



## LeNoy & Judy Kyzer

As of this past December 3, LeNoy & Judy have been married an amazing 61 years, tying the knot in 1960! They both grew up and got married in Columbia, SC. They attended the Columbia SDA Church where they met. They've been true-hearted Carolinians living in Columbia SC, Greenville SC (here LeNoy was stationed at Donaldson Air Force Base which is now closed), Charleston SC (here their two girls were born & the family lived here 11 years), Spartanburg SC (LeNoy finished his tour of duty with the US Air Force) and now in Campobello SC. LeNoy worked with Judy's dad in the hearing aid office before they moved to Spartanburg SC in 1973 to open their own Hearing Aid Office.

It is truly amazing how LeNoy became an SDA. Although baptized at 14, it was an amazing route how God brought him and his family to get to the truth as we know it. A bit of the backstory... LeNoy's Uncle Fred lived out in the country on a farm. It seemed he needed some help so he asked LeNoy's mom if he could help him combine grain and she said, "yes." So off to the farm LeNoy went to work that summer. A "Brother Harrison" needed the use of some heavy equipment so he came out to see Uncle Fred. He started talking to Uncle Fred and LeNoy picked up part of the conversation where Brother Harrison said he'd be back with some slides that would be quite interesting. LeNoy attended the Methodist Church with his family. On Sunday, he told his mom that Mr. Harrison was coming to show some pictures. His mom, dad, and sister came and the strip slide machine started to roll. Mr. Harrison opened with prayer & then started talking and showing slides about Jesus, the second coming, etc. Although somewhat surprised, LeNoy & his family continued through the entire series. Many subjects were touched upon including

clean & unclean foods. After that LeNoy's dad got rid of their unclean foods. It wasn't long and LeNoy, his sister, his dad & mom all got baptized in 1954.

Judy said a literature evangelist (formerly known as colporteurs) came to her mother's door and sold the book, "Bible Readings for the Home." He also invited the family to take Bible studies and their response was they would love to. After studying, Judy's mother joined the SDA Church in 1944 – Judy was only 2 ½ years old. Her dad started having some Sabbath issues but eventually they were resolved and he became baptized and he, himself, became a literature evangelist. Thus, Judy was brought up in an SDA home.

LeNoy & Judy raised their family with regular family worship; their children (Debbie & Donna) went to SDA schools in Charleston SC, Spartanburg & Tryon and from there to Mt. Pisgah Academy and on to Southern Adventist University. Debbie graduated in 1984 and Donna graduated in 1987.

LeNoy learned hearing aid audiology and took his skill & business knowledge to Spartanburg. Overall, he accumulated 53 years of experience working with the hard-of-hearing. He became the Chairman of the Licensing Commission. Once retired, LeNoy received an outstanding letter of recognition from DHEC (Department of Hearing Education Commission). For most of the many years working as a hearing aid specialist, Judy worked right by his side as his personal secretary.

Currently the Kyzers live in SC off Cedar Hill Drive. LeNoy has a full-time job keeping up their "farm," its trails, trees, grass, garden, etc. Judy, as well as LeNoy, gets up and studies, eats breakfast, and on Mondays she works at our Thrift Store. She grocery shops with Barb Sanders on Tuesdays, and happily spends quality time in the kitchen. LeNoy's favorite Bible passage is 1 John 3:2-3 and Judy's is both Isaiah 49:25 and Jer. 31:16-17 especially for her children. What an asset this sweet couple is to our church. Let's encourage them and each other as we journey towards our Heavenly home!



## Church is Hard

Jacob Waldron

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgment.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sabbath best in behavior and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church-

Church isn't a building, mentality or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the throne of grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where Jesus resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church-

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my spouse because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

*Shared at Sabbath School by Kelley Edney on Sabbath, January 22*

### 1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

Tables  
by Wanangwa Hartwell

There's tables a-plenty  
In this dark land called Earth,  
And many are seated  
With Joy and Mirth.

But many's the table  
Where Sorrows abound  
And where Scorn and Unkindness  
Are freely passed 'round.

Yet there's a table of silver  
In that land up above,  
Where each place is set  
With Peace, Joy, and Love.

## Shopper in Training

Adventist Thrift Store

Have you seen the cute little carts at grocery stores that say "customer in training"? Well now your Adventist thrift store has its own little cart. Someone donated this cart to the thrift store and instead of selling it, they decided to make it a "shopper in training" cart. They put a little label on it and as you can see, it's already been put to good use!

