

Learning About S. S. Expense

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How many of you have been blessed with our great Sabbath School (SS) lessons? Our church SS materials are set up on a standing, pre-order contract to allow us the best price with the Pacific Press through our Adventist Christian Book Center (ACBC) in Charlotte.

As SS Secretary, I update the supplies needed each quarter. A change in the standing order is done five months before a quarter starts. Currently, less than a month into this 2nd quarter, I am setting up our 4th quarter order, while already receiving our 3rd quarter materials. It is a juggling act that Faye Strickland made look easy as she handed the baton to me. (I sure do miss her in many ways!) Please be patient with me, but keep reminding me of your request lest I forget.

The SS Expense fund pays for all adult and children's lesson quarterlies and teaching helps. There are two ways to give to Sabbath School Expense; one is in the denim envelope that is passed around the class; second, is through your tithing envelope in the offering plate or online. Personally, I utilize the Adventist Giving online application for our tithes and offerings.



School Handbells
Are In
Need of Your
Financial Support
Make Donations To
"HANDBELLS"

Here is a list of adult SS publications we currently pre-order with prices per quarter. Any item that is ordered outside the contract is drop shipped at regular prices with S&H fees.

- ☞ Adult quarterly, \$2.43
- ☞ Adult, large print, \$4.73
- ☞ Teacher's quarterly, \$6.30
- ☞ Teacher's Loose Leaf, \$7.91
- ☞ *EGW Notes, \$3.78

*Ellen G. White Notes is a companion study guide to the adult quarterly featuring EGW comments.

The children's divisions study materials per student, per quarter are as follows. This fund does not include incidental expenses the children's classes may incur.

- ☞ Beginners, \$0.00 Currently only 2 or 3 members
- ☞ Kindergarten, \$11.14
- ☞ Primary, \$9.49
- ☞ Juniors, \$11.18 – Junior and Earliteen classes are currently combined
- ☞ Earliteens, \$12.92

Other options for the adult SS lessons include a free online app that allows you to make notes within your lesson; an online audio app; Easy Reading large print (for English as a second language); other languages, etc. Check online at the ACBC or let me know if you have questions.

There are several adult classes to choose from each Sabbath. They are located in the church foyer, back of the sanctuary, room behind the organ, library and Pastor's office. The young adults are currently meeting in the gym.

Getting to Know You ~

Ada Miller

Ada Miller is a friend of our church. She has lived in the area since 2008. She currently lives at Ridge Oak Apartments where she has been for almost two years, but has also lived in Campobello with a Mennonite family for 4 ½ years. Ada was raised in an Amish family.

Ada prefers living in the country over the small town of Columbus which is one reason she works cleaning at least ten homes, watching animals, etc., for people who live in the country. She loves the peace and quietude she finds there. She loves walking at the homes she watches in Saluda, but doesn't venture too far out from the homes on top of the mountain where bears wander about. Besides cleaning homes, Ada is an after-school parent greeter at one of the local elementary schools. She loves interacting with the children.

She has been interested in the Bible since a young child when her dad told her Bible stories.

Although interested, she did not understand the Bible nor had a relationship with God. She wasn't 100% sure where she would spend eternity. At the age of 24, she started searching the Word for herself. She started going to a Mennonite Church, but through her own independent study, God little by little revealed Himself to her and her trust and faith started to grow in Him.

She came to understand Him as Creator. She did a lot of praying to the

God who created the world and He brought light and peace into her heart.

Ada had some challenging health issues regarding her back in 2016. She was diagnosed with scoliosis, ruptured discs, pinched nerves, and her spine caused her to walk both stooped and slanted. She started to lose structure in her left foot and it was completely numb all the time.

She went to Park Ridge Hospital and the doctors, who were great and supportive of her, recommended rehab where she went for four months. She could tell from the beginning that progress was being made. Her therapists were great and spoke positively telling her that her back was going to be healed. Beside rehab, Ada started claiming Scripture promises through songs directed to her body, songs like *Be Still and Know I am God*. The music had to be soothing and gentle because she had both emotional and physical pain. She read positive Scripture promises like Psalms 91 and 139 over and over again. She would listen to them on her way to the therapists. All the time she kept praying. Sometimes discouraging thoughts would try to weave their way into her mind, but listening to soothing music coupled with God's Word would chase those thoughts away. She admits she had a battle in her mind from time to time regarding her getting healed but her therapists reassured her she would be healed and she had faith in God that He would. Discouragement and doubts fled. She could feel her back healing and knew that with God and the Godly therapists, she was at the right place at

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the right time. Today, she is perfectly healed and pain free and has a straight spine.

