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From the Pastor's Desk



Every March, the city of Chicago dyes it's river green in honor of... you guessed it...St. Patrick's day. The tradition began 40 years ago by accident when some plumbers used fluorescein dye to trace illegal pollution discharges. For many years, the fluorescein dye was used, but the fish were dying, so nowadays, forty pounds of vegetable dye color the river for the celebration. My family and I visited there during March one time and enjoyed the phenomenon firsthand. It was amazing to see the unnatural

color of the river flowing through the heart of downtown.



Imagine the spectacle as the ancient Egyptians discovered their Nile river on the day of the first plague. The book of Exodus records the event in chapter seven. Due to the denial of God's power by Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, Moses was commanded to strike the water of the river with his staff and God would turn the river to blood. "The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will become foul, and the Egyptians will find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile" [Exodus 7:18]. The land of Egypt became a cesspool of death and decay as a result of God's command. Apparently despite God's miracle, Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate this plague by illusion and it convinced Pharaoh to dismiss Moses' challenge. Wells were dug around the river for suitable drinking water.

The conflict between Pharaoh and Moses is a type of the larger conflict played out by God's plagues which intended to attack the deities worshipped in Egypt. The Andrews Study Bible charts the progressive dismantling of the Egyptian pantheon with each succeeding plague and culminates in the de-creation of Egypt in order to deliver Israel.

The final plague and Passover institution signify the deliverance of God's people from bondage in Egypt to foreign deities. It also points to the mysterious power of Christ to free us from our lives of submission to our selfish natures. Paul encourages us to enjoy this new life: "But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" [Rom. 6:17-18].

These verses were reality in the life of a humble orphanage director: At the age of sixteen George Muller of Bristol, England, was imprisoned for theft; and later at the university he lived a drinking, profligate life, acting dishonestly even toward his friends. At twenty years of age he came under the influence of the Bible, and the miracle of regeneration was wrought. He who had been a thief was now so utterly a new creature that in the course of the years he gave away, of the money sent to him for his personal use, no less a sum than \$135,000, and when he died his personal possessions were valued at less than \$1,000. Praise God for His deliverance in our lives!

Pastor Vince Saunders

Top Ten Predictions for 2012

With all the problems the world is facing it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I will share with you ten predictions that are true!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember who is really in control and that "the Word of the Lord endures forever." 1 Peter 1:25.

Vic Matson

Election Fever?- Keep Your Cool

“We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political schemes. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellow men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath. The first day of the week is not a day to be revered. It is a spurious sabbath, and the members of the Lord’s family cannot participate with the men who exalt this day, and violate the law of God by trampling upon His Sabbath. The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office; for when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office.”
Ellen White, Fundamentals of Education, pg. 475.

This is a quote from a portion of an editorial appearing in the Review and Herald of September 13, 1928. Elder F. M. Wilcox, a longtime church leader and editor.

“The Seventh-day Adventist Church does not seek to dictate to its members as to how they shall vote or whether or not they should vote at all. It is left for each one to act on his own judgment in the fear of God. We have been told by the servant of the Lord that we should not link up with political parties, that we should not agitate political questions in our schools or institutions. On the other hand, we have been instructed by the same authority that when certain moral issues, such as prohibition, are involved, the ‘advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example--by voice and pen and vote--in favor of . . . total abstinence.’ This instruction is not mandatory, it is still left for each one to determine for himself what he shall do. “While an individual member of the church has a right, if he so likes, to cast his vote, the church as such should hold itself entirely aloof from politics. It is one thing for the individual members of the church to vote, and another thing for these same individuals in their church capacities to endeavor to influence political measures.”



Quotes

“On the rocks and knolls about his home the eye of the Son of God often rested. He was familiar with the things of nature.

He saw the sun in the heavens, the moon and the stars fulfilling their mission. With the voice of singing he welcomed the morning light. He listened to the lark caroling forth music to its God, and joined his voice with the voice of praise and thanksgiving. “Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious. Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.” This psalm and portions of the sixty-eighth and seventy-second psalms were often sung by Christ. Thus in the most simple and unassuming way he taught others.”