If you haven't been to the thrift store, or haven't been recently, you should come visit us. Our hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, and Friday, 9am to 1pm. We're also open 10am to 3pm on the first Sunday of the month. See Sara Wolff or John Bryant with questions or to offer your services as a volunteer. We look forward to seeing you (and your little shoppers), on either side of the counter!



## 1 Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.



Snowflakes



Rosanne Richards

What would have been rain, if it's warm enough,  
Changes from a droplet to a 6-sided crystal!  
Instead of a puddle, there's a mound or a drift.  
When it's close, proximal or if far it's distal.

How can common water, change its form?  
When this happens, it's a bit of a mystery,  
But it is a documented, scientific fact:  
Liquids can be solid or vapor: it's elementary!

What is the cause of such a dramatic change?  
Just temperature can make this happen.  
Climate has much to do with it...  
Sun exposure and the way wind is mapping.

From an overloaded cloud, (water vapor,)  
To a liquid raindrop falling through cold air,  
A beautiful crystalline snowflake is formed.  
Only God creates this cycle with such care!





Ladies this is your time to invite a special gentleman to our Couple's Valentines Dinner. Join with others to celebrate a special night of dining. We expect to have three couples per table. If you have a special request please let us know when you reserve your place.

The Pathfinders are prepared to serve this meal and we appreciate their help. They have been preparing and studying how to serve a formal meal. You have each done a wonderful job learning what to do.

Deadline for your reservation is January 31. Please send an email to [stillcove@aol.com](mailto:stillcove@aol.com). We are asking for you to sign up in advance so that planning can be started. Cost for this event is \$10 per couple.

## Church Family Happenings

Bev Cook

Not exactly a surprise for the birthday girls, Leigh Ann & Candy, but so much fun all the same. On Saturday night, 12 church members gathered together to celebrate another year of life for Leigh Ann & Candy and there was a surprise element, a recognition of 17 dedicated years of marriage of Wally McDaniel and Terry Bantz. The gathering was at the McDaniel/Bantz home and a spirit of joyous celebration was palpable. We started with a prayer and devotion and then moved around the large dining room table for some finger foods and dessert, two cakes made by Myrna & Bev & some homemade ice cream by the Carneys. Cards & decorations made the house festive and just being together was a special time. One game started around the table where each person wrote out three statements about themselves, two true & one false. The object was to guess what statement was false. We don't know if Candy had insider information, but when it was all said and done, she won by guessing most of the false statements. Then all moved to the living room where the second game took place. Twelve inflated colorful balloons were centered in the living room with some type of challenge note inside each one. One by one we popped our choice of balloon and had to do what was noted. From walking/quacking like a duck (great, Jeff) to trying to recite tongue-twisters to singing funny songs like Little Bunny Foo-Foo (thanks, Barbara & Doria), there certainly was no lack of laughter. The night sped by but a lasting memory was made. We can only imagine the great happiness and joy that lies ahead when Jesus comes for the faithful!

### Psalm 103:8

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.



## **Worship Can Affect Your Genes**

Dick Bailey

With the special series of prayer meetings this January, it seemed like a good time to look at prayer. In this case, I'm going back to a remarkable *It Is Written* program that I saw a few weeks ago, presented by John Bradshaw, as usual, with guest Dr. James Marcum, cardiologist who practices in the Chattanooga area. The opening question on the program was, "How does worship affect your life?"

For starters, Dr. Marcum presents the idea of worship to his patients as something they should consider, both for short-term and eternal benefit. The patient's response often is, "How can that help?" Dr. Marcum likes to refer to our inherited genes as our "hardware", which can't be changed, while our lifestyle practices he calls our "software." Next, we all have a few "bad" genes he says, like a gene that may give us a predisposition to a chronic disease. Undue stress on these genes can result in symptoms. These stresses might be called "software" issues.

Probably the most remarkable point in the entire program, for me, was that worshipping the true God has benefits for our genetics. You may have heard the term "epigenetic," which refers to behaviors which affect our genes, but without changing the DNA sequence. To use Dr. Marcum's analogy, "We can influence hardware by software." For example, he cites an original study by Dr. Andrew Newberg of the University of Pennsylvania, who discovered that in people who worshipped for short periods of time, the prefrontal cortex of the brain grew larger. This area of the brain is where many higher-level functions take place affecting social behavior, right and wrong, consequences of our actions, speech and language, and much more.

Conversely, he learned that with worship, the source of stress in the brain was reduced. Thus the source of epigenetic problems like aging and deterioration of DNA were "turned down" in people who worship.

