

Getting to Know You

Richard & Karen Sparks

Richard and Karen were married in 1991, 26 years ago. They met at a bowling alley in Columbus, OH where Richard became friends with Karen's children. Richard and Karen eventually started dating and dated for three years before marriage.

They were born, raised, and lived in Ohio – Karen in Columbus and Richard in Canton. They lived there until about a year ago – wanting to move to a warmer climate with shorter winters. All of their family lives in OH who, by the way, is now experiencing some snow. Between them, they have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. The Sparks now live in Cliffside, North Carolina, which is about 13 miles south of Forest City.

When they married, Karen was going to a Methodist Church with her two children who were living at home, as well as Richard and his son. They were living in Columbus, Ohio, but the school wasn't the best there, so they moved to Marysville, Ohio where they built a home. Karen joined a non-denominational church and got baptized by immersion. Richard did not go to church with her. He had a Seventh-day Adventist background, selling books in his twenties. God led Richard back to an Adventist Book Center and he started reading and became re-convicted of the message. They moved out into the country and retired.

One Friday night Richard told Karen they were going to go to church

tomorrow. Surprised but willing, Karen heard many interesting things and shortly her eyes, ears, and heart were opened. She went home to her computer and found out more about this faith.

They started attending a “family” church where everyone was retired and only about ten members. They were a sweet group of people, but were not experiencing any growth. Karen was a Sabbath School teacher for little ones, which proved exciting as she was learning along with them. They did bulk mailings to bring people in, but the effort died and only one person joined.

After going through some *Amazing Facts* study guides, they were baptized at a Granview, Ohio camp meeting. That day there was a bad storm. They were going to a swimming pool for the baptism. They couldn't get in so they went to the nearest church, but still unsuccessful, so wound up at a creek getting baptized on June 30, 2012. A wonderful Pastor from Waynesville, North Carolina baptized both of them and it was beautiful.

The Sparks began traveling to different states and visited many different churches and loved it. They sold their home and traveled in their minivan for about five months. They started looking for a place to live, needing to find a house, they found one on the Internet. On December 28 it will be a year they have lived in their current house, which is an ongoing remodeling project.

Karen's typical day is getting up and completing house chores and

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playing with her dog, Blue. Richard works out in the yard when it is nice or works on the house inside. Reading the Bible starts their day.

Karen's favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:38-39 and Richard says his favorite is the entire Bible.

When asked if they've had any supernatural intervention in their lives,

Richard said when he was working as a colporteur. While with his field agent they were going up the road on a rainy day with very poor visibility. They went to pass an 18-wheeler on a flat street. As passing the rear wheels, Richard noticed an oncoming car with no headlights. He drove on through. The next thing he knew he was going down the road unscathed.

They rejoice in knowing God is watching over them every day.





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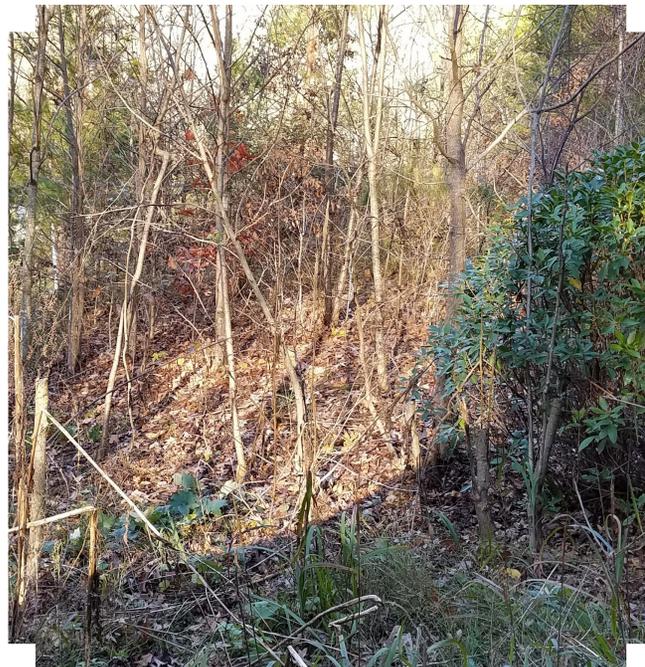


