

# GRACE NOTES

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## **BRINGING UNITY, EVENTS & NEWS TO THE CHURCHES OF ALMOND, OXFORD, PORTAGE, REEDSBURG & THE WAUTOMA COMPANY**

### "Accuser of the Brethren"

"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down." (Revelation 12:9,10 NKJV)

Satan, having forsaken his chance at eternal life, finds no greater satisfaction than in hurting others. He spends every moment finding faults in others to condemn. His pride, his envy, his ego, has brought misery and death to this earth. Is not the Devil a horrible, petty, vindictive, foul being?

Some people in the church are like the devil. They too are accusers of the brethren. In this hour of atonement, we are supposed to examine ourselves; instead, they examine others, trying to find any little thing to criticize. When we should be individually worshiping God in church, they are instead looking around at how others have dressed or are acting. During Sabbath School they pick apart every word that others speak, and find ways to be contentious. At church business meetings, they sit in judgment of ways others are working for God. They breed this spirit of suspicion and animosity in the local church until everyone is miserable.

The solution to an accusatory spirit is looking to Jesus. The more we study the character of Jesus instead of the character of others, the more we will realize our own need for a Savior and the more Christ can impart His righteousness upon us.

"These are days of trial and of great peril, the adversary of souls is upon the track of every one; and while we stand out separate from the world, we should press together in faith and love. United, we are strong; divided, we are weak."

For more on this, read *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists*, "Labor for the Church," pp.211-215 by Ellen G. White.

- Pastor Justin Spady

### **Weimar NEWSTART Program and the Eight Laws of Health #4**

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 the benefits of Sunshine. The information is taken from seminar notes from February 2018.

"Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun." Ecclesiastes 11:7 NIV

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## New Feature of Grace Notes!

### Q&A

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](http://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.

**Q: "What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? In some denominations, they designate that when the person receives speaking in tongues, they have received the Holy Spirit. What do SDA's say about being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues?"**

**A:** As you reference in your question, many Pentecostal Christians strongly associate speaking in tongues with having received the Holy Spirit. The term "Pentecostal" refers to the the day of Pentecost when the 120 in the upper room received a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The story is found in Acts 2, and most like-

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### **Hello from Wautoma,**

Blessings to you all. Our small company in Wautoma remains active. We hope for the soon installation of a new furnace in our remodeling project and with heat, our project will move along more rapidly.

Our Children's Sabbath school students have completed a 3 month course in the Sanctuary teaching. If you see one of the kids, just ask them something about the sanctuary and its application to our times. Even little 3 year old William Anderson will surprise you with his answers.

We would like to invite you to our December 15, 2018 Sabbath Service when we will be presenting a Christmas program. We will be looking at our Savior's 1<sup>st</sup> coming through the eyes of the wise men and then come down to our time and see if we are looking for our Savior's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming with as much eagerness. Sabbath School starts at 9:30 and church at 11:00 a.m. Then plan to stay with us for potluck lunch.

Alan Anderson

### **Portage Evangelism 2018**

#### And Worship Him

Following the presentation of the Voice of Prophecy's "The Appearing" we held 12 meetings on the book of Revelation. The content of the message was to show that the book of Revelation from chapter 1 through chapter 22 is a call for us to worship Jesus the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of our faith. It was to show that we have a choice in who we will worship either the monster beast of Revelation 13 or to join the four beasts and 24 elders around the throne of the universe as Jesus leaves the Heavenly sanctuary to take His position as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The whole book of Revelation is focused on that moment. Worshiping Him shall be our focus as well right now!

Four times we interrupted the flow of the book by presenting four Bible studies: the state of the dead, the Sabbath, the second coming and the spirit of prophecy and how each of these related to the worship of our Savior.

