

GRACE NOTES

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**BRINGING UNITY, EVENTS & NEWS TO THE CHURCHES OF ALMOND, OXFORD,
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“Molehills in the Church”

As a teenager, I loved reading books, and one of my favorite genres was non-fiction action/adventure. They told of what was possible, of what was out there in this huge, incredible world that God has created for us. One such book, *Within Reach: My Everest Story*, was the riveting, true story of another teenager who at such a young age regularly climbed the highest mountains in the world. The book showed how you cannot expect to climb Everest in a day. No, to climb the elite 8000+ meter peaks, you need to spend years of grueling training, climbing smaller mountains, finding sponsors, cautiously planning every step, hiring large support teams, and feeding an all-consuming obsession with the quest. Climbing mountains tests the limits of human endurance.

Stepping over molehills does not. You barely have to raise your foot a little higher than normal to step over those pesky mounds. There is no need to take molehill climbing lessons; no Sherpas need to be hired to carry over your extra supplies. Yes, molehills are troublesome, no doubt about it – they can ruin gardens and sprain your ankle – but they are not mountains.

Sometimes in church we make mountains out of molehills. We spend our best energies on attacking each other over minor details, and yet talk little on what the Bible speaks a great deal.

Jesus warned the religious leaders in His day: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.” (Matthew 23:23 KJV)

The scribes and Pharisees in Jesus’ day are a cautionary tale. They were focused on policing the consciences and actions of other believers instead of encouraging them in growth in their personal relationships with God. Because of their prejudices, the scribes and Pharisees saw enemies in people Jesus came to save. How about you? Do you neglect the weightier matters of the law? What are the molehills in your church?

- Pastor Justin Spady

Elders Corner

Hello friends in Christ.

Well, it’s happening again, fall, cold, winter, snow. We are not surprised.

We have been reading Patriarchs and Prophets about behavior in the sanctuary. I, for one, am guilty of not being reverent in God’s house. Check out Prophets and Kings, Pg. 48-49; 491 to 496 and read Habakkuk 2:20. We pray and invite the Holy Spirit to dwell in our church and in our lives. Our conversations that do not consist of praising God or asking God’s presence to our proceedings, shows disrespect to our Savior. We

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New Feature of Grace Notes!

At our last district rally, we held a question and answer period. Anyone with any questions relating to the Bible or God or anything along that line, could submit it and the panel would answer it, best that they could. With that in mind, we are starting a similar feature here. Send your question to gracenotesnewsletter.com or through the regular mail and I will forward them, anonymously, to Pastor Justin who will answer them. Try and get them to me as soon as possible so that Pastor has time to research the answer for us. Someone gave me a question to start out with and here it comes. Thank you Pastor Justin for doing this for us and may God bless you in your efforts.

Question: Why were so many of the miracles that Elijah performed repeated by Elisha?

Examples:

1. **Elijah** asked a widow for food, and the small amount of oil and flour didn't run out: 1 Kings 17:9; **Elisha** tells a widow to fill all the jars she can find with a small amount of oil and it didn't run out: 2 Kings 4:7.
2. **Elijah** stretched out on the boy and brings the widow's son back to life: 1 Kings 17:20; **Elisha** stretched out on the boy and brings the Shunammite's son back to life: 2 Kings 4:34.
3. **Elijah** divided the waters of the Jordan to cross: 2 Kings 2:8; **Elisha** divided the waters of the Jordan to cross: 2 Kings 2:14.

Answer:

An insightful question! The Bible gives no explicit reason for their miracles being so similar so we cannot know for sure, but perhaps the reason is a request Elisha had made. When Elijah was preparing to leave this life, Elijah asked Elisha how he could help his assistant one last time. Elisha responded that he wanted "a double portion of your spirit upon me." (2 Kings 2:9). God granted Elisha's request, and perhaps these similarities are examples of how Elisha followed in Elijah's example, but with even greater – 2x greater – the outpouring of the supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit.

By the way, we can learn from Elijah and Elisha's relationship. We should accept the counsel and guidance of spiritual mentors, just as Elisha learned from Elijah, and later Elisha had personal assistants and ran schools of the prophets. Being a disciple for Jesus is more than just developing your spiritual gifts, it is passing those gifts on to others.

