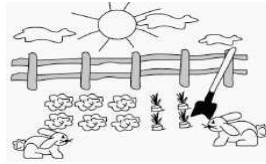


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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Indwelling Christ

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world” I John 4:4.

Christ living in us is the success by which we overcome sin and temptation. Jesus, at His coming, when He calls the righteous to inherit eternal life, probably will not ask for a dissertation regarding Bible truths, but of the transformed heart and life.

What are we to make of the opening verse: “He that is in you.” How can we know whether or not Christ is dwelling in us. And how does Jesus dwell within us?

How do we know Christ is dwelling in us?

1. Love... Jesus says: John 13:35 “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.”
2. Fruit. . . Matthew 7:20 “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” What kind of fruit? Gal 5:22-23 “. . . love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance:” Ephesians 5:9 “. . . goodness and righteousness and truth;”

How does Christ dwell within us?

1. Holy Spirit. . . 1 Corinthians 3:16 “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

I Thessalonians 4:8 “He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit.”

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with

you for ever;”

John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

We are Christians. The definition of Christian is followers of Christ Jesus. Each one can examine his heart to see if he truly is a Christian by the above examples.

In other words if we harbor hate towards a fellow person we are not truly Christians. If we are impatient and intemperate could it be that we fall short of the high calling of God?

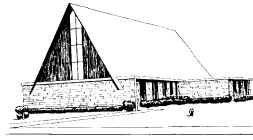
How can we have the heart change? Jesus tells us that if we open the door He will come in! And where Jesus dwells there is change.

Ezekiel 36:26 “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”

Wonderful, precious promises. If you are longing for change invite Jesus in now. Don't hesitate; it will cost many lives. Ask Jesus to do for you what you can not do for yourself. Examine the above scripture. Do you lack in any area? If so, ask Jesus and you will find the change you are looking for.

Many blessings,
Pastor Curtis

CHURCH NEWS



GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the worship service Sabbath, June 6 will be Elder Stan Rouse, New York Conference President.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is each Thursday evening at 7:00 PM at the church. Our last study before Campmeeting will be June 21. Then we will be taking a break for the summer.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

The next Church Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 7:00 PM at the church. Please have any agenda items to Elder Curtis by Monday, June 2.

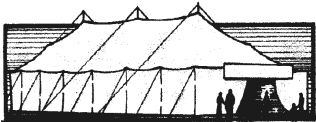


PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER SABBATH



. . . will be Sabbath, June 13, with guest speaker, Elder Dan Whitlow, New York Conference Youth Director.

CAMP MEETING 2009



This year's Camp Meeting will be June 26 – July 4, 2009 at Union Springs, NY. Our theme this year is "The Key." Speakers include: Ron Halvorsen, Sr., Terri Saelee, Peter Neri, Ministerial/Evangelism Director, Indiana Conference, and James Black, Sr., Youth Ministries Director, North American Division. Jennifer LaMountain, singer/songwriter, will be there July 3 and 4, including an afternoon concert Sabbath, July 4. Plan to attend as many meetings as possible of this spiritual retreat. There will be no services in Elmira June 27 or July 4 due to Camp Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Makayla Curtis will graduate June 12 from sixth grade at Horseheads Christian School.

John Hults graduated from Corning Community College May 22 with an Associates degree in Computer Aided Drafting.

Brittany Miller, RN, graduated from Corning Community College May 22 with an Associates degree in Nursing. She was also recognized May 20 at the nursing pinning ceremony.

Rebekah Reynolds graduated cum laude, May 3 from Southern Adventist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Performance. Bekah is claiming Jeremiah 29:11 for her life.

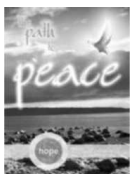


SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

A lot of work by teachers and students alike was demonstrated in the spring music program presented at Horseheads Christian School. Readings and music focused on a theme of “Faith,” telling stories of Bible characters who had faith in God, and encouraging us to have faith in God in our daily lives. Makayla, Megan, and Ethan Curtis participated in the choral singing. Makayla also participated in a recitation of Hebrews 11 and 12 with her classmates.

THE CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity each week for the children’s offering, which sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee. Many of our children are looking forward to spending a week at our camp in the Adirondacks this summer.



PROJECT: STEPS TO CHRIST

Interest cards have been coming in from our mailing of *The Path to Peace (Steps to Christ)*. Please continue to pray for all those who have received these books and are seeking more information.

EVANGELISM

Meetings are planned for August and September in a follow-up to our *Steps to Christ* mailing. Our church, the Friendship Church, and the Horseheads Cornerstone Church will work in a combined effort with the three pastors of the churches leading out.

WEEKEND GUEST SPEAKER

Elder Richard O’Ffill will be our guest speaker for the weekend October 10 – 12. He is an author, revivalist and seminar speaker who has served in Southern Asia and Latin America, as well as North America.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



Everyone is invited to our luncheon each Sabbath following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Please continue to save your General Mills Box tops and Campbell’s UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. Box tops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

PRAYER LIST

Becky (Haesche) Gottshall
Levi Haesche
Dawn Miller
Ernest Miller
John & Martha Pack
Lorraine Parker



Alta Raymond
Doris Stewart
Ileen Smith
Cindy Taft
Frank Ziegler

Check out our Church website at: www.elmirasda.com
Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



SABBATH SCHOOL

Through the month of June, we continue a study of "The Christian Life," looking at doctrine and experience. During the third quarter, beginning in July, we will be studying the Epistles of John. Please join us as we study each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children.



During the month of June, mission stories on DVD will be from Zambia Adventist University in the Southern Africa – Indian Ocean Division.

INVESTMENT



Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader. **Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels.**

PERSONAL MINISTRIES



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Our next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, June 16, 1:30 – 6:30 in the church fellowship hall. 31 units (21 pints whole blood & 5 donations Double Red Cells), were collected at our drive on April 21.

NATURE'S GARDEN

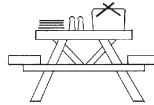
STORE HOURS Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 20

CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 607-734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Ave, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: webmaster@elmirasda.com.

Trust in the LORD
with all thine heart;
and lean not
unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5,6

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