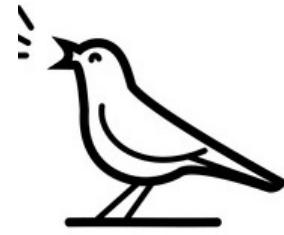




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Pastor Bob's Blog

Externals and Internals

Seasons of Life, Charles Swindoll

Luke 5:37, 38: *No man puts new wine into old wine skins, for the new wine burst the old skins, ruining the skins and spilling the wine. New wine must be put into new wine skins.*

Let that soak in. Obviously our Lord is distinguishing there between things that are essential (the wine) and things that are useful but not primary (the skins). Who needs wineskins if there is no wine? Wine, you see, represents the basics, the changeless, timeless, ever potent, always necessary message. The gospel. The Savior. The pristine truth of scripture. And the wine skins? Clearly, they represent that which is secondary, subsidiary, man-made. Stuff like structure, traditions (now don't stop reading), and patterns of doing things which have grown up around and encased the "wine." Got the picture?

The wine skins are the point of contact between the wine and the world. And as the surrounding pressure mounts from society, the skins tend to cease being flexible. They are seldom replaced. They get thicker, hard, less elastic... and are ultimately unable to contain the volatile, vigorous vino within. They have reached the extreme of inflexibility. And, unfortunately, few indeed are those who can tolerate fresh, new, supple bags to contain the wine. We much prefer the old, even if it's brittle and leaks, rather than the new.

That was the rub in Jesus' day. He was too radical and fresh in his approach. He irritated the old guard. Frowning, they kept asking questions like:

Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. (Matthew 15:2)

Why do you eat and drink with tax gatherers and sinners? (Luke 5:30)

Why are they (the disciples) doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath? (Mark 2:24)

I mean, "Shame on you, Jesus! If you're going to expect our respect, keep your hands off our wineskins!"

You see, they confuse the external container with the internal treasure, even though the old Judaistic hand-me downs were leaking badly.

Today we applaud His revolutionary determination. It was that quality which caused his contemporaries to mumble, "no man ever spoke as this man does." But the barriers he scaled and the accusations he received increased the level of public anger to intense proportions. He wound up nailed to the cross, remember. And many returned to their old wineskins of religious tradition, thinking they were now safe from His words that had worried them for over 3 years.

But a remnant had tasted the wine. They had cultivated a new appetite. With new hearts they sang new songs. They preached a new hope from the new covenant. As new creations in Christ they offered "a new living way." Emerging from a cocoon of fear and intimidation, they flew free and bold. Willing to live in dens and caves of the earth, they swept the old world off its feet... "they turned it upside down." They literally "upset the world."

That new breed of nontraditional thinkers emerged again in the 16th century. Unwilling to be crushed in the iron jaws of the papacy and in all its trappings, they broke loose. Why? They despised traditional wineskins. They refuse to clothe the resplendent riches of Christ in tacky religious rags. They chose to preserve the wine and replace the skins at the cost of being misunderstood. In their day they were quickly branded "heretics." Yet strangely today we extolled them as courageous "reformers." It's amazing what a few hundred years will do to our perspective.

And what about you, today? Busy protecting and trying to preserve the wine skins? Working overtime carrying a torch of external tradition? Frequently, the wine gets little of our attention as we patch up the wineskins year after year. Through the process of time and very painful events, we need to break the habit and care less about the traditional skins and crave more the pure wine, the essentials, the external internals.

Thank you, Pastor Grant

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A promotional banner for a health program. On the left is a circular portrait of David DeRose, MD, MPH, a man with glasses wearing a blue suit and pink tie. The background is a collage of fresh vegetables and fruits. The text reads: '30 DAYS TO BETTER HEALTH with David DeRose, MD, MPH'. At the bottom, it says 'POWERFUL NATURAL HELP FOR DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE'. The logo for 'Timeless Healing INSIGHTS' is in the bottom left corner.

