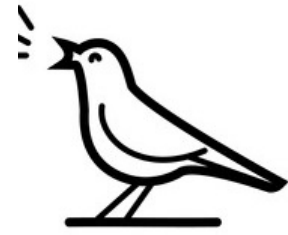




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Pastor Bob's Blog

Whom We Miss Seeing
Adventist Review, Enno Muller

“Years ago a researcher at 3M, named Spencer Silver, was curious about what would happen if he mixed an unusual amount of monomer into a polymer-based adhesive. The result was an adhesive that when applied to a piece of paper could stick that piece of paper to another with the ability to restick after being removed. And there would be no residue left on the second piece of paper. The discovery was useless to 3M at the time.”

“It wasn’t until Arthur Fry, a chemist with 3M, had an issue in the choir loft of his church that a purpose for this adhesive was found. During his practices and performances, the small bookmarks he had in his hymnal would frequently fly away, and he would lose his place. One day while trying frantically to pick up his bookmarks, Fry remembered Silver’s adhesive. Soon after, his new bookmarks metamorphosed into the handy Post-it Notes that can now be found in many stores throughout the country.”

In last chapter of Romans, chapter 16, Paul mentions a number of people who had a part to play in his ministry and writings becoming what we have today. Seemingly insignificant, but yet worth the recognition, by name, to him in their many ways of service.

“We often overlook people who are not in the spotlight, yet their contribution is invaluable: those who organize social events, greet us at the door, host Bible studies during the week, work on the church website, connect with others on the church social media accounts, and run the AV system, for instance.”

“You may not be the center of attention, but your contribution to the church’s life matters greatly. Your inconspicuous service can enable someone to hear the good news. Because of what you did, someone may be led to God or refreshed during a struggle.”

Thank You for Your Service, Pastor Grant



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am - Church School track and 10am - Thrift Store Open 12pm - Voice of Prophecy (1160)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>MC: STB using gym for boxing 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open 10am - Private Event 6:15pm - MC: Diabetes reversal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MC: STB using gym for boxing 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Closed MC: Conf. RM - STB 9am - Thrift Store Open 6pm - Adventurers/Pathfinders 7pm - A/V and Bulletin Deadline 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>MC: Conf. RM - STB 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Offering: STB/Local Budget Visitors Lunch hosted by 9:15am - SS & Church 6pm - MC: Social committee</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Thrift Store Closed 12pm - Voice of Prophecy (1160) 4pm - MC: SASSY Game Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MC: STB using gym for boxing 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open 6:15pm - MC: Diabetes reversal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MC: STB using gym for boxing 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open 6pm - Finance Committee 7pm - Church Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Office Closed MC: Conf. RM - STB 9am - Thrift Store Open 7pm - A/V and Bulletin Deadline 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MC: Conf. RM - STB 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church School (1/2 day - school) 8am - Church Office Open 9am - Thrift Store Open</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15am - SS & Church 12:15pm - Fellowship Lunch @ 1:30pm - MC Conference</p>
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David and Barbara Rowe

David and Barbara were both born at Patten Memorial Hospital in Hendersonville, NC, David in the fall of 1946 and Barbara in the spring of 1947. Their childhoods were spent on their daddies' farms which had adjoining property lines. This property line was a large creek. Due to the danger of the creek, they were never allowed to play in that direction. Hence, David and Barbara never knew each other until they met in high school.

Their first meeting was on the school bus. They had a snow fall that day and David and several boys got on the school bus with their arms full of snow balls. Barbara was caught in the middle of a snow ball fight. To put it mildly, she was not impressed with him.

They next met when they were placed in the same math class, the only problem being the teacher was one math book short. He put Barbara's desk besides David's and gave them a book to share. The simple math fact of one plus one being two began to come true. Ten months later when Barbara was 18 and on David's 19th birthday, they were married. On November 16, 2023 they will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. We look forward to more anniversaries on this earth and then an eternity together in heaven.

