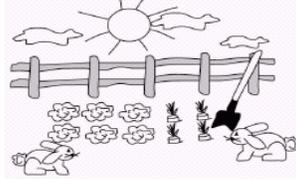


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*The day is thine, the night also is thine:
thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:
thou hast made summer and winter.
Psalm 64:16, 17*

PASTOR'S CORNER



"What must I do to be saved?" The crying plea from a jailor to the apostles Paul and Silas.

Acts chapter 16 records the events surrounding his query. As you may have read, Paul and Silas had been imprisoned in the Greek city of Philippi for antagonizing the authorities by healing a demon-possessed woman. As the two apostles sang their songs of praise to God, suddenly a great earthquake hit the prison where they were bound in stocks, and they, along with all the other prisoners, found themselves freed from their fetters. The jailor, seeing that the prisoners in his charge could easily escape, and knowing his life was to be required, pulled out his sword and was just about to take his own life, when Paul called out, "Don't harm yourself! All of the prisoners are still here!"

The jailor, sensing that a miracle has taken place, falls at the feet of Paul and Silas and asks the question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul doesn't hesitate. His answer is brief and clear. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ," he said, "and you

will be saved, and all your household."

Have you ever felt yourself to be in a situation similar to the one the Philippian jailor found himself in? When you thought things were going fairly routine, all at once a calamity, an unexpected event hits you and reminds you just how vulnerable and unpredictable life can be? A jailor finds himself on the brink of ending his own life because of a sudden turn of events. Thankfully for him, the apostles Paul and Silas were with him to proclaim to him the hope we have in Jesus Christ. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ," Paul said, "and you will be saved." No matter what happens to any of us, Jesus can take us through. He can give us hope that goes beyond trials, beyond hardship, yes, and beyond the grave itself.

The jailor took Paul and Silas at their word. He, and his family were baptized into Christ that very night, and now sleep in the surety of eternal life. Is that your hope? Is Jesus your surety? I pray He is, and like the jailor from Philippi, you have learned to trust in Him all the way.

May God bless you,
Pastor Kevin Dunn

CHURCH NEWS



DISTRICT ELDERS' MEETING

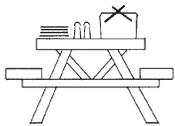
The next Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the church.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held each Tuesday evening, 7:00 p.m. at the church.



DISTRICT PICNIC



A district picnic, including churches from the Elmira, Vestal, Tioga County, Corning, Bath, and Wayland areas will be held August 5 at Harris Hill, Pavilion #3. Please bring your own table service, drink, and a dish to pass. We will plan to eat at 1:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



A luncheon is scheduled for Sabbath, August 18. Please a dish to pass – crockpots or picnic foods: salads, sandwiches, etc. The oven will be off.

HEALTH PRESENTATIONS



Dr. John Clark, of Northern Lights Health Education, is scheduled to be here September 17-22, Monday through Sabbath evenings at 6:00 p.m. Health and natural remedies presentations include: Ideal Weight, Cholesterol, Charcoal, Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Cancer. Free materials will be given out on various health topics. DVDs will be available.

CREATION SERIES



Pastor Dunn will be presenting a Creation series in the fall. This will be a Bible centered presentation – evangelism with a Creationist emphasis. This ten night series is scheduled to begin October 19.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

. . is being prepared. Contact Jim or Sharon Reynolds with any changes to name, address, phone numbers or email.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



26 units (22 whole blood and 2 donations Double Red Cells = 4 units) were collected at our drive June 12.

3ABN

Installation of the 3ABN digital upgrade was completed July 15. 3ABN has changed to **digital channel 28**. Check out pictures on the church website.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The current total for Labels for Education at the Holbrook Indian School is 275,896 labels.. They have received over \$3,871 from General Mills BoxTops for Education for the school year 2011-2012. This is the most ever received in one school year since reviving participation in the program in 2007. The monies from the BoxTops go for maintenance and repair of current HIS vehicles. This includes license fees and insurance as well. Currently, they have 14 school vehicles servicing the needs of the school and students. They are continuing to save the Labels for Education toward a new school van.

Please continue to save your General Mills Boxtops and Campbell's UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. Boxtops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko.

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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.

You are now able to return the Lord's tithe and your offerings online at our website as well.



PRAYER LIST

Don & Alice Congdon
Ethan Curtis
Hilda Dwyer
Bill & Marie Kaiser
Frances Mc Millen
Ernie Miller
John Pack
Lorraine Parker



Alta Raymond
Doris Stewart
Cindy Taft
Harold Washburn, Jr.
Harold Washburn, Sr.
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins

“But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:4
If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lessons continue with a study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians during August and September. All are encouraged to study daily and join in for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.

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



Mission DVDs are shown the last Sabbath of each month. During the third quarter our offerings go to the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. Our DVD topics will be: August – Riverside Primary School and September – Tana Orphanage.

INVESTMENT



Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, cans and bottles, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader, to donate magazines and newspapers. Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels. Labels that are accepted are Worthington, Loma Linda, Morningstar Farms, Morningstar Farms Organic, and Natural Touch. Labels not accepted are: Cedar Lake and Vibrant Life.

NATURE'S GARDEN

STORE HOURS Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., OR by appointment,
Call Larry Taft – 732-0463, Or Mac & Hilda Dwyer – 739-7748.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – September 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 e-mail us at: shareyn@gmail.com



***Keep your wants, your joys,
your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God.
You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him.
He who numbers the hairs of your head
is not indifferent to the wants of His children.
Steps to Christ, p. 100***



*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee:
because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the LORD for ever:
for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.
Isaiah 26:3, 4*

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