



# A CLOSER WALK

Oklahoma Camp Meeting | July 7-July 15 2023



**James Shires**  
*President*



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*Treasurer*



## WELCOME

Moses was invited to meet God at a burning bush and began a deeper and closer relationship. God later resurrected him and took him to heaven to continue that relationship. Enoch was invited to walk with God, and they grew so close that he walked into heaven with God. Elijah walked with God until God came down to escort him to heaven in a chariot. The first disciples were asked by Jesus to come and follow Him, to walk with Him. Our theme this year is “A Closer Walk”. We have been invited by Jesus to meet Him at Wewoka Woods and to grow in our walk with Him. The yearning we all have in our hearts for something more and better is put there by the Holy Spirit as an invitation to connect with Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way. As the coming of Jesus draws closer, our greatest need is to draw closer to Him. That’s one of the reasons for Wewoka Woods and Camp Meeting. We are glad you responded to the invitation. Lets us all pray that this year our walk will grow closer.

– *James Shires*



# REACH 4

HOW WILL YOU REACH ONE FOR JESUS?

What if you asked God to use you to reach just one person by the end of 2023?

One person needing hope.  
One person looking for answers.  
One person who God is claiming as his own.

Witnessing doesn't have to be complicated. God wants to use you at home, at work, at church... really wherever you are.

Will you pray for God to send you a divine appointment so that you can reach one person for Him?

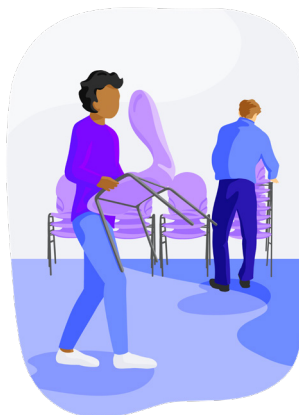
When He does, we want to hear about it. Record a short testimony video like this one with your phone and send it to us at [communication@okadventist.org](mailto:communication@okadventist.org)



HELP SOMEONE WITH THEIR ERRANDS



HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR WITH THEIR CHORES



SERVE AT YOUR CHURCH



PUT OTHERS' NEEDS ABOVE YOUR OWN

# GENERAL INFO

**Mail, Lost and Found:** Mail is located in the telephone room in the Lodge. Lost & Found is on the tiered rack in the Auditorium.

**Telephone Office:** Open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm every day during camp meeting.

**Cafeteria Meals:** Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 5-10, and free for children under age 5 (per meal). Please review the schedule for meal times.

**First Aid Service:** A nurse is on duty for First Aid services ONLY, located at the northeast corner of the auditorium.

**Activity Registration:** Every person, adult and child, is required to register and wear a wristband. Those without bands will not be allowed to participate in activities or meetings.

**Fires:** No fires are allowed on campus.  
**Golf Carts:** Drivers must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license.

**Children's Supervision:** Parents or legal guardians are personally

responsible for the supervision of their children at all times. Please pick up your children immediately after their meetings. No one under 18 years of age is allowed to reside on the grounds without a parent or guardian.

## **Photography and Videography:**

By attending at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped, and photographed by any means, and are granting full use of your likeness, voice, and words without compensation.

**Sabbath Observance:** Swimming, canoeing, boating, and horse activities will not be available during Sabbath hours.

## **Solicitation and Selling:**

Unauthorized solicitation, selling or promotion of any project, and/or distribution of literature is prohibited.

**Camp Curfew:** Curfew is at 10:30 pm. Please respect other campers by being quiet and remaining at your campsite.

**Pets:** No pets will be allowed on campus. If you are bringing registered support animals you must provide proper documentation.

**Bikes:** Bicycles are permitted for use during daylight hours. Helmets must be worn and bicycles must be parked at designated area. (Skateboards, ripsticks, one wheels and ATVs are not permitted on campus).

**Swimwear attire:** We recommend all swimmers choose swimwear that covers their entire torso (shoulders, back, and chest) to reduce sun exposure. We also recommend all swimsuits be orange or yellow-colored as they are proven to be more visible underwater and can make it easier for lifeguards to maintain proper visibility of swimmers.

