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

Open Arms

It wasn't fair. All I wanted to do was play. As a 7-yr. old boy, I felt it was obvious that this was my God-given right, but my mom just couldn't see things from my point of view. In fact, she had the audacity to tell me that before I could play, I had to clean my room. For the 4th time that morning, I did my best to patiently explain that I *would* clean my room, just as soon as I was done with what was truly important, finishing the greatest battle of G. I. Joes the world had ever seen. It was so important that the Transformers AND Batman had gotten involved, but my mom just refused to understand. In fact, she had taken the drastic step of taking away my toys before this epic clash could conclude. My mother's words after she collected the grand toy armies (AND Batman) echoed down the hall, sounding like the approaching thunder before a storm "This is the last time I'm telling you, clean your room before I finish making dinner, or you *will* be in real trouble." It wasn't fair. But how could I make her see this injustice wouldn't stand? I did what any self-respecting young man in my position would do – I would run away.

I went into my room, and closed the door, ensuring I had the privacy I would need to prepare. I dug through my closet until I found my best backpack – the one with the Star Wars logo fashionably displayed across the top, with the Millennium Falcon streaking through space on the back. It was perfect. I knew the journey would be long and hard, so I filled the bag with just the essentials needed on my journey to freedom. A clean shirt, 2 Nancy Drew books I hadn't finished yet, 3 cans of Chef Boyardee spaghetti, and my Scooby Doo thermos filled as full as could be with the most important thing of all needed to survive that sweltering summer day – purple Kool-Aid.

Properly equipped, I waited until I was sure that my mom was preoccupied with my little brother. Once he had her undivided attention, I quietly opened my bedroom window. Then I stealthily removed the screen that I had forgotten was very hard to open without any help from an adult by simply breaking through it and falling the 3 feet from the window to the ground. Now free, I set out on my own. The wind was in my hair. The sun was on my face. The world was open before me, full of excitement and adventure. I began my journey to the one place I knew would be filled with fun and joy and where I would never have to clean my room again – my friend Tyler's house. Tyler lived one neighborhood over which, if my young calculations were correct, was approximately 2,356 miles away. But I made good time and arrived in well under 2 hours. I was glad to get there too, because it was a hot & humid June day, and a storm was picking up. I would be so happy to get inside in the cold air conditioning, and before the rain started. I scrambled up to the familiar house and rang the doorbell. No answer. I waited a couple of minutes and rang again, still no answer. I was beginning to get nervous. I knocked, hopeful that my persistence would be rewarded, but to no avail. No one was home. I hadn't counted on such a setback, and as I pondered what my next step should be, the approaching storm, I had forgotten about helped make my decision for me by promptly announcing its presence in the form of rain. And it was quite a big announcement. This was not a gentle summer rain, softly glistening the plants with a light touch of moisture. This was a rain that I imagined had not been seen since roughly Noah. It was falling so hard and thick that I could barely see. I was soaked to the bone in seconds. And with no one to answer my now frantic knocking at Tyler's, I had only one chance to survive the coming deluge – I had to go home. The trek home was much quicker, but much less enjoyable. I knew that when I arrived, I would most likely be greeted by a mother who would be... let's say, less than enthused. I wasn't even sure if she would take me

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The Wautoma SDA Church used a phone conference system at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays to keep in touch. My pastor at the Methodist Church also did some Wednesday afternoon bible studies with me through Zoom. Since my students could not attend their music lessons at my home, I used Zoom with one piano student during April which was a challenge but it did allow us to communicate. The stimulus payment as well as a grant from Capsell center both helped me financially. I also got a Kwik Trip \$100 gift card good for gas purchases, which helped also since I have chemotherapy at Berlin Hospital about every 3 to 4 weeks. I was also surprised that I received \$178 in food stamps during April May & June, so I can afford to purchase Ensure, which my nutritionist ordered me to use since I need more protein in my diet. I got tested for COVID19 at VAMC Tomah on April 3rd and the test result was negative, so that was good news. The Wautoma SDA church recently reopened and we are able to have services again, without the potluck lunches, and some social distancing.

