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News and Information from the President's Office assembled by Judy Williams

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August 15th Board Chapel

By Olga Valdivia

What a truly uplifting sermon we had at our Board Chapel, delivered by Ken Denslow, President of the Lake Union Conference. His message, centered on the powerful chapter of Hebrews 11, often referred to as the "Hall of Faith", highlighted the unwavering faith of those who came before us, serving as a timeless reminder of the steadfast trust in God that these biblical



figures exhibited, even in the face of uncertainty and trials. Elder Denslow emphasized several key steps of faith as exemplified in Hebrews 11:



1. **Hearing God's Call:** The heroes of faith were first and foremost listeners to God's call. Whether it was Abraham being called to leave his homeland or Noah being instructed to build the ark, each person was attentive and responsive to God's voice.
2. **Believing in God's Promise:** These figures placed their trust in God's promises, even when the outcome was not visible. Their belief wasn't merely intellectual but

was rooted in a profound trust in God's faithfulness, compelling them to act.

3. **Obedying God's Command:** Their faith was made evident through action. They didn't just believe—they followed through with obedience, even when it required significant sacrifice.
4. **Persevering Through Challenges:** Faith also meant enduring through difficulties. Despite facing trials and hardships, they continued to persevere in faith, securing their place in the "Hall of Faith."

Elder Denslow's message reminded us that these steps are not just for the people of the Bible but are relevant to our lives today. As we encounter our own uncertainties and trials, we can follow these same steps, recognizing that faith is an active, enduring trust in God. This trust transforms hearing into believing, believing into obeying, and obeying into persevering.

Jesus is coming soon. Let us keep this hope alive so that our names will remain in the Book of Life, alongside the faithful who have gone before us. May we live each day with unwavering trust in His promises, persevering through trials, and obediently following His call, so that when He returns, we will be found faithful and ready to meet Him.



Making a Difference . . .

Notes to PPPA on its 150th anniversary:

Wow! 150 years! That's no small achievement for PPPA. We are so proud of the entire team in Nampa. "The Press" and the printed word has been the heartbeat of the 3 Angels Messages since the days of "Present Truth" with James White and our pioneers.

Our Voice of Prophecy ministry was hugely enriched and we exploded our worldwide impact through the publications of Bible lessons, sermons, books and correspondence courses thanks to Pacific Press. You continue to publish some of my books.

Thank you, saints!

So how can we put our accolades into words? We can't. The impact of your ministry will continue to reverberate in heaven throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

May Heaven continue to smile down upon you with its choicest blessings! Straight ahead dear ones. Your future is so bright you're going to need sunglasses to see it. (And that's Biblical.)

Lonnie & Jeannie Melashenko

Congratulations on 150 years of service to Church and community.

Since 1886 when the first missionaries to Australia landed in Melbourne bearing trunk loads of the first Antipodean edition *Signs of the Times* magazine, we have had a successful and profitable relationship. By profitable, I mean soul-winning. More recently as editor Downunder, it was my privilege to work directly with PPPA and NAD *Signs* editor Elder Marvin Moore on a shared *Signs*, a symbiotic partnership for both houses and the magazines' public.

PPPA, it has been a privilege to have known you and worked in service with you.

With best wishes for a great day,
Lee Dunstan, *Signs of the Times* editor, retired.

Camporee 2024 . . .

By Bonnie Herbel

A big thank you to both Marianne Daugharthy (Pacific Press booth) and Laura Samano (Guide magazine booth) along with all the others who invested time and energy into the Gillette 2024 Camporee.



Left to Right: Tatiana Herbel, cousin Miquenna Kneller, Kelsey Cook and Addy Herbel with Laura Samano

Not only did these two ladies take the time to make our young people feel special, among such a large attending group, they also helped make the event a fun experience! In spite of the stress of overflowing porta potty's, cancelled programs and storms that caused flooding, the Lord brought blessings in many forms!

Also, a big thank you to Doug, Jon and Elvis for the incredible job they did with the ABC booth.

New Face at the Press . .

Welcome Amarillys Reyes- Hernandez

Press Room

Amarillys has previously held a position as a secretary and has experience in medical billing and coding. One of her most memorable roles was as a caregiver for the elderly.

Her journey to the Pacific Press was fueled by her enthusiasm for production work and she is eager to deepen her understanding in this area. She appreciates the books we publish and is excited about the opportunity to contribute to their production.

She is a proud mother of two daughters—one a teacher, while the other is currently a student.



Additionally, she has a son who works in a customer service field.

Amarillys prefers face-to-face interactions and finds her greatest happiness in her children, engaging in arts and crafts, spending time with her dog, and treating herself to ice cream. One thing on her list of must-do's is to explore the Grand Canyon.

In addition to these interests, Amarillys loves painting, home decorating and singing, which reveals her creativity.

Welcome to the PPPA family Amarillys, we're so glad you are here.

HR News . . .

By Julie Nichols

This year's open enrollment will be September 23rd – October 15th. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing more information as we get closer to open enrollment.

If you work 30+ hours per week and you have opted to be part of PPPA healthcare you would be eligible for a Flexible Spending Acct. What is an FSA acct. and why might you consider one? An FSA is an employer-sponsored arrangement that allows employees to use pre-tax money to pay for medical and dependent care expenses for you, your spouse and your dependents. Some of the benefits include:

Tax savings- employees can save money on income taxes by setting aside money before taxes are deducted.

Management of Out of Pocket medical costs- employees can use FSA funds to pay for expenses that aren't covered by health insurance.

The IRS determines what is considered an eligible expense. Some examples of eligible expenses include:

- Deductibles and co-pays
- Medical office visits
- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medicines with a doctor's prescription
- Insulin

- Medical equipment like crutches
- Supplies like bandages
- Diagnostic devices like blood sugar test kits
- Therapy and counseling services
- Oral care

How it works:

Each pay period, a regular portion of your FSA election will be deducted tax-free from your biweekly paycheck. These deductions are taken from your gross pay before your federal, state, social security and income taxes are withheld. The deductions are then contributed to your FSA for your use on eligible expenses

Once you are enrolled, you can access your funds to pay for eligible expenses.

If you already have an FSA there is an IRS carryover limit of \$640 from 2024-2025. Employees can also file a claim for expenses incurred from 2024 until March 31, 2025.

We have included the following link that will lead you to our healthcare website. This will give additional information about the FSA.

<https://ascendtoholeness.org/en-US/Members/Voluntary-Benefits/Voluntary-Benefits/Flexible-Spending-Account>

Dateline . . .

August Calendar

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| 21 | PAYDAY |
| 26 | Safety Chapel – Mike Fifer |

September Calendar

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| 2 | NO CHAPEL – HOLIDAY |
| 4 | PAYDAY |
| 9 | Chapel – Scott Cady |

August Birthdays

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| 21 | Thomas Walter |
| 30 | Dave Gatton |

September Birthdays

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| 3 | Virginia Ramsey |
| 5 | Dawn Jarrett |
| 11 | Gloria Hughes |