

Getting to Know You ~ Sonjia Bennett

Sonjia was born and raised in a Wesleyan Methodist Christian home along with her four sisters. Her parents and family of five girls and no boys were all working farmers. They lived in a valley in New York and the Wesleyan Church was on top of a hill, which they walked to regularly. Her family provided food from their orchard, garden, and animals for their Pastor and his wife. At the church there was a big wood stove and her Mom started the fire before service on Sundays. They all had a hand in communion, making the bread, and pouring the grape juice. They were a close-knit family although her parents are now gone, her dad passing in December of '97 and mom in January of '05. Before her mom passed, she lived with Sonjia for about ten years and they traveled extensively together.

Following high school, she graduated from Cosmetology school in Rochester, New York and then owned and operated Sonjia's Beauty Salon for ten years. She also worked 40 years at the VA Medical Center in Bath, New York in the Physical Therapy Department.

She married in '65 and had two children, a son, Chris, in '67, and a daughter, Connie, in '71. They lived in Canaseraga in western New York, about one hour from Rochester. They lived there until the children graduated and Chris went into the military and Connie off to college.

Two of Sonjia's big interests were

golfing and down-hill skiing. In fact, she was on a golfing league with the VA Medical Center. In the summer she would golf and in the winter she would ski. She has skied many places over the course of 40 years like White Face Mountain, New York, Canada, Austria, Switzerland, and a ski area close to her home in New York, only five minutes away where she taught her children to ski.

In the '90s, she decided to find an apartment in Hornell, New York to accommodate her newly married daughter and son-in-law who moved into her home to get established. She found an apartment in Hornell and Ralph Schnell was the landlord who knew her younger sister from work. They became good friends since they knew each other's families. Ralph's wife passed away with cancer. During Thanksgiving they met for dinner at Seneca Lake, New York. Ralph's brother was so happy Sonjia befriended Ralph because Ralph discovered a blockage in his small intestines and became very sick. She became his caregiver.

They decided they wanted to live and maybe buy a house down south, so he and his faithful caregiver, Sonjia, drove to Johnson City Tennessee where they have friends but did not care for that area. They started looking in Asheville, Hendersonville, Flat Rock, and Brevard but nothing opened up. Planning to give up and go back to New York the next day, that night about 9 p.m., Sonjia got a call from Connie, her daughter, saying she found the perfect place on the Internet and it was located

in Morgan Chapel. They arranged to view it and knew "this was it!" However, another couple was planning on putting a bid on it. Ralph confided in Sonjia in Food Lion parking lot and they both decided this would be a good purchase and immediately put their bid on it. The next day by noon the contract had been signed only hours before the other bid came in. Since Ralph was sick and was admitted to the Robert Packard Hospital about two hours from his New York home he had two bypass surgeries and was hospitalized for about 45 days recovering. During that time, Sonjia did the entire paperwork on the home's closing.

Sonjia knew Ralph was an SDA, but thought he was like the seventh-day Baptists. His brother was an SDA minister. By this time Ralph knew he had cancer and was interested in attending the Adventist Church. One day driving to Tryon to get to know the area, they passed our Tryon SDA Church and even pulled in. He asked Sonjia if she would go to church and the following Sabbath, they walked in. Kelley and Grace were greeters and asked them to stay for fellowship lunch. During that lunch, Ralph walked over to the table where Grace was eating and asked her if she ever attended Union Springs Academy in upstate New York as he remembered a Grace Kellogg in his graduating class. Grace replied, "That was me." Sonjia says they knew the minute they walked in that this church was home for them.

Ralph and Sonjia attended the Revelation Seminar conducted by

Pastor Robinson and although it was a review for Ralph, Sonjia kept having "ah-ha" moments learning newer and newer things from the Bible she never learned before. She was awestruck. Her upbringing was very conservative: no make-up, no jewelry, no theaters, no dancing, etc., so she felt comfortable but the last-day events being new to her, she had to study out for herself. She then attended the Daniel seminar and a baptismal class. The following April of this year they were baptized, Sonjia saying it was a great decision especially since she had never been baptized.

