

# GRACE NOTES

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

## As I Deserve

How do I deserve to be treated?

The Declaration of Independence declares that we are all equal and deserve the right to seek our own happiness.

The Prosperity Gospel teaches that I will be healthy, wealthy, and wise if I will simply have faith and give money to support the church.

The Bible says that we should treat others the way that we want to be treated. But that doesn't really focus on how we deserve to be treated.

Regardless of what psychology, self-help books, etc. are trying to teach us, the truth is we don't deserve anything good. That may shock you, but according to the scriptures we are all sinners who deserve death. If you ask me that isn't very encouraging.

Ellen White elaborates on Isaiah 53:5 when she writes the following:

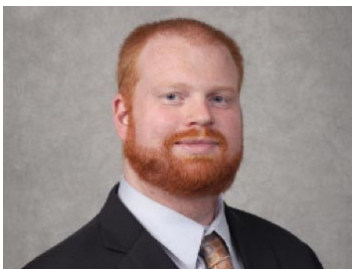
Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed." {RH, February 25, 1915 par. 1}

Yes, Christ was treated as we deserve, He was given death, so that we could be treated as He deserves, and we are given life.

I am so thankful that God doesn't treat me as I deserve, rather He treats me as He deserves.


*Submitted by Elder Adam Case*

Stephen Hall has agreed to serve as pastor of the Portage District. He holds a BS degree from Southern Adventist University in Theology, and an AA degree in History from Valencia College. He is also a graduate of CSB School of Broadcasting. Over the past four years, Stephen has been teaching Bible and been assistant men's dean at Thunderbird Academy in Scottsdale, AZ. He was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. "I love Jesus, the Miami Dolphins, and pecan pie, in that order," said Stephen. He also loves military history and hiking. Stephen plans to be in Wisconsin for camp meeting in June, and begin pastoring the Portage District first of July. Our first order of business will be to convert him to a Packer fan...



## Almond's June Events

June 1 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 June 5 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 June 5 Steps to Christ 7:00 (Randal Wilson's apt)  
 June 7 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 June 8 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
**June 9 Prayer Breakfast (9AM @ the church) All are welcome**  
 June 12 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 June 12 Steps to Christ 7:00 (Randal Wilson's apt)  
 June 14 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 June 14-22 Sabbath – Camp-meeting  
**June 16 Father's Day**  
 June 26 Patriarchs & Prophets Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)  
 June 28 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 June 29 Sabbath – Vegetarian potluck  
 June 30 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30



**Happy  
 Father's  
 Day  
 June 16th**

### Important Dates

14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Camp-meeting

### Hello from Wautoma,

Per last month's article, the Revelation Seminar will be ending on June 1, 2019. It has been a blessing to those in attendance and we thank Tim Schmidt for the many hours that went into its preparation. Now looking forward to Camp meeting starting June 14, 2019. Many from Wautoma will be going to Camp meeting but some many remain in Wautoma to join the Wautoma Spanish Company for services and to welcome visitors/travelers that may stop in. During Camp meeting, most of our regular studies and prayer meetings will be on hold.

I would like to share a request from Ken Wells who is currently at the Sturtevant Correctional Facility. He would be interested in hearing from anyone willing to share a few minutes of their time to send a letter. He looks forward to the mail calls and it gives him joy when a letter arrives. His address is listed elsewhere in the Grace Notes.

Work on remodeling the original Wautoma Church continues with some times when things seem to progress fast and times when it seems to slow down a bit. The sculpted metal ceiling in the sanctuary has a fresh look for the new paint it has received. When the drywall is completed, we plan to add wall paper and Wanes Coating. New lighting will be installed soon. There is a hard wood floor in the sanctuary that we will be sanding and applying a new coat of finish. If you have a special skill in these areas, please consider lending a hand.

According to the records at the Register of Deeds Office in Wautoma, the property where we are upgrading the original Church, 429 South River Street, was purchased by the Southern Wisconsin Conference Association on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1931 for the price of \$1.00. We are interested in learning more about the History of this building and of the original congregation that met in Wautoma. If you have any information, we would be most happy to hear from you.

Alan Anderson

## 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](http://gracenotesnewsletter.com) or through the regular mail and I will forward them, anonymously, to our Pastor who will answer them.

