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Bonney Lake SDA Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk



A few weeks ago, my family and I were traveling together and we heard a strange noise coming from the car. Upon further inspection, I became aware of a major problem with the brakes on the car and a problem that needed immediate repair! I felt like I could do the repair myself, and so I went looking for the parts and was able to fix it with confidence. When I inquired from a local mechanic about the costs, I was able to save about \$600. I feel extremely grateful that my father instilled in me that mechanical nature with the ability to fix things. He would work in the garage and I would be with him, and passing tools, watching as he worked on different things. Reflecting on fatherhood, I realized how much I myself had changed since becoming a father. I realize that my patience level has grown & I've needed to become more selfless. I believe that God allows us to take that role of parenting in life to teach us spiritual lessons such as dependence, selflessness, and forgiveness.

When Andrew, my son, was born more than five years ago, my wife and I looked at each other and simply sighed with incredible awe at the dependent nature of this child. We literally had to provide every need, even to raise up his tiny head. It got easier as he grew and was able to express his needs. The plight of the "children of Israel" is well known and throughout their forty years of wandering, they were blessed with a substance which taught them dependence upon God. This miraculous substance was mysteriously called "manna", meaning literally "what is it?" The people were commanded to keep a portion of Manna before the Lord in the Ark as a vivid reminder of God's providence. What is commonly forgotten, is that when God began providing the "bread from heaven" [Exodus 16], it was not intended to be sustained beyond their journey across to Canaan, but when the rebellion occurred on the border [extending the time to 40 years], God did not withdraw His miraculous sustenance. Dependence on God is difficult to maintain in this life without a strong faith. I submit it is in the trying times that we are more prone to realize God's leading; it is when things seem smooth that dependence must be emphasized. Fatherhood teaches me dependence.

Everyone enjoys the quiet times in life for self. Whether we have various tasks, or shared endeavors, it's important to have identity and be at peace with who you are in Christ. Fatherhood changed that paradigm even more than marriage did. Every infant needs attention throughout the entire day & night. So for my schedule to be extremely upset by care-taking and increased household help was testing. Ask my wife, the adjustment time is probably still happening. Throughout human history, which I believe to be no more than about six thousand years, we have gone through major shifts in culture, industry, finance, and religion. The timeless truths of God's selfless love remain. Just as he taught the lesson of selflessness to Abraham in Genesis 22 about sacrificing his son who he loved, God gave His son to be the ultimate sacrifice for the sin of humankind. Fatherhood is teaching me selflessness.

Nothing can compare to the sincere expression of regret on a child's face. A few months ago, Andrew had accidentally broken something of mine for which I was visibly disappointed. I had a stretch of anger that I felt I needed some space between my son and I. This was uncomfortable for my son and he approached me with the most sheepish apology that I could hardly resist forgiving him. In my anger, I had forgotten the lesson of forgiveness that fatherhood is meant to teach. How many times have I disappointed my heavenly father by breaking something of His [commandments] and come to Him in confession and repentance. God never keeps His distance when we come to Him [1 John 1:9]. Fatherhood has taught me the power of forgiveness, and I am trying, with God's help to teach these lessons to my son.

Pastor Vince Saunders

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

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. Postponed until after camp meeting.

Secret Sister Revealing & Brunch June 10- 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Washington Conference Camp Meeting June 14-23rd, Auburn Adventist Academy
There will be no Sabbath Services at the Bonney Lake Seventh-day Adventist church on June 16th & 23rd. Instead all are invited to attend services at Camp Meeting.

13th Sabbath offering on June 30th- Funds missions in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division

S.S. Council Members luncheon after June 30th Sabbath Service with a meeting followig the lunch in the youth room

Chef Mark Anthony- Free Dinner & Vegetarian Performing Arts Cooking Show July 25th, 6:30 p.m.

July 28th Outdoor Church at Lake Kepka

Join us at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting on June 14-23, 2012

Camp meeting is open to the general public.

Camp meeting is also live streamed at www.washingtonconference.org.

Camp Meeting is held on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Washington. Registration is only required for on-site accommodations. The theme for camp meeting 2012 is "Holy Spirit Shine On Us."

Librarian Recommendations

Have a new addition to the library that may be interesting to all. It is put out by Bible World. I have four of the set. "Growing up in Bible Times (Families at Work and at Play), Amazing Bible Mysteries (Incredible but True Stories), Everyday Life in Bible times (Work, Worship, and War), Lands of the Bible (From Plants and Creatures to Battles and Covenants).

If I would have realized how informative the set is, I would have bought the whole set.

We will be taking all the books left on the shelf above the coat rack to Camp Meeting for the used books sale so be sure you have checked them out.