Bruce Runnels

Ask the Pastor!

At one of our weekly studies, we ran across something that we all wondered about but really don't know the answer to.

We know that God created Adam and then formed Eve from Adam. We always assumed that from Adam and Eve, came the rest of the world. Their children continued to populate the earth. We discussed that since Man was made in God's image, and then Adam and Eve's children were made in their image, that scientifically at least, genes would have been pretty pure yet so the difficulties of today with incestual births may not have been an issue.

Then in Gen 1:27 We're told the following:

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Does that mean that God created males and females other than Adam and Eve and if He did, when? Was it at the same time he mentioned in

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back, but I was now cold, and wet, and scared so – it was worth it to try.

Once home I rang the doorbell and waited to see if I would be allowed back in or if my self-imposed exile would become permanent. My mother opened the door quickly, and with a look of concern on her face. Before I could explain the circumstances that had led to this moment, she bent down and hugged me very tight. I tried to explain what I had done, and why but she wouldn't let me talk, she just held on and said, "Thank you Jesus for bringing him back safe." She finally let me go long enough to bring me inside and get me changed into dry clothes. After a warm bowl of the stew she had been making, I explained why I had left, and why I was sorry, and wondered if she would forgive me and let me live there again. I will always remember her answer – "Of course you can! I am just glad you're home. I'm just glad you're safe." That has always stuck with me, especially the older I get. More and more I see in her response the love of Jesus I find in scripture. More and more I see in her forgiveness in taking me back the love of the Creator welcoming back His child who has run so far from home. More and more I see in her example what it means to be loved unconditionally. I am so thankful for that lesson. I am so thankful for that love. And I am so eager to see Jesus and be lifted into His embrace. I look forward to the day soon when I can look into His wonderful face and thank Him for bringing me back safe. And I look forward to hearing Him respond just like my mom did that day – "Of course! I'm just glad you're home."

~Pastor Steve~

ALMOND EVENTS

Third Quarter (July, August, September) Events

Important Dates

July 12 th - Church Breakfast	9:00am
July 26 th - Tubing in the morning and picnic in the evening	
Aug 9 th - Church Breakfast	9:00am
Sept 13 th - Church Breakfast	9:00am

And a picnic and hike at Devil's Lake State Park, as well as a hay ride planned for September

Can We Know Truth?

Many people wonder about why there are so many denominations within Christianity. If there is only one Bible, why can't everyone just agree? I will discuss this question as well as a few related questions. Can we truly know what is right and wrong? And can we know which interpretation of the Bible is correct.

To begin discussing the reason for so many Christian denominations, we should start at the beginning of our history. In Genesis chapter four, we find the story of Abel's murder by his brother Cain. The violent dispute was the result of differing views of how to relate to God (Genesis 4:4, 5). Abel gave God a sacrifice of his flock, while Cain gave a sacrifice of the fruits of the ground. Both individuals appeared sincere in their offerings. Both had worked hard in preparing the sacrifice, but only one was accepted by God. Humanity has had a habit of doing what seems right to them at the time, without checking with God first. We frequently gravitate to what is familiar and comfortable. Scripture does, in fact, warn that some will not endure sound, biblical doctrine but instead, surround themselves with teachers that make them feel good, at the expense of biblical truth (2 Timothy 4:3). Many confused ideas about God and the bible have resulted in the thousands of different denominations within Christianity.

But can we know what is truly right and wrong? The bible has at least two ways of confirming that it is true that I will discuss. The first are the prophecies of scripture that point out future events, primarily the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Daniel has several major predictions that reveal the major nations that were to rise and fall, from his time living in the nation of Babylon, to the close of time and the return of Jesus (Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8, 9). I feel these prophecies stand as pillars within world history that point very strongly to the truth and accuracy of scripture. The other way that I want to point out that helps confirm the accuracy and truth of the bible, is the overwhelming evidence for the Genesis account, especially the global flood (Genesis 7, 8). The fossil record, as well as the geological column, reveal strong evidence of a dramatic, global event that again points very strongly to the accuracy and truth of scripture.

