

GRACE NOTES

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

From Behind Prison Bars

Jesus has promised that we will be taken care of no matter what the future holds. This is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and the water will not fail Him..... (Isaiah 33:16) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourself treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Jesus shared these comforting words found in John 14:1-3; "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, Believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you (Grace Notes Family. And if I go and prepare for my (SDA Grace Notes family) I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also..." God knew ahead of time what we would face, and will be walking with us in whatever lies ahead.

Ken Wells, Jr.

Feel Good About Who You Are

– Author Unknown

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack

in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them." "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

Almond's September Events

September 1 Sparta/Elroy Bike Ride
 September 4 Study Group 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 September 5 Study Group 6:30 (Randal Wilson's apt)
 September 6 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 September 7 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
**September 8 Prayer Breakfast (9AM @ the church)
 All are welcome**
**September 8 Corn Roast/Hayride @ Tess Farm
 starting at 5PM**
 September 11 Study Group 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 September 12 Study Group 6:30 (Randal Wilson's apt)
 September 13 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 September 14 Sabbath – Vegetarian potluck
 September 15 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

 September 18 Study Group 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

September 19 Study Group 6:30 (Randal Wilson's apt)
 September 20 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm.
 September 21 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 September 22 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm.
 September 25 Study Group 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 September 26 Study Group 6:30 (Randal Wilson's apt)
 September 27 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm.
 September 28 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 September 29 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm.

**Don't forget the Breakfast
 and the Corn Roast/Hayride.
 Sept. 8 - Breakfast 9 AM; Corn
 Roast/Hay Ride starts at 5 PM.**



Landmarks of "the Daily" (Part Four)

THE TESTIMONY OF Charles Fitch and Apollos Hale

{THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, AND EXPOSITOR OF PROPHECY, JUNE 1, 1842 – "EXTRACTS FROM
 FITCH'S SERMONS, NO. 7"} }

Daniel also had other dates given him from which to reckon. The first date was the going forth of the commandment to build Jerusalem. 2300 days were given him and he was told, at the time appointed shall the end be. Calling those days years, and reckoning from that time, which was 457 before Christ, 2300 years will bring us to 1843. I state the simple fact, my hearers, and you can form your own conclusions. Again – In the last chapter of Daniel, we find that he was told that he should stand in his lot, at the end of 1335 days, from the time that the daily sacrifice should be taken away. When and what was meant by this daily sacrifice, and its being taken away? I will state a fact. The Roman nation which is so conspicuous in all these prophecies, was originally a Pagan nation, and offered daily sacrifices to idol gods, and in many instances, human sacrifices. After the kingdom was divided into ten and governed by ten kings, these kings were, one by one, converted, nominally, to the Christian faith. They professed to believe it and were baptized. Here the offering of daily sacrifices to idols ceased; and by degrees, the Papal rites and ceremonies, which are evidently denoted by "the abomination that maketh desolate set up."

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New Feature of Grace Notes!

Q&A

Anyone with any questions relating to the Bible or God or anything along that line, submit it and we will find an answer for it. Send your question to gracenotesnewsletter.com or through the regular mail and I will forward them, anonymously, to our Pastor who will answer them.

Question:

Due to Camp Meeting and this interim time before Pastor Steve settles in, this section has nothing in it but will return in the next edition.

Send in your questions early!!!

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History informs us, that the first of these kings, Clovis of France, embraced the Christian faith in 496, and the remainder of the ten kings are believed to have embraced it soon after. So that by the year 508, when it is believed the last of these kings avowed belief in Christianity, the offering of Pagan sacrifices must have ceased.

Reckoning then from the year 508, 1335 years, and we are brought again to the year 1843, the precise point to which we were brought by reckoning 2300 years from the going forth of the commandment to build Jerusalem. But what can be meant by the 1290 days? From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days. Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days. From 508 when the daily sacrifice was taken away, 1290 years would bring us down to the year 1798.

