

Almond SDA Messenger

A L M O N D S E V E N T H D A Y A D V E N T I S T M E S S E N G E R

PASTOR JOSEPH PERRICELLIA HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL

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On the evening of October 12th, we met at the Stevens Point church for a pastoral interface meeting. This was intended to introduce a possible pastoral candidate to the 3 congregations. We were introduced to Pastor Joseph Perricellia and his family.

Pastor Joseph explained that he has priorities set up in his life and those are God, Family and Church, in that order. He appeared to be the kind of person that is not afraid to get his hands dirty and do the work needed but warned us that he would not do our work for us. He also stated emphatically that he is very supportive of evangelistic teachings. He claimed not to be perfect and yet appeared to be

very honest, sincere and transparent. He did not sidestep any issues and was not afraid to tackle the tough questions. He was the kind of guy that exuded the feeling of "what you see is what you get." He appeared genuine and didn't seem to put on a show for our benefit. He stated that he would not be able to fill the



shoes of our old pastor saying that a new pastor

Pastor Joseph

was kind of like a marriage. You learn to live with each

other and love each other as family does.

Whether he was chosen as our new pastor or not, he asked us to do the following:

- 1. Dream Big - We serve a Big God!**
- 2. Pray often - It's our connection with heavenly powers**
- 3. Work hard - Our eternal destiny is at stake**

I am pleased to report that Pastor Joseph has accepted the call of God and has officially become our new pastor. He is taking charge of our district which includes the churches of Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point and Almond. I think we are all excited in the fact that God has given us a leader and relieved us of the stress of finding a new pastor. A settling peace is on is. Praise God for His goodness!

SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH "BILL BOEHM"



"Bill is a man that loves the Lord and can't wait to see Him face to face"

This is a story about a very interesting man that we in the Almond church have all come to know and to love. He is a man who loves the Lord and is not afraid to tell others of His love and saving grace. Bill has written a book called "God Still Moves" and I would strongly suggest that if you get the chance to read it, you should. Your life will be enriched by its contents.

On any given day you will find Bill spending time with his loving family or doing maintenance work

around the church, teaching Sabbath School, preaching a sermon on Sabbath, helping a stranger in some way or other, sharing his life story with them and teaching them God's word. He does this as part of his every day life, whether he is traveling, at work or at play. Bill is one of those people that live his life in a way that is pleasing to God. I'm not saying he's perfect, none of us are but I believe he makes an honest effort and serves as a good example for us all.

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COUNTRY LIFE NATURAL FOOD ORDERS

Country Life Natural Foods, a division of Oak Haven, Inc., is a wholesale and retail distributor of natural, organic and vegetarian foods as well as a resource for physical and spiritual health. Orders are coordinated through Pam and Dean Thomas. Minimum orders are \$400 with free delivery. Order deadlines are noon on the following days in 2015:

- November 18
- December 16

Delivery and pickup is the following week, with pickup coordinated with Dean or Pam. The 2016 order and delivery schedule for 2016 will be released in December.

If interested in ordering, contact Dean @ 715-644-8183 or Pam @ 715-644-8399 or email

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Elijah (Continued from page 2)

1. The Elijah of the last days will be bold and fearless in preaching, even before kings and governments. (See 1st Kings 18:18 and Mark 6:18). *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”* 2nd Timothy 4:3-4.
2. The Elijah of the last days will have a simple diet and lifestyle. (See 1st Kings 17:11 and Mark 1:6). *“Whether therefore you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”.* 1st Corinthians 10:31.
3. The Elijah of the last days will dress in modest, simple clothing. (See 2nd Kings 1:8 and Mark 1:6). *“Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”* Ephesians 4:24. *“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness [propriety] and sobriety [moderation]; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array [clothing].* 1st Timothy 2:9.
4. The Elijah of the last days will believe in disciplining others. (See 1st Kings 19:19 and Luke 7:15). *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”* John 15:7-8. *“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* John 8:31-32.
5. The Elijah of the last days will preach a message of baptism of repentance and death to self. (See 2nd Kings 2:6 and Matthew 3:5-6). *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”* Matthew 28:19
6. The Elijah of the last days will manifest humility. (See 1st Kings 18:42 and Matthew 3:11). *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”* Micah 6:8.
7. The Elijah of the last days will endure religious persecution. (See 1st Kings 19:2 and Mark 6:24). *“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”* Revelation 12:17. *“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.”* Revelation 17:5-6.
8. The Elijah of the last days will run before the king. (See 1st Kings 18:46 and Luke 3:4). *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,”* Revelation 14:6.

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7 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE

BY RON EDMONDSON

One of the toughest jobs in the church is that of being a pastor's wife.

It has been called the loneliest job in the church.

