

Elmira

# Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter

## OCTOBER 2009



### CHURCH NEWS

#### GROWING THE CHURCH FROM THE INSIDE OUT



Elder Richard O'Ffill will be our guest speaker for the weekend October 9 – 11. He is an author, revivalist and seminar speaker who has served in Southern Asia and Latin America, as well as North America.

Pastor O'Ffill has authored eight books. He is often seen on 3ABN television, and is host of "CrossRoads," a weekly interview program for 3ABN radio.



It is his burning desire to see families restored by God's grace. He believes this will be accomplished as God's people learn and exercise the fruit of the

Spirit on a daily basis in their homes.

Because the church is an extension of the home, revival must start in the home before the church experiences it. Therefore, many of his sermons focus on the Christian home and men's ministry issues.

"More Than a Day Off" – Friday, 7:00 p.m.

"Loving Brothers and Sisters" – Sabbath, 9:30 a.m.

"Active Ingredients of the Christian Life" – Sabbath, 10:40 a.m.

Fellowship Luncheon – please bring a dish to pass!

"What Happened to the Blessed Hope?" – Sabbath, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

"Which Way Is Up?" – Sabbath, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

"The Marks of a Christian Home" – Sabbath, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Elders' Meeting – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, at the school

**Mark your calendars  
and plan to attend all of these inspiring messages!**



WELCOME!

... to the Proctor family! Bradley and Sharmin Proctor transferred to our church from Cortland. Their sons – Benjamin, Seth, Samuel, Stephen, and Brandon – were all baptized July 4 at campmeeting. We are glad they have joined our church family here in Elmira.



## CAR WASH

Pathfinders will be doing a car wash Sunday October 4, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the church. Everyone is invited!

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Combined Evangelism Committee of the Elmira, Cornerstone, and Friendship Churches will be meeting Wednesday, October 7th, 4:30 PM at the Cornerstone Church. We will be having a fellowship meal at the same time so plan on coming early to prepare. All are welcome.

## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

The next Church Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 6:30 PM at the church. Please have any agenda items to Earle Stewart or Malcolm Dwyer by Monday, October 5.

## IN MEMORY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Kathryn Alegria, who passed away August 31. Kathryn was the mother of Moriah Washburn and grandmother of Heidy Curtis.



We also extend our sympathy to Jason Ducot on the loss of his mother, Maria. *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. I Thessalonians 4:16-18*



## FALL SOCIAL

The Social Committee is planning a Fall Social, October 17, 6:00 PM. That Sabbath at the luncheon, we will be asking for an estimated number of people who plan on attending. Dress is casual. Bring your appetite and come for some fun.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Everyone is invited to our luncheon each Sabbath following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass. During the cooler months, the fourth Sabbath of each month will be Soup & Sandwiches. October 24 will be the first Soup & Sandwiches luncheon of the season.



## ABC BOOKMOBILE

The Adventist Book Center Bookmobile will be at the Elmira Church. October 25, 12 Noon – 1:00 PM Please call ahead for special orders: 1-800-832-2665, [pa.abc@pacificpress.com](mailto:pa.abc@pacificpress.com).

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory is being prepared. Please contact Sharon Reynolds, with any name, address, or email changes.



### HARVEST DINNER

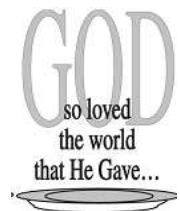
This year's Harvest Dinner will be Sabbath, October 31 following the worship service. This is a planned meal for our fellowship luncheon. You will be contacted as to what you are to bring. Everyone is invited.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting, January 30, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the church. New York Conference leaders will meet with the church members at that time.

### 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 \$2,480.00 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. Joyce recently received a thank you note: "I know that you have been thinking of us again and I love getting all those labels and box tops all clipped nicely. Thank you so much for taking the time to send them. Please thank the Elmira Church for their diligence in saving them....Please pray for our students who have returned to school, also our teachers, the new and returning ones. We want the students to experience the peace and joy only Jesus can give them. Thank you again for your dedication to all things HIS. God bless you in the days ahead. Mary June Bragg Development Assistant"

Box tops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

### PRAYER LIST

John & Martha Pack  
Theresa Kerr



Doris Stewart  
Our Shut-ins

Check out our Church website at: [www.elmirasda.com](http://www.elmirasda.com)  
Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



# SABBATH SCHOOL

During the fourth quarter, beginning in October, our adult Sabbath School is studying *People on the Move: The Book of Numbers*. This “Bible study guide will center on the nation of Israel as it headed into the Promised Land.” “(T)here is much to learn from this young nation. Its example should serve as a warning to us. But despite the setbacks, delays, and devastating judgments, perhaps the most important lesson we can learn from this book is that God fulfills his promises.” Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide, July, August, September 2009, p. 112. 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 twice each month. This quarter they will be coming to us from the South Pacific Union.

## 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.**



## PERSONAL MINISTRIES



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next scheduled drive is October 20, 1:00 – 6: 30 p.m, in the church fellowship hall.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are working with a special project which has had wonderful results. God saw the need and helped us make it happen. We are doing a card project for our shut-ins. We continue to provide magazines for the local hospitals. We are very grateful to the Christian Faith Fellowship who help us with our special needs. – Joan Van Galder

## NATURE'S GARDEN

STORE HOURS      Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – November 20

CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 607-734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Ave, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: [webmaster@elmirasda.com](mailto:webmaster@elmirasda.com).



*For He shall give His angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways.  
Psalm 91:11*



Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,  
that He will send forth laborers  
into His harvest.

Matthew 9:38

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