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“Treated as we deserve” – The prophet Isaiah wrote of the Messiah more than seven hundred years before He came to live among us: “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:3-6, KJV).

Christian author Ellen White, in her classic book on the life of Christ *The Desire of Ages*,¹ wrote: “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. ‘With His stripes we are healed’” (page 25).

On page 49, she stated, “It would have been an almost infinite humiliation for the Son of God to take man’s nature, even when Adam stood in his innocence in Eden. But Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin. Like every child of Adam He accepted the results of the working of the great law of heredity. What these results were is shown in the history of His earthly ancestors. He came with such a heredity to share our sorrows, and temptations, and to give us the example of a sinless life.”

Over the centuries millions have found a new life of forgiveness from sins and peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Today He offers this life to all who will believe in Him. “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” Jesus said. “No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” “He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into

condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 14:6; 5:24).

Have you found forgiveness and peace through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? Has He changed your life?

He is coming soon – for YOU! Don’t disappoint Him!

¹If you have not read *The Desire of Ages*, the life-changing book on the life of Christ, I urge you to do so. Of course you can buy a hard copy, or you can read it online and/or download the free .pdf file here: http://www.thedesireofages.com/The_Desire_of_Ages_text/DA.pdf

The Desire of Ages audio book has music and sound effects. Listen online, or download the free .mp3 file here: <https://www.thedesireofagesproject.com/>

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Pastor Walper will be the speaker on all Sabbaths through May.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 13 Fellowship Dinner will be hosted by the fellowship dinner committee.

May 11 Fellowship Dinner will be hosted by the Junior-Youth classes.

May 16, BCCA graduation-promotion program.

REGULAR OCCURRENCES

Sabbath School begins at 9:25 a.m. each Sabbath, with classes for all ages.

A prayer group meets in the sanctuary every Sabbath morning at 9:10 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Worship service each Sabbath starts at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Mid-week worship (prayer meeting) is each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the church sanctuary.

Choir rehearsal each Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. in the church. Questions? Contact Malinda McCleary, malinda.mccleary@gmail.com

BCCA school board meeting – the 2nd Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m.

Central Church board meeting – the 3rd Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m., Central Hall.

Fellowship dinner – Second Sabbath of each month, unless otherwise announced. **NOTE:** If you are a *regular visitor* at Central, and *regularly attend our fellowship dinners*, please be a part of our church family by bringing your favorite vegetarian dish to share with all!

Come bless and be blessed! Central presents a worship service most Sabbaths at 1:30 p.m. at Signature HealthCare Rehab Center on Teakwood Drive, just south of the church. Please help with music and/or a devotional. Sign up on the form next to the greeter’s desk in the church foyer. Or just come and spread a little sunshine with your smile! Need more information? Call Ed Toth, (256) 783-9551.

CENTRAL THIS 'N' THAT

The health team wrapped up another year of brain health on March 25 with the final night of this year’s Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program. The attendees learned plenty and had positive things to say about Dr. Nedley’s materials and presentations. My favorite moments are when we are talking with the class and people have an “aha” moment of learning, or if they say something like, “Wow, now I know I am not crazy. I am just in a certain stage of grief,” or “Thanks for sharing your story because I would have never guessed all that by looking at you.”

Dr. Calderwood supported us by bringing a few vegan recipes on the nights that we sampled foods.

Much was covered in such short time. If you think of the program or any of the attendees, please continue to pray for them. They will be getting test results back soon, and many still have a bit to read from all the books they purchased. Also pray for the health team. We have a few ideas being discussed on how to reach out to this group and the rest of the community in the following months.

Much appreciation to anyone who attended in support, sent up a prayer, or volunteered your time or talents on any of the nights. (Jenna Dow)

New members Sabbath School class meets in the room behind the sanctuary organ. Questions? Ask the pastor.

Nominating Committee is still in the process of selecting officers for the upcoming two-year period, which begins in July.

Please prayerfully consider your service to the church if/when a committee member calls upon you to request that you fill a certain position.

