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Pastor Bob's Blog

Recognizing God
Echoing God's Love
by Charles Mills

He that has seen me has seen the father. John 14:9

A low fog bank hugged the waters as our big freighter sailed cautiously through the wide mouth of the harbor. I strained to see beyond the mists, but my 4 year old eyes recognized nothing among the soft, liquid curtains.

It was my very first visit to America, having spent my entire life, short as it was, in eastern Asia, where my parents served as Christian missionaries. But it wasn't necessarily the United States that was the goal of my gaze that cold, damp morning. No, I was looking for an even more wondrous site. I was looking for my Grandma.

After all, I'd heard so much about her. My mom had told me stories of the kind hearted woman in whose care she'd grown up -- stories of depression years when food was scarce but love wasn't, when Christmas presents had been handmade because the family had no extra money to spend. I knew in my little boy heart that somewhere beyond that fog bank waited a woman who loved me just as she had loved my mother. To me, Grandma and America were almost one in the same.

Suddenly, as our boat slipped through the glassy waters, I saw a figure begin to emerge from the mist. A tall, beautiful woman holding high a gleaming torch. "Mommy!" I cried, running along the damp, salty deck. "Mommy, there she is. There's Grandma!"

The image in my mind of a kind hearted woman waiting to welcome me to America fit perfectly the grand design of the Statue of Liberty. The site matched the admiration that had poured from my mother's lips whenever she had spoken of her mom.

Soon I learned that while my real grandmother was indeed kind, loving, and happy to welcome me to America, she was a lot shorter than the woman in the harbor.

God has called us to play a unique role here on earth. He's asked us to shower our friends and neighbors with stories about Him, testimonies of Him, and invitations from Him. He's depending on us to make Him so real to our hearers, so filled with love and kindness, that when they discover Him working in their lives or hear Him whispering in their ears, they'll recognize Him immediately.

That's why Jesus came to earth and lived among us, eating our food, wearing our clothes, sharing our sorrows. He wanted to show us, in no uncertain terms, what God is like.

What image of our heavenly Father do you share? What picture

do your actions at home, at play, and in the workplace paint in the people's mind? Will those who know you be able to recognize the God you worship based on your reflection of Him?

One Christian writer put it this way: "We cannot by searching find out God. But He has revealed Himself in the character of Christ, who is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. If we desire a knowledge of God, we must be Christlike" (Ellen G. White, Manuscript Releases, Vol. 21, p. 410).

The same is true if we desire to share Him with our world.

Thank you, Pastor Grant



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Tomas & Milka Kasey & Maria

On October 27, 2010, Tomas and Milka were married, making 13 years this past month. They actually met in Cuba at church. They saw each other a couple of times but didn't say much because Tomas was on the quiet side; he was a bit hard to get to know. Milka got to know him through his family a bit better. Milka moved to the US in 2001 and Tomas moved here in 2006. They started talking here in the states. Milka worked for Advent Health in Orlando and Tomas saw her at church again. Out of the clear, he approached her and said, "I've been watching you for a while and I want you to be my wife but if you are not interested, I'll look for another." Then he invited her to go with him to Adair Lake in Orlando (which happened to be her second name). That evening after Milka was home she was considering his offer. At 11:00 pm that night, she called him and said, "Do not look for another; I accept." Then after six months, they became married.

Milka had a house in Orlando and once married, Tomas moved into it with her and her Mom, Maria, who has always been with her. Tomas, being skilled in carpentry, fixed the house up. Later they sold this house and moved into their dream home – complete with pool and other luxuries. However, the Holy Spirit started working on them to move to the country. It was a struggle making the decision. It was a big dream house and Milka had a good job with Advent Health. They started looking since they read from Ellen White to "get out of the cities!" Milka was thinking, "I don't want to move but still, I want to obey God." Both she and Tomas knew the dangers of the city and they had eight-year-old Kasey to consider. Milka came up with a plan: "Let's move just outside of Orlando and then I can drive into the city to work my job." Tomas said, "Let's go to North Carolina."

They came to North Carolina to look at three different lands and homes, but were impressed that the first one they looked at was for them even though it needed remodeling.

Milka said, "Okay, God, this is the house." They signed the paperwork and the realtor thought they were crazy. The deal was final on June 2019. For a while she commuted between NC and FL still working, but Tomas started working on the house. They kept the house in Orlando "just in case." Milka started rationalizing, "We can move to the country once the Sunday law comes," but God said, "No."

