

## Getting to Know You

### John & Rosanne Richards

John & Rosanne Richards have been married for 43 years. They met at the church in North Miami where Rosanne attended. Being raised Catholic for 17 years, John was baptized during a series that evangelist, Dale Brusett, held in greater Miami, Florida in 1971. John's brother, Phil, was also a big influence in his conversion, giving him three Bible study guides, one from Amazing Facts.

John began attending Miami-Dade Community College while Rosanne was still a senior at Greater Miami Academy. They both attended Miami-Dade for one year with Rosanne taking health science coursework, until they transferred to Southern Missionary College. John graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration with an accounting emphasis in May, and they married August 10 of 1975 at the North Miami SDA church.

After visiting John's brother near Rochester, New York, Rosanne found a position in food service at a nursing home and John worked for a temp agency. Soon he became a literature evangelist, working territory west of Rochester, New York for over two years before he received a call to the Albany district. That winter, John worked only three months before another call came from the Greater New York Conference for him to be a part

time assistant publishing director and Literature Evangelist.

Their next move was to Alabama where their firstborn, Lucas, had been delivered by Dr. Agatha Thrash four months earlier at Uchee Pines Institute. John worked in nearby Columbus, Georgia at Country Life Health Food Store. Eventually, John became the business manager for Uchee Pines. They lived on campus for five years and had their second son, Andrew, while there.

The Richards' moved to New Prospect, South Carolina in 1983 and became members of the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist church. After John opened his hearing aid office in Landrum, South Carolina he held Revelation Seminars by Pastor Harry Robinson there. Elizabeth Thompson's parents attended the meetings, learned truth, and were baptized. In their gratitude for his part in this new commitment to Christ and the church, they insisted on giving the Richards' property on which to build a house. With several contractors and many hands from the Tryon Church, Earl Schoonard organized three workbees to frame up the house, getting it in the dry. John's brothers also helped him complete the process.

After homeschooling the boys for six years, Rosanne worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Wagner, Dr's. Earl and Delvin Hornbeck and in Hendersonville, North Carolina: a total of 24 years. Adding TMJ therapy to her skills, Rosanne felt

led to take the evening massage therapy course at Isothermal Community College. She retired from dental assisting and finished the course while still care-giving for her mother in North Augusta on weekends. (The whole family surprised her by showing up for graduation in January, 2017!) She became licensed in North and South Carolina; then opened a massage studio in her home with on-site chair massage as part of her new mission. Rosanne blesses our church with special music periodically, and teaches in the foyer Sabbath School class.

John was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2001, and due to its progression in 2013, he retired as a hearing aid specialist. He

studies his Sabbath School lesson, watches 3ABN and Hope Channel on his I-pad and has an extensive prayer list. He uses a total gym to help retain muscle. Both are at our Thrift Store on Thursday mornings. John claims the promise in Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Rosanne and John's two sons with their wives gave them three wonderful grandchildren. Lucas and Laura's, Livia, is 7-years old. Andrew and Kai's, Flynn, is 4 and his sister, Anya, is 18 months. They plan on seeing all of them for a grand celebration this Thanksgiving!



## ***Diluting the Gospel***

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What do I mean? The Second Vatican Council gave direction to the Catholic Church to be part of the modern world. Pope Francis is very well in line with the present worldly trends. He is schooling the capitalism for the climate change, pushing for tolerance about divorce, homosexuality, even the Big Bang Theory and Darwin's evolution. Here is what he told an audience from the Pontifical Academy of Sciences: "The Big Bang, which today we hold to be the origin of the world, do not contradict the intervention of the divine creator but, rather, requires it"... "Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve."... "When we read in Genesis the account of creation, we risk imagining that God was a magician, with such a magic wand as to be able to do everything. However, it was not like that. He created beings and left them to develop according to the internal laws that He gave each one, so that they would develop, and reach their fullness."

