

## Pastor's Page

"Thoughts for a Sabbath Morning"



The book of Hebrews is a visionary book. It was written to inform its readers of an "inside" story. We usually speak about those who share such an "inside story," as those who share an "inside joke." You know, an event, shared with others that brings a smile of recognition. When Stephanie and I moved to Michigan the second time, we heard there was a mall in a nearby town. We drove the main road, without success, but did come to a group of stores bunched together. In minor frustration, and seeing a guy walking along the street, I pulled our car to the side of the road, Steph rolled down the window and I half-shouted at the guy, "Where's the mall?" To which the man replied, in the most distinctive, nasal/southern accent: "No, this is what we call the plaza." He was a nice guy, and gave us directions to the mall, which was only a few, short blocks away; but as we drove following his directions, our kids said in mimicked union "This is what we call the plaza." Thereafter, when we were together and heard the word "plaza" the boys, and sometime I would join together and say: "This is what we call the plaza." Of course, you don't get the joke (It is an inside story), you had to be there.

The writer of Hebrews writes in chapter 11 of an inside story. Everyone else in the world goes on with life, but his readers are informed of an "inside story." The only way you can understand the story, become part of the story, is by becoming a person of "faith" (Hebrews 11:1-3). According to Hebrews 1:1 "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). In the following 40 verses, the writer illustrates what, and about whom he is talking, and illustrates the people of faith. The good news is Hebrews 11 is not a history lesson. He is calling us to become part of the "insiders" and live by faith trusting in God for the life that follows (Hebrews 11:39-12:3).

Our "inside story" has to do with the mission we are on. By faith, I believe we can make our monthly church budget, share Jesus with our friends and grow our church. And, we can do it, by considering "Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself so that you (we) will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:3). All this can happen by "fixing our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2). Please join me and share this "inside story" with Jesus, when He comes to take us home.

Blessings,  
Pastor Merling

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July 13, 2019

	Month	Year to Date
June Budget	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 109,900.00
Received to date	\$ 5,382.99	\$ 86,354.18
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$ 10,317.01</b>	<b>\$ 23,545.81</b>

### Monthly Sabbath Schedule

First Sabbath: July 6, Leaves of Autumn Ministry.  
Contact: Marva Dennis-Drigo 505-299-6799.  
Youth Sabbath.

Second Sabbath: July 13, Sing & Share Ministry at Genesis Rehab Center: 5900 Forest Hills Dr. NE.  
Contact: Marva Dennis-Drigo 505-299-6799.  
Singing rescheduled to next Sabbath

Third Sabbath: July 20, Praising God in Nature Ministry.  
Contact: Jep Choate 505-301-9783.  
Singing at Rehab Center.

Fourth Sabbath: July 27, Baptism Sabbath.  
Contact: Pastor Merling 505-217-4747.

**"Parenting by Love and Logic" seminar meets in the fellowship hall, Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.**

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If you want an item in the bulletin,  
send by 12:00 noon Tuesdays.

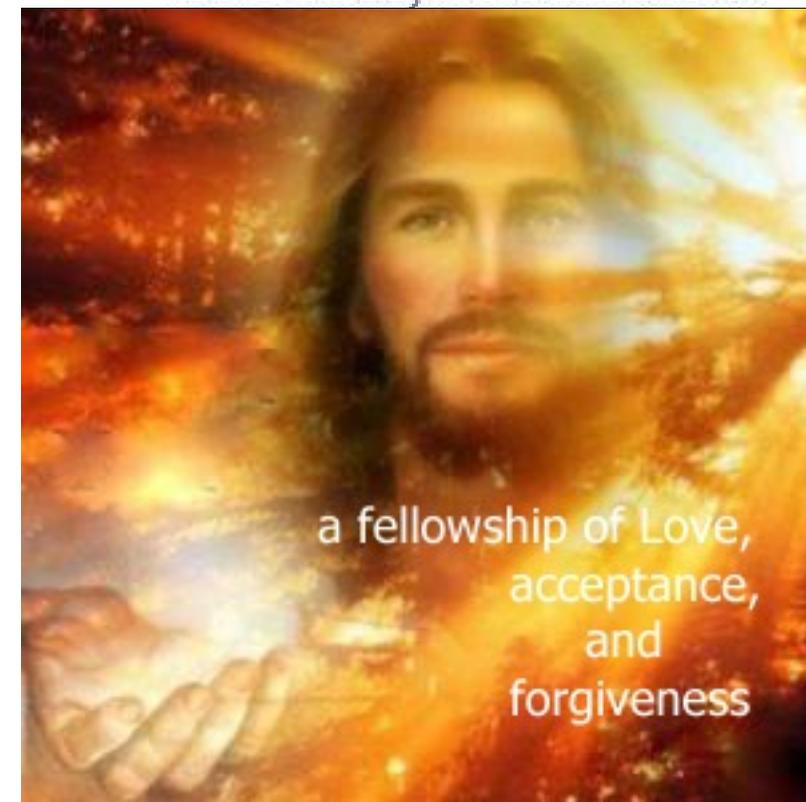
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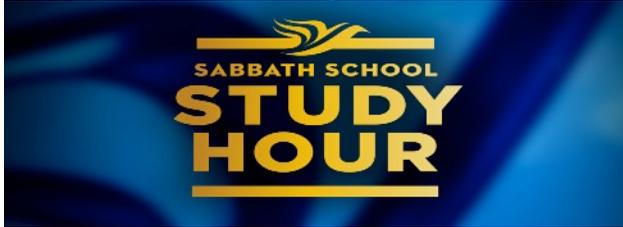
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Albuquerque Heights  
Worship Service  
July 20, 2019



