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Bio for Joseph Wayne Perricellia

Born in Wheeling West Virginia, then raised on a farm in rural northeastern Ohio. The son of a first generation Italian American, my grandfather immigrated just after the turn of the last century (early 1900's) seeking a better life and opportunities. Unfortunately, he died in a coal mining accident when my father was just 5 yrs. old. As a result, my father never received an education. He was totally illiterate.

After a work-related accident my father became a violent alcoholic, and I grew up with my family being abused by him. I was raised without having Jesus in my life. Even so, God did find ways to reach out to me and my family. Even though we didn't study the Bible, go to church, pray or any of the other spiritual disciplines associated with Christian

living, God still attempted to influence my early years through the only avenue available, television.

Each year the Ten Commandments with Charlton Heston was on TV, as well as the Christmas story (various versions like Charlie Brown), as well as the Easter Story of Jesus' resurrection, and a show every Sunday with a man so very different from my father. His voice was so soothing, melodious, and calming. His name was Pastor George Vandeman, and the Show was "It Is Written." Even with this limited exposure, God was planting seeds which would take many years to grow to fruition.

At the age of thirteen my parents' divorced and we moved back to Wheeling to live with my Grandmother on my mother's side. She was a God-fearing woman of strong moral



conviction and strength of character. One of her requirements of living in her home was to attend church weekly. Being a good Episcopalian she took us to her home church and there I met her pastor, Father Todd. I was influenced by him to become an acolyte (altar boy). I served the Episcopal Church in this role until I joined the Navy at 18 years of age.

After High school I joined the Navy. It was not long before the influences of the church disappeared and the world took over. I

spent the next 4 yrs. on active duty. I graduated from the Naval Submarine School and the Naval School of Health Sciences. I went on to serve nine more years in the Naval Reserves, as a Navy Hospital Corpsman. I served with both the Navy and the Marine Corps. I spent two years of active duty on the USS Ohio, the Navy's largest nuclear submarine. During my three deployments on the submarine my father died from his alcoholism, just after my 19th birthday. Most of my life I seemed to feel I was drifting aimlessly until the Lord was able to reach me again and give my life a real purpose. I was in my late twenties when I married my wife. Around thirty I attended an Amway convention and as part of my time there, I attended the church service on Sunday. I found myself standing up front for the altar call, crying and pouring my heart out to Jesus, asking for another chance to serve him for the remainder of my life.

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ELDER'S CORNER

"Personal Experience for this time"

(by E. J. Waggoner)
The Home Missionary
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[Isa. 40:1-10 quoted].

In this scripture we have the message which is to

prepare for the coming of the Lord. That the coming referred to is the second coming in glory, to reward the saints, is evident from verses 4, 5, and 10. Please read them again, and compare them with Matt. 16:27; Mark 13:26; and Rev. 22:12. It is a message of good tidings,

for it announces redemption.

The message in Isaiah is the same as that set forth in the fourteenth of Revelation. It is the gospel (good tidings); it prepares the way for the coming of the Lord, and proclaims the nearness of that event; and it is to be given

with a loud cry. See Isa. 40:9. It also comforts by calling attention to God as creator; he saves by his creative power. In the fortieth of Isaiah, therefore, we have set forth the loud cry of the last message.

But this message is identical with that given by John the

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After this experience I came home to share the news with my wife of only a couple years. She had experienced a similar conversion herself a few months earlier. So Jesus had changed us both and our search for a church home began. We church shopped for about nearly a year when we received a brochure in the mail covered with strange beasts and references to Daniel and Revelation.

We began attending this series and at the end, my wife and I were both baptized into the Bible-believing church we had been searching and praying earnestly to find. Jeremiah 29:13 was lived out in our lives, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." We truly believe that God fulfilled this verse in our lives when we gave our hearts to the Lord. He then planted us in a church to grow in our faith in Jesus and understanding of His Holy Word.

After a short time in the church, the church family asked me to serve as an Elder, a position I felt wholly untrained and inadequate to meet. However, the Lord does not call the capable and make them available, He calls the available and makes them able, this proved true in my case. Over the next several years the Holy Spirit trained me up through some great mentors to give Bible studies, hold evangelistic series, preach sermons, and lead small groups. It has been exciting to see what God can do with someone who is moldable and willing to be used.