***The Youth’s Instructor,
September 8, 1898,
paragraph 8 Article
Title: And the Grace of
God Was Upon Him
Ellen White***



Adventist Community Services

“Your Opportunity and Mine”

Today God gives men opportunity to show whether they love their neighbor. He who truly loves God and his fellow man is he who shows mercy to the destitute, the suffering, the wounded, those who are ready to die. God calls upon every man to take up his neglected work, to seek to restore the moral image of the Creator in humanity. Welfare Ministry, Pg. 49

Starting in March, we will be collecting funds for our annual “School Supply” gift cards. The struggle for many of our families continues and these cards help with their school needs. We will continue to collect funds until we break for camp meeting. Use a tithe envelope and mark it Community Service “School”. Thanks for your continued support of this much needed program.

Don't forget the crocheted hats for the cancer treatment facility in Puyallup. They've really appreciated the 123 hats we have given them so far. We are getting ready to make another delivery, so keep the hats coming!

A reminder: All donations must be clean and in good condition.. If you have any questions regarding a donation, please contact Nancy.

Nancy Chaplin



Some of the ladies at the bowling event

Womens Ministry

Lots of exciting events coming soon!

Thirteen women came together and attempted to bowl. We had a great time getting to know each other better and recognizing that none of us were ready for the professional leagues.

Women's Spring Day

Washington Conference Women's Spring Day April 14, 10 - 4 p.m. at Grace Community Church in Auburn. Want to feel “Simply Refreshed”? Join Beth Grissom, from Mt. Pisgah Academy, on a journey to become “Simply Refreshed” in Jesus Christ who sets us free. Cost is \$35 if you register by April 1, \$40 if you register between Apr. 2-6 and \$50 after April 6th. Mail your registration form to Washington Conference Women's Ministry, 6217 Rebecca PL SE, Auburn, WA 98092. Bring a donation of warm hats, scarves, gloves, peanut butter, jelly, graham crackers or Capri Sun juice packs to give to the homeless. A donation will be taken to financially support the shipping of a food container to Paula Leen's Murwira Orphanage in Zimbabwe. Questions? Contact Lynda Kim at (253) 350-1507 or Elizabeth Yeagley at 253-681-6008.

High Tea

Mother Daughter/All Women's High Tea



May 6th 10-12 p.m. at the Secret Garden in Sumner.

Registration forms are in the foyer. Cost is \$24 per person. Sponsorships available. Please turn in your registration form and payment no later than April 21st. Please invite your mom, daughter, grandma, neighbor or best friend to join us! You won't want to miss out on all the great food, tea, and fellowship!

Carol Burnham

Calendar of Events



Elders Meeting: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1st Thursday of each month

Board Meeting: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2nd Thursday of each month

Personal Ministries: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

Adventist Community Services: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. 9-11 a.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study: For that mid-week inspiration, you'll want to come down to the church 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Singing, praying, studying are on the agenda. The group usually meets from September to May and is off during the summer months.

Advanced Bible Study: It's a workout of a different sort. The Advanced Bible Study (ABS) meets in the Youth Room after the Fellowship Luncheon, on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of every month. Contact Larry Chaplin at 253-863-1366 for more information.

Pathfinders Monday's at 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Vic & Ruth Matson's home. Call 253-826-4633 for more information.

Church Growth Practicum- March 23-25

Auburn Academy Campus Ministries- April 7

Washington Conference Women's Spring Day at Grace Community Church in Auburn- April 14

Communion Sabbath- April 21

Don & Donna Mohl vespers program- April 27

Four Horsemen Revival Weekend—May 4-5

Mother Daughter/All Women's High Tea at The Secret Garden in Sumner- May 6

Women's Emphasis Day - June 9

Finance

Total given to budgeted items for Feb: \$3784.21

Monthly budget: \$5081.67

Total given to budgeted items through February: \$39,887

Total budget through February: \$40,653

Ron Ringer

Melvia's Corner

If I may, let me share something that I read every morning before Bible study, Sabbath school lesson and prayer. In sharing this personal devotion I pray that you also can come up with something similar to bring you enrichment.

These words when spoken aloud will cause your energy of faith to rise to new levels in your mind. Jesus will energize you to operate and function in a higher level of faith and expectation.

"I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might. I draw strength which His boundless might provides." (Eph. 6:10)

"I am strengthened with all might according to His glorious power. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Col. 1:11, Phil. 4:13

"The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in me and quickens my mortal body." Rom. 8:11

"I am complete in Christ and the fullness of God lives in me. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge live in me through Christ Jesus." Col. 2:3, 9-10.

