

## Getting to Know You ~

### Brad & Christy Durby

We were able to catch up with Christy one weekday as she was hugging her last student good-bye at the end of a school day. We got her story and want to share it with our church family.

Brad and Christy were married on June 14, 1990, twenty-nine years ago, at the Wheaton SDA Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. They met while both teaching at John Nevin Andrews Elementary School (JNA). It was Christy's second year teaching Pre-First and Brad's first year teaching PE and upper grade math. He never had taught Kindergarten PE, so Christy was glad to give him a few pointers. So their relationship began.

Brad and Christy began dating in August, became engaged in December, and married the following June. They were married in, and attended the Wheaton SDA Church where Christy grew up attending. The first house they lived in was on the church property where they served as caretakers. They lived there for two years and continued to teach, though Christy had moved on to Sligo Adventist School to teach a 1 & 2 combination class. Then Christy became pregnant with Andrew and they bought their own house and moved just two weeks before Andrew was born! Megan was born five days short of a year later.

Christy's parents, Domenic and Susan DiBiase, along with Art & Pixie Paradis, helped move them into their new house, tore down walls, painted,

unpacked, and even helped them wallpaper. Christy was blessed to stay home, raising Andrew and Megan, eventually homeschooling both of them. Brad was the Athletic Director & basketball coach at Takoma Academy and then the Athletic Director and baseball coach at Columbia Union College, now Washington Adventist University.

They lived in Ohio for a couple of years, where Brad was the Principal of Spring Valley Academy. Christy continued to homeschool Andrew and Megan and they were part of the umbrella group of homeschoolers at the school. Christy even subbed long term for a first grade teacher, Andrew and Megan helped out in the classroom, attended some classes and did their own school work in the room also.

Brad then began working as the Vice Principal and Director of Recruitment at Highland Valley Academy in Maryland. For a while Christy, Andrew, and Megan lived at her parent's beach apartment in Maryland, while awaiting their Ohio house to sell. Eventually that position was discontinued so Brad began looking for his next place of service.

Pixie Paradis was working at Eddlemon Adventist School, and she called Brad, knowing he was searching for a teaching job. They took a road trip South, in the midst of a snowfall for the interview. They were excited to have this opportunity because Christy always loved North Carolina. She grew up visiting her Grandmother, who used to live in Wilmington, North Carolina, and the whole family had

special memories of family time in the Carolinas. Needless to say, they were happy when Brad was offered the job at Eddlemon. Two and one-half years after the Ohio house was put on the market, it sold, and they were able to purchase a house in North Carolina.

Christy continued to homeschool Andrew and Megan until they attended Fletcher Academy for their Junior and Senior years. Christy worked at Eddlemon in their daycare program and then as a teacher's aide for Lori Busch and Brad, and then as a volunteer, especially helping out in art and history for grades 4 – 8.

The next year she was offered a full-time job and it was right here at our Tryon SDA School. She received the call for the job interview while at the beach and found out through a voicemail, which she was surprised and encouraged to reply to, by Lori Busch, who was with her when she listened to the voicemail. Christy and Brad definitely saw God's hand directing her to Tryon SDA School and she feels truly blessed to be a part of it.

This current school year (2019-2020) is Christy's fifth year teaching at Tryon. She greatly enjoys her classroom of children, the relationships and connections with families she has the privilege of working, as well as having the opportunity to teach, and share the Gospel of Jesus love.

Presently, Brad is Vice Principal at Fletcher Academy and wears more hats than even Christy knows. He drives the Fletcher bus for various school activities, including choir and

music programs; he is on duty as well, many weekends, which is why he isn't at church with Christy as often as he would like. Their children are grown. Andrew lives in Tennessee and is enjoying his new position as an assistant manager at a riverfront restaurant in Chattanooga. Megan and her husband, Richard, moved to Pennsylvania this summer, and she is currently pursuing her Masters in the field of Social Work; she will be working as a substitute teacher this Fall.

Christy loves the beach, traveling, reading, and has an extensive book collection. Art Paradis finished off their basement and built walls of gorgeous bookshelves for her 240 boxes of books. She likes to collect old Adventist books, which are a treasure because some are out of print, they are beautiful old editions, and it's hard to come across such wonderful stories today.