I have gone from Godless heathen, to God-fearing leader. God has taken me to the far reaches of the world to preach the everlasting Gospel message to people I would

have never imagined meeting otherwise. I served the Pennsylvania Conference as a bi-vocational Pastor under a fulltime Pastor of a six church district for 4 ½ years prior to pursuing my formal education.

As part of this experience I have had the privilege of being educated by some of the greatest minds in the Adventist educational system. I am a graduate of Southern Adventist University with a Bachelor's degree in Theology and a minor in Practical Ministry. During my years there I served as a student pastor in both Georgia and Tennessee. I also worked as a Bible worker in Alabama during one summer. In addition, I took a short term mission trip to Ghana West Africa, as part of the student missionary team where we baptized 1822 souls in the church.

After graduation I was hired by the Iowa/Missouri Conference as a Bible Worker. After 5 months I was asked to take a call in fulltime ministry in that same conference. It was at this point with 20 years of marriage and multiple miscarriages my wife and I finely had a baby. I thank God for the privilege of being a father and husband. In my previous conference, I served in 2 districts there, The first was a 3 church district and the second had 4 churches. I then accepted a call here in the Wisconsin Conference where I am currently serving in a 3 church district with 2 church plants (one English and the other Spanish). I am looking forward with great anticipation for the Lord Jesus' triumphant return and all the exciting trials and experiences yet ahead. I am constantly reminded of the Scripture, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Last month we looked at the character profile of Reuben, now, let's take a look at Simeon.

Can you identify with him?

SIMEON

Simeon was the second son of Jacob and Leah (Gen 29:32, 33). This violent and headstrong man inherited the cunning of Leah and the deceit of Jacob.

About 8 years after the arrival of Jacob and his family to Canaan, Jacob finally concluded the purchase of a "piece of land" from the sons of Hamor, the king of Shechem. (Gen 33:19) Apart from the natural beauty of the spot, the place had other meanings for Jacob. He arrived here after his anxious meeting with his brother Esau. (V. 19) and here he fi-

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nally buried the “foreign gods” his wives had brought out of Haran (Gen 35:4). It seemed that at last the wandering family could settle down. But the peaceful prospect would soon dissolve into chaos. A horror would soon sweep through the valley and drench it with blood. Simeon’s sister Dinah “went out to see the daughters of the land, and had an affair with a young man, the Prince of Shechem. He requested permission from Jacob to marry her (Gen. 34:1). With their father, Simeon and his brothers agreed to the marriage, on condition that all the males in Shechem’s family should be circumcised. Somehow all the men agreed, but Simeon was filled with fury. (v.7) Modern Arabs feel more dishonor by the seduction of a sister than by the infidelity of a wife. One can divorce and abandon a wife, but a sister and daughter is forever a part of the family. The brothers felt their own honor bound up with Dinah’s.

When the men were recovering from their surgery, Simeon and Levi crept into the village and put every male to the sword. They plundered the houses, flocks, and herds.

Jacob was appalled. “You make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land,” he cried. The clan now stood in real danger of annihilation by neighboring Canaanite communities. Following the slaughter, poor dazed Jacob sat too dazed to make a decision. God Himself had to tell him to move on – on to Bethel. (Gen 35:1). Many decades later, the dying patriarch had not forgotten his son’s bloody deception and the mass murder. His final blessing became a scathing rebuke:

Simeon and Levi are brethren-
Their swords are weapons of violence.
Let me not enter their council,
Let me not join their assembly,
For they have killed men in their anger
And their fury so cruel!
I will scatter them in Jacob
And disperse them in Israel. (Gen. 40).

Josephus said that Simeon was cruel, artful, and ferocious. Simeon was a self-righteous and cruel bully. He murdered the honorable Canaanite Shechem for wanting to marry his sister because he thought this would dilute the blood of Israel, but then turned around and married a “Canaanitish woman” himself (Gen 46:10).

As a result of the sorry episode, Simeon and Levi, the second and third sons, forfeited the birthright relinquished by unstable Reuben.

Years later the brothers went to Egypt to buy food from their then-unrecognized brother Joseph. As Governor of Egypt, Joseph separated Simeon from the others by detaining him as a hostage.

Prone to murmur against Jehovah, the number of the Simeonites was reduced by more than half during the years of wilderness wandering (Num 1:23: 26:14). Young men from this tribe were the first to follow Balaam’s plan to socialize with the Midianite girls. Zimri, a prince of this tribe, displayed a reckless disregard for God’s law by high-handedly bringing a woman of Midian into his tent. (Num. 25:14).

On entry of the tribes into Canaan, Simeon had shrunk into the smallest tribe, and in consequence was given an inheritance within the borders of Judah. (Josh 19:1-9) Some families afterward became powerful and formed new colonies that settled outside the borders of the Holy Land” (PP236). They were the first to be taken captive.

A Simeonite’s uncontrolled anger prevents unbiased judgment, and has often cut a fearful swath through the church.

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MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

Human Hair

Hair is an important feature on the human body. It is a protection from heat, sun and cold, as well as being ornamental. Hair and its styles can reflect cultures and attitudes.

Hair is a protein filament that grows from follicles found in the skin. Hair is one of the defining characteristics of mammals. The human body, is covered in follicles which produce hair. Hair is made up of strands that include a *medulla*, *cortex*, and *cuticle*. The **medulla** is the center of the strand. It contains a thin core of transparent cells.

The **cortex** determines the color and shape of the hair strands. All natural hair colors are the result of two types of hair pigments. Both of these pigments are melanin types. These are produced inside the hair follicle. Eumelanin is the dominant pigment in brown hair and black hair, while pheomelanin is dominant in red hair. Blond hair is the result of having little pigmentation in the hair strand. Gray hair occurs when melanin production decreases or stops.

There are a range of theories pertaining to the curl patterns of hair. Scientists have come to believe that **the shape** of the hair shaft has an effect on the curliness of the individual's hair. A very round shaft results in straight hair. The more oval the hair shaft, the curlier the hair will be. The fibers go from wavy to curly, to kinky. The hair follicle shape determines curl pattern.

The hair **follicle size** determines thickness, or texture. While the circumference of the hair follicle expands, so does the thickness of the hair follicle. An individual's **hair volume** can be thin, normal, or thick. The consistency of hair can almost always be grouped into three categories: *fine*, *medium*, and *coarse*. This trait is determined by the hair follicle volume and the condition of the strand.

The **cuticle** is the outer covering of the hair strand. Its complex structure makes the hair repel water. It has a protective layer composed of overlapping cells like fish scales or roof tiles facing downwards. The outer cuticle holds your hair in your hair follicle by means of a *Velcro-like* bond. It also minimizes the movement of water (moisture) in and out of the underlying cortex. However, chemical processes and weathering can lift the cuticle and disrupt this balance. When healthy, i.e. smooth and intact, your outer cuticle gives your hair shine and protects the inner layers from damage.

The only living portion of the hair is found in the **follicle**. The follicle is located within the dermis. It is the sac-like structure from which the hair develops and sprouts. The sebaceous glands are found at the opening of the hair follicle. They produce a fatty secretion that lubricates the hair. The arrector pili muscles are responsible for causing hairs to stand up. In humans with little body hair, the effect results in "goose bumps."

Hair grows everywhere on the external body except for mucus membranes and palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and lips.

Hair follows a specific growth cycle. Each has specific characteristics that determine the length of the hair. The body has different types of hair. The different construction gives the hair unique characteristics, serving specific purposes, mainly, warmth and protection.

I have shared with you a **very** condensed overview of the nature of our human hair. As we have noted in every system of the human body even the mundane idea of hair, shows that we came from the hand of a wise creator.

Submitted by; Freddie Ramirez

Those who have too little courage to reprove wrong, or who through indolence or lack of interest make no earnest effort to purify the family or the church of God, are held accountable for the evil that may result from their neglect of duty. We are just as responsible for evils that we might have checked in others by exercise of parental or pastoral authority as if the acts had been our own.

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Conflict and Courage E. G. White

WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT

Hello from Wautoma,

Our hopes for a home Church in Wautoma continues to move forward as we prayerfully plan for our first worship service at the old Community Services building, by Labor Day weekend. Sam Lopez, Jr., praise the Lord, has the gift (among the many gifts that he has) of construction and has been leading us with our renovations. We also give our thanks for brother Doug Bruder's gift of plumbing and guiding and assisting us in our building renovations.

I would like to thank the Elders from the Wisconsin Rapids Church, the Stevens Point Church and the Almond Churches for their willingness to include Wautoma in their speaking schedules. It is a blessing to hear God's message from our friends from

these congregations. It really helps us stay in touch with our district church family. And I am especially thankful to you all for understanding the challenges facing the startup of a new church and not expecting our Wautoma group to send our speakers out in return. As we grow, we find our small group needs the support of our membership right at home in Wautoma to lead out in Church and Sabbath School, in music, in potluck meal preparations and in fellowship with our visitors and those attending. Thanks again for your understanding of our situation and know that we look forward to the day when our Wautoma church is firmly established and when we will again gladly share our speakers with you.

We continue to pray for growth of our Wautoma Church in much the same

way that the early Christian Church did, as told in the Book of Acts. When Paul, Silas and the other Apostles shared the good news of Jesus Resurrection, they won the hearts of both Jews and Gentiles. We pray that we can do the same with our neighbors in Wautoma and we pray that God will see his church re-established there. We have decided to close our church in June during camp meeting. But for now, we continue to meet at 120 Oakridge Court and invite all interested visitors to join us on Sabbath mornings at 10:00 am for Sabbath School and 11:00 am for Church.

God Bless.

Alan Anderson

"Egg-Shaped Equality"

Written by: Rick Felts

I just had another one of those nights where sleep eluded me. I must say that this was one of the strangest subjects on my mind for quite some time. I couldn't stop thinking about eggs. Yes eggs! I told you it was strange.

I remember as a child we would visit my grandparents. They lived on a small farm and raised chickens. One of my favorite childhood memories was going to the hen house, collecting fresh chicken eggs and having my grandmother cook breakfast with farm fresh eggs.

Since those early memories I realize that things have changed. We no longer get our eggs from chickens. Somehow they genetically enhanced plants to produce eggs for us. We've all heard of eggplant, right? I'm a little confused since every time I've seen eggplant it was purple in color and didn't resemble eggs as I remember them. Maybe the eggs are inside of the purple part we normally see. I've come to think that those must be the exotic variety of eggs and not the same eggs that we use in our normal lives.

Today, of course, we get all of our eggs from one place called "Egglad". I know this because I've seen the commercials on television. They have even developed some way to judge how good those eggs are before you crack them open. Maybe they x-ray them or do ultrasound tests on each egg. I'm not sure how they do it, but they can tell which eggs will be the best ones and they get a special stamp showing that they are the best that "Egglad" has to offer. An old saying comes to mind about not being able to judge a book by its cover, so finding a way to tell which eggs will be the best once you crack them open is simply amazing.

Now the part of my thinking that really bothered me and kept me awake was the fact of how eggs are just like real life. Eggs come in two basic colors, white and brown. Inside of an egg there is a

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With Jesus

Jesus, dear, You are our King of Glory.
 Help us keep telling others Your Redemption Story.
 Jesus, You died In that Calvary Tree
 To save us, that we know, love and serve You,
 And always with You to be.
 Jesus, You are Salvation for each and every nation.
 Your kindness leads to repentance
 Generation after generation.
 You are in the Most Holy Place in the Sanctuary,
 Interceding for us in You to be stationary.
 So, fellow followers of Jesus, are we navigating
 Our course with speed?
 If so, a re-evaluation of our path is a special need.
 Today is the day of Salvation,
 Tomorrow may be too late.
 Yes, today with Jesus we will make our date.
 Jesus, You are always waiting to hear from us.
 We will keep You as our Focus.
 Jesus, for Your Glorious Appearance
 We look forward with great anticipation.
 As now in Your Holy WORD
 We walk with acceleration.
 Jesus, please keep our faith walk steady,
 So during this our sojourn, let us ever be ready.
 Written and submitted by: Dolores Shudarek

Happy Birthday!



- June 2 Silvia Castaneda
- June 11 Arlan Ferguson
- June 12 Brandon Lowry
- June 15 Manuel Castaneda
- June 16 Jayly Shelley
- June 17 Jacqueline Guerrero
- June 19 Nona Schmidt
- June 20 Imelda Glisczinski
- June 20 Hannah Bergeon
- June 20 Emma Dettmann
- June 24 Tom Graham
- June 27 Jeanna Buettner
- June 29 Janiece Buettner
- June 30 Joyce Miller

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRAYER WARRIOR

Father's Day Origins

Started in the middle ages in Europe. It is celebrated in the United States on the 3rd Sunday of June and world-wide is celebrated in 40+ countries.

First observance in America was in Fairmont WV on 7-5-1908.

A woman named Grace

Golden Clayton was mourning the loss of her father in a mining disaster in 12-1907.

Along with her father there were 360 other men who left approximately 1000 children fatherless.

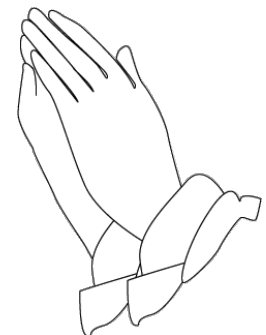
The event was local and never got out of Fairmont. In 1911 Jane Addams wanted a city wide remembrance of

fathers in Chicago, Illinois. It was refused. Then in 1912 a man named Harry C. Meek of Vancouver, Washington thought he was the first to come up with the idea to celebrate Father's Day. He suggested the 3rd Sunday in June as this was his birthday. President Richard Nixon in 1972, made it an official holiday. So this is a relatively new holiday on

the books.

Submitted by your Prayer Warrior, Jody Lucas

Almond Church



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Baptist. Compare Isa. 40:1-5, and Luke 3:2-6. John the Baptist was the Elias that was to come before the great and terrible day of the Lord. See Mal. 4:5 and Matt. 17:14. But the work did not end with him. His message did not exhaust the prophecy. He simply began a message which will not end until the Lord appears in glory.

It needs no argument to convince any one that the Lord's work is not going to diminish in power as the end approaches. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth." Isa. 42:4. Therefore the gospel of the kingdom must be announced in these last days with at least as much power as it was in the days of John the Baptist. We cannot set any limit to the power attending it, but we know that it will not be less than in the days of John.

How was it in those days? Read Matt. 3:5: "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan." The whole country was stirred, and such was the power of the message, that for a little while all acknowledged that John was a prophet of God, and accepted his message as truth. Even so it will be in the closing of the message. The glory of the Lord is to be revealed not simply in the clouds of heaven, but in the form of his righteousness which he will put within and upon his people, "And all flesh shall see it together." The mes-

sage of salvation is to "all the ends of the earth." Isa. 45:22. "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Isa. 52:10. As the multitudes flocked to see John the Baptist, so they will yet gather to hear the message, when it is proclaimed with the same power.

And when will that be? It will be when those who have the message to proclaim have the same experience that John the Baptist had. It will be when they have a personal experience of the power and glory of God working in them. This is the testimony of the word of God.

In the first place, who are they who have the message to proclaim? The answer is, "Let him that heareth say, Come." Rev. 22:17. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work." Mark. 13:34.

The message is God's message, but he proclaims it through his servants. It is God that is going to work with a strong hand, but it is through his people that his power is to be manifested. The wisdom and power of God are to be made known in earth and heaven also, through the church. See Eph. 3:10.

"The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16. It has to do with men not as a race, or as a society, but as individuals. The power by which God

works is according to the riches of his glory. See Eph. 3:16. "Strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory." Col. 1:11 (R.V.). It was by the glory of God that Christ was raised from the dead. Rom. 6:4; 1:3. Therefore the power of the glory of God is the power of the resurrection; and this is what all the heirs of God must know. Read Eph. 1:18-20; Phil. 3:8-10.

The apostle Paul writes: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Phil. 3:20, 21. The glory of God, which raised Christ from the dead, will at his coming raise from the dead all who are Christ's, and will change the living righteous. The bodies of all the saints are to exhibit the glory of God. See Dan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43; Rom. 8:18.

But the power by which this is done is "according to the working by which he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." The power by which the bodies of the righteous are to be raised and changed, is the power by which they will have been made righteous. "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of

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Headstrong and deceitful, vindictive and cruel, the Simeonites have created many bloody pages in church history. Their sincerity and zeal are blind, born without knowledge and without love. Simeonites deal harshly with infidels, heretics, and even those who differ only mildly with their opinions.

Yet, even as Jacob cursed Simeon's anger and not his person, so God provides salvation for repentant Simeonites.

So powerful and patient is the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit that even men and women like Simeon, who are famous only for murder, may be changed and finally sealed prior to the second advent (Rev. 7:7) His name on a pearly gate invites persons like him to come home, singing Amazing Grace.

(Submitted by Freddie Ramirez, Wisconsin Rapids)

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white part and a yellow part, also known as the yolk. No matter what color the outside is, the inside is the same. Some cooks and chefs may tell you that one is better than the other but that's simply not true. I have a hard time believing that even those eggs that are supposed to be the best that "Eggland" has to offer are any better than any other eggs. I'm reminded that just like eggs; people also come in two basic colors, white and brown. Just like eggs we sometimes judge each other by our color. There are no tests or procedures able to tell us that what is in our hearts is determined by our outward color. There is nothing about the color of our skin that makes us a better or a worse person. God made us all the same. God made us all uniquely different while still equal in His eyes.