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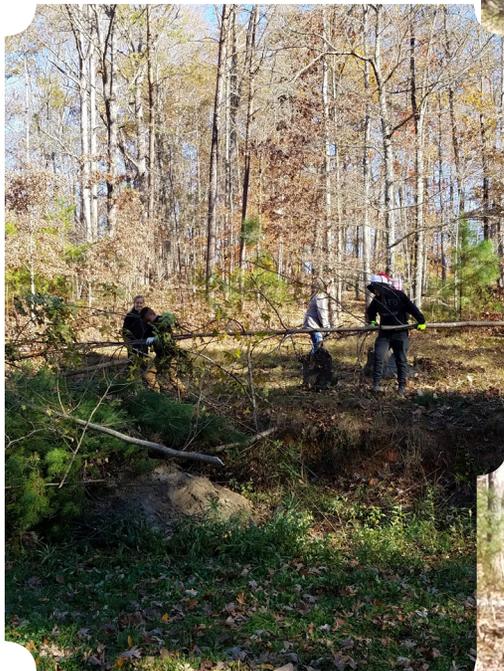


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Our Missionaries in Turkey

Trey & Vicky Brown

Hello dear friends,

Sabbaths

As I stood in the corridor of the university following my friend's presentation, I talked with a young man I had met before. He is from the same country as my friend. As we talked about fasting, I asked him if he was a Muslim. He replied with a definite no, so I then asked if he had a religion. "I am a Christian," he replied. Without taking a second thought, I said, "You know, we gather together every Saturday to pray, sing, study God's Word and fellowship together. Why don't you join us?" His reply was

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simple, "Because I have never been invited." I began to jokingly rebuke my friend for never having invited him before.

The truth is, most Adventist students come to this university only to study and do not think of inviting others to know their God and His sacred truth. We have been encouraging them and praying for them, as they have a tremendous influence at the university.

The next Sabbath, this young man showed up to worship with us. Over the next few Sabbaths we had two more visitors who came at the invitation of our students. After praying together, one young man said, "Now I see you guys are normal, study the Bible, and pray just like we do in the other Protestant churches."

Please pray for every Adventist and Christian student studying in this country, that they will be lights for the truth. They have access to souls we may never meet.

Last month our Iranian friend had a very special visit. After leaving his home and country for the name of Jesus, he had not seen or heard from his parents in over a year. As his mom arrived in the airport, I received a picture of them together and a note that said they were both in tears. The following week he was spending time with her, so he did not attend our gathering on Sabbath. We prayed that God would use him for His glory, and that his mom would see the difference

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as much as anyone does!

To think BIG, then we must think small. Significant discipling among postmodern people requires a vessel small enough to contain it. And that vessel is the development of small communities.

Small life-development groups and centers

By definition such development groups are actually holistic small groups, as described above, in which several (perhaps three to eight) Adventist believers enter into biblical community with one another, and to which they at the right time invite their non-Adventist or non-Christian friends to join.

In a large church there could be a network of many such small groups linked together in a form similar to the "Jethro model" described in Exodus 18. Small-group meetings usually (though not always) take place in the comfort of someone's home, at any time convenient to the participants.

Involvement of non-Adventists and non-Christians in small groups will happen almost naturally if we:

1. Pray for a heart that is truly concerned for the good of others, and for God-given opportunities to start new friendships or develop new ones.

2. Cultivate unconditional friendships on a one-to-one basis with acquaintances, colleagues, or neighbors, especially through the sharing of common interests

(this is not the time for "God-talk" unless our friends initiate it). As it takes time and energy to cultivate meaningful friendships, three for each group member is the suggested goal for the first 12-month period.

3. Introduce friends to other small group members through social events, felt-needs seminars, work shops and video/discussion groups, or community-service activities.

4. Invite friends to the holistic group when the group begins a new series of discussions/Bible studies on a subject of interest to them.

The small-group community becomes like a second family to seekers who become connected to the church in this way. Like most families, of course, small groups will grow until they are no longer small (more than 12 or 13 people, and it's time to "give birth" to a second group). But the small-group experience remains as a permanent part of the new disciple's growth toward maturity and to fuller involvement in the congregation of the church.

Welcome to the big adventure

Growing such small life-development communities as a significant part of your church's strategy to reach people with the love of God in Christ may be one of the most challenging things you and your congregation have ever attempted. My guess, how ever, is that it will also be one of the most exciting and rewarding. This is a BIG, BIG adventure that happens by thinking small!

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Two Tasks: (1) Make disciples and (2) build community belonging

Two Needs: (1) Need for identity and (2) need for belonging

Christian discipleship is a lifelong journey of discovery that is really all about understanding who we are together!

Connecting resources with needs

The key to an abundant, even unprecedented, harvest in the post modern context lies in the church's willingness and ability to focus its available resources on its two-task mission. Its available resources are enormous, because they include, on the human level, every member who is a committed follower of Jesus, and on the divine level, the Holy Spirit and all the gifts He gives (to each body member), along with all His angel messengers and their unceasing ministry. After all, their mission and ours are the same.

What is the best way to connect human and divine mission resources with postmodern need? Apart from all available research, which points consistently in one direction, Seventh-day Adventists have their own prophetic directive, which is remarkable in its simplicity. If we want to think BIG, we have to think small!

Here is what I mean: "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err."¹

When Ellen White wrote these

words in 1902, she knew nothing of contemporary cultures and their needs. But such a vision was given to advance the mission of the church; even with the here and now in mind.

What Ellen White referred to as "small companies" was what we would call today holistic small groups, which, in the context of this article, means small groups that facilitate the process of discipleship and the building of community. The fact that they should provide "a basis of Christian effort" implies that discipleship and community "happen" better in such small groups than anywhere else.

The genius of the holistic small group

With rare exceptions, churches that experience significant growth in a postmodern context take holistic small groups seriously. That's because they actually do connect human and divine mission resources with real postmodern felt needs. A postmodern church will almost certainly be a small-group church. Specifically, they: Are the most effective way of creating authentic, biblical community; have the potential for engaging every believer in gifts-based ministry; serve as an effective base from which outreach and service ministries can take place; provide a bridge for the seeker's journey between the secular world and the church; offer a safe environment and the necessary support for seekers and believers alike to explore issues necessary for growth in their relationship with God.

Besides this, pastors and leaders need this personal-growth environment

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in him.

The following Sabbath as we began to gather, I received a message from him saying he was bringing his mom and sister to meet our group. When they arrived, we were happy to meet each other. As the group moved upstairs, I lingered behind as my friend began to tell me about his morning. When he had woken up, he began to read Matthew 5. As soon as he began, his mom and sister walked into the room and asked what he was reading. After he told them, they asked, "Can you read it to us?" His eyes were filled with joy as he told me this.

His mother was sweet and spoke a little Turkish. However, it was easier for him and his sister to translate from Farsi to Turkish. Our group asked her to tell us a story of her son when he was younger—something funny and interesting about him that she as a mother would know. Immediately her face grew serious and her tone more somber as she began to unfold a surprising story. "My son and I were sitting in the bus recently when the woman across from me leaned over to tell me my countenance looked sad and troubled. Then looking at my son and back to me she said that my son's face was shining." When the story finished, she was in tears as we all sat in a state of shock, having been caught off guard.

His mother has since returned home, but please pray for our friend and his family. And pray that we all will have faces that shine for Jesus.

Housing

Praise the Lord, we have found an apartment we would like to purchase. The building is located on the edge of the city and is surrounded by sunflower fields and quiet space. The purchasing process has begun, and we are seeking your prayers as it is finalized. There have been stories of property deals that turned out to be scams. As we are still learning many rules and regulations, and this is God's money, we are praying that everything will be clear and go smoothly.

Abroad

We were privileged to spend last week in Spain attending the European Youth Congress in Valencia. Nearly 4,000 young adults showed up, and the place was filled with activities. There was a long hall filled with exhibits representing everything from individual countries to organizations such as ADRA, Newbold College, the list goes on. Among those booths was one put up by our organization and run by our field directors. What a blessing it was to assist them and spend our week talking with young adults about missions and encouraging them to serve. Throughout the week there were morning and evening talks in the main auditorium followed by breakout sessions during the day covering various topics.

Every day for lunch, my wife and I would pray for God to lead us, then we would search for a group of young adults to sit with. One day we found a group of four who were originally from

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the Caribbean but were studying in France. The following day, as we were sitting with them again, one young man asked me how he could have greater faith and a closer walk with God. I shared Romans 10:17 and encouraged him to spend more time with God and His word. He began sharing with us his struggle of how he is not interested in the Bible and how he prays for God to help him overcome certain things but never can. He stays up late watching movies and sleeps in every day. His father is an Adventist pastor back home. Their relationship was never good. His father seemed never to have time for him. When he tried to speak with his father, the conversation would be quickly shut down. The Spirit, giving us wisdom, helped us recognize that this was the heart of the problem. He began to tear up talking about his father and their relationship. I assured Him of the character of God and His desire to heal our wounds. Then I asked him if he had forgiven his father and if he prays for him, and he replied with a somber no. As our conversation was ending, I asked him if he would be willing to forgive his father and pray for him right then, as I believed this was the path to healing. Together, we closed our eyes. At first there were no words and all we could hear were deep breaths and tears. Then a feeling of mercy and grace flooded all of us as he began to pour out an earnest prayer of forgiveness. After the prayer ended, his closest friend told us that in their

many years together he had never divulged that information even to him. The young man told us he came to the congress seeking revival, and he felt like this meeting was why God brought him here.

Surely you have all had a busy week and are grateful as we are for the sacred hours of the Sabbath.

We cannot tell you often enough how much we praise God for your love and support of His work on this side of the world. Although we are miles apart we join you in worshipping Jesus in spirit and in truth on this blessed day.

God bless,

Trey and Vicky



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are more evident than ever before, if only because postmodern people are generally more ready to acknowledge them than previous generations have been. Postmodern people are more open than their modern predecessors were to explore unconventional ways of satisfying those needs. That's where the church's mission comes in.

Two basic, related tasks

Just as postmodern people have two basic needs, the church has two basic tasks responsive to these needs: to make disciples and to build community. Of course, nothing is quite that simple. We often feel all but overwhelmed with a complex multitude of tasks. But again, in reality, we have only two principle mandates: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (John 13:34, 35). These mandates comprise the mission of the church: to make disciples and to build community. Like humanity's two basic needs, the church's two basic tasks are related. We cannot properly accomplish one without the other.

Discipleship is the New Testament word that embraces the entire process by which people become and remain committed followers of Jesus, starting long before baptism and continuing for as long as life lasts. The term disciple literally means "apprentice," someone who learns a skill or trade by working along side an expert. So Christian disciple-makers are not experts who

know all the answers, because they are and must always be disciples, or apprentices, themselves.

Community, or oneness, was the supreme goal for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-23). His dream of intimate community ("may they be one just as We are one") was to be the goal of discipleship, while community ("they may be one, that the world may believe") was to be the context in which discipleship took place.

Jesus-followers do not grow well in isolation. God has designed that we grow together. When we are baptized into Christ, we are also baptized into His body, His community, the church. And from Him the whole body grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:23; 4:16). In order to grow "individually and together" we need to be connected with one another. So the Great Commission (to make disciples) and the Great Commandment (to love one another) belong together.

Two tasks, two needs

Thus, the two main tasks of the church in the postmodern world and the two main needs of postmodern society go together. As searching men and women become disciples of Jesus, they rediscover their identity who they are, why they are here, and what they can become through the grace of God. And disconnected people, separated from God and one another by sin, become part of God's new kingdom community and once again belong. It is something like this:

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Women's Ministry

Vickie Hillmon

Fullness of Joy

When we stay on God's path – His Road – we experience fullness in every area. And if we stick close to Him, which we are called to do, we will experience joy – not just now, in this life, but forevermore.

Can you imagine... a joy that never ends?

Draw near to the Lord.

In His presence you will find fullness of joy.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Please mark your calendars ahead of time!

Important date:

FEBRUARY 4

SUNDAY - 2018

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Men's & Women's Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Presentation

"Men & Women

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Following lunch, we will separate to

discuss Men's & Women's Ministries – Pastor Rick with the men; Cindy Mercer with the women.

These two people are on fire for Jesus!

We will make sure you are dismissed in a timely manner.

Please plan to come fellowship together with your friends and family. Invite our community friends to join us.

Everyone welcome!

Enjoy your holidays.

God Bless from the Women's Ministry Department.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SOCIAL EVENT

to be held on – New Year's Eve!

More information about this later.

Deb Grant

Changing Lives Moms Group

Desirée Magnant

Changing Lives Mom's Group collects gifts for foster families

Join us and make a difference in the lives of foster families in Polk County by contributing a gift card and or a baked good item this December.

Gift cards and bake goods will be collected on Saturday, December 16 and provided two representatives from Polk County department of social services. If you were unable to provide a gift card we would welcome your baked good gift!

Contact Desiree Magnant with any questions at 386-481-8215 or via email at Desiree5472@hotmail.com.

Supercharge Your Diet

Amazing Facts Inside Report

Did you know the number one country for vegetarianism is India? Almost 29% of the population there eat a vegetarian or vegan diet. Second and third place go to Israel and Australia, respectively.

Every day, more research confirms that a plant-based diet is the healthiest and goes the furthest in helping to prevent the major chronic diseases we all want to avoid.

But there's much more to healthy eating than simply consuming plant-based foods. Vegan, for example, eat a totally plant-based diet and still have unhealthy eating habits. For instance, you could eat corn chips and French fries and drink soda at every meal - technically you would be a vegan, but you couldn't expect to maintain good health on such a diet!

So, what can we do to supercharge our diet? Here are three important considerations:

1) Besides eating plant-based foods, we should concentrate on eating a broad variety of fruits, vegetables, greens, nuts, grains, seeds, and legumes. God has provided us with an assortment of foods for a reason. By consuming a generous variety of them, you will more likely provide your body with all the vitamins, minerals, and other micronutrients it needs to stay healthy.

2) It's also important to eat whole foods - that is, foods that are as close to their natural "as grown" state as possible. For instance, there's a significant difference between potato

chips and a plain baked potato and everyone knows which is healthier.

3) To move beyond the basics and refine your eating for maximum benefit, make sure you are adding plenty of superfoods to your cuisine. Superfoods are those that are high in phytochemicals - antioxidants and other potent nutrients that protect our DNA from harmful processes, reduce inflammation, and minimize cell damage in the body. Some examples of superfoods are sweet potatoes, butternut squash, dark-colored berries such as blueberries and strawberries, dark green vegetables, nuts, tomatoes, beets, cruciferous veggies like broccoli and kale, onion, garlic, beans, dark grapes, whole grains, dark cherries, and cranberries. Most of the best nutrient-packed foods are dark or bright in color.

Of course, to avoid sabotaging all the benefits these foods will add to your diet, there are two things you will want to minimize or eliminate altogether. Refined sugar is especially detrimental. The sugar that occurs naturally in fruits and some grains and vegetables is generally healthy in moderation because it comes packaged with fiber and other plant elements. And because it is unrefined and in its raw state, it is absorbed much more slowly by the body which helps to prevent harmful spikes in blood sugar.

The other ingredient you will want to use sparingly, if at all, is oil. Here again, oils do occur naturally in some grains, fruits, and vegetables, but those are nearly always safe in moderation.

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Library Nook

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hello again and happy Fall! I am pleased to announce that the church library inventory is finally complete – the index really does represent what is available! As I am able to work on the library more over the next few weeks and months, I hope to get the donations caught up and entered. Meanwhile, there are several great new resources, especially in the area of Health and Nutrition (right hand side, near the cabinet in the wall).

I would still like to run a series of book reviews (or even reviews of some of our DVDs) in the newsletter, so please contact me if you've read or watched something that was really superb. And remember, I take all donations – if we can't use it in our library, we can always get credit for it at camp meeting next year.

You may also have heard Pastor talking a lot about SMALL GROUPS lately. I try to keep the library displays updated and there are currently several books on display on this important topic. The remaining books are under a section called Small Groups and Evangelism, which can be found on a lower shelf on the right hand side, below Church History and Adventism, just before you get to the Ellen White books.

Yes, we have a lot of categories and they're all worth reading! Happy hunting!

Best, Wanangwa :)

School Children Minister to Elderly

Bev Cook

On a recent Thursday morning, Mrs. Green and her school students came to Ridge Rest in the church-school van to minister in music to the seniors. The residents always light up when children walk in the door and this was no exception.

The program was a delight with prayers, Bible readings, group singing, and individual music on the piano. In addition, the students shared some art and left pictures with the seniors.

One of the favorite parts was when the children visited them one-on-one before they left. The folks come alive when children are present and ask when they are coming again. We appreciate some of the home school families like the Witts, Rowes, and Magnants who have also visited and brought their voices and musical instruments to share their talents.

Remember Jesus said, when you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto Me.

Audio Visual Needs You!

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! We're still looking for more people interested in the audiovisual department. Thank you to those who came for a "special event" training this Sabbath. We're happy to share the basics of turning on the system with anyone who wants to be on stand by so please come find us after church sometime if you're interested.

Remember, anytime you're dealing with microphones (especially with kids) – they...are...expensive! Each microphone costs around \$100, so please don't bang on it, blow in it, or otherwise handle it roughly.

Also, if you want to try a hearing aid device, or if you know someone who does, we keep them in the drawers on the bulletin table, so feel free to take one out and return it there. Remember – these also cost around \$100 per device, so please treat them gently.

Thanks so much,
Ronnie and Wanangwa

Kindergarten Needs

Sara Wolff

Kindergarten is in need of accordion files and sheet protectors. If you have some you no longer need just drop them off at our Sabbath School classroom door.

Thanks! Deb Grant

Join Us New Year's Eve

Deb Grant

"SOUPER" New Year's Eve Party, 5:30 to 8:00 a.m. Soups will be provided. You can bring sides such as, but not limited to crackers, veggie trays, cornbreads, etc. Activities and games for all ages to participate or spectate! Event will end in time for you to take part in the festivities in downtown Tryon with a countdown and ball drop at 10:00 p.m.! Plan to come!

Questions? Call me at 828-817-7015.

Deb Grant and the Social Committee.



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Beginning Sabbath, November 4, there will be a display and sign-up table in the lobby of the Church for those who would like to order the 2018 Devotional and Sharing Books.

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Pastor Daniel Bran & Ministry Magazine

Dear Church Family,

As we are discussing and making plans in our church on how to more effectively reach out to the community around us with God's precious and relevant truth, I thought you will receive a blessing from reading an article from the March, 2003 edition of *Ministry* magazine on how small groups are specifically suited in achieving this goal. This article describes small groups in the context of our contemporary world, which it identifies as the 'postmodern world.' May the Lord stir in our hearts the longing of experiencing the blessings and benefits described in this article for ourselves.

Pastor Daniel Bran

When thinking BIG means thinking small: Growing communities of faith in a postmodern world

Though contemporary Western societies in general are less responsive to traditional evangelistic approaches than they used to be, they still present the church with unprecedented opportunities for healthy growth. We could be just steps away from the biggest and most impressive results ever, if we think small enough. Small enough? If that sounds contradictory, consider the needs of postmodern people in relation to the mission of the church.