It looks like Pope Francis did not see these theories as inconsistent with creation after all! Why he is doing this? Why he uses the two theories together? What he has in mind? Where is he leading us? For him promoting the Big Bang theory was easier. We will talk about this

more but for the moment let's say that this idea was proposed from the Jesuit priest and professor astronomer, Georges Lemaitre. Fascinating! In 1927 he proposed an expanding model for the universe to explain the observed redshifts of spiral nebulae. Later in 1931, Lemaitre proposed in his hypothesis of the "primeval atom" that the universe began with the "explosion" (calculated to about 13 billion years ago) of the "primeval atom" — what was later called the "Big Bang." Today this theory is "a smoking gun," the leading explanation about how the universe began. The other competing theory is Steady-state cosmology. The Steady-state cosmology is losing its popularity today maybe because it doesn't point to a beginning. Both theories, according to the scientists today, do not have lack of proof. The two theories describe an old universe but the Big Bang talks about a beginning, like explosion in an empty space about 13 billion years ago, that is difficult to explain unless you step in the supernatural territory. Thus it seems it supports theism, creating the universe out of nothing. Because it promotes a very old universe, it looks like it is preparing the soil for the acceptance of the seeds of the evolution from the theistic mind.

In the next several editions we will dig a little bit more to understand what happened in the past to better grasp what is happening today.

(To be continued next month!)

## ***Diluting the Gospel - Part 1***

Metodi Ikonov

When I was young I liked to go fishing at night. I will cast the line in the lake, lie down on my back and gaze at the stars. In times with full moon it was really beautiful. In such a place, undisturbed by the city lights, the starry sky was so bright that it was almost like during daytime. Looking at the sky I wondered, "What is out there? How all this came to existence? What was its purpose?" I remember how the teacher at school told us that when the Soviet Union cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin returned from his first flight in space said: "I flew into space, but I didn't see God!" What a strong statement for a youthful mind!

From a very young age we start to ask ourselves a lot of questions: Who are we? What is the purpose of our lives? Where are we going? I was raised in the country side and attending the local communist governed school. Being close to nature and having the chance to observe the magnificent creation, I felt so confused that the end of life is just vanish and decay. Shakespeare voiced all this through Prince Hamlet who in his soliloquy cries: "To be, or not to be, that is the question: ... to die, to sleep No more;... but that the dread of something after death, the undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveller returns, puzzles the will,..." Prince Hamlet fills the

horror of the unknown after life. Once dead no one comes back to tell us what it is like there. If we all eventually die, does this life really matter? I was quite concerned about life and death and what it really means to live. Years later I accepted Jesus like a Creator and Redeemer. I even understood that Gagarin never said that phrase about God. The Communist state made it out in order to use it for their anti-religious propaganda. Actually, according to one of his friends, Gagarin was a devoted Christian and he should be remembered for completely different words: "An astronaut cannot be suspended in space and not have God in his mind and his heart."

What we personally believe about nature and the universe gives us such a deep moral impact. This points the way of our life and purpose of our existence. As we look at the human beliefs about the physical universe in our society today though, we observe how different ideas remarkably evolved from the ancient Greek philosophies and it is puzzling to the mind how through the centuries they were entwined with the Christian theology. The trend of diluting the Christianity with external viewpoints conveyed so much distress in the human relations through the centuries. We can only wonder why this trend is going strong even in our present days.

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## Workmen on the Wall

Lorna Rae Dever

Over the last several weeks we have been hearing fears of “what might happen in September.” I was impressed with the call to prayer that took place in the wake of the Florida school shooting and the scare at our local high school and have been considering the idea of prayer prior to a crisis. Why wait for a crisis to arise? For that reason, we have rented the dining room at Polk County Senior Center the first Tuesday evening of every month from 6 to 7 p.m., beginning September 4, for An Hour of Prayer.

Isaiah called for watchmen, I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye shall make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. Isaiah 62:6.

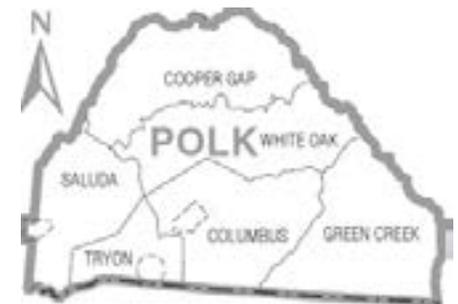
We don't need block and mortar to build a wall around Polk County – prayer will work just as well. We need men and women to join together on this wall.

God has promised, If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

We find many promises throughout the Bible assuring us of the need for intercessory prayer and God's answers. Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. . . . Turn from Your fierce wrath, and

relent from this harm to Your people. . . . So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. Exodus 32:11, 12, 14. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1 – 5. Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:19, 20. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22.

Come join us September 4, 6:00 p.m., at the Polk County Senior Center and become a watcher on Polk County's wall. This is a non-denominational event open to all.



Our Wall



## **Health Nugget**

Michael Owens, Sr.