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Prophecy Highlights

November 2018

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7		DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON	LION	NONE	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)	
BRASS	GREECE	LEOPARD	THE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)	
IRON	ROME	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)	
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS	LITTLE HORN GREAT	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 36-39)	
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)	
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)	

ADVENTISM'S VISITATION (PART SEVEN)

“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 (The ‘Palmoni’ or Prophetic Numbering): 677BC, 457BC & 508BC “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.

SEVENTY YEARS THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM (Daniel 9:2) THE PUNISHMENT OF BABYLON (Jeremiah 25:9–12) THE

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HOW THE "NEW" ALMOND CHURCH ORGAN CAME TO BE

A few years ago, I was invited to play the Rodgers church organ for the Stevens Point Baptist Church—which I happily did. I enjoyed it very much, and the congregation (6-10 people) seemed to enjoy it as well. But during the last year I played for them, the congregation dwindled down to about 6 old ladies. I could see that this church was about to die out.

There was one younger lady—about 60 or 70 plus—who was the spice of the group and led out very enthusiastically. Since I felt my name was written all over that organ—that I would some day have it to play, I said to her, "If you ever want to sell this organ, give me a call." She said, "OK."

Time went on, and I didn't hold my breath, but I wondered how things would track out concerning the organ. Then, our older church organ—which was close to 50 years old—began to show signs of deterioration. When the organ repairman came out to tune it, he revealed that the capacity to be tuned was at its limit. It had old technology which involved screwing components to change the tune; certain stops had ceased to respond; and some of the keys were a bit inappropriately vibratory. It was a real perplexity for this organist. It was like pretending to play an organ that wasn't all there. I began to mention to our church members that we really ought to consider getting a better organ. I wasn't even thinking about the Stevens Point organ at that time, because I hadn't heard from the Baptist Church in a while. I just knew we would benefit with a better organ.

During the time I was suggesting a better organ (which I think took a few weeks), to my great surprise, the Baptist lady called me and said they were ready to sell their organ! Karen Ferguson and I went to see the organ. Karen checked it out extensively and was satisfied it was in good condition and would be a nice acquisition for our church.

I had done some research as to how much an organ of this quality should cost. The price suggested was \$5,000 without speakers, and \$7,000 with speakers. I asked the Baptist lady if she would accept \$5,000. She said she would have to ask the committee. The answer came back, "Yes."

I felt I could ask her if she would take \$5,000 (without church vote), because I knew the organ was either going to end up in my home or the church, and I wanted to speak up for it before some other group or company could snap it up. I asked the church members to help cover the cost so that it would be a "community thing" instead of one single payer.

After much discussion, it was voted to purchase the Rodgers Organ from the Stevens Point Baptist Church. So, I said, "Let's take pledges to see if we have enough money to purchase this organ for \$5,000." The pledges were tallied and the total pledges came to \$5,000! And that price included 6 speakers, each normally at a price of \$1,000 each, if purchased separately. I was later informed that the replacement cost for an organ of this quality would be \$42,000. But that's not the end of the story!

The day came when the Rodgers Organ Company from Waupaca, WI, came to the Baptist Church to remove the organ so it could be relocated at the Almond Church. They had the organ turned on and did various other things to accomplish the move. Then they decided to briefly walk out of the

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haven't seen friends, family or guests for a while and are excited to visit. We are there to praise and thank the Lord, to ask forgiveness and show our love for what He has done. The excitement of loving Christ, leads to excitement in each person to enjoy our time together and apart. Inviting the Lord to join us in the Sanctuary makes it a Blessed dwelling for Him. We want to show respect and reverence. I myself, am guilty and have asked for forgiveness and God's help in changing my actions in church. Our church time is short and we want to find out how each other are doing but some things are best talked about out in the hallway or at lunch. We should prepare for the Sabbath all week but for sure from sun-down on Friday through the Sabbath day. Sabbath is a delightful time for Christ to dwell in our hearts.

In our busy lives, Sabbath may just be the only reverent time we have. God Bless!

Doug Bruder, Elder of the Almond Church

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LORD CHOOSING JERUSALEM (Zechariah 1:12) THE RESTING LAND (2 Chronicles 36:16–21; LEVITICUS 25; Leviticus 26:33–35; 40–44).

490 YEARS (Acts 13:16–20); 490 YEARS TO THE FIRST KING (1 Samuel 8:4–7); 490 YEARS TO THE LAST KING Saul anointed king 1096/1095 BC (1 Samuel 10). Jerusalem's captivity began 606/605 BC, (2 Kings 24:1). –Clark's Commentary– PROBATIONARY TIME (Psalms 12; Matthew 18:21–22) Seventy weeks are determined [cut off] upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (Daniel 9:24).

