

GLADSTONE GAZETTE

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GETTING TO KNOW BRANDON O'NEAL

BY GREG BROTHERS

For the past five years, Brandon O'Neal has been the principal of Portland Adventist Elementary School. Last year, O'Neal added the job of part-time associate superintendent for the Oregon Conference. He's worked 24-years in education, with special training in special education, and curriculum development. This spring, O'Neal became the Vice President of Education for the Oregon Conference.

This week, we got to sit down with him to talk about why he chose education as his life's work and what he hopes to achieve.

Why did you become a teacher? I struggled in school—but I had two outstanding teachers who made a difference: Mrs. Abshire in fifth-grade, and Mrs. Orlando in eighth. When I graduated from high school, I got a job and worked, but after four-years, I was ready to follow God's call and become a teacher.

Any regrets? I've never looked back.

Why did you become a principal? I like helping teachers grow. That's my job: growing good teachers who are well-trained and well-supported.

How do you get good teachers? You hire good people—good people become good teachers.

You've worked in both public schools and the Adventist system - what's the difference? What I like best about Adventist schools is the sense of community. It takes all the pieces to make a good school - and in Adventist schools, you get the sense that



parents, teachers, principals, and pastors are all in this together.

As superintendent, how do you stay in touch with that community? That's one of my biggest challenges—not losing touch with parents, students, and teachers. That's why I plan to spend a lot of time in our schools, visiting with teachers and kids.

What about financial challenges? Always an issue—especially when we have so many school buildings that have been around so long. We need to make sure a school's outside matches the quality of education inside.

And the cost of this education? It takes courage for a family that has no money to walk through the doors of an Adventist school—but in my five years at Portland Adventist Elementary School, we always found ways for those students to attend. We have very, very generous churches.

Should time last, what do you hope to achieve in the next five years?

- Grow good teachers.
- Help the students who are coming out of the pandemic with all kinds of challenges – both in terms of academics and mental health.
- Most of all, we need to keep showing Jesus in the classroom. We do a good job of this already, but we need to keep moving forward.

WHAT IS THE K-12 SCHOLARSHIP?

BY MCKENZIE WALLACE

Started in 2014, the K-12 Scholarship has been an amazing blessing to over 1,000 students!

The K-12 Scholarship is a partnership between families, churches, schools, the Oregon and North Pacific Union Conferences, and education ministry donors—one that gives more students an opportunity to know Christ.

Qualified students entering Kindergarten, 1st, and 9th grades are eligible for this grant opportunity through their schools. If they continue to qualify through the annual process and available funding, the program may continue through their education.

If you are interested in helping to keep this incredible opportunity available for students who may not otherwise be able afford an Adventist education, then give to the "K-12 Scholarship" through your tithe envelope or Adventist Giving online.

Go to www.OregonAdventist.org and select "Donate". The K-12 Scholarship is listed there under Conference giving options. Checks can be addressed to OR Conference of SDA, K-12 Scholarship and mailed to the Office of Education, 19800 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027. The Office of Education is more than happy to talk with you about this program.



TODAY'S CAFETERIA MENU
see full menu at www.OregonAdventist.org

Breakfast 7:30-8:30AM	Lunch 12:00-1:30PM	Dinner 5:00-6:15PM
Cinnamon Rolls Baked Tofu Homestyle Hash Browns Cereal	Lemon Thai Curry Jasmine Rice Thai Crunch Salad Guava Cake	Cream of Broccoli Soup Hot Dogs with Toppings

Gluten and Dairy-free options available upon request. Menu items subject to change due to availability of product.



Today
84° F

3-Day Forecast		
Tonight	Friday	Sabbath
56°	80°	83°
		
56° Low	57° Low	58° Low

Forecast found at www.noaa.gov

SEMINAR SPOTLIGHT

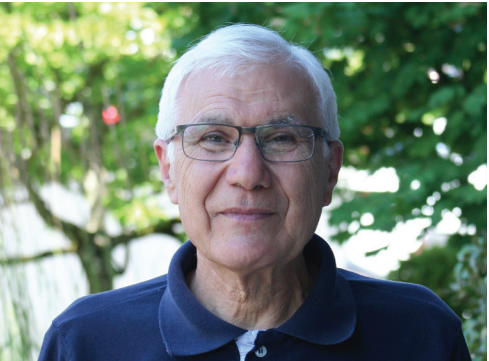
BY WENDY CLARK

You won't want to miss this late addition to the camp meeting line-up! This afternoon at 2:30 PM in Zull Hall, Dr. Joseph Kidder will be talking about the of the *Jesus Centered Life*. Come and learn how to practice spiritual discipline based on Acts 2:42-47.

