

**WELCOME TO  
THE ELMIRA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
813 Maple Avenue  
Elmira, New York 14904**

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
December 20, 2014 10:50 AM

Song Service  
Announcements

Alvin Jackson  
James Reynolds

**THE CHURCH AT STUDY**

December 20, 2014 9:20 AM – 10:45 AM

Song Service Alvin Jackson  
Opening Prayer  
Remarks Superintendent  
Mission Story Debby Montopoli

Lesson Study “Prayer, Healing, and Restoration”  
Teacher Malcolm Dwyer

Superintendent – Earle Stewart

**TODAY’S PROGRAM**

Elder in Charge James Reynolds  
Deacon in Charge Derek Colaw  
Pianist/Organist Sharon Reynolds  
Greeter Jason Ducot  
Sunset tonight: 4:38 P.M.

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

Elder in Charge James Reynolds  
Deacon in Charge Derek Colaw  
Greeter Carol Cau  
Offering New York Advance  
Sunset Next Friday: 4:41 P.M.



*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another,  
that ye may be healed.  
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.  
James 5:16*

**PRELUDE**

Scripture Meditation John 3:16 Gary Beach  
Chimes Organist  
Introit *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (refrain only) #290  
Invocation James Reynolds

**DEDICATION AND PREPARATION OF HEART**

Opening Hymn #614  
*Sound the Battle Cry*  
Pastoral Prayer Harold Washburn, Jr.  
Response Organist

**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Tithes & Offerings Arlene Harkness  
Local Church Budget  
Offertory Organist

**MINISTRATION OF THE WORD**

Children’s Story Martha Jackson  
Scripture Reading John 10:11-15 Virginia Miller  
Sermon Michael Belknap  
“The Risk of Love”

**BENEDICTION**

Closing Hymn #623  
*I Will Follow Thee*  
Benediction Michael Belknap  
Response Organist  
Postlude Organist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the pulpit to Michael Belknap, our local Bibleworker, who will be bringing us today's sermon.

Vespers – All are invited to join us for Sabbath Vespers each Sabbath evening in December at 4:00 p.m. “Media on the Brain” is presented by author, speaker, and teacher, Scott Ritsema, via DVD. Find freedom from media addiction and behold something better in the character of Christ.

Bible Study – each Tuesday evening at 6:30 at the church.

Communion Service will be Sabbath, December 27.

Holiday Dinner – Our luncheon for Sabbath, December 27, will be a planned meal. You will be contacted as to what you are to bring. Everyone is invited.

Woodbrook – Sabbath, December 27, our youth group will be going to Woodbrook to sing for the residents. Everyone is invited to come join in this outreach.

Nature's Garden Hours – Thursday, 4:00-6:00 P.M., or By Appt.: Call Larry Taft at 732-0463, or Mac Dwyer at 739-7748.

\*\*\*

*The King of glory stooped low to take humanity. Rude and forbidding were His earthly surroundings. His glory was veiled, that the majesty of His outward form might not become an object of attraction. He shunned all outward display. Riches, worldly honor, and human greatness can never save a soul from death; Jesus purposed that no attraction of an earthly nature should call men to His side. Only the beauty of heavenly truth must draw those who would follow Him. The character of the Messiah had long been foretold in prophecy, and He desired men to accept Him upon the testimony of the word of God.*

*The Desire of Ages, P. 43*

## CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“To seek and to save the lost by uplifting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, inviting people into God's family, and promoting gospel order and discipleship in an atmosphere of peace, love, and unity.”

## CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY December 20	Speaker – Michael Belknap Vespers – 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday December 23	Bible Study 6:30 P.M. at the church
Next Sabbath	Communion Vespers – 4:00 P.M.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Church Website	elmirasda.com
Church Phone	734-1560
Head Elder	Earle Stewart 733-6181
Head Deacon	Derek Colaw 739-4421
Head Deaconess	Joan Van Galder 732-8775
Church Treasurer	James Reynolds 732-9629
Church Clerk & Bulletin	Sharon Reynolds 732-9629

By Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.



Christmas -- a Time to Honor God  
– it is our privilege to depart  
from the customs and practices of this degenerate age;  
and instead of expending means  
merely for the gratification of the appetite  
or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing,  
we may make the coming holidays  
an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.  
*The Adventist Home, p. 480*