



Our Little Messenger



December, 2020

Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church

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As I write this newsletter, the holiday season is upon us. In two days, our family will be celebrating a quiet Thanksgiving with just the five of us. While our Thanksgiving may not be that much different than most years, our Christmas will be a first.

From the first Christmas that Terra and I were married, we always went to my parents' home. Even the two years while we were living in Michigan, we still made it back to Eugene for Christmas. This year will be the first time we have been away from my parents for Christmas. It was a tough decision, but between finding a safe place for all of us to stay and putting ourselves, our extended families, our friends at risk, we felt it was the decision that had to be made. So, for first time in 46 years, I won't be seeing my parents for Christmas. We might end up doing a video chat or phone call to wish each other a Merry Christmas but it's never quite the same as getting a hug from that person you love. That will have to wait.

Even though we don't get to be with our extended family I'm trying to look at bright side. We have always been gone for a week around this holiday and it didn't make sense to have a Christmas tree. This year we will have a tree for the family to enjoy and the cats to terrorize. This year it will be less stressful to figure out how to divide our time among three extended families and friends and let everyone know how special they are to us. I'm sure there are some

great ways we can and will try to make the day special but there will still be something missing. There will still be those moments when we think about who we are missing from our celebration.

I think this is the reason why we have Christmas to celebrate in the first place. While the human race was lost in sin, it just wasn't the same for our heavenly Father. Heaven wasn't heaven while He was separated from His creation because of our sin. So, some 2000 years ago, the next phase of the plan that had been in place from the foundation of this world was set into motion. As it says in Matthew 1:21-23, **"21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)."**

While we may notice the absence of some of the people we love at the Christmas celebration this year, we will never get to celebrate Christmas as it ought to be celebrated until we finally get to see our Savior face to face. When I think about those I'm missing at this year's celebration, I'm going to think about whom else is missing and what it will be like to really celebrate when we all get to experience the greatest family reunion of all.

Pastor Brian, Terra, Leah, Simon, & Mark



SABBATH

a day set aside for rest and worship

Sunset

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
December 04	4:13 pm	December 05	4:13 pm
December 11	4:13 pm	December 12	4:13 pm
December 18	4:14 pm	December 19	4:15 pm
December 25	4:18 pm	December 26	4:19 pm



Offering Schedule

December 5 – Church Budget
December 12– Adventist
Community Services (NAD)

December 19 – Church Budget
December 26– UCC Share



Anniversary Milestones

- 16 Joel & Norma Stahl, (58 years)
- 30 Doug & Nona Diamond (30 years)
- 31 Bob & Linda Bolen (26 years)



Birthday Blessings

- 02 Joseph Palmer
- 04 Dennis Hauner
- 05 Gracie James (Washington)
- 05 Bonnie Smith
- 10 David Johnson
- 18 Bryson Cutshaw (5) (not in area)
- 25 Don Casey (Washington)
- 26 Bob Bolen



- 01 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 02 Elder's Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 02 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 05 Sabbath School & Church, 9:30 am
- 05 Baptism with Prepared Meal following Church
- 06 Irrigon Christmas Tree Lighting, 5 pm
- 08 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 09 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 12 Sabbath School & Church, 9:30 am
- 13 Church Board, 10:00 am
- 15 Family Closet – CLOSED
- 16 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 21 Sabbath School & Church, 9:30 am
- 22 Family Closet CLOSED
- 23 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 26 Sabbath School & Church, 9:30 am



*Ashley & Sheylah Aguilera
were baptized on
December 5, 2020 during
our church service.*

WELCOME