**Drugs:** No alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs are permitted on campus.

**Arms:** No open carry with firearms unless you are part of the licensed security team.

**Pre-registration:** Pre-registration for camp meeting 2024 will be available ONLINE ONLY from Thursday, July 13. Please visit [okadventist.org/campmeeting](https://okadventist.org/campmeeting) to reserve RV sites, cabins (seniors only), campsites and tent sites.





Here is a glimpse into the future of Wewoka Woods Adventist Center. For more details, join us on Sabbath July 15 at 3:00pm in the Auditorium.



# YOUTH DIVISION SCHEDULE

CLASS	Beginners	Kindergarten	Primary	Juniors	Teens	Young Adults
AGE	0-2	3-5	6-9	10-13	14-18	19-35
LEADERS	Fisher Team	Matthew & Heather Vixie	TJ Sands, Sarah Shepherd & Norma Shepherd	Erwin Nanasi & Nathan Shires	Dominick Alipoon & Samson Sembeka	Nic Coutet & Andrew Spooner
LOCATION	NE Auditorium	Auditorium Balcony Left	Auditorium Balcony Right	Lodge Room 3	Lodge Room 2	

Sabbaths	
9:30-10:55am	Sabbath School
11:00-11:55am	Division Meeting <sup>2</sup>
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch
7:00-8:50pm	Division Meeting
10:30pm	Campus Curfew

DAILY SCHEDULE <sup>1</sup>						
6:30-7:00am					Morning Worship	
7:30-8:00am				Morning Manna		Morning Devotional
8:00-8:45am	Breakfast					
9:00-9:55am	Swim	Swim	Canoes & Kayaks	Division Meeting	Horses	
10:00-10:55am	Play Yard	Boat	Horses	Lake Trampoline	Real Talk	Swimming
11:00-11:55am	Division Meeting			Swim	Boat	Training Workshop
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch					
2:30-3:25pm	Rest	Rest/Quiet Games	Swim	Boat	Lake Trampoline	Horses
3:30-4:25pm		Inflatables	Nature	Horses	Division Meeting	Lake Activities
4:30-5:25pm	Splash Pad	Nature	Boat	Division Meeting	Swim	Daily Activity
5:30-6:30pm	Supper					
6:30-8:00pm	Division Meeting				Evening Activity	
8:00-9:00pm			Tues PM: Swim	Mon: Swimming Tues: Afterglow Thurs: Afterglow	Thurs PM: Swim	Evening Meeting
10:30pm	Campus Curfew					

## PLEASE NOTE:

<sup>1</sup>Each Division repeats their daily schedule from Sunday to Friday, with some exceptions noted in the schedule.

<sup>2</sup>Children aged 0-9 will have their morning Sabbath program (combined SS and Division Meeting) from 10:45-12:30 on Sabbaths.

The first Division Meeting will be held on Friday July 7th at 6:30pm.

Adult Swimming (Age 36+) is available from 3:30-4:30pm each day.



# CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

	Friday 7/7	Sabbath 7/8	Sunday 7/9	Monday 7/10 - Thursday 7/13	Friday 7/14	Sabbath 7/15
6:30am		Early morning prayer time				
7:00am		Paul Ratsara				
8:00-8:45am		No breakfast in cafeteria	Breakfast in cafe	Breakfast		No breakfast in cafeteria
9:00am		Mission Focus	ABC Book Sale	Pastors' Meeting	Pastors v Youth Softball	SWAU Sabbath School
10:00am		Sabbath School Stephen Brooks		Men and Women's Ministry		Carlos Craig
11:00am		Richie Halverson		Dennis Fortin		Carlton Byrd
12:30pm		Free Lunch	Pathfinder Food Fair	Lunch		Free Lunch
2:00pm		Youth Program	Clerk & Treasurer Training*	Mike Ortel		Oklahoma Happenings
3:00pm		Oklahoma's Got Talent		Andrew (Endi) Stojanovic		Wewoka Update
4:00pm		Jennifer LaMountain	Planned Giving Seminar*	Beautiful Minds Ministry Amanda Anguish (M-W)	Beautiful Minds Ministry Daniel Binus (Th-F)	Kings Herald Concert
5:30-6:00pm	No supper in cafeteria	Supper	Supper		Supper	Supper
7:00-8:30pm	Richie Halverson	Richie Halverson	Michael Gibson		Carlton Byrd	James Shires

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

There will be special times of prayer daily led by Cindy Mercer. These prayer meetings will be held in the tent outside the main auditorium.