As we know, Ralph went to sleep in Jesus in June of this year, but Sonjia has found a new family and so happy to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

By the way, she wants us to know although she only had two children, she now has six grandchildren (three boys and three girls) and three great-grandchildren (two girls and one boy – all babies). Sonjia is so happy with her family, including her new spiritual family at our church!



Oshkosh Fun Facts

- ☺ 57 Community Service projects were completed
- ☺ 6,000 Pathfinders involved in Community Services
- ☺ 30,000 Community Service hours
- ☺ 4,000 *Guide* magazines distributed
- ☺ 4,000 pounds of food collected
- ☺ 43 people helped with vision checks
- ☺ 16 people helped with dentistry
- ☺ 1,311 Baptisms
- ☺ \$21 million economical impact on the town of Oshkosh
- ☺ 9,400 Bibles collected for distribution
- ☺ 300 feet of fabric to create the largest Pathfinder scarf
- ☺ 600 Master Guides invested
- ☺ 29 core actors involved in the evening skits
- ☺ 13,309 people in the largest human cross
- ☺ \$68,533 raised for the Bibles & Buck project
- ☺ 160,00 square feet of hanger space used for the event
- ☺ 9,480 rolls of toilet paper used
- ☺ 528 2-way radios used
- ☺ 953 Golf Carts used
- ☺ 795 shower heads
- ☺ 1,595,200 gallons of gray water removed
- ☺ 36,00 Pathfinders involved in off-site activities
- ☺ 15 off-site activities
- ☺ 1,500 FM translation radios
- ☺ 250+ acres
- ☺ 76 buses used for transportation
- ☺ 1,082 porta-lets
- ☺ 220 Summer Camp staff utilized from various Camps around America



Oshkosh ~ 2019

Jonathan ~ I went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to the *Chosen* Pathfinder Camporee. It was really cool. There were some cool activities and honors. Here are some of the activities I did.

Adventist Community Service honor in which we packed up some buckets full of supplies for disaster relief. Then we helped to install drywall for homes that were flooded. Another set of activities we did was sports. (You guys knew that I wasn't going to come up here and not talk about sports!)

But getting back to the main subject. We played sports with many different people of many different nationalities. I played soccer and football with the Portuguese, and me, Stevie and Chase got schooled by some Asians and Indian guys in basketball.

There were also some funny stuff like the ventriloquist. There were actually two ventriloquists. And the play for the nightly program was pretty funny too. The evening meetings were the highlight of the day, where we got to see Pathfinders perform, the ventriloquist, a round of trivia, a sermonette, and a great play every night. Over 1,300 people got baptized.

We thank all of you who sponsored us for your generosity. And we are looking forward a lot to next Oshkosh in 2024!



Friends of the Foothills

Kelley Edney

Thank you so much for the donations of bleach last month. This month we are collecting disinfectant wipes to donate to Foothills Humane Society in Columbus NC. You can put your donation in the Share Thy Bread crate in the lobby of the church. Every little bit helps until all the animals have a home.



Oshkosh ~ 2019

Emily ~ My favorite honor at the Oshkosh Camporee was the Gold Panning Honor. The lady who taught it was very interesting and interactive! She showed us authentic leather postcards from the gold rush era and let us hold them. We also got to pan for gold, which I really enjoyed.

Another favorite thing I did at Oshkosh was pin trading. It was a great way to meet people from all around the world. My favorite pins are a set of Indian headdresses from Oklahoma. I also like the pins I collected from Texas and Minnesota.

The evening meetings were amazing, and definitely brought me closer to God. Thank you to everyone who sponsored me.



Oshkosh ~ 2019

Alexa ~ We had a lot of fun at Oshkosh doing honors, playing games, and sometimes we just played around the campsite. All of that was so much fun! But I think the most inspiring part about Oshkosh was the evening meeting, which was so packed with more than 50,000 people! Every evening we would praise God by singing songs to Him.

