



50th
ANNIVERSARY

PORT HARDY
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
50TH YEAR CELEBRATION
Celebrating 50 Years of God's Faithfulness
1976-2026

HONOURING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Join us as we celebrate five decades of worship, fellowship, service, and community impact in Port Hardy. Come reconnect with friends, share memories, and praise God for His faithfulness.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

LOCATION:
Avalon School Gym

7:00 PM

- Vespers Service
- Fellowship & Reminiscing
- Light Refreshments

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 19

LOCATION:
Port Hardy SDA Church
4680 Byng Road
Port Hardy, BC

9:30 AM – Sabbath School
10:30 AM – Praise & Worship
11:00 AM – Anniversary Worship Service

— Haystack Lunch —

3:00 PM – Reflections & Anniversary Concert

- Music
- Memories Through the Years
- Community Celebrations

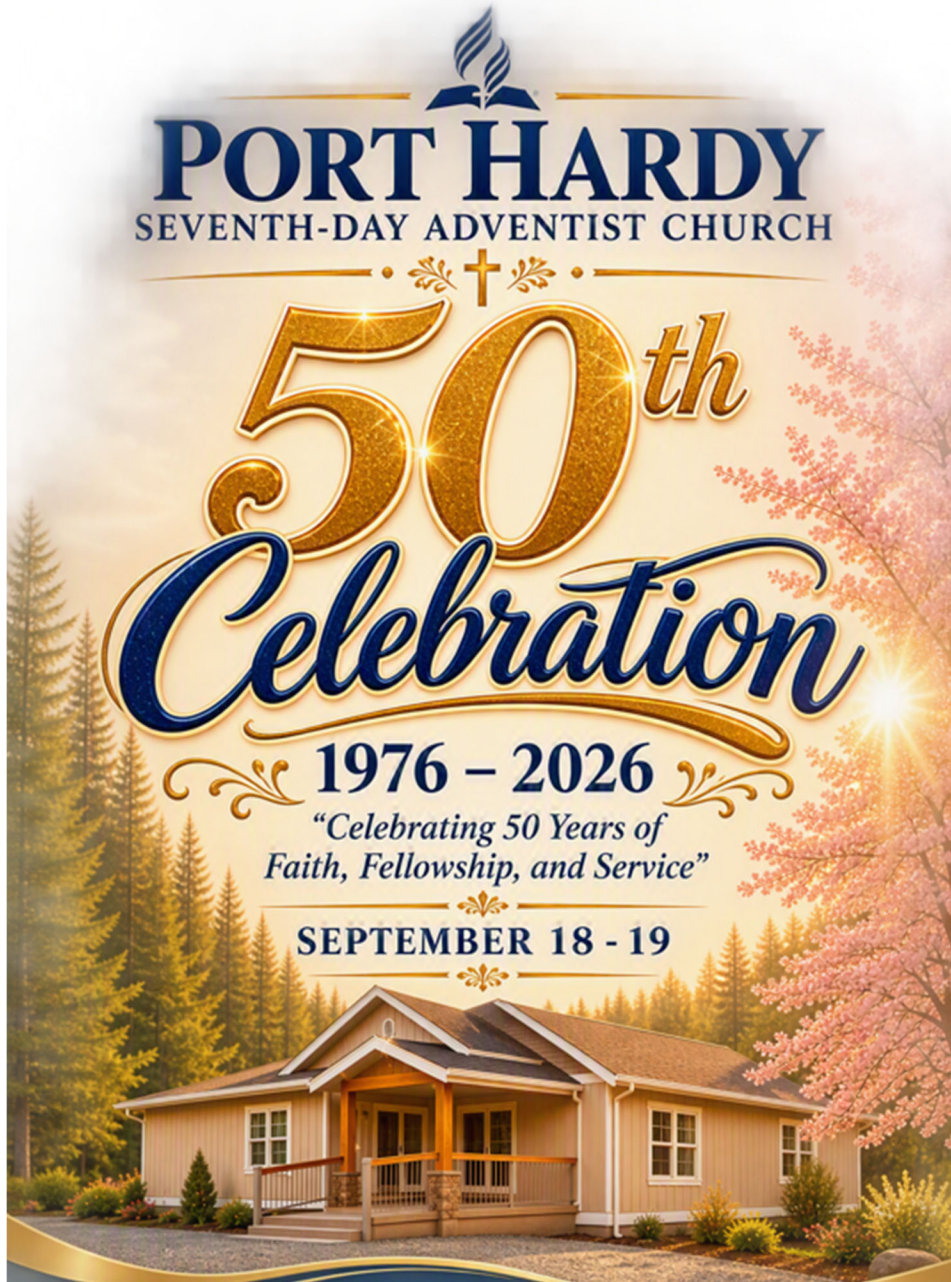
SPECIAL GUEST | • Pastor Ern Brake – Anniversary Speaker