Eight months after they were married, they moved to Southern California. David was born into an Adventist home, but there in Southern California Barbara was baptized into the Baldwin Park SDA Church. They lived in California for 5 1/2 years and realized it was not a good place to raise their small children. By then, they were a family of five - two little girls, Connie & Becky, and one son, David Jr. So, they moved back to Hendersonville, NC and were very happy to be going home. During the next ten years, they attended the Brevard SDA Church which they loved dearly, and then the Upward Church as they began organizing and building the church and school.

They had their first children at an early age and after a few years, Barbara began praying for just one more baby. It took God several years to answer that prayer but finally in 1979, He granted their request and baby Deborah Gayle was born. As David placed that tiny baby in Barbara's arms for the first time, he kept saying, "She'll be like an only child. We need to have one more to grow up with her." That prayer was answered quickly. In 1981 baby Curtis Lee was born. Then David thought it would be nice for Curtis to have a

little brother. David had had a younger brother, Edward, and remembered all the fun times they had shared. So in 1983 baby Jonathan Edward joined their family.

They have now been blessed with not only their children, but also with 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. God has blessed them beyond measure. They miss having children still living in their home, but are so grateful for the memories of their children being young and homeschooling and them all being together.

In time, Hendersonville was not the sleepy little town they were raised in. Their younger three children were now 2, 4, and 6 years old. They realized they needed to have the same privileges of country living as their older siblings had experienced. They began looking for property that was rural yet not a great distance from extended family.

On a Monday afternoon, they came to Polk County for the first time, looked at some property they didn't care for and went back home. On Friday morning, they got a call about some property that had come on the market that morning. They came, looked, and made an offer that afternoon. On Monday of the following week, their offer was accepted. God had again proved faithful. They love the home place He found for them. They have lived there 36 years and have been blessed with wonderful neighbors and friends. David has now been retired for two years but was blessed with 34 happy years meeting and building homes for many wonderful people.

The present and future look to be the best years yet. Barbara can be with David 24-7 and he can spend all the time he wants in his beautiful garden. They know each day is one day closer to Jesus' return. David's favorite Bible verses are 1 John 1:9 and Phil. 4:8. Barbara's favorite verse is the first verse she learned to recite as a child. John 3:16. This verse tells it all!





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Wanangwa Hartwell

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We got some terrific new kids' stuff this month. Are you familiar with Brenda Walsh of 3ABN? We have more storybooks by her now, both in print and on CD. We added a cool new cookbook for cooking with your kids...and a devotional book for moms, too. I'm especially excited that we were able to add a book called Meeting Ellen White, which completes our set of four books by George R. Knight about Ellen White and her life and work.

Incidentally, the book about Ellen White is shelved with the works she wrote, but other biographies are shelved in their own section on the back wall. Biographies are organized a bit differently than other items in the library. All items have three lines on the spine label (that's the part facing out when the book is on the shelf) and the middle line is usually reserved for the author. With biographies, however, we elected to put the name of the person the biography is about in that spot, to make it easier to look up biographies by who they're about rather than who wrote them. Let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Wanangwa

Hello, friends. Those of us in the public service fields continue to see disturbing trends. For instance, MANNA FoodBank served yet another record high people served in a month this July. They (and we at Share Thy Bread) continue to serve hard-working families who simply can't make the math add up with their budgets because of record housing costs, and the increase that everyone continues to see at the grocery store.

Seniors living on a fixed income are turning to us because they are faced with a desperate choice of affording healthcare and medicine, or affording food. Families with young children are struggling against astronomical child care costs, or in this community, the lack of child care, forcing one family member out of the work force, creating a financial hardship either way.

Want to help? Talk to Lorna about what needs are showing up the most. She can help match your interests with where our neighbors need help, whether that's financial or hands-on. And always, always, please pray. We know that all of these are signs of the end (re-read Matthew 24). Jesus is coming soon. Hold on, my friends, hold on to Jesus.



SASSY

Fun, Food and Fellowship were enjoyed at the last game afternoon! We learned some new games and played familiar games! Next Game Afternoon is Sunday, October 8 from 4-7. All, regardless of age, are invited to join. Bring a friend, and a snack food to share!