So one of Dr. Marcum's conclusions is that when stresses ("software") are reduced, every chronic disease improves. Aging slows down. Inflammation is reduced. Blood pressure is reduced, and the immune system is improved. Even ten minutes of worship daily can have very positive effects, by lowering the risk of chronic diseases, heart attack, infection, diabetes, and hypertension.

As an example of how it can work, Dr. Marcum described the case of a Wall Street businessman, who had sought answers from other doctors. He came to Dr. Marcum with multiple problems relating to his heart, made worse by the high pressure business environment of New York City. He was unable to walk more than short distances. The man was not a Christian, had no church connection, and knew nothing about worship when Dr. Marcum introduced him to it. They established a program that included daily worship, and now the man can walk long distances, has greatly reduced his hours at the office and as a matter of fact, as of the program time, was planning to quit his job, move to Montana and buy a small ranch!

While various kinds of worship are now known to have

measurable health benefits, such as the New York businessman experienced, and some of them pretty remarkable, we should not approach worship as a cure. At the same time, according to Dr. Marcum, studies by [Jeff] Dusek, Harvard University and Benson's Lab are showing that several factors, including "repetitive prayer" result in improvements in chronic disease.

Remember Psalm 95:6, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (NKJV). As John Bradshaw stated, "People living a life disconnected from God are missing out spiritually and physically." The next challenge to researchers is to study Biblical worship in particular and its different forms; given what we know now, it could be that particular forms of worship could have a more pronounced effect on our DNA.

Near the end of the Bible we find that core verse, Rev. 14:7, "...Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Worship is expected of Jesus' followers; it is urged upon us, and even without what the scriptures say, we can be motivated by scientific evidence. Epigenetics shows that what we do can affect our genes, resulting in a better life.

You can see the *It Is Written* program, "The Physiology of Worship," online. A couple of important books are: *The Ultimate Prescription: What the Medical Profession Isn't Telling You* by Dr. James Marcum, and *How God Changes Your Brain* by Dr. Andrew Newberg, with Mark Waldman.

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

## **Sabbath Study on *Counsels on Diet and Foods***

Bev Cook

On Sabbath, 1-22-22, the first meeting to study the book, *Counsels on Diet & Foods*, met. We had a group of about 12 people attend with another four committed who could not attend the first meeting. Our format is: reading one chapter (round robin) and pausing at intervals to fill in the blanks in each person's study guide that was provided. We would also pause now & then to comment on the counsel that was being given. The information was so impactful that some were either left speechless or commented in awe. We would love for more to join us; we have plenty of material. We plan to meet every first and fourth Sabbath of the month in the Morgan Center (old Thrift Store). We encourage those staying to bring a lunch on the first Sabbath, but on the fourth Sabbath we have a fellowship meal. It is never too late to join, so we hope to see even more faces in the future. Questions? Contact Bev Cook at (704) 692-6667.



## W-I-N-G-S Women in God's Service

Terry Robinson



Our Tryon Seventh-day Adventist church supports several different ministries within our congregation, two of which are Men's Ministries and Women's Ministries. Recently, the ladies voted to replace the name of Women's Ministries with W-I-N-G-S (Women in God's Service). On the second Sabbath of each month, following the fellowship meal, our "WINGS" ladies meet in the sanctuary, followed by a time of caring and sharing with one another.

At our last meeting, we voted to sponsor a wonderful Adventist ministry in Bolivia, called Familia Feliz. We are all looking forward to hearing more about our little "adopted" brothers and sisters.

Another delightful part of W-I-N-G-S is something we call "Secret Sisters." We have all drawn names that must be kept secret. Each lady who wishes to participate in this, fills out a form with her name - birthdate - favorite foods - favorite color - hobbies and/or collectibles - prayer requests.

From time to time our ladies meet for a meal together, and the next date will be at an Italian restaurant (La Taverna, 120 Dorman Commerce Dr., Spartanburg, SC) on Friday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m.

All ladies in our congregation, whether members or visitors, will be warmly welcomed.

Hi everyone! I hope you're taking advantage of our church library. We've had several excellent donations lately. I want to give a special thank you to Terry Robinson, Jeanne Coles and John and Odila Oliver. I also want to thank the thrift store as they let me sort their donations and take things that would be good for the church library too.