*To God Be the Glory
for 50 Years!*
EVERYONE WELCOME!



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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

50th
Celebration
1976 – 2026
*“Celebrating 50 Years of
Faith, Fellowship, and Service”*
SEPTEMBER 18 - 19

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”*
— PSALM 136:1 —

WELCOME TO THE

PORT HARDY

Seventh-day Adventist Church

50th Anniversary Sabbath

September 19, 2026



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OUR THEME

"Making An Impact"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Worship God, Share His love, and Make disciples. Serve our community with Christ's message of Hope and Wholeness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To grow a community of Believers that Love God, fellow human beings, share the everlasting gospel of grace with every person in their neighborhood and community, and to be with Jesus in eternity.



TREASURY

Today: Local Church Budget

Next Sabbath: Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries

Local Church Budget Goal 2026	\$40,000
Monthly Need	\$3,333
Received January through Sept 15	\$23,708
Year to Date Balance	(\$4,623)

Worthy Student Fund YTD \$7,050

Cheques payable to Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church ·

E-transfer: treasurer@porthardyadventist.ca ·

Online: porthardybc.adventistchurch.org

Church Anniversary Project — Funds go toward celebration and commemoration.

To donate, mark your envelope "Church Anniversary"

Online select "Project – Church Anniversary" online.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

Elder on duty

Elder Warren Waterman

Audio / Visual

AJ Esau

Pianist

Karen Tanaka

Sunset Tonight 7:36 PM

Next Week 7:20 PM

Power Outage Reminder -- BC Hydro planned power outage for the north island

Sun. Sept 20, 7:30 AM–7:00 PM

PRAYER CORNER

Please keep in your prayers:

Juli Sukow's family • Deb & Skylar • Ken & Roxanne • Ken Smith • Ken Knopp • Denise Allen •
Cara Gildersleeve • Aron Esau • Jim Walper • Lance McGill • Pastor Brad Thorp

Submit prayer requests to Pastor Dale

AVALON ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Principal: Michelle Jackson · 250-949-8243 · aacaph.ca

BULLETIN

Send your request to join the emailed bulletin list or information for the bulletin to:
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SABBATH AFTERNOON

HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP LUNCH — 1:00 PM

Avalon School Gym. A haystack lunch— please bring a dessert to share.

This meal is provided by the church

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

REFLECTIONS & ANNIVERSARY CONCERT — 3:00 PM

Song Service	Port Hardy Group
Welcome and Prayer	Dale Baker
Greetings from the Mayor	Pat Corbett-Labatt, Mayor, District of Port Hardy
Community Recognition	Dale Baker
Church History — Selected Concert and Reflection	Port Hardy Members and Friends
Closing Prayer	James Walper

Church Life, Every Sabbath

Prayer Meeting (church / Zoom)	Tuesdays 7 PM
Experiencing God through Health	Wednesdays 7 PM
Fellowship Meals	2nd Sabbath – Soup & Bun Potluck Last Sabbath – Regular Potluck

PASTORAL GREETING

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the celebration of 50 years of God's faithfulness to the Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As we celebrate this special milestone, we thank God for His leading and faithfulness through the years. Our church has been a spiritual home where families have grown in faith, lives have been changed by God's grace, and our community has been blessed through ministry and service.

