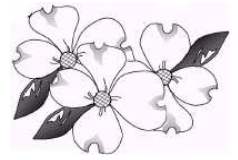


Elmira



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

JUNE 2010

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER



Born Again Pagan

Ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. Isaiah 43:10

As I was driving down the road, I noticed a bumper sticker that read "Born Again Pagan". I laughed mockingly, and then I realized the seriousness of the statement. The truth of the statement for much of our culture today is explicitly seen today. Live today, die tomorrow; "There is no god, god is a foolish fairytale." Since there is no god, I can live and do as I please without consequence.

Paul noted this, long before the bumper sticker was printed: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." (II Timothy 3:1-4)

In principle, this text is a definition for paganism. In other words look out for number one, do what is pleasing in your own sight. Any time you remove God out of the equation, there is no real accountability. Therefore it is necessary to manage one's own will and conscience, true it may be. But without God, the heart is deceitful. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). By nature, our hearts are prone to sin and deception. Without God's divine intervention humankind would probably

self-destruct.

Paganism, and Evolutionism, all the ism's that remove God, really do need Him. For without Him there would be no life – "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being . . ." Acts 17:28

To the born again pagan, I would say, to return to a life without God is not really freedom but returning to a life of hopelessness. Paganism has no hope after death, Satanism offers no hope after death. Evolutionism tries to improve upon bad history but with millions of years of hopelessness.

With Jesus there is hope; hope for eternity, hope for the dead in Christ, hope for the sinner, hope, hope, hope! Hope is written all through the Bible. God is not a delusion, a long appointed fairytale. God is real, God is Creator – God is Love. Paganism offers no love, and Evolutionism offers no love. But in the words of scripture I find a God who is desperately in love with me.

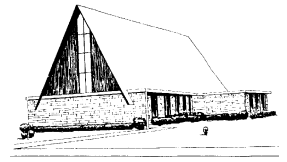
You and I are His witnesses. There is a world out there looking for hope, looking for love. God has made you and me accountable to this world without God; we are divinely appointed to share His love. In order to share this we must have a firsthand experience.

Have you experienced God lately? He said, "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13).

Find Him, that you may be His witnesses.

Many blessings,
Pastor Roger Curtis

CHURCH NEWS



CURTIS FAMILY

We will miss the Curtis Family. After eight and a half years in the Elmira area, Pastor Curtis has taken a call to the Batavia, Lockport, and Curriers Churches. They have found a home in Clarence, NY and plan to move after Camp Meeting. We have appreciated their ministry and friendship during their years here and wish them God's blessings in their new area of labor.

BIBLE STUDY



Our last study before Camp Meeting will be June 3, 7:00 PM at the church. Then we will be taking a break for the summer.

COOKING SCHOOL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Every Sunday through June 27, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the school 809 Maple Avenue. Come and hear important information from the doctors' and nurses' presentations. Cooking demonstrations and recipes are also provided.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There was a good turnout for the April 20 drive. 37 units were collected – 7 double red and 23 whole blood. Our next scheduled drive is June 15, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m, in the church fellowship hall. To make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

All are invited to join us each Sabbath following the worship service for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass. **During July and August, please do not bring hot dishes unless they are in a crockpot.**



Picnics are planned for the summer months. June 26 (weather permitting) will be a picnic at Van Galder's cottage at Mormon Lake. Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

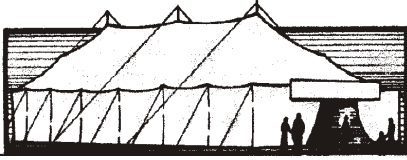
No Church Board Meeting is planned for June due to Camp Meeting. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 6:30 p.m at the church..