Among our latest finds:

Lessons on Faith by Jones and Waggoner  
A biography of Joseph Bates, written by George Knight

A graphic novel on the life of Martin Luther  
Last year's daily and evening devotionals

A number of books by such authors as Clifford Goldstein, Morris Venden and George Vandeman

We also obtained four CDs from the King's Heralds after their recent concert at our church. Two of these CDs are in Spanish (thank you, Doria Harms, for your help in the selection). I've gotten several good CDs from the thrift store recently too and will be adding them as soon as I get more processing supplies.

Thank you to Pastor Grant for finding a new home for the TV so everyone can get to the library's audiovisual collections. I hope you will all take advantage of these great resources. Please reach out to me with any questions or recommendations. Wanangwa Hartwell, 828-817-0251 (call/text), wrbraves@gmail.com



### From the Sabbath School Secretary

Deb Grant

For the adult Sabbath School lessons there are options that may help you get more from your weekly study. If you are interested in purchasing any of the following let me know.

Digital for your phone, computer or tablet

Adult large print

Other languages

Easy Reader is large print, simpler vocabulary and 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) edition

EGW Notes contains writings that go along with the adult quarterly

Thank you for the church family support at our Women's Ministry (WINGS) bake sale. We raised \$416 for Familia Feliz in Bolivia. ~ Kelley Edney

Sabbath School secretary, Deb Grant, 828-817-7015.



## Meet Our Team

LaVerne Anderson – Joined us soon after Diane Arnett and Joyce Scoggins as she is a neighbor of theirs. LaVerne directs where things go on Aisles 2 and 3 on Delivery Days. She is TEFAP Certified.

Diane Arnett – Had been delivering food to some friends. One day in October 2019 she and her sister, Joyce Scoggins, asked if there was anything that they could do to help. I assured them I never turn down help and asked that they join me on the upcoming Delivery Day, which they did! Diane is responsible for checking in all the items on the MANNA Order Sheet on Delivery Days. She and Joyce also are the ones that pick up the items from Food Lion every Friday. She is TEFAP Certified.

Melanie Ballew comes in when I need someone to help with various things that need to be done from the time the Delivery Day volunteers have finished their jobs and any time during the next two weeks when I need help and she is available. If her son, Nathaniel, is out of school he always loves to come to help so I try to find things for them to do on those days for sure.

Brian Boles is our opener on Wednesdays, working from 10 to 12. He is TEFAP Certified.

Carole Brenner takes food out to a couple families.

John Bryant is assistant manager at the Thrift Store but helps us sometimes when people do not bring in items on display outside at the end of the day. He also checks the door to make sure it is properly locked if I am not there to do it.

Eileen Busch covers STB on Friday from 10 to 1. She is TEFAP Certified. She sometimes helps Lori with her delivery.

Lori and Hannah Busch have a family they deliver food to every other week.

Barbara Carney has two families she delivers to every other week.

Victor Cegielski came to help me when we got a truckload of frozen things dumped in the fellowship hall of the Morgan Center a couple of years ago. He has been a great friend who I can call on when I need help. He helped get the first new freezer moved into the STB room and brought along Cyril Commons. Victor helps on Delivery Days unloading pallets. Victor and his wife, Jill, also pick up Bojangles chicken on Tuesday.

Cyril Commons learned about STB when he helped move in the freezer and asked me to let him know if I ever needed help. I told him to come on Tuesday of Delivery because I always need help on those days. Cyril runs a sawmill and has recruited his men to help. Cyril is in charge of the crew unloading pallets on Delivery Days.

Juanita Daigle is a friend of Kristal and Michael Loecher and helps them on Delivery Days.

Donna Donnelly picks up Bojangles on Monday and Thursday and bags up all the chicken that no one else has had time to get bagged. She also helps wherever is needed on Delivery Days.

Douglas Edney helps on Delivery Days and takes the

remainder items and fresh items out to Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Thursday evenings for their meal out there. Douglas has been with STB since we started in 2014.

Victoria Fischer covers STB on Wednesday from 12 to 3. She is TEFAP Certified.

Lois Foster helps on Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 12.

Suzie Fowler delivers food to some shut-ins and is the one who runs the distribution at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Mill Spring. She picks up the bulk of her supplies for that location

Richard Goodman helps as needed Tuesday afternoon of Delivery Days.

Pastor Bob Grant delivers to one family every other week. He also helps during produce season with unloading the produce vehicles.

Cheryl Griffin delivers to one location every other week.

Ronnie Hartwell helps with Sunday Bojangles and Food Lion pick up.

Wanangwa Hartwell does our Grant writing, making necessary contacts with MANNA and other agencies, and oversees the office part of the operation. She helps with Sunday Bojangles and Food Lion pick up.