Above all, pray that you personally will respond to the calling of Holy Spirit and will be willing to do whatever He asks of you.

FOCUS ON YOUTH



Cross Examination – We had more than 100 people in attendance at Cross Examination at Big Cove Christian Academy on March 18!

We heard lots of positive comments from the young people and adults about how blessed they were by the program, the messages, and all the outreach and outdoor activities. The weather was beautiful, the food plentiful, we had only a couple of minor injuries, and lots of great memories were made!

A big thank you to our church who so generously supports youth ministries! (Evelyn Green)

A young adult retreat is being planned by our Gulf States Conference youth department. It will be at Camp Alamisco April 11-14. This retreat is specially planned for young adults ages 18-35 who are either single, married or with kids!

This is a great opportunity to make new friends, relax and unwind, and spend time communing with God in the beautiful outdoors.

For more information about pricing and how to register visit <https://gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events> (Evelyn Green)

Academy Days at Bass Memorial Academy! Join us the weekend of April 26-28. Students currently in 7th through 11th grades are eligible to attend. An adult chaperone is needed for transportation and supervision. Details and to register (required but no cost), www.bmasda.org/events.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to campus so you can “try on” academy life, get info on scholarships, and enjoy good fellowship! Separate Sunday meeting for parents and prospective students. Call (601) 794-8561 if you have questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

\$1,200 ADRA service scholarships for youth! The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the leading humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is looking for passionate and service-minded individuals to follow Jesus’ example.

We are inviting people of all ages to join our volunteer program called ADRA Connections, to be the hands and feet of Jesus. <https://www.adraconnections.org/>

Go EXTREME to Peru! From July 22 - August 4, some 300 people – youth and adults – from across the U.S. will join our mega-build, the ADRA Connections Extreme trip, to help complete an entire school in a remote mountain community south of Cusco, Peru. It’s going to be an amazing experience and we want passionate, service-minded students to join us! We’re offering up to \$1,200 per person in service scholarships to high school and college students, ages 25 and under.

Learn how youth can qualify. <https://www.adraconnections.org/scholarships/>

Learn how to participate in the Peru trip. (There is another Peru trip in December.) <https://www.adraconnections.org/extreme2019>

BIG COVE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS

Mission Trip 2019 – The Big Cove Christian Academy upper grades students headed to Birmingham, Alabama on Monday morning April 1 to collaborate with the organization “Carpenter’s Hands,” a home repair outreach ministry of the Canterbury United Methodist Church.

The project this year was to build wheelchair ramps and stairs for the disabled. When they arrived they spent the rest of the day building a ramp in the front, and stairs in the back, of a house. They broke down the old structure, removing rotten wood. They were kept busy drilling, screwing, using the air nail gun, hammering, making cement for the posts, and ensuring that the wood was leveled. By the end of the day, all of the students were expert users of the drill!

In addition to learning about how to use carpentry equipment, they also learned how mathematics plays a huge role in an everyday practical setting.

The next day the students went to another house to build another wheelchair ramp. Now that they were experts, they quickly tackled this task with vigor and enthusiasm.

The biggest blessing came when the patrons were grateful to have a ramp that will enable them to live life more comfortably and

safely. It was truly a blessing to those who received this service.

On the way home the students enjoyed some downtime at the Birmingham Zoo. Serving others always has its rewards.

Praise God for the safe trip, the fun time, and the learning along the way. Special thanks to Mr. Smith for giving the students this opportunity be servants, and to Sal Navarro for supervising the safe use of equipment.

A special slide presentation will be shown at the graduation-promotion ceremony on May 16. You don’t want to miss out on this special occasion to see the students being advanced, and to view the mission trip activities.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights” ([James 1:17](#)).

(Lisa Schmitt, Christian Education Secretary)



Birdhouses needed – Our BCCA property has an abundance of birds. Contact Sherry Daily if you can provide birdhouses.

Every time you shop, select products bearing the label “Box Top\$ for Education.” Clip these labels out, and place them in the “Box Top\$” container in the church foyer. Each box top label is worth ten cents (.10)! Learn more:



<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Support BCCA monthly with tuition assistance for worthy students, or to the Nelson or Christensen memorial funds.