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Becky was born in Takoma Park, MD at the Washington SDA Sanitarium (hospital). Lila Morgan came with Mom and picked Becky up at the hospital to adopt her when she was 10 days old. They brought her home and they have been here ever since. When Becky was three years old, her Dad, Grandpa and the church built her parents' home in 1980 where they've lived many years. The first school Becky went to was the two-room school house – the Columbus SDA Church School on Woodland Drive. They shared the building with the church. She remembers putting the desks away on Friday afternoon and then back again after Sabbath. Some of the families she remembers were the Morgans, Edneys, Hornbecks, and Kennedys. She estimated there were between 30-50 members in the beginning.

Becky graduated from eighth grade here and then went to Andrews Academy in MI and stayed there a year. Then she went to Mt. Pisgah Academy for two years ('76-'78). She attended Tryon High School for her final year of high school. Becky worked for her Dad for over 15 years starting when she was eight years old and left in 1988. She went to Southern Adventist University for a year. Then she attended Blue Ridge Community College and graduated with a degree in childhood development.

Then she went to live with her sister for a year in Augusta, GA. From there she went to Nosoca Pines and worked there for a year+ cleaning and working in the kitchen, working with the horses, etc. and keeping the place clean overall.

Shortly after this, Becky went into treatment & recovery from alcohol for 42 days in Wilmington, NC and as of April 13, 1989 (33 years ago) she has had victory. This date is called her "sobriety birthday." The best part of this experience is she met Jesus during this time and gave her heart to Him and He did and continues to do a marvelous work in her. Although she was baptized when she was eight years old, she was re-baptized when Pastor Gene Young came to our Tryon church. The baptism was at night and all the people she loved were there.

Since 1991 when Becky moved back from Wilmington, she lives in a house that her Grandpa & Grandma lived in. She's been a long term resident of Polk County and can actually be considered a "native." Although she was in Wilmington for three years, when her mother, Odila, had hip surgery she returned. She took care of Mom through this and other surgeries as well. Becky saw a need and turned it into a business about 1992 taking up both caregiving and housekeeping. It is ideal because she can basically make her own hours.

When asked what her special interests are, she said she dedicated her house to God and He has brought various people to her for help. She had a woman stay with her for 2-3 months. Another person transitioning from treatment to a halfway house stayed three months. She opened her home for three years for AA meetings during the pandemic. No one wore masks, they held hands, hugged each other, etc. It was a safe haven for them to come. She made many friends and they supported each other in their sobriety.

On April 7, 2015, Becky experienced an accident. While splitting wood with her Dad, her right hand went through the splitter and crushed her fingers. She went to church but didn't make an issue of it and God healed her; she sees it as a miracle. On Father's Day, she was able to play "Amazing Grace" on the piano – just three months after the accident. Tears flowed, not just her tears but her Dad's as well.

Becky does not have a typical day. She has somewhat of a regular working schedule but it doesn't always happen as planned. Sometimes she'll work a 60-hour week and another week 30 hours. She describes her life as "eclectic." She mentioned a phrase that has stuck with her and that is "Religion is for people who don't want to go to hell, but spirituality is for people who have been to hell and back and do not want to go back."

She realizes the importance of prayer. John & Odila prayed every single day for her while she was in treatment and she has been delivered! No wonder one of her favorite Bible verses is Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" She certainly is a living testimony of what the Lord wants to do in each of us. Her favorite song? "It is Well with My Soul." That says it all!



Nature Nugget -- May Flowers

Wanangwa Hartwell

The saying “April showers bring May flowers” actually originates from the United Kingdom, where (thanks to the jet stream) April is one of the more soggy months. England typically has a cool climate and the lower temperatures often push back the appearance of flowers to late April and early May.

Some of the flowers that bloom in May in the UK are lily of the valley, forget me not, cornflowers, and peonies. Beatrix Potter, the famous author of Peter Rabbit and other stories for children, grew many of flowers in her gardens. She also helped conserve over 4,000 acres of farmland that might otherwise have gone to development.

Development is a big problem in our area too. Organizations like Conserving Carolina help to save land and woods that would otherwise be destroyed. Parks like Pearson’s Falls and Pisgah National Forest are examples of conservation on both small and large scales. Each of us can do something, creating little habitats in our own backyards for wildlife and native plants and flowers. This spring, enjoy the beautiful flowers that God has made for us to enjoy and try to add something new to your yard to help the habitat.