PROBATIONARY TIME—490 YEARS (Revelation 2:20–21; 9:20–21).

TYRE and BABYLON (compare Isaiah 23 with Revelation 18) FORGOTTEN

“Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years.... “Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility put forth for eight hundred years by this haughty power?” The Great Controversy, 563. THE DAYS OF ONE KING “What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.” The Great Controversy, 441.

THE CUP OF INIQUITY “He has borne long with the perversity of the race; he has tried to win them to himself. But the time will come when they shall have filled their measure of iniquity; and then it is that God will work. This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations: the figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and when it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full.” Review and Herald, March 9, 1886.

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven ‘having great power.’ The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angels’ message is to be repeated.” Manuscript Releases, volume 16, 40.

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.” Early Writings, 36. “The wrath of God for the present generation is filled up in the seven last plagues (chapter 15:1), which consequently must here be referred to, and which are soon to be poured out upon the earth. 3 “The Judgment of the Dead. — ‘And the time of the dead, that they should be judged.’ The great majority of the dead, that is, the wicked, are still in their graves after the visitation of the plagues, and the close of this dispensation. A work of judgment, of allotting to each one the punishment due to his sins, is carried on in reference to them by the saints, in conjunction with Christ, during the one thousand years following the first resurrection. 1 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 20:4. Since this judgment of the dead follows the wrath of God, or the seven last plagues, it would seem necessary to refer it to the one thousand years of judgment upon the wicked, above mentioned; for the investigative judgment takes place before the plagues are poured out. “The Reward of the Righteous. — ‘And that thou should give reward unto thy servants the prophets.’ These will enter upon their reward at the coming of Christ, for he brings their reward with him. (Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12). The full reward of the saints however is not reached till they enter upon the possession of the new earth. (Matthew 25:34).” Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, p. 539.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING AND THE LOST

(Revelation 20:7–15)

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the

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Almond's November Events

Nov 2 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Nov 3 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck

Nov 3 Sabbath—Amazing Disciples

Nov 4 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Nov 7 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

Nov 8 Business Meeting 6pm

Nov 9 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Nov 10 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck

Nov 10 Sabbath—Amazing Disciples

Nov 10 District Rally @ Reedsburg Church

Nov 11 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Nov 14 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

Nov 16 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Nov 17 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck

Nov 17 Sabbath—Amazing Disciples

Nov 17 “Change for Change” Wheelbarrow Collection

Nov 18 Church Breakfast 9:00 am

Nov 18 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Nov 21 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

Nov 23 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Nov 24 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck

Nov 24 Sabbath—Amazing Disciples

Nov 25 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Nov 28 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

Nov 30 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Portage November Events

Church Board Mtg. Nov. 12th @ 8 am

Portage SDA Church email address is:

portagesdachurch@gmail.com

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"

Happy Birthday!

Nov 1 William Arndt

Nov 3 Murnard Gunderson

Nov 8 McKnight

Nov 9 John Olajec

Nov 9 Nelson Ferguson

Nov 10 Braiden Bartz

Nov 11 Karen Ferguson

Nov 16 David Grady

Nov 18 Judy Minier

Nov 18 Ernestine Clausen

Nov 19 Randy Rabine

Nov 20 CJ Lee

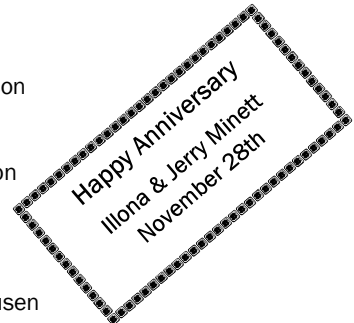
Nov 22 Roger Hahn

Nov 23 William Anderson

Nov 24 Jerry Heyn

Nov 27 Mary Tess Cook

Nov 27 Betty Reynolds



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

Wautoma SDA Company November Schedule of Events

11/3/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
11/4/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
1/5/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
11/7/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
11/10/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
11/11/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
11/12/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
11/14/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
11/17/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
11/18/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
11/19/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
11/21/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
11/24/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
11/25/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
11/26/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
11/28/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.

**“Change for Change”**

Wheelbarrow challenge coming November
17th

Help send a deserving kid to camp!