In case you missed it:

Be sure to read the historical story “Miracle at Big Cove,”

on page 5 of March Central News. A few hard copies still remain on the table in the church foyer. Or read it on the church website:

<https://www.hsvcentralsda.org/>

It is the goal of Huntsville Central that all the children in our church family receive an Adventist education. If you believe you may need financial assistance please contact Kathy Aitken, BCCA treasurer, [kathy at raitken.net](mailto:kathy@raitken.net), (256) 536-0033.

If you are interested in sending your child or children to BCCA, or if you know someone who is, please contact: Lucas Smith, BCCA principal, at [l.smith at bigcovesda.net](mailto:l.smith@bigcovesda.net), (256) 527-5043, or Jeff Green, school board chairman, at [j.green at bigcovesda.net](mailto:j.green@bigcovesda.net) (256) 509-5557.

Mission Opportunities

See the exciting possibilities under “May Interest You” on page 6.

Gulf States Conference Camp Meeting

May 22-25 at Bass Memorial Academy.

<https://gscsda.org/campmeeting19>

PATHFINDER RAMBLINGS

Huntsville SpaceWalkers worked on investiture class work and began the Pinewood Derby Honor in March. The Pathfinders have to cut out the cars and then sand and paint them before adding weights and wheels. The cars will be judged for design and then raced at Pathfinder Fair in May.

Some of the Pathfinders and staff attended and helped with Cross Examination (youth rally) at BCCA which was an inspiring, fun event.

The club also spent another lovely Sabbath afternoon on a hike at the Land Trust on Green Mountain.

The club is looking forward to the North Alabama Spring Fling which will held at Cathedral Caverns State Park in April.

The Pathfinder Club meets at BCCA on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and is open to youth grades 5-12 who are willing to abide by the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. For more information contact the directors, Rick and Kelly Riley, (256) 566-2181 or email [RKAARiley at aol.com](mailto:RKAARiley@aol.com) (Kelly Riley)

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6, NKJV).

We have a long list of individuals who have requested our prayers, or prayer has been requested for them. Jeff Irwin, John Irwin, Hugh Wilson, Lee Hipps, Norma Harrison, Dee Theiss, Deb Saylor, Gloria Radke, Clarence Baughn, Rick Hendel, Sherry Bray and sister Barbara, Vernelle Browning family, Decker’s children and grandchildren, Sheryl Carte, Betty Nelson, Gailynn Haynes, Randall Rierson, Jennifer Olmstead’s mother, Delores Cochren’s daughter Kimberly Kirton, Louise Parsons, Annette Helms, Ben Bishop, Ed and Jeannie Stover, Ryan White, Roger Hunter, Sheila Evans, Cassie Hamer, Fran Scheidt, Craig Moore, Bob Moore, Johnnie Mae Edwards’ daughter Deadra, Jim Browning, John Irwin, David Charlesworth, Noel Whitehead, Betty Parris, Carol Sledge family, Sharon Holmes, Mike Mink, George Navarro, Lester Collins, Wilda Szeremi, Tim Baker, Kaitlynn, Gary Witherington, Chuck Barnes, Karla Wotenpuhl, Truman Lamson family, Tamesha, Bud, Chapman, Jay, Jennifer, Jeremy Troy, Rick, Deborah, Julie, Gina, Shane, Stephanie, Kendra, Meggan’s mom.

Pray for our families, our children at home or away, BCCA, our many unsaved friends and relatives, suffering people everywhere, and world leaders.

Please note: For urgent prayer requests needing to be passed on to the church family, please contact Jon Barfield at (804) 586-5919 or [jondbsept24 at aol.com](mailto:jondbsept24@aol.com)

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Campaign conclusion – Janet and I would like to thank all of our Central church family for the prayers and contributions for our 2019 Religious Liberty campaign. We didn’t reach our goal of \$7,000, but \$4,505 is greatly appreciated. We had to drop a few Liberty magazine subscriptions we were sponsoring, but hopefully we will make that up next year.