My Time at Nosoca Pines Ranch

Joseph Finch

First of all I would like to thank all the people who raised the money for me to go to camp. It's always fun and educational about God. I would also like to thank Roger Peden for driving me to camp and bringing me back. My favorite part of camp had to be the skits they do -- it is always funny and enjoyable. Plus the camp always has fun activities like crafts, sports, plays, gymnastics, tubing and my personal favorite, rock wall. After your activities you get some delicious vegan food and I may not be vegan but I can tell you that the food they serve is always good when I go to camp. And after a long day of fun you get to go back to your cabin and go to sleep and do it all over again the next day, but on Friday things change. They do this thing people call the run. The run is where you run from the people in the red shirts and sometimes you have to complete challenges. And overall all the counselors and Uncle Rick are really nice. And I'd like to thank the people who can make it possible for me and other kids to go to camp and have a great time.

NOVEMBER 1: Day Trip to "The Trail of Faith". Meet at 9:30 at the church for transportation. Tour of the village will be given by Pastor Mahomey. Lunch at Twin Brothers Pizza and return to church by 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per senior plus your lunch. Sign up sheet and further details are on the table in the church hallway across from the restrooms. Sign up deadline is October 21. For further information you may call or text Eileen Busch at 828-817-2948.

Shutterfly Class: Hands on, one on one help and lots learned!



It's the Most Wonderful....

Wanangwa Hartwell

Well, okay, I don't know if all my bell students would say it's the most wonderful time, but I do know we have a really great time playing bells. A big thank you to Marty Logue who had the idea of putting brighter lights in the chandeliers in the church balcony so we can see our music!

The kids will be playing for the church service on Sabbath, October 28. They've worked really hard and are learning a lot. We hope you are blessed with their music. To God be the glory!



Always Temperate
Bev Cook

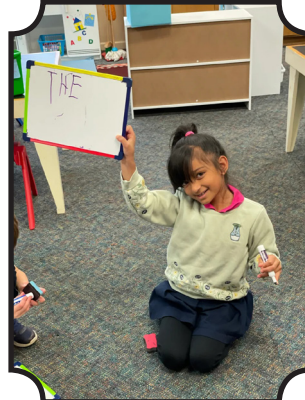
Come One, Come All!
Ronnie Hartwell

We have Pathfinders and Adventurers this year! We meet every other week on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. , with supper at 5:30 p.m. Pathfinders goes until 8:00 p.m. and Adventurers (led by Meghan Eckmann-Reynolds) goes until 7:30 p.m. There will be plenty of fun activities and learning, and for Pathfinders, camping and marching too. If your kids are between the ages of 4 and 17, bring them and join the Tryon Mountain Troopers!

We recently had a Sabbath School lesson on the armor of God found in Ephesians. The helmet of salvation is of utmost importance and it protects the mind. The Great Controversy is actually a battle for the mind, so what is it that influences the mind and has a bearing on our choices? Choices are vital in the Great Controversy as with each choice, we are casting a vote for which side we are on.

I would like us to consider the BIG 8 in health (also known as NEWSTART). The BIG 8 are molding our characters and they affect our feelings and thoughts → actions → habits → characters → eternal destiny. Everything in the BIG 8 (nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust in God) has a bearing on our choices. These choices feed either the beastly (carnal) nature within or the new nature Christ gave us at conversion. Individually and together, they greatly influence each choice we make because they bear sway on our feelings/thoughts, the beginning of the ladder that ends with our destinies.

It's of bigger import than most people realize – how many and how regularly we apply the BIG 8 to our lives, both to experience the abundant life now and helping us on our journey to heaven. Keep that beastly nature dormant by not feeding it any unhealthy habits. What a great way to live and one God approves of!



The Bird that Might

Dick Bayley

When I was a little kid, lying in my bed on spring mornings, with the window open, I heard a loud noise, like someone hammering on metal very very fast. At some point, my parents explained what was going on, that there was a bird, a woodpecker, that loved to peck on the metal vents mounted on the roof of a “hothouse” (greenhouse) nearby. And so it was, every spring the ritual continued, and I always wondered why a bird would do that.