How can we know which interpretation of the bible to use? What does the bible actually say? The God that spoke the universe into existence (Genesis 1) is the same God that inspired the whole of scripture. We need to take Him at His word. There is a principle of biblical interpretation, line upon line and precept upon precept (Isaiah 28:10). We need to be able to compare individual passages to the whole of scripture in its own context. Too often, small passages are ripped, bleeding, from its historical and literary context, and used to prove a point so far from its original intended purpose so as to be almost unrecognizable. We must let the bible speak for itself without ripping it out of context or placing our preconceived ideas or experiences on it.

Written by Lay Pastor Eric Anderson

Simplechurchathome.com

I was moved by the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy and Milton Adams to transition out of the Institution Model of church into a home missionary church for those who are done with church and others who don't go to church but still believe in God. During this pandemic I believe is a foretaste of taking away the right to gather in Institutional Church on Sabbath Day. For this reason, my wife and I decided to somehow continue church but at our home instead. We are Redgranite Missionaries for God and His truths and have been able to start a core team of three people in this new model of church. They are our daughter Tabitha (who has not been to institutional church regularly for a long time), my wife Judy and me. We are currently still members of the Wautoma Company but are now fulfilling the home church model instead. We have had various visitors since we started and have been blessed by their presence of experiencing this model firsthand. It is definitely a different way of doing church and God is with us as we move forward in faith and determination. If anyone else is interested of what this model consists of, I would encourage you to go to the above titled web site to learn more. God Bless the U.S.A. for today!

In Acts 2:41-47 it says this: "Then they that gladly received the word were baptized: and the same day there were added to the church about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together and had all things in common; And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Submitted by: Tim Schmidt, Wautoma Church

FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

*Love, Your Dad...
Almighty God*



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.

920-240-6570

or gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com

To give away:

Hamilton Beach Food Processor

Do you need a printer for your computer? I have some to donate. Let me know what you need and I will probably have one for you.

I have a 30" X 60" X 1/4" mirror in good condition. This is not in a frame and is held on the wall by mirror mounts that you can buy at Walmart or any hardware store.

I have no use for it any longer.

Someone is in need of the following:

Patience, needed as soon as possible!

Almond SDA Church

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00

Potluck follows service each week!

1340 Elm St.

Almond WI 54909

715-570-2179

www.almondsda.org

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!

429 W River Street

Wautoma WI 54982

920-765-0961

wautomawi.adventistchurch.org

Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Help for the Flu/Coronavirus

If you have preexisting conditions and a poor immunity, you may be in line for serious consequences, if exposed to the flu or the Coronavirus. If you have a bad cold or the flu, there are things you can do to protect yourself. Since anti-biotics do not kill viruses, we need to look at:

What kills viruses.

Grape juice (unsweetened)—fresh from a juicer is powerful medicine and tastes great!

Garlic

Diluted iodine—can be used as hand sanitizer from a spray bottle. More potent than store-bought.

Zinc Lozenges—kills coronavirus on contact. (Info per medical doctor.)

Olive Leaf (powder, extract, tea) Try: Olive Power by Carotec.com 800-522-4279,

Mountain Rose Herbs 800-879-3337

Herbal tea in the following recipes. (You don't need to drink the settlings.)

A very effective remedy which works like a charm, this recipe comes from an old herbal called "Back to Eden" written by Jethro Kloss. It contains tried, safe, and inexpensive remedies for the prevention of disease and sickness, remedies which are the result of his own practical experience of nearly forty years. Ingredients: Equal parts of Agrimony, Vervain, Boneset, and Culver's Root.