### **Question:**

We all know that Jesus was sinless from birth. He was God but yet born into this world of sin as a man. I truly believe that Jesus remained sinless his entire life but, I'm confused some. We all know that selfishness is a sin and that if you think about it, there is none more selfish than a newborn child. Consider that Jesus was born into a sinful world, as a child. I remember back to my childhood, not as a baby but as far back as I can remember, I was not even close to sinless. Thinking of a baby that depends on everything from his mother and quickly learns how to get what he needs by crying or whatever he needs to do to get his needs met. With that in mind, was Jesus NOT selfish as a child? Was Jesus a normal child until the age of 12 when he started the work of the Father in the Temple? Again, I believe that Jesus lived his entire life, from baby on being sinless but it's still hard to figure out how that was possible. Maybe this is just like the Trinity. It's hard to comprehend but we just believe it!

### **Answer:**

We are given only a few glimpses of the childhood of Jesus. Luke 2:52 says that "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Ellen G. White said about the early life of Jesus, "The powers of mind and body developed gradually, in keeping with the laws of childhood." DA 68. While Jesus followed God completely, and never sinned as a child, He still was a child and developed mentally and physically as any child would.

One could easily argue that the above quotes refer to a time when Jesus was at a stage where He understood the difference between right and wrong, and that He always chose to be right. But what about when He was younger?

At the heart of your question is how can a newborn baby, who is selfish be perfect, if selfishness is a sin? A newborn baby is endowed by God to seek for survival; to get its basic life-sustaining needs met. It's only way of communicating with its mother is to cry. It is calling for mother's milk. An infant is only aware of its own needs. It doesn't perceive the needs of others. This would be better labeled "need-centered." Selfishness, on the other hand, implies someone demanding their own way for pleasure or profit, without proper regard for the needs of others who may be affected by their demand.

A child who cries seeking to satisfy its appetite is hardly different than the teen or adult who goes to the store or restaurant seeking to satisfy their hunger. Neither would normally be considered selfish or sinful. Immaturity is not necessarily an indicator of sinfulness. As a child begins to be more aware of their world they begin to make choices that do have implications of right and wrong. And as they grow they are held accountable by God for making those choices according to their abilities, and not based upon the moral abilities of someone much older.

I see no conflict with the idea that the infant Jesus was perfect, and yet sought to satisfy His own survival needs. As He developed, He learned carefully from His mother and from Scripture and committed Himself to live completely for His Heavenly Father. In this, we, often fall short. He never did.

Answered by: *Mike Edge*  
*President*  
*Wisconsin Conference*

**Happy Birthday !!!**

Deidra Roat	6/5	PORTAGE
Dale Rabine	6/6	REEDSBURG
Ruth Ann Cottrell	6/6	OXFORD
Sandi Wilson	6/7	OXFORD
Lola Young	6/7	ALMOND
Sheri Maggioncalda	6/8	PORTAGE
David Rabine	6/9	REEDSBURG
Riley Pixler	6/9	PORTAGE
Arlan Ferguson	6/11	ALMOND
Anniversary-Wally & Carolyn Clausen	6/12	PORTAGE
Jan Summerton	6/12	PORTAGE
Diana Krikston	6/13	REEDSBURG
Linda Clausen	6/14	OXFORD
Ronald Boyd	6/16	REEDSBURG
Ruth Cummings	6/19	REEDSBURG
Nona Schmidt	6/19	ALMOND
Jason Kufner	6/28	REEDSBURG
Kylan Klemp	6/30	OXFORD



**Nona's Corner**

The Sabbath school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when Jason interrupted. My Mommy looked back once while she was driving and turned into a telephone pole!

Another Sabbath school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, if you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do? A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence with, "I think I'd throw up!"

A Sabbath school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

*(Submitted by Nona Schmidt)*

**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](mailto:fscdriver@yahoo.com) Funds will be used to defray expenses to the Oshkosh world wide campere! 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!

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.

## Hello from Wautoma

We are in the middle of an 8-week Revelation Seminar which is being lead out by Tim Schmidt. The meetings are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 6:30 p.m. We have been blessed with special music every evening and Thursday evenings program includes a health message. So far our largest attendance has been 14 and we have had several non-members join us. There has been a genuine interest in learning and everybody who has attended an evening program has been blessed.

Our other weekly activities continue making things very busy in Wautoma. On 4-20-2019 we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> joint communion service with the Hispanic company and we were blessed greatly with the sense of Jesus and love in our presence.