"I am delivered from the power of darkness. I know the truth and the truth sets me free." John 8:32

"The Holy Spirit teaches me all things. I know and remember who I am and will use my words and my faith to manifest Gods highest and best for me." Jn. 14:6

I will bring every thought into the captivity of Jesus Christ. My thoughts will be measured by the Word of God. I will not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Your Word oh God is a lamp (light) to my feet. I will think positive at all times. I am thinking of good health and Jesus will help me to be in good health.

"By His stripes I am healed." Isa. 53:5

When an enemy comes against me the Lord will lift up a standard against him. No weapon formed against me shall prosper.

I see money coming to me to build up my finances.

Something good will happen to me today. I love life. I love myself and Jesus loves me. All things are possible to me because I believe in Jesus. I love all people and care about their salvation, and rejoice in sharing my faith with others.

I will be controlled by faith, not by fear because the love of Jesus casts out all fear.

All of Gods promises are true and faithful.

"I trust in the Lord and He will give me the desires of my heart and will commit my way to Him and He will watch over me and I will be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him to do things in His own time." Ps. 37: 1-7

"Turn to me dear Lord and show mercy when I am alone and weak. Please consider any distress, pain and fear." Ps. 25:16

Teach me your way oh Lord and write your ten commandment law of love upon the tables of my mind so that I can always obey them perfectly in and through Jesus my Lord, my God and my High Priest.

I want always to have forgiveness toward others.

"When I pass through the valley of weeping I will find springs of comfort and blessings will fall on me like gentle autumn rains. Your blessings Lord will go from strength to strength until I see you face to face." Ps. 84: 5-7

Come Lord Jesus and come soon is my prayer.

Shalom - Peace *Melvia Smith*

Mens Ministry

On February 26th the men gathered at the Daffodil Entertainment Center in Puyallup for the long awaited and eagerly anticipated Men's Spring Bowling Gala. Fortunately, the delays associated with a certain person's "SCHEDULE CONFLICTS" allowed the bowling center plenty of time to properly dry the lanes in preparation for this prestigious event.

George Beaver was the first to arrive and was in the middle of an interview with a local sports reporter when the remaining members of the Bonney Lake Kingpins team arrived, drawing the attention of the rapidly gathering crowd. Ron R. and Paul proudly showed off their custom bowling balls and offered autographs and pictures to fans while final preparations were made to launch this event.

To keep it interesting; Vince, Ron R, Daniel, Wayne, Paul, Richard and Lloyd were assigned the pie alley (easiest lane to score on, for the uninitiated) with Wayne, of course, doing the "bench work" for which he is famous, to no avail. Robert, George, Barney, Fred and Ron B accepted one of the graveyards in a selfless attempt to even the playing field. Fred, who is so well known for throwing Spillers, lead off for the A team and to everyone's surprise threw a Poodle right out of the blocks. No doubt a direct result of lane choice. Barney, in spite of leaving Grandma's Teeth after his first ball, consistently pushed the leaders hard throughout the match.

Robert, Richard and Pastor Vince did not disappoint, adeptly and seemingly with ease throwing the Broom Ball and the Rug Jerker while Daniel, in spite of throwing a Dead Apple in the first frame, put a strike on the board to the great excitement of all. However, it was the big ball of Lloyd Buras that brought the house down. Creating perhaps too much excitement and apparently frightening the young children in the process. In point of fact, the event was interrupted to locate several young children that had gone missing in all the commotion. Fortunately, the children were reunited with their parents having been discovered, perfectly safe, crouched behind the soda machines at the rear of the building. In the interest of public safety it may be necessary to book a larger venue for future events.

There will be a Men's Breakfast in March. Please watch the church bulletin for the day and time.

Ron Burnham

March Gardening Chores & Tips



- Browsing and ordering from seed and garden catalogs.
- Planting potted trees and shrubs.
- Placing cold sensitive potted plants in protected areas or indoors.
- Pruning and mulching dormant trees and vines.
- Repairing and sharpening tools.
- Fertilizing with 16-16-16 or manure.
- Planting seeds in containers in the greenhouse.
- Planting some vegetable starts in the ground.
- Watering as needed.
- Removing deadwood from trees and shrubs.
- Moving bulbs.
- Raking up fallen twigs and branches.
- Weeding around the base of small trees and shrubs.
- Mowing and weeding as needed.
- Cleaning and repairing drip irrigation lines.
- Making up To Do lists.
- Spring Cleaning inside the house.
- Spraying dormant trees and shrubs.
- Painting fences and art objects as needed.
- Bringing spring flowers indoors to enjoy.
- Developing Spring Resolutions for personal improvements.
- Fixing up lawn mowers and other power tools for outdoor work.