When asked how she came to visit our church, she said that Des and Pixie would invite her to church when they visited Ridge Oak with *Share Thy Bread*. She came and felt welcome at our church and has had a positive experience. If you haven't met Ada yet, you might say "hi!"

She truly is a sister in Christ and has a story to share.

Adventurer Activities
Investiture
May 13, 10:45 a.m.

Home & School Happenings Sara Wolff

On Sunday April 23 we had our annual School Picnic. It was a rainy day and we had to meet in the gym. We shared a delicious meal and after a short devotional by Pastor Bran we enjoyed some fun games. Little ones did a craft and drew spring flowers pictures.

After playing balloon baseball, dodge ball, and relay races, we finished the afternoon with a basketball game. Some of our parents played in the game while others enjoyed some fellowship time.

Share Thy Bread

Share Thy Bread ministry continues to thrive – and it is growing! To date we have 31 people ministering food and other items to the needy in Polk County. Of that 31, three are faithful helpers, but not members of our church.

Each month we cover a wide swath of Polk County including Columbus (eight stops), East Tryon (four stops), Mill Spring (two stops), Green Creek (one stop), and Sunnyview (one stop). This makes our stops (pop-up markets) total 15 every two weeks. It is exciting!

The ministry has been blessed by God for almost three years. Besides the literal manpower we have (praise God), we have many behind-the-scenes helpers faithfully donating to keep the ministry alive. Also, we find bags and food in our donation crate in the church lobby that helps tremendously. The Adventurers donate as well. Originally, we were driving to Asheville every week to pick up food from Manna, a food bank for Western North Carolina, but now their trucks deliver every other week at a local stop so we don't have to make the drive. Yes, there is a charge for food and delivery, but our faithful Father continues to provide.

Thank you for believing in the ministry and with everyone's help, we plan to continue on!



Our Turkey Missionaries

Our missionaries, Trey & Vicky Brown, are praising the Lord for many things these days, not the least of which are some new interests in studying God's Word with them. They also are blessed to have full funding for a vehicle most needed. Their health is good and they continue to learn more and more of the Turkish language. They also have some teammates joining them whom they will help get oriented. To God's glory, they have discovered a small group of Iranian believers who have also discovered the Sabbath. They plan on visiting them soon.

They have so many interesting encounters everyday. They met up with an Atheist Muslim who said he read the New Testament and found it silly. He could not accept Jesus healing a blind man with mud and other like miracles. However, he acknowledged that the New Testament has never been changed whereas most Muslims believe it has been changed - without proof. As usual, the Browns covet your prayers and especially for this gentleman who has approached them twice on the subject of God's Word.

If you would like to "talk" with Trey & Vicki, their email is Tv3turkey@gmail.com. They would love to hear from us.

Pathfinder Plans
Wednesday's, 6:00 p.m.

Library Corner Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! I hope you are doing well and that you are taking advantage of the rainy weather to do some reading! If not, your church library misses you!

In one month, we will be taking donations to camp meeting. Please bring any donations to the church library by May 17 so we can process them. We accept all donations, but the requirements for credit at camp meeting are as follows:

- ✍ SDA publisher
- ✍ Good enough condition to resell

Thank you for your help and support in this as in all else! As always, please contact me with suggestions for the church library at wrbraves@gmail.com -- I look forward to hearing from you. God bless!



Patriotic Picnic ~ July 4 Pam Green

Patriotic Picnic - July 4, 2017 at the church in the afternoon. Time to be announced. We will be having our very own parade in the parking lot! Utilize red, white and blue to patriotically decorate yourself, walkers, bikes, tricycles, wheel chairs, walking shoes, strollers, hats, wagons, etc., for the parade. ALL AGES can show their patriotism! We need spectators, too! No dogs please. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

The Ideal Candidate

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this treasure [Jesus Christ] in earthen vessels' (II Corinthians 4:7, emphasis mine). We're not fancy vases. We're just plain canning jars, boasting not of our exterior—but of whom we have within. If you don't feel capable to share, witness, teach, or minister, you are an ideal candidate because God will get the glory, not you." (Jon Courson's Application Commentary, Vol 3 New Testament p.750)

I pray for a renewed commitment to give God the glory this year in our church community.



In Appreciation

Kari Owens

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation to all of those who donated to the Beginners Sabbath School cabinets. The Lord blessed your generous giving, raising over \$950. Enough funds came in to cover the cost of the building materials, with enough left over to replenish some much needed supplies. I am so incredibly grateful to Michael and Debbie Owens, who donated their skill, craftsmanship, and time to build the cabinets. They put in many long hours with beautiful results. Thank you for making a positive influence in the life of a little one.