Work on remodeling continues with drywall, painting and some changes for increasing accessibility. I can't say when our project will be complete but every week brings us closer to that hope.

Alan Anderson

## Portage Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:

[portagesdachurch@gmail.com](mailto:portagesdachurch@gmail.com)

Portage SDA Church Facebook:

Type: Portage Seventh-day Adventist

Radio station:

WPSA LP 93.5 FM



**Please consider serving our Savior with your musical abilities....**

Our camp meeting choir and orchestra will be bringing the anthems "HOW CAN IT BE" with "AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN" to our camp meeting congregation on Sabbath, June 22, 2019, at 11:00 am. Based on

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The Wisconsin ABC is looking for dedicated, reliable, hard working individuals to work at this years camp meeting. Please contact Melissa Boryca at the above email ASAP if you are interested in applying.

**JUNE 12-23**  
ABC HOURS:  
10 AM - 6 PM  
AFTER EVENING MEETING - 10 PM

PosterMyWall.com

Camp Choir... continued

scriptures: 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 4:16; John 8:10-12, this is a bold statement of faith that soars with purpose.

Please contact Jill (Lawson) Ahrens for music prior to camp meeting

(608)792-7931 cell/text

[vivacerae@gmail.com](mailto:vivacerae@gmail.com)

or [jillrae.lawson@hotmail.com](mailto:jillrae.lawson@hotmail.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)



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(Contact [gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
715-570-2179  
[www.almondsda.org](http://www.almondsda.org)

### Wautoma SDA Company

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Potluck follows service each week!

535 S. Cambridge  
Wautoma WI 54982  
920-765-0961  
[wautomawi.adventistchurch.org](http://wautomawi.adventistchurch.org)

Website under construction!

**Oxford SDA Church**

Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

322 E Chauncey St  
Oxford, WI 53952-9064  
608-586-5770

**Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church**

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

Pastor:

**Service Times:**

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

**Reedsburg SDA Church**

115 S. Oak St.  
Reedsburg WI 53959

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.

**Wautoma Company June Schedule**

Date

6/1/2019 Sabbath School/Church @9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
6/1/2019 Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt  
6/7/2019 Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath  
6/8/2019 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
6/14/2019 Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath  
6/14/2019 Camp Meeting begins and runs through 6/23/2019  
6/24/2019 Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Andersons  
6/28/2019 Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath  
6/29/2019 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
6/30/2019 Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.



Registration for the 2019 Hallelujah Hustle is [NOW OPEN](#). The 2019 Hustle will take place on Sunday, June 16 at 7:40 am at the ball field of Camp Wakonda during camp meeting, and is open to all ages. There is also a free Kid's Fun Run, for children ages 11 & under, at 7:30 am.

Learn more at: <http://hallelujahhustle.com>.

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Contribution deadline is the 23rd  
of the month

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Pictures are best viewed on the website. <http://www.almondsda.org/district-newsletter/2019>



## 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!

**Kenneth Wells 414034**

**Sturtevant Transitional Facility**

**PO box 903**

**Sturtevant, WI 53177**

## Letters to the editor...

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

Send emails to

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

Thanks,

Grace Notes Editor

## 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!

### SWEET POTATO CURRY SOUP

This soup is made with pureed sweet potatoes, ginger, lime, coconut milk and curry paste with just a hint of spice.

**Prep time:** 10 minutes

**Cook time:** 20 minutes

**Total time:** 30 minutes

### Ingredients:

1 Tbsp. olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced  
3-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced  
2-3 Tbsp. green or red curry paste  
4 medium sweet potatoes, cooked and peeled  
1 1/2-2 tsp. coarse salt  
4 cups unsalted vegetable stock  
Zest and juice of 2 medium limes  
1 1/2 tsp. granulated sugar  
1 (15 oz.) can coconut milk  
Pinch cayenne pepper (optional)  
Fresh cilantro leaves and coconut flakes, for garnish

### Directions:

1. In a Dutch oven or stock pot, heat oil to medium-high. Add garlic and ginger and sauté 30-60 seconds, until fragrant. Add curry paste and stir. Add sweet potatoes. Whisk in stock, and bring to a simmer. Allow to cook 12-15 minutes. Puree, until smooth, with an immersion blender.
2. Whisk in lime zest and juice, sugar, coconut milk and cayenne (if using). Taste and adjust seasoning, if necessary.
3. Serve with cilantro and coconut flakes.