They attended Mills River SDA Church for a while but Covid came. Did they bring it with them from Orlando? Milka's supervisor in Orlando called them and wanted to see where they were now living since she was a friend as well as supervisor. Once she came and saw the peace in the country, she decided to move here too.

Kasey, their daughter, was born on August 12, 2011 and was conceived on their honeymoon. She is twelve years old now. Her day consists of practicing the piano and homeschooling (Tomas & Milka fixed up a shed solely for the use of Kasey's homeschooling activities). Kasey also comes out to play with the dog and helps her Mom in the garden. Tomas prepares the soil for the garden and Milka, Maria, & Kasey do the planting. Everyone does their worship and they watch Christian movies together along with discussion. Kasey reads and asks questions. The family does everything together. Tomas and Milka play volleyball, baseball, dominoes – just everything – and are truly happy here. Milka plays the piano by ear and cannot read music; it is a gift from God.

They have a greenhouse so even in the winter they are working. Milka also is a bee-keeper as Yahaira's father, Enrique, is training her. He is teaching her how to plant and fertilize as well as keeping bees.

Asked about their favorite Bible verse, they love Psalm 23. Milka has proved so faithful and talented in adding the piano music both in our Sabbath School and Church services. Recently, she has accepted the position of Music Leader so please support her, Tomas, Maria, and Kasey as they are an important part of our Tryon SDA family!





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Wanangwa Hartwell

Happy November! We have a special new section in our church library -- in Spanish! It is on a shelf just above the teen section, to your right when you're facing the doors of the library from the inside. If you know someone who reads Spanish, please point it out to them.

Tenemos una nueva sección especial en la biblioteca de nuestra iglesia -- en español! Está en un estante justo encima de la sección para adolescentes, a tu derecha cuando miras las puertas de la biblioteca desde el interior. Si lees español, estos son para ti. Esperamos que seas bendecido.

We also have some new books especially for men and women and we've added another book in the *Dahveed* series by Terri Fivash in religious fiction. Watch for other great new additions over the coming months. If you have enjoyed any items from the church library, please consider submitting a review. You can email it to Wanangwa at wrbraves@gmail.com or just hand her a copy at church. Thank you!

When you pray, what do you pray about? Have you ever argued with God? Do you ever complain to Him? Ellen White observes that "we do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks" (SC 102.2).

I don't know about you, but sometimes I want God to find someone to help me, to fill my needs, to give me a blessing. But Jesus tells us to go and bless others. No matter how bad off we feel (or even are) there is always someone who needs a blessing...if not more, certainly as much as we do.

God places us where we are so that we can be His hands and feet and voice to bless others. This Thanksgiving season, let's look around for someone to bless. And when we do, we will find new reasons to give thanks.

*We are His hands to touch the world around us.
We are His feet to go where He may lead.
And we are His love burning in the darkness.
We are His love shining in the night.*

*We are His eyes to see the need in others.
We are His voice to tell of His return.
And we are His love burning in the darkness.
We are His love shining in the night.*

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. ~ Proverbs 11:25, NLT

Juniors Highlight Wanangwa Hartwell

On Sabbath, 10/14/23, the Juniors studied the story of Lazarus. We acted it out, reading from John 11 as we did so. Logan Hodge played Lazarus very well. Chloe and Kasey were Martha and Mary, Oliver was Jesus, and Grayson played the disciples. Ronnie Hartwell helped voice the other parts.

Below: Logan Hodge plays Lazarus (can you see him?!)



School News

Lori Busch

The theme for grades 3-8 this month is “We Need Each Other”. One of the activities we have done is to think about all of the wonderful characteristics of our friends. The students in grades 6-8 have enjoyed learning how to make word clouds in class and wanted to share some word clouds they made about the people in our church family who have touched their lives.





Turkey Day? Why Not Pie Day?