– Kari Owens, Beginners Sabbath School Leader

Adventurers

Sara Wolff

In April our Adventurer Club went to Nosoca Pines for Fun Day. Adventurer Fun Day 2017 theme was Embracing the World for Jesus. We had to pick a country and learn how we can witness about Jesus in that country. Our club picked Turkey. We wrote letters to Trey and Vicky Brown, read stories about missionaries, tried foods from Turkey, and learned fun facts about Turkey. Turkey is mostly Muslim and a very hard country to share about Jesus. Missionaries usually learn the language, the customs, and then start making friendships. They cannot just talk about God. We also had to dress up like Turkish for the parade. We had a great time.

After Fun Day we got right back to work and completed our last three awards of the year. Eager Beavers worked on Scavenger Hunt award, Sunbeams completed Lady Bugs, and Helping Hands buzzed with a Honey Bee award.

We had a wonderful year this year and we can't wait to start next year. If any of our church members would like to teach an award next year please let me know ~ Sara Wolff, 980-229-5186



Thank You!

Sara Wolff

Our school would like to thank all our church members who sponsored our students for our Walk-a-Thon. Our school cannot operate without your support. Thank you.

Women's Ministry

Vicki Hillmon

“Our Hope, Our Joy”

Isn't it funny how the words hope and joy seem to fit together? You rarely find one without the other.

If you have hope in the unseen tomorrow, then joy rises up in your soul to give you strength for the journey.

Spend time in God's holy presence today. In that place, you will find both hope...and joy.

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1 Thessalonians 2:19 NKJV

Here's what happening in WM!

Calling ALL ladies!

“MEET & GREET”

Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.

With Vicki Hillmon and our new Carolina Conference Women's Ministry Director, Cindy Mercer.

DONS Italian Restaurant VIP ROOM

619 Oakland Road, Spindale, NC

828-288-3711

Come and join the fun ladies.

Don't miss this special time together!

Women's Ministry Camp Meeting - Level 1 - WM training.

May 29, 30, & 31.

Contact: Vicki, 828-447-1772, for details & car pooling

I have completed level 3 training.

I would love to bring some of you along.

Classes: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 2 - 4 p.m.

“Teach Us To Pray”

An Interactive Seminar

Friday, June 9, 7 - 8 p.m.

Sabbath, June 10, 2 - 4 p.m.

Tryon SDA Church

Community & families invited. Don't miss this special time of fellowship.

Women's Retreat ~ “Gifts of Grace”

October 13, 14 & 15

Nosoca Pines Ranch

Information & details are on our Church Bulletin Board with flyers.

Plan ahead ladies!

Guests: Shelly Quinn, Eric Jones - Teen Track, and Carolina Heartsong.

This Retreat is going to be wonderful!

Hope you can join us this year.

Come on ladies — Nosoca or Bust!

God Bless!



Opportunities to Share Talents

Lorna Dever

- Event reporters for the Newsletter
- Event Photographers for the Newsletter
- Gardeners for Matthew 25 Gardens
- Farmer's Market Volunteers Every Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Advertising

news@tryonsdachurch.org

For Sale: Raw honey for sale. Have early spring, Late May, (for allergy) and summer, taken July 10th. \$12.00, same as last year. Call Wally 828-863-4154.

For Sale: Free range eggs. \$3/dozen. Call Lorna, 828-817-1544.

Services: Want to stay living at home? Or need a live-in helper? CNA care to assist you in your daily routines and for companionship. Call Ronda Dever @ 828 817 8141.

Interested in Relocating and running a beautiful lifestyle center in Kentucky? Turn-key lifestyle center awaits right candidate. Call Bev Cook for details. 704-692-6667.

NEEDED: Bookcases needed for the August yard sale. Do you have one to donate? Contact Pam Green at 864-640-0990.

May



- 1 Brianna Hornbeck
- 2 Debbie Owens
- 4 Desiree' Magnant
- 5 Jack Story
- 10 Wayne Busch
- 14 Keith Amoroso
Violet Weiss
- 15 Jonathan Rowe
- 19 Tabby Amoroso
- 20 Jeff Sossong
- 21 Danielle Magnant
- 22 Brenda Hornbeck
- 23 Gage Hines
- 25 Carolee Rhymer
- 26 Judy Thomson
- 28 Steven Milks
- 29 Paul Witt, Sr.



Ada Miller

Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church

Inreach

Outreach

Infogram

May, 2017



The Ideal Candidate
Pastor Daniel Bran

Let me use this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your feedback during this season in our church calendar when we look intentionally at matching spiritual gifts with ministry opportunities.