RECIPE CORNER

Our potluck meals are the best.

How about if we share our best vegetarian or vegan recipes for others to try. Send it to us and we'll share it for you. Healthy food doesn't have to taste bad!

Hello from Wautoma,

God is good, isn't He? We keep getting blessed as we proceed with our new church project. Both a piano and an organ have been donated to our new church and they have both been delivered with the help of many hands. Praise the Lord.

We had a good turnout at "The Appearing" events. Most evenings we had 26 or 27 in attendance and of those, there was an average of around 10 non-members. We have started 2 "It Is Written" studies following the series. We are praying for these interests.

As always, we need your prayers as we continue with our remodeling project and that the work that God has presented us with in Wautoma, will continue with new souls won for the Kingdom. For it says in Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which is Lost." Pray that we all are part of the Lord's mission.

Alan Anderson

HIS YOKE IS EASY

The word deceives me; it offers peace, joy and rest,
That ever leaves me with hungry heart and second best.
I came to Jesus, and there I found all I'd missed.
My soul was thirsty, I hewed my broken cisterns vain.
My heart was fainting; but all I found was failure's pain.
Till I met Jesus, who watered me with Heaven's rain.
For songs in night time for joy in pain, and help in need,
My Savior hears me, forgives my sins and guides my deeds.
I love to serve Him, so I follow where He leads.
My life was empty of all that's good and true and clean
Until I met Him in prison, no peace my wicked heart had seen;
But all earth's tempests stirred up it's sea of mine unclean.
A slave to Jesus, O gladly would I ever be.
His labor joyful; reproach for Him is sweet to me.
Ten thousand blessings repay all pain I will ever see.
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
His way is happy and always bright;
In this world's midnight, He is my light.
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
Kenneth Wells Jr.

Are You In Need of ?

Dishwasher—in good condition—to give away.

24" Molded bathroom sink with faucet. Cream white in color

Contact Doug Bruder @ 715-498-1126

Upright piano (Can be seen in basement of Almond SDA Church)

This section is intended as an outreach to help those with needs, also helping those with the need to free up space in their homes by donating those un-needed items to someone who may have a use for them. May God Bless you for your generosity. If you have items to donate to someone, please let us know.

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time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." Testimonies, volume 5, 451.

"The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth." Maranatha, 199.

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (Daniel 11:45- 12:1).

"The wrath of God for the present generation is filled up in the seven last plagues (chapter 15:1), which are soon to be poured out upon the earth. Then will Michael stand up for His people (see Revelation 22:6-17).

Submitted by: Tim Schmidt, Wautoma SDA Company

Reedsburg Church

A cooking class hosted by Dawn and Rodney Hahn on Thursday, November 1, at 6:00 PM at the Reedsburg SDA church.

Stevens Point Church

is having a gym night at the Georke Park Gym on November 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Portage SDA Church

November 2,3,4,6,7 & 9 @ 6:30 pm: And We Worship Him" A study into the Book of Revelation" presented by Steve Collins

Oxford SDA Church

Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

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Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Join Us This Saturday
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

We have bible studies on Wednesday evening's at 6:30 at the church. We are starting the book of John on video.

Almond SDA Church

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00

Potluck follows service each week!

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Wautoma SDA Company

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Potluck follows service each week!

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church. One man was out of the sanctuary, and the other was almost out. I sat near the front and stared at the organ. Then, smoke began to rise!! I quickly yelled for help and pulled the electric cord from the power source. The men quickly began taking the organ apart to find the problem as the smoke continued to rise. The smoke eventually settled down and they called their expert repairman. He opened things up further and revealed black soot in a metal enclosure caused by 2 overheated capacitors. This can happen when an organ is not played regularly. (Amazing!) So, the repairman replaced all 6 capacitors for good measure. The Rodgers Organ men knew this could happen when an organ hasn't been played for awhile (like a year and a half since I last played it). They called it the "burn out period." They more or less expected it! I was really surprised and grateful when the Baptist Church paid the repair bill because it happened in their church and could have burned their church down!

The Rodgers Organ was carefully moved to the Almond Church a couple of years ago. Now, if you visit our church you can hear its rich tones and glorious music. Due to modern technology, it has chips which have actual pipe sounds recorded on them that add to its exquisite melodies. We, at Almond church are indeed blessed to have this organ!

By Dorothy Tess, Almond Church organist

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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!

Ken Wells, Jr. #414034,
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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
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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
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