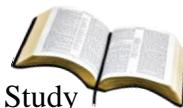


# SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

## **Church Organization and Unity**

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>



- ❖ 9:15 am Morning Song Service
- ❖ 9:30 - 10:30 am Sabbath School Bible Study
- \*\*Adult Class in Sanctuary ..... Linda Morris
- \*\*Adult Class in Small Classroom..... Connie Nicolas

**Memory Verse – Matthew 20:26, 27**



## **SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICE**

- 10:45 am - Welcome & Announcements
- Doxology #694
- Invocation ..... Jim Morris
- Scripture: (Matthew 1:23)..... Calvin Millet
- Offering: (ARKLA Advance) .....
- “But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.” Deut.8:18***
- Children's Story .....
- Opening Hymn #125 ..... “Joy to the World”
- Sharing Time..... Calvin Millet
- Pastoral Prayer ..... Calvin Millet
- Pre-Prayer Response: # 671
- Message: ..... Jim Morris
- “Unto Us is Born”**
- Closing Hymn #213...  
“Jesus is Coming Again”
- Benediction ..... Jim Morris



***Vegetarian Pot-Luck  
following morning worship  
Everyone is invited!***

**A time to share your favorite dish!!**

Mary looked forward to the Messiah's reign on David's throne, but she saw not the baptism of suffering by which it must be won. Through Simeon it is revealed that the Messiah is to have no unobstructed passage through the world. In the words to Mary, *“A sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,”* God in His tender mercy gives to the mother of Jesus an intimation of the anguish that already for His sake she had begun to bear.

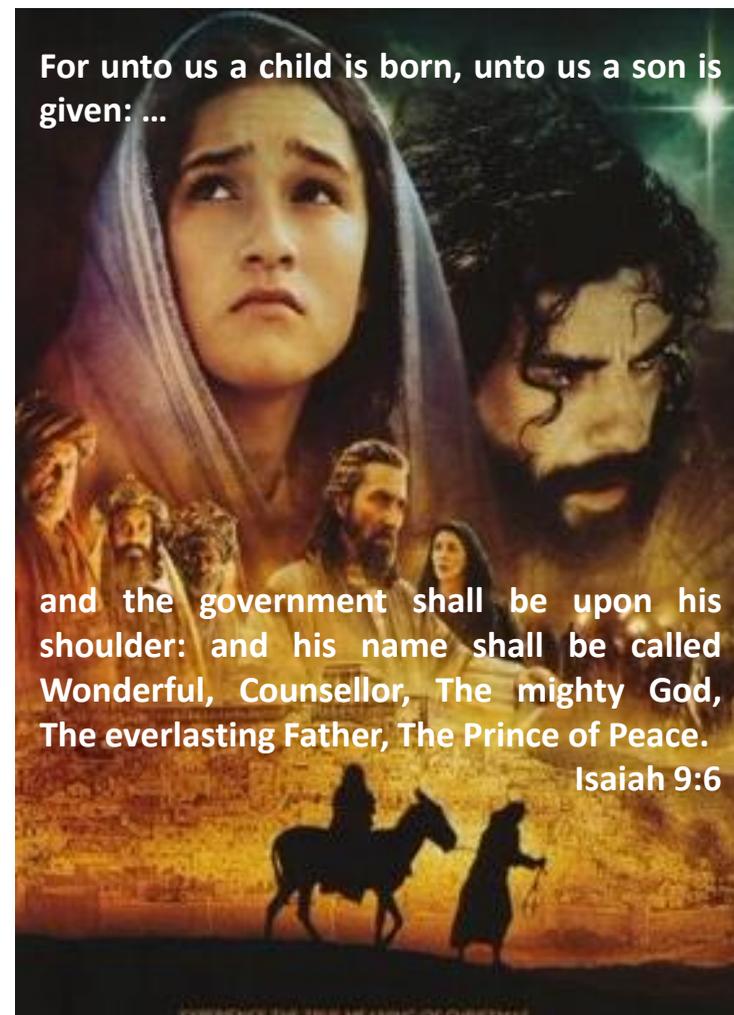
*“Behold,”* Simeon had said, *“this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against.”* They must fall who would rise again. We must fall upon the Rock and be broken before we can be uplifted in Christ. Self must be dethroned, pride must be humbled, if we would know the glory of the spiritual kingdom. The Jews would not accept the honor that is reached through humiliation. Therefore they would not receive their Redeemer. He was a sign that was spoken against.