Use a heaping teaspoonful of this mixture to a cup of boiling water. Steep 10-20 minutes. Take a cupful every hour.

Recipe #2

½ oz. Myrrh Gum powder

½ oz. Olive Leaf powder

2 oz. Slippery Elm Bark powder

1 tsp. Cayenne

Mix thoroughly.

To ½ tsp. powder, Add 1 cup hot water.

Cover and steep 10 minutes.

Strain and sip several cups daily throughout flu season.

P.S. If you do not have these herbs on hand, they may be ordered through a health food store, or an herb shop Online.

There are more extensive measures that can be used in the event of viruses to modify the severity of the illness.

"The fruit of the tree is for man's meat, and the leaves for his medicine." (Ezekiel 47:12)

This verse likely refers to olive trees which were mentioned several times in the Bible as well as used by Ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman cultures. The olive leaf has incredible anti-viral power. There are a number of unique properties possessed by the olive leaf compound for:

An ability to interfere with critical amino acid production essential for viruses.

An ability to contain viral infection and/or spread by inactivating viruses or by preventing virus shedding, budding or assembly at the cell membrane.

The ability to directly penetrate infected cells and stop viral replication.

In the case of retroviruses, it is able to *neutralize* the production of reverse transcriptase and protease. These enzymes are essential for a retrovirus to alter the RNA of a healthy cell.

It (olive leaf) can stimulate phagocytosis, an immune system response in which cells ingest harmful microorganisms and

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foreign matter.

In an animal study, researchers proved that Wi-Fi signals induced diabetes. Wi-Fi caused oxidative damage, slashing (health sustaining) glutathione levels by 33-49%, dropping liver and kidney health markers as well as raising triglycerides and “free iron” levels in the body, proving Wi-Fi is harmful.

Olive leaf extract given to animals restored virtually every function, even regenerating damaged liver tissue, diabetes was reversed and key markers were restored.

Olive leaf has a 6,000-year history of immune support. In the peninsular war between France and Spain (1808-1813) doctors used olive leaf tea to bring down the fevers of wounded troops from 105 to 101, enabling them to send healed troops back to battle faster. These doctors knew what works!

Submitted by Dorothy Tess, certified herbalist

Vitamin C Strengthens the Immune System

We’ve been told that vitamin C helps fight colds, but does it really? When vitamin C enters the blood stream from the gut, it is absorbed to high concentrations in the white blood cells—the soldier cells of the body. “Vitamin C is concentrated in leucocytes, lymphocytes, and macrophages [which are cells defending us from viruses] reaching high concentrations in these cells. Vitamin C improves chemotaxis [the ability of cells to move to the source of infections], enhances neutrophil phagocytic capacity [the ability of a soldier cell to engulf a cell or virus] and oxidative killing [the ability to destroy a cell or virus once engulfed] and [it] supports lymphocyte proliferation [reproduction of the soldier cells] and [it supports] function [of these soldier cells].”(Colunga, Biancatelli, Berrill, & Marik, 2020).

How much do we need? To reverse scurvy, a severe vitamin C deficiency, we only need 10 mg per day, but for optimal immune system support we need about 100 mg/day. However, during an infection, our bodies use up vitamin C much more rapidly and we need more. “Viral and bacterial infections lead to the activation of leukocytes [the soldier cells]. . . [and once activated they] oxidize extra-cellular vitamin C. . . . The oxidized. . . vitamin C is imported to leukocytes [the white cells] where it is reduced back to vitamin C and its concentration [in the white cells] can become very high. . . . This mechanism explains the decrease in vitamin C levels [in the plasma surrounding the white cells] in pneumonia patients and in other patients with infections.” (Hemila & Louhiala, 2013).