It truly is difficult to put a price or value on our religious liberty. The value of our personal and public freedom to express our religious beliefs is variable and directly related to the oppression one receives. Those people in North Korea, Islamic countries, China and India, if asked, would probably place a higher value on their limited or nonexistent religious liberty. We Americans, for the most part, haven’t experienced oppression to our religious freedom.

I do believe that we SDA’s are probably more attentive to the gradual chipping away of our 1st Amendment rights, as opposed to main line Christianity. Having said that, I believe the Laodicean mentality has created a sense of apathy within our denomination.

Hopefully we will sense the nearness of our Lord’s return and will recommit ourselves individually to a closer walk with our Savior. The succeeding corporate walk will then draw the lost to redemption. May God’s grace enable our religious liberty to continue.

Many thanks again for your sacrificial giving. (*Religious liberty leaders, George and Janet Decker*)

FAMILY BOOST

Desperate parents and spouses are fighting a losing battle against “Fortnite,” a video game which has been likened to heroin. More than 200 million people have registered to play Fortnite, which is free and can be played on many devices.

The player searches for weapons and resources in a post-apocalyptic world where the goal is to be the last person standing. Players log hour upon hour, excluding other activities from their lives – to the detriment of grades, jobs, and relationships. Kids are being sent to rehab, adults are ending up in divorce courts due to gaming addictions.

Can Christians play “Fortnite?” is a mini-documentary by Little Light Studios. <http://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2019/3/31/little-light-studios-releases-mini-documentary>

Tame the media in your home – Founder and speaker for Belt of Truth Ministries, Scott Ritsema, presents seminars on biblical sexuality, the dangers of entertainment media, and God’s incredible blueprint for parenting and education. These are invaluable resources for Christian families who want to prepare their loved ones for eternity in heaven.

Ritsema’s series “Media On the Brain” is an in-depth look at how the media is being used by Satan to capture the minds of the innocent. A mini-series presentation on this topic (as well as other topics) is available here: <https://beltofruthministries.org/media> The full DVD set (as well as other topics) is available for purchase on the website. You may also listen to some of Ritsema’s presentations on AudioVerse:

<https://www.audioverse.org/english/sermons/presenters/810/scott-ritsema.html?pageNum=1>

In addition to Ritsema’s own resources, he is also recommending the book *Reset Your Child’s Brain*, by integrative child psychiatrist Dr. Victoria Dunckley.

Ritsema says: “Increasing numbers of parents grapple with children who are acting out without obvious reason. Revved up and irritable, many of these children are diagnosed with ADHD, bipolar illness, autism, or other disorders but don’t respond well to treatment. They are medicated, often with poor results and unwanted side effects. Based on emerging scientific research and extensive clinical experience, Dr. Dunckley has pioneered a four-week program to treat the frequent underlying cause, Electronic Screen Syndrome (ESS). She has discovered that a strict electronic fast single-handedly improves mood, focus, sleep, and behavior – regardless of the child’s diagnosis.

“This is the single best resource on the topic of media I’ve ever found. By far. It finally gives parents in your church or family the needed practical step-by-step guide on how to *tame* the media in their homes once-and-for-all. And all of the recommendations are thoroughly documented with the best research on childhood media use. It’s undeniable, inspiring, and it works.”

“We would call her ‘reset’ being ‘transformed by the renewing of our minds’ ([Romans 12:2](http://www.bible.com/bible/1/ROMANS/12/2)), but what Dr. Dunckley does (even as a secular psychiatrist) to reset the brains of children is like nothing I’ve ever seen or heard of before.

“Hundreds of families have come into her office with problems that have now become

the unfortunate norm in childhood today – attention problems, moodiness, tantrums, poor social skills, sleepiness in school, as well as very serious diagnosed disorders. Her ‘prescription’ for these children is not a drug at all. She simply puts her patients on a strict media diet – the reset program described in this book. And the results are nothing short of stunning: 80% of kids have the majority of their symptoms disappear, and over half of them have 100% of their symptoms disappear! [In four weeks!]

