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(Submitted by Tim Schmidt of the Wautoma SDA Company)

"We should know for ourselves what constitutes Christianity, what is truth, what is the faith that we have received, what are the Bible rules—the rules given us from the highest authority." The 1888 Materials, 403.

- 1) We must believe that the whole Bible is the inspired word of God, and we must be willing to abide by its teachings, even if they go contrary to our own personal ideas and practices.
- 2) We must be humble and teachable. However great and extensive our knowledge and educational achievements, we must come humbly to the Word of God, not studying it from a secular standpoint, as a scientific or philosophical work, with a dependence upon human intellect.

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IN THE DAYS OF NOAH'S FLOOD

In those days in a time of war
Throughout the earth the violence bore.
The hearts of man were dark indeed,
Corruption there had taken seed.

It grieved the LORD in what He made,
It's judgment time, all must be paid.
But grace was found for Noah there,
In God's eyes, his life to spare.

A firm command was given him,
For all the earth was looking grim.
Build an ark the LORD then said,
So all won't die but live instead.

Noah did what he was told,
He built an ark mighty to hold.
To hide them from God's judgment day,
And bring them through alive to stay.

For seven days they entered all,
Before the waters made their call.
The fountains of the deep broke free,
From o'er the earth for all to see.

The windows of the heavens too,
Opened all - those waters flew.
Ne'er before had rain been found,
Falling there upon the ground.

Noah before had preached for years,
Causing most their laughter's tears.
Most did not, those words to heed,
But continued with their wicked deed.

Until the day the waters came,
And so on them fell all their shame.
Judgment brought to them that day,
Eight souls were left alive to stay.

Forty days and nights it poured,
The pleas and cries our God ignored.
Destruction brought by waters rush,
And finished by the deluge crush.

One hundred fifty days went by,
Those waters on the earth did lie.
Many times a bird went out,
In search of dry land all about.

In given time, there was to tell,
Upon dry land that ark did dwell.
In Ararat those mountains bare,
Those eight souls did depart with care.

No more shall He curse this ground,
By a flood of waters therein found.
Even though in man's dark human heart,
Evil lurked there from the start.

Seed time first, then harvest shown,
Cold and heat will both be known.
Day and night in seasons lain,
The earth as is shall now remain.

For a sign that all may see,
There God put a rainbow free.
Sitting high above the earth,
God's promise there did give it birth.

So when you look up ever high,
Looking at the moistened sky.
And see a rainbow shining through,
Then you'll know God's Word is true.

*From the March-April 2018 issue of **New Life Mission Life Savor**
This periodical showed pictures of Noah's Ark and the scientific
findings to prove it was Noah's Ark. This may be obtained by
calling:*

*877-357-8773 - Used by Permission
Submitted by Dorothy Tess*

(Their next issue will be all about Sodom and Gomorrah.)

From Ken Wells,

Ken has been transferred from the Redgranite Correctional Facility to the Correctional Facility in Waupun and he now has this new mailing address:

Ken Wells, Jr. #414034,

John Burke Correctional Center,

P.O. Box 900,

Waupun, WI 53963-900

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3) We must compare scripture with scripture, letting the Bible explain itself. It is not uncommon to find individuals and groups of people who build a whole theology upon one single statement of the Bible.

4) We should ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we study the Bible.

5) We must truly want to know the truth before we can know the truth. Our motives for studying the Bible must always be honorable and acceptable to God, if we would receive instruction and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

6) Bible study must become a priority in life.

7) We must live up to all the light we have, before God will teach us more. As truth is opened to our understanding, we should determine by God's grace to walk in its light. God has set before us an upward pathway and it is His will that we should walk in His footsteps. As our Savior therefore leads us further along the pathway of advanced truth, we must determine to follow, if we would keep in step with Him, and remain His disciple.

"I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned a mighty angel to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory and warn man of the coming wrath of God. Multitudes received the light. Some of these seemed to be very solemn, while others were joyful and enraptured. All who received the light turned their faces toward heaven and glorified God. Though it was shed upon all, some merely came under its influence, but did not heartily receive it. Many were filled with great wrath. Ministers and people united with the vile and stoutly resisted the light shed by the mighty angel. But all who received it withdrew from the world and were closely united with one another." Early Writings, 245.

"The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven 'having great power.' The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angels' message is to be repeated, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies' [Revelation 18:2, 3]." Manuscript Releases, volume 16, 40.