After that we would watch a little video and listen to a short sermon on David, and then to close off the evening we would watch a play!

The theme was "Chosen." David, Goliath, and Saul were the main characters in the story. God chose all of them, but David was the only one to follow God when the going got tough!

I want to be God's child, choosing Him every day! In all we had a great time. Thank you sooo much for sponsoring us to go to Oshkosh.



Dear friend,

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches.

Sampil who has cerebral palsy received one of those shoebox gifts. Volunteers in his hometown of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for disabled children like him, but he was sick that day. Not wanting him to miss out, a volunteer visited Sampil's house to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and give him a gift-filled shoebox. Sampil was delighted to find, among other fun items, a towel, toothbrush, and various school supplies inside.

"After I got a shoebox, I became a Christian and my relationships with others changed," Sampil said. He hadn't been to school in years, but the notebooks in his gift inspired him to enroll in a school for the disabled where he made many friends. Aware of Christ's forgiveness of his sins, Sampil also forgave his father who left his family more than 10 years ago. Today, Sampil has since graduated and serves as an assistant teacher at a camp.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Millions of boys and girls have participated in this dynamic course so far.

Would you consider joining us in spreading Good News and great joy this year by packing a shoebox?

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

Sampil



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Oshkosh ~ 2019

Leah ~ My favorite part of OshKosh was the evening meetings. They were really cool. I especially liked the play about David. I also enjoyed the Ventriloquist, he was really funny. Overall it was a fun trip thank-you to everyone who helped us go.



Sarah ~ I wanted to thank Nathan Green for going along and helping out when he doesn't have any kids in this club. It meant a lot. Robert Carney cooked the entire time for us and we really appreciated him as well as Pastor Tom Hughes. He just our group and provided great morning worship thoughts and was a smiling happy face that encouraged people and taught the kids about pin trading.

The biggest thank-you needs to go to Paul and Chrisy for being our leaders. There was so much time and energy put forth behind the scenes that we will never know. Thank-you to Chrisy for all the endless hours of planning, organizing, and communicating to everyone so that this trip could happen and not just happen but go smoothly. You guys are the best!!

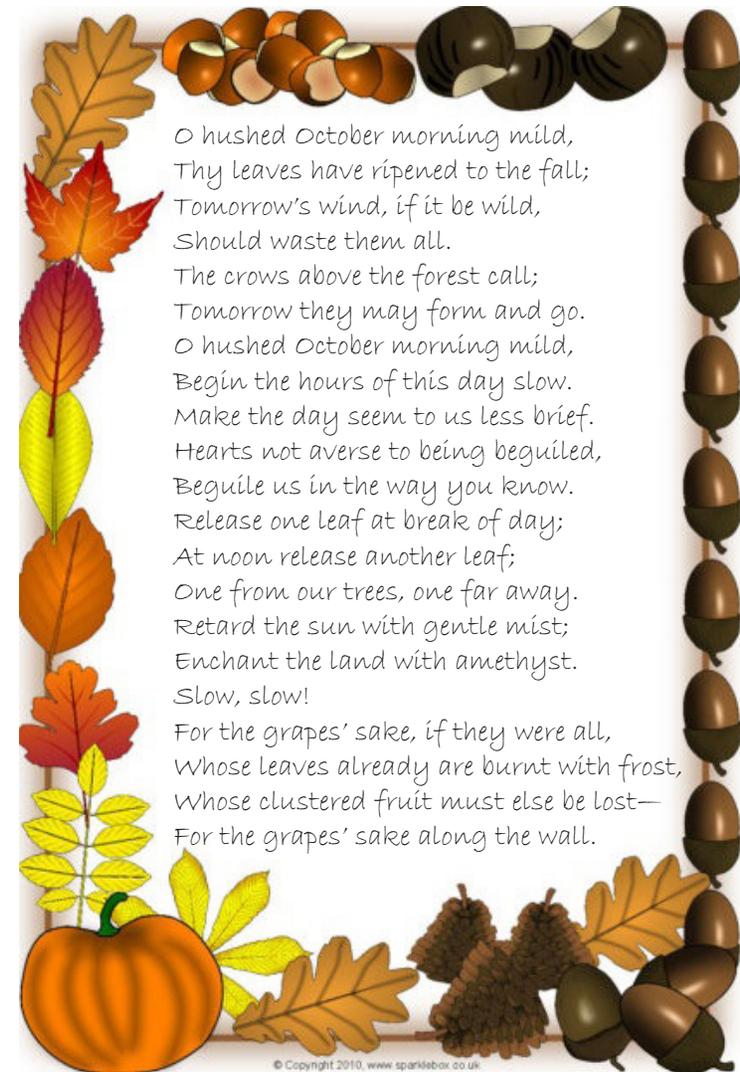
Amy ~ My favorite honor at Oshkosh was the Leather Crafting Honor. I got to make a small coin purse and chose a dog design to stamp on mine. I also enjoyed the evening meetings. My favorite was the ventriloquist with his lamb puppet named Lily. They were very funny and told great Bible stories.