**Morning: 6:15 am – 7am**  
**Noon: 1 pm – 2 pm**  
**Evening: 6:30 pm – 7 pm**

You can also join our conference prayer group  
[facebook.com/groups/okprayer](https://facebook.com/groups/okprayer)

## PASTORAL VISITATION

Pastors are available to counsel with you throughout the week. If you would like to schedule time to visit with a pastor, text Pastor Lonnie Carbaugh at 580-618-1269.

\*The Treasurer's Training is on Sunday from 1:30-3:00pm in the teen room.

\*The Church Clerk Training will be Sunday at 1:30-3:00pm in the Ministers' room.

\*Planned Giving Seminar will be on Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm in the teen room.

**Richie Halverson**



Richie Halverson is Director of Church Growth & Revitalization for the Southern Union where he coaches churches, pastors, and lay leaders to maximize their impact in evangelism, church planting, and revitalization. He has been married to his wife Brittney for 25 years. They have four children: Kaleb, Hayley, Tristen, and Taylor.

## **SPEAKER BIOS**

**Dr. Carlton P. Byrd**



Dr. Carlton P. Byrd is the President of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In his 29 years of pastoral leadership, Dr. Byrd has baptized over 22,000 people. From 2010 to 2021, he also served as the Speaker/Director of the Breath of Life Television Broadcast. Since his tenure began as Southwest Region Conference President in 2021, he helped facilitate a nearly one million dollar tithe gain. Dr. Byrd has been married to Danielle for 25 years and they have three daughters: Christyn, Caileigh and Carissa.

**Paul Ratsara**



Paul Ratsara has served as a pastor, teacher, literature evangelist and senior administrator at different levels of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 40 years. He is currently serving as Chairman for the Master in Biblical Mission and Wellness and Assistant to the President of Weimar University. He is also an ultra marathon runner who understands the value of good health to live abundantly and spread the gospel effectively. He is married to Joanne and has five married children and 10 grandchildren.

**Dennis Fortin**



Denis Fortin is professor of historical theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University. He also serves as teaching pastor of the One Place Fellowship on the campus of Andrews University. He has received multiple awards for his teaching and authored many successful publications on Adventist history and theology. Fortin is married to Kristine and they have three children: Kimberl, Mark and Erika.

**Kelly Mowrer**



Kelly Mowrer is a speaker, writer and concert pianist who founded and leads Live at the Well, a ministry encouraging others in the joy of practical, vital friendship with God. She has coordinated and played music for multiple worldwide telecasts, hosts two programs on 3ABN—Praise and His Words Are Life, served as scriptwriter for Windows of Hope, a telecast of The Quiet Hour ministry, and ghostwritten multiple books. She lives with her husband and two sons in Tennessee.

**Endi Stojanovic**



Endi Stojanovic was born in Brisbane, Australia. He completed his Masters of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, served as a pastor in the Michigan Conference and is currently pursuing his PhD in Systematic Theology. He teaches at Southwestern Adventist University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion. Endi has been married to Kristina for fourteen years and has a three-year-old daughter, Sofia.

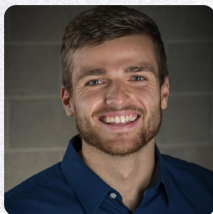


**Mike  
Ortel**



With a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and a Master in Public Health from Loma Linda University, Mike has served in youth ministries, health evangelism and administration. Formerly the president of the Northern New England Conference and executive secretary/ministerial director for the Arizona Conference, Mike now serves as the interim pastor for two churches in Arizona, and a chaplain for the Paradise Valley, Arizona Police Department. He has been married to Lynn for 55 years and they have six grandchildren.

**Michael  
Gibson**



Michael Gibson currently serves as the Lead Pastor at the Keene Adventist Church where he previously served for four years as Pastor for Young Adults and led Elevate, a growing and thriving young adult community in Keene. Michael is married to Melissa and they both enjoy the outdoors and traveling. They recently welcomed their son, Micah Eden, into the world last October and ever since, life has taken on a whole new meaning.

**Jennifer  
LaMountain**



Jennifer LaMountain's voice has touched thousands in her 20+ years of professional music ministry. This former opera performer sings regularly on religious television and international satellite programming. Her inspirational albums and award-winning songs remain favorites of Christian radio stations and streaming services worldwide. She can be heard in such major venues as the Manhattan Center and National Cathedral.