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Exposure to the sun's rays gets a bad rap, but in moderation and avoiding sunburn, sunshine is a blessing to us. Sunlight is essential to all of life. Sunlight in moderation can ease tension, boost immunity, improve sleep, prevent disease, increase mental performance, heighten metabolism, relieve arthritis, boost energy levels, increase blood circulation, increase cardiac output (the amount of blood pumped by the heart per minute), help regulate blood pressure towards normal, help fight infection, destroy germs to promote healing, be an effective treatment for infantile jaundice, improve liver function, help the body eliminate toxic chemicals and pollutants, help towards stabilizing blood sugar levels, lower cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood, stimulate the thyroid gland, improve muscle tone and endurance and provide vitamin D, which is essential to our health.

Our bodies must have vitamin D to absorb calcium and promote bone growth. Vitamin D helps in preventing osteoporosis and Rickets. It is also a powerful antioxidant. The only way we can get vitamin D is through exposure to sunshine, eating vitamin D fortified foods or taking a vitamin D supplement. Sunscreen blocks harmful rays from the sun but it also blocks vitamin D from the sun as well. Of course, if we are not accustomed to getting much sunshine on our skin then we must start slowly and build up our time in the sun so we don't get sunburned. Depending on where we live in relation to the equator we need about 15-30 minutes of sunlight per day, preferably on the back, to get all the vitamin D we need unless we are eating fortified foods that contain vitamin D or taking a vitamin D supplement.


Moderate sunlight exposure increases the production of serotonin, the "feel good" hormone. Serotonin is also elevated by eating excessive amounts of refined sugars, like ice cream and cake. Diets high in refined carbohydrates have been linked to increased risk of obesity. Therefore, it is better to get your serotonin from sunshine rather than junk food!

Sunlight can help with better sleep at night. Sunlight enters the retina, and triggers the pineal gland which converts the sleep-enhancing hormone, melatonin, to the hormone, serotonin, which increases alertness. Moderate sunlight exposure has been found to effectively regulate these hormones and help with getting a good night's sleep. Also, melatonin is not stored in the body, we need a liberal supply each evening to sleep well. Optimal melatonin production occurs at night in a dark environment.

The following quote by Ellen White addresses the importance of letting sunlight into our homes. "No room in the house should be considered furnished and adorned without the cheering, enlivening light and sunshine, which are Heaven's own free gift to man...If you would have your homes sweet and inviting, make them bright with air and sunshine...The precious sunlight may fade your carpets, but it will give a healthful color to the cheeks of your children. If you have God's presence and possess earnest, loving hearts, a humble home, made bright with air and sunlight...will be to your family...a heaven below." *My Life Today*, p. 138

May God bless you as you enjoy God's gift of sunshine!

Jane Gerndt, Reedsburg Church member

	DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD		BABYLON	NONE	NONE
SILVER		MEDO-PERSIA	LION	RAM WITH TWO HORNS FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS		GREECE	BEAR	THE GOAT MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)
IRON		ROME	LEOPARD	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY		DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN GREAT KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 36-38)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS		INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	TEN HORNS LITTLE HORN	WAXED KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH		CHRIST'S KINGDOM	JUDGMENT SCENE KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT TIME OF THE END (Verses 46-49)

**Adventism's Visitation (Part Eight)**

**(Daniel and The Four Angels' Message-The 3 to 1 Prophetic Concept)**

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

“In the wilderness of temptation Christ met the great leading temptations that would assail man. There He encountered, singlehanded, the wily, subtle foe, and overcame him. The first great temptation was upon **appetite**; the second, **presumption**; the third, **love of the world**.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 44.

“Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused **the third, the last testing message** to be given to the world, and a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.” *Review and Herald*, October 31, 1899.

“In the book of Revelation we read of a special work that God desires to have His people do in these last days. He has revealed His law and shown us the truth for this time. **This truth is constantly unfolding**, and God designs that we shall be intelligent in regard to it, that we may be able to distinguish between right and wrong, between righteousness and unrighteousness.

“**The third angel’s message, the great testing truth for this time**, is to be taught in all our institutions. God designs that through them this special warning shall be given, and bright beams of light shall shine to the world. Time is short. The perils of the last days are upon us, and we should watch and pray, and study and heed the lessons that are given us in the books of Daniel and the Revelation.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 127-128.