The 4th Angel's Message and 911 (Revelation 18)

"Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave. This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story: 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of His mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we cannot imagine." Review and Herald, July 5, 1906.

Revelation 7:1-3; Ezekiel 37:9-14 "Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path. "Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people, that they might stand upon their feet and live. We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit. "We need now to arise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. We have no time to talk of self, no time to become like the sensitive plant that cannot be touched without

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MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

The Greek word "apnea" means "without breath". In sleep apnea, there is an involuntary cessation of breathing that occurs while sleeping. These pauses in breathing can last anywhere from 10 seconds to as much as a minute. Snoring is also a common feature of sleep apnea. While snoring can just be a nuisance, snoring associated with sleep apnea can signal a serious medical condition. If left untreated, sleep apnea can lead to the development of high blood pressure, heart failure, memory problems, and can increase the chance of having driving accidents due to excessive fatigue.

How does OSA develop? The most common type of sleep apnea is called Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). This occurs when soft tissue in the back of the throat collapses during sleep, blocking off the airway. OSA is usually seen in overweight individuals. Other risk factors for the development of OSA include: a large neck, a recessed chin, smoking, and alcohol use. A typical patient with OSA will snore loudly after falling asleep. The snoring is then interrupted by silent periods during which no breathing takes place (apnea). These apneic episodes are then followed by sudden efforts to breathe. The result is disturbed sleep, leading to excessive daytime drowsiness.

How is OSA diagnosed? Most people with OSA will be unaware of their snoring or episodes of apnea. The predominant symptom will be excessive daytime drowsiness. The snoring and apnea episodes are usually reported by a family member. The American Sleep Apnea Association has published a questionnaire known as the Snore Score. A positive response to any one of the following questions points to the possibility of someone having obstructive sleep apnea:

1. Are you a loud and/or regular snorer?
 2. Have you ever been observed to gasp or stop breathing during sleep?
 3. Do you feel tired or groggy upon awakening, or do you awaken with a headache?
 4. Are you often tired or fatigued during the waking hours?
 5. Do you fall asleep sitting, reading, watching TV or driving?
- Do you often have problems with memory or concentration?

Other symptoms that can be associated with OSA include morning headaches, weight gain, attention deficits and memory loss. The diagnosis is usually confirmed after monitoring for apneic episodes in a sleep laboratory.

How is OSA treated? Fortunately, there are a number of treatments available for OSA, depending on the severity and underlying causes. These treatment options include:

- Avoidance of alcohol and medications that relax the airway and/or reduce respiratory drive.
- Weight loss is highly effective in obese individuals by reducing excess fat around the neck which is constricting the airway.
- Positional therapy, i.e., avoiding sleeping on the back (for adults)
- Oral appliances designed to keep the airway open.
- Surgery (the most common procedure is called uvulopalatopharyngoplasty which removes excess tissue that is blocking the airway).

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Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends the use of an oral appliance as a first line treatment for patients with mild to moderate OSA. In many patients, however, CPAP is the most effective treatment method. It works by blowing pressurized air into the person's airway at a high enough pressure to keep the airway from collapsing. A relatively new surgical procedure known as the Pillar Procedure has been found to be helpful in mild-to-moderate OSA. This procedure involves the placement of flexible implants into the soft palate to keep it from relaxing and blocking the airway.

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Submitted by Freddie Ramirez

"All Are Welcome"

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" These words are cried silently by the Statue of Liberty in Emma Lazarus' famous poem. While one country may deem those people trash, the United States sees them as treasure. The true value of a human being lies not in what others have labeled them in the past but rather in what is possible in the future.

This concept was taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ. He invited both good and bad to join Him. (Matthew 22:1-14) He spent time with the hated in society (Matthew 8:5-13; 9:9-13) and sought out the downtrodden. (John 4) Jesus even loved his enemies and told us to do the same! (Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:20)

The second greatest commandment according to Jesus is "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) If you think you are superior, more privileged, or better in any way than someone else, then you are to love them like they are you. Treat them like they have all the superiority, privilege, and advantages that you have. Jesus said in His famous Sermon on the Mount: "Whatever you want people to do to you, do also to them, for this is the whole Bible." (Matthew 7:12) Jesus said that if you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give a bed to the foreigner, give clothes to those who lack, or visit those in prison, then you did those things to Him too (Matthew 25:31-46). He, the God of the universe, identified with those in greatest need. If you are a Christian and a racist, shame on you. If you are a Christian and a misogynist, shame on you. Repent, and turn from your wicked ways.

