

Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Newsletter
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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

One of those passages of Scripture I like to reflect on is Titus 2:11-14, which says, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." (NKJV)

What's so special about this passage? It's all about grace. I have been accused in the past of preaching too much on grace. "Pastor, don't you know you need to exhort your congregation to 'raise the standard,' to 'tow the line,' to keep God's commandments more faithfully?" I've been labored with on this theme before, and yet, as I study the Word of God I see grace poured all through it like a flood onto a dry desert. Probably no Bible passage says it with more clarity than the one just quoted: "The grace of God that brings salvation..." We learn here that grace has at least two aspects that blend into one another like two railroad tracks merging together into the distance.

What I would call "saving grace," is harmoniously united with "transforming grace." In other words, grace doesn't just save us into God's kingdom; it also, by delivering us from our sins, readies us to live in this kingdom. It increasingly helps to deny those "ungodliness and worldly lusts," and shows us how to "live soberly, righteously, and godly" lives, even in this present age with all its soul-polluting corruptions.

So I will continue to preach on grace. After all, it was an inspired lady who wrote more than a hundred years ago that "Christ's favorite theme was the paternal tenderness and abundant grace of God." (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 40) I would say, if that was the favorite theme of the Lord Jesus, then let that be my theme as well.

May God bless every one of you. May we together learn to experience His grace more deeply, until that golden day when we meet our Lord Jesus when He comes for us.

God bless you,
Pastor Kevin Dunn

CHURCH NEWS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP



July 5 - July 20, 2014, "This Generation" and volunteers will host a Mission Trip to our community for ages 13 and up. They will be engaged in evangelistic efforts, training, hands on outreach, and



community impact projects. Contact Trip Director, Christina Webber, for information at 716- 243- 0535 or email truevine10@yahoo.com.

There will be a time of prayer and fasting after the worship service June 7 and July 5 as we look forward to our evangelistic outreach projects. Everyone is invited to attend.

COMMUNION SERVICE



For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come. 1 Corinthians 11:26. Sabbath, June 14 will be our service of foot washing and the Lord's Supper.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at the church through June 17. Following that we will be taking a break for the summer.



WORK BEE

Help is needed to prepare for "This Generation." Work bees are planned for June 15 and June 29, both dates beginning at 9:00 A.M. We need many workers!

HEALTH EXPO



A health expo is planned in conjunction with the Friendship Church for Sunday, August 3. This major outreach is to be held in Wisner Park.

WELCOME



... to our newest member – Vincent Shaffer, who was baptized by Michael Belknap on Sabbath, April 26.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Pamela Polanco graduated as a Registered Nurse in May from Corning Community College.

Jordan Grimes will graduate June 13 from Troy High School. He is currently considering broadening his horizons in the Air Force or studying Computer Science at Mansfield University.

Alexa Stanton will graduate June 27 from Southside High School. She plans to attend Corning Community College studying Humanities & Social Services.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



There will be a regular luncheon Sabbath, June 14. Please note – the ovens will be off June 7 through September 5. Please do not bring hot dishes unless they are in a crockpot. Luncheons are planned for July 12 & 19 when the members of “This Generation” are with us.

THE CHILDREN’S OFFERING

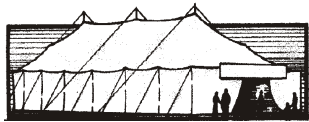
The children’s offering taken during the worship service each Sabbath sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee this summer.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory is being planned. Contact Jim or Sharon Reynolds with any changes to name, address, phone numbers or email.

CAMP MEETING 2014



“Faith on Fire” is the theme of this year’s camp meeting at Union Springs, NY, June 20 – 28, 2014. Speakers include: Pastor James Black, Sr., director of youth ministries for the North American Division; Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy; and Eric Flickinger, director of the Northeast Evangelism Training School (NETS) on the campus of Atlantic Union College. Plan now to attend. For information on accommodations, contact Linda Wheeler at the New York Conference Office, 4930 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215-4203, Phone: (315) 469-6921.

No Sabbath Services are planned here for June 21 and 28 during camp meeting.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



19 units were collected at our drive May 27.

Check out our Church website at: www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Please continue to save your General Mills Boxtops and Campbell’s UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. Boxtops and UPC symbols can be given to Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER LIST

Doris Burgess
Ethan Curtis
Heidy Curtis
Alice Congdon
Alvin Jackson
Bill Kaiser
Frances Mc Millen



Lorraine Parker
Linda Probst
Alta Raymond
Mildred Rosekrans
Doris Stewart
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins

If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lessons during the third quarter of 2014 will be entitled *The Teachings of Jesus*. We will be studying some of Jesus' main teachings as found in the gospels. All are encouraged to study daily and join in for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.

Please join us each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children.



Mission DVDs are shown each month.

INVESTMENT



Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, cans and bottles, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader, to donate magazines and newspapers. Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels. Labels that are accepted are Worthington, Loma Linda, Morningstar Farms, Morningstar Farms Organic, and Natural Touch. Labels not accepted are: Cedar Lake and Vibrant Life.

NATURE'S GARDEN STORE HOURS

Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., OR by appointment,
Call Larry Taft – 732-0463, Or Mac Dwyer – 739-7748.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: shareyn@gmail.com



*And He said unto them,
Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
Mark 16:15*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.*

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and He will dwell with them,
and they shall be His people,
and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

Revelation 21:1-3