Brad unwinds at home but is interested in sports and gospel music. Christy's favorite Bible characters are Joseph and Daniel because they were so faithful to God throughout their various trials. She finds it notable there are no character defects recorded of either man. God was with them in the midst of their trials and they were faithful to Him throughout their lives.

If you haven't been able to get to know Christy and Brad yet, try to catch up with them and tell them what a great contribution they are making to Christian education and our church and school in particular.



Christy & Brad Durby



Tryon Mountain troopers pathfinder club along with Mills River pathfinder club hosted the Portuguese Pathfinder club for the 2019 Oshkosh Camporee! It has been a pleasure all!!! This is a shot of our group!



## Diluting the Gospel ~ 4

### Liberty Department

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

Ares was the fierce god of war and defense; the son of Zeus, the king of the gods and Hera, the goddess of the marriage. His Roman equivalent is Mars. The month March is named after the god Ares (Mars in Latin). The Greeks believed that this hill was the place where Ares stood trial before the other gods for the murder of Poseidon's son Alirrothios. His weapons were a shield and a spear and so, his symbol is a circle with an arrow emerging from it. The male gender symbol we are so familiar with (♂) is associated with the weapons of Ares. Ares was the first Greek god to be trialed on the hill of Areopagus. Mars Hill served as the place for meeting the highest Areopagus Court in Greece for criminal, civil, and religious matters. The Greeks looked at this hill with superstitious admiration.

Quite a respect was shown to Paul with this invitation but his task was enormously difficult. He had to debate, at the same time, two independent philosophical schools that were in constant philosophical arguments. On the other hand, he was nobody here and the God of the Bible was unknown to them. Let's see how Paul constructed his discourse with the three elements - Ethos, Pathos, and Logos.

Both, the Epicureans and the Stoics, disapproved excessive emotions. So,

we should expect no emotions (Pathos) in the Paul's speech. Sure enough, there is none. Maybe, just here and there; slight notes (sprinkled as a seasoning) but, in general, his speech lacks Pathos. How about the logical and ethical parts of his discourse? How Paul uses them? First, remember Paul is nobody to these people and he needs to build his credentials. Second, the logic in his speech is very important because his listeners are philosophers, they value "Logos", and "Logos" will help Paul later to deliver the Gospel message. To build these two elements (Ethos and Logos) in his speech, Paul took a very interesting approach – he built them in parallel at the same time. The intense of these two escalates, starting from the beginning of verse 22 and coming to its culmination at verse 28. This allows the speech to be short but, in the same time, the quality is unmatched. In this case we can safely say that the majority of Paul's speech is "Ethos" or the majority is "Logos" and it will be correct in both ways.

Ten verses long speech and Paul uses the first seven building his Ethos. How he did that? From verse 22 to 28 he builds his Ethos in a very unique way. He did not speak about the university he studied, about his professors, or the degrees he obtained. Instead, he chooses to demonstrate his knowledge of Greek philosophy, culture, sacred practices, and his affiliation to the common people he met in this city. In verse 22 he starts, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious". Verse 23 "I found an

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altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you". It may sound that Paul stood in front of them and as soon as he opened his mouth, he started accusing them of ignorance and superstition. This was not the case. In his introduction, Paul did not blame his audience of ignorance and superstition, at least not directly. Actually, he agreed with them. The Epicureans and the Stoics were intellectual philosophical schools; they did not have shrines for worship. The Greek philosophers were trying to grasp the unknown with logic, with their minds, not with superstition. Paul was referring that the general population was worshiping the idols. Paul declared to the heist court in Athens that he too (as they do) worries about the illiteracy and delusion spread among the general population in the city. The logic in these introductory verses is clear. You men of Athens, Paul said, are admitting that you have a blank page in understanding of the deity. You have erected an altar for the just in case god or the god, you did not understand in the past. I came to bring knowledge for this God, Paul said.