The Statue of Liberty welcomes people to America, and as citizens of that country we should advocate for fair treatment for all, but the Bible says our true citizenship is not of this world (Hebrews 11:8-10). God has called us in these final moments of earth's history to invite one and all to join the heavenly kingdom. Let our church here on earth reflect the harmony of heaven and let our feet carry us to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Do not discriminate on whether they are better or worse than you, or whether you get along with them; each person is a precious soul that Jesus paid for with His life, and our hope and prayer is that we will be able to call each one brother or sister in Christ for all eternity.

Pastor Justin Spady

Almond's July Events

July 1 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 July 4 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Patriarchs & Prophets) *
 July 6 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 July 7 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 July 8 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 July 11 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Patriarchs & Prophets) *
 July 13 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 July 14 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 July 15 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM
 July 15 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 July 18 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Patriarchs & Prophets) *
 July 20 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 July 21 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 July 22 Tubing Event (See Pg. 12 for details)
 July 22 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 July 25 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Patriarchs & Prophets) *
 July 27 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 July 28 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck
 July 29 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Important Dates

Prayer Breakfast

July 15 9 AM

TUBING ADVENTURE

July 22nd @ 10:15

Point Bluff Resort on the
Wisconsin River

- * The Patriarchs and Prophets Study will be held at the home of John & Dorothy Tess
- 715-366-4691.

Portage July 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

Bible study:

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



CAMP MEETING 2018

Since we just finished a great time of fellowship and closeness to God at the 2018 Camp Meeting, I thought it a perfect time to remind everyone about how important it is to support the **Worthy Campers Fund** and **Koinz for Kids**.

Both programs help kids get to camp that otherwise would not be able to go.

Remember to save your change for this great ministry.

Almond Church members, remember that we have our **"Change for change"** wheelbarrow collection on November 24th. That seems like a long time from now but it will come up fast.

Let's help those deserving kids get to camp!

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shrinking. In Jesus Christ is our sufficiency. Will we talk faith? Will we talk of the glorious hope, of the full and abundant righteousness of Jesus Christ, provided for every soul? I tell you in the name of the Lord God of Israel that all injurious, discouraging influences are held in control by unseen angel hands, until everyone that works in the fear and love of God is sealed in his forehead." Manuscript Releases, volume 20, 216–217.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel. . . . "The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are 'the times of refreshing' to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: 'Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.' Acts 3:19–21." The Great Controversy, 611–612.

The Light Given

"Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it." Testimonies to Ministers, 506–507.

"Science and history cannot of themselves make men wise unto salvation; but through the aid of the Holy Spirit, which, in answer to prayer, will be given to guide into all truth, science and history may be made use of as a clear, definite light, blending with that of the written, inspired word. There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on the same lines now that He ever has done. His hand is seen in His work and among the nations now, just the same as it has been ever since the gospel was first proclaimed to Adam in Eden. "There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil—between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens." Bible Echo, August 26, 1895.

The Final Crisis (Daniel 12:1-3; Revelation 22:10-14)

"As God's people approach the final crisis, they must with increasing power proclaim the message He has given them. The warning must be given to the churches. God's requirements must be laid before those who are transgressing His law. They must be made to understand that this is a life and death question. God's remnant people are to fill the earth with the cry of the third angel." Review and Herald, July 16, 1901.

"Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary to put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them. 'Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.' Instead of being softened by the patience and long forbearance that the Lord has exercised toward them, those who fear not God and love not the truth strengthen their hearts in their evil course. But there are limits even to the forbearance of God, and many are exceeding these boundaries. They have overrun the limits of grace, and therefore God must interfere and vindicate His own honor.

"The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show that the time for God's visitation has about come. Although loath to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily. Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril; but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter His people in the day of visitation. Far from it, they should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others,

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Hello from Wautoma,

June was a blessing, Camp meeting 2018 is now over and it is time for Vacation Bible School running from July 9 through July 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Materials for VBS are titles Sea of Miracles-North Shore. This should be a wonderful experience.

