

Miracles and Leadings of God

- Jan 2000 An individual can't sleep until surrendering to God's call to plant a church
- God leads to ideal property for a church along I-5 freeway that's **not** for sale but is acquired at far below market value
- County agrees to consider zoning change to allow for church
- Property to be paid off in 2 years is paid for in 2-3 months as God supplies the money
- County halts plans to demolish the condemned, abandoned motel and to send the owner a \$50,000 clean up bill.
- Shasta Lake City donates dumpsters for cleanup; final cost is \$700 to remove old motel debris.
- Members start meeting in the city park after local churches refuse to rent space, but this raises community awareness and people in park join in.
- When winter comes, Veterans of Foreign Wars offer their building with kitchen for \$10 a week.
- Notified at 4:55 p.m. Thursday that a stamped Engineered report to be approved by California-Transportation Department must be done by 5 p.m. the following Monday. The report on the church site development and drainage impact on I-5 freeway – rather than costing \$7,000 and taking 8 weeks to complete, was miraculously completed in 1½ days and accepted by Cal-Trans, at a total cost of \$300.
- Door-to-Door work for outreach leads to Bible studies and 1 joins church by profession of faith. 3 children are baptized.
- After seeing new member's lawn being mowed on Sabbath morning, we prayed and God sends Heavenly messenger to audibly speak to her. "Nor thy stranger that is within thy gates ..." as a reminder.
- Adventist contractor, Daniel Turturica, with access to computer drafting, offers to draw plans at no charge.
- Adventist, Ed Larson, from Lodi, CA donates all engineering and stamps plans at no charge.
- Power company agrees to move power lines for 1/3 the cost initially quoted
- After neighbor refuses to sell or allow removal of tree for power line change, God speaks to a member that the tree is on county property; records confirm this. Miraculously power company completes work and tree is saved, minus top 15 feet, soothing neighbors hard feelings
- Adventist excavator, Perry Bennett beautifully levels lot at church site

- After much prayer, a group of approximately 25 decide to proceed with church building that will seat 200-300
- Project Steps to Christ sends “Keys to Happiness” and other literature to every home in town yielding 25 interests for Bible studies
- Daughter of member pledges \$10,000 toward church building if property that had been on market for years would sell. God promptly sends a buyer.
- Christian sign maker donates time and expertise for our old motel sign along freeway to be resurfaced. New sign says: “Puzzled? God Has Answers 1-800-His-Word” Phone line is answered 24/7 offering comfort, literature, and Adventist Church listings in their area.
- “Retired” contractor Lauren Smith donates time to oversee construction
- Local college construction class instructor offers class assistance at no charge to help build the church. He remarks: “I hoped you would come by so I could ask if my students could help build the church.”
- March 20, 2002 - Ground breaking for the new church begins!
- Bible was symbolically buried in the concrete foundation of this church building on April 23, 2002, as a eternal reminder of our mission, to proclaim the Word of God.
- With large amounts of concrete slab being poured and setting up quickly, a power trowel breaks, threatening loss of the whole slab. Just then an unknown concrete worker pulls in with power trowel in back of truck. His work and power trowel saves the slab.
- Shasta Lake Adventist dentist Doug Russell, donates his tractor services to spread sand and gravel, as well as assisting with demolition.
- Miracles continue....

“The problem with miracles is that they are too common” Morris Ballard
 “Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it” Psalm 127:1

April 3, 2004 – The very first service is held in the fellowship hall with great rejoicing. Although the building is not entirely finished, great progress has been made. The finishing touches will happen in God’s timing.

May, 2004 – The church parking lot is paved and striped for only 25% of the usual cost.

July 14, 2004 – Our church project received the official “Certificate of Occupancy”. Our building is now in compliance with Shasta County building codes.

January, 2005 – Carpet is laid in most of the building with exception of the main sanctuary, still under finishing stages.

February, 2005 – Sanctuary carpet is laid down.

March 25-26, 2005 – The very first services our held in the new and completed sanctuary. A community presentation drama on the crucifixion of Christ was presented Friday evening by Pastor Widmer. The Sabbath morning sermon was by Dr Morris Ballard, followed by another dramatic presentation Sabbath Evening by Pastor Widmer.

November 4, 2006 – Formal services were held organizing our group as a Seventh-day Adventist Company.

Our new congregation rejoices over what God has done and we look forward to filling the worship center with new believers!

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