At this point I began to a shortcoming in my life been guilty of judging others side. It may have been be-just because of the way they prayed that God would take others from me and thanked



thank God for pointing out since I have at times, by what I see on the outside of their skin color or look or even dress. I that attitude of judging Him again.

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darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

This is the power of salvation; but all who are saved, are saved by the same power; therefore the glory of God must be revealed to the whole world, in order that all may have the same opportunity of salvation. Now no one can describe to another the glory of God. No mind can comprehend it, and no words can be framed that would convey any idea of it. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork;" but it is not by words. "There is no speech nor language; without these their voice is heard." If they depend upon articulate speech, they could not declare God's glory that God has given them. We are also the workmanship of God, called out of darkness into his marvelous light, that we should show forth his excellencies. If we depend upon words alone, we shall make a failure. Our words will be powerless, if the glory of God is not revealed in our lives.

Remember that the last message-the message which proclaims the power and glory of Christ's life as the deliverer from sin-is a message of comfort. But no one can comfort another unless he

has been in the same need, and has received comfort. Bear in mind that it is not enough to know that we are needy sinners, like all the rest of mankind. That alone will not enable us to give a message of comfort. The man who is perishing can derive no comfort from a knowledge of the fact that somebody else is also perishing. Comfort can come only through the announcement that there is help at hand, and the confident assurance from our own experience that the help is sufficient to supply all the need, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Cor. 1:3, 4.

This, then, is the personal experience necessary for this time. The measure of the power of the message in the world, is the measure of the power that works in the hearts of those who have the message to give. Therefore if the message is not going with the power that it ought, it is simply waiting on the professed people of God. God could do the work without man's help. In fact, he does do it without man's help; for we are not able to add anything to his power. But he could do it without

man's agency. His spirit could move on the hearts of men, even as in the beginning it moved on the face of the waters, before there was a man. But he has determined to show to the universe what he can do through puny man, and thus be the more glorified by his own work.

The experience here set forth is not an impossible one to obtain. Christ is standing at the door and knocking for admittance. He will dwell in the heart of every one who will unquestioningly believe him. And when we by faith admit Christ into our hearts, he brings in the power of God, for he is the power of God, and the wisdom of God. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13.

Let every one, then, yield to the Lord, so that with confidence he may say, "I know him whom I have believed," and then when his people cry with one voice, "Behold your God," all flesh shall speedily see the glory and the salvation of God. E. J. WAGGONER.

Submitted by Jasper St. Bernard,
Wisconsin Rapids

FROM THE INSIDE, WITH KEN WELLS

The Guide we need

We are living in an age and time of "G.P.S." Global Positioning System.

We think we know where to find life, Because

We are convinced we are not lost.

We are sure we are not wandering around in our personal desert.

We don't need someone to tell us what's wrong.

Because we follow our own compass (our Hearts)

We keep making BAD CHOICES at work,

In our free time and our relationships.....

We chase the latest trends and other gods in pursuit of happiness.

Our compasses are not leading us in the right directions.

We need the Holy Spirit to point us in the Direction we should go.

God's Message to Me

I know at times, Kenneth,
 You have wondered where I am;
 You have prayed about
 A different situation,
 Then have waited at length
 For My answer.
 IF YOU'RE STILL WAITING
 For Me to respond,
 Remember this, Kenneth,
 My timing is perfected,
 To your commitment to wait,
 For Me to respond.....
 If I do delay,
 It does not mean refusal to your prayer, Kenneth;
 Delay Is simply an opportunity
 For me to work something wonderful.

By Kenneth Well, Jr.

The Town of Don't-You-Worry

There's a town called Don't-You-Worry

On the banks of River Smile,

Where the Cheer-Up and Be-Happy

Blossom sweetly all the while.

Where the Never-Crumble flower

Blooms beside the fragrant Try,

And the Ne'er-Give-Up and Patience

Point their faces to the sky.

In the valley of Contentment,

In the province of I-Will,

You will find this lovely city,

At the foot of No-Fret-Hill.

There are thoroughfares delightful

In this very charming town,

And on every hand are shade trees

Named the Very-Seldom-Frown

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Almond's June Events

Jun 2 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Jun 3 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Jun 4 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jun 7 Community Bible Study 7:00
 Jun 9 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Jun 10 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Jun 11 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jun 14 Community Bible Study 7:00
Jun 16-24 Camp Meeting @ Camp Wakonda
 Jun 16 Prayer Mtg. **(Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.)**
 Jun 17 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck **(Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.)**
 Jun 18 Bible Study (Anderson Home) **Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.**
 Jun 21 Community Bible Study 7:00 **(Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.)**

 Jun 23 Prayer Mtg. **(Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.)**
 Jun 24 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck **(Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.)**
 Jun 25 Bible Study (Anderson Home) **Cancelled due to Camp Mtg.**
 Jun 30 Community Bible Study 7:00

Stevens Point's June Events

Thursday, June 01, 2017 – 7 pm	Community Bible study in the fellowship room. Maria is leading the discussion.
Sabbath, June 03, 2017 – 9:20 am	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Leroy Dissing will facilitate the lesson study and Pastor Perricellia will present the message.
Sunday, June 04, 2017 – 6 pm	Church Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 06, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Thursday, June 08, 2017 – 7 pm	Community Bible study in the fellowship room. Maria is leading the discussion.
Sabbath, June 10, 2017 – 9:20 am	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Beth Ruehl will facilitate the lesson study and Doug Bruder will present the message.
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 7 pm	Community Bible study in the fellowship room. Maria is leading the discussion.
Sabbath, June 17, 2017 – 9:20 am	Camp Meeting at Camp Wakonda. No services in Stevens Point.

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Sabbath, June 24, 2017 – 9:20 am

Camp Meeting at Camp Wakonda. No services in Stevens Point.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 – 7 pm

Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.

Thursday, June 29, 2017 – 7 pm

Community Bible study in the fellowship room. Maria is leading the discussion.

June 26-30

Vacation Bible School-The Shepherd's House will be hosting a Vacation Bible School the week after Camp Meeting. The schedule is Monday to Friday in the evening from 6-8 p.m. The program is designed for ages 5-12. Call Mrs. Marsh at 715-218-9311 for questions and info.

****NOTE: Some regular weekly programs may be cancelled during Camp Meeting. Check with the church at 715-344-4337. No Quilting in June.**

Wautoma Church Plant's June Events

- 1-Jun Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 3-Jun Sabbath Service 10:00—Vegetarian Buffet follows
- 4-Jun Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 8-Jun Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 10-Jun Sabbath Service 10:00—Vegetarian Buffet follows
- 11-Jun Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 15-Jun Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 16-Jun Camp Meeting Starts
- 25-Jun Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 29-Jun Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am

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Rustic benches quite enticing
You'll find scattered here and there,
And to each a vine is clinging
Called the Frequent-Earnest-Prayer.

Everybody there is happy
And is singing all the while,
In the town of Don't-You-Worry,
On the banks of River Smile

—I.J. Bartlett—

Submitted by Nona Schmidt

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wisconsin Rapid's June Events

- Jun 5-9 Vacation Bible School, 5:45 p.m.
- Jun 12 Church Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 14 Bible study & prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 17-24 **Camp Meeting**
- June 28 Bible study & prayer, 6:30 p.m.

Dental / Health Expo

The free health/dental expo last week-end in Marshfield was a huge success. We were able to help so many people that otherwise would not have been able to receive this kind of care due to no insurance and lack of money. It was unfortunate but we had to turn some away due to lack of time. Below is a list of the accomplishments over the 2-day event as compiled by Dr. Griffin. Praise God for His blessings upon not only the patients that received the care, but also for the volunteers that gave so much of their time and talents to help make this a success. Let's also remember to thank those that worked behind the scenes doing all the prep work, setup, takedown and of course cleanup. None of this could have happened without everyone's help. Thank you to all of you and may God bless you in all that you do!

We registered 154 persons within the 2 days.

24 persons were not able to be seen because of running out of time each day.

132 persons received dental care:

- X-rays taken 112
- Fillings - 40
- Extractions - 63
- Teeth cleanings - 48

Total value of service provided: ~ \$55,500

☞ Vacation Bible School ☞ **The Creator Is My Friend**

Bring your friends for an exciting journey through the seven days of creation!

- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Creative Crafts
- ✓ Bible Stories
- ✓ Health Adventure
- ✓ Memory Fun
- ✓ Science Experiments

Date: June 5th-9th

Time: 5:45pm-8:00pm

Place: 611 24th St. N., WI Rapids

Ages: 0-12

Contact: 678-923-9702



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Thank you...

