



Elmira



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

APRIL 2013



FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Greetings, Friends.

"And he(Abram) believed in the LORD; and He(the LORD) counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6) What a powerful testimony that is to the faith of this man, Abram (later Abraham)! As we read about the life and experiences of this man, we discover that his journey through life was anything but a cakewalk. Abraham, you see, had been promised by God that, if he left his home and familiar surroundings back in Ur, then God would bless his with a great land and a great posterity. God in fact promised Abraham that he would become "the father of many nations," and that through him would "all families of the earth be blessed."

Surely as the years went by, Abram must have wondered if God was actually going to fulfill His promises. As Abraham and his wife Sarah watched themselves getting older and older, as it looked like the head-servant Eliezar was going to be the one to in fact inherit the possessions, God's promises of a son must have seemed more and more impossible to fulfill. But Abraham was learning to believe in the God of the impossible. With a small group of servants, he had defeated a large coalition of armies and rescued his nephew Lot. He had seen God work to bail him out of the difficult situation he had made for himself down in Egypt when he tried to barter away his wife for his own safety. He knew, from experience, that the God he worshiped morning and

evening at the stone altars he built wherever he dwelt, was the God fully capable of doing whatever He promised to do.

That's why Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Abraham had learned to trust in God because he lived in a state of communion with God. He believed, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, that one day God was going to fulfill his promise to Abraham. To be sure, it's true he mistakenly tried to help God out a time or two, but he hung on to God's promises, and lo and behold, when God's timing was right, Sarah had a son!

We, the spiritual seed of Abraham, are also in a period of waiting. Sometimes we too have been impatient to see our Lord Jesus fulfill His promise, in this case to return in the clouds of heaven and rescue us from this earth. But, like Abraham, we are told to be patient, and to continue to "build our altars" of worship and witness to the world. One day He will come. Until then, let it be said of us that we also, "believe in the Lord," that it may be "accounted to us for righteousness."

May God bless us as we trust Him to soon accomplish His great promise, the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

Pastor Kevin Dunn

CHURCH NEWS



DEPRESSION RECOVERY SEMINAR

Bible worker Michael Belknap will be leading out in a Depression Recovery Seminar, beginning April 11, 6:00 p.m. at the church, 813 Maple Avenue. For more information or to offer your help, contact Michael at (716)534-3369 or beautifulmount10@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the church. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15. All are encouraged to come apart each week for Bible study.



IN MEMORY



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Stu Miller, who passed away Sunday, February 24. At age 92 he went to his rest on his birthday. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ginger; stepson, Dan (Marilyn) of North Carolina; sons, David (Kris) of Elmira, Stewart (Jess) of Painted Post, Stephen (Kim) of Bloomingdale. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ella, Dora, and Rita (Russ). Ernest served six years in the navy and was discharged as Chief Petty Officer, a toolmaker by trade, a Seventh-day Adventist by the Lord's calling. He is now waiting for that great resurrection morning when Jesus will return to take His faithful children to their promised home prepared for them in heaven. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

In remembrance:

One of our long-time members of the Elmira Seventh-day Adventist Church passed away March 5, 2013. Henry Allen Colaw was in the local hospital with a heart valve that was worn out over many years of use and a slight case of pneumonia. With these complications of health and a tired body from a sin sick world, he has passed away at nearly 86 years of age.

His life as an Elmira church member was from 1949 to 2013. He was instrumental in efforts of the building of the Elmira church and the church school building. His life work was as a Master Mason. He loved the work ethic and was always thinking work, get something done.

Henry was born, in Milwaukie Oregon. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a medic on the Hospital Ship USS HOPE.

Henry loved the Lord very much as does his entire extended family. Henry was an avid reader of any type of religious books, but the Bible was his favorite. His family holds, strong to the truth and faith, Jesus is coming back soon!

Jeanne Colaw Mizher, Henry's oldest daughter

How much we look forward to the resurrection, when we will be reunited with our loved ones forever. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.* Revelation 21:4

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons are planned for the first and third weeks of each month. The first week will be Soup & Sandwiches. The third week will be a regular luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited.



PATHFINDER BAKE SALE

The Pathfinders will have a bake sale at Sam's Club Sunday, April 7, all day. Anyone willing to help, please have baked goods at the church Sabbath, April 6. Proceeds will help fund the Camporee, a church history campout in Whitehall, NY. Thank you for your support.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

19 units (17 whole blood and 1 donation Double Red Cells = 2 units) were collected at our drive March 13.



THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING



The children's offering taken during the worship service sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee next summer.

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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



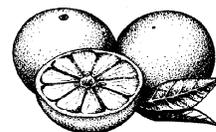
LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



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 to Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your help.

FRUIT SALES

Thank You to everyone who helped out during this year's fruit sales.



PRAYER LIST

Doris Burgess
Don & Alice Congdon
Ethan Curtis
Heidy Curtis
Bill Kaiser
Frances Mc Millen
John Pack
Lorraine Parker
Linda Probst



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

If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lesson quarterly during the second quarter of this year is entitled *"Seek the Lord and Live!"*: *Major Lessons From Minor Prophets*. These lessons will explore the powerful message of God's grace toward undeserving sinners. 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.

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 Dwyer – 739-7748.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – May 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





*But God commendeth His love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