Delightful Dessert

Stephanie Walters/Julie Rayburn

CRUST

- 1 c Flour
- 1 c Butter
- 1 c Nuts

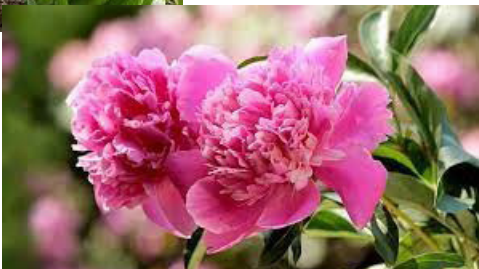
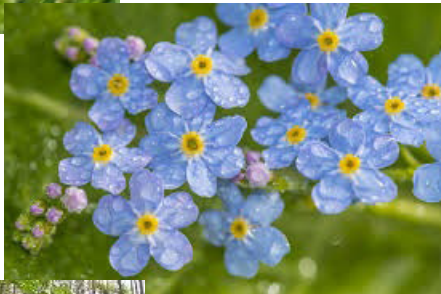
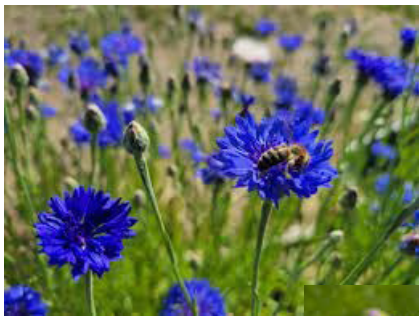
Mix and spread into a 9” x 12” pan sprayed with PAM. Bake 20 minutes at 350°.

FIRST LAYER: Mix together 1 pkg 8 oz Cream Cheese, 1 cup Sugar, 1/2 of 12 oz. Cool Whip. Spread over crust.

SECOND LAYER: Mix together 1 sm Vanilla and 1 sm Chocolate instant pudding with 3 cups Milk. Whip until thick. Spread.

THIRD LAYER: Spread rest of Cool Whip and sprinkle with Nuts.

Refrigerate until serving time. You may use any flavor pudding.





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“Unprecedented” has become the unofficial watchword for the 2020s. Between the pandemic, skyrocketing housing costs, wages that can't keep pace, and rising transportation and food costs, human service organizations in western North Carolina face a daunting challenge in keeping up with the need.

But there is hope ... and that hope is you. Thank you for your support of the thrift store and Share Thy Bread (STB). Thank you for your financial support, your time, and your prayers. Thanks to you and to other members of the WNC community, STB was part of a massive movement that saw 18.6 million pounds of food distributed throughout MANNA FoodBank's 16-county service area in 2022. That adds up to 42,669 meals per day and roughly 70% of those consisted of healthy staples and fresh produce.

The work isn't done. While the region continues to experience a high need for food, MANNA has seen a decrease in food donations. As you plan your giving this summer, please consider donating extra produce from your garden, or money to purchase produce from our local farmers. People in this community really do want to eat healthier but many cannot afford to do so from the grocery stores. And what better way to share our health message than to be a part of this movement?

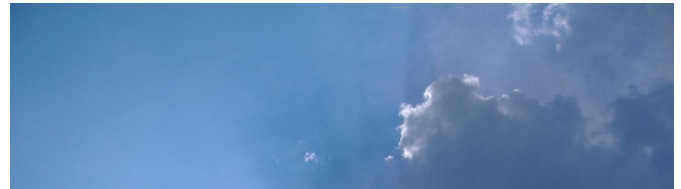


Healthy Highlights

Bev Cook

There is more than meets the eye regarding the importance of proper rest. Note by giving our bodies less sleep than we need, over time we create a massive “sleep debt.” Sleep deficiency can lead to quick temper, low energy, poor concentration, easy distraction, sleepy during the day, less efficient, more prone to make mistakes & have accidents, prone to suspicion and fear, clumsy, unhappy, irritable, more susceptible to illness, and possible early death. Here are some practical ways that can help to ensure a good night's sleep:

- * Go to sleep early (ideal time no later than 9:30 pm)
- * Be active during the day
- * Have a well-ventilated and dark sleeping room
- * Have an empty stomach
- * Have a comfortable bed
- * Protect your serotonin (mostly produced in the brain between 10 – 11 o'clock at night if we are asleep)
- * Prepare for sleep – relaxation must come before sleep.
- * Try a warm shower or bath before bedtime.
- * Be regular by getting into a rhythm (going to bed and waking up should be the same each night/day)
- * Do not use sleeping pills
- * Enjoy your rest – “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
 Matt 11:28-30



Jesus is Coming Soon

Rosanne Richards

How will we know that it's Jesus?
 When Christ comes again with clouds,
 All will see Him, and He will see us.
 He won't be isolated or found in crowds.
 He will be surrounded by His angels
 And His feet won't touch down...
 On this sinful planet, no matter who tells
 You otherwise. He wears a crown!

We will say, “Lo, this is our Lord!”
 Our daily communion with Him
 Means we know Him by His Word.
 We've seen His character, never dim.
 Trumpets sound; the dead rise immortal!
 And those not killed by His brightness
 Meet their Lord Jesus in heaven's portal...
 Propelled by flight alone, in new lightness!

Handwriting

Dick Bayley

When did you last write a paragraph or two by hand?

And when was the last time you received a note, or even a full-fledged letter written by hand? Years ago, while helping clean out my childhood home, I noticed a pile of old letters someone had dumped on the driveway of the house. A random check of two or three convinced me I just had to save a few. Today I am thankful that my mother was a saver, saved too much actually, but there they were, many letters in their envelopes from my mother to my grandmother, and many from her to my mother, in very familiar handwriting. Taking just a few minutes to read a sample was very meaningful, so I still have a few of those old letters.

An online writer had this to say, “Sending a handwritten letter is becoming such an anomaly. It’s disappearing. That writer stated, “My mom is the only one who still writes me letters. And there’s something visceral [touching our deepest inner feelings] about opening a letter. — I see her on the page. I see her in her handwriting.” I agree with Sue Sterling, writer for the Brainerd Dispatch (Minn.) who remarked that e-cards just don’t communicate as much as handwritten notes. I receive a few such “cards” each Christmas, but they lack something essential—something genuine that only comes with handwriting. Sue Sterling pointed out that some letters, especially love letters, are commonly kept for many years. The reason goes beyond the content, in my opinion. It’s because handwriting retains a vestige of the writer.

There is still a debate today about the value of cursive writing, sometimes called “longhand”. According to the Southern Regional Education Board, the year 2010 was pivotal, when several educational standards dropped cursive writing from the curriculum, causing the number of states requiring it to drop from 12 to 6, although it has gone up again. Dr. William Klemm, the “memory medic” argues that cursive writing increases a child’s intelligence, with benefits much like learning to play a musical instrument, as cognition and visual skills increase.

That keyboarding is very important in today’s society is beyond dispute, even though there have been contradictory results from research on it. It’s unclear whether keyboarding helps or hinders learning. If you don’t mind a certain amount of scientific language, terms like “brain oscillations” and “neuronal networks,” then an article in *Frontiers of Psychology* may be for you. The article does say keyboarding is good for longer texts and compositions, as well as internet functions, but it has its drawbacks as well, such as: 1. poorer grades, 2. lower class performance, and 3. distractions to multitasking. According to the author, the carefully controlled movements required for handwriting involve brain activation patterns that don’t occur with keyboarding.

On the other hand, the research reported in the article also reveals that cursive writing results in 1. better spelling accuracy, 2. improved memory and recall, and 3. enhanced letter recognition. It appears that note-taking by hand may be especially helpful in learning new information. For example,

a medical student wrote on TikTok, “I retain information so much better if I write it by hand compared to on computer.” The same point leaped out at me while watching CBS’ “60 Minutes”, April 16, during a segment about David Grann, well known author, who does extensive research for his books. Close-up shots showed him writing pages of notes by hand.

And would you believe there are best-selling authors today who turn away from the computer, and write in longhand!? Three of them are Danielle Steel, Stephen King and Joyce Carol Oates. And by the way, many of their books are not recommended! Then there’s biographer Robert Caro, who writes most of a first draft by hand, then finishes up with a typewriter (not a computer).

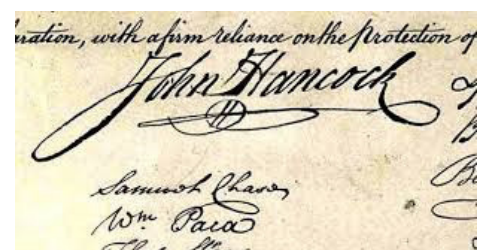
What is the bottom line? The article by Eva Askvik & others concludes that the writing method, whether keyboarding or cursive handwriting, should be determined by which method works best in which context. Meeting with two of our church school teachers recently, (Head teacher Lori Busch, and Sonja Meadows), I learned that our school does exactly what is recommended for optimum learning. That is, method determined by the context, recognizing that writing is better for memory, so handwriting practice begins in the third grade. Learning to read handwriting is vital too, which should be self-evident.

I was one of countless people who let last January 23 go by without knowing it was National Handwriting Day. That date was selected because it’s the birthday of John Hancock, whose name has come to mean “signature.” The day was intended to encourage people to pick up a pen or pencil, a piece of paper, and write something, whether a long essay, or a short sticky note for the refrigerator door. In any case it should be in handwriting, cursive handwriting—which is good for your brain. Even if what you write is disorganized, it’s still a start and worth doing. It’s a way to get back into handwriting. There is an old Chinese proverb, so they say, that “the longest journey begins with the first step.”

So you may ask, did I write this article in cursive first? The answer is “No.” Using my computer was the most expedient way to get it done.

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The Final Graduation

Wanangwa Hartwell

Congratulations to all of our graduates! It's a big deal to be finished with the next part of your schooling, no matter what level you're at. And although we should never stop learning, there is a tremendous thing to complete your formal education and move into the workforce.

This month, in our library and sharing literature, I want to direct our attention to the final graduation. There will be a test at the end of time, a test of whether we have followed God with all our heart. We call this examination the investigative judgment. And there will be rewards -- salvation, glorification, Heaven, eternal life.

No, we won't stop learning there either. In fact, Ellen White says of that time and place: "The acquirement of knowledge will not weary the mind or exhaust the energies. There the grandest enterprises may be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations reached, the highest ambitions realized; and still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of mind and soul and body" (GC 677.2). Let's all study hard to be found ready when Jesus comes to take us home with Him!



Eighth Grade Graduate

Hannah Marie Lee Busch

Favorites:

Bible Verse: Psalm 110

Song: Nail Scarred Hands by Dante Bowe

Color: Blue

Hobby: Riding horses, doing art

Food: Salmon, Vegetables, Tomatoes

Most memorable vacation: Getting to go see cousins in Alaska

Plans for next year: Go to high school

If Jesus doesn't come first, what would you like to be doing in ten years: Nursing

Eighth Grade Graduate

Treyvon Whiteside

Favorites:

Bible Verse: Psalm 1:1 - 3

Song: 'Tis So Sweet

Color: Pink/Purple/Black

Flower: Rose

Hobby: Sports/Gaming

Food: Nachos

Most memorable vacation: I like to go to camp at NOSOCA

Plans for next year: Play a lot of sports

If Jesus doesn't come first, what would you like to be doing in ten years: Playing professional sports

Other Graduates

Lancelot King ~ Eighth Grade

Gabriel ~ Eighth Grade

Chase Magnant ~ Senior, Mt. Pisgah Academy

Brooke Witt ~ Fletcher Academy

Future Graduates



We Have Nothing to Fear for the Future

Continued from April's Newsletter

Compiled by Deb Grant for 50th Homecoming, May 1, 2010

A building project was born and ground was broken on December 31, 1986. The building was designed to relocate our Community Services ministry to the church campus and to make it more accessible and visible than the Medical/Dental basement. The building gave us a fellowship hall/gymnasium, Community Services Center, Sabbath School rooms, Youth Chapel, Pathfinder room and two offices. The offices were originally designed for use by Community Service staff as they assessed and assisted in the needs of those whom they served. The offices today are used for the Pastor and the church secretary. At that time we were 156 members strong.

The debt-free building was completed in 1987 and dedicated as the Roy L. Morgan Community Services Center. Dr. Morgan was a charter member and a very respected man in the Polk County area. It was only fitting that the Community Services Center building honor his name for the great witness he was to all. The American Red Cross uses the "Morgan Center" for their Antiques Road Show and as a disaster shelter when necessary. Other community events have included fundraisers, yard sales, health screenings, stop smoking clinics, an evangelistic meeting, cooking and nutritional classes.

In 1992, the old Columbus school was no longer meeting state building codes and the repair estimates were quite costly. Some members voiced a desire to move the school to the Tryon location so the school would have better access to the gymnasium. Over many months, lots of talk and little action was the rule. Then in December 1994, the church in business session voted to sell the old school building and build new on the Tryon property.

January 1995 brought new decisions to be made; do we move Community Services out of the Morgan Center and modify that space for our school, add school facilities onto the gym or build a separate structure for the school? The church in business session voted to build a separate building, but first we needed to sell the existing school to gain funds to do the building project. The school was providently sold in January 1995 to the Educational Secretary of the Potomac Conference and her husband, Violet and Josef Weiss. The transaction was finalized in April and because of their kind consideration the school was allowed to complete the school year in that building. Our teacher, Sheri Blake, held school that next year in the upstairs of the Morgan Center with 11+ students. The old school building is still a private residence owned by church member Eileen Busch, and husband, Wayne.

Dr. Charles Blomeley, who had worked his way through medical school as a draftsman, drew sketches of what would eventually become our new school building. Architectural plans were drawn and work began mid-summer of 1995. Fundraisers, including clipping size tabs onto garment hangers, were entered into by virtually the entire active membership. Members, friends, doctors, pastors, builders, retired workers, housewives and enthusiastic students erected this building to

the glory of God. Construction took approximately one year. Dedication of the debt-free building took place in August 1996. The actual cost of the building was approximately \$150,000. The Tryon Seventh-day Adventist School building includes two large classrooms, a computer science room, principal's office, storage room, kitchenette and two large restrooms.

The church had a rededication on October 27, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. after doing extensive redecorating. The amber and brown colored windows had been replaced a few years earlier. Most of the building had the paneling covered with sheet rock and new light fixtures. The pews were recovered to match the new carpet.

Pastors of the Columbus/Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church

1958 – 1959	Elder R. E. Logan
1959 – 1968	Elder Harold Colburn
1968 – 1970	Elder Dwight Herbert
1970 – 1973	Elder Dick Serns
1973 – 1974	Elder Max Thames
1974	Elder Dave Bostrom
1974 – 1980	Elder Merle Rouse
1980 – 1984	Elder Wayne Martin
1984 – 1993	Elder Mark Heisey
1993 – 2000	Elder Tom Hughes
2001 – 2007	Elder Gene Young
2007 –	Elder Arthur Gibbs

Special thanks are extended to Elder and Mrs. E. A. Crane, Elder Oral Calloway, Elder and Mrs. Ralph Cash, Elder Les Pitton and Elder Glenn Maxson for keeping us going when we had no official pastor.

Community Services and the Adventist Thrift Store

Community Services is an expression of love and compassion shown to others through the forgiveness, love and compassion Christ has shown to us. When the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Community Services was organized the operational headquarters consisted of a 3x12 closet and was led by Florence Klady, the stepmother of Virginia Hill, Pauline Mazat and Marilyn Fralick. On one memorable occasion, she, along with helpers, visited a needy family with several children. Over a period of several visits, she attempted to help them care for clothes that the Community Services had given them. Community Services not only provided clothing but helped those who needed food and household items too.

In 1968 the headquarters moved to the basement of the Medical-Dental Building in Columbus. A little 'tool shed type' drop box was placed in the parking lot to receive donations of clothing from the public. The items would then be carried to the basement to be sorted, mended and cleaned for distribution. Excess clothing was packed in boxes and picked up by Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

Una Newman, who was Dr. Morgan's office nurse, was 'gung ho' from the beginning. She had formerly worked at St. Luke's Hospital, and was well acquainted with the citizens of

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Polk County. It was her delight to go to the office basement and hand out needed items whether they needed just a few items or if they had lost everything in a house fire or other tragedy.

1987 was pivotal year for Community Services as they moved to their new location in the Morgan Center next to the church. This location was and is much appreciated, by both the volunteers and by the public that it serves. The Lord has truly blessed in this ministry through and to the citizens of Polk County and surrounding areas.

Interestingly, in the late 1980's there was a growing trend of resale clothing called 'thrift stores.' There was a drop in the number of clients coming in for the 'free' clothing and it was suggested that a nominal fee of \$.50 be charged for the clothing. This was a controversial and passionate subject as to whether it would still be a 'ministry' if clothes were sold. A nominal fee was placed on the clothing and the shoppers came.

The role of Tryon Community Services has changed over the years mainly due to the formation of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries (TBOM). In 1991 the Columbus United Methodist Church started Thermal Belt Outreach, which is a nonprofit organization that helps people out of crisis situations and into self-sufficiency. They provide basic needs such as food, utilities, fuel, transportation, prescriptions, affordable housing, dental service, and access to health care to those in need in Polk County. To promote self-sufficiency, TBOM requires each person receiving assistance to pay a small portion of the bill for which they are seeking help. No funds are given directly to clients. TBOM receives its funding through donations from individuals, organizations, businesses, churches and granting agencies. The thrift store and the church leadership counts it a privilege to give monthly to TBOM over the many years to help them in their much needed ministry for the surrounding community.

Now known as the "Adventist Thrift Store" most clothing can be bought for \$1. Some items are free and a few boutique items sell for up to \$10.00! The store also carries a wide variety of healthful vegetarian foods, many free Christian books, pamphlets and DVDs. We have the DVD Final Events on continuous play the whole time we are open. We give this free DVD to those who ask.

You will often find the staff praying with or just listening to a customer as they open their hearts. Many of the return customers have developed friendships and associations due the kindness and love of those who work in the store. Yes, the Adventist Thrift Store is still a great ministry.

Clothing vouchers (\$10 value) are given to DSS, TBOM, and doctor's offices that then give them to people who are in need of clothing. Of course in cases of great need, there is no charge for the clothes.

Thrift Store director, Roberta Amoroso, says there are 24 volunteers who give a total of approximately 35.5 hours each week. We are one of the main ministries from the church that are in contact with the community on an ongoing basis. We

continue to pray for ways to reach people for Christ. We have a "Preferred Customer" list of over 350 names. When we have events at the church such as Evangelistic meetings, cooking classes, etc. these people are sent an invitation. They are also notified of any sales the store may be having and to announce the church school's quarterly yard sale.

Increased store hours have allowed more sales, which in turn, decreases the amount of overflow in processed and unprocessed clothing. Any item that is not sellable is bagged and given to the Second Chance Thrift store, which then sells it to the Salvation Army for .4 cents a pound. They make rags out of them and send them to third world countries. Since we have been open five days a week there is no overflow in clothing.

A spin-off of the Thrift Store is that non-clothing items were being donated and what to do with those items. Initially Pathfinders started a yard sale as a fundraiser and when they no longer needed yard sale proceeds the school took on the task and it is currently having four yard sales a year. The yard sales generate a lot of community involvement and interest and thousands of dollars a year for the school.

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Shadows

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The fog on the mountains this morning
Makes them seem almost shadows
Shadows of something not quite real
Almost like a dream.

Are they a dream, a fancy?
Or are they really there?
Has someone climbed them who can say
That they've been up and where?

Of course they're real, you tell me
With a condescending grin.
Just because you haven't climbed them
Doesn't mean they haven't been.

What of another mountain?
Mount Zion, as they say
It's just a dream, some tell us
A shadow far away.

Is Heaven a passing fancy?
Does anyone really know?
Why no, my Friend has been there
It's real - He told me so.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." ~ Romans 8:16

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." ~ C. S. Lewis