Throughout these years, God abundantly blessed the faithfulness and dedication of church members. Many were gifted with talents, skills, and opportunities to work in the FILOMI industries and other local occupations. Through their faithful stewardship of time, resources, and abilities, they helped support the growth of the church, the development of Christian education, and the construction and maintenance of facilities that continue to serve God's mission today.

As we look back on fifty years of blessings, we are reminded of the words of the prophet Samuel:

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'"

— 1 Samuel 7:12

These words capture the spirit of our celebration. The story of Port Hardy SDA Church is not merely a story of buildings, programs, or achievements. It is the story of God's faithfulness and the commitment of His people to His calling.

Ellen G. White wrote: "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us."

Today, we give thanks for God's faithfulness in the past, celebrate His blessings in the present, and look forward with faith to what He will do in the years ahead. May this anniversary inspire us to continue sharing Christ's love and serving our community until He comes.

Pastor Dale Baker

Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church

FRIDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 18

AVALON SCHOOL GYM — 7:00 PM

Song Service	Karen, Larry and Friends
Welcome	Dale Baker
Prayer	Elder Darby Gildersleeve
History of Origin	
Introduction of Speaker	Dale Baker
Vesper Thought	Alrick Watson, BC Conference, VP for Administration
Closing Prayer	Dale Baker

Refreshments Follow

If you're able, please bring a couple dozen cookies or bars to share.

SABBATH SCHOOL · 9:30 AM

Adult SS — Sanctuary
Children's SS — Downstairs

*Pr. Ed Sukow
Irene Oickle*

WELCOME & PRAISE TIME · 10:30 AM

Welcome & Announcements
Praise Time

*Elder Warren Waterman
Chorister*

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE · 11 AM

Worship in Praise

Call to Worship	Hymn # 852	<i>Elder Warren Waterman</i>
Prelude	Hymn # 692 — “The Lord is in His Holy Temple”	
Doxology	Hymn # 694 — “Praise God” (please stand)	
Invocation	(remain standing)	<i>Pastor Ern Brake</i>
Opening Hymn	Hymn # 12 — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”	
Offering	Local Church Budget	<i>Elder Warren Waterman</i>
Children's Offering & Story		<i>Elder Warren Waterman</i>
BC Conf. Greetings	VP, Administration	<i>Pr. Alrick Watson</i>

Worship in Meditation

Scripture & Prayer	Romans 12:4-5	<i>Pastor Dale Baker</i>
Special Music		<i>Betina Knopp</i>

Worship in Proclamation

Sermon	“Called to Adventure”	<i>Pr. Ern Brake</i>
Closing Hymn	Hymn # 108 — “Amazing Grace”	
Benediction		<i>Pr. Ern Brake</i>

Haystack Fellowship Lunch at Avalon School Gym

OUR HISTORY · 2003–PRESENT

Pastoral Leadership

Fitzroy & Edith Edwards (2003–2005)

Richard “Dick” Allison (2006–2008)

George & Jenny Hilton (2009–2014)

Okumu & Sandra Lomudak (2014–2019)

Neil & Marlene Peralta (2019–2022)

Bob & Marilyn Lehman (2022–2025)

Dale & Taneshia Baker (2025–Present)

Church Renovation (2012–2013)

The church building itself was renewed in 2012–2013 with an expanded foyer and washrooms and a new church platform — an investment in the facility that continues to serve the congregation today.

Celebrating God’s Faithfulness

We thank God for His faithful leading. From the floating Watcher Isle Church to the growth of Avalon School and decades of ministry in Port Hardy, God’s hand has guided every step of the journey.

The true legacy of Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church and Avalon School is found not in buildings, but in lives transformed, children educated, families strengthened, friendships formed, and a community touched by Christ’s love.

Looking back, we echo the words of Ellen G. White: *“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”* Life Sketches, p. 196.

With gratitude for God’s blessings in the past and confidence in His leading for the future, we look forward to the next chapter of ministry and service in our community.

Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church

OUR HISTORY

Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church & Avalon School

Celebrating 50 Years of God’s Leading (1976–2026)

The Foundation: From Watcher Isle to Port Hardy

The history of the Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church is a story of faith, perseverance, and God’s leading. Before a church building existed in Port Hardy, Adventist families worshipped in the Smith Inlet area, gathering in homes, logging camps, and aboard the Watcher Isle Church, established in 1962 and known as North America’s only floating church. As families relocated to Port Hardy, the congregation grew and officially became the Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1968.

As membership increased, plans were made for a permanent church home. Under the leadership of Pastors Harold Beavon and Steve Petr, members raised funds, donated labor, and worked together to build a church and school.

On November 15, 1975, during a severe storm that left the community without power, the congregation held its first service in the new sanctuary. The church was officially dedicated on August 21, 1976, celebrating the fulfillment of years of prayer, sacrifice, and commitment.

Each pastoral family has contributed to the ongoing growth and ministry of the church, building on the foundation laid by those who came before.

At the same time, another important ministry was born. Two classrooms were constructed beside the church, giving rise to Avalon Adventist School, a ministry that would profoundly impact both the church and the wider community for generations.

Watch Our Story

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on the history of Port Hardy SDA Church on YouTube.
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OUR HISTORY · 1970s–1990s

Early Growth and Community Outreach

Pastoral Leadership

Harold & Norma Beavon (1973–1974)

Steve & Stella Petr (1974–1978)

Bert & Donna Williams (1978–1980)

Ed & Gladys Sukow (1980–1984)

Osborne & Pauline Lee (1984–1990)

The late 1970s and 1980s were years of growth and community outreach — the Five-Day Stop-Smoking program, health seminars, cooking schools, the CHIP program, Vacation Bible Schools, and evangelistic meetings touched many lives. The church also helped resettle a Southeast Asian refugee family from the “Boat People” exodus, through the work of Dorothy McGill.

Avalon School Expansion (1991)

A major milestone came in 1991 when Avalon School added a new gymnasium, tripling the size of the facility, built through the generosity and volunteer efforts of church members.



Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church

OUR HISTORY · 1990s–2000s

A Flourishing Church and the Fishing Years

Pastoral Leadership

Dennis & Jenny Nickel (1990–1995)

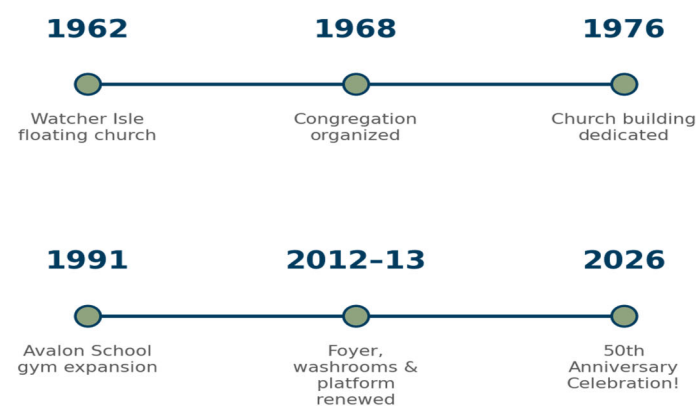
Tony & Bobby Dacosta (1996–1997)

Ern & June Brake (1997–2003)

The 1990s and early 2000s were among the church’s most vibrant years — Avalon School enrollment grew past 100 students, and during the height of the North Island fishing industry, seasonal workers and students from across BC and Alberta swelled summer attendance. The church became known for its hospitality, potlucks, and gatherings at Storey’s Beach Pavilion.

Outreach, Mission & Evangelism

Members have long shared Christ’s love beyond the church walls — assisting families in crisis, hosting community banquets, and presenting the annual Christmas Concert. Avalon School students took part in mission trips and the Million Penny Drive (2011–2012), collecting one million pennies to help build a school in Africa. A 2003 evangelistic series led by Shawn Boonstra brought several baptisms and renewed spiritual growth.



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