No doubt I have one of the best. Cheryl has a professional job as an accountant, is an excellent mom and wife, but the demands on her as my wife are some of the most overwhelming.

Still she handles it with grace and a smile.

In this post, I want to help you know how to honor and protect your pastor's wife.

Truthfully, I am not talking on behalf of Cheryl. She would never ask for this and frankly we are mostly in a good church environment as far as the way our staff and spouses are treated. Plus, we came out of the business world into ministry. We were older and more seasoned by life, so we've always approached things differently – protected our personal time more.

I know, however, because of my work with pastors that many pastor's wives are facing burnout, a sense of loneliness, and some even struggle to come to church. That should not be.

Here are 7 ways to honor your pastor's wife:

Do not put too many expectations on her.

Regardless of the church size, she cannot be everywhere, at everything and know everyone's name and family situation and still carry out her role in the home. She simply can't. Don't expect her to be super-human.

Do not expect her to oppose her husband.

She will be protective of her spouse. Hopefully you would equally protect your spouse. If you bad mouth her husband she's likely to respond in a way you don't want her to – but should expect her to. Don't complain if she does.

Protect her from gossip.

She does not need to know the "prayer concerns" that are really just a way of spreading rumors. And, you know when that's the case. Check your motives in what you share. Don't share what you don't have permission to share.

Let her have a family.

The pastor is pulled in many directions. The family understands the nature of the job. Life doesn't happen on a schedule. But, in reality, there are often unreasonable demands on the pastor. That always impacts the family. If you can – limit your demands to normal working hours for the church and the pastor. Send an email rather than calling at home if it's not an immediate concern. It will help the pastor have a family life.

Include her without placing demands or expectations on her.

That's the delicate balance. The pastor's wife is often one of the loneliest women in the church. She rarely knows whom to trust and often is excluded from times that are just for fun. Don't be afraid to treat her as a normal human being. She is. But, if she says no – don't hold it against her either.

Never repeat what she says.

Ever. If the pastor's wife happens to share information with you about the church or her personal life, keep it to yourself. Always. There will be temptation to share her words as "juicy news", but you will honor her by remaining silent. And, over time, you will build her trust and her friendship.

Pray for your pastor's family.

Daily would be awesome. And much needed.

Finally, if your church really wants to honor the pastor's wife, find ways to give her time away with her husband and/or family. That is probably what she needs the most.

It is very difficult for a pastor to be effective without a supportive spouse.)

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<http://www.churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/252849-7-ways-honor-pastors-wife.html>
(Reprinted by request of Pastor Joseph)*

PERSONAL GREETING

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Stevens Point Seventh-day Adventist Church District:

Please allow me to take the opportunity to express how grateful we are for the extremely warm reception we received at the interface meeting. All of you were so gracious and loving and my family really felt comfortable with their experience. We feel this call is going to be a wonderful fit for both the churches and our family.

We are looking forward to meeting those who were unable to be at the interface meeting and getting to know every one of you. I would also like to thank those who were able to come for investing your time in the process of seeking God's will during the placement of a new pastoral family. I know the conference as well as myself are thankful for the great turn out. Your conference leadership team has been working hard on your behalf to find the best fit possible to serve God's churches of the Stevens Point area.

Let me reassure everyone that my greatest desire is to finish the work of reaching as many souls as possible with the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Three Angels Messages in preparation for His soon triumphant return. I will be working closely with your Elders and



Pastor Joseph Perricellia

elected church leaders to accomplish this goal. As we work together I request that you pray for us and prepare to be called upon to make contributions to achieving our mission as God has blessed you with talents and His Holy Spirit for this very time. Each of you have been called of the Lord to be a valuable member of this outreach effort. There is not one part of the body of Christ which has no purpose or function. All are needed to help the body function as intended.

As I stated in the meeting, I am asking the churches (every member) to do three things: 1. Dream Big (we serve a big God and He is able to do far more than we can dream or

imagine). 2. Pray often (everyone is gifted with time to pray, God is still in the business of answering prayers). 3. Work Hard (this is where all of us come together to make ministry memories and to see God's magnificent glory on display).

Each church will face its individual struggles and difficulties, however, I believe that if we pray and seek heavenly assistance we can overcome. God has promised us that not even the gates of hell can prevail against His church. I believe this promise. I also believe that with faith and hard work God can accomplish miracles for us. We are living at an exciting and unprecedented time in history to reach the masses with the truth which transforms.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve Christ's Church and His last day people.

Yours in Christ Jesus
Pastor Joseph Perricellia



Bill Boehm (Continued from page 1)

Bill has had a lot of experiences to show how God has intervened in his life, guiding him. God had his hand in bringing him back safely from Viet Nam to marry his then fiancé Mary (43 years and counting), and even there to guide him through the things necessary to bring him to salvation through the truth of Jesus Christ.