Laurel Thorp

Melvia's Corner

What preparation of heart and life must we make in order to be prepared for the outpouring of Gods' Holy Spirit?

1. Earnest prayer.

"We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that time, we need it more today. RH 1896 P. 533

2. Cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.

"I was shown that if Gods' people make no effort on their part, but wait for the refreshing to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors...they will be found wanting. The power of God comes only on those... who cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 1T 619

3. Put away all dissension.

"When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the day of Pentecost will fall on us." 8T 246

4. Victory over every wrong word and action.

"I saw that none could share in the refreshing unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world and over every wrong word and action. EW 71

5. Study Gods' Word.

"When we as a people understand what this Book (the book of Revelation) means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival." TM 113.

6. Be active workers in Christs' service.

"When the reproach of the indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed." 9T 4b

7. When we do our part, what will God do?

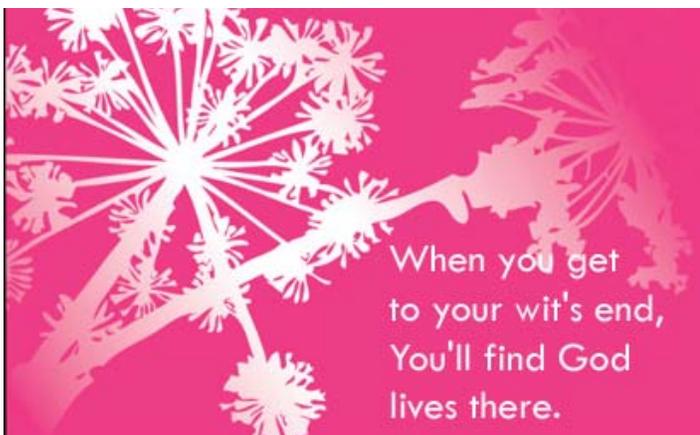
"When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come." 1SM 124

"He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit be given to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning." DA 311

"Now to Him that is able to keep you from falling (sinning) and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24

Shalom - Peace

Melvia Smith



Recipe Idea

This makes an excellent vegan entree and is quick and easy.

Pasta with Szechwan Peanut Sauce

8 ounces linguine
2 cups broccoli florets
2 cups cherry tomatoes, whole
thin sliced scallions

Peanut sauce:

1/3 cup peanut butter, smooth or chunky
1/2 cup hot water
1 Vegetable bouillon
1 teaspoon soy sauce
2 Tablespoons rice vinegar
1 Tablespoon dark sesame oil
1 Tablespoon safflower or vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Cook pasta according to package until al dente.

Add broccoli florets the last 5 minutes and drain and rinse all.

While pasta cooks, in blender or Bullet, add all of the peanut sauce ingredients. Blend until smooth. Toss hot pasta with the sauce, broccoli and cherry tomatoes. Top with sliced scallions and serve immediately.

Peanut sauce may be made up to 2 days ahead. Bring to room temperature and toss with hot pasta. Peanut sauce is also good drizzled over hot vegetables.

Marcinda Rambaran

Womens Ministry

Women's Emphasis Day

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day, June 9th. This is an annual event on the church's Calendar of Days and Events. Women will provide all aspects of the Sabbath worship on this day. Theme: A Victorious Life is a Christ Centered Life.

Women's Ministries is designed to encourage, challenge, equip and nurture Seventh-day Adventist women to make a difference in their homes, churches, communities, and the world.

Women's Ministries is an opportunity for discipling, mentoring and nurturing women. It's a place to address the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of women in the church. It's a ministry where women are encouraged to develop their potential for participation in the mission of the church. It's a mentoring and support system for women through the cycles of life. It's a forum to help address topics and issues as they affect women.

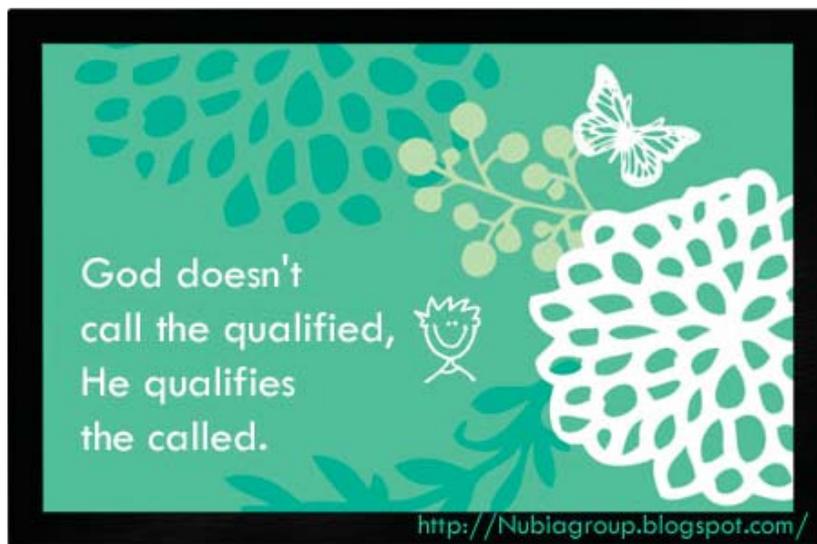
Women's Ministries is a place where women are encouraged to become involved in all areas of ministry in their churches, their communities, and their homes.