Doug Henshaw helps unload pallets on Delivery Days.

Kristal and Michael Loecher are in charge of breaking down boxes for the Recycling Bin on Delivery Days.

Lisa McAlpine is in charge of checking in and directing where the TEFAP items go on Delivery Days.

Roy Miller is in charge of stocking the shelves, especially between Delivery Days. Roy started with STB when we first began in 2014 by helping us get our first pop-up market set up in the Eastside Community of Tryon.

Gary Nobles helps unload pallets on Delivery Days.

Carol Peterson covers STB on Thursday from 12 to 3. She is TEFAP Certified.

Butch Pike helps unloads boxes on Delivery Days and also sorts through any produce to dispose of anything that will not be good for distribution. He also has a home garden that he brings us fresh produce from in the summer.

Bruce Pratt helps unload pallets on Delivery Days.

Joe Primrous delivers boxes to Highwood Apartments every other Wednesday. He also helps Lorna cover deliveries if someone cancels.

Joyce Scoggins – Besides what was mentioned with Diane Arnett, Joyce is the one in charge of all the inside operations on Delivery Days to make sure everyone is placing things where they belong. She also covers Aisle 1. She is TEFAP Certified.

Ericka Sizemore helps whenever she can do so.

Dee Vaughn helps on Delivery Day Tuesdays with boxing up the boxes for deliveries that go out to places in the community.

Richard Watson covers STB on Wednesday from 12 to 3. He is TEFAP Certified.

Roxie Wolff covers STB on Thursday from 10 to 12 and then helps if Carol gets too busy between 12 and 3. She is TEFAP Certified.

Sara Wolff, our Thrift Store manager, helps whenever needed with people that come during off hours and helps get food displayed outside.



## American Goldfinch

By Wanangwa Hartwell, with excerpts from [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American\\_Goldfinch/id](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American_Goldfinch/id)

Did everyone enjoy the beautiful snow we had recently? The thing I liked best was that all the songbirds around our place came to get the sunflower seed Ronnie put out. We saw more kinds in a day than we'd seen all winter!

One of my favorites is the American goldfinch. It's a small finch (only 4-5 inches long) with a conical bill and a short, notched tail. Adult males in spring and early summer are bright yellow with black and white markings. Adult females are duller yellow beneath, olive above. Winter birds are drab, unstreaked brown, with blackish wings and two pale wingbars.

These active and acrobatic little finches cling to weeds and seed socks, and sometimes mill about in large numbers at feeders or on the ground beneath them. Goldfinches fly with a bouncy, undulating pattern and often call in flight, drawing attention to themselves. I can't wait until we get to heaven when these beautiful little birds will be tame again!



## Zoom



By Rosanne Richards

Zoom has become our church away from church. It is a blessing that we have this technology to stay connected to our church family. We have online and satellite programming from Adventist ministries which are also a blessing, but this specific one is all that keeps us in touch with our own local church members. We can be anonymous by keeping our microphones and cameras off or when the time is right, we can turn them on to take part in discussions and feel part of the group.

I will grant you that teaching or preaching in this way has a different feeling. It's also more difficult when you can't see or hear from those connected to know their reactions. I tried teaching a couple of times in this format and technology glitches with my older computer made it especially challenging.

Since the pandemic emerged just after we learned that John has leukemia it seems that distancing himself is the safest course for him. Zoom has its frustrations at times, but we are really thankful, for the above reasons, that it is available to us.

By Baker/Jackson Clan

The Baker/Jackson clan has greatly enjoyed Zoom. It has given us the ability to feel connected with our church family. Although we do anticipate returning back to church more regularly, our Zoom Sabbath school classes have been a blessing. We enjoy hearing and being a part of the discussion. Thank you to the media department for facilitating this ability.

By Deb Grant

Believe it or not through Zoom I have enjoyed and participated in Adult Sabbath School class more than I have in several decades. Other than being remote, Zoom classes are covering the same information while encouraging participation. So why do I do Zoom when I can't be in-person? With my ADHD I can watch, listen, and participate while 'coloring on my phone' and I'm not seen as being disrespectful to the teacher or class mates. I have come to learn that I can listen better when my hands are busy.

With that said, nothing - not even Zoom - replaces the loving connection of being in-person with my wonderful church family when possible.

By Leigh Ann Uribe

I love Zoom because it keeps us together as a church family and we can see each other and share with each other and I love the Zoom class because I speak up from time to time because Lorna and Ronnie and Wanangwa are like family to me and I feel comfortable enough to speak up where I love all the rest of my church family but don't always feel comfortable enough to speak up in front of them. And I learn things about the Bible I never knew which I should know but it's just cool to find out things in a new perspective. That's why I love Zoom! It keeps us connected!!



