

ELMIRA
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
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SPIRITUAL SPOT

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” Psalm 37:4.

What does it mean to delight yourself in the Lord? “I have longed for Thy salvation, O LORD; and Thy law is my delight.” “I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.” Psalms 40:8; 119:174. David called God’s law his delight.

Jesus summed up God’s law in two great commandments. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37–39. Jesus also stated, “If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15.

So to delight yourself in the Lord is to keep His commandments, to obey His law, out of your love for Him.

But why in verse 4 did the psalmist use the word *also*? “Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.” Psalm 37:1–3. That is because you must *also* not be jealous of the wicked and you must trust God to take care of you in every situation, for He promises you a better end.

When you have these characteristics, then God will give you your heart’s desires—desires that will build up and strengthen your relationship with Him and glorify the name of the Lord.

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:4, 5.

Kevin Wahl

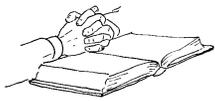
CHURCH NEWS



PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Pastor Muir is here for one Sabbath per month on the fourth Sabbath. He plans to be here for Sabbath School and the worship service.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study continues each Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the church. We are studying from the “It Is Written” Bible study guides. *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4*

VESPERS

Sabbath evening vespers is planned for February 11 and 25 at 5:00 pm. Come and learn about the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church. We will be viewing and discussing the movie, “Tell the World.”

2017 LAY TRAINING INSTITUTE – LOVE AND WITNESS

The Lay Training for our district will be Sabbath, March 11, 9:15 am until 4:30 pm at the Ithaca Church, 1219 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca. There will be a potluck at 12:15.

Featured Topics include:

Creating Disciples: Reaching & Attracting Families

How to Make Your Church Family Friendly

Learning to Love & Reach Former Members

Simply Put . . . Connecting in Love

Share Your Gift, Change Our World . . . A Time for Sharing & Change

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Vince Dolan, who passed away January 9. He served in various capacities, including as an elder, in our church before he and his family moved to Pennsylvania in 1988.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



11 units were collected at our drive January 23. Thank you to all who helped out or donated.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

A free community spaghetti dinner is planned in the church fellowship hall, Monday, April 17. Volunteers are needed to help serve, greet, and so on. Contact Brittany Miller to offer your help.



CREATION HEALTH WORKSHOP

We are planning a CREATION Health workshop beginning April 30 at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center Petrie Room. Anyone who is willing to present a topic, please contact Mac Dwyer.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Our Liberty offering taken January 28 sponsors LIBERTY magazine to government officials and religious leaders throughout North America. These funds are also used to support the North American division litigation fund, and aid in religious liberty promotion and education in the Atlantic Union. Anyone wishing to receive LIBERTY magazine or sponsor it to others, please have names and addresses to Mac Dwyer by February 28. Cost is \$6 per subscription.



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
Jeff Chase
Harold Washburn Jr.



Our shut-ins
Ongoing Bible studies
Outreach in Elmira

*Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.
Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are,
but in order to enable us to receive Him.
Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.
Steps to Christ, p. 93*

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

In our lessons during the Sabbath School class time we continue our study of *The Holy Spirit and Spirituality*.

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



Mission DVDs this quarter are from the Trans-European Division. They are normally shown on the fourth Sabbath.

INVESTMENT

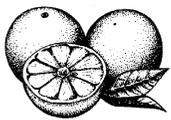
Labels Make Cents Program

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 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. Thank you for your baked goods and donations.



NATURE'S GARDEN STORE HOURS

Thursday, 4:00–6:00 pm

Liquidation Sale: All items are currently 50% off to church members.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 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



Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love.

Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy.

Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature.

*Think of their marvelous adaptation to the needs and happiness,
not only of man, but of all living creatures.*

*The sunshine and the rain, that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills and seas and plains,
all speak to us of the Creator's love.*

It is God who supplies the daily needs of all His creatures.

Steps to Christ, p. 9



*Come now,
and let us reason together,
saith the LORD:
though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they be red like crimson,
they shall be as wool.*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED