/go/2014-09-26/Adventist>.

OVSDA Readers' Choir

An excellent way to engage young and old in the biblical narratives, OVSDA Readers' Choir provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in playing a role and gaining greater knowledge of the characters and events illuminated in the scriptures.

Over the past few months, you may have witnessed a few readings by our volunteer "OVSDA Readers' Choir" participants during the Worship Service. Some of the selected readings are short and others longer, filled with a variety of speaking parts.

Our intent is to utilize unrecognized talent and/or individuals who are passionate about scriptural based readings and share it with our congregation on a monthly basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office. We have reading parts for all ages and voices.

Welcome!

Pastor Jon & Heather Cicle



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VERSE OF THE SEASON

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Isaiah 4:10

mission update

Orangevale SDA Food & Clothes Closets' Volunteers & Donors
 MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!
Praising God for All His Blessings!



A Big Thank You to our partners for their donations: Wal-Mart, Panera Bread, Folsom Grind, Noah's Bagels & Target
Our SDA Food & Clothes Closets serve the needs of approximately 500 individuals weekly!
Special Holiday Season Needs!



We are conducting the annual "Can Drive" through the Church and School. Shirley Pope, Director, and her staff challenge each and every **Orangevale attendee** to bring one can of vegetables each week this season—and through out the winter. (Shirley advises that Win-Co may have the best value for your money.) Our Food Closet **shelves are empty!** Summer/fall harvests are over. We will no longer receive the beautiful produce pictured above. **We appreciate your help** meeting the needs of our family, neighbors and friends in need!



Orangevale SDA School



1st and 2nd graders are working on math. The 2nd graders play Pop Math in the tent and 1st graders use blocks to add and subtract.



Kindergarten has a helper point to the days of the week each morning as they sing. What a fun job!



A very big THANK YOU to all the parent volunteers that give their time to help make our school a better place. What a wonderful blessing you are!



There was a great illustration in Monday morning assembly, October 6, about being diligent in your school work, and how it helps to fill our buckets. When we listen in class, it helps us do our

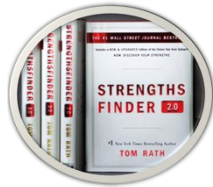


Private Piano lessons with Mrs. Cunningham.



For more information visit www.OVSDA.org.

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"Well done, good and trustworthy servant! You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your Master."

You have probably heard a sermon about the parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14-30, many times. For me, this parable characterizes much of how I think about our Church. I believe that the people of Orangevale are productive and resourceful. My spirit recharges each Sabbath in worship and fellowship, refocusing my needs to a larger mission.

Do you find joy, courage, and strength singing with our Praise Team? Are you sharing, working, and praying with friends who are energized to serve? We need to know how you and your friends are being blessed and of the opportunity you have to touch lives.

Has your intercessory prayer life lifted you, made you more courageous, stronger in your faith? Are you an Orangevale Prayer Warrior or small group participant? We want to hear your story.



Paul's words continue to lift me up:

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love,"
1 Corinthians 16:13

When I falter, the ministry of Orangevale is there to lift up my spirit and send me forth. I love that our church makes a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. And, I love that, by example, we are teaching our children and youth the value of helping others and living as Christ taught.

MISSION FOCUSED OFFERINGS

Our mission focused offering calls recognize that as a congregation we are not inspired at the prospect of funding administrative costs, postage, heat, electricity, photocopying, etc. We hope that you will have a much clearer picture of who we are, how we serve the community, and the multitude of activities and ministries that take place in our Church and School family through our sacred stories.

As donors, we don't give time and money To the church... we give THROUGH the church to touch the lives of other people.

May we each give more generously as we recognize our time and money is having an impact.

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