

Getting to Know You ~

Shawn & Kim Eckmann

Although Shawn & Kim have been married for 35 years, this is far from