

ELMIRA
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
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SPIRITUAL SPOT

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Philippians 4:11, 12.

Paul knew what it was like to have too little or too much. And whether he had lots of things or lacked things, he learned how to be content, or satisfied, with his situation. Paul concluded, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

We must learn to do the same. Take time to count your blessings. If a person still has both arms, both legs, all 10 fingers, and all 10 toes, they have something to be thankful for. Or ask yourself, *What talents or abilities do I have? What can I do to make use of them?* Thinking about good things will help

you to be content with your situation. See Philippians 4:8.

Concerning our needs, Scripture instructs us, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6.

In conclusion, let us become content with our situation and thankful for whatever we have. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18.

Kevin Wahl



*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:
and the government shall be upon His shoulder:
and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6*

Think About It

Think about it, the New Jerusalem has come down from Heaven and it is the end of the Millennium. Now, this is you looking on, and you made it. You experienced many struggles, and temptations while on Earth. You managed to keep your eyes on Jesus. You are only there because of Him and so you look on to your Savior and King. You feel emotions and these are deep as you can feel His loving words as a remembrance unto you. It has been 1,000 years and they have passed.



Then something very disturbing happens, you notice that the dead who have rejected salvation are coming back to life. As you see this, they carry signs of the consequences of their previous diseases. That sin that kept them from coming unto Jesus. They look troubled and are conscious. You survey the many vast numbers and you remember people you knew—perhaps it is a family member, a neighbor or a co-worker. These you remember, you have cared about, and yet they would not make a decision for Jesus! You can say a name...as we all know now, whom we walk with on Earth, which has not thought to follow Jesus.

The City has landed on the Mount of Olives and Jesus is crowned in full view of everyone. The sight is magnificent with many saved people singing, “Jesus the Lamb.” And, then the record book is opened and God pronounces judgment on those that have chosen evil. When this happens, the wicked realize this is

their final reward. As everyone watches Jesus, and His life story as it is given to all, all people can see His sufferings, and how humanity was saved.

Then, as before, you remember the people you saw previously and they are still watching. They are thinking about you. They remember you, too. And, as the faces turn from anger to sadness, you feel a sorrow. A deep sorrow and you know they are asking...”Why did you not tell me? Why did you not try harder to help me? If you knew this was to happen, why did you not try more to get me out of the world?” Then you begin to cry for the loss of those you have loved. The people that are now doomed. (Revelation 21:4) And, so a much deeper cry comes for all the things you could have done to help more people choose.

Only time has left us and time is over. And you cry, “If I had taken more time.” I would show Jesus to them better, stronger, and not given up. Jesus wants to tell you now, there is TIME and you can still help others that need to **Meet Jesus!** A Call to Action has been measured by Jesus. Go and do...the Great Commission! Jesus has gone out before you and you only have to speak about me and tell about me. Plant a seed of knowledge with others about Christ Jesus today!

THINK about it – the Call to Action is Now.

Submitted by a member

CHURCH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

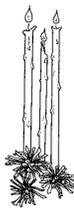


Bible Study continues each Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the church. We are studying from the “It Is Written” Bible study guides. All are encouraged to come as we study together.



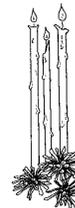
DEACON MEETING

There will be a meeting for all deacons Sunday, December 11. Breakfast will be at 9:00 am with the meeting to follow.



HOLIDAY DINNER

This year's Holiday Dinner will be Sabbath, December 17 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.



WOODBROOK

We will be singing Christmas carols for the residents at Woodbrook, Sabbath, December 17, following the luncheon. Everyone is invited to come sing with us.

HYMN SING

Mac Dwyer will be leading out in a hymn sing Sabbath, December 24 during the worship service.



NEW YEAR'S EVE



The Elmira Church will be hosting the New York Conference Singles for a New Year's Event, December 31 beginning at 5:30 P.M. until January 1 at 12:00 Noon. Meetings and games are open to all – single or not! Contact Debby Montopoli, 607-483-4064, for more information and to RSVP.



VISIT A SHUT-IN

Let us remember to send a card or letter, or stop by and visit our sick and shut-in members, not only in this holiday season, but throughout the whole year: Alice Congdon, Lorraine Parker.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



19 units (11 units whole blood plus 4 donations Double Red Cells = 8 units) were collected at our drive November 15, exceeding our goal of 18 units. Thank you to all who helped out or donated.

Our next drive is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood.

2017 INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS



Devotionals for children, youth, and adults are available from the Adventist Book Center. See the church bulletin board for descriptions and sign-up sheets. Order now to be ready for the new year in your family worship and personal devotions. Sharing books are also available



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. They can be given to Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER LIST

Alice Congdon
Gail Frager
Cindy Taft
Harold Washburn Jr.



Our shut-ins
Ongoing Bible studies
Outreach in Elmira

*Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray,
when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse,
where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?*
Steps to Christ, pp. 94 & 95.

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

Check out our church website at www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



SABBATH SCHOOL

Our lessons during the Sabbath School class time for the first quarter of 2017 are entitled, *The Holy Spirit and Spirituality*. Written by Frank Hasel, they "will help us better to understand the great gift we have in the Holy Spirit." Adult Bible Study Guide, p. 120.



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

Mission DVDs are shown once a month, usually on the last Sabbath.

INVESTMENT

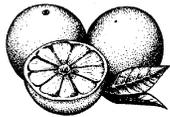
Labels Make Cents Program

Loma Linda, Worthington, and Caroline's canned food products. Frozen food labels are no longer accepted. UPC Bar Code labels from Worthington, Loma Linda, and Caroline Cans are eligible to be counted.

Thank you for saving cans and bottles, and health food labels for Investment. 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.



CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for December 18, January 15, February 12, and March 12, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 P.M. in the Nature's Garden building. Oranges and Pink Grapefruit are available by the full case, half, or quarter. To order fruit contact Mac Dwyer at 739-7748 .

The Youth Group will hold a Bake Sale each month during our Fruit Sales. Our customers always look forward to your baked goods during the holiday season. Thank you for your baked goods and donations.



NATURE'S GARDEN STORE HOURS

Thursday, 4:00–6:00 pm, OR by appointment

Call Harold Washburn Jr. at 733-6367, or Mac Dwyer at 739-7748.

Sale: All out-dated items are currently 50% off, other items are 10% off.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 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

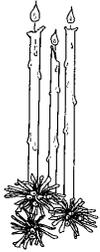


*Angels from heaven informed the shepherds of the advent of Jesus,
and light and glory from God accompanied their testimony.
The heavenly host touched their harps and glorified God.
They triumphantly heralded the advent of the Son of God
to a fallen world to accomplish the work of redemption,
and by His death to bring peace, happiness, and everlasting life to man.
God honored the advent of His Son. Angels worshiped Him.
The Story of Redemption, p. 196*





*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by Him;
and without Him was not any thing
made that was made.
In Him was life;
and the life was the light of men.
John 1:1-4*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED