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**BRINGING UNITY, EVENTS & NEWS TO THE CHURCHES OF ALMOND, OXFORD,
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Sins of the Parents

“Ohana means family...family means no one gets left behind or forgotten.” That famous line from the movie *Lilo and Stitch* illustrates an important truth about our creation. God made family from the beginning because we need each other and have a huge influence on one another. In our western culture we have in some ways lost sight of what older cultures have known all along: that we are in this together.

The Bible promotes this concept of influence. In our western thinking we mistake the concepts in scripture as talking about the self, about our own preservation; but all the characteristics of a true Christian are relational. The fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22,23 NLT) – those are relational! Jesus said the greatest commandments are to love God and love each other.

Perhaps no stronger statement in scripture about the family bond is what God says in the Ten Commandments: “I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected – even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.” (Exodus 20:5,6) While we all influence each other, a special burden is on the parents, as they are older and the trainer of their offspring – and their character is passed on to the children. How carefully should one consider her or his future spouse! How diligent should the parents unite in bringing the joy and peace of heaven to their home.

While Exodus 20:5 can be sobering, verse 6 brings great hope. Yes, you can influence multiple generations with your evil, but God’s grace is hundreds of times more potent. There hasn’t even been a thousand generations since Adam and Eve, not even close; so turn back to God and it will have a permanent influence for all generations yet to come.

In our homes should be found courtesy, deference, and respect for one another. Instead of sharp, critical words and dictatorial spirits should be found sympathy and love. “Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:31,32)

Pastor Justin Spady

PROPHECY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018
 ADVENTISM'S VISITATION SERIES-REVELATION 18-PART B)
EZEKIEL

THE COMPLICATED PLAY OF HUMAN EVENTS

"While nations have rejected God's principles, and in this rejection have wrought their own ruin, yet a divine, overruling purpose has manifestly been at work throughout the ages. It was this that the prophet Ezekiel saw in the wonderful representation given him during his exile in the land of the Chaldeans, when **before his astonished gaze were portrayed the symbols that revealed an overruling Power that has to do with the affairs of earthly rulers.**

"Upon the banks of the river Chebar, Ezekiel beheld a whirlwind seeming to come from the north, 'a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber.' Several wheels intersecting one another were moved by four living beings. High above all these 'was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.' 'And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.' Ezekiel 1:4, 26; 10:8. **The wheels were so complicated in arrangement that at first sight they appeared to be in confusion; yet they moved in perfect harmony.** Heavenly beings, sustained and guided by the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, were impelling those wheels; above them, upon the sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; and round about the throne was a rainbow, the emblem of divine mercy.

"As the wheellike complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so the complicated play of human events is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of this earth.

"The history of nations speaks to us today. To every nation and to every individual God has assigned a place in His great plan. Today men and nations are being tested by the plummet in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.

"The prophecies which the great I AM has given in His word, uniting link after link in the chain of events, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tell us where we are today in the procession of the ages and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.

"Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. Before our eyes is fulfilling the Savior's prophecy of the events to precede His coming: 'Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers [diverse] places.' Matthew 24:6, 7.

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

"The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear." *Prophets and Kings*, 535-537.

PROGRAM OF COMING EVENTS

"This vision was given to **Ezekiel** at a time when his mind was filled with gloomy forebodings. . .

"The wheellike complications that appeared to the prophet to be involved in such confusion were under the guidance of an infinite hand. The Spirit of God, revealed to him as moving and directing these wheels, brought harmony out of confusion; so, the whole world was under His control. Myriads of glorified beings were ready at His word to overrule the power and policy of evil men and bring good to His faithful ones.

"In like manner, when God was about to open to the beloved **John** the history of the church for future ages, He gave him an assurance of the Savior's interest and care for His people by revealing to him 'One like unto the Son of man,' walking among the candlesticks, which symbolized the seven churches. While John was shown the last great struggles of the church with earthly powers, he was also permitted to behold the final victory and deliverance of the faithful. He saw the church brought into deadly conflict with the beast and his image, and the worship of that beast enforced on pain of

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NOT BY SIGHT

I was listening to “The Bible in Living Sound” on our radio station while driving to work one day, and the story happened to be about Israel moving out of Egypt. Israel had just left slavery behind and was now triumphant after the 12 plagues and were laden with gifts from the Egyptians. Their exultation dimmed after a few days though.

“Across a dreary, desert-like expanse they journeyed. Already they began to wonder where their course would lead; they were becoming weary with the toilsome way... And now the Lord directed Moses to turn aside into a rocky defile and camp beside the sea.” PP283,284

Ex 14:2 records God telling Moses: “Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth (*mouth of the gorges*), between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

“The Hebrews were encamped beside the sea, whose waters presented a seemingly impassable barrier before them, while on the south a rugged mountain obstructed their further progress. Suddenly they beheld in the distance the flashing armor and moving chariots signifying the advance guard of a great army.” PP283,284

Israel’s perspective (represented by the family in the story) was probably something like this: “Why is the cloud leading us down into a canyon next to the sea? What’s the point? There is nothing down there but water. We will only have to go back up again. It doesn’t make sense.”

Pharaoh’s perspective would have run something along these lines: “Those runaway slaves walked right into a trap. We are closing in behind them and they are boxed in by the cliffs and the Sea on the other three sides. They are wandering aimlessly; lost in the desert (Ex 14:3). Pharaoh may have known that Moses was trained in warfare. If so, he probably thought that Moses should have known better. It didn’t make sense.

It didn’t seem logical. But God had another purpose and another perspective.

I thought about the story on the way to work. The concept in this story is definitely part of a theme that runs throughout the Bible. There are many examples of actions that did not seem to make sense from a worldly perspective.

Noah spent his life savings and all that he possessed to build a massive boat far inland in a world that had never seen rain, thereby gaining so much scorn that he became a tourist attraction.

Abraham exchanged his home and relatives in Ur for a nomadic lifestyle in a land promised to his descendants.

It surely didn’t seem logical for Moses to throw away his chance to rule the greatest and most advanced kingdom in the world to lead a group of slaves through a desert.

Gideon assembled an army of 10,000 to face Midianites “without number” and God told him he had too many men. 300 was a better number.

David went out against the foremost Philistine warrior without any armor or sword.

It probably didn’t seem logical for Daniel to keep praying where he could be seen after a law was passed against it. After all, it doesn’t make sense to risk death for a few prayers—does it?

Some may have thought it illogical for Josaphat to head out to war against three allied nations, led by musicians thanking God for victory before the battle was even fought.

Jesus’ disciples were arguing among themselves shortly before his death about who among them would be the greatest.

They were uneducated peasants that fell asleep and later ran away when He needed them most and yet he chose them to organize his church.

It occurred to me that sometimes we too are called on to do things that seem “illogical” or that make us the odd one out. For example, we are—or may be—called on to:

Be kind and polite to someone who is different from us, who chooses a different way of life, or doesn’t like us.

Return 10% of our income back to God, even if we barely have enough to live on ourselves.

Give up a job that requires us to work on the one day that God “blessed...and made holy” and “set aside” for rest and worship.

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Weimar NEWSTART Program and the Eight Laws of Health #2

Correction: A sentence in the second to last paragraph of the article on nutrition needs to read, "The easiest way to determine what to put on our plate is this: $\frac{1}{4}$ of our plate should consist of whole grains, $\frac{1}{4}$ of our plate beans or legumes and $\frac{1}{2}$ of our plate fruits or vegetables."

The Weimar NEWSTART Program uses the acronym NEWSTART to address the eight laws of health; N=Nutrition, E=Exercise, W=Water, S=Sunshine, T=Temperance, A=Air, R=Rest, and T=Trust in God. This article will focus on exercise.

God tells us in 3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." A quote by Ellen White confirms God's love and care for us by the way our body works to heal itself. "Through the agencies of nature, God is working, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, to keep us alive, to build up and restore us. When any part of the body sustains injury, a healing process is at once begun; nature's agencies are set at work to restore soundness. But the power working through these agencies is the power of God...When one recovers from disease, it is God who restores him." *My Life Today*, p. 135

The following quote was written over 100 years ago but is still applicable today and reinforced by literature on the benefits of exercise. "Walking, in all cases where it is possible, is the best remedy for diseased bodies, because in this exercise all the organs of the body are brought into use... There is no exercise that can take the place of walking. By it, circulation of the blood is improved." *Counsels on Health*, p. 200.

The NEWSTART Program recommends walking three to five miles per day or 10,000 steps; five or six days per week as a low impact, moderate exercise. The doctors at NEWSTART recommend walking before breakfast, again after all meals and in the early evening. Of course, we must work around our schedules. Additional fitness routines are also important such as strength training, stretching and flexibility, biking, swimming, but they do not take the place of walking. A tread mill, an elliptical machine, or an exercise where a person is actually walking, qualifies as walking. Start slow and work up both in exertion and duration for moderate exercise. Consult with your physician before starting any exercise program.

We know exercise is good for our bodies so what are some of the direct benefits exercise has for us? The following information is taken from handouts at the NEWSTART Program.

"The US Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health states that physical exercise is the single best predictor of longevity."

"The Harvard Alumni Study shows on average, every hour you exercise increases your lifespan by two hours."

Exercise to maintain or lose weight. For those who exercise and want to lose weight, exercising before breakfast helps lose weight the fastest compared to exercising at any other time of the day.

Exercise decreases arthritis pain and flexibility issues.

Exercise and hydration (drinking plenty of water) improves the volume of cartilage. If cartilage is missing from between the joints and we hydrate ourselves with plenty of water and exercise, the body will build a substance between the bones. It will not be cartilage but another substance that will help against bone rubbing on bone.

Exercise reduces coronary artery disease and strokes.

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Hello from Wautoma,

As of August 1, 2018, the old Wautoma SDA Church has been re-acquired and is being transformed back from a house into a church. It has taken less than three weeks to remove bedroom walls and basement interior walls, opening up the building, to air it out and begin the cleaning and renovation process. We are now deciding how to prepare the building for the Lord's work again. If you have an interest in this renovation project or can lend a hand, please contact Alan Anderson, (alan.danderson@yahoo.com) or Eric Anderson (nehemiah2_5@yahoo.com) and we will let you know how and when your help can best be used. [Eric's email has an "underscore" between the 2 and 5]

Please remember that we have a special weekend planned for 9/28/2018 and 9/29/2018. Pastor Swamidass is coming to present a program on the family, starting Friday evening and running through both Saturday morning and afternoon. Come and join us.

We also have a health message program starting each evening at 7 pm., September 4–15, 2018. This will be a DVD series—LifeStart Health Seminar with Dr. David DeRose .

Alan Anderson

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Exercise decreases risk of specific cancers in men and women including colon, prostate, uterine and breast cancers.

Women who already have cancer decrease their risk of early death by walking 6-8 hours per week.

Exercise and diabetes: 1 hour of moderate walking is the equivalent to 5 units of regular insulin.

One study showed moderate exercise to be far superior to the drug Metformin.

Active people have more energy, less depression, cope better with stress and pressures.

It is suggested that a healthy lifestyle is 2/3 exercise and 1/3 a whole food plant-based diet.

"Being sedentary carries the same risk of heart disease as smoking a pack of cigarettes daily." Dr. James Rippe, Tufts University

"Exercise and diet have a greater impact on health than any other factor in America. These two factors are more important to the incidence of cancer than is smoking!"

"50% of heart disease, stroke, yes even cancer would be reduced with regular exercise." Dr. Kenneth Cooper of the Aerobics Center, Texas

"If a person has high blood pressure and a regular exercise program he will live longer than a person with a normal blood pressure who is sedentary." Dr. Wm Evans, Pennsylvania State University.

Implementing an exercise program for yourself can start you on the path of a long healthy life. Telling your friends and family about these facts may help save them from future diseases or health problems.

God is so amazing and good to create our bodies as healing machines! Happy Exercising!

Jane Gerndt, Reedsburg SDA Church member

Almond's September Events

Sept 1 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Sept 3 Sparta-Elroy Bike Ride
 Sept 5 Patriarchs and Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Sept 7 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Sept 8 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Sept 9 Annual Corn Roast/Hayride at the Tess Farm
 Sept 12 Patriarchs and Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Sept 14 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Sept 15 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Sept 16 Prayer Breakfast @ the church
 Sept 19 Patriarchs and Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Sept 21 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Sept 22 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 Sept 26 Patriarchs and Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Sept 29 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck

***Anderson Bible Study is cancelled for the
 Month of September!***

Important Dates!

Our monthly prayer breakfast is back! The basement project may still be unfinished but we will hold the breakfast on Sept. 16th, beginning at 9 am. See you there!

Sept 3-Sparta/Elroy Bike Ride

**Sept 9 Corn Roast/Hayride
 held at the Tess Farm**

The Patriarchs and Prophets Study will be held at the home of
 John & Dorothy Tess
 Wed. 7 p.m. - Call first.
 715-366-4691

Portage September Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:

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Portage SDA Church Facebook:

Type Portage Seventh-day Adventist

Radio station:

WPSA LP 93.5 FM

Bible study:

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at fellowship hall. Topical study from Mark Finley's "Studying Together"

Looking for your thoughts on these questions!

Last month we asked:

What does the Sabbath mean to you?

What do you believe when you say "Happy Sabbath" to someone?

No one ever says happy Monday or even happy Friday... The Sunday Church-goers don't wish everyone a happy Sunday...

One of the anonymous replies was the following:
I say "Happy Sabbath" because today the world around me really makes sense. My Creator loves me and has a plan to end sin and suffering. I am heading out to meet other like-minded people who respect God's desires and want to please Him. Gratitude is a wonderful feeling! I set aside the bonds of this world to celebrate all that is possible because God is trustworthy. I feel happy in that knowledge and want that for others, too.

September Question is:

Could you share your testimony with us to encourage others?

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Give up certain amusements or activities that the world deems popular and harmless.

These things just do not seem logical – from this world’s perspective. I think we are all pretty familiar with the worldly view, after all, it comes natural to us.

What you see is what you have. Big animals eat little animals; strong men rule weak men; fame and money define success.

Have as much fun as you can because when it’s over, it’s over and he who dies with the most toys wins.

Hoard whatever resources you can, because the only one who really cares about you is you.

Based on this world’s measuring stick, Israel stopped at the edge of the Promised Land, evaluated themselves and the inhabitants, and said “we felt as small as grasshoppers, and that was their opinion of us too” (Num 13:33) and refused to go in. [However, in God’s view things are not always as they seem.](#)

...the last shall be first, and the first last (Matt 20:16)

...for my strength is made perfect in weakness... (2 Cor 12:9)

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. (Luke 9:24)

My kingdom is not of this world... (John 18:36)

In Revelation 5, “The Lion of the Tribe of Judah” who “prevailed to open the book” is “a Lamb as it had been slain.”

Caleb and Joshua also stopped with Israel on the edge of the promised land, but they knew that from God’s perspective all the inhabitants of the earth are like grasshoppers (Isa 40:22) and that eventually all earth’s nations and empires will be “like the chaff of the summer threshing floors” which the wind will carry away (Dan 2:35). They were not afraid to challenge the Canaanites.

In Hebrews 11 Moses, looking beyond the world around him, chose to suffer affliction rather than enjoy “the passing pleasures of sin” and “esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.” Abraham looked for “the city which has foundations, whose maker and builder is God” and desired “a better, heavenly country.”

We are called to look at things from God’s point of view, not the world’s point of view. Israel’s certain defeat before the Red Sea became one of the highest and most memorable points in Israel’s history.

“Jesus is watching over you, trembling child of God... The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger you will become in His strength...” DA 329

We are not to trust in princes or to set men in the place of God. We are to remember that human beings are fallible and erring, and that He who has all power is our strong tower of defense. In every emergency we are to feel that the battle is His. His resources are limitless and apparent impossibilities will make the victory all the greater. PK 202

Submitted by: Rebecca Ramirez, Wisconsin Rapids

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death. But looking beyond the smoke and din of the battle, he beheld a company upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having, instead of the mark of the beast, the ‘Father’s name written in their foreheads.’ And again, he saw ‘them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

“These lessons are for our benefit. We need to stay our faith upon God, for there is just before us a time that will try men’s souls. Christ, upon the Mount of Olives, rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede His second coming: ‘Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars.’ ‘Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

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While these prophecies received a partial fulfillment at the destruction of Jerusalem, they have a more direct application to the last days. "We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The Lord is at the door. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived; new controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not yet even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are trying to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.

"But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. **In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John we see how closely heaven relates to the events taking place upon the earth and how great is the care of God for those who are loyal to Him.** The world is not without a ruler. **The program of coming events** is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge.

"We permit ourselves to feel altogether too much care, trouble, and perplexity in the Lord's work. Finite men are not left to carry the burden of responsibility. We need to trust in God, believe in Him, and go forward. The tireless vigilance of the heavenly messengers, and their unceasing employment in their ministry in connection with the beings of earth, show us how **God's hand is guiding the wheel within a wheel.** The divine Instructor is saying to every actor in His work, as He said to Cyrus of old: 'I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me.' **"In Ezekiel's vision God had His hand beneath the wings of the cherubim. This is to teach His servants that it is divine power that gives them success. He will work with them if they will put away iniquity and become pure in heart and life.**

"The bright light going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning represents **the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion.** He who slumbers not, who is continually at work for the accomplishment of His designs, can carry forward His great work harmoniously. That which appears to finite minds entangled and complicated, the Lord's hand can keep in perfect order." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 752-754.

THE CHAIN OF EVENTS

"The prophecies which the great I AM has given in His word, uniting link after link in the chain of events, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tell us where we are today in the procession of the ages and what may be expected in the time to come."