*“That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”* In the light of the Saviour's life, the hearts of all, even from the Creator to the prince of darkness, are revealed. Satan has represented God as selfish and oppressive, as claiming all, and giving nothing, as requiring the service of His creatures for His own glory, and making no sacrifice for their good. But the gift of Christ reveals the Father's heart. It testifies that the thoughts of God toward us are *“thoughts of peace, and not of evil.” Jeremiah 29:11.* It declares that while God's hatred of sin is as strong as death, His love for the sinner is stronger than death. Having undertaken our redemption, He will spare nothing, however dear, which is necessary to the completion of His work. No truth essential to our salvation is withheld, no miracle of mercy is neglected, no divine agency is left unemployed. Favor is heaped upon favor, gift upon gift. The whole treasury of heaven is open to those He seeks to save. Having collected the riches of the universe, and laid open the resources of infinite power, He gives them all into the hands of Christ, and says, All these are for man. Use these gifts to convince him that there is no love greater than Mine in earth or heaven. His greatest happiness will be found in loving Me.

At the cross of Calvary, love and selfishness stood face to face. Here was their crowning manifestation. Christ had lived only to comfort and bless, and in putting Him to death, Satan manifested the malignity of his hatred against God. He made it evident that the real purpose of his rebellion was to dethrone God, and to destroy Him through whom the love of God was shown.

By the life and the death of Christ, the thoughts of men also are brought to view. From the manger to the cross, the life of Jesus was a call to self-surrender, and to fellowship in suffering. It unveiled the purposes of men. Jesus came with the truth of heaven, and all who were listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit were drawn to Him. The worshipers of self belonged to Satan's kingdom. In their attitude toward Christ, all would show on which side they stood. And thus everyone passes judgment on himself.

Desire of The Ages, page 57,58



### **WELCOME**

*“Welcome to the Mountain Home Seventh-Day Adventist Church. May you feel the brush of angels wings as you worship with us this Sabbath Day.”*

**THIS WEEKS EVENTS**

**TODAY:**

- **8:30 am Prayer Group meets every Sabbath** - Prayer Room
- **Fellowship Meal** following today's Church Service  
1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath – Singing Gassville Nursing Home

**MONDAY:**

- **11:00 am "Ladies Bible Study"**- Studying the Book of 1 Samual - Small Classroom Fellowship Hall - ?? Joann Klassen  
870-424-2051 or Linda Morris 870-404-2135

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **5:30 pm - Prayer Meeting** - 'Steps To Personal Revival'

**THURSDAY:**

- **5:00 pm - Bible Study – 'Seeds of Wisdom'** – Based on "Christ Object Lessons" @ Reynold's Library, 300 Library Hill, Small Conf. Room "B" - ??? Wayne Betham, (870 )321-4213

**!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!**

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - 5 pm - Agape Feast  
& Communion Service**



**Homily by: Pastor Daniel Kaffenberger**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for William Bergey's Transfer** to the SDA Church in Vera Beach, FL 32960
- **BIG THANK YOU** - to Calvin and Ann and their helpers for a wonderful social evening last Sabbath evening. It was most enjoyable to the 21 members who attended.  
Thanks Again, Maureen

***<sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.***

***<sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.***  
**Luke 2:10, 11**



**IT IS ALL ABOUT PRAYER**

**Daniel's Prayer Effectual and Fervent**

Daniel prayed to God, not exalting himself or claiming any goodness: "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God." This is what James calls the effectual, fervent prayer. Of Christ it is said: "And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly." In what contrast to this intercession by the Majesty of heaven are the feeble, heartless prayers that are offered to God. Many are content with lip service, and but few have a sincere, earnest, affectionate longing after God. - (Testimonies for the Church 4:534.)

**Daniel Remained Faithful in Prayer in Spite of Persecution**

Did Daniel cease to pray because this decree was to go into force!—No, that was just the time when he needed to pray. "When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel did not seek to hide his loyalty to God. He did not pray in his heart, but with his voice, aloud, with his window open toward Jerusalem, he offered up his petition to heaven. Then his enemies made their complaint to the king, and Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. But the Son of God was there. The angel of the Lord encamped round about the servant of the Lord, and when the king came in the morning, and called, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." No harm had come to him, and he magnified the Lord God of heaven. - (The Review and Herald, May 3, 1892.)

**Prayer, pages 145**

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**Stewardship Budget –EOM Report November 2018**

Budget – Monthly ..... \$ **3,965.00**

**Total Received for December 2018..... \$ 1,681.84**

**Still needed for Dec.... \$ 2,283.16**

**(Not included in the Church Budget \$)**

**Tithe Received ..... \$ 6,421.36**

**School Budget Received ..... \$ 75.00**

**Offering Next Sabbath – 12/22 - ARKLA Advance**

**SPECIAL APPEAL OFFERINGS**

**NEW HEAT/AIR CNDITIONING UNITS**

➤ **PRINCIPAL Balance Dec 2018 \$ 13,000**

**NEW CARPET FOR CHURCH FOYER & SANCTUARY**

➤ **Funds needed approximately \$10,000.00**

➤ **Raised To Date: \$ 5,119.50 (Short \$4,880.50)**

**Bulletin Announcements Contact:**

**Sunset Today  
4:59 pm**

**Jim or Linda Morris  
(870)421-0183 or 404-2135  
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**Sunset Friday  
5:03 pm**