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From the Pastor's Desk



Music makes the season of Christmas so much more enjoyable. One of the most recognizable chorus' during this season is the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah. George Frideric Handel was born a Lutheran, but joined the Anglican church upon his move to England. He could be considered a man of faith. After spending significant time in Rome studying music, he began to compose biblical stories. It is probably not so well known that Charles Jennens, not Handel, is responsible for the textual composition

of the complete Oratorio of Messiah.

Charles Jennens was a benefactor of Handel's music and on July 10, 1741, provided Handel with the text. Jennens' theology intended to challenge the advocates of Deism, who rejected the doctrine of divine intervention in human affairs. Upon receipt, Handel set to swift work and completed the entire Messiah composition within only 24 short days; a remarkable accomplishment of 259 pages of original score with few mistakes. The concluding postscript: "SDG" or "To the glory of God alone".

Does God care about individuals? This has been an age old question ever since the philosopher Epicurus in 307 B.C. Epicureanism emphasizes the neutrality of the Gods, and spawned the Epicurean Paradox or The Problem of Evil:

"God either wants to eliminate bad things and cannot, or can but does not want to, or neither wishes to nor can, or both wants to and can. If He wants to and cannot, then He is weak - and this does not apply to God. If He can but does not want to, then He is spiteful - which is equally foreign to God's nature. If He neither wants to nor can, He is both weak and spiteful, and so not a god. If He wants to and can, which is the only thing fitting for a god, where then do bad things come from? Or why does He not eliminate them?"*

I have counseled and studied with more than one person who has been turned off of religion by this problem. The Bible is a book of faith. It is handed down to us by people who have experienced these problems in their lives of faith. The book of Job is probably the oldest book ever written and it's story is one which deals with this age old problem: Does God care? The text of Job seems to suggest an element which Epicurus may not



have considered: an enemy of God. The book of Job introduces us to an adversary named Satan who concludes that Job only worships God because of His providences. Yet God favors Job because his faith can endure the problems of evil. Job's friends even attempt to quell Job's sufferings by suggesting that Job must have done something to incur God's divine wrath upon him. Yet Job remains faithful: "even though He slay me, I will hope in Him" [Job 13:15]. Job's trust in God is so vital to His existence, that He would rather die than forget Who is the active agent for good in His life. Yes! God cares about individuals and one day, evil will be eliminated and "will not rise again" [Nahum 1:9].

Charles Jennens (1700-1773)

Pastor Vince Saunders

Men's Ministry Update

Men's Ministries will be sponsoring a bowling event Sunday, January 29th at the Daffodil Entertainment Center in Puyallup on Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 AM. Please mark your calendars and watch for additional details. There will also be a Men's breakfast in February, date and time to be announced. Following breakfast we will be painting the Community Services Center. Please plan to participate in that event as well as this ministry becomes more active this year with diverse and more frequent events.

Ron Burnham



Family Photos



Here is photo of John Bohr and Vaun Fiedler being ordained to be Deacons.



Here is a picture of Elizabeth Saunders' parents: Ray and Elizabeth Rengifo.



Christmas Party Photos



More Christmas Party Photos



Quotes

None are so sinful that they cannot find strength, purity, and righteousness in Jesus, who died for them. *Steps to Christ*, p. 35

Often our plans fail that God's plans for us may succeed. Help in Daily Living, p. 6

The Warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. *Steps to Christ*, p. 27



Health Tip

Get Moving!
It's easy to fit physical activities into your daily routine. Walk, bike or jog to see friends.

Take a 10-minute activity break every hour while you read, do homework or watch TV.

Climb stairs instead of taking an escalator or elevator. Try to do these things for a total of 30 minutes every day.

Adventist Community Services

Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth, to walk where He trod, to look upon the lake beside which He loved to teach, and the hills and valleys on which His eyes so often rested. But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethlehem, in order to walk in the steps of Christ. We shall find His footprints beside the sick-bed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in HIS steps. The truths He taught were associated with His acts of mercy, and were thus riveted in the memory.

Christian Service, pg. 186

Stats for Nov. 2011

Families Served: 78

Clothes dispensed: 714

Misc. items dispensed: 92

Cash value of commodities dispensed: \$717.00

Personal hygiene items dispensed: 380

Other commodities dispensed: 553

Thanks again for your continued generosity. It makes it possible to continue to serve the many families that enter our doors. Please consider making Community Services part of your regular giving. Thanks!!

Nancy Chaplin

Librarian Recommendations

Start the new year with spiritual food for every day

I have 6 new books for the library. 4 are bible stories: Adam and Eve, Abraham, Joseph, and Jacob. They are "Family Bible Story" edition by Ruth Redding Brand, illustrations by Joel Spector & Darrel Tank. Good for Elementary Students and Simplified versions for tiny tots. Lets see who will be the first to read all four. One per family per week.

