

Pastor's Page

"Thoughts for a Sabbath Morning"



Stephanie and I have recently "enjoyed" the adventure of living in a chaotic castle. Our chaos revolved around a broken water pipe, which occurred, of all places, in our master bedroom clothes closet. Who would know that such a small leak could produce so much water? (A swimming pool in the living room!) The swimming pool resulted in drywall being cut loose, the closet being emptied, and furniture from the bedrooms and living room being shuffled around.

The good news is that there is life after chaos, or so they are telling us (because as I write, while the leak is fixed, all furniture is still discombobulated and the drywall has not yet been replaced). We have yet to discover the "joy" in this trial, but James does not say there is "joy" in all trials but to "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials" (James 1:2). In other words, James advises us to face life, even its small bumps, with a positive attitude. Look at the trials of life as positive experiences, for as James goes on to say: "knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:3-4). James' advice is a correction to the childish idea that assumes that once we are Christians, all difficulties pass. In other words, we can let the trials of life build our faith muscles, which produces the endurance we need to persevere to the end, or we can let the trials we face discourage us. We choose which.

Blessings ,

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Prayer Power

Anelalani Essex - health issues
 Bill Haid - blood cancer
 Bob Montoya - PTSD
 Dawn Evans - health issues
 Diane Gurule's mother - health issues
 Eddie Wallace - mental health
 Elva Gomez - nephew's disability determination
 Helen Ebanks - cancer
 Homeless Community
 Hugh Bivens - health issues
 James Ortiz - health issues
 Joy Carlson - cancer, Praise: Tumor 25% reduced!
 Joyce Fox - health issues
 Julie Kelly - cancer
 Karen Brewer - health issues
 Nancy Boyd's granddaughter Holly - health issue
 Steve Chavez - mourning loss of spouse
 Valerie Brandenburg (Helen's daughter) - cancer
 Zac Martinez - Spanish Trails Rehab.,
 1610 N Renaissance Blvd NE 87107
 Rae Robinson's brother Richard-health issues
 Marsha Power-health issues
 Diabetes Undone participants
 Sharon Nash-health issues

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 22 Church Social
Dec. 29 Baptism, Communion Sabbath
Church Business Meeting @5:00 p.m.

Heights Church e-mail:
heightssda@outlook.com
 If you want an item in the bulletin,
 send by 12:00 noon Tuesdays.
 Be friends with us!
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December 08 2018 YTD

Budgeted \$ 9,000 \$ 220,500

Received \$5,589 \$187,474

(over/ under)

{ 3,411} {33,026}



Sabbath School

Sabbath School Classes 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Children's Classes Off Courtyard (9:25)
Adult Classes South Foyer and Fellowship Hall

Mission Emphasis Jep Choate

Vespers 4:00 p.m. Sunset 4:56 p.m.

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Sabbath afternoon:

The Bell Choir 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Worship Center

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

Albuquerque Heights

Worship Service

December 15, 2018

Heights Mission in Action Marva Dennis-Drigo

Welcome Pastor David Merling

Hymn *The First Noel* 118

Hymn *Go Tell It On The Mountain* 121

*Opening Hymn *Angels from the Realms Of Glory* 119

Creation Covenant Pastor

Children's Story Asriel Cubelo

Offering Ron Fox
Offertory: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Marva, Teri & Rebecca

Morning Prayer Jep Choate

Special Music Gurule Family

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Erica Dashner-Titus

Sermon "Joseph: The Servant of the Lord and Christmas."
Pastor

*Closing Hymn *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* 122

Closing Prayer Pastor

Postlude: Gurule Family

Song Leader: Teri Montoya Pianist: Stephanie Merling

Flutist: Diane Gurule

* Congregated please stand

Today's offering is for the local church budget.
If you would like your offering used for a special purpose,
please put it in a tithe envelope and mark its allocated use.

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.

Tonight Christmas Musical Program 6:00 p.m.

Bring family and friends! Refreshments After.

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

Heights church will have "A Living Nativity"

December 21, 22, & 23 .

We need singers, cookies and hot chocolate for guests. Sign up sheet will be in the foyer this Sabbath. Bring the kids and tell the neighbors, we love Jesus!

If you have an interest in committing Scripture to memory, please join us Sabbath, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. in the Kindergarten room for an orientation meeting. For questions or to reserve a space, please call Rae at 505-977-7647.

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Weekly Sabbath Schedule

First Sabbath: Dec. 01, Leaves of Autumn Ministry
Youth Christmas Program.

Second Sabbath: Dec. 08, Sing & Share Ministry at
Genesis Rehab Center: 5900 Forest Hills Dr., ABQ.
Contact: Marva Dennis-Drigo 505-2996799.

Third Sabbath: Dec. 15, Praising God in Nature Ministry.
Contact: Jep Choate 505-301-9783.
Christmas Program tonight 6:00 p.m.

Fourth Sabbath: Dec. 22, Grace at Home Ministry.
Baptism Sabbath

Fifth Sabbath: Dec. 29 "13th Sabbath"
Communion Sabbath, Church Business Meeting