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. . . . **There cannot be a third without**

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**the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

### **THREE ANGELS: REVELATION 14:6-12**

"The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work 'with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;' and they that 'received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,' will be left to receive 'strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.' 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. **The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:10 & 11 is yet future.**" *The Great Controversy*, 389.

"The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, 'I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.'" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

"The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25, also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people." *The Great Controversy*, 393.

"When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.** In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church." *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

### **DANIEL ONE: A PROPHETIC TESTING MESSAGE**

"When, early in the reign of Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar for **the first time** besieged and captured Jerusalem, and carried away Daniel and his companions, with others specially chosen for service in the court of Babylon, **the faith of the Hebrew captives was tried to the utmost.** But those who had learned to place their trust in the promises of God found these all-sufficient in every experience through which they were called to pass during their sojourn in a strange land.

The Scriptures proved to them a guide and a stay." *Prophets and Kings*, 428.

#### **DARKNESS—MANASSEH TO JEHOIAKIM**

Manasseh (wicked), Amon (wicked), **Josiah (righteous)**, Jehoahaz (wicked; taken captive to Egypt), Jehoiakim (wicked).

#### **LUTHER**

"It was his [Luther's] work to build in the temple of the Lord. There were living stones buried from sight amid the papal rubbish of false doctrines, forms, and ceremonies, and he must search them out, and **lay them on the true foundation.** The followers of Christ were not then united as a peculiar and holy people separate from the world. They were **mingled** with the sons of Belial, and must be separated by the power of divine truth." *Signs of the Times*, July 19, 1883.

Jehoikim, Jehoichin & Zedekiah (Israel's Time)/Nebuchadnezzar and the Prophet Daniel (Captivity)  
Cyrus, Darius & Artaxerxes (Pagan kings)/ Nehemiah rebuilds the Temple (Revived)  
John, the Sanhedrin & Christ Prophecies/Pentecost Prophecy Fulfilled (Earthy to Heavenly Temple)  
Three angels' messages (Holy to Most Holy)/ Fourth Angel's Message Complete (Final Judgment)  
Nebuchadnezzar: Babylon, the king of the north  
Nehemiah: Jerusalem, temple & troublous times (Islam)  
Pentecost: Heavenly Sanctuary, the Holy Place & the early rain  
Three angels: Most Holy Place, the Sabbath & Adventism (the latter rain)

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### Almond's December Events

Dec 1 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Dec 2 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Dec 5 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 Dec 8 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Dec 8 After Potluck-Review of Membership List  
 Dec 9 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Dec 12 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 Dec 14 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Dec 15 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Dec 16 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM

Dec 16 Planning Meeting after breakfast  
 Dec 16 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Dec 19 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 Dec 21 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Dec 22 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Dec 23 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Dec 26 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 Dec 28 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Dec 29 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Dec 30 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

### Portage December Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:  
[portagesdachurch@gmail.com](mailto: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"

### Take time to write

You like reading his poems written from jail;  
 But I have to ask, "Why don't you send him some mail?"  
 A letter or two wouldn't be too much,  
 But someone's heart it would surely touch!  
*Written by Nona Schmidt*

### Happy Birthday!



- Dec 3 Barbara Edwards
- Dec 7 Bill Boehm
- Dec 9 Sharon Labrenz
- Dec 11 Scott Baker
- Dec 18 Geraldine Brown
- Dec 26 Debbie Timm
- Dec 27 James L Hahn
- Dec 30 Randy Krohn





**Wautoma SDA Company December Schedule of Events**

## Date

12/1/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
12/3/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
12/6/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
12/8/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
12/10/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
12/12/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
12/15/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
12/16/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
12/17/2018	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
12/19/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
12/22/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
12/26/2018	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
12/29/2018	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
12/30/2018	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.

**“Change for Change”****Wheelbarrow challenge**

I would like to say thank you to all who supported our wheelbarrow collection. We were able to raise a total of \$1267.40 which will be divided equally between the **Worthy Campers Fund** and **Koinz 4 Kids**. Because of your generosity, there will be many kids attending camp that would otherwise not be able to.