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Lost in Sanctuary – Black support cushion. If found, please contact Myrna Esh, 864-979-6627

## IMPORTANT TAX INFO

Congregation, please take note: Your taxable tithes and offering donation receipts should have been to you by January 15th. If you still have not received these, please contact Debbie Owens, Church Treasurer, at 828-447-0569. Apologies from the editor of this newsletter for not having this note in the January newsletter.



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## Name That Kid

Some years ago, there was a children story that I (Wanangwa) will never forget. Someone stood up at the front of the church and talked about how half of our young people were leaving the Adventist church each year. They called all the kids that were in the church at that time up to the front, divided them at random into two groups, and then asked, "Ok, Tryon, which half do you want to lose?"

The memory of that story always brings me to tears. I don't want to lose any of our young people. I'm sure you don't either, but I also know that it's easy to get caught up in our own activities and interests and not give the young people a thought...unless they're causing trouble. Over the next couple of months, we would like to refresh your memory with pictures of young people that have been in Tryon in the past and young people who are with us today.

We encourage you to share pictures and memories of your kids and we especially encourage you to reach out to the kids, even (or I might say especially) ones who aren't your own. Contact some of these kids if you remember them. Get to know some of the kids that are in our church and/or school each week. Get to know the homeschooling families too.

Here's a fun test: Can you recognize the kids in the pictures below? Send your answers to Lorna at serendipitykids@gmail.com. God bless us and the children he has given us!



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		<b>First Day of Black History</b> 8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 6:30pm - School Board	<b>Secretary Office Closed</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 7pm - Bulletin & A/V	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store	<b>Local Church Budget</b> 9:15am - Sabbath School 10:45am - Worship Service 1pm - Diet Study Group
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Thrift Store Closed</b>	<b>Secretary Office (Closed)</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 6pm - Finance Committee 7pm - Church Board	<b>Secretary Office Closed</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 7pm - Bulletin & A/V	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store	<b>Youth Sabbath @ Tryon</b> 9:15am - Sabbath School 10:45am - Worship Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Thrift Store Closed</b> 6pm - Co-op Order	<b>Secretary Office (Closed)</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	<b>Secretary Office Closed</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 7pm - Bulletin & A/V	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store	<b>Local Church Budget -</b> 9:15am - Sabbath School 10:45am - Worship Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Thrift Store Closed</b> 3pm - Recycle Fashion	<b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>Secretary Office (Closed)</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	<b>Secretary Office Closed</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 7pm - Bulletin & A/V	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store Ministry	8:30am - Secretary Office 9am - Thrift Store	<b>Carolina Youth - Offering</b> 9:15am - Sabbath School 10:45am - Worship Service
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Thrift Store Closed</b>	<b>Secretary Office (Closed)</b> 9am - Thrift Store Ministry					



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**Pastor Bob's Blog**

“God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He’s so good to us  
at Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

What a song to sing, and what a blessing to see His hand at work.

Last Sunday we had a church business meeting with nearly fifty members present and a dozen others in attendance by way of Zoom, to hear the state of our church and make plans for church improvements.

Many church officers shared what has been happening in our church. Our clerk shared the report on membership growth, our treasurer on the current financial status, our school treasurer on the educational impact for the school age members, and some of our outreach ministries of the increasing service to the community as well as community involvement with our church. Blessings at every turn.

Then came time for addressing the need of improving our church campus. Three items were brought up for discussion and a decision as to how to proceed: The kitchen remodel, the reconstruction of the river bank, and the current state of the sanctuary roof.

The cost seemed to be a stretch for our available funds but in response to an exercise of faith it was voted to move ahead with all three issues.

Since that meeting God has moved on members of our congregation to help in many ways. Volunteers for the physical work, help with securing materials at a savings, as well as additional funding for the building fund. In fact, our building fund balance has more than doubled since the meeting concluded, giving us the funding to move forward with each stage of improvement without having to incur debt.

God is so good, willing to give us good gifts more than our earthly father gives gifts to his children. Praise be to God.

Let us continue to be faithful in supporting the growth of our church in every way: Enthusiastic evangelism, Outreach service to the community, Physical campus improvements, all leading to souls for the kingdom, visible on this earth by personal spiritual growth and increased numbers in the pews.

May God bless each one as we make our way towards the glorious gates of the City of God. Pastor Grant