People's needs today

Though much has been written about the felt needs of contemporary people, I suggest that postmodern men and women have two basic needs: The need for identity and the need to belong. Most, if not all, the specific people-problems that we address inside and outside the church (except those with a physiological cause) are related to, or symptomatic of, these two basic needs. Besides this, the need for identity and the need to belong are themselves closely related. Because there is a need to belong, there is a need for more definite identity, and vice versa.

Of course, the need for identity and to belong have always been part of human experience. These needs have the same root. Today, however, these needs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
26 10am - Thrift Store	27 9am - Thrift Store	28 9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	29 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer Club 6:30pm - Prayer	30 9am - Thrift Store	1 9am - Thrift Store 5:16pm - Sunset	2 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - Fellowship 5:16pm - Sunset	
3 Co-Op Order Date 9am - Conference Wills 10am - Thrift Store	4 9am - Thrift Store	5 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	6 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - SCHOOL	7 9am - Thrift Store	8 9am - Thrift Store 5:16pm - Sunset	9 NO FELLOWSHIP Youth Sabbath @ Tryon 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 5pm - Vespers and 5:16pm - Sunset	
10 10am - Thrift Store	11 9am - Thrift Store	12 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin deadline	13 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer Club 6:30pm - Prayer	14 9am - Thrift Store	15 9am - Thrift Store 5:18pm - Sunset	16 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 5:18pm - Sunset	
17 10am - Thrift Store	18 END 2ND QUARTER @ 9am - Thrift Store	19-23 CHRISTMAS BREAK @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782, USA				22 5:21pm - Sunset 7pm - Christmas	23 NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 5:21pm - Sunset
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Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 5:25pm - Sunset	NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 5:26pm - Sunset	
31 CHRISTMAS BREAK @ Seventh-Day Adventist Co-Op Order Date New Year's Eve 5:30pm - New Year's	1 New Year's Day 9am - Thrift Store	2 SCHOOL RESUMES/ 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	3 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	4 9am - Thrift Store	5 9am - Thrift Store 5:31pm - Sunset	6 No Fellowship Meal 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 4pm - Church Reserved 5:32pm - Sunset	

Bible Experience

Wanangwa Hartwell

Attention Pathfinder-age kids! If you want to study Daniel and Esther with us, please come to the Pathfinder worship time from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on December 13 (Wednesday). Come prepared to listen attentively and participate actively. See me (Wanangwa) or Chrisy Witt about special events for extra practice in between regular Pathfinder meetings.

Remember, we use the New King James Version. Here are some more questions to test yourself. Answers will be in the next Church Newsletter.

Mordecai had revealed a plot two men had against the king: What were their names and occupation?

How high were the gallows Haman built for Mordecai?

On what date was the decree written to declare the destruction of the Jews?

What king was in power when Daniel had the dream of the four beasts?

Where did Daniel dream he was in chapter 8 (it's also the main location in the book of Esther)?

What prophet declared that the desolation of Jerusalem would last for 70 years?

Answers from the last newsletter:

Ten thousand times ten thousand
It was slain and its body destroyed
and given to the burning flame
To change times and law
Harbonah
Annihilate
Sivan

Nature Nugget

Christmas Tree



A Christmas tree is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer such as spruce, pine, or fir or an artificial tree of similar appearance, associated with the celebration of Christmas. The modern Christmas tree was developed in early modern Germany.

The tree was traditionally decorated with roses made of colored paper, apples, wafers, tinsel, and sweetmeats. In the 18th century, it began to be illuminated by candles which were ultimately replaced by Christmas lights after the advent of electrification. Today, there is a wide variety of traditional ornaments, such as garlands, baubles, tinsel, and candy canes. An angel or star might be placed at the top of the tree to represent the archangel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity. Edible items such as gingerbread, chocolate and other sweets are also popular, and are tied to or hung from the tree's branches with ribbons.

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