In the same time, Paul did not accept what these philosophers had to offer. He carried his own message and he was confident in the quality and value of it. This is quite transparent just by reading his opening verses. Paul is rising here as an intellect, humbly giving a reverence to the

Creator but not ignorantly, blindly, and superstitiously. Verse 24, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands". In the beginning of the speech, Paul pair with the philosophers, but, here is why this discourse is a masterpiece. Paul did not tell directly to the philosophers that they are ignorant. Instead, he led them with dialectic to come to this conclusion that a human based philosophy is no better than the superstition's practice of the common men and women on the streets of Athens. He let them realize the need for a change, a change that everyone born on this planet needs. In the eyes of God, all men are equal – rich and poor, educated and uneducated, we are all alike. Verse 26, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth..." The call gets stronger and stronger as Paul builds his solid "Logos", moving towards the conclusion of the message - the last three verses of the speech.

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.

To Be Continued Next Month

*The true courage  
is in  
Facing danger when you are afraid.  
~ Frank Baum*

## News From Our Missionaries

Trey & Vicky Brown

This week our neighbor's sister, \*Anna, invited us to visit the coast with their family. Then, at the permission of our hosts, Vicky decided to invite her friend \*Love, who is suffering from kidney failure. Tuesday we took the two hour drive to a nearby beach and a village called \*Forest Village. Arriving there we shared a room with \*Love and her daughter. The close quarters made for an intimate environment and we were wondering if this was a good idea after all. All night the mosquitoes were biting and then our first day was cloudy and filled with tension from these two families. However, it was also filled with much laughter and fun together.

Thursday morning, I woke up before sunrise and went to walk the shore and pray. "Lord, we don't want to waste time and we asked You before coming if you wanted us here and it seemed You said 'yes'. Please, in some way glorify Your name through us. Tell us when to speak and when to keep silent, how to act and when to let things go. Teach us, like Solomon, as little children, just how to be so that these people may know You." After a beautiful thought from God's Word I headed back. \*Anna and her husband were going swimming, so \*Love's daughter and I went along, while Vicky and \*Love slept a bit longer. After some morning exercise we headed back to have breakfast together.

Following breakfast, \*Anna's husband and I said we would clean up and the ladies could go to the beach.

As they all left, our conversation turned from history to religion and from there into the best and most open conversation I have ever had. In the end I asked my new friend one question. "If Islam is false would you really want to know?" He paused for a moment, then lifting the cigarette in his hand he replied, "I know smoking this is bad for me, but I can't quit. If what I believe isn't true I'm not sure I could step away from it." Seeing his honest heart, I asked if we could pray together for God to show both of us the true path and give us strength to walk in it. In the middle of the room, with hands lifted up, he began to recite an Arabic prayer. Then we both knelt as I asked God to see our hearts and direct our minds. Right then everyone returned from the beach asking where we had been as we realized three hours had just passed in the pursuit of truth.

We hope you have a blessed new week!

Love,  
Trey and Vicky

"This is a day of good news, and if we remain silent some punishment will come upon us." 2 Kings 7:9

Let us join together in not keeping silent but rather seeking to tell the good news that the victory is already won!

\*Names changed for privacy purposes.

Sometimes  
the smallest things  
Take up the most room in your heart.  
~ A. A. Milne

## Seniors Enjoy Israeli Meal & Program

Bev Cook

The first event of the new church year for the Seniors of our church kicked off on Sunday, August 25.

About 90% of our seniors attended this much anticipated event. Differing from past meals, this semi-formal event was complete with maître d' and Pathfinders to assist; our senior guests were ushered to their respective tables where they delightfully found a menu of six courses plus beverage. They had two choices out of each course which they were asked to mark their menu and then their table Pathfinder filled their plates. Items available were avocado or hummus dip as appetizer, Honeyed Tomato or Balkan Yogurt Cucumber Soup, Israeli Salad or

Moroccan Carrot Salad, Mediterranean "Chicken" or Spanakopita. There were also Stuffed Vine Leaves or Guvetch and dessert choices were Kaidaf'i or Date Crisps.

Needless to say, it was a learning experience. Learning not only took place with the meal, but afterwards a Tour of Israel narrated by Pastor Harry Robinson rounded out the afternoon.

We would like to thank the Pathfinders and their leaders, and the entire Senior Ministries Team who put forth much time and effort to make this event memorable. The team consist of Chet & Bev Cook, Terry Bantz & Wally McDaniel, Red & Barb Sanders, Ed & Carla Powell, and Art & Pixie Paradis. We look forward to Sonjia Bennett joining our team for future events.