Juliana ~ Chosen was the name of the Oshkosh song. Oshkosh was the best experience of my life. I grew closer to God in some ways. Oshkosh was very fun and the honors were so cool. My favorite honor was the mining honor and you would pan for real gold! There were also things to do for fun! My favorite activity (not honor) was the Friesian Horse Show – the horses were so graceful. I also like the human fossil and rock climbing. The night programs were also cool. There was a ventriloquist, and a skit, singing, and a sermonette. The sermonettes were very good. They had so much power in them!

Oshkosh was amazing in many ways. The only bad thing that happened is it rained the whole morning when we were supposed to go do honors. One night only, gladly. It started that night. Otherwise, it was amazing, cool, fun, and big. Walking was very long every day.

I loved it!



O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

Diluting the Gospel ~ 4

Liberty Department

Diluting the Gospel with External Viewpoints; Series Part 4 – The Philosophers Apostle Paul met in Athens

(See September Newsletter for the preceding paragraph)

Right before that, Paul places his last “Ethos” bullet, the strongest one, and right on target. Verse 28, “For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also his offspring.’” As one of your own poets have said – here Paul refer to the Greek Stoic poet Aratus and his poem “Phaenomena”, literally “Natural Appearances”. A highly valued poem among the Greeks, a composed handbook about the signs of the weather, the purpose of this poem was to praise Zeus for his kindness in giving to mankind natural signs by which to conduct his business. Let’s look the contexts of the poem.

“Let us begin with Zeus, whom we mortals never leave unspoken. For every street, every market-place is full of Zeus. Even the sea and the harbor are full of this deity.” Aratus here phrases Zeus and tells that Zeus is everywhere. Remember, the Stoics believed that god is everywhere. The poem continues - “Everywhere everyone is indebted to Zeus. For we are indeed his offspring...” This is the verse quoted by Paul. Then follows the signs of the weather - “He (Zeus) benignly gives helpful signs for men, and rouses people to work, reminding them of their livelihood, tells when the soil is best for oxen and mattocks, and

tells when the seasons are right both for planting trees and sowing every kind of seed.” Here Zeus-given signs coordinate agricultural activities with their appropriate seasons.

The message in verse 28 is very strong, Paul hires the Aratus way of reasoning in his favor - about God determining the times for us, the humans; and being His offspring. By discovering a common ground and using the local dialectics, Paul raises his own credential and the value of his message to its highest pick. It is good to mention that Paul did not drop the message in verse 28 out of nowhere; he carefully prepared the way of it in the previous verses. In the second part of verse 26, “...and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;” - this statement is Aratus way of reasoning. It serves as a building block and stays unnoticed from the listeners until Paul fires the message in verse 28. The message in verse 28 wraps all and opens the path for the final call and the conclusion - the last three verses of this discourse.