We are even closer to getting back the old Wautoma S.D.A. church building. It has been a blessing sharing the current building with the Wautoma Spanish Company at 535 S. Cambridge, but we are experiencing some growing pains. Children's division is cramped and our shared potlucks are crowded. When the old Wautoma SDA church came on the market, we talked about how nice it would be to have more space through separate facilities, but didn't really think that such a young group as we were, less than 2 years old, could manage to acquire its own dedicated church building. Now, however, that possibility seems more and more real. At the time of this writing, the Conference is engaging in talks with the real estate agent on the final purchase price. Conversion from a home back to an SDA church does not appear to require extensive work. There will be removal of a couple interior walls. Sanding, painting and elbow grease should bring it back to its former original state. Please keep us in prayer as we seek to fulfill God's mission of spreading the Gospel to Wautoma.

Keep September 28th and 29th open as we will be having a special program lead by Pastor Abraham Swamidass on Family Life. This will be a blessing.

Alan Anderson

Blessed By God

How well do you know these "blessed" passages? Try to fill in each missing word without looking up each reference. Then check your answers.

1. *The Lord bless you and _____ you; the Lord make his face _____ on you and be _____ to you; the Lord turn his face to you and give you _____.* (Num. 6:24-26, NIV)

2. *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he _____ on the seventh day.*

Therefore the LORD blessed the _____ day and made it _____.

(Ex. 20:11, NIV)

3. *Blessed is the one who _____ in the LORD, who does not look to the _____, to those who turn aside to false gods.* (Ps. 40:4, NIV)

4. *Blessed is the _____ whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his _____.* (Ps. 33:12, NIV)

5. *"Hosanna to the _____ of David!"*

"Blessed is he who comes in the _____ of the Lord!"

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Wautoma Company's July Schedule of Events

Date

- 7/1/2018 Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
 7/2/2018 Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
 7/4/2018 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
 7/7/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 7/8/2018 Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.
 7/9/2018 Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
 7/9/2018 Vacation Bible School from 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. @ 535 S Cambridge, Wautoma
 7/10/2018 Vacation Bible School from 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. @ 535 S Cambridge, Wautoma
 7/11/2018 Vacation Bible School from 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. @ 535 S Cambridge, Wautoma
 7/11/2018 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
 7/12/2018 Vacation Bible School from 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. @ 535 S Cambridge, Wautoma
 7/13/2018 Vacation Bible School from 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. @ 535 S Cambridge, Wautoma
 7/14/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 7/16/2018 Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
 7/16/2018 Business Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 7/18/2018 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
 7/21/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 7/22/2018 Tubing Party (Potluck following @ the Anderson's - 5:00 p.m.)
 7/23/2018 Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.
 7/25/2018 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
 7/28/2018 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 7/30/2018 Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.

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"Hosanna in the highest _____!" (Matt. 21:9, NIV)

6. *Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the _____ of heaven. (Matt. 5:3, NIV)*

7. *God blessed them and said, "Be _____ and increase in _____ and fill the water in the seas, and let the _____ increase on the earth."*

(Gen. 1:22, NIV)

8. *Bless those who _____ you; bless and do not curse. (Rom. 12:14, NIV)*

Blessed are those who _____ in your house; they are ever _____ you. (Ps. 84:4, NIV)

10. *In a loud voice [Elizabeth] exclaimed: "Blessed are you among _____, and blessed is the _____ you will _____!" (Luke 1:42, NIV)*

Are You In Need of ?

Upright Piano to give away

Looking for a good home for a well behaved and completely housebroken upright piano. "The older the piano, the sweeter the music" or something like that!

Contact Cindy Barten 715-921-9485

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



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

Wisconsin

Rapids

Calendar of Events

DENTAL CLINIC: October 25-27, 2019

Betty and Darwin would love to hear from their church family while Darwin is recuperating. Here is their address:

Darwin & Betty Dittburner

4322 Vida Grande

Weslaco, TX 78596

Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 19th

9:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday!



July Birthdays

1—Nadine Churkey (SP)

7—Virginia Rabina (R)

Harry Mason (SP)

9—Randy Voge (SP)

15—Jim Rothenback (A)

16—Nathan Leonard ®

18—Richard Lucas (A)

23—Ann Stafford ®

27—Peter Olajec ®

28—Cheryl Anderson (W)

30—Raymond Tess (A)

Barry Boettcher (SP)



Oxford SDA Church

Sabbath Worship Times

Bible Study @ 11:00 a.m.