## Postcards From Across America & Around the Globe

Around the World Geography is our school-wide theme this year, and each of our classes, as well as our homeschool friends, will be engaging in a friendly postcard campaign. The children will be inviting family members and friends to send in postcards from around the U.S. and around the world. Both of our classes, as well as our homeschool friends, have a U.S. scratch-off map in the hallway. As postcards come in - either to your home or addressed to your child at school – that student will get to “scratch off” the state or country to reveal more information about the

state or country. We will be hanging the postcards around the maps too. Our goal is to receive postcards from each of the 50 states to post around each map. We will also be working together to see how many countries we can receive postcards from around the world. We are asking for postcards to include interesting or fun facts about the state or country: such as landmarks, monuments, tourist locations, and natural wonders etc.

Our school address: Tryon SDA School 2820 Lynn Rd, Tryon, NC 28782

*Promise me you will remember,  
You are BRAVER than you believe,  
STRONGER than you seem,  
SMARTER than you think.  
~ A. A. Milne*



*It is only with the heart  
that one can see rightly;  
What is essential is invisible to the eye.  
~ Antoine de Saint*

## Our Facebook Page

We are very grateful for a loving and caring church family! Follow our many adventures at:  
[www.facebook.com/tryonsdaschool](http://www.facebook.com/tryonsdaschool)

## Career and Community Week

The students in Mrs. Durby’s class began their school year with Career and Community week. They toured the Columbus Library, Days Inn, St. Luke’s Hospital, The Columbus Fire Station, The Ice Cream Barn, and Entegra Bank. The students explored various careers and learned many things about their community. Many thanks to the local sites who hosted our visits, welcomed us warmly, gave us informative tours, and provided many hands-on experiences for our students! We want our students to think about ways they can be an active part of their community both now and when they grow up.

In the words of Mrs. Durby’s class:

Yesterday we had a field trip to the library. We saw our bell teacher, Miss Wanangwa. She works at Polk County Library. ~ Zina

We visited the library. I liked nature books. ~ Grayson

My class went on a field trip to St. Luke’s Hospital. We got a tour in a surgery room. They have to put orange liquid cleaning stuff so germs don’t get in. ~ Ava

Yesterday we went to the swimming pool. It was fun. The pizza, it was so good. Mr. Pete told us about

making beds and changing sheets. ~ Nivia

I went to Days Inn and I learned where the electricity box is. ~ Gabby

I sprayed water at the fire station and cotton candy ice cream. ~ Jazz

I visited Entegra bank and I learned about the fake money thing. The ink is different. A bad guy could give it or a good one could give it by accident. ~ Logan

I visited Entegra Bank and I learned that they had a vault. And there was money in the vault. ~ Lemuel



## Stay Tuned for more to come...

Coming next month there will be a full report on the exciting events Miss Busch’s class enjoyed at the International Pathfinder Camporee at OshKosh, WI. The students are using memories from this trip as they learn about the elements of essay writing. Some of the things they are writing about are: honors, evening meetings, silly memories around the campsite, meeting friends from Portugal, delicious food, games, traveling on the bus, and pin trading. They all had an eventful week that they will remember for their whole lives!

## THE NEXT DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM WILL BEGIN September 3, 2019!

(This is a program for those AT RISK for developing Type 2 diabetes)

### Information about the Diabetes Prevention Program:

- A year-long commitment
  - Anyone over the age of 18 may participate
- Weekly meetings for the first 16 weeks of the program
  - Sessions will be held on Tuesday evening at 5:30pm
- Sessions will be held at St. Luke's Hospital in the classroom
- Sessions are 1 hour focusing on a different topic each week
- There is NO COST to participate in the program at this time
- This is NOT a program for those who have been diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes

**Call 828-284-7074 to register.**

**Space is limited!**



### Thrift Store Tales

Karen Sparks

We are all extremely excited to see the new building begin to take shape. In the meantime, we are working on getting the Thrift store organized and ready for the winter clothes to come into the store and the summer clothes to be removed.