During his extensive travels he and Mary have visited the holy lands and stood on the grounds where Jesus stood. I can only imagine

how that must have felt. During a recent trip to his home, he showed me the "World Famous Boehm Museum." Ok, maybe not world famous but well worth the time to see his collection of memorabilia from the holy lands, history of churches and other artifacts, and yes some very interesting war posters. If you are ever asked if you want to see this exhibit, don't pass it up. It's well worth the price of admission (free) to see these items and listen to his stories and interesting facts.

Let's sum this up. Bill is a man that loves the Lord and can't wait to see

Him face to face. He has made it his task to share the Gospel with anyone who will listen and to preach the truth of the three angel's messages. I look forward to seeing Bill in heaven, walking with the Lord in the cool of the evening.



Elijah (Continued from page 3)

9. The Elijah of the last days will be supremely interested in glorifying God. (See 1st Kings 18:37 and John 3:30). *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”* Romans 12:1.
10. The Elijah of the last days will repair the altar of God. (See 1st Kings 18:30 and Matthew 3:1-2). *“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”* Isaiah 58:12.
11. The Elijah of the last days will speak messages that spark revival and reformation. (See 1st Kings 18:19-21 and Mark 1:4-5). *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Philippians 4:13. *“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”* Philippians 2:13. *“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, With Him who has a contrite and humble spirit. To revive the spirit of the humble. And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”* Isaiah 57:15.
12. The Elijah of the last days will point people to Christ. (See 1st Kings 18:36 and John 1:29). *“Saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”* Revelation 14:7. *“Here is the patience of the saints, here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”* Revelation 14:12.

*(Continued on page 7)***I would be like You***By Marjorie Fellows*

Be Thou my pattern, Lord
Wield your sharp sword.
Keep my eye single
In searching Your word.

Train me to feast on Your
Beautiful face.
Cut through my pride, and
Your image emplace!

I would be like You!
But how? Oh, I pray
Take my poor heart of stone,
Help me obey!

King of the universe,
Lover of men,
Fearless defender,
Sinners' best friend.

Humble me.
Cleanse me.
Remake me like Thee.
Fill me with love,
That will help others see
Just what You're like,
Why you died on a tree!

*Contributed by Dorothy Tess***Church Plant Meeting**

On this beautiful Sabbath afternoon of October 10th, a group of us met back at the Almond church to discuss the possibility of planting a church in a town nearby. The meeting was led by Eric Anderson who has a burden on his heart for church planting and serving the Lord. I'm happy to say that there were 30 people in attendance, representatives from 4 different churches. We all felt that there is a great need, especially if you look at smaller communities that have no SDA memorial to God. We are told in Matt. 9:37-38 *“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”* It looks like He is sending forth the laborers needed. We are also told not to keep waiting because the harvest time is now. John 4:35 says *“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”* The time is now and we are the laborers ready to do the work necessary. It was decided to form a “Church Plant Leadership Team” to oversee and guide the rest that want to serve the Lord in this way. This team will tentatively meet Sabbath afternoons at the Almond church beginning at 3:30 and will continue to make plans to get this project started. There is much work to do and little time to do it so let's all join together on this worthwhile project. If you can't assist physically, please keep this team and their efforts in your prayers that God's will be done and more souls are brought to eternal life.

WRAO Radio

By the end of November we plan to have a tower up and broadcasting full power. There are still lots of things that need to be done.

The Radio Committee: The Radio committee is working hard to make sure all the ducks are in a row for the tower to be constructed, and there are quite a few ducks. Plus, right now the committee is working with 3ABN to gain some programming. May the Lord bless their efforts.

The workers: It takes a lot of people to make the tower go up. There are cement people, some people who will be putting up a small building, putting up a tower, putting an antenna on the tower, making sure there is the right amount of electricity going to the right places. May the Lord keep them safe. (Written by Luke Anderson)

www.WRAOChristianRadio.org

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SCHEDULE

Nov 1 Community Service Day, Noon-4:00
 Nov 4 Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
 Nov 7 Our Home a Witness study, 2:00 p.m.
 Nov 11 Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
 Nov 14 Health Screenings, Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids
 Nov 14 Pathfinder & Adventurer meetings, 2:00 p.m.
 Nov 18 Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
 Nov 21 Our Home a Witness study, 2:00 p.m.
 Nov 25 Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
 Nov 28 Pathfinder & Adventurer meetings, 2:00 p.m.