Again, Daniel was told in the explanation of his first vision that the saints of the Most High should be given into the hands of the last Roman power, for a time, and times, and dividing of time. Dan. vii. 25. And in the twelfth chapter we are told that he who was clothed in linen on the waters of the river, swore by Him who liveth forever, that to the end of these things there should be time, times, and an half. Nebuchadnezzar, you remember, was banished from his kingdom until seven times passed over him. This was seven years in his case, after which time he was restored to his kingdom; three times and an half then would be three years and an half. Reduce that to days by the usual method of reckoning time, 30 days to a month, and we have 1290 days – or years. This time, times, and an half was to be the duration of the power of this Roman kingdom over the saints of the Most High.

THE SECOND ADVENT MANUAL. – BY APOLLOS HALE – 1843, Pages 63, 64, 69 – 72 & 81 – CHAPTER ENTITLED – “1290 AND 1335 DAYS, OR YEARS.”

“From the time that THE DAILY (sacrifice) shall be TAKEN AWAY and the ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE SET UP.”

What may this “daily,” and “abomination that maketh desolate,” be? The word abomination is applied as a general name of every substitute for the true worship of God – the most revolting idolatry, or the nominally true worship corrupted and perverted Deut. xii. 31. Jer. viii. 12. Ezek. xvi. 50. Rev. xvii. 4, 5. Daniel uses the word in reference to both of these forms of wickedness, chap. ix. 27, where the instruments of effecting and perpetuating the desolation of the city and sanctuary are spoken of; but to which of them does it apply in this text? We may be assisted in settling its true application by determining the meaning of “the daily.” Upon the meaning of this very ambiguous term, there are but two, or at farthest three, opinions. The older and more prevalent opinion applies it to the Jewish worship; a few apply it, in a secondary or figurative sense, to the true Christian worship, of which the Jewish was typical; recently it has been ap-

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plied, and I think it will be seen to be the true application, to Paganism. That it cannot apply to the Jewish worship is evident from this circumstance, which has been an insurmountable difficulty with every commentator who has attempted it; these periods, understood literally or figuratively, and dated from any "taking away" of that worship, cannot possibly bring us to the events predicted, or to any other events worthy of note. And this circumstance, if there be no other, would be sufficient to settle the question that the Jewish worship cannot be intended by "the daily." There is no agreement between its history "and the words of the prophecy" which speak of it, supposing the "daily" "to relate" to the Jewish worship.

Again; the Jewish worship is never called the daily or daily sacrifice, in any other part of the word of God. There would be as much propriety in calling it the yearly, monthly, weekly, evening, or morning sacrifice, as the daily sacrifice.

The word occurs, as a proper name, only in the book of Daniel; and in each of the five places in which it is found, the word "sacrifice" is in italics, implying that the original would not authorize its insertion, but that the translators introduced it to express what they supposed to be the sense of the passage.

The only other translation of the word rendered as "daily," of which I have any knowledge, is equally obscure as the received text. It would read "the continual," or "constant." (Hengstenburgh.) But it is evident that if the Jewish worship had been intended by Daniel, he would have made use of a term which could not have been misunderstood.

... The great subject of the vision of Dan. viii., to which the question (v. 13) refers, is, the condition of the church and the chosen inheritance, "trodden under foot." Now, what agents are brought to view, in the most clear and striking representations of the word of God, as sustaining this relation to the church and the promised land? Daniel, in speaking of the city and sanctuary, chap. ix., says, "For the overspreading of abominations, (plural,) he shall make it desolate even till the consummation." As this prophecy, so far as the agents are concerned, has become history, there can be no mistake about its meaning. The desolation was completed by Rome, to whom Christ undoubtedly refers, Luke xxi. 20, as one of the agents of the work; it has been perpetuated by Rome, Pagan or Papal, and the Mohammedans, till the present time.

Paganism and Popery are also brought to view, as the great organizations of depravity by which the church has been "trodden under foot." The little horn of Daniel vii. (Popery) is to "make war and prevail against the saints until the judgment;" the same power that Paul and John saw "destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming."