Worship @ 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION322 E Chauncey St
Oxford, WI 53952-9064

608-586-5770

Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church2100 E State Road 33
Portage, WI 53901-1468
608-742-4695Pastor: Justin Dane Spady
Phone: 260-413-3066
Email:**Service Times:**Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.**Reedsburg SDA Church**115 S. Oak St.
Reedsburg WI 53959Pastor Justin Spady
Reedsburg SDA ChurchJoin Us This Saturday
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**The Shepherd's House**

Previously: Wausau SDA Church

Address: 6300 Bittersweet Rd

Wausau WI 54401-9465

Mail: 6300 Bittersweet Rd

Wausau WI 54401-9465

Phone: 715-241-7722

Fax: 715-241-7723

Pastor: Tom (Thomas) J Michalski

Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Church Service begins at 11:20 a.m.

Antigo SDA Church

1515 3rd Ave.

Antigo WI 54409-1481

Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship @ 9:00 a.m.

Contact

715-623-4168

Pastor Tom Michalski

tommichalski@gmail.com**Wisconsin Rapids SDA**

611 24th St. N

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Service Times:Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.Wednesday evening Bible
Study @ 6 p.m.

"Revelation Speaks Peace"

Pastor: Joseph Perricellia

Cell Phone: (641) 680-2944

Email: sdapastorjoseph@gmail.com**Stevens Point Church**

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

1510 Sherman Ave

Stevens Point WI 54481

715-344-4337

Pastor Tom Michalski

715-623-4168

tommichalski@gmail.com**Almond SDA Church**

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00

Potluck follows each week!

1340 Elm St.

Almond WI 54909

715-570-2179

www.almondsda.org

Pastor Justin Spady

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The Personality Traits of the Sons of Jacob, (Abbreviated)

This will be the last installment in the newsletter regarding the personality traits of the sons of Jacob. We started looking at the lives of each son over a year ago and now we have finally come to the end. On each of the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem is inscribed the name of one of the sons of Jacob. It is thought that they represent all of the collective personalities of the redeemed and that we will pass through the gate into the City that corresponds to our unique temperament. Have you determined which gate you might possibly go through?

Reuben – Leah's 1st son – *Unstable as Water* – He was well-meaning, but easily led. Circumstances easily swayed him. The Reubens among us can be indecisive and vacillating, wanting to please, not a leader, indecisive. His representative in the city's foundations is **Jude**, the quiet worker whose epistle displays his thought and the longings of his soul.

Simeon – Leah's 2nd son – *Hearing* - Strong-willed, bully. He took matters into his own hands. He did what was right in his own eyes. He was headstrong and vindictive. He had blind zeal without love. He could be cruel and opinionated. His counterpart in the foundation of the golden city is **Simon the Zealot**, the reformed guerilla fighter and partisan.

Levi – Leah's 3rd son – *Joined, or Attached to* - Zealous, he had a tendency toward violence, keen intelligence, loyal. The Levi's see issues as black and white and have little patience with the grays. They will persevere in what they see as right. Levi's name took the place of his brother Dan on a gate of the Holy City. His counterpart among the disciples was **Matthias**, who took the place of Judas Iscariot.

Judah - Leah's 4th son – *Praising* – He meant well. He represents the pure in heart. He had integrity and courage. He also had administrative ability. The Judah's tend to be prosperous, natural leaders, articulate, intelligent, and resourceful. Judah's spiritual counterpart in the Golden city is **Thomas**, his doubt dispelled by adoring trust.

Dan – Bilhah's (Rachel's maid) 1st son – *God Judged* – Dan was critical and backbiting, a gossip and traitor. He was subtle, cunning, crafty and scheming. He exhibited the traits of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. No one who retains the Danite personality will enter the kingdom of God. Levi's name took Dan's place on the gate to the Holy City.

Naphtali – Bilhah's 2nd son – *Wrestling* – He was quiet and studious. He was an earnest worker. He represents those who accomplish a great deal while staying in the background. He was intelligent, affectionate, tender and lovable. He was also tactful with a quick mind. **Nathaniel**, also called Bartholomew, is his counterpart on the foundation of the Holy City.

Gad – Zilpah's (Leah's maid) 1st son – *A Troop Comes* – The Gadite likes people. They are kind, friendly, easy-going, generous, and enjoy popularity. Although intending to do right, they can be distracted. When converted they can be a strong influence for good. **Levi-Matthew** is his apostle counterpart.