The spiritual vision of Women's Ministries is to know Jesus passionately and to serve and disciple other women.

Secret Sisters

Secret Sister Revealing & Brunch, June 10th 9-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chef Rogger Reynoso will prepare a wonderful brunch for the ladies who participated in Secret Sisters this year. This is the time we reveal Secret Sisters. We've been sharing prayers and gifts over the past six months and now is the time to identify yourself and bring your final gift. Suggested attire: Summer dress and hat. If you aren't able to attend please let Carol Burnham know so she can have the right figures for the chef and also so she can make sure your secret sister gets her final gift and finds out who you are. Carol's phone: 253-315-2179 or e-mail carolburnham@comcast.net

Carol Burnham



Reaching the Un-Churched



If you had to guess the percentage of Americans who attend religious congregations across the U.S., what would you say? 60%? Perhaps 40%? The figures are surprisingly less. The most carefully done study on church attendance reveals that as little as 22% of Americans actually attend church each week, according to Roger Dudley and Mone Sahlin—Adventist representatives to the interfaith Cooperative Congregational Studies Partnership (CCSP). Furthermore, about a million people who once worshipped in an Adventist church in North America have stopped attending on a regular basis. There are a million unique stories why they left. But we need not despair. The good news is, it has been reported that over 100,000 Adventists have reconnected during the past five years! Ministries that encourage evangelism and outreach get people in the front door, but if the back door is swinging wide open, we could have a retention problem.

You might even know a loved one or friend who has stopped attending church altogether. We have the opportunity to love them back into the church through fervent prayer, outreach, and ensuring an overall atmosphere of brotherly love-relationships among our congregation. Don't give up hope! Remember, our church is not merely God's house, but a place with people who are filled with God! God's love revealed within you and me is one of the most powerful witnesses a Christian can have.

Elizabeth Saunders -Source: Center for Creative Ministry.



Adventist Community Services

“Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organizations for individual effort. Multitudes leave to institutions and organizations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold. Christ commits to His followers and individual work, a work that cannot be done by proxy. Ministry to the sick and the poor, the giving of the gospel to the lost, is not to be left to committees or organized charities. Individual responsibility, individual effort, and personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel.” Ch. Service page 10

Thanks to all of you for the funds that continue to come in for the School Supply gift cards. We've almost met our goal. We need enough for 11 more cards. The families appreciate this help so much. Keep up the good work!!

Don't forget to stop the quilt sale at camp meeting. We'll be at the gazebo on the 21st, Thursday, from 10 am to 3:30 or 4pm. The quilts make great gifts, even for yourself. We look forward to seeing you. The monies made from the sale go back into our Community Service account at the church. 10% of the sales goes to the Wash. Conference disaster relief fund to help with larger disasters that affect our conference.

We are still taking crocheted hats to Parner Oncology office. We've taken over 200 hats to them. Your hard work is much appreciated by the staff and especially by the patients that receive the hats. Keep those needles warmed up!!

Nancy Chaplin

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and heave a healthy lunch.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.

The Honeymooners are now having bile studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall he live.

A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.

The "Over 60's Choir" will be disbanded for the summer with thanks.

Men's Prayer Breakfast. No charge, but your damnation will be gratefully accepted.

Health Tip

Becoming a Donor

"There is no way that I can express my appreciation and gratitude for the donor heart that gave me a second chance. Now I educate others about donation."

Organ and tissue donation and transplantation provide a second chance at life for thousands of people each year. You have the opportunity to be one of the individuals who make these miracles happen.

By deciding to be a donor, you give the gift of hope ... hope for the thousands of individuals awaiting organ transplants and hope for the millions of individuals whose lives could be enhanced through tissue transplants.

Use the link below and then select your state to register as an organ, tissue, and eye donor.

Register in your state to be a donor:

https://www.donatelifetoday.com/register_online/sign_up.php

Flag Day



Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Background

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Gardening Tips for JUNE!