Beginning September 8, 9, and 10 we will have our usual BAG SALES. We will close at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th to begin to bag up the remaining summer clothes. These clothes will be distributed to folks we have lined up to take them to places in Kentucky and an Indian Reservation in North Carolina.

The store will be closed September 11 through 21.

I am planning to have a Christmas in September sale on September 12 and 13. What fun to show our donations for a couple days and move some of our inventory.

*Unless someone like you  
Cares an whole awful lot,  
Nothing is ever going to get better.  
~ Dr. Seuss*

### I need Volunteers

First, to help remove the clothes on September 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Second, on September 11 to set up the Christmas displays.

Third, on September 12 and 13 to sell our donations.

Fourth, on September 14, after sundown, we need all the volunteers we can get to bring all the winter clothes down from upstairs and put them in the Thrift Store.

Fifth, the following week I need help setting the clothes up on the racks and organizing.

Big job but we can do it, we always do.

Thanks to everyone for all your help during the year. You are all such a blessing. ~ Karen Sparks



### Fall Festival

Sara Wolff

October 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It is time to start getting ready for the Fall Festival. This year we are asking the church ministries to create a booth with activities. There are so many awesome ideas like apple bobbing, pop a pumpkin, ring toss, etc. Please let Sara Wolff know what your ministry is planning so we don't have duplicates. We would love for everyone to participate and have a great time. Let's make our Fall Festival an amazing event for the whole church.

## Share Thy Bread

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! I hope you all have had a wonderful summer. As we head into fall, *Share Thy Bread* will continue to provide food to the many in our community who need it. Thank you all for your generous donations of food, money, supplies, and time.

If you have heard about *Share Thy Bread* and are wondering how you can get involved, here are a few ideas. Please come and talk to me or Bev to learn more.

Deliver food

Scout out people who need food

Purchase specific types of food needed

Replenish supplies

Donate to the *Share Thy Bread* fund

Keep trailer and refrigerators clean and organized

Write up experiences for newsletter

Pray for our ministry

Thank you all for your support and encouragement. God bless you!



## YOU Are Needed

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hi everyone! We are needing more ringers for our adult bell choir. You don't need to know music in order to ring -- the music is color-coded and we will help you. If you enjoy music and want to learn how to play bells, please come talk to me. Thanks, Wanangwa



## Adventurers

Sara Wolff

It is almost time for us to start a new Adventurer year!!!! Our theme this year is *Paint Your World!* I am so excited to get busy learning how we can make our world better with Jesus in our hearts!!!

We are planning to start in the end of September. Keep an eye out for a date!!!

If you would like more information about Adventurers please Call Sara Wolff (980-229-5186)

The greatest glory in living  
Lies not in never falling,  
But in rising every time we fall.  
~ Nelson Mandela



## Friends of the Foothills

Kelley Edney

This month we are accepting bleach to donate to Foothills Humane Society in Columbus North Carolina. You can put your donation in the Share Thy Bread crate in the lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity! Every little bit helps until all the animals have a home.

## Items for Sale

Violet Weiss

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:**  
Distinctive 41" Console Piano. This traditional French Provincial Model was built by the Krakauer Family that has been known for building fine pianos since 1869. It has been well-cared for and is in excellent condition. The finish is fruitwood. Originally sold for \$1,245. Asking \$700 or best offer. Call Violet Weiss at 828-894-7022.

**SEWING MACHINE:** Pfaff Sewing Machine with embroidery unit. This machine has seen very little use because of my vision problems. Please call Violet Weiss at 828-894-7022 to discuss price.



A portion of all Ingathering donations received by our local church comes back to help VBS

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Lorna Rae Dever

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## Pacific Press Deal of the Month

Wanangwa Hartwell

A connection with the living God of the Bible shapes and transforms your life like nothing else. Our part toward this connection is to form the equally important habits of Bible study and prayer. The Pacific Press deal of the month for September will help you do just that.

Frank M. Hasel is an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is a pastor and Bible teacher. His book *Longing for God* is a prayer and Bible journal. Everything in this book he has put into practice in his own life.