Dick Bayley

Writing about Thanksgiving requires dipping into the past, because the holiday's roots started in 1621, although there had been other, smaller thanksgivings earlier. My dad called such a feast a "repast", whenever he sat down to a big

Thanksgiving dinner. That was an old word even then! When Governor William Bradford organized that "first" feast, it's unlikely that the Pilgrims called it "Thanksgiving", although they were thankful for their harvest. It's certain that much of the food was based on Native American dishes of the Wampanoag Indians who were invited to the three-day celebration. Without an oven, of course, and surely without any sugar at all, desserts as we know them were simply absent. (1) Years later the settlers edged closer to pumpkin pie when they scooped out the seeds and soft pulp from inside the pumpkin, then added honey, spices and milk to create a sort of custard—this according to History Channel. (2)

It should be said that the relationship with the Indians was not really as friendly as we'd like to think. There had been serious friction with some other tribes, and disagreements even among the Wampanoag, who contributed several deer to the feast. Their help was so important that the remaining Pilgrims would have had little chance of surviving the second winter without their assistance. (3)

The food that day also included wild turkey, of course, Indian corn (probably in the form of Indian Pudding), turnips, strawberries, dried blueberries, and very likely pumpkins, plus fish and other vegetables and greens. It's interesting to note that by 1779 a lady wrote to a friend with her Thanksgiving menu which included, among other items, three kinds of pie: apple, mincemeat, and pumpkin. (4)

The nature of Thanksgiving dinner and the attitude of all present were well established by the early 1800's. Take this excerpt from the December 1, 1836 New-Bedford Mercury for example, which states: "it is absolutely requisite to a proper observance of Thanksgiving, that at least three dinners should be eaten up in one... It is a day of universal stuffing. The dinner is the all important item...turkeys, geese and chickens...Then come puddings and pies...among the most prominent of which is that savory dish...[the indispensable item] at Thanksgiving dinner—the well filled, deep and spacious pumpkin pie. This concludes the feast—and for the remainder of the day, a drowsy dullness is very apt to prevail". (5)

One wonders about the devoted women and girls who prepared the sumptuous meal. Back in 1887, Maria Parloa was concerned about them. Her words in Miss Parloa's Kitchen Companion ring true today: "Remember that the chief aim is to produce happiness, and that many of the company will not be wholly happy if the mistress of the house must pass a good part of the day in the kitchen." The more "preparations made in advance the better, so as to relieve the housekeeper of as many duties and as much anxiety as possible..." (6)

Some may say when the food is gone, all is forgotten. However, a 21st Century writer says a couple of important

things: 1. Pies are the "holiday part" of Thanksgiving, and 2. Thanksgiving pies have a way of living on in the memory. (7) Another writes, when the kids and "grands" return to show their love and affection for the "old folks", they are also coming to honor the roast turkeys and pumpkin pies as well. (8) Of course, overindulgence is always a possibility, but the great English poet/philosopher John Milton argued that eating and enjoying the good that God has given us is a way of showing our appreciation of these things. He goes so far as to say, "To refrain, when bounty has been given us, is an evidence of ingratitude to the Giver".

This dinner, according to the New York Times, 11-30-1854, should be the most notable of the year, like a thing of beauty—a joy forever. The [images] of our good dinners come up to comfort us years later, "when those who partook with us have passed on. So may this Thanksgiving be a hearty and happy one, and none but pleasant days meet you till the return of another." (9)

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The classic pumpkin pie that most of us love. Photo credit: The Pioneer Woman



Our dear Pastor!

Helping our playground be safe our our students I believe this picture shows a Pastor who wears many hats and uses many different tools!

SASSY

NEXT GAME DAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12:
All are invited to join us from 4-7. You may bring your favorite game (but not required) and a snack food to share. Popcorn and drink provided. Last month we had a surprise "snack food" brought in as a surprise for the birthday of Terry Banz!



October's Game Day there were groups playing Mexican Train Dominoes, Rummikub, Spinner Dominoes, Mille Borne, and Sorry. We will have a Favorite Game table set up featuring a different game each month. November's game says suitable for ages 8 and up.



God Singing!!

Terry Robinson

This was the text for our devotional reading this morning: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

The writer said that she was amazed at Zephaniah's words because she had never pictured God as a singer! God's people had rebelled against Him, but some had heeded the prophet Zephaniah's warning by repenting and obeying God by faith. They weren't perfect, but they were going in the right direction. So, God encouraged them with His presence and rejoiced over them with singing!

The writer went on to say that God wants to transform us so that His character traits become ours! Our duty as Christians is to do what God does: encourage others and rejoice in the good. In so doing, we get to sing a duet with God!