Of the several species of woodpeckers in North America, one in particular has been the subject of a controversy for many years—the Ivory-billed Woodpecker (IBW), once widespread in the southeastern states, but never plentiful. It is the third largest woodpecker in the world, and the largest north of Mexico, with a wingspan of 30” or more. It was known to inhabit the mature hardwood forests of the Southeast, reaching over into Arkansas.

Today there are two opposing camps in the Ivory-billed Woodpecker debate. Devoted birders and conservationists on the one hand, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the other, which has favored declaring this very elusive bird extinct. The last time one was seen and documented in a solid way was in 1944. In recent decades, valiant efforts have been made to find them, requiring slogging through many miles of swamp, thick with mosquitoes, snakes and worse, while peering into the treetops.

There’s probably no better example of such efforts than Steven Latta and others who published an extensive research article last May, covering their work during the period 2012-2022. They recorded 472,550 hours on trail cameras, hoping to catch a glimpse of an IBW. Then there were thousands of hours of audio recording, and it doesn’t end there, but after all this effort, nothing conclusive was turned up.

It appears there was a significant decline in the IBW population after the Civil War, due to “ramped up hunting, mass draining of swamps and insatiable timber harvesting,” which destroyed habitat. One expert says 2,000 acres of undisturbed forest are needed for each pair of IBW. Even now, the USFWS has declared the IBW extinct, but stopped short of making it official. All of this is alarming to birders, who say that move would open up protected areas where the IBW may be surviving. It would be the “last nail in the coffin.” (1)

Because of widespread interest in the IBW, and at the same time nothing more than tantalizing clues that it’s still alive, this bird has been compared to Bigfoot, or the Loch Ness monster. Consequently, seeing one can be an earth-shaking experience. Just ask Steve Latta, of the National Aviary who really knows his birds. Four years ago he was in a swamp somewhere when one flew past him. This was, he said, “one of the best looks at the IBW... anyone has had in generations...It left me literally shaking.” You see, after countless hours of field research, he didn’t believe it was still alive. As a result, he couldn’t sleep for two or three nights. It was after this experience that he and his wife decided to devote their lives to the preservation of the IBW.

We might feel the same. It’s a magnificent bird after all. The male has a brilliant red crest, while the female’s is black. It is very common for the pileated woodpecker to be mistaken for the Ivory-billed. At first glance the two species are very similar, but the pileated woodpecker is smaller, with a black beak, and different markings.

And God made them well for what they do. As one writer said, “Any bird that can bash its head on a tree all day at the speed of a machine gun without getting a giant headache is definitely worthy of attention.” (2) For comparison, data from the NFL shows that impacts at 80 g. (80 times the force of gravity) in a football game, can result in concussions, while woodpeckers can handle impacts of 1,200 g. with no problem, and some, they say, can tolerate 6,000 g, at 18-22 times a second. (3)

Several features of the woodpecker skull all make its high-speed, high-impact pecking possible, and they all have to work together, a complex function that scientists refer to as “irreducible complexity.” Evolution can’t account for this. If the special beak alone required many thousands or millions of years to develop, the bird would have died out because its brain wasn’t protected. Several other special features of the woodpecker skull would have required more eons of time to evolve, simultaneously. So the woodpecker too is, “... fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Ps 139:14, NKJV)

Another woodpecker-lover has written about how other species of woodpeckers peck on a metal electric pole near her house. They love it, she says. They “bang away on that pole all day long,” making a noise that resounds around the neighborhood (4), just like the sound I heard as a kid so many years ago. Those determined birds are hopeful it will attract a mate. Apparently the strategy works.