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The children's offering taken during the worship service sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee this summer. We have eleven who will be attending this year. **Please be generous with your donations, as this fund is a little low.**



CAMP MEETING



Camp Meeting at Union Springs, NY, will be June 11 – 19. This is early due to the General Conference Session June 23 – July 3 in Atlanta, GA. Our theme is "We Would Show Jesus." This year our speakers will include: David Smith, President, Union College, Lincoln, ND; Jerry Page, President, Central California Conference, Janet Page, Prayer Coordinator, Central California Conference; Mark Black, Lay Person, Spokane, WA; and Sean Brace, Pastor, NNE Conference. For information on Camp Meeting accommodations, contact Priscilla English at the New York Conference Office, 4930 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215-4203, Phone: (315) 469-6921.



CONGRATULATIONS



. . . to Alexis Green for being on the Honor Roll. Alexis is a seventh grader at Broadway Middle School.

. . . to Tiffany Green for being on the Honor Roll and for receiving a BRAVO award April 6. Tiffany is a fifth grader at Broadway Elementary School.

3ABN UPDATE

Help raise \$31,800 to upgrade Channel 21 to digital. We will have the opportunity to reach 167,000 people in our area with 3ABN TV, 3ABN Latino, 3ABN Radio, 3ABN Kids TV and Radio 74. Mark your tithe envelope 3ABN upgrade. We currently have \$4,324.00 toward our goal.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Please continue to save your General Mills Box tops and Campbell's UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. 3604 points and \$145 in Box Tops were sent off recently in the Campbell's Labels for Education project. They also thank all the donors who sent yarn, crafts, crochet hooks, knitting needles, etc. Students and staff have worked together to make almost fifty scarves, several hats, and even some lap blankets. Thank you for your continued support of these projects. Box tops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko.

Check out our Church website at: www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Don & Alice Congdon
Bill & Marie Kaiser
John & Martha Pack



Lorraine Parker
Doris Stewart
Our Shut-ins

SABBATH SCHOOL



During the month of June, our adult Sabbath School studies continue on “Health and Healing.” Next quarter, beginning in July, our study will be *Redemption in Romans*, focusing on salvation by faith alone as revealed in the book of Romans

Please join us as we study each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children.

Mission DVDs are shown the first Sabbath of each month. June 5 will be from Montana, Bulgaria’s Gypsy community. Just outside Sophia is a growing community of Adventists in need of a church. With unique cultures, these Gypsy people who migrated from India hundreds of years ago, long to have their own building to worship in. They currently meet in an abandoned grocery, which is cold and often damp. Soon, with your help, they will have a new place to worship.

INVESTMENT

Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader. **Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels.**



North American Division 2010 Mission Investment Projects

Columbia Union – WGTS 91.9 Chaplaincy Outreach Ministries: This is a project to fund a chaplain to serve the WGTS radio station by coordinating outreach programs for their listeners. WGTS has over 600,000 listeners and it is estimated that 40% do not attend church.

Life Skills Academy - Allegheny East Conference: This project, coordinated by the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Montclair, New Jersey, is designed to help people in the community to learn life skills.

Southern Union – Adventist Community Center - International Drive, Orlando, Florida: This is a project to provide spiritual counseling, information, and phone and internet access, specifically targeting the 52 million visitors who come to central Florida each year. They anticipate involving a staff of 20 young people in this project to enroll people in Bible studies, and distribute Adventist literature.

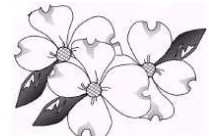
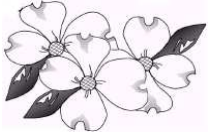
“Hope on the Move” Ministry Bus: The Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia is proposing to equip a bus to provide services in the areas of character building, healthful living and soul saving programs and information to the community around their church.

NATURE’S GARDEN

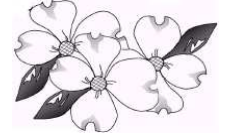
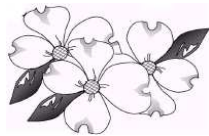
STORE HOURS Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m., OR by appointment,
Call Larry Taft – 732-0463, Or Mac & Hilda Dwyer – 739-7748.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 or email us at: webmaster@elmirasda.com

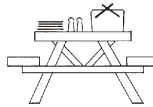




**Be ye also patient;
stablish your hearts:
for the coming of the Lord
draweth nigh.
James 5:8**



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