The desire of God for every human being is expressed in the words, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2

Sickness, suffering, and death are the work of an antagonistic power, Satan is the destroyer; GOD is the restorer.

The physician should teach his patients that they are to co-operate with GOD in the work of restoration. The physician has a continually increasing realization of the fact that disease is the result of sin. He knows that the laws of nature, as truly as the precepts of the Decalogue, are divine, and that only in obedience to them can health be recovered or preserved.

He sees many suffering as the result of hurtful practices who might be restored to health if they would do what they might for their own restoration. They need to be taught that every practice which destroys the physical, mental, or spiritual energies is sin, and that health is to be secured through obedience to the laws that GOD has established for the good of all mankind.

Let it be made plain that the way of GOD's commandments is the way of life. GOD has established the laws of nature, but His laws are not arbitrary exactions. Every "Thou shalt not," whether in physical or in moral law, implies a promise. If we obey it, blessing will attend our steps. GOD never forces us to do right, but He seeks to save us from the evil and lead us to the good. Ministry of Healing p. 113-114



## **Upcoming Cooking Class**

Bev Cook

It's been a while since we have had a cooking class series and we are looking forward to January when one is looming up on the horizon. During the first three Sundays (January 13, 20, and 27) from 2 - 4 p.m. we will be holding an exciting series covering all kinds of recipes from entrées to desserts to sides to beverages. Not only cooking but plenty of educational PowerPoints and recipes will be included. This series had a tremendous impact on the community in Woodruff, SC a few months ago. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters but in the meantime, you may want to pencil in those dates. You'll be glad you did!



## **Thrift Store News**

Karen Soarks, 614 530 5041

September 4 - 9 we are clearing out the Thrift Store of all summer clothes.

Thursday, September 6, the floors will be cleaned.

Sabbath, September 8, 8:00 p.m., after sundown we need help to bring down winter clothes.

September 10 - 14 come help us as we set up the Thrift Store with winter clothes.

Sunday, September 16, the store will reopen. Come see what is available for you!

Thank you!

## **Share Thy Bread**

Wanangwa Hartwell

Good news, my friends!

After a brief intermission, our Share Thy Bread ministry is back on its feet. Thanks to all the members of the team who have pulled together to make this possible. God bless you!

Dear reader, if you are a fellow believer in God's call to "share your bread with the hungry and bring the poor that are cast out into your house" (Isaiah 58:7), then I ask you to consider helping with this ministry. The work of the Lord has always a need for more volunteers.

For the time being, please contact Desirée, 386-481-8215, or Wanangwa, 828-817-0251, regarding Share Thy Bread. Please continue to uplift Bev and Chet in your prayers. And as always, thank you for your prayers and your support for this ministry.



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September 17: MANNA Express Vegetable Distribution, Thermal Belt Outreach Food Pantry. Lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Open to ALL Polk County residents. Call 828-894-2988 for hours of distribution.

September



- 3 Annette Echevarria
- 5 Nancy Franks  
Penny Tary
- 6 Shannon Green  
Lemuel Milks
- 7 Eric McClure
- 8 Debbie Jackson  
Eric West
- 9 Ted Brown
- 11 Jeff Harms
- 12 Bernice Price  
Colby Herman
- 13 Joseph Finch
- 14 Missy Tary  
Daniel Sampson
- 18 David Alvarez
- 21 Benjamin Owens  
Leah Rowe  
Tony Wilson
- 22 Carol Dietz
- 24 Bob Shepard
- 25 Bob Esh
- 26 Dennis Green

*Through this toilsome world, alas!  
Once and only once I pass;  
If a kindness I may show,  
If a good deed I may do  
To a suffering fellow man,  
Let me do it while I can.  
No delay, for it is plain  
I shall not pass this way again.  
~ Unknown*

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### *This is My Prayer to Each Who Reads*

Lorna Rae Dever

While reading the Sabbath School lesson and *Maranatha* I have been deeply impressed with the need to *Press together, press together, press together* as we desire Jesus' soon return. Acts shows the disciples gathered together as one before the Holy Spirit was poured out on them. I am searching my heart. If you feel I have said or done something wrong that prevents us from being one, please come and let's talk it over. United as one we can claim the promise of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' return.

If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own willful way,  
Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words or vain,  
If I have turned aside from want or pain,  
Lest I offend some other through the strain,  
Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,  
If I have longed for shelter in the fold,  
When thou hast given me some fort to hold,  
Dear Lord, forgive!