May God bless you all for your sacrifice.

**A SIGN OF THE TIMES**

They lie on the table, side by side The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

One is well worn, but cherished with pride (Not the Bible, but the TV Guide)

One is used daily to help folks decide. (Not the Bible: it's the TV Guide.)

As the pages are turned, what shall they see  
Oh, what does it matter?...turn on the TV.

Then confusion reigns, they can't all agree on  
what they shall watch on the old TV.

So they open the book in which they confide  
(No, not the Bible.....it's the TV Guide.)

The Word of God is seldom read. Maybe a  
verse e'er they fall into bed.

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**RECIPE CORNER****Our potluck meals are the best.**

Share some of your 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!

**Cashew Pimiento “Cheese” Spread**

From *Recipes from the Weimar Kitchen*, 1985 edition. This recipe can be used so many ways. I use it to make “mac and cheese,” on tacos, hay-stacks, any recipe that might call for cheese. We love it!

Submitted by Jane Gerndt

1 cup raw cashews, washed

1 cup water

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. garlic powder

2 oz. can pimientos & juice

½ tsp. onion powder

Pinch of thyme

2 tsp. fresh lemon

Blend cashews, salt and water until smooth.

Put in a pan and cook, stirring constantly until it gets thick.

Return to blender and blend garlic powder, pimiento, onion powder, pinch of thyme and lemon juice.

If this will be used in another cooked recipe, use raw (do not cook).

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kingdoms had a ruler in the heavens. God's faithfulness in rescuing the three captives from the flames and vindicating their course of action showed His wonderful power.

**"Great light shone forth from Daniel and his companions.** Glorious things were spoken of Zion, the city of the Lord. **Thus the Lord designs that spiritual light shall shine from His faithful watchmen in these last days.** If the saints in the Old Testament bore such a decided testimony of loyalty, how should God's people today, having the accumulated light of centuries, shine forth, when the prophecies of the Old Testament shed their veiled glory into the future!" *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1169.

#### **DANIEL TWO: The Feet of Clay and Iron**

**"We have come to a time when** God's sacred work is represented by **the feet of the image** in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the foundation wood, hay, and stubble. Every soul who is loyal to the commandments of God will see that the distinguishing feature of our faith is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the government would honor the Sabbath as God has commanded, it would stand in the strength of God and in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints. But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will **minge** their religious faith with the observance of this child of the papacy, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. **The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** This union is weakening all the power of the churches. **This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results.** Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves." *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1168.

#### **DANIEL THREE: FIRST ANGELS MESSAGE (False Worship)**

"The vainglory and oppression seen in the course pursued by the heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar, is being and will continue to be manifested in our day. **History will repeat itself.** In **this age the test will be on the point of Sabbath observance.** The heavenly universe behold men trampling upon the law of Jehovah, making the memorial of God, the sign between him and his commandment-keeping people, a thing of naught, something to be despised, while a rival sabbath is exalted **as was the great golden image in the plain of Dura.** Men claiming to be Christians will call upon the world to observe this spurious sabbath that they have made. All who refuse will be placed under oppressive laws. This is the mystery of iniquity, the devising of satanic agencies, carried into effect by the man of sin." *The Youth Instructor*, July 12, 1904.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."  
(Revelation 14:6-7).

#### **DANIEL FOUR: THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE (Babylon Falls)**

"Behold, **the days come**, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and **they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.** Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it not good*, if peace and truth be in my days?"  
(2 Kings 20:17-19).

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god."

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(Daniel 1: 1 & 2).

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

(Revelation 14:8).

#### **DANIEL FIVE: THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE (The Judgment)**

“The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of **Josiah** the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of **Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of **Zedekiah** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.” (Jeremiah 1:1-3).

“And this is the writing that was written, ME'-NE, ME'-NE, TE'-KEL, U-PHAR'-SIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: ME'-NE; God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it. TE'-KEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PE'-RES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Then commanded Bel-shaz'-zar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold upon his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.” (Daniel 5:25-29).