- *Heavy rains encourage slug problems. Check for slugs during rainy periods and hand pick the pests.
- *For hanging baskets in cool, shady locations, use tuberous begonias, ferns, impatiens or fibrous rooted begonias in combination with trailing plants, such as English ivy.
- *Remove old flower heads from annual bedding plants to keep them blooming.
- *Plant annual flowers in tubs or large containers for the porch or terrace. Make sure there are holes in the container's bottom to provide good drainage.
- *Remove foliage from spring bulbs after it turns yellow and begins to dry. Set out bedding plants to cover the bare spots using care not to damage the bulbs.
- *Watch for and control blackspot and powdery mildew on rose foliage.
- *Use bark mulch around young trees to protect them from lawn mower damage.
- *Spring flowering shrubs such as spirea, viburnum, lilac and forsythia should be pruned as soon as they are done blooming.
- *Mid to late June is an excellent time to take softwood cuttings of shrubs to start new plants. Some shrubs which can be propagated in this way are spirea, lilac and viburnum.
- *When you buy nursery stock that is container grown, check the root ball and make sure it is not bound too tightly. A mass of circling roots will stay that way even after it is planted in the ground.
- *If you do not have much room to landscape, consider using some of the many dwarf varieties available. These are plants that have slow growth and stay small, so there is little pruning maintenance. There are numerous dwarf evergreens, flowering trees and shrubs from which to choose.
- *After your vegetable garden is well established, it is best to water it thoroughly once a week rather than giving it a light watering everyday. That way, a deeper root system is encouraged to develop, which will later help the plants tolerate dry weather.
- *Keep a close eye on the quality of your spring crops. Hot weather causes lettuce to bolt and become bitter. Plant a warm season crop as soon as the spring vegetables are harvested.
- *In most cases, blossom-end rot on tomatoes, peppers, squash and watermelons can be prevented. Do this by maintaining uniform soil moisture by mulching and watering correctly, planting in well drained soil and not cultivating deeper than one inch within one foot of the plant. Also avoid the use of high nitrogen fertilizers.
- *Continue planting warm season vegetable crops such as beans, squash and cucumbers.
- * The best time to harvest most herbs is just before flowering, when the leaves contain the maximum essential oils.
- *Identify garden pests before you attempt to control them. If you decide to use chemical control, read the label carefully.
- *Leftover vegetable and flower seeds may be stored in a cool dry location to be saved for planting next year.
- *During the hot summer months, mulch can be especially useful for conserving water. For vegetable gardens, shredded leaves or grass clippings are good mulch material. For ornamentals, pine needles or wood bark do the best job.

June Birthdays

Jane Hiebert 6/10
Tracey Healey 6/15
Fred Haskell 6/16
Ronald Burnham 6/17

Cindy Sump 6/21
Marcus Mann 6/23
Juanita Best 6/24
Mark Hoover 6/24

William Ellison 6/25
Marcelle Christiansen
6/30

July Birthdays

Star Stevenson 7/2
David Healey 7/8
Benjamin Hiebert 7/12
Theodore Frick 7/12

Ethan Hiebert 7/13
Doreen May 7/16
Carlee Ann Walker 7/19
Kendra McClean 7/21

Sarah Ringering 7/22
Victor Matson 7/27
Jennifer Hamerly 7/29

Showing Grace

Take Interest in Others

I was introducing a friend to a local pastor recently and the pastor asked my friend a few questions about himself. Then the pastor took the time and looked my friend in the eyes as he answered. The pastor responded with an attitude of genuine interest towards my friend. The whole conversation lasted less than 5 minutes, but after the pastor left my friend immediately said to me, "What a gracious man!" The pastor did nothing more than ask a few questions and show an interest in my friend's answers. Certainly it is appropriate to respond to questions when people ask you about yourself, but try to ask a few questions of your own and learn about other people. Let people talk about themselves—then be interested in their response.

Have you seen the movie Fireproof? The man in the story wins his wife back and repairs his marriage by acting graciously towards her. Her actions and reactions were horrible, yet he continued to try and be gracious. Their marriage was restored because of the gracious actions of the husband. Who can you be gracious towards today?

Colossians 4:6 "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Say Thank You To Show Grace To Others

Take time to say "thank you." It doesn't cost anything, but it can show other people gratitude and grace. Write a simple card expressing your appreciation for a kind act on your behalf. You can make a difference by putting a "thank you" on your lips and a card in someone's hand.

Forgive With Grace

When someone asks forgiveness, accept their apology graciously. They have come to you humbly asking for your pardon. That is not a time to tell them why they should have done so much sooner. Nor is it an appropriate time to correct them and tell them how they could have handled the situation better. If you are in a teaching or authoritative position over the person and you need to give them advice that will help them in the future, separate your advice from your forgiveness. Allow them to see you have accepted their apology and then later share with them the correction and direction they need.

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 "Evangelism and Witnessing", for 2nd Quarter 2012.

11 a.m. Worship Service



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feel welcome and do make a new
friend or two while you're here.*

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