Personal Ministries

Join us for a "Folk Mountain Gospel" Vespers 7 p.m., Friday, April 27. Don and Donna Mohl will be at the Bonney Lake Church to share their music ministry, described as a blend of "mountain" and folk style gospel. They will play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither, Guitar, Bass Guitar, and Harmonica, and will also sing the good ol' faith hymns. Mark your calendars now and share this with friends. For more info about their ministry, go to www.folkmountaingospel.com.

Doug & Jennifer Hamerly

Recipe Idea

Just in time to wrap up winter, a delicious vegan soup. For a hearty, healthy meal, try it with the Irish soda bread from last months newsletter.

Ruby Swiss Chard and White Bean Soup

*1 tbsp olive oil
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 small onion, diced
1 14oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
1 15 oz can white beans, drained and rinsed
1 large bunch red Swiss chard, coarsely chopped
4-5 cups good quality vegetable broth (I like Trader Joe's)
1 vegetable bouillon salt to taste
Parmesan cheese, optional*

Heat oil in large sauce pan over medium high heat. Add onions and garlic and saute, stirring frequently, until soft. About 3-4 minutes. Then add tomatoes, beans, chard and vegetable broth. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve hot, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Marcinda Rambaran

Sabbath School

Our Sabbath School in Bonney Lake has made a few changes this quarter. Pastor Vince is now conducting a S.S. class in his office, which is being well attended and enjoyed. The Primary/Kindergarten class divided with Debbie Mann and Starla McDonald leading out in Kindergarten, and Shari Ringering and Karen Fiedler in the Primary Division. Vaun Fiedler, Vic Matson and Eileen Anderson continue leading in the Junior Division and Mike & Karen Herman, Wayne Hurley and Robert Cassidy in the Youth Division. The same teachers are in the two Adult Classes: Doug Hamerly and Larry Chaplin still meet in the fellowship hall while Jeff Best and Tina Hiebert are upstairs in the sanctuary. There will be a short 13th Sabbath program at the end of Sabbath School on March 24th, at which time you will be able to give a special offering that will go to help with needed projects in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. We encourage you to be setting aside a few extra dollars that we can share with our brothers and sisters there.

The Sabbath School Council members and their families enjoyed a luncheon after church on February 25, followed by a meeting, planning for ways in which we can be more effective in "outreach ministry". We had previously discussed having a "Visitor's Day" possibly in March, but have decided to postpone this in order to give us time to reach some of our goals. We met again for a short time on March 3, continuing to lay plans and seeking the Lord for His help in all that we do. The Sabbath School is to be used as an "outreach for souls", so if you are a member of our Sabbath School and wish to be involved, please contact us as you don't need to be on the S.S. Council in order to join with us. Remember what the Lord said: "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest." Luke 10:2.

*Sabbath School Department
Vic & Ruth Matson*

Pathfinders

Next years camporee is a union camporee and will be held in Astoria, Ore. We need to raise the money for it so if you have jobs for the Pathfinders to do as a group (or individuals) for the funds for camporee, please let Karen, Ron or Lloyd know. We also have some gift cards for Wind Mill Gardens for sale. Thank you for your support.

Karen Fiedler

Librarian Recommendations

As church librarian, I would like to thank the Mungles and Eileen Anderson for the new books we have in our Library. I have added 30 new books to the Library since the first of the year. They include some of the Sam Campbell animal stories. Other authors are: Youngberg, Kuzma, Wheeler, Tucker, Wood and White.

Our Library contains mostly donated books. At one time Dora Gates, Karen Fiedler's Mother, was our librarian. She was responsible for many of the childrens books that have been popular with the children. I missed her when she moved away.

Laurel Thorp

Tribute to my Grandmother

When you get a call about a loved one in ill health in another state, it seems heartless to even have to think twice about being there for them. But the reality is another alternative had to be considered. My dear grandmother was recently placed in hospice care, at Arbor Glen Skilled Nursing Facility in Glendora, CA. At 92 years of age, she is still in her right mind and loves to pray to Jesus! Yet, the family knows that her condition is deteriorating, not knowing how much longer we will have her around. Anyone who has met Grandma would know that she is the kindest, most loving, giving person ever known. There are no words to adequately express the love I have for her and felt from her.