”After seven years of working and studying in the area of media use, I am absolutely certain that Dr. Dunckley’s program can help to *optimize* the development of *all* children in your sphere of influence.”

Ritsema is offering this book along with his own DVD sets “Media on the Brain” and Raising the Remnant” in a bundle for an amazingly low price of only \$38.95! <https://beltofttruthministries.org/shop/reset-your-childs-brain-bundle>

Invest in the spiritual health of your family by obtaining this bundle of resources right away while the offer is still available.

DISCERNING THE TIMES

The American dream (nightmare) – The worst flooding disaster in the Midwest has been unfolding in recent weeks. This is causing devastation to one of the major crop-growing regions in the country. We may be facing a national food shortage.

Millions of acres of farmlands have been underwater, with floodwaters carrying away dams, fragile topsoil, livestock, equipment, roads and rail lines, homes and buildings, and inundating small towns.

Massive stockpiles of grains and soybeans are ruined and must be destroyed – a major portion of total U. S. supplies. Farmers who were depending on those livestock and stores of supplies to provide income for their future, are now facing dire circumstances.

Fields which should be seeded now are still soggy messes. Whether anything can ever grow where the topsoil is gone is debatable.

It will take many years to recoup all that has been lost, and most can’t wait that long.

We all can expect rising food prices. Get ready for it. We might be tempted to grumble about it, but just remember to be thankful that we here have not experienced this devastation, and pray for those who have lost so much.

<http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/catastrophic-flooding-in-the-midwest-could-last-for-months-and-that-is-going-to-mean-a-dramatic-drop-in-u-s-food-production>

God’s prophetess for the last days, Ellen White, said: “More and more, as the days go

by, it is becoming apparent that God’s judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach” (*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, page 97*, written about 1905).

(*Kathy Lamson, with thanks to Anna Arrington*)

Clasping hands with Rome? *Editor’s note:*



The following thoughts are excerpted from a commentary by Gerry Wagoner, which appeared in Fulcrum online for March 13, 2019. Read Wagoner’s entire commentary here: <http://www.fulcrum7.com/blog/2019/3/13/vatican-urges-religions-to-support-unsustainable-development-goals>

“The PARL [Public Affairs and Religious Liberty] department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (under Dr. Ganoune Diop) helped to organize a meeting held in March at the United Nations Secretariat for the purpose of urging religions to come together in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (known as Agenda 2030).

“This month [April] the Vatican is urging religions to come together in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

“In what manner of twisted reality do you have the Seventh-day Adventist Church AND the Roman Catholic Church both supporting a global leftist agenda – urging all religions of the world to join in a multicultural handclasp which mandates climate action and gender equality?

“The objective is bringing all religions to support the United Nations 2030 Agenda. The SDA PARL director Ganoune Diop, the Vatican and Pope Francis are simultaneously promoting this agenda.”

Editor’s comments: Read an explanation as to why the Adventist Church is involved in various ecumenical-type pursuits (*written in 2016, so does not speak to the current involvement*):

<https://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story4565-parl-background>

Apostle Paul said: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (*2 Corinthians 6:14*).

Well more than a hundred years ago, it was foretold by Ellen White: “The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience” (*The Great*

Controversy, page 588. This book was first published in 1884.)

Could she have known that our beloved church which grew out of the Protestant Reformation would be a participant in this handshake?

Our mission as the Advent Movement is to sound God’s invitation, calling people *out* of the fallen churches. (*Revelation 18:4*). How can we justify joining hands together with them to promote an agenda which clearly we have been warned against – which will allow Rome to revert back to her former days of persecution of those who will not forsake biblical truth?

Mrs. White says further: “The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome. Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy” (*“Signs of the Times,” February 19, 1894, page 243*).