Can it help in COVID-19? Yes. Patients admitted to the ICU typically have a 50% mortality rate, and if on a ventilator, it’s 65%. (ICNARC), 2020. In China, “Dr. Mao stated that his group treated ~50 cases of moderate to severe cases of Covid-19 infection with high dose IVC [intravenous vitamin C]. The IVC dosing was in the range of [10-20 grams] a day for 7-10 days, with [10 grams] for moderate cases and [20 grams] for more severe cases. . . . All patients who received IVC improved, and there was no mortality.” (Cheng, 2020). So, if you or a loved one is admitted for Covid-19, ask for high-dose IV vitamin C!

Submitted by Dorothy Tess



Time for a small get-together to say good-bye to a family that will be dearly missed. They may be moving west but they will never be forgotten. We are sure that their new Church will accept them and love them just like we did and will continue to do.

Your Almond Church Family!

God's Creation, not Darwin's

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1. Some things in the Bible take extra thought to understand but to me this first verse of the Bible is simple and trustworthy. God made the earth and it is good. It is more than just good. The complexities of this world and its inhabitants are products of a mind that only God can possess. Evolutionists would have you believe that time and chance and survival of the fittest created us. But I can't accept that theory. The things of this world are in perfect balance, or at least were created that way. Our bodies are so finely tuned that I believe only a creator God could have made them. Scientists are learning more and more about the basics of life, about what makes up DNA and atoms and molecules. They can now exam animal life down to the subatomic particles. They have discovered some remarkable and intricate organs and their interplay with their surroundings. For example, they have studied the eye of an octopus, which in many ways is similar to the human eye, although incredibly more complex. The retina of the octopus eye contains 20 million (20,000,000) light sensitive cells. How can the scientist count all those cells that must be so terribly

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Wautoma Church Calendar and Activities

Our calendar is moving back toward normal but hasn't got there yet. Woman's Group has restarted and will be meeting on Mondays at 10:00 am at the Andersons. Wednesday evenings we have begun a study on The Great Controversy. That meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Sunday night bible studies are still on hold. Sabbath School starts at 9:30 am and Church starts at 11:00 here at 4229 W River Street in Wautoma, Come and join us. We have not resumed pot lucks yet but that is still in discussion.

Work is still proceeding on the church building improvements. We still have alot to do but God has blessed us with a building that is very usable and reminds us of the history of Adventist work in Wautoma. Our church is a warm and friendly place of worship and one day soon our work projects will be complete, as time and manpower permit. Keep us in your prayers as we seek to share Jesus in and around Wautoma.

Alan Anderson

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Gen. 1:27 or was this at a later time or??? We know that at the tower of Babel is when the languages were all mixed; but where did the different nationalities or colors of people come from?

So many questions come up when you're studying. That's what is good about studying though is that it makes you ask questions and dig deeper and end up learning more info than you thought you needed.

Pastor's Response

In Genesis 1:27, Scripture states that God created man, in His (God's) own image. It then reiterates that thought, then states the facts again, only in this 3rd iteration, the text notes that *male* and *female* God created *them*. There are a couple of things to note in this particular description. The first thing to look at is the way that "man" can be translated here. The Hebrew word used is Adam – which literally translates to as the word for "a man" but can also be translated "mankind". In verse 27, it is used in both ways. God states that He created all mankind in his image. Each human life that has existed has, in some way, been a reflection of the Creator God, made in His image. But God continues the description in verse 27 in more detail, repeating that God creates mankind in His image, then repeating it a third time to greater detail, and notes that God created both man AND woman. The use of repetition is used throughout scripture to note emphasis. Repetition to the 3rd degree like used in this verse is a way of noting that the subject under consideration is of the utmost importance. God is stressing that He is the author of life, that mankind is intentionally created, and that both male and female of the species are created in His image, with a very intentional purpose and care that shows we are all loved by God in an intimate and personal way, and showing that all the life to come from the union of man and woman in marriage would be the basis for all the life to follow. This event is so important to God that He revisits it and provides more detail in chapter 2. The return to the intentional creation of man is important because it shows the value God places on our lives, and shows how God instituted marriage as a holy union between a man and a woman that would intentionally include God and model the love relationship He desired to have with mankind in a healthy way for all the world. Adam and Eve gave in to temptation and that model was corrupted by sin but these events point to the original intent shown by God's actions at creation and in so doing, God provides context to the events in chapter 3 surrounding the temptation and the fall that help us understand the severity of sin and its cost in a much fuller light. Different nationalities and races came after the results of the flood. From Noah and his family, just 8 people, we came to have all the diversity and artistry that our world sees today in all the different ethnic and genetic combinations that fill our world. And even now, all the centuries later, after generation after generation of adaptation impacted by the touch of sin, we see in each race, in each culture and in each tradition the creativity and beauty of the Creator's hand in each and every life born into this earthly race. All of us His children, all of us made in His image, all of us fearfully and wonderfully made with a holy purpose – to be loved by God, and return that love in praise and obedience as an expression of our love in response.

Thank you Pastor Steve for answering this question for us.

If you have a question on your mind that you would like to ask the Pastor, let us know either by emailing us at gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com or to remain completely anonymous, you could email directly to Pastor Steve at: SHsquared@gmail.com

Thank you again for your obedience and may God bless us all in this troubling time.

We can all be assured that God will bring us through this time of uncertainty .

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

*Please pray for our country, it's leaders
and for our health through these try-
ing times that we are living in.*

God is good,

All the time!

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small? How they do it, I don't know but God created their eyes that way. It didn't happen by accident or chance or evolution. It took a brain of unlimited power to form all the creatures of this world, including the octopus.

Another thing that fascinates my mind and boggles it at the same time is the butterfly. Evolution and/or chance couldn't have put in order all the steps and stages the butterfly goes through. How they transform from a caterpillar, by molting in a cocoon, is beyond me. But there's much more to the remarkable life cycle of the butterfly. Take the Painted Lady butterfly, for example. A beautiful specimen, is found in the northern parts of Europe. Scientists had never known how or when they made their annual migration in massive numbers from their northern European homes, traveling over a thousand miles and ending up in Africa. No one had ever seen this happen but every year, there they were in northern Europe and the next thing you know, they were in Africa. It was a mystery. But recently scientists studying their movement very closely, discovered that these beautiful little creatures could fly upwards to over 3,000 feet, catch onto some strong air currents and travel that great distance in as little as 7 days. Only an infinite God could imprint such behavior into a whole species of butterflies. And there are thousands of other kinds of butterflies that also do marvelous, wondrous things. Each type of butterfly was created uniquely by our maker, spoken into existence. Genesis 1:24 says " And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds; Livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. (25) God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

I believe God created the heaven and the earth. No other concept of our existence makes any sense to me. I believe the Bible. The very first words tell us the creation story and our entire trust in God would begin with creation. If we can't trust that, then the rest of the Bible may be in doubt. I would encourage you not to let Darwin's theory and any other evolutionary theory lead you astray. Keep your faith in God's word strong.

Alan Anderson

Oxford SDA Church

Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

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Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church

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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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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.

What would you like to see in future editions of Grace Notes? Let us know and we'll see what we can do.

Letters to the editor...

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Thanks,
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Holiday Calendar Portage District

July

7/3	PORTAGE	Anniversary-Kent & Jodie Maloney
7/4	PORTAGE	Jack Stafford
7/7	REEDSBURG	Virginia Rabine
7/11	PORTAGE	Anniversary-Beai & Yenifer Baartz
7/12	OXFORD	Carrie Veldman
7/12	PORTAGE	John Maggioncalda
7/16	REEDSBURG	Nathan Leonard
7/18	ALMOND	Richard Lucas
7/22	PORTAGE	Yennifer Baartz
7/23	REEDSBURG	Ann Stafford
7/27	REEDSBURG	Peter Olajec
7/30	ALMOND	Ray Tess
7/30	PORTAGE	Carolyn Carter



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Birthday!