Paul demonstrates his incredible capability to connect with the audience; employing the support of their local practices, art, literature, and culture. He brings to the attention of the philosophers the contexts of Aratus poem first, he anchors his “Ethos” and gives seamless introduction to his final “Logos” where he brings the God’s last judgment call and the signs He is giving to us. Verse 31, “Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man

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whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead”. It is very interesting how “Ethos” and “Logos” at Paul’s discourse, in front of the Philosophers of Athens, arrived at its culmination at one point, at the end of verse 28. That’s why, at the end, the audience is ready for Paul to make the God’s judgment call. He does this just with one strike. After this sermon, several people accepted Jesus and were baptized. Somebody may say that Paul did not have much success in Athens. Then, I will ask a question - when was the last time when somebody took a walk on the Main Street in Tryon and brought several souls to Jesus?

In contrast, Peter’s speech in Acts 2:14-40 is full of “Pathos”. This is normal because everyone witnessed hearing the Gospel on their own language. “Pathos” was already in the air and Peter did not have a choice but to build upon it. Again, here, he spends a little time in the beginning to build “Ethos” for the speakers because there were some trying to ruin the “Ethos” – verse 13 “...These men are full of new wine”. Peter stands and declares - they are not drunk, you can trust them. Then from verse 16 to 22 Peter starts developing a very strong “Logos”, on a very strong “Ethos” base. We can say on a very strong “Ethos” because Peter heavily quotes the Scripture and the Prophesies. Peter’s audience is lettered in the Bible and the Biblical “Ethos” is well accepted from them.

Later in his discourse, while still building “Logos”, Peter brings “Pathos” into the scene. We read in verse 37: “...ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain”, “Therefore did my heart rejoice...”, “...thou shalt make me full of joy...” and in verse 38 “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Can you see the Pathos? It is everywhere and the result was tremendous.

“Ethos”, “Pathos”, and “Logos” are the three very important elements of a presentation. Speakers, who master and know how to balance them, are usually the most successful.



Levi ~ I had fun doing camp activities, honors, and physical activities. My sister and I did the waterfall honor. I did the Sabbath honor. I did the Pinewood derby and built a car. We did this really cool maze where we went in it, and it was in a trailer. We went in and had to feel around to find holes to get out. Then we played floor hockey. I scored two goals and won a water bottle. We played a lot of football and soccer. I would recommend going to OshKosh. It was great!

Fruit of the Spirit

Ellen G. White

The wheat develops “first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.” The object of the husbandman in the sowing of the seed and the culture of the growing plant is the production of grain. He desires bread for the hungry, and seed for future harvests. So the divine Husbandman looks for a harvest as the reward of His labor and sacrifice. Christ is seeking to reproduce Himself in the hearts of men; and He does this through those who believe in Him. The object of the Christian life is fruit bearing—the reproduction of Christ’s character in the believer, that it may be reproduced in others.

The plant does not germinate, grow, or bring forth fruit for itself, but to “give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater.” Isaiah 55:10. So no man is to live unto himself. The Christian is in the world as a representative of Christ, for the salvation of other souls.

There can be no growth or fruitfulness in the life that is centered in self. If you have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, you are to



forget yourself, and try to help others. Talk of the love of Christ, tell of His goodness. Do every duty that presents itself. Carry the burden of souls upon your heart, and by every means in your power seek to save the lost. As you receive the Spirit of Christ—the Spirit of unselfish love and labor for others—you will grow and bring forth fruit. The graces of the Spirit will ripen in your character. Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect. More and more you will reflect the likeness of Christ in all that is pure, noble, and lovely.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” Galatians 5:22, 23. This fruit can never perish, but will produce after its kind a harvest unto eternal life.