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever: And they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whomever receives the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:9-11).

#### **THE FOURTH ANGEL'S MESSAGE (Revelation 18:1-10)**

“**The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States.** A gracious Providence has shielded this country, and poured upon her **the choicest of Heaven's blessings.** Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies. But these gifts have been repaid by ingratitude and forgetfulness of God. The Infinite One keeps a reckoning with the nations, and their guilt is proportioned to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of Heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4, 398.

“The long reign of Uzziah [also known as Azariah] in the land of Judah and Benjamin was **characterized by a prosperity greater than that of any other ruler since the death of Solomon, nearly two centuries before.** For many years the king ruled with discretion. Under **the blessing of Heaven** his armies regained some of the territory that had been lost in former years. Cities were rebuilt and fortified, and the position of the nation among the surrounding peoples was greatly strengthened. Commerce revived, and **the riches of the nations flowed into Jerusalem.** Uzziah's name 'spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.' 2 Chronicles 26:15.

“This outward prosperity, however, was **not accompanied by a corresponding revival of spiritual power.** The temple services were continued as in former years, and multitudes assembled to worship the living God; but **pride and formality gradually took the place of humility and sincerity.** Of Uzziah himself it is written: 'When he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God.' Verse 16.

“The sin that resulted so disastrously to Uzziah was one of **presumption.** In violation of **a plain command** of Jehovah, that none but the descendants of Aaron should officiate as priests, the king entered the sanctuary 'to burn incense upon the altar.'

**Azariah the high priest** and his associates remonstrated, and pleaded with him to turn from his purpose. 'Thou hast trespassed,' they urged; 'neither shall it be for thine honor.' Verses 16, 18.

“Uzziah was filled with wrath that he, the king, should be thus rebuked. But he

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## 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.

715-572-0650

or [gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)

### QUESTIONS

I asked God to take away my pain. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said...

Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

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Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00

Potluck follows service each week!

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Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Potluck follows service each week!

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The everlasting gospel, the covenant & the shut door, judgment, fall of Babylon & the sounding of the seventh trumpet, self-supporting work, Jerusalem chosen, the king of the north, Islam, the latter rain, the Most Holy Place and the Sabbath.

**AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE**

“Through the Hebrew captives the Lord was made known to the heathen in Babylon. This idolatrous nation was given **a knowledge of the kingdom the Lord was to establish**, and through His power maintain against all the power and craft of Satan. Daniel and his fellow companions, Ezra and Nehemiah, and many others were witnesses for God in their captivity.

**The Lord scattered them among the kingdoms of the earth** that their light might shine brightly amid the black darkness of heathenism and idolatry. **To Daniel God revealed the light of His purposes, which had been hidden for many generations.** He chose that Daniel should see in vision the light of His truth, and reflect this light on the proud kingdom of Babylon. On the despot king was permitted to flash light from the throne of God. Nebuchadnezzar was shown that the God of heaven was ruler over all the monarchs and kings of earth. His name was to go forth as the God over all gods. God desired Nebuchadnezzar to understand that the rulers of earthly

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ly the association of speaking in tongues originates from that story, for in verse 4 it says that after they were filled with the Holy Spirit they spoke in tongues.

Why did they speak in tongues, or speak in other languages than the one they knew (not gibberish as many Pentecostals believe)? It tells us in Acts 2! Verse 9-11 gives a long list of various languages represented in Jerusalem to celebrate the festival: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya/Cyrene, Rome, Cretans, and Arabs! There was a need for translation, and the Holy Spirit provided.

There are many examples in scripture of the Holy Spirit imparting spiritual gifts, and they are not all for speaking different languages. The first examples in scripture of "being filled with the Spirit" are the artisans and builders of the sanctuary in the wilderness (Exodus 28:3, 31:3, 35:31). Is someone filled with the Holy Spirit only if they receive the gift of dressmaking and metalwork? No! Why? Paul tells us why in 1 Corinthians 12 and 1 Corinthians 14 (the chapters surrounding the "Love Chapter," chapter 13). Different spiritual gifts are given to different people for different needs, and no one is given all the gifts. In fact, Paul describes the gift of tongues in chapter 14 as a lesser gift, because it only works in certain circumstances and is useless if no one can understand it.