You can get *Longing for God* online through the Adventist Book Center website at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com). For the special discount, use our church code, which is 81155. This book will be an encouraging companion on your journey to the kingdom.

issue devoted to the problems of capital and labor. When they arrived, he opened the parcel in the post office and began handing out copies to neighbors as they arrived for their mail. As he gave out his papers, Wayne mentioned that any money the recipients cared to give in exchange would be used for missions. Within less than an hour he had disposed of virtually his entire supply of *Signs* and had received better than \$4 for missions.

More than \$136 million was donated during the first 55 years of Ingathering history!

*More information next month!*

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HONEY for Sale: Benjamin Owens, 828-287-5866. 24# = \$65. 12# = \$40. 3# = \$12.

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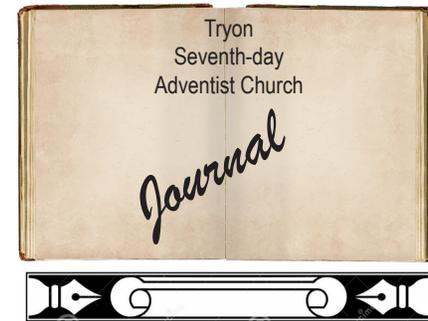
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JOB OPENING: The Southern Union Conference in Norcross, Georgia is currently accepting applications for an Associate/Assistant Treasurer position in the Treasury Department. If interested, please go to [www.southernunion.com/employment](http://www.southernunion.com/employment). Thank you!



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If your birthday does not appear in the Newsletter, please give the date to Lorna so it will get registered on the birthday calendar. Thanks! 828-817-1544 or news@tryonsdachurch.org.



### The Scriptures a Safeguard Ellen G. White

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. Satan employs every possible device to prevent men from obtaining a knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions. At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.

Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?

It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God.

Excerpted from *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 37, *The Scriptures a Safeguard*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>CLOSED -Thrift Store</b>	2 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No school Labor Day</b> 9am - CLOSED Thrift	3 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Hour of Prayer - 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	4 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 12pm - Office Hours - 6:30pm - Mid-Week	5 9am - Thrift Store	6 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 7:48pm - Sunset	7 <b>No Fellowship Lunch</b> <b>Local Church Budget -</b> 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 7:47pm - Sunset
8 10am - Thrift Store	9 9am - Thrift Store BAG 12pm - Grandparent	10 9am - Thrift Store BAG 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin deadline	11 8:30am - Circle of 9am - CLOSED Thrift 12pm - Office Hours - 6:30pm - Mid-Week	12 9am - Christmas sale -	13 9am - Christmas sale - 9am - Office Hours - 7:38pm - Sunset	14 <b>Youth Sabbath @ Tryon</b> 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 1:30pm - Afternoon 6:30pm - Social 7:30pm - TURNOVER 7:37pm - Sunset
15 10am - CLOSED Thrift	16 17 18 19 20 <b>8am - IBS TESTING @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782, USA</b>					21 <b>Local Church Budget -</b> <b>NO FELLOWSHIP</b> 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 7:26pm - Sunset
22 <b>Co-Op Order Date</b> <b>School Track &amp; Field</b> 10am - Thrift Store	23 24 25 26 27 <b>8am - IBS TESTING @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782, USA</b>					28 <b>Carolina Youth -</b> 8am - COMMUNION 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 7:16pm - Sunset
29 10am - Thrift Store	30 9am - Thrift Store	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 - 6:30pm - Mid-Week	3 9am - Thrift Store	4 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 7:08pm - Sunset	5 <b>No Fellowship Lunch</b> <b>Leadership Retreat</b> <b>Local Church Budget -</b> 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 7:06pm - Sunset

# Sheep

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The Bible uses sheep as a symbol of Christ (Isaiah 53:7; Acts 8:32) because, like a sheep in the hand of the shearers, He did not resist His oppressors.

Because of their meekness, the children of God are spoken of as sheep. Psalms 78:52; 79:13; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-34; 1 Peter 2:25.

The lost sinner is represented by sheep in the parable of the ninety and nine. Luke 15:1-7.

Sheep are generally thought of as stupid creatures, yet they illustrate the quality of meekness and quietness. They follow their master or leader without question, even though he might lead them to death.

“He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.” As the sheep satisfy their hunger and lie down to enjoy their quiet rest, so the one who feeds on the

word of God finds rest and peace for the soul.



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The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

Psalm 23:1-2