“When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. Christ’s Object Lessons 67-69

Signs of the Times

Ellen G. White

In the prophecy of Jerusalem’s destruction Christ said, “Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” This prophecy will again be fulfilled. The abounding iniquity of that day finds its counterpart in this generation. So with the prediction in regard to the preaching of the gospel. Before the fall of Jerusalem, Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, declared that the gospel was preached to “every creature which is under heaven.” Colossians 1:23. So now, before the coming of the Son of

WE Shorten God’s Arm

Ellen G. White

Do Not Let Go of God’s Arm Too Soon—I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, “Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.” I was then pointed to Elijah. He was subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly. His faith endured the trial. Seven times he prayed before the Lord, and at last the cloud was seen. I saw that we had doubted the sure promises, and wounded the Saviour by our lack of faith. Said the

man, the everlasting gospel is to be preached “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” Revelation 14:6, 14. God “hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world.” Acts 17:31. Christ tells us when that day shall be ushered in. He does not say that all the world will be converted, but that “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord’s return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory. *Desire of Ages* 633, 634

angel, “Gird the armor about thee, and above all take the shield of faith; for that will guard the heart, the very life, from the fiery darts of the wicked.” If the enemy can lead the desponding to take their eyes off from Jesus, and look to themselves, and dwell upon their own unworthiness, instead of dwelling upon the worthiness of Jesus, His love, His merits, and His great mercy, he will get away their shield of faith and gain his object; they will be exposed to his fiery temptations. The weak should therefore look to Jesus, and believe in Him; they then exercise faith. *Early Writings*, 73

Operation Christmas Child

This year, the students at the school would like to invite our church family to help us collect items for the Operation Christmas Child Outreach. The Samaritan's Purse organization sends "shoebox" gifts to thousands of children across the globe. This particular outreach is particularly touching for children, who are learning to serve as Jesus called us to, because it is easy for them to see the impact they are making on another child. Our students will thoughtfully pack each box with the needs of the child receiving it in mind. Each box is marked with an age and gender so that it can be distributed to someone who will best be able to use its contents.

The shoeboxes are filled with a variety of necessary and fun items. Items we are collecting for the shoeboxes are:

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap
- Band-aids
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Doll
- Ball – soccer, kick, football (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Small stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- School



supplies • Coloring / Activity Books • Notebooks • Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.) • Stickers • Skipping rope/ Jump rope Toys • Foam ball • Finger puppets • Slinky • Etch A Sketch • Puzzles • Building blocks. They are very particular about what items can be safely sent to the various countries, and these items are all on their "approved" list. Nothing liquid or perishable can be included. We will pack as many shoeboxes as we possibly can!

Since we are beginning our collections early, there is plenty of time to watch for sales on these items and plan what you would like to contribute. Please give your donations to our students or homeschooling friends, and they will be sure they get to our collection area. Sabbath, November 16 will be our last official day to collect donations. November 18-25 is National Collection Week. At that time, we will be assembling our shoeboxes and delivering them to a drop-off location.



Track and Field Day

Mr. Durby at Fletcher Academy hosted a Track and Field event for over 200 students from the regional Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools on Sunday, September 22. We had a GREAT turnout among our students and homeschoolers. Everyone encouraged each other and tried their best. After separating into grade-level groups, students had a great time together competing in the various events: track races, long jump, softball throw, sack race, and tug-of-war. We will be having an awards ceremony soon (date TBA).



Mrs. Durby's Class

The Places We Will Go is the theme of grades 1 - 4 this year. We kicked off our school year by making Papier-mâché hot air balloons complete with pictures of ourselves in the baskets! Our hot air balloons are now soaring over us, hanging around our classroom. We have recently begun creating clay relief maps, highlighting landforms we have been studying.





GAME ON!

The 2019

Polk Fit Challenge

The Polk Fit Challenge begins September 28th and ends October 28th.

Registration is open NOW!

Motivate yourself and each other as you set personal and team goals for healthy activity while getting out and about in the Polk County community for the month of October.

For more information or to register visit www.polkfit.com

With the Polk Fit Challenge, we've created a fun and effective way to help you, your friends, family and employees achieve better overall health.