~ C. M. Battersby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Morgan Center Reserved for Yard Sale						No Fellowship Meal
YARD SALE @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782.			9am - Thrift Store Bag	9am - Thrift Store Bag	Backpacking Trip - Pathfinders	
8:30am - Yard Sale	8:30am - Yard Sale Half	8:30am - Yard Sale Box	1pm - Church Office --		9am - Church Office --	Local Church Budget -
10am - Thrift Store Half	9am - Thrift Store Half	9am - Thrift Store Half	2pm - Church Office --		9am - Thrift Store Bag	9:30am - Sabbath
		2pm - Office Hours --	6:30pm - Registration -		7:56pm - Sunset	10:45am - Worship
		9pm - Bulletin deadline	6:30pm - Study of the			7:55pm - Sunset
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Backpacking Trip -	Labor Day	9am - Thrift Store	8:30am - Circle of	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Church Office --	Fall Mission Appeal -
10am - Thrift Store	NO SCHOOL @ Seventh-	2pm - Office Hours --	9am - Thrift Store	7pm - Revelation	9am - Thrift Store	Youth Sabbath @ Tryon
	9am - Thrift Store	6pm - Hour of Prayer -	1pm - Church Office --		7:46pm - Sunset	9:30am - Sabbath
		6:30pm - SCHOOL	2pm - Church Office --			10:45am - Worship
		7pm - Revelation	6:30pm - Study of the			12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10am - Thrift Store	GRANDPARENT	9am - Thrift Store	8:30am - Circle of	9am - Thrift Store	SCHOOL DISMISSES AT	Local Church Budget -
	9am - Thrift Store	2pm - Office Hours --	9am - Thrift Store	7pm - Revelation	9am - Church Office --	NO FELLOWSHIP
	6pm - Finance	7pm - Revelation	1pm - Church Office --		9am - Thrift Store	9:30am - Sabbath
	7pm - Church Board	9pm - Bulletin deadline	2pm - Church Office --		6pm - Small Group	10:45am - Worship
			5:30pm - Meeting -		7:36pm - Sunset	7:35pm - Sunset
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CO-OP ORDER DATE	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	8:30am - Circle of	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Church Office --	Carolina Youth -
10am - Thrift Store		2pm - Office Hours --	9am - Thrift Store	7pm - Revelation	9am - Thrift Store	9:30am - Sabbath
		7pm - Revelation	1pm - Church Office --		7:26pm - Sunset	10:45am - Worship
		9pm - Bulletin deadline	2pm - Church Office --			12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP
			6:30pm - Study of the			7:25pm - Sunset
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SCHOOL FIELD DAY @	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	8:30am - Circle of	9am - Thrift Store	APEX - Pathfinders	
10am - Thrift Store		2pm - Office Hours --	9am - Thrift Store	7pm - Revelation	9am - Church Office --	Carolina Evangelism -
		7pm - Revelation	1pm - Church Office --		9am - Thrift Store	No Fellowship Meal
		9pm - Bulletin deadline	2pm - Church Office --		6pm - Small Group	9:30am - Sabbath
			5:30pm - Meeting -		7:16pm - Sunset	10:45am - Worship
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APEX - Pathfinders	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	8:30am - Circle of	Camporee - Pathfinders		
10am - Thrift Store		2pm - Office Hours --	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Church Office --	Fellowship Meal
		6pm - Hour of Prayer -	1pm - Church Office --	7pm - Revelation	9am - Thrift Store	Local Church Budget -
		6:30pm - SCHOOL	2pm - Church Office --		7:06pm - Sunset	9:30am - Sabbath
		7pm - Revelation	6:30pm - Study of the			10:45am - Worship

# Butterflies

Have you sat still and watched a butterfly recently? You may see it hovering in your driveway, landing on a flower and sipping the nectar, or fluttering here and there with its "friends." Big wings allow butterflies to fly everywhere with ease. But, you may wonder, why are their wings so brightly colored?

One reason why butterflies might have brightly colored wings is that these colors warn birds and other predators that they would not make a tasty meal.

Another potential reason for butterflies to have bright colors and dramatic patterns is to attract mates. However, there is little research that shows whether color alone or color pattern together deter predators or attract mates.

Then again, perhaps there isn't a "scientific" reason for butterflies to be beautiful. Perhaps it's just a way for a loving God to place some beauty into our lives...near enough to see...near enough to touch...near enough to remind us that He is here with us and He is beautiful...just like the butterflies.