The Journey by Rosanne Richards

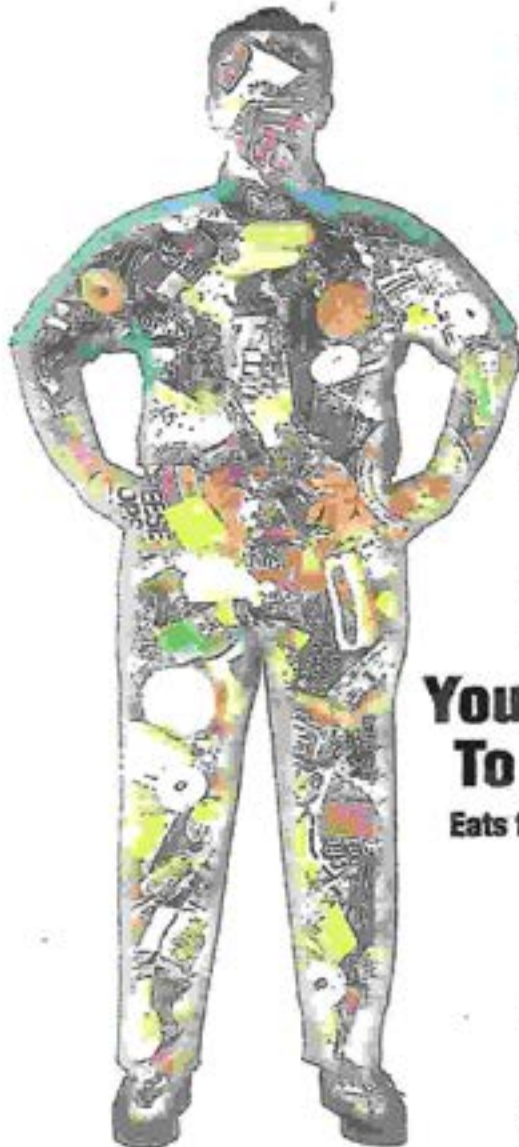
*Wandering while crying tears,
That have been pent up for years:
Losing a partnership
May be a slow, but final rip.
There's a person's touch,
That is missed so much!
Remembering good times,
And often uphill climbs.
From things good to bad, and ugly,
Much has been, forgiven softly.
Frustration, pain and sadness
Finally give way to gladness!
God gives relief from loss
Through people just like us.*



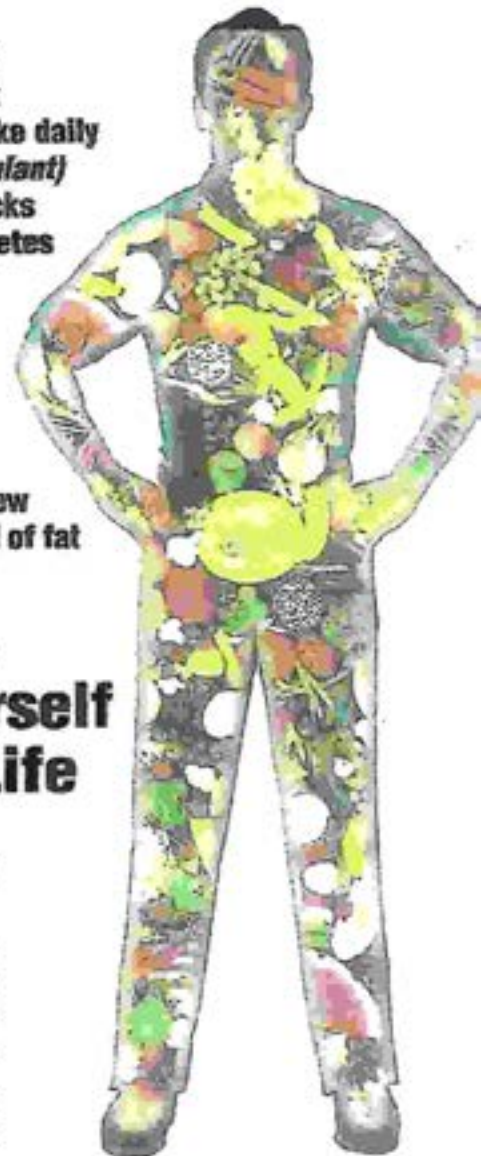
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Genesis 1:29