Asher – Zilpah's 2nd son – He became complacent as a result of affluence. He was rich, but also amiable. This is an unusual combination. He was able to cope with the vicissitudes of life and be respected. The Asherites are happy and blessed. They are good business people and generous church members. Asher's counterpart is the pleasant **Philip**.

Issachar - Leah's 5th son – *The Plodder or A Man for Hire* – He was a patient laborer, giving willing and industrious service. The Issachar's have learned wisdom and common sense at the grassroots level. They are solid and reliable, the backbone of every successful enterprise. They are bursting with talent and ability. They are great achievers who are willing to take secondary roles. They are the unsung heroes who bear the common burdens of every day and do so with strength and consistency. Issachar is paired with the gentle **John the Beloved**.

Zebulun – Leah's 6th son - *The Wanderer, or Traveler*. Adventurous, prosperous, good natured and enterprising. Zebulun's are gifted, artistic, and literary. They are brave and organized and masters of themselves. Zebulunites are independent and creative. They have no problem breaking with tradition. Zebulun is paired with **James-the-less**, the Lord's half-brother according to (*With Jesus in the Sanctuary*, by Leslie Hardinge).

Joseph – Rachel's 1st son – He was a man who possessed enormous resources of faith, fortitude, and integrity. Joseph

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was trustworthy, wise and insightful. His life demonstrated the benefits of trouble. He received his shaping and polishing in the fires of trial and suffering. They inspire us with faith, hope and vitality. Joseph is paired with **Andrew**, the brother of Peter.

Benjamin – Rachel's 2nd son - *Son of my Right Hand* – He was good- looking and warlike. He was able to endure hardship and conflict. Benjamites are enthusiastic and determined. They are task-oriented, finishing what they start. They are children of both sorrow and strength. He represents those who are transformed from the wolf-likeness to be able to lie down with the lamb. His apostolic counterpart on the Golden city is the transformed **Peter**.

Manasseh – Joseph's 1st son - *Forgetting* – Manassah was very strong, but not war-like. He was able to keep his material prosperity in proper perspective. He was dependable and able to cope with adverse circumstances. He was modest and did not demand recognition for his work. His apostolic counterpart was **James**, a "son of thunder," the brother of John the "Revelator."

Ephraim – Joseph's 2nd son – *Doubly Fruitful* – He was self-centered and self-willed, unmindful of his responsibilities to those around him. Ephraims feel "rich and increased with goods, and in need of nothing." This group of people have many advantages that can be a blessing to others, but they keep the blessings to themselves. No one who retains the "Ephraim" traits will enter the Holy City. His father Joseph took his place on a gate to the Holy City.

Submitted by: Freddie Ramirez

Thank you for all of your hard work on this series!

The Most Beautiful Flower

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree. Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown, For the world was intent on dragging me down.

And if that weren't enough to ruin my day, A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play. He stood right before me with his head tilted down And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"

In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight, With its petals all worn - not enough rain, or too little light. Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play, I faked a small smile and then shifted away.

But instead of retreating he sat next to my side And placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise, "It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too. That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."

The weed before me was dying or dead. Not vibrant of colors, orange, yellow or red. But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave. So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need."

But instead of him placing the flower in my hand, He held it mid-air without reason or plan. It was then that I noticed for the very first time That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind.

I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun As I thanked him for picking the very best one. "You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play, Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.

I sat there and wondered how he managed to see A self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree. How did he know of my self-indulged plight? Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.

Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see The problem was not with the world; the problem was me. And for all of those times I myself had been blind, I vowed to see beauty, and appreciate every second that's mine.