Very solemn words indeed. We are on an extremely slippery slope. We need to be in constant prayer for our church, its leaders, and our brothers and sisters in the pulpits and pews. (*Kathy Lamson*)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

According to the Bible record, Jesus the Lamb of God, died and was resurrected

at the time of the Jewish Passover. Why does the Christian world celebrate His death, burial and resurrection at Easter, which often is not even close to the date of Passover?



The books of the New Testament were written over a span of several decades after Jesus’ death and resurrection, yet nowhere do we see so much as a hint of any kind of Easter celebration.

The word “Easter” is found in the King James Version of the Bible only one time, at *Acts 12:4*, but actually was mistranslated from the word *pascha*, meaning Passover. Most Bible translations correctly translate this word as Passover.

The name Easter has roots going far back to the ancient Mesopotamian goddess *Ishtar*, known in the Bible as Astarte or Ashtoreth.

Strong similarities exist between Ishtar and the Egyptian Isis, the Greek Aphrodite, and the Roman Venus.

“Associated with Ishtar was the young god Tammuz [mentioned in [Ezekiel 8:14](#)], considered both divine and mortal. . . . In Babylonian mythology Tammuz died annually and was reborn year after year, representing the yearly cycle of the seasons and the crops. This pagan belief later was identified with the pagan gods Baal and Anat in Canaan” ([Nelson’s Illustrated Bible Dictionary](#), 1995, page 509).

In the early years of the Christian Church, believers continued to commemorate Jesus’ death through the biblical Lord’s Supper as Jesus had instructed his disciples to do ([Luke:22:19, 20](#); [1 Corinthians:11:23-26](#)). This is why we, as Seventh-day Adventists, observe the Lord’s Supper.

Gradually pagan festivals and rituals worked their way into Christianity, possibly by way of half-converted pagans who joined the church. Early papal leaders merged pagan customs and practices associated with the “resurrected” god Tammuz and spring fertility celebrations and applied them to the resurrected Son of God.

In A.D. 325, nearly 300 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, at the Council of Nicaea the Catholic Church officially declared that Easter was to be celebrated on the “Sunday following the first full moon . . . after the vernal equinox” ([Catechism of the Catholic Church](#), 1995, p. 332).

The customs of the ancient fertility and resurrection celebrations weren’t the only pagan practices which were morphed into new “Christian” celebrations and practices. In due time, many biblical truths were adulterated or replaced by counterfeits.

Considering the pagan origin of Easter, should Christians observe it? Isn’t it harmless fun for kids to receive Easter baskets full of candy eggs, bunnies and chicks, and go on egg hunts? Perhaps it is time we educate them that these customs have their roots in pagan fertility cults and have nothing at all to do with Jesus, the risen Son of God.

Certainly we can take the occasion of Easter to point people (including children) to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who voluntarily gave His life on the cross, rose and ascended, and is now ministering in the heavenly sanctuary on our behalf, and will come again soon to redeem those who believe in Him. To focus only on His resurrection is to tell only part of the story! Let’s give them the *whole* gospel! (*Kathy Lamson*)

(For years some of our congregations have been adopting Roman practices in addition

to the obvious ones, such as Easter and Christmas. Observance of Lent, Easter sunrise services, stations of the cross, etc. are now in common with other denominations, and in step with Rome. The observance of these narrows the gap that should exist between the fallen churches and God’s true church.)

GET INTO THE WORD

Would you like to understand the future? “Kingdoms in Time, History’s Greatest Bible Prophecies,” is a one-hour documentary produced by Amazing Facts ministry. It explores several striking Bible predictions which have already come true. Journey to ancient Israel and hear from expert theologians, historians, and archaeologists as to how we can know these prophecies were written in advance – and what it means for the ones which have yet to come true.

Kingdoms in Time is hosted by Pastor Doug Batchelor, subtitles in 10 languages. View the trailer, stream or download with Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/ondemand/kingdomsinti_me

To order as DVD, Blu-ray, or USB stick go to: <https://www.afbookstore.com/> Bulk prices for sharing.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The Madison County probate court has recognized an aborted fetus as a person with legal rights. According to local Attorney Brent Helms, this is a precedence because this has never happened anywhere in the United States.