There can be no doubt that Paul spoke of Pagan Rome and Popery in 2 Thess. ii., or that the former is "what withheld," that the later "might be revealed in his time."

John is still more clear. The "great red dragon," Rev. xiii. 3, is the admitted symbol of Pagan Rome. After he and his angels had fought and prevailed not, vs. 7, 8, still, determined to make war with the woman and her seed, 17, he gives his seat, and power, and great authority, unto the beast, (Popery,) xiii. 2; and the same world that worshipped the dragon, worships the beast also, 3, 4; also chap. xvii. 1, 7, 15. All the arguments from analogy will be seen, we think, to be in favor of Mr. Miller's supposition that this "daily," or continual, denotes Paganism.

By the different forms of Paganism, - which was the daily, or then existing abomination of Daniel's day, and the "transgression of desolation," Popery, - "the church has been trodden under foot" "from the days of the kings of Assyria unto this day."

On this supposition, also, the question of the vision might be thus paraphrased - "How long the vision" which gives Paganism and Popery "to tread both the" church and her inheritance "under foot?" Or to give a still more specific construction, - as the question, considered in relation to the previous statements of the angel, with the answer, and subsequent communications, seem to indicate that it was intended to be understood, - it might be thus paraphrased - 1. How long the vision which gives both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? 2. How long shall the Pagan abomination tread them under foot? and 3. How long shall Popery tread them under foot? The answer to each part is given in the vision and the subsequent prophecy. 1. The sanctuary shall be cleansed AT THE TIME APPOINTED. 2. "He - 'the little horn' - (Rome while a unit,) shall take away the daily" - Paganism (viii. 11, 12;) 3. "They" - the conquerors of the

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Happy Birthday !!!

Jeff Krohn	9/11	ALMOND
Genevieve Clark	9/12	OXFORD
Alan Anderson	9/19	WAUTOMA
Nancy Jorgenson	9/20	ALMOND
Sherri Riggle	9/22	ALMOND
Judy Ann Witt	9/23	REEDSBURG
Jollet Springer	9/26	OXFORD
Riley Schumacher	9/26	PORTAGE
Steve Domstrich	9/27	PORTAGE
Dorrie Domstrich	9/29	PORTAGE
Denel Strangstalien	9/29	PORTAGE



Some of the Almond SDA members participated in the parade through Bancroft during the "Good Old Days" celebration that they hold every year in Bancroft. They passed out baggies that contained candy, tracts and other goodies for the crowd.

Just a short time ago, some of the members put up a tent in front of the church and passed out tracts, free watermelon and drinks during the "Tater Toot" which is Almond's summer event.

I understand that both events were deemed a success by the volunteers that helped out. Praise God!

The Portage Patriots Pathfinder Club is putting together a "Healthy Diet Cookbook" fundraiser. Please forward your favorite Recipes to Steve Collins at fscdriver@yahoo.com Funds will be used to defray expenses to the Oshkosh world-wide camperee! The books will be beautiful to see and lay flat for maximum functionality as well. Each recipe will include the contributor's name. Be a part of the Pathfinders experience! We all need one of these!!!

If you have anything coming up in your church that needs to be promoted, please let us know. We would be happy to promote your event or to share stories of your event after it happened. We are also looking for human interest type stories or anything that has touched your life. Share with others so that we can all be touched in the way that you were. We all have a testimony!

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Roman empire – “shall take away the daily, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.” (xi. 31.) “And from the time that the daily shall be taken away and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days. Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the 1335 days. But go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”

Will the prophecy in all these cases apply to Paganism? If the days are understood literally, I do not know of any taking away of Paganism from which these periods can bring us to the events spoken of; we must therefore understand them to mean years, as the best of the old writers have supposed.

But if the periods are to be dated from a taking away merely, we should not know but it might be the acts of imperial Rome that were referred to, only as time should determine; the text, however, is very exact. The periods are to be dated “from the time that the daily – Paganism – shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up;” a later act must therefore be referred to.

