



Our Little Messenger



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Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church

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If you have been to the grocery store in the past month you will have noticed that the Christmas candy displays have been replaced by Valentines

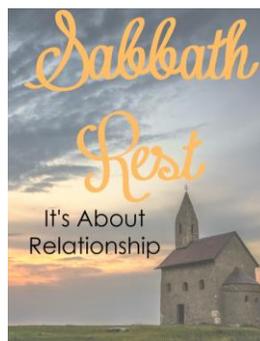
candy displays. Each time I see them, I'm reminded that the date is approaching. While I know I ought to do something to express my love for Terra, I'm not convicted that it needs to be candy or flowers or that I even need to make a purchase. What relationships really require is time. Whether it is our family members, friends, or even our walk with God, relationships require time.

I've been blessed this year with renewed focus on time with God as many in our church family came to the 10 days of prayer each evening from the 10th through the 19th. I was also blessed when we had some of our church family gather with the Anchor Point church family January 20th and 21st for an all-night prayer vigil from 7pm to 7am. While it is great to spend time reading about God in the Bible and it is great to talk to others about God, there is nothing like actually spending time with God in our personal prayer time.

Perhaps you have already been experiencing that daily time with God that has been a blessing as you have been taking on the New Year, if so wonderful! If not, here are few tips to help you in that endeavor.

First, make a daily appointment. Just as you make appointments to meet with friends, making an appointment to spend time in prayer will help you spend that daily time with God. Second, choose a location, if you are like me, it can be difficult to find a place where you won't be disturbed so try and plan a location ahead of time. Third, vary the method. If you have trouble focusing during your prayer time, try varying the way you pray. If silent prayer isn't working for you, try praying out loud. If that is difficult, try writing in a prayer journal. Lastly, try opportune times. If you find yourself alone in the car, take time to check in with God. If you are able to get away for a few minutes on a lunch break, thank God for being with you and check in with Him during the day.

In a world that seems to have less and less peace, the more we are able to spend those special moments connecting with God, the more we are able to be at peace in the storm.



Sunset

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
February 2	5:09 pm	February 3	5:09 pm
February 9	5:18 pm	February 10	5:19 pm
February 16	5:28 pm	February 17	5:29 pm
February 23	5:38 pm	February 24	5:39 pm



Offering Schedule for February

- February 3- Church Budget
- February 10 – Adventist TV Ministries
- February 17- Church Budget
- February 24 – UCC Share



Anniversary Milestones

- 01 Don & Joy Lancaster (54 years)
- 14 Keith & Patty Gay (25 years)
- 15 Jess & Janet Terry



Birthday Blessings

- 03 Scott Risley
- 10 Renee Hughes (Washington)
- 19 Breezi (James) Putnam
- 23 Nathaniel Palmer (Kentucky)
- 25 Lee Bates



- 03 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 03 Fellowship Lunch, 1 pm
- 06 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 07 Elder’s Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 07 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 10 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 11 Church Board, 5:30 pm
- 13 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 14 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 17 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 20 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 21 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 24 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 24 Fellowship Lunch, 1 pm
- 27 Family Closet – 8:45 – 1 pm (Volunteers)
- 28 Work Bee, 2:30 pm
- 28 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm

Watch Facebook & Bulletin for these upcoming events:



Friendship Banquet