As we do so, we are reminded of the two commands that define a Bible based, gospel-centered church. First, the great commandment: to “love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and “your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-40) and second, the great commission: to “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19-20).

I was pleasantly surprised by the number of church members who indicated their willingness to be involved in the giving of personal Bible studies and visitations, in addition to various other ministries. It is a reminder that one of the greatest assets of a church community is the willingness of its members to respond to the gospel message by becoming part of the story.

This is also of special interest as our ‘goal for souls’ this year is at least twelve. So far, we have had one new member join our church community through baptism this year.

So, who should be involved in the living out of the gospel commission? Who should answer the call of the Savior to touch a life for eternity?

Here is how one Bible commentator touches on this question.

“In Exodus 20, the Lord said, ‘An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me... And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it’ (Exodus 20:24–25). In other words, the Lord said, ‘If you build Me an altar, make it very simple—preferably of dirt. If you use rock, don’t carve or polish it. Keep it simple so that the attention of the people will remain focused upon Me instead of on the altar.’

This gives me great hope because, although I want my life to be used by the Lord, I am increasingly aware of my plainness, my earthiness. I’m not very polished. I don’t know if I’m ‘cut out’ to do great things for God. Yet, according to Exodus 20, these very doubts make me eminently qualified! Paul said, ‘We have

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May 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 MT. PISGAH ACADEMY Pathfinder META Jr. 10am - Beyond the 10am - Thrift Store 1pm - Beyond the Tithe 3:30pm - Beyond the 4pm - ADVENTURER	1 9am - Thrift Store	2 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL	3 Co-Op Delivery @ Morgan Center 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Bulletin deadline 6pm - PATHFINDER 6:30pm - Prayer	4 9am - Thrift Store	5 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP Pathfinder Western Area Camporee @ Tryon, NC 9am - Thrift Store 8:18pm - Sunset	6 No Fellowship Meal 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:19pm - Sunset
7 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP Pathfinder Western 10am - Matthew 25 10am - Thrift Store	8 9am - Thrift Store	9 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board	10 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Bulletin deadline 6pm - PATHFINDER 6:30pm - Prayer	11 END OF YEAR 9am - Thrift Store	12 9am - Thrift Store 8:24pm - Sunset	13 Adventurer Investiture Youth Sabbath @ Tryon 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 1:30pm - Compassion 8:25pm - Sunset
14 Mother's Day 10am - Thrift Store	15 9am - Thrift Store	16 9am - Thrift Store	17 8TH GRADE 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Bulletin deadline 6pm - PATHFINDER 6:30pm - Prayer	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 9am - Thrift Store	19 PATHFINDER EVENT 9am - Thrift Store 8:29pm - Sunset	20 NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:30pm - Sunset
21 PATHFINDER EVENT 10am - Thrift Store	22 Co-Op Order Due 9am - Thrift Store	23 9am - Thrift Store	24 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Bulletin deadline 6pm - PATHFINDER 6:30pm - Prayer	25 9am - Thrift Store	26 9am - Thrift Store 8:34pm - Sunset	27 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 8:35pm - Sunset
28 10am - Thrift Store	29 Memorial Day 9am - Thrift Store	30 9am - Thrift Store	31 Co-Op Delivery @ Morgan Center 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Bulletin deadline 6:30pm - Prayer	1 9am - Thrift Store	2 9am - Thrift Store 8:39pm - Sunset	3 No Fellowship Meal Pathfinder/Adventurer 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:39pm - Sunset

Kids' Bible Riddle

The answer to last month's riddle was Moses' Staff

1. I was eaten by dogs at Jezreel. Who am I?
2. You are told not to cast me before swine. What am I?
3. Jesus rode me into Jerusalem. What animal am I?
4. The lame man shall leap Like me. What animal am I?

Look for me in next month's Newsletter

Nature Nugget

Somerset Nature Trust

The Flying Barn Door



White-tailed Eagle In the winter of 1857 a White-tailed Eagle was shot near Bridgwater. In a recent talk, Chris Sperring MBE, naturalist and a Trust Vice-President, suggested that there is no reason why these eagles (also called Sea Eagles) should not be re-introduced to the Levels. The introduction of this great bird in Scotland has now led to over 40 pairs breeding. But historically in Britain and currently in Europe, the birds inhabit lowland areas just as successfully as rocky coasts. These huge birds have a wing span of 7-8 feet (compared with 4-5 feet for a Buzzard) so if a dark shadow falls over you as you walk the droves of Westhay.

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