In the meantime, the search goes on for the IBW. If you can locate one and its nesting area, and...if you can lead a project researcher there, where “compelling evidence” can be collected, then you are entitled to receive \$50,000 from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. (5)

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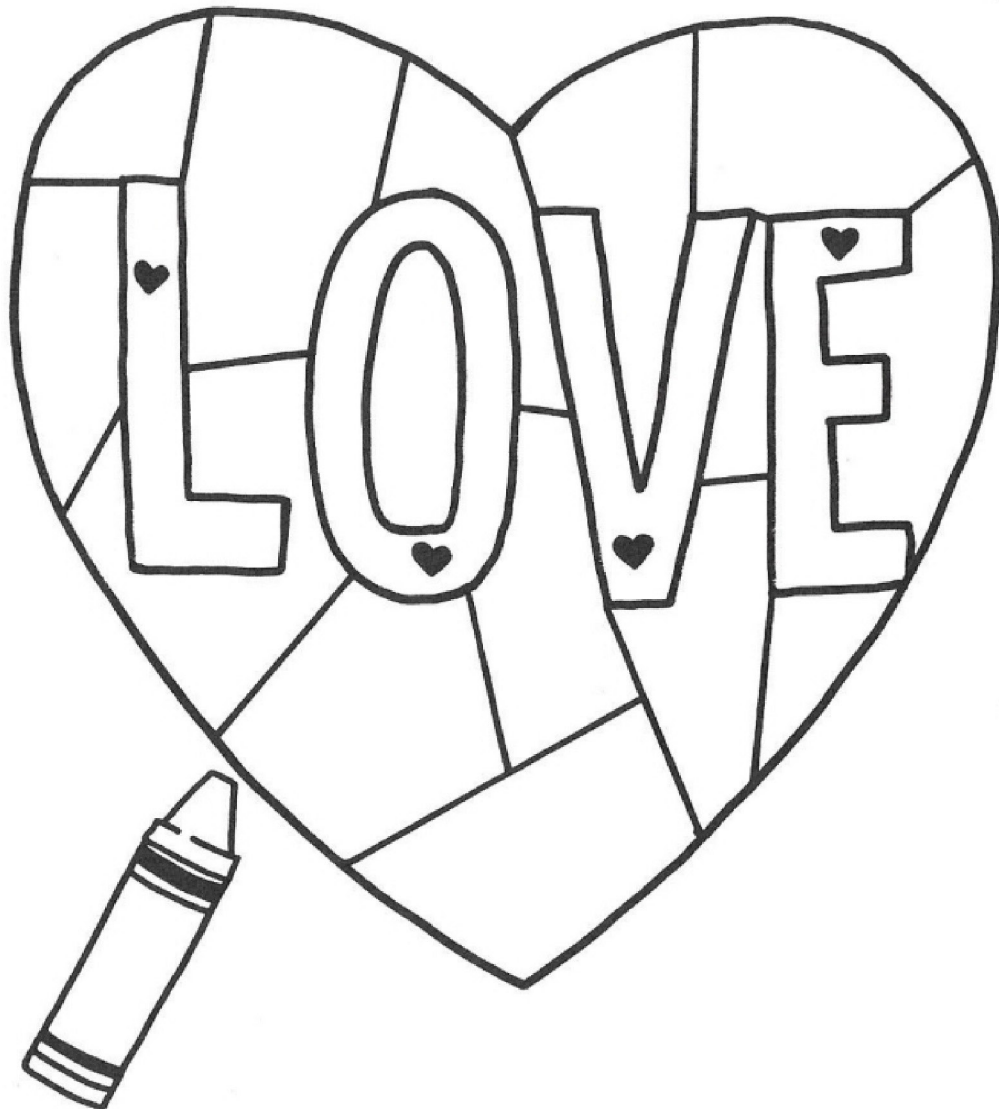


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Ages 3-6

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Find what God wants you to have in your heart.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ages 7-12

As Jesus was beginning a journey, a rich young man fell on his knees before Him. He asked Jesus a question. Jesus cared about him. The rich young man was sad when he heard the answer to his question. He went away from Jesus.

Find out what the question was by doing this "alphabet math." Add or subtract the correct number of letters to fill in the blanks. One is done for you.

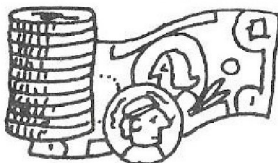
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_____ ?"
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Jesus told him to do one more thing...

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