



Our Little Messenger



February, 2021

Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Photo by Terra Y

From Pastor Brian

I remember the last time I ran the Eugene Marathon. There was construction going on at Hayward Field where the marathon normally ended so we weren't able to finish the race there. Instead we

finished the race in Autzen Stadium on the 50 yard line. It was a treat getting to run onto the football field where I had watched several University of Oregon football games growing up. However there was both another good and bad to having the finish line at Autzen Stadium. Near the end of the marathon when I saw Autzen Stadium in the distance, I knew I was getting close to the finish line. That was good because it gives you that boost when you know the finish line is close.

However, unlike Hayward field where we just ran onto the track and across the finish line, we didn't just run straight into Autzen Stadium and onto the field. The course actually led us almost the entire way around the outside of the stadium before we finally entered and ran onto the field, then at last across the 50 yard line. That wasn't so good because when I first saw Autzen Stadium in the distance, I still had more than a mile to go and that little boost you get when you get close to the finish line doesn't last a mile.

That is one thing that has been so bad with Covid regulations and social distancing. Almost a year ago, when the government came out with

restrictions on meeting in person most of us thought it would probably be for two or three weeks, maybe a month or two at most. Here we are a year later and there are still many restrictions in force. While there has been some ease in restriction and there are now vaccines that are being distributed, we still haven't reached the end yet. In fact, there have been new strains of the Covid virus and some question as to how effective vaccines are and how long there are effective. It makes me wonder, "How far into this 'marathon' we really are?"

Similarly, political protests and rioting seem to have been the mainstay for the last four years. Many people thought that with the change in the country's administration there would be at least some small reprieve in the amount of protesting and political unrest, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

For me this is a good reminder that though this world is where I live, this world is not where I have placed my trust. Our Creator was surprised neither by Covid nor by political unrest. He who set the stars in motion also numbers the hairs of our head as we are so very precious to Him. When you begin to be overwhelmed by the signs of the times, remember this promise in Proverbs 3:5-6, "5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (ESV)

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

Sunset

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
February 5	5:10 pm	February 6	5:11 pm
February 12	5:20 pm	February 13	5:21 pm
February 19	5:30 pm	February 20	5:32 pm
February 26	5:40 pm	February 27	5:42 pm

Offering Schedule for February



February 6– Church Budget
 February 13 – Adventist TV Ministries
 February 20– Church Budget
 February 27 – UCC Share



Anniversary Milestones

- 14 Keith & Patty Gay (28 years)
- 15 Jess & Janet Terry



Birthday Blessings

- 03 Scott Risley
- 10 Lindalee LeRossignal
- 19 Breezi (James) Putnam
- 23 Nathaniel Palmer
- 24 Claudia Silva
- 24 Ethan Silva
- 25 Lee Bates



- 02 Family Closet - CLOSED
- 03 **Elder's Meeting, 6:00 pm**
- 03 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 05 **Online Vespers - Church Facebook - TBA**
- 06 In Person Church - Adult SS & Church 9:30 am
- 09 Family Closet - CLOSED
- 10 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 12 **Online Vespers - Church Facebook - TBA**
- 13 In Person Church - Adult SS & Church 9:30 am
- 14 **Church Board, CANCELLED**
- 16 Family Closet - CLOSED
- 17 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 19 **Online Vespers - Church Facebook - TBA**
- 20 In Person Church - Adult SS & Church 9:30 am
- 23 Family Closet - CLOSED
- 24 Singing, Prayer, & Bible Study, 6:50 pm
- 26 **Online Vespers - Church Facebook - TBA**
- 27 In Person Church - Adult SS & Church 9:30 am

In Person Church Service

♥ February 6, 2021 ♥

9:30 am – Adult Sabbath School

No Kid's Classes until further notice

10:45 am – Church Service

Will also be Livestreamed

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Social Distancing & Masks are required per state guidelines