As it is generally believed that Christ referred to the armies of pagan Rome, - Matt. xxiv. 15, - the question may arise – Can “the daily and the abomination of desolation” both refer to Paganism? Ans. Christ undoubtedly referred to that abomination of which Daniel spoke as the instrument of desolating Jerusalem, for it was that of which he was speaking; and of course it is not to be supposed that he referred to any other abomination than that which Daniel had predicted should do that work “of vengeance” – unless Christ may be understood, as in some other mixed prophecies, to refer also to the papal abomination, or antichrist, who should “sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God;” which should be the signal to the church that “the desolation thereof was nigh.” If we understand Christ literally, the prediction of “Daniel the prophet,” to which he refers, must be that in chap. ix. 27.

Paganism or popery might either of them, however, be called “the abomination that maketh desolate” when one was spoken of by itself, though, when spoken of in connection, the then present desolation might more properly and clearly be called the daily, to distinguish it from that form of the desolation which was to take its place, and of course was yet future. It is very remarkable that Paul is just about as ambiguous as Daniel is supposed to be in speaking of the existing scourge of the church in his day; 2 Thess. ii. 5-8. Paul calls the pagan empire of Rome “He who NOW letteth, or hindereth;” and which was to continue “until he be taken out of the way; and then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.” The view in each case is identical, the terms employed so similar, that there is hardly a difference. See Dr. Clarke’s notes on the words of Paul.

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Portage Events

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



Don't forget that the annual “Wheelbarrow Collection” is coming up in November. Please continue to save your “loose change” to help **change** the lives of many kids through the Worthy Camper fund and the Koinz 4 Kids funds. Help to bless an unfortunate child attend camp next summer!

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Now, the question is, – At what time was Paganism so far suppressed as to make room for its substitute and successor, the Papal abomination? When was this abomination placed in a position to start on its career of blasphemy and blood? Is there any other date for its being “placed” or “set up” in the room of Paganism but 508? ... Commencing the prophetic periods of the text at this date, and understanding them as our most able commentators have done, and as they must be understood, (for supposing them to mean literal days, they bring us to nothing worthy of note,) by the first period, 1290 days, or years, the only one now fulfilled, we are brought to the date of events of the most sublime and important character in the history of the church or the world. At the termination of the other, the 1335 days or years, we must assuredly expect the fulfilment of what remains; Daniel, with all the righteous dead, will stand in his lot; the living righteous will be changed, and, “glorified together,” they “shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever.” The first period terminated in 1798, the last will terminate in 1843.

(The next testimony will be Lewis Hershey and N. Hervey - Part Five).

Wautoma's September Schedule

9/1/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
9/2/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
9/4/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
9/6/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
9/7/2019	Sabbath School/Church @9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
9/8/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
9/9/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
9/11/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
9/13/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
9/14/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
9/15/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
9/16/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
9/18/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
9/20/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
9/21/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
9/22/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
9/23/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
9/25/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
9/27/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
9/28/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
9/29/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
9/30/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's

Hello from Wautoma,

As we move forward with the church renovations, I am thankful for the opportunity that God has created for this work in Wautoma. I am thankful that the old Wautoma Church building became available for us to purchase and I am thankful for those with willing hands that have stepped forward to assist with the renovations. There are still challenges facing us and we ask that you continue to keep the Wautoma Church in your prayers.

Paul Presley from the Fox Valley Church came over to Wautoma to help with a Waushara County fairbooth and I am grateful for his time and effort. There were several people stopping and picking up literature and asking questions. This was a blessing.

If you had an opportunity to go to the Oshkosh Camporee, you would have been overwhelmed and amazed by the number of young people coming from all over the world to worship the Lord. There were over 1,000 baptisms during the week. Cheryl and I were there Wednesday and you couldn't help but be inspired by the sheer number of people gathered there. I understand that over 57,000 made their way through the gates of the EAA grounds.

