

# THE LOOK FORWARD...

## Pastor's Corner

by Roger Schmidt

### Drop Zone

As the United States was preparing for war in Europe in World War II, a new breed of soldier was developed. The army decided to take a perfectly good soldier, load him down with gear, put him into an airplane, strap a silk parachute to his back and tell him to jump. Jump not just anywhere, but deep behind enemy lines into enemy territory. These soldiers were called paratroopers.

Being a paratrooper was dangerous work. Not only did they have to survive the jump (often through anti-aircraft and machine gun fire) but when they landed they would be surrounded by the enemy. Yet men from all over the country signed up. Why? The answers given by the paratroopers themselves reveal two reasons: for the training and for the company.

For the training. These paratroopers would receive the best, toughest, and most demanding training the army had to offer. They would be stretched beyond what they thought their limits were. Put simply, they began their training as boys and finished as men.

You see they knew that they were going to war. They knew that war was dangerous. They knew that the best way to survive was to be ready. The increased training would increase their chances of survival.

For the company. Not only would the extra training make *them* extra prepared, but the extra training would make the *other soldiers in the company* extra prepared. These men all wanted the soldiers fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with them to be the BEST. When survival may mean you have to put your life in another's hands, you want that person to be ready. And ready they were.

These were special soldiers. When planning a mission, it was imperative that every individual paratrooper understood every detail of the mission. They had to memorize maps, know the objectives, and recognize obstacles. Why? Because of the uncertainty of the jump. Every mission had a **drop zone**, but nobody could predict exactly where he was going to land. A trooper might find himself completely alone, or maybe the officers wouldn't survive the jump. Maybe they would land miles away. Because of these uncertainties, every paratrooper had to be prepared to accomplish the mission alone if needed.

Why did they go through all this? Because they recognized that they were going into enemy territory.

I sometimes wonder if we, as Christians, recognize that we're also in enemy territory. **Ephesians 6:12** reminds us that "*our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*" It goes on to give us good advice. "*Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*"

I want to survive my time in "enemy territory" so it makes sense for me to submit myself to increased training and surround myself with a dedicated company. It's because of this (and much more) that I have chosen to "sign up" to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. I believe my church recognizes (through God's grace) that our struggle is "not against flesh and blood" and as such, offers the best training that a Christian can get. I also believe that my church enables me to be surrounded by others who are similarly prepared; others who recognize that they have a responsibility to see that the mission is accomplished.

I praise God for the church that He's established in these last days. I praise God that He has filled His church with such a dedicated and prepared company. Let us encourage one-another as we, together, stand firm "in the strength of His might (Ephesians 6:10)."

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<b>1</b> Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget iWitness
<b>2</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. CS Thrift Store	<b>3</b> HES NO SCHOOL	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer	<b>7</b> 12:00-2:00 p.m. HES Grandparents' Day Program Sunset 7:07 p.m.	<b>8</b> Worship: Ryan Hodgins \$ Fall Mission Appeal
<b>9</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. CS Thrift Store	<b>10</b> HES SCRIP ORDERS DUE	<b>11</b> 9:30-12:00 p.m. Community Services 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Church Board	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer	<b>14</b> Sunset 6:56 p.m.	<b>15</b> Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget
<b>16</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. CS Thrift Store	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. HES Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:30-12:00 p.m. Community Services	<b>19</b> 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer	<b>21</b> Sunset 6:46 p.m.	<b>22</b> Worship: John Watkins \$ KY-TN Advance
<b>23</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. CS Thrift Store	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30-12:00 p.m. Community Services	<b>26</b> 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise	<b>27</b> 6:00 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer	<b>28</b> Sunset 6:35	<b>29</b> Worship: John Watkins \$ Touch the Future Sabbath in the Park with HA
<b>30</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. CS Thrift Store 1:30 p.m. HA High 5 Event						



## Making the Grade

Congratulations to all of the Highland Academy freshman that graduated 8th grade from Highland Elementary School! All of them qualified for Algebra 1. A big thank you to their teachers for preparing them for high school. Ms. Heather has gone above and beyond in helping them have academic success. In fact two of her current 8th grade students have qualified to take the Algebra 1 class this school year.

This was the first group of students from HES that have had some Singapore math training. We have started studying the Iowa Test of Basic Skills data from across the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in regards to Singapore math. Schools using Singapore math outperform those that haven't. Also KY-TN students outscored all seven of the other conferences in the Southern Union.

High academics in Adventist Education is no surprise. The three year study, Cognitive Genesis, showed that students in Seventh-day Adventist Schools outperformed students in public and other private schools.

## You're Invited to Grandparents Day!

Theme: Around the World in 180 Days: Journey to Excellence

Date: Friday, September 7

Time: Noon-2pm

What: We will be presenting a program, followed by refreshments, and then time to tour the classrooms.

# What's Happening at Highland...



1 Corinthians 9:24

*"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."*

### Info on the Church web site

Be sure to check out the church website for updated calendar information. Sermons are there for you to view by clicking on **Livestream** on the home page.

## Calling ALL Grandparents

*You are invited to*

## Grandparents' Day at Highland Elementary School

September 7 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Register now for the

### Highland High Five 5k, 1 Mile, & Fun Run!

September 30

Registration forms available in the church lobby, Highland Elementary School, or Highland Academy.

#### Registration Prices:

#### 5k run/walk

\$30 from 9/2 to 9/14

\$35 from 9/15 to race day

#### 1 Mile run/walk

\$15 through race day

#### Kids Fun Run

\$10 through race day

### New Herb Shop in Town

## Pied Piper Herbs

506 S. Broadway

615-745-4311

Chase McCloud & Jimmy Parker  
Owners/Operators

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- All formulas in vegan capsules.
- Local **Portland** honey – great for allergies and immune system
- Activated charcoal
- Organic herbs sold by the ounce
- Essential oils



## Happy Birthday

1. Heather Drusky, Steven French, Carol Sherburne
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4. Karen Carney, Terrance Faith, Julie Jones, Lisa Parrish
5. Christina Graves
6. Chadwick Carney, Ty Sullivan, Steven William
7. Ben Garza, Tommy Huff
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9. Dallas Bradley, Macy Hulin, Mary Whittemore
10. Anna Littell, Debra Mohon, Virginia Wood
11. Kimberly Anderson, Sienna Shoemaker
12. Ellis Green, Daniel Palma
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14. Paul Goodwin
15. Donald Wood
16. JoElla Harlan, Ed Lynn
17. Lauren Ecker, Norman French
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19. Ronald Blair
20. Garnet Lawson, Noah Wade
21. Pam Sheets
22. Jenny Ryder
23. Megan Carney
24. Stacy Darrell, John Juarez
25. Bettie Mateo
26. Kylie Ayers, Dan Bagshaw, Gwen Harder, Renee Sutton
- 27.
28. Haani Brock
- 29.
30. Rodney Davis, Porfirio Gaona, Yvette Groft, Leah Strong
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*Blessings for the new year!*