**King's  
Heralds**



The internationally acclaimed King's Heralds quartet brings to the stage a 95-year heritage in gospel music. Founded in Keene, Texas in 1927 by four young college students, the group has come to be recognized worldwide for their blend and musical expertise. Current members of the quartet are Don Scroggs, First Tenor; JR Rosa, Second Tenor; John Watkins, Baritone and Jeff Pearles, Bass. Over the years, the group has recorded in 32 languages, on over 100 albums and toured over 50 countries.

**Daniel  
Binus**



Dr. Binus serves as clinical director of Beautiful Minds Medical. He provides outpatient psychiatry and oversees the Intensive Outpatient Program. He's also on the medical staff at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, and a clinical instructor for Loma Linda University. In March, 2011, Dr. Binus and his wife Melissa moved to Auburn and founded Beautiful Minds Medical. Since that time, the practice has grown to include psychiatry, counseling, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) therapy and intensive outpatient care.

**Amanda  
Anguish**



A graduate of Loma Linda University, Amanda began her career working in an in-patient program for addiction and later in a group home for at-risk youth dealing with mental illness, addiction, anger, and sexual abuse. Today, she works as a consulting therapist for the Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery program and full-time therapist/counselor at Beautiful Minds Medical in Auburn, CA, where she also facilitates the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for depression and anxiety.

# ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

## DAILY OFFERS

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

#### CDs & DVDs Day

Save 15% on all CDs and DVDs in stock.

### SUNDAY, JULY 9

#### Auditorium Sale at 9:00am

Join us for best sales of the year.

*\*sale prices valid only at auditorium*

### MONDAY, JULY 10

#### Kid's Day

Save 15% on all kids items in stock.

### TUESDAY, JULY 11

#### Health & Cookbooks Day

Save 15% on all Health & Cookbooks in stock.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

#### Ellen White Day

Save 15% on all Ellen White books in stock.

*\*books must be over \$5*

### THURSDAY, JULY 13

#### Bible Day

Save 15% on all Bibles in stock.

### FRIDAY, JULY 14

#### Stories Day

Save 15% on all story books in stock.

### Used Books (Sidewalk Sale)

2:00pm Inside the ABC.

*Camp meeting sale prices are valid from July 7 through July 16, 2023.*

## Plus...

### Don't forget our daily Dollar Books!

Each evening we'll have a dollar book offered in the auditorium.

## STORE HOURS

### Friday, July 7

2pm - 6pm

### Saturday, July 8

9:15pm - 10:30pm

### Sunday 9 - Thursday 13

9am - 6pm, 9pm - 10pm

### Friday, July 14

9am - 6pm

### Saturday, July 15

9:15pm - 10:30pm

### Sunday, July 16

8am - 12pm

## LOYALTY PROGRAM

Simply Rewarding is our customer loyalty program. It is free, all you need to do to sign up is purchase something at the ABC during camp meeting and ask to become a reward customer. Once a reward customer you will begin earning points for your purchases. One point for each dollar spend on food and two points for each dollar spent on books. Once you earn 250 points we will mail you a \$10 reward certificate you can use toward your next purchase of anything at the ABC. Discounted purchases will not accrue points.



## PLANNED GIVING AND TRUST SERVICES

### *Will you leave a legacy?*

You can make sure that your family is well cared for and be faithful to acknowledge God's blessings throughout your life. Come and learn how Trust Services can support you in creation of wills, trusts, and gift plans.

Leave a legacy for Oklahoma Conference schools, Wewoka Woods, or other Adventist ministries of your choosing.

Come by our booth in the main auditorium to get more information about how you can further assist in moving forward the Good News.



### OUR TEAM

**Charles Reel**  
*Planned Giving & Trust  
Services Director*


**Bill Norman**  
*Planned Giving & Trust  
Services Representative*

**Joan Rupe**  
*Planned Giving & Trust  
Services Specialist*

## BURGER BARN

The Tulsa Twisters Pathfinder Club will once again be operating the burger barn this year, as well as serving lunch in the cafeteria. Scan the QR code to see the menu for this year.





*"If the Children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict... Go to camp meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so."*

- ELLEN WHITE, 6T 38-40



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