Grandma Guadalupe Camarena, a daughter of Spaniards and Catholic descent, was born and raised in Mexico. By the time she was 16, she became an Adventist and shortly after married my grandfather, a godly man who was a pastor and former President of the Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Mexico. She raised her children in the fear of the Lord (my mother being the 4th of 10) with daily worship and active participation in church. Eventually they moved to the U.S. when my mother was only 12. I fondly remember the last time I saw her—in the summer of 2011. I made sure that she got my usual hugs and kisses!

Despite my remorse for not being able to be by her side, Grandma has the unconditional love, prayers, and support of her 10 children, 26 grandchildren and their families during these uncertain times. I also ask my church family to join me in prayer for my grandma. May her life be peaceful, tranquil, and with the knowledge of the Blessed Hope of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ....

Elizabeth Saunders

Photo: (2009) With my Grandma (Center) and mom (right)



BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Mrs. Johnson will be entering the hospital this week for testes.

The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who is preparing for the girth of their first child.

The Lutheran Men's group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

**The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.
The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.**

March Birthdays

Shad Zylstra 3/5	Jeremy Fiedler 3/17	Joseph May 3/22
Crystal Frederick 3/7	Rodney Anderson 3/19	Linda Buras 3/23
Brenda Parker 3/12	Donald Healey 3/20	Susan Hoague 3/28
Damian Hoague 3/14	Margaret Koshko-Parker 3/20	Barney Shortridge 3/29
Ellen Van Buskirk 3/17		

April Birthdays

Wayne Hurley 4/5	Doreen Richardson 4/13	Mike Herman 4/25
Shirley Hurley 4/8	Carla Tritten 4/15	Ronda Wibberding 4/25
Starla McDonald 4/8	Amy Marie Holt 4/16	Brenda Smith 4/27
Brandon Hoague 4/10	Nancy Wolever 4/16	
Daniella Mann 4/11	Kathie McClean 4/24	
Marcinda Rambaran 4/13	Lois Smith-Sandman 4/24	

Health Tip

How does being a vegetarian help the environment?

Conservation of Fossil fuel. It takes 78 calories of fossil fuel to produce 1 calorie of beef protein; 35 calories for 1 calorie of pork; 22 calories for 1 of poultry; but just 1 calorie of fossil fuel for 1 calorie of soybeans. By eating plant foods instead of animal foods, I help conserve our non-renewable sources of energy.

Water Conservation. It takes 3 to 15 times as much water to produce animal protein as it does plant protein. As a vegetarian I contribute to water conservation.

Efficient use of grains. It takes up to 16 pounds of soybeans and grains to produce 1 lb. of beef and 3 to 6 lbs. to produce 1 lb of turkey & egg. By eating grain foods directly, I make the food supply more efficient & that contributes to the environment.

Soil conservation. When grains & legumes are used more efficiently, our precious topsoil is automatically made more efficient in its use. We use less agricultural resources to provide for the same number of people.

Saving our forests. Tropical forests in Brazil and other tropic regions are destroyed daily, in part, to create more acreage to raise livestock. By not supporting the meat industry, I directly reduce the demand to pillage these irreplaceable treasures of nature. Since the forest land "filters" our air supply and contains botanical sources for new medicines, this destruction is irreversible.

Aesthetics. Decaying animal parts, whether in a freezer case or served in restaurants, can never be as aesthetically pleasing to the senses as the same foods made from wholesome vegetable sources. Only habit can allow one not to perceive this: a change in diet makes this self evident.

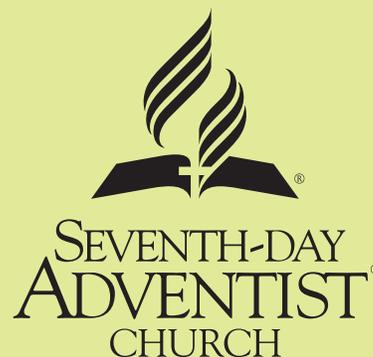
Mission

Our mission is to accept all people, forgive all people & teach all people through working together...with Him. Jesus urged us to "compel them to come in" and we are glad that you've joined us. Join us for the following on Saturdays:

9:15 a.m. Song Service

9:30 a.m. Weekly Lesson Study - Adult Classes will be studying "Glimpses of Our God", for 1st Quarter 2012.

11 a.m. Worship Service



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PASTOR VINCE SAUNDERS

On behalf of the Bonney Lake SDA church family, welcome to this house of God. We want you to feel welcome and do make a new friend or two while you're here.

Submit articles, photos and information for the next newsletter by the 15th of each month. Send to carolburnham@comcast.net