When God Says GO

[Emily Thurman-Saturday, April 22, 2017](#)

I was sitting in church, waiting for the announcements to end, and glancing through the new church newsletter. A poem caught my eye, and since my grandmother instilled a love of poetry, I paused to read it. It was a simple poem, and yet so profound, so deep, so painful. As I felt the emotions of the writer, my heart was touched. My first response, was to want to ease the pain. But I quickly discarded that thought, as I'm a married woman, and the writer a male. I tried to engage in the song service, and listen to the sermon, yet my mind could not forget the pain and loneliness portrayed in that small poem.

"When nobody writes, things seem really hard;

Not a letter, a note, or even a card.

Looking for a word or two to say

'Everything's Okay.'

A few small words to ease my mind

Kind words, well wishes-just knowing you're there

Anything to show you care!"

As the emotion clung to my mind, I kept praying about the need. I knew I couldn't fill that need, so I prayed that SOMEONE would. I couldn't shake the thought-and finally I asked God what I should do. I finally wrote a short letter, and tucked it in my Bible, so I could focus on the sermon of the day. I prayed over the letter a couple of days, and then gave it to my husband to pray about a few days, knowing in my heart the answer.

Three days later, when I asked my husband's response (knowing already in my heart that it was no, but fearing the upset that it would spark) I was utterly shocked, when he said it was ok, and I could mail it.

In a relatively short time, we had a response-a very nice letter. I didn't get around to answering, and soon had 3 or 4 letters awaiting response. The letters were so inspiring, so encouraging, so uplifting. We found we were so blessed by getting the letters-and we had meant to bless him. Reading how he has all the desires of his heart there in prison-peace, joy, hope, etc. inside those prison walls, touched my heart. We were challenged to list 5 things we liked about the book of Ruth, and enjoyed his 10 life lessons, as well as many other things. He sent us paperwork, so we could come and visit.

For a couple of months, I struggled to

get hours at work. I was getting called off at least 1/2 of each shift I offered. One particular check, I had lots of things set up, that precluded me even being able to offer. I knew that I would REALLY struggle to get hours at all. I awoke on Monday morning, feeling anxious and desperate to offer hours, but when I took the anxiety to God, he gently asked that we go visit Kenneth. My heart skipped a beat. "Lord", I replied, "you know I'm already stressing about not getting enough hours at work! You know I can't do that!" His gentle reply was, "Feed my sheep". I argued back but each time I presented a need, or perceived need, he would remind me that he already knew my need. He reminded me of Ps 81:10- "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." He reminded me of Luke 12:29 that says, "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." He also reminded me in Prov 10:3 "The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish." I decided to ask my husband his thoughts on not working that day, but going to see him. He readily agreed, that we should go. Needing reassurance, I asked God to tell me what to

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Books of the Bible

Can you find 30 books of the Bible in the paragraph below? Actually, there are 31 Bible names if you can find the variant of one Old Testament prophet.

This is the most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentlemen in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research

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To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

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do, and his reply was "Go forward in faith."

Now neither of us had ever been to prison before, and had had some anxieties along the way, but God took all of them away, and we were at peace. Driving up to the prison, it should have been foreboding, but there was a sense of peace, and God's presence. They checked us in, and told us where to go and how to get through all the locked gates. We walked in and sat down to pray while they called for him to come meet us. What a joy to meet this man, who exudes the love of God. In person, just as in his letters, he bubbles over with joy, with all sorts of Bible stories and questions, and insights. The 3 hour visit flew by in a flash, and though we missed mealtime to spend the time with him, we came away just in awe of God. What a blessing to meet with him, to pray with him, to chat with him! It was the best prayer meeting ever! In all of my life, I've never met someone who speaks of Jesus so freely. It is such a part of who he is. God has changed him, filled him, and is preparing him for the next part of his ministry. As we drove home, we thought that we had been much more blessed than we could ever bless him. To think that poem was written back in 2012, and all this time he's been searching for a friend, for someone to care.

Those 2 weeks have passed, and in spite of all the conflicting appointments, and the fact that God asked me to take the following Monday off as well, to spend time with my husband, in spite of all of it, I got more hours than I have been in the past several months! God is amazing. I am truly blessed! I am SO thankful that we took the time to write him, to get to know him, to go visit him, and to see God work to bless me with work on top of it all. We are truly blessed!

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Shortly after that I was asleep until morning. God tells us in His word:

Matt 7:1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.

Luke 6:37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

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has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentation from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.