Dr. Kidder is currently a professor of Pastoral Theology and Discipleship at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Very popular

with his students, he has taught at the seminary for the last 22 years. Prior to that he served as a pastor for 18 years in the Upper Columbia Conference.

Today, you'll explore the three areas of life shaped by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit's role in helping us to connect with God, and what we can do to be fully committed to him. See you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gladstone Camp Meeting 2022

Adventist Single Adult Ministries Potluck: Bring your food and a smile to Zull Hall on Sabbath after church! Plates, cups, napkins, and plasticware will be provided.

All Filipinos and Filipino/Americans, join the Oregon-Washington Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF) at the Earliteen Tent for potluck following the church service on Sabbath!

Alumni/Reunion Luncheons: Be sure to submit your luncheon information to the Communication department by TODAY at 10:00 am if you would like it published in the Friday or Sabbath Gazette.

Cafeteria: Please note that the Sabbath meal prices in the camp meeting booklet this year are wrong. The correct prices are: Breakfast - \$8.50, Lunch - \$10.00, Supper - \$10.00.

Veterans—we want to honor you this year at camp meeting at a special reception on Friday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Chapel at the Conference Office. Refreshments will be served and fellowship with other veterans and their families will abound.

Shop the Used Book Sale at camp meeting! Visit the tent in front of the ABC to find commentaries, EGW, stories, inspiration, music, cooking, etc! This year will also include scratch and dent, and factory seconds of brand-new books. Hours will be Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM and from 9:00-10:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-6:30 PM, Saturday 9:15 PM-10:30 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Books sell for \$2.00 per inch with new books arriving each day!

Union College Alumni Gathering - Alumni, family, and friends of Union College are invited for a time of fellowship and food, Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 pm in Zull Hall. Union legend Buell Fogg and his wife, Kathy, will be joining us to share how Union is doing.

Enter Portland Adventist Academy's drawing for one month's free tuition - register at PAA's display at the Education Booth; winners will be announced this Thursday at 6:30 PM.



Come to the Plaza Pavilion at 6:45 pm each evening for Gladstone Today! It's also streaming on the Oregon Conference Facebook page, and at OregonAdventist.org!

**DON'T FORGET
TO SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER FOR
THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE PROJECT
TODAY!**

You can still sign up for the Fun Run happening tomorrow morning! Stop by the InfoCenter to sign up and/or pick up your shirt!

Shuttle Service is available inside the campground to the valley and parking lots by six-passenger golfcart, throughout the week. Just look for the Shuttle Stop signs, or flag one down!

CAMP MEETING CHRONICLE

BY GREG BROTHERS

Our last Camp Meeting used 46 golf carts - up from 42 the year before. This year, there's 52. At this rate, everybody at Camp Meeting will be driving a golf cart in just 40 years . . . Alumni can pick-up a coupon for a free Pronto Pup at Walla Walla University's exhibit in the Education Booth . . . 2988 voters went through 450 photos of Oregon - and you can see the 45 they liked best at the Conference Office, anytime between 12:30 PM and 3 PM this Friday. (See if you can spot Dick Duersken's favorite.) . . . Yes, they're serving Ukrainian food at the Pathfinder Snack Shack. Yes, the servers there will sing for you. Yes, it's amazing . . . The best place for people-watching at Camp Meeting? The steps of the Treasury Building . . . Lutz Binus has been a pastor in Oregon for 38-years - the longest of any still in full-time ministry 'round here . . . Drop-off kid-friendly snacks at the Sandpiper Building; they'll go to a local school's summer meal program. . . . Last I checked, the Pathfinder Snack Shack had sold 1,273 Pronto Pups, and 92 bowls of borscht.

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TODAY'S ministries
special guest

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or at Oregon Conference Headquarters

Adventist Book Center's

CAMP MEETING

SALE

SUPER SUNDAY SALE
July 24 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
*win prizes • free food samples
visit with friends • corn dogs & burgers for sale*

Stack up the savings when you buy multiple cases!

Buy any combination of 5 cases of these Loma Linda canned foods and you get... **\$15 back!**

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