- Potluck each Sabbath-Please join us
- Bible study each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Pathfinder and Adventurer meetings 2nd and 4th Sabbaths
- "Our Home a Witness Study", 1st & 3rd Sabbath Afternoons

Visit us on the web at "www.wrsdachurch.org"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Service Day

*Nov. 1
Noon-4
Wis. Rapids Church
611 24th Street*

- ◆ Free clothing (while supplies lasts)
- ◆ Free soup & sandwiches
- ◆ Free health screenings
- ◆ Health education
- ◆ Ministry
- ◆ WRAO radio outreach

Food Drive We are collecting non-perishable food items for our fall/winter food drive. Items can be placed in the fellowship hall on the collection table.

**STEVENS POINT CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SCHEDULE

Nov 2 Telephone Conference
 Nov 4 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Nov 7 Sabbath Services
 Nov 11 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Nov 14 Sabbath Services
 Nov 18 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Nov 20-21 Couples Retreat
 Nov 21 Sabbath Services
 Nov 25 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Nov 28 Sabbath Services

Telephone Prayer Conference: 1st Monday of every month. 12:15pm-1:00pm
 Call 805-309-2350 Access code 5853-1022#

Couple's Retreat: To be held Nov. 20-21 at the Best Western in Eau Claire WI.
 For registration or information call Pastor John Redlich @ 715-645-2230

Visit us on the web at "<http://stevenspoint22.adventistchurchconnect.org>"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Student Assistance: Tuition assistance is needed so that some children will be able to attend a Christian school in the area.

UWSP Student Assistance: Josh Guerrero is heading up a campus outreach project. They would like to put together approximately 10 care packages for SDA UWSP students. We could use your help with donations of travel size toiletries, trail mix, granola bars, powder drink mixes and any other materials that a college student may need. Donations can be placed in the box marked **UWSP Donations** in the fellowship hall or you can call Josh with any questions. 715-279-3826

Elijah (Continued from page 6)

The Elijahs of the last days are being sent to prepare the way for the coming of The Lord. His church has fallen asleep, pursuing its own lazy dream of His return, even in the midst of prophecy being rapidly fulfilled. The Elijah message is designed to stir the church and you personally from the drowsiness of waiting on the Lord, into re-energized participants in spreading the gospel to this world of

darkness. If you have lost sight of the prize, if your light has been dimmed, and your fire cooled, God is calling for His people to be the Elijahs of the last days to bring revival into men's hearts and spirit into His last day church. A final thought about the Elijahs of the last days. Ellen G. White tells us in Education, page 57: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men – men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." Should we do anything less for Our Lord?

ALMOND SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST MESSENGER



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Help us to share the love of Jesus Christ and spread the 3 Angel's Messages!

This newsletter is meant to allow open communications between our members and our community. It is meant to keep us all informed of what is happening in our church and what we have to offer, but it is **your** publication. Please feel free to contact us with anything that you wish to share, with any announcements you want made public and if you would like to share your testimony with the rest of us. Your personal testimony is one of the best ways to disciple and minister to others.

If you would like to become a part of this publication, we would be honored to have your help. Email us at almondsda@yahoo.com or call or text us at **715-204-6480**

Almond Church November Events

- Nov. 1 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Nov. 4 Community Bible Study (Great Controversy) 7:00
- Nov. 6 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Nov. 7 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck following church
- Nov. 7 Church Plant Mtg. 3:30
- Nov. 8 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Nov. 11 Community Bible Study (Great Controversy) 7:00
- Nov. 13 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Nov. 14 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck following church
- Nov. 14 Church Plant Mtg. 3:30
- Nov. 15 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Nov. 18 Community Bible Study (Great Controversy) 7:00
- Nov. 20 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Nov. 21 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck following church
- Nov. 21 Church Plant Mtg. 3:30
- Nov. 22 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Nov. 25 Community Bible Study (Great Controversy) 7:00
- Nov. 27 Prayer Mtg. (Unity) 7:00
- Nov. 28 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck following church
- Nov. 28 Church Plant Mtg. 3:30
- Nov. 29 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30

Community Bible Study - Wednesday 7PM

We are currently studying The Great Controversy by Ellen G. White

Unity Prayer Meeting - Friday 7PM

“Christ is leading out a people, and bringing them into the unity of faith, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father.” EGW, Testimonies for the Church, v1, p324, p1

Bible Study - Anderson Home - Sunday 5:30PM

This study begins with fellowship and potluck before we dive into the book of John for an in depth study.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Matthew 5:11

“Great is the reward in heaven” of those who are witnesses for Christ through persecution and reproach. While the people are looking for earthly good, Jesus points them to a heavenly reward. But He does not place it all in the future life; it begins here.
Sons and Daughters of God by Ellen G. White.

ERIC ANDERSON ORDAINED

Eric Anderson was ordained on October 17 for the position of elder by Pastor David Guerrero during our normal Sabbath services. He has held the new position since being elected but time had not permitted the ordaining process until now. His entire family was present for the ordination service.