Laurel Thorp

Women's Ministry Update

Women's ministry enjoyed a Christmas cookie exchange during 3rd Sabbath potluck. There was a nice mix of Christmas cookies and Christmas cake pops beautifully decorated. Delicious recipes were shared among the various women who participated in the exchange.

On January 6th several women came together to enjoy devotions together. We watched a movie entitled "Girls Night Out" created by christian comedian Chonda Pierce. A variety of popcorn was enjoyed along with hot spiced apple cider. Secret Sisters personal information was secretly exchanged. We look forward to 5 months of fun, mystery and intrigue. Secret sisters are to pray for each other and at a minimum provide at least one surprise gift a month.



February activity being planned. Watch your bulletin for more details to follow.

Carol Burnham

Finance

Total given to budgeted items for Nov: \$4557.38

Monthly budget: \$5081.67

Total given to budgeted items through November: \$27,396

Total budget through November: \$25,408

Ron Ringer

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. In January it will be the first and 2nd Sabbath of the Month. Contact Larry Chaplin at 253-863-1366 for more information.

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

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

All Church Social – Game Night: Saturday, January 14th, 7 to 10pm. Bring your favorite games to play and your favorite snack to share. Beverages will be served. Come, play and have Fun!

Men's Ministries bowling event Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 A.M. at the Daffodil Entertainment Center in Puyallup



Sabbath School

The month of December was a busy one for everyone, including our Sabbath School! It was decided at the last S.S. Council meeting that we would plan a special program on December 24, for 13th Sabbath. The Kindergarten, Primary- Junior and Youth Divisions all took part in presenting Bible verses, Christmas carols and a story, followed by all present placing their offering either on the tree or in a basket in the front of the church. We passed out "organza pouches or silver containers" that offering could be put in and are happy to report that the 13th Sabbath offering totaled \$216.21; thank you for your contributions. Another S. S. Council meeting will be held on January 14 (we had voted to have a meeting once a quarter). We will hear a report on and discuss in more detail, how it is working to separate the Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Divisions as we have done in years past. This way, each division will be more geared to the age level of the members, rather than combining them. A big thank you to all our our Sabbath School leaders, teachers and also to all members who attend each week. We encourage each one to continue studying your Bible daily, so that you can join in the discussion of the lessons and share the blessings you have received during the week.

Ruth Matson

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

Next Sabbath Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"

Melvia's Corner

Hey did you hear about....

Let me introduce myself. My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am Believed. I flourish at every level of society.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no face. To track me down is impossible and the harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments, wreck marriages, and ruin careers. I cause sleepless nights, heart aches, and indigestion.

I spawn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows at night. Even my name hisses - gosssssssip. I make headlines and headaches. So, before you repeat a story, ask yourself- Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not- shut your mouth.

There was a man who spread gossip about his Rabbi. After telling several people about his frustrations with the Rabbi, he realized the wrong he committed and admitted his guilt to the Rabbi. The Rabbi agreed to forgive him, but first assigned him a task of taking a feather pillow to the top of a windy hill and releasing all the feathers. The man was relieved that his forgiveness would come with such a simple act of retribution and fulfilled the task. When he returned to the Rabbi anxious for his forgiveness, the Rabbi assigned him just one more task. Somewhat annoyed, but anxious for absolution the man agreed. The Rabbi told him to go back up the hill and to retrieve all the feathers. The man was aghast, proclaiming the impossibility of the task. The Rabbi then explained that each feather represented someone who had heard the false gossip and had formed an opinion of the victim of the gossip. How can one repair all that damage?

"We think with horror of the cannibal who feasts on the still warm and trembling flesh of his victim, but are the results of even this practice more terrible than the agony and ruin caused by misrepresenting motive, blackening reputation, dissecting character? Learn what God says about these things: Book Education P. 235.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue". Prov 18:21

"If all these gossipers would ever bear in mind that an angel is following them and recording their words, there would be less talking and much more praying." 4 Testimonies P. 40

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Something to remember: If you're not a happy person- it is your fault!

Learn to laugh at yourself so you will always have something to make you happy. A grudge is one thing that doesn't get better when it's nursed.

Shalom - Peace
Melvia Smith

For Sale

- I have a white metal cabinet 30" x 20" x 60" that needs a new home. It has 2 sliding glass panels with two shelves behind them, a opening 16" tall where I kept the microwave, two shelves below that have 2 doors. Come and get it. Call Laurel Thorp 360-897-8056
- Would you like a set of four hand-crocheted angels for Christmas next year? See picture below. If so, please contact Janice Ellison at 253-862-8941



Pathfinders

New Years eve, the Pathfinders had their annual sleep over at the church. We ate, played games and tye dyed T-shirts for our second field uniforms. Each child and adult that came was able to do their own shirt. I must say, they really look cool.