The 17th of the SDA Church's 28 Fundamental Beliefs outlines the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

"God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts that each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity. Given by the agency of the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each member as He wills, the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church to fulfill its divinely ordained functions. According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as faith, healing, prophecy, proclamation, teaching, administration, reconciliation, compassion, and self-sacrificing service and charity for the help and encouragement of people. Some members are called of God and endowed by the Spirit for functions recognized by the church in pastoral, evangelistic, and teaching ministries particularly needed to equip the members for service, to build up the church to spiritual maturity, and to foster unity of the faith and knowledge of God. When members employ these spiritual gifts as faithful stewards of God's varied grace, the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrine, grows with a growth that is from God, and is built up in faith and love. (Acts 6:1-7; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11, 27, 28; Eph. 4:8, 11-16; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Peter 4:10, 11.)"

If you wish to know more about our church's beliefs on various points in scripture, I recommend you read the SDA Bible Commentary. If you do not have access to a copy, talk to me or one of the church elders.

Gifts come and go, but a better litmus test if someone is filled with the Holy Spirit is not the gifts of the Spirit but the fruit of the Spirit. Does the person have love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? Those the Holy Spirit loves to write on the hearts of all who surrender their lives to God.

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was not permitted to profane the sanctuary against the united protest of those in authority.

While standing there, in wrathful rebellion, he was suddenly smitten with a divine judgment. **Leprosy appeared on his forehead.** In dismay he fled, never again to enter the temple courts. Unto the day of his death, some years later, Uzziah remained a leper—a living example of the folly of departing from a plain 'Thus saith the Lord.' **Neither his exalted position nor his long life of service could be pleaded as an excuse for the presumptuous sin by which he marred the closing years of his reign, and brought upon himself the judgment of Heaven.**

"God is no respecter of persons. 'The soul that doeth aught presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.' Numbers 15:30." *Prophets and Kings*, 303-304.

"Through successive generations iniquity has increased, until we are nearing the time when God shall say, **The cup of their iniquity is full.** In David's day the contempt placed upon the law of God led him to exclaim, 'It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.' The disrespect shown to the law did not lessen its value in the sight of the psalmist. Instead, he saw all the more need of standing in its defense; and as he saw it trampled under unholy feet, he exclaimed: 'Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.' In this age men have gone to great lengths in arrogance and in blasphemous denunciation of God's law. They have accepted a false sabbath in the place of the day that God sanctified and gave to man as a memorial of creation. Their disobedience is great, and well may the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, 'It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.' **The boundary line will soon be reached.** The crisis will soon come, and then God will interfere. When mercy's limits are passed, God will work, and show that he is God. The Judge of all the earth will vindicate his honor, and punish the rebellious inhabitants of the earth." *Review and Herald*, August 14, 1900.

"The principles taught in the schools of the prophets were the same that molded David's character and shaped his life. The word of God was his instructor. . . .

"In the early life of Solomon also are seen the results of God's method of education. Solomon in his youth made David's choice his own. Above every earthly good he asked of God a wise and understanding heart. And the Lord gave him not only that which he sought, but that also for which he had not sought—both riches and honor. The power of his understanding, the extent of his knowledge, **the glory of his reign, became the wonder of the world.** "In the reigns of David and Solomon, Israel reached the height of her greatness." *Education*, 48.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Revelation 18:12).

Submitted by Tim Schmidt of the Wautoma SDA Company.

### If I Had My Life To Live Over.....

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love you's".. more "I'm sorry's"

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it... live it...and never give it back.

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Thanks,  
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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.

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Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be... not from reading the Bible-from watching TV.

So then back to the table, side by side, lay the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

No time for prayer....no time for the Word. The plan of salvation is seldom heard.

But forgiveness of sin so full and free is found in the Bible.....NOT on TV!