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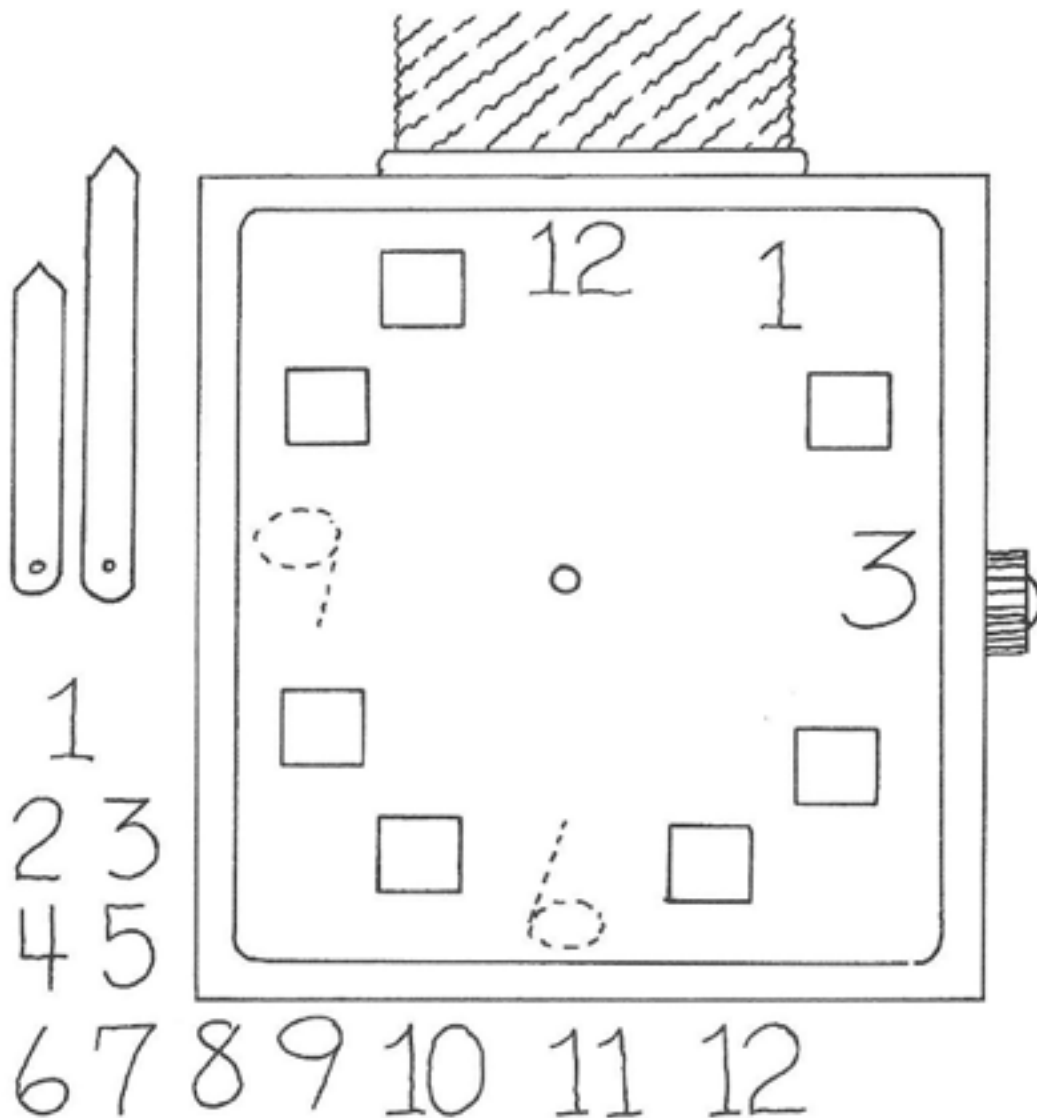
Ages 3-6



Only God knows
the time
Jesus will come.



Write the numbers on the watch. Draw the hands on.
Make it tell your time for worship.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ages 7-12

Luke 21:5-19



Add or subtract the right number of letters to or from the one given to find out something important! The first two are done for you.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

J	E								
K-1	A+4	T-1	T+1	R+1	Z-3	H+1	K+1	M-1	
E-4	L+0	V+1	B-1	Z-1	Q+2	A+1	A+4		
S+4	D+5	S+1	L-4	S+6	S-4	S+2,			
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