Pathfinders has been studying the book of Isaiah and will be hosting the area Bible Achievement on Jan. 21 in the afternoon here at the church.

The first weekend of Feb. will find the teen Pathfinders up at Sunset Lake for the Conference Teen retreat.

Karen Fieldler

Soles 4 Souls is collecting any type of shoe. They refurbish shoes and then give them to the needy and to people after disasters. There is a collection box in our foyer. Please bring any unneeded shoes you may have by the end of January and bless another person!

Jane Hiebert

Personal Ministries

Thanks to all who supported our Jaime Jorge Christmas Concert Dec. 10. We had an estimated 130-140 in attendance and many were from the community. Of particular interest to several attendees was our "free items" table, where we additionally were able to distribute editions of Desire of Ages, Great Controversy and Steps to Christ; pens; mouse pads; and, most importantly, a few Bibles.



Doug & Jenniferr Hamerly

Recipe Idea

A nice easy muffin to go along with all those winter soups!

Fresh Herb Spoon Rolls

*1 envelope active dry yeast
2 cups warm water (110 degrees)
4 cups self-rising flour
3/4 cup melted butter or margerine
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine yeast and 2 cups warm water in a large bowl; let stand 5 minutes. Stir in flour and remaining ingredients. Spoon batter into lightly greased muffin pans, filling 3/4 full. Bake at 400 for 20-22 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 24 muffins.

Variations; you can use different herbs, sometimes I use chopped fresh rosemary and garlic chives or basil and chopped sun dried tomatoes. Enjoy.

Marcinda Rambaran

Begin the New Year meditating on these encouraging Bible verses chosen to inspire a fresh new walk with God and a deeper commitment to living the Christian faith.

New Birth - A Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (NIV)

Hope for the Future

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (NLT)

A New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)

A New Heart

Ezekiel 36:25-27

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command. (NLT)

Forgetting the Past

Philippians 3:13-14

No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (NLT)

Learning from Past Mistakes

Hebrews 12:10-11

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (NIV)

Wait on the Lord

Psalms 37:7

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes. (NLT)

Isaiah 40:31

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. (NASB)

God's Timing is Perfect

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (NIV)

Each New Day is Special

Lamentations 3:22-24

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.

January Birthdays

Twila Beaver 1/1	Santana Templer 1/7	Michael Healey 1/16
Caitlyn Cassidy 1/2	Cheryl Szyplik 1/8	Rebecca Hiebert 1/16
Christopher Mann 1/3	Deborah Shoemaker 1/10	Jeffery Best 1/18
Ryan Tritten 1/4	Tammy Town 1/11	Mary Maddux 1/24
Nicholas Mann 1/5	Jan Lowe 1/13	Benjamin Hiebert 1/25
Melissa May 1/7	Vickie Haley 1/15	Nancy Hoover 1/25
Ronald Shoemaker 1/7		Karen Herman 1/27

February Birthdays

Ann Dodge 2/2	George Beaver 2/11	John Craig 2/22
Lui Teulilo 2/6	Samuel Aronson 2/13	Lyn Dyson 2/24
Carol Burnham 2/9	Esther Talbot 2/14	Bonnie Smith 2/26
Kaitlyn Herman 2/10	Vincent Saunders 2/21	

Welcome

Welcome Barbara Wazdatskey, Rebecca Phillips, Joel Wazdatskey and Evelyn Gay Draper. They recently moved here from Santa Rosa, California.

Resolutions for 2012: Create a Will

Do you have a Will? Even though asset distribution may be limited, a Will is a legal avenue that addresses important life issues such as naming an executor, naming a legal guardian for children, making bequests, providing for family needs and reducing estate tax liability.

Psalms 8:32 reassures, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will guide you with mine eye."

For more information, call Peter Rampton, Washington Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services, at (253) 681-6008.

Board Members Attending 3 Part Conference Training Series

The church board will be attending an event sponsored by the Washington conference which starts on January 20th and ends on January 22, 2012 held at the Conference offices.

Partners for Growth-Practicum 1 training session is the first part of a 3 part series for church ministry teams who are beginning this journey. Pastor has invited the church board members to attend this hands-on experience- to process the material presented and to develop ideas, strategies and plans for local application. Each church will leave with a well-developed church growth plan.

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 and information for the next newsletter by the 15th of the month. Send to carolburnham@comcast.net