How does the Challenge Work? Enter the Challenge and bring a team along with you. Challenge members who are among the first to register will receive a free Challenge T-Shirt, while supplies last. Motivate yourself and each other as you set personal and team goals for healthy activity.

Awards for which all participants are eligible, regardless of division:

First, Second, and Third place certificates for participants in top three teams.

First, Second, and Third place certificates for most original team name.

Most Participation – Certificate to organization registering the most teams.

Certificate to all participants who log minutes for every day of the Challenge



Thrift Store Tales

Karen Sparks

Thank you to all who helped bring down our winter clothes on September 14. What a great evening Deb Grant held for everyone. Snacks and games. Then later we had pizza while the ladies worked in the store setting up the clothes.

With the help of our volunteers the store was completely set up by Monday. I was able to work on donations the rest of the week. And I continue to work on donations. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the donations or clothes.

As we prepare for Jesus' coming we would like to tell you to think about what you really need to keep in your home to be happy and successful and to praise God.

Blessings, Karen Sparks



Karen Sparks
614-530-5041



FALL FESTIVAL, We would like to invite everyone to our annual Fall festival October 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We want to thank all the ministries who are helping make this festival a wonderful time for our church. We will have delicious food, hayride, horse rides, face painting, and many other fun games.

We are also collecting non-perishable food for *Share Thy Bread*. If you bring 5 or more food items you get 5 free tickets.

If you have any questions, please call Sara Wolff, 980-229-5186.

Signs of the Times

Ted Coles

Hello all, Just a heads up. I heard last week the *News Leader* will be closing down in two weeks. So the last copy should be coming out soon. I got it from a reliable source.

I have also heard the *Tryon Daily Bulletin* is struggling.

We need to pray for these folks as I would hate to see both small local newspapers go out of business.

It's a sign of the times, I suppose, not a good one — but a sign.



Share Thy Bread

Share Thy Bread

Bev Cook

Share Thy Bread continues to meet the hungry needs of the community. Our faithful members take boxes of food out every two weeks and occasionally we deliver to an individual home in crisis. Manna Food Bank in Asheville is our largest supplier but we still pay what is called a Shared Maintenance Fee plus shipping to our area. Food Lion also donates weekly to our food ministry. Although our funds are limited, we are praying God will keep us viable as He has since 2014 when we started.

Wanangwa has applied for a grant to help offset our costs. We ask for your prayers in getting this grant as the award will be announced in November.

As our Thrift Store is making a positive impact on the community, we sense that *Share Thy Bread* is doing the same.

If you want to get involved, talk to either Wanangwa, the leader, or Bev, her assistant. It is a rewarding work for God. We look forward to growth as we prepare to move into our new building. We would love for you to be a part of it too.



Adventurers

Sara Wolff

Adventurers' registration meeting was a lot of fun. We started with worship and talked about how we can paint our world with kindness. We then enjoyed painting a small canvas. We also played two color games. The highlight of our meeting was the crayon piñata! Kids loved getting some candy! We can't wait for our next meeting. We are going to work on our Fitness award.



SAVE THE DATE

PRISON MINISTRIES CONVENTION

1st Annual
CAROLINA PRISON MINISTRIES

October 6, 2019

10:00am - 4:00pm

Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
2701 East WT Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28213

Jim Wetmore - SPEAKER
Regional Director of Carolina Prison Ministries, North Carolina

Larry Barker
Regional Director of Carolina Prison Ministries, South Carolina
Teaching a "Volunteers" Class

Jeffrey Cobb - SPEAKER
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"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also."

Hebrews 13:3

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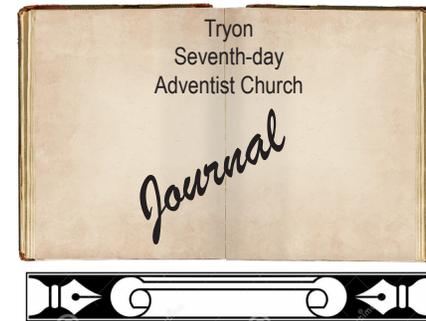
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Why Are We Still Here?