Alan Anderson

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Wautoma Company-August Events

8/2/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath	8/17/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
8/3/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.	8/18/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
8/4/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.	8/19/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
8/5/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's	8/21/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
8/7/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.	8/23/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
8/9/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath	8/24/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
8/10/2019	Sabbath School/Church @9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.	8/25/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
8/11/2019	Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.	8/26/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's
8/12/2019	Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson's	8/28/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.
8/14/2019	Prayer Meeting and Prophecy study at 6:30 p.m.	8/30/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
8/16/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath	8/31/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.

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!

This month you will see some of the recipes that were demonstrated and served at the Healthy Cooking Class held at the Reedsburg Church. The theme was Mexican breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy!!!

A big thank you to Dawn and Rodney Hahn for sharing these with us...

Molletes (Serves 4) Mexican bean and cheese sandwiches

2 cups refried beans

1-2 cups shredded cheese

4 Bolillos or bread rolls

Butter (Optional)

Cilantro

Salsa

Pico de Gallo

Sour Cream

Guacamole or Avocado

Lime

Directions:

Cut the bread rolls in half and bake them in a 350 degree oven for a few minutes before adding any toppings. This will help crisp them up. You can optionally add a layer of butter to each roll.

Top each roll with a layer of beans and shredded cheese. Bake for 3-5 minutes or until the cheese is thoroughly melted.

Top with toppings of choice- freshly made Pico de Gallo, salsa, Guacamole, avocado, sour cream, cilantro and lime.

Crock Pot Pinto Beans/Refried Beans

1 lb dry pinto beans

½ onion, diced

1 Tbsp olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

3 cups vegetable broth/water

1 ¼ tsp chili powder

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Are You In Need of ?

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

Business office desk. It is still in good shape but has seen many years of use so it contains minimal wear and tear on the front, around the drawers especially. All the drawers are in good working condition and the lockable drawer works.

30" tall X 60" wide. 715-570-2179

Large Tube Television

Contact Vera Spencer or gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com

Does anyone have an old refrigerator that they would like to get rid of? I know of someone that could use one. Theirs no longer keeps cool and especially doesn't freeze anything in the top freezer any more.

(Contact gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Almond SDA Church

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00

Potluck follows service each week!

1340 Elm St.

Almond WI 54909

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Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Wautoma SDA Company

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Potluck follows service each week!

535 S. Cambridge

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Website under construction!

Why go to Church?

– Author Unknown

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
 If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
 If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!



A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for your physical AND spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Oxford SDA Church

Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

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 608-586-5770

PASTOR: STEVEN HALL

407-461-2095

Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church

2100 E State Road 33
 Portage, WI 53901-1468
 608-742-4695

Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Service Times:

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

Reedsburg SDA Church

115 S. Oak St.
 Reedsburg WI 53959

Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

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.

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Contribution deadline is the 23rd
of the month

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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...

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Thanks,
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- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp salt – to taste

Directions:

Rinse beans under water. Place beans in a crock pot and cover with water to about 2-3 inches above the beans. Let sit overnight. Discard soaking water by pouring beans into a colander. Rinse beans and place back in crock pot. Add water/vegetable broth. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. When hot, add in the onion and garlic. Sauté until the onions begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Add onion/garlic to the beans. Add chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder. Cook on low for 8-10 hours, until beans are cooked through. Add salt.

Refried Beans: Remove some of the liquid. Use immersion blender or masher and blend beans to desired consistency. Adding back liquid if needed. Turn crock pot back on to low and let pureed beans sit and cook for another 30 min or so. This will help the beans to thicken up and the flavors to develop.

Humor Corner

- I get hit by the same bike every morning on my walk to work. It's a vicious cycle!
- What do you call a locomotive on it's first day on the job? A trainee!
- I really want to know what the lowest rank in the army is but everyone keeps telling me it's private...
- What do you call a perfume that doesn't smell? Nonsense!
- I went to the gym earlier and jumped on the treadmill. People were giving me funny looks so I started jogging instead
- What do you call a person that can't stick to a diet? A dessert-er.
- Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, It's too dark to read—Groucho Marx