

Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

October 2014



*Therefore said He unto them,
The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few:
pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,
that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.
Luke 10:2*



FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus tells us in John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." I've often wondered just what the Lord meant by this. What kind of "life" is He promising us?

As we read the context, we learn that He is referring to Himself as the "Good Shepherd," the One who calls, leads, protects, and lays down His life for His sheep. He contrasts Himself with the robber who tries to steal, harm, and destroy the sheep. The Good Shepherd loves His sheep, and does all to protect them from the encroachment of the robbers.



He gives them life; and not just life, but "life more abundantly." As I reflect upon what the more abundant life is, I must acknowledge that the status of being a Christian is a blessed condition indeed. While not being free from the trials and temptations that afflict us all, I have long known that being a follower of Jesus comes with great benefits. First of all comes the promise of eternal life. When Jesus

talked of the more abundant life, He was certainly referring to the fact that, in Him, we have an infinite future to look forward to. While we may yet die in this world, we have the wonderful hope of being resurrected at His Second Coming, changed into His incorruptible image, and dwelling in absolute happiness and fulfillment for eternity.

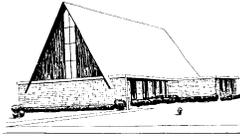
So the "life more abundantly" has to do with the eternal life Jesus promises us. But there's more. We have a better life even today, because of our accepting Jesus call to follow Him and be His sheep. Studies show that believing, practicing Christians enjoy a lot of advantages in this life over those who are not Christians. Over all, Christians have better marriages. We generally live longer and are in better health. We're more at peace with ourselves and our environment. We know the joy of forgiveness for our sins and the healing grace of God in our times of affliction. And, probably most important, we believe that God has a plan for our lives and for the universe, and that He will one day restore all things, including ourselves, to their original condition at creation. That means we know the conclusion of earth's history

is good, because the God we serve is trustworthy and good. That's what it means to have the more abundant life. May God help us to keep the "life more abundantly" in focus so that, even when it seems we are going through never-ending trials, we know God's going to write the final chapter on this

world, and, He going to do it soon.

God bless you,
Pastor Kevin Dunn

CHURCH NEWS



Unlocking Bible Prophecy



Our Fall Evangelism, with speaker Pastor Larry Belknap, begins Friday, October 10, 7:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn on Water Street. This prophecy series will continue through November 1. There are Three Phases of the Campaign – Christ, Commandments, Church.

Friday, October 10	1. Unlocking Bible Prophecy: How Can You Know the Future?
Sabbath, October 11	2. The God of Creation
Sunday, October 12	3. What Is Going on Here?
Tuesday, October 14	4. What Happened at the Cross?
Wednesday, October 15	5. Signs of the End of Time
Friday, October 17	6. The Final Rescue
Sabbath, October 18	7. God's Indestructible Sign!
Sunday, October 19	8. The Lamb of God
Tuesday, October 21	9. A Better Way
Wednesday, October 22	10. How to Start Over
Friday, October 24	11. History's Greatest Coverup!
Sabbath a.m., October 25	12. Armageddon
Sabbath p.m., October 25	13. What Happens When We Die?
Sunday, October 26	14. Where Will You Spend the Millennium?
Tuesday, October 28	15. Good News from the Courtroom
Wednesday, October 29	16. The Mark of the Beast & the Seal of God
Friday, October 31	17. When the Lamb Speaks as a Dragon
Sabbath a.m., November 1	18. Dreams and Visions
Sabbath p.m., November 1	19. The Restoration of All Things

Be sure to attend and bring someone with you!

BIBLE STUDY



There is no Tuesday evening Bible Study during the summer months. We plan to resume following our evangelistic series.

OPTIMAL BRAIN HEALTH SEMINAR

October 8, 6:30 P.M. at the Steele Memorial Library. This is the last in the series, presented by Michael Belknap.

YOUTH BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale at Sam's Club October 12 to support the youth of the church. We are planning to visit a zoo. Please bring baked items to the church by October 11.



IN MEMORY

We extend our sympathy to the family of June Aldenderfer, who passed away at the age of 94 on September 15. She had been a member of the Elmira Church for almost 70 years, transferring here from Mansfield, PA.



LIGHTS OUT!

Please be sure all the lights are turned off when you leave the church building.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons are planned for the second and fourth weeks of each month. The second week will be Soup & Sandwiches. The fourth week will be a regular luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited. Please be sure your foods are cooked/prepared when you bring them so our ladies don't have to spend extra time in the kitchen.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



15 units were collected at our last drive, Tuesday September 23. One pint of blood can save up to three lives.

HARVEST DINNER

This year's Harvest Dinner will be Sabbath, November 22 following the worship service. This is a planned meal for our fellowship luncheon. You will be contacted as to what you are to bring. Everyone is invited.



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. 447,000 points have been logged from Campbell labels. \$1,488.30 have already been received for the new school year of 2014-15. Thank you for your help

PRAYER LIST

Doris Burgess
Alice Congdon
Bill Kaiser
Frances Mc Millen



Linda Probst
Vincent Shaffer
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,
even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2*

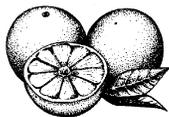
If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



CITRUS FRUIT SALE



The first fruit shipment is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 P.M. in the Nature's Garden building. Oranges and Pink Grapefruit are available by the full case, half, or quarter. To order fruit or to offer your help, contact Malcolm Dwyer, 739-7748.

SABBATH SCHOOL



During the fourth quarter, our Adult Sabbath School lessons will be from the book of *James*. "James had a firsthand knowledge of Jesus, and his epistle may very well be the earliest Christian writing in existence...it includes some of the earliest preaching, as well as special insights for these last days." (Third Quarter Adult Bible Study Guide, p. 112) 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. This quarter they are from the Inter-American Division, with presentations from Belize and Jamaica.

INVESTMENT



We are no longer accepting newspapers and magazines for Investment until further notice.

Thank you for saving cans and bottles, and health food labels for Investment. 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 – November 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



*Make it a rule
never to utter one word of doubt or discouragement.
You can do much to brighten the life of others
and strengthen their efforts,
by words of hope and holy cheer.
Steps to Christ, p. 119*



*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,
that He will send forth labourers
into His harvest.*

Matthew 9:38

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