9:15 Sabbath School Welcome Helen Ebanks  
 Opening Prayer Jep Choate  
 Opening Song: *Lead Me to Calvary* **317**  
 Song Service : *Wholly Thine* **308**  
*I Would Draw Nearer to Jesus* **310**  
 Special Music Nichu  
 9:30 Mission Spotlight Helen Ebanks  
 9:40 Sabbath School Prayer Helen Ebanks  
 9:45 Dismissal for Sabbath School  
 Song Leaders: Teri & Marva  
 Pianist: Stephanie Merling Flutist: Diane Gurule



*Sabbath School Lesson Study*

Sabbath School Classes 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
 Children's Classes Off Courtyard  
 Adult Classes South Foyer and Fellowship Hall

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 Vespers 6:30 p.m. Sunset 8:18 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School July 29-August 2,  
 5:00-7:30 p.m. Contact: Cindy Davis 505-550-9969.  
 Sign-up sheet at Guest Services desk.**

Heights Mission in Action Marva Dennis-Drigo  
 Welcome and Announcements Pastor David Merling  
 \* Opening Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* **88**  
 Invocation Pastor  
 Creation Covenant Pastor  
 Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* **462**  
 Children's Story Tania Pinnock  
 Offering Carl Longley  
 Offertory: Heights Harmony  
 Morning Prayer Reuben Estrada  
 Special Music Heights Harmony  
 Scripture John 9: 1-5 Emma Chionye  
 Sermon "The World as an Eternal Display" Pastor  
 \*Closing Hymn *Lift Him Up* **371**  
 Closing Prayer Pastor  
 Postlude: Teri & Marva

\* Congregation please stand

Leader: Marva Dennis-Drigo  
 Pianist: Bethany Gurule  
 Flutists: Diane, Teri, Angel & Rebecca

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget.  
 Please place church budget offering in a tithe envelope  
 and indicate church budget.

Announcements

**We welcome our visitors!** We are excited you came and pray that our worship service will bless you. Join us after the service for a fellowship meal.

**We will be singing at rehab center today, Sabbath July 20.**

**Ladies please fill out questionnaire you received & leave at Guest Services Desk.**

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** We are in need of 2 teams of 3 people to alternate spending 1 hour on Sunday cleaning the Sanctuary. See or contact Kathy Jaramillo 505-967-7825 or Debbie Estrada 505-480-5748. Sign-up sheets at Guest Services Desk.

**Greeters** are needed for Sabbath morning to greet. Sign-up sheet at guest services desk.

**Prayer Meeting & Reading the Word** Wednesdays at 1:p.m. Contact: Julia Cumerford, 505-553-0725.

**Prayer Meeting** and reading *Prophets and Kings*, Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Please come and share a blessing. Contact: Carl Longley, 867-5889.

**We are becoming more intentional** about the way we are praying for prayer requests. We are printing the prayer requests monthly on a bookmark. **The Bookmark for each month will be printed only once.** Cards for prayer requests are now available in the foyer. You may turn in your prayer requests with the offering, give them to Bernie Alexander, the pastor, or Julia Cumerford. Along with the requests, **you need to provide a contact telephone number.** Julia Cumerford is heading up the prayer ministry, she will be telephoning those listed on the prayer request bookmark to pray for them, notifying us of praises, and more. Every month a new list will be compiled, each month you need to write your prayer requests on a Prayer Request card, include a phone number. Thank you for your prayer requests! August Bookmark will be printed August 7<sup>th</sup> for 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sabbath afternoon:**

**Adventist Youth Program** at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall.

**AY Carwash tomorrow 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. At Heights.**