The decision allows the would-be-father Ryan Magers to represent Baby Roe’s estate in a suit against Huntsville’s Alabama Women’s Center, their employees and the pharmaceutical company who makes the medication used in abortions.

Helms said that existing state law recognizes that life begins at conception, which supports the case for Baby Roe’s estate, and because of that he believes the case could go before the state supreme court.

The attorneys for the abortion clinic responded by filing a motion to dismiss, arguing that no laws were broken when Magers’ ex-girlfriend aborted the fetus referred to as Baby Roe at six weeks of gestation.

Helms responded to the motion to dismiss by saying, “If Baby Roe is a person and personhood is granted, which in this case it has been, then Baby Roe possesses a 14th Amendment right to equal protection under the law.”

He’s arguing that if a woman’s fetus that has been killed in a car crash or due to violence, is considered to be a person, then a fetus who is aborted is also a person.

“We say we recognize the personhood of unborn children in certain circumstances, but not all circumstances,” Helms said.

The hearing on the motion to dismiss this case is scheduled for July 24 at Madison County Courthouse.

<https://www.waaytv.com/content/news/Madison-Co-probate-court-recognizes-aborted-fetus-as-person-with-legal-rights-506690421.html>

<https://www.waaytv.com/content/news/Womens-center-files-motion-to-dismiss-lawsuit-filed-by-north-Alabama-man-and-his-aborted-fetus-508035421.html>

HEALING FOR THE HURTING

The Hidden Holocaust, by Steve Wholberg, is a small sharing book on the topic of abortion. Take advantage of the current interest in the pro-life movie “Unplanned,” (just released, with twice the expected box office sales despite the censorship of social media), which is based on the best-selling memoir of Abby Johnson, once one of the youngest clinic directors ever for Planned Parenthood, who courageously joined the pro-life movement and founded the non-profit “And Then There Were None.”

Statistics: Planned Parenthood provides one-third to one-half of abortions in the United States. In 2018, Planned Parenthood performed 332,757 abortions – the greatest number ever. In contrast, they referred only about 3,000 women to adoption services last year, and their provision of contraception decreased by 80,000. Planned Parenthood receives more than \$560 million in taxpayers’ funds each year.

So, if Planned Parenthood provides one-half to one-third of abortions in the US, evidently there were perhaps another 330,000 abortions in the US in 2018 – for a staggering possibility that more than 650,000 children were *murdered* last year in the United States! Surely the womb is a very dangerous place!

The heartbreaking after-effects of choosing abortion can last a lifetime and *The Hidden Holocaust* was written to show women, and men, that they can once again have peace. Bulk pricing is available.

https://remnantpublications.com/index.php/hidden-holocaust.html?mc_cid=606c7832a7&mc_eid=4f85aa4316

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
(Psalm 96:3, NIV)*

SHARING TRUTH

Do you desire to share the gospel, but don't know how to begin, or feel too shy to start a conversation with someone regarding salvation?

GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) to the rescue!

In 2007, two young adults envisioned a simple way for every believer to share the message of hope wherever they went. Soon thousands of believers caught the vision and pocket-size GLOW tracts were "born!"

GLOW tracts are printed in 23 languages currently. There are tracts designed for kids. And some tracts are even waterproof!

Each tract has the website printed on the back: www.glowonline.org so the tract recipient can go there and view and/or read the many other tracts available, and sign up for Bible studies if they wish.

In our age of disconnectedness where people are isolated by technology, the personal touch of one person sharing a tract with another is more needed now than ever.

So go ahead, order some! Keep a few tracts in your pocket, purse, house and car for those divine appointments! Let's GLOW for Jesus!

See inspiring videos of the GLOW mission to Philadelphia prior to the pope's visit in 2015. <https://glowmissiontrips.org/video/>

Plans are to do a GLOW mission in Indianapolis, Indiana during the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, June 25-July 4, 2020.

THE WIDER VIEW

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is responding to the great needs in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai, which has devastated the countries of Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. Hundreds of people have died, thousands displaced. More than 1.5 million people are affected.