Lorna Rae Dever

God led the Israelites out of Egypt headed for the Promised Land. The long years of captivity were finished. Slavery was behind and the grand and glorious day lay soon ahead. After a revival encampment at Sinai, the people were ready to move on to their new homes.

Twelve leaders from each tribe went to check out their new land. Forty days later they returned showing off beautiful fruit and telling about the fertile land that lay ahead for them to enjoy. After a wonderful description about their new home they had the infamous **BUT!** But there are giants in the land. But they will easily overpower us. A rebellion ensued! Ten spies against two carried the attitudes of the people with them and the rebellion could not be quenched. The people's faith in God collapsed and their footsteps were turned back to the wilderness for 40 years of wandering – 40 years because they lost faith and trust in God!

Have you ever criticized the Israelites for their lack of faith and trust? Think about it, though!

The year was 1844. The people were excited that Jesus was coming, but it didn't happen. We realize that the exact event that was to take place at that time was not Jesus' return, but His entrance into the work God had planned for His Son. But we are still here –175 years later! Mrs. White indicates that Jesus could have come in 1888 – Even that is 131 years later! *Why are we still here?* Do we lack faith and trust? What must I do, what must you do to be ready?

“When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.

“It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.” *Christ Object Lessons 692*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9am - Church Workbee 10am - Thrift Store	30 9am - Thrift Store 2:45pm - VW Karen	1 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Hour of Prayer - 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	2 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6pm - Pathfinder 6:30pm - Mid-Week	3 9am - Thrift Store	4 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 7:08pm - Sunset	5 No Fellowship Lunch Local Church Budget - 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Hand Bells 7:06pm - Sunset
6 10am - Thrift Store 11am - Reserved - Fall	7 9am - Thrift Store	8 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	9 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6:30pm - Mid-Week	10 9am - Thrift Store	11 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 6:58pm - Sunset	12 Youth Sabbath @ Tryon 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 6:57pm - Sunset
13 10am - Thrift Store	14 Columbus Day Pastor/Teacher 9am - Thrift Store	15 9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	16 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6pm - Pathfinder 6:30pm - Mid-Week	17 9am - Thrift Store	18 Teacher Study Group - 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 6:49pm - Sunset	19 Church Board Retreat Local Church Budget - NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 6:48pm - Sunset
20 Co-Op Order Date 10am - Thrift Store	21 9am - Thrift Store	22 9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	23 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6:30pm - Mid-Week	24 RESERVED Community 9am - Thrift Store	25 Pathfinder Backpacking trip @ Balsam Knob 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 6:41pm - Sunset	26 Carolina Youth - 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Baptism 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 6:40pm - Sunset
27 Pathfinder 10am - Thrift Store	28 Parent/Teacher 9am - Thrift Store	29 9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	30 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6pm - Pathfinder 6:30pm - Mid-Week	31 Halloween 9am - Thrift Store	1 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 6:34pm - Sunset	2 No Fellowship Lunch Local Church Budget - 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 6:33pm - Sunset

Lepidopteran

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Have you ever seen a lepidopteran? Chances are you have. We know them as butterflies and moths. Butterflies get the most attention from this group and we all have our favorites. Today let's look at moths.

Moths are usually nocturnal, which is why we don't notice them as much - they sleep in the daytime when we're up and around. When we do notice them at night, it's often when

they fly in our faces because we have a light with us. They aren't trying to be annoying - our lights attract the bugs they eat. They also may be confused and disoriented by the light.

It is possible that there are as many as 160,000 species of moth. Some are quite beautiful. Their caterpillars are extraordinary too. Next time you see a pretty caterpillar, look it up. You might be surprised to find it will become a moth, not a butterfly.

For examples look up orange striped oakworm (caterpillar and moth)