And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose And smiled as that young boy, another weed in his hand About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

~~~Author unknown~~~

## 2018 Annual District Tubing Adventure

Where: Point Bluff Resort on the Wisconsin River ---  
[www.pointbluff.com](http://www.pointbluff.com)

When: July 22, 2018

What to bring: Swimwear (Shorts, T-Shirts, Sandals), Sunblock, Towels, Water Shoes, water toys, lunch and drinks, dry clothes and/or anything else one might want to bring along. **Remember that glass is not allowed on the river!**

Cost: Tubes: \$21.00 per person

Canoes or Kayaks: \$35.00 each.

Cooler Tubes: \$16.00 each – larger size fits several coolers

Bring Your Own Canoe/Kayak - \$20

Length of trip: 3-4 hours by tube & 1.5 hours by canoe/kayak.

We plan to arrive at Point Bluff resort by 10:15 am, enough time catch the 11 am bus shuttle upriver.

Any questions: Michael Tess @ 715-570-2179.

Following the tubing adventure, we will enjoy a get-together at Alan & Cheryl Andersons' home in Wild Rose. Come at 5 pm for wonderful fellowship and great food. More information will follow.

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looking with strong faith to God for help. 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.' "The leaven of godliness has not entirely lost its power. At the time when the danger and depression of the church are greatest, the little company who are standing in the light will be sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land. But more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church because its members are doing after the manner of the world. "The earnest prayers of this faithful few will not be in vain. When the Lord comes forth as an avenger, He will also come as a protector of all those who have preserved the faith in its purity and kept themselves unspotted from the world. It is at this time that God has promised to avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them. "The command is: 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.' These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated. Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him. But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel; although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking."

## Lift Up Your Eyes on High

There is something awe inspiring about the night sky for the stars speak to us of the Creator. I first became aware of this almost 60 years ago when our Almond church had an evening social at the Harlow and Jane Peterson farm. I was only nine or ten years old and my cousin, Albert Krohn, asked me if I'd like to go outdoors and look at the stars. Albert taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade science for many years and he was very good at what he did. As we stepped outside into the late summer evening we both marveled at the beauty of the night sky. Albert pointed out the ruddy planet Mars hanging above the horizon in the east. He showed me the Big Dipper and how to use the dipper to find the North Star. We saw the Teapot and the Northern Cross. Albert pointed out Vega, Deneb and Altair – the stars that form the Summer Triangle. The Milky Way arched across the sky that night and something "clicked" in my mind. I've had a love of the stars and the science of astronomy ever since. We should never underestimate the influence we might have on a young person!

Now fast forward to the spring of 1976. This was a year before my wife and I were married and for one last time I accompanied my parents on a road trip to Las Vegas to visit my sister and her family. My little telescope and camera platform had been packed away in the trunk of the car for I was aware that Comet West was about to pass close to the sun and then reappear in the morning sky. It promised to be quite spectacular. Rising three or four hours before sunrise, I made my way out of the light pollution of the city and headed down the road toward Hoover dam. With the city behind me I pulled off the road into the desert and set up my scope. As my eyes became dark adapted I could see the stars as I had never seen them before. Thousands of pinpricks of light extended from horizon to horizon. And then what looked like a search light beam slowly rose in the east. Then the head of the comet became visible and I was absolutely enthralled. For the next hour I took picture after picture, stopping only now and then to enjoy the visual treat of the nighttime sky under pristine conditions. I will always treasure the memory of that morning and the pictures I was able to capture are still hanging on my wall.

In Psalm 19:1-3 we read, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." And it's true, the night sky "speaks" a universal language that appeals to all. We see the same stars here in North America as they do in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. We see the same stars that Adam saw and Noah and Abraham. And so, as the weather begins to get warmer, make an effort to find a clear dark sky and "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things. . ." Isaiah 40:26. Let the grandeur of the starry night speak to your soul of Gods' love.

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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.

## Ministry From Home

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

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## Letters to the editor...

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

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

Thanks,  
Grace Notes Editor

## Grace Notes needs your help!

We have all been blessed in many different ways and I would like to ask that you share some of your talents with us. I've seen first hand the results of this newsletter and it's effect on the people that became friends and family rather than strangers.

Since we have this new arrangement of districts, it's even more important for us to stay connected, to get to know one another. How can we do this? It's simple. Even if you think you don't have good writing skills, write up something and send it to us anyway. I promise that no one will laugh. Write up your testimony to share. Something that God has placed on your heart or just something that is important to you. How about a good recipe that you want to share? Are you in need of something? Write us and we'll put it into the newsletter and God will provide those needs.

I look forward to putting out the newsletter, with God's help and with yours too!

And, of course, in all that we do...  
To God be the Glory!

Rick Felts, Grace Notes Editor

## Looking for your thoughts on these questions!

What does the Sabbath mean to you?

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

No one ever says happy Monday or even happy Friday... The Sunday Church goers don't wish everyone a happy Sunday? Let's hear your thoughts on these questions and we'll share your responses next month.