ADRA is providing food, water, hygiene kits, shelter kits, tarps, and other necessities to the stricken victims.

ADRA is working with local authorities, humanitarian organizations, and local Adventist churches in order to avoid duplication of aid relief and to mobilize additional resources.

Our donations may make a difference to countless numbers of suffering people. Go to <https://adra.org/impact-areas/disaster-relief/> or call: 1-800-424-2372.

MAY INTEREST YOU

Free online Health Evangelism Class, begin anytime, go at your own speed. Thanks to Natalya Rierson for this info. <http://butlercreekhealth.org/onlineheclass.html>

Quiet Hour Ministries has a list of short-term missions possibilities: <https://www.qhministries.org/portal-missions?srctid=1&erid=3685615&trid>

Maranatha Volunteers International has several short-term missions scheduled in the U.S. and also other countries. Learn about MVI, view videos, and volunteer to serve! <https://maranatha.org/>

TO YOUR HEALTH

Editor's note: I recently discovered an healthy cooking show while watching Better Life TV (which I highly recommend). <https://www.betterlifetv.tv/>

This fun and informative cooking show is hosted by Chef Mark Anthony, formerly an experienced executive chef for some big names. Now he teaches healthful cooking, and shares other tips to better mental, physical, and spiritual health.

His shows are featured on several networks, he has written three cookbooks, and also travels and shares his knowledge on healthful living.

Go to <https://chefmarkanthony.com/> to find out where to watch the shows, see his books and try some free recipes.

Here is what Chef Mark says: "This is more than a site for great recipes – it's a resource center for whole health. Body. Mind. Spirit. We have a passion to share information with you that can transform your life. How do we know? After 10 plus years of studying and teaching, we have seen hundreds of people lose weight, reverse heart disease, diabetes, and more! In this site and through the links we have provided, you will be able to gain the knowledge that will help you become the best you can possibly be, physically, mentally, and spiritually. So enjoy the journey while you use these resources and recipes that will change your life for the better."

Chef Mark sometimes shares the kitchen with Melody Prettyman Caviness, who has been featured on 3ABN. Melody has a plant-based diet cookbook "Simply Yummy." You can also try some of her free recipes: <https://www.3abnrecipes.org/recipe-category/melody-prettyman/>

Emergency Phone Numbers

(submitted by Barbara Frazier)

- When you sorrow – call [John 14](#).
- When men fail you – call [Psalm 27](#).
- If you want to be fruitful – call [John 15:1-11](#).
- When you have sinned – call [Psalm 51](#).
- When you are worried – call [Matthew 6:19-34](#).
- When you are in danger – call [Psalm 91](#).
- When God seems far away – call [Psalm 139](#).
- When your faith needs stirring – call [Hebrews 11](#).
- When you are lonely and fearful – call [Psalm 23](#).
- When you grow bitter and critical – call [I Corinthians 13](#).
- For the secret to happiness – call [Colossians 3:12-17](#).
- For an understanding of Christianity – call [II Corinthians 5:15-19](#).
- If you feel down and out – call [Romans 8:31-39](#).
- When you need peace and rest – call [Matthew 11:25-30](#).
- When the world seems bigger than God – call [Psalm 90](#).
- When you need Christian assurance – call [Romans 8:1-30](#).
- When you leave home for a trip – call [Psalm 121](#).
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish – call [Psalm 67](#).
- When your trust in God is weak – call [Isaiah 55](#).
- When you need courage for a task – call [Joshua 1](#).
- For how to get along with others – call [Romans 12](#).
- When you think of investments and returns – call [Mark 10:17-31](#).
- If you are depressed – call [Psalm 27](#).
- When people seem unkind – call [John 15:12-27](#).
- When your pocketbook is empty – call [Psalm 37](#).
- If you are frustrated with others – call [I Corinthians 13](#).
- If you are discouraged – call [Psalm 126](#).
- If you find yourself becoming prideful – call [Psalm 19](#).