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHAIN OF TRUTH

"God sent **His angel** to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. **The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him,** and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. He saw there **a perfect chain of truth.** That Word which he had regarded as uninspired now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy and with the deepest respect and awe." *Early Writings*, 229-232.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHAIN OF TRUTH: 677BC, 457BC & 508

"From a farther study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the seven times of Gentile supremacy must **commence** when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh, which the best chronologies assigned to B. C. **677**; that the 2300 days **commenced** with the seventy weeks, which the best chronologies dated from B. C. **457**; and that the 1335 days **commencing** with the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that makes desolate, [Daniel 12:11] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the taking away of Pagan abominations, and which, according to the best historians I could consult, should be dated from about A. D. **508.** **Reckoning all these prophetic periods from the several dates assigned by the best chronologies for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned,** they all would terminate together, about A. D. 1843. I was thus brought, in 1818, at the close of my two years study of the Scriptures, to the solemn conclusion, that in about twenty-five years from that time all the affairs of our present state would be wound up." *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, April 18, 1854.

(Submitted by Tim Schmidt of the Wautoma SDA Company)

Are You In Need of ?

I have quite a bit of **photo paper** that I cannot use. It is Canon glossy and sizes 4x6" and 5x7". If anyone is interested, they can contact me by email: jmwitt@rucls.net

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September Birthdays



- 9/08 Danielle Scidmore
- 9/12 Genevieve Clark
- 9/19 Alan Anderson
- 9/22 Sherri Riggle
- 9/23 Judy Witt
- 9/26 Jollet Springer
- 9/27 Eric Anderson

If we missed your birthday and you would like to be recognized, please let us know so that we can update our records.



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THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life came from his outspoken Christian friend. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool had big skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practice by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body in the shape of a cross. Instead of diving, he knelt down and asked God to come into his life. As the young man stood, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on.

The pool had been drained for repairs!*Author unknown...*

Wautoma Company Schedule of Events

Date

- 9/1/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
- 9/3/2018 Women’s Group at the Anderson’s @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9/4/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/5/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/6/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/7/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/8/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
- 9/8/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/9/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/10/2018 Women’s Group at the Anderson’s @ 10:00 a.m.
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- 9/12/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/13/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/14/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/15/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/15/2018 Lifestart Health Seminar DVD Series with Dr. David DeRose @ 7:00 pm @ Church
- 9/17/2018 Women’s Group at the Anderson’s @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9/22/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
- 9/24/2018 Women’s Group at the Anderson’s @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9/26/2018 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9/29/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.

Sunday night Bible study at the Anderson’s is cancelled for the month of September.

The Almond Church basement is undergoing some major renovations. We are expecting to be finished with the entire project by the end of September.



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Mission Statement:

Fostering Unity

Vision Statement:

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.

Ministry From Home

Have you ever thought of having a prison ministry? You don't have to leave your home to have this. A letter changes the life of an inmate every time they receive it. Pray that God will lead you to write an inmate. Give an inmate a blessing!

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Letters to the editor...

If you have ideas, thoughts, complaints or opinions, write to us. This column will appear each month.

Send emails to
"gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com"

Thanks,
Grace Notes Editor

Grace Notes needs your help!

If you haven't heard, beginning with this issue, Grace Notes will only primarily focus on the Portage District. This is not to say that we will desert our friends and family from the other churches but we are going to focus on our immediate district. Now, if anyone from the other churches wants to submit articles, they will still be taken into consideration. Along with that, if any church wants to keep us informed of upcoming special events, we will be happy to carry those announcements for you and help to get the word out, in fact I pray that you will do just that. After all, we are all children of God and we must help each other whenever possible.

Some ideas of possible things to write about or share with us are, who has expertise in some field in our district, either professionally or as a hobby? I wonder if someone may want to write a few thoughts giving some details on their jobs or hobby that they enjoy? Maybe some life lessons that you have learned?

Or how about the church organist or any other musician or worship leader for that matter? I'm sure that they could likely say a few things about music and worship, or the history of a certain music style we use, or maybe some interesting facts about a special instrument they play or have heard, or maybe a funny experience they had during a service or wedding.

Another thought is maybe someone who has been on mission trips could share some stories and experiences they had; the blessings received and given to others while on the mission field.

Let's all work together and see what we can come up with to make this "our" newsletter and to allow it to do its job, which is to bring us all together as one family. We are new to each other, let's get to know each other and as always, "To God Be The Glory"

As always, the deadline to get me articles is the 23rd of the month. I can't wait to see what God does with Grace Notes in the Portage District.

Thanks and God Bless
Rick, Grace Notes Editor