



# Our Little Messenger

November 2020

Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church



Photo by Terra Y

## From Pastor's Desk

*This last week I have been thinking a lot about batteries. On Friday evening (October 23rd) I thought, "I need to be ready for church early tomorrow." I had been having trouble with my car battery and my car was sometimes starting but sometimes not, so I wanted to give myself extra time in case I needed to jump the car battery. By Sabbath morning that thought was gone, but I was at least a few minutes ahead of time when it was time to leave for church; at least until I tried to start the car. My fear was realized. I moved the truck closer so I could jump the car, but when I tried to open the hood I couldn't find the latch under the hood. I looked and felt with my hands but it just wasn't there. I told Leah to pray and I did the same and almost instantly I remembered the latch was hidden in the grill instead of under the hood. Soon we were ready to leave for church but as I remembered to lock the truck, the automatic door wouldn't lock. The battery was dead. "Forget it," I thought, "let's head for church and I'll worry about batteries tomorrow."*

*Sunday, I figured out that the truck battery was fine, I just accidentally disconnected the battery from the truck, so I reconnected it; problem solved. I decided to fix grandpa's battery in the van because it had been dying as well. Upon closer inspection the metal of the battery connector was corroded, I eventually got a new battery connector, problem solved. Monday I had my car battery tested, it was bad so I bought a new one; problem solved.*

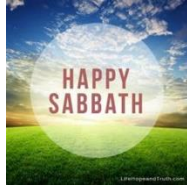
*For the last week or two, my laptop battery (which is only a year old) has been so bad that it causes my laptop to shut down even when plugged in. Fortunately, when I bought the laptop, I sprang for the three year care package and someone will be coming to my home to fix it soon for only a small labor charge.*

*That is four batteries with four different problems. One battery was completely disconnected, one battery had a corroded connector, one battery that kind of worked sometimes but was beginning to fail and one battery that was so bad it was causing my computer to fail even when plugged in. It reminds me of different spiritual lives. Some people are completely disconnected, other people think their connection is good but it is corroded, some people are off and on with their connection to God and other people are so toxic that they would kill other people's spiritual lives if it were possible.*

*If you recognize that your connection to God needs to improve there is a lot of biblical council. In Matthew 4:4, we are told, "...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." In I Thessalonians 5:17 we are told to "Pray without ceasing." Reading God's word is one of best ways we can hear God speaking to us. Prayer is how we share what is on*

our heart with our heavenly Father. In difficult times we can endure, as we open our hearts and share with Him and let Him speak to our hearts through His word.

Pastor Brian, Terra, Simon, Leah, Lolita, Mark & Rudy



**Sunset**

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
Nov 06	4:33 pm	Nov 07	4:31 pm
Nov 13	4:24 pm	Nov 14	4:23 pm
Nov 20	4:17 pm	Nov 21	4:16 pm
Nov 27	4:12 pm	Nov 28	4:12 pm

**Offering Schedule**

- November 07 – Church Budget
- November 14 – Annual Sacrifice
- November 21 – Church Budget
- November 28 – UCC Share



**Birthday Blessings**

- 01 Pastor Fred Christensen (Washington)
- 05 Pastor Greg Griffitts (Colville, WA)
- 11 Neal Hinds
- 12 Sergio Silva
- 16 Jeremiah Morgan
- 20 Freada Johnson
- 25 Nona Diamond
- 26 Abby Bejarano (Tavares, Florida)
- 26 Steve Risley
- 29 Lila Romp
- 30 Evie Young (Mosier, Oregon)



Looking for 11 more sponsors! We have 16 this year.

Sponsor a child for our Angel Tree Program – we will be delivering the gifts this year  
**\$35.00 a child**

Each child will have a gift chosen by the parent who is in jail. For more information, see Shirlene

Caroling for our Community Hayride  
 December 5, 2020

5 pm  
 SPACE IS LIMITED – Must RSVP



- 01 Fall Back – turn your clocks back!
- 03 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 04 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 10 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 11 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 14 Prepared Fellowship Meal, 30 min after service
- 15 Church Board, 10:00 am
- 17 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 18 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 24 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 25 NO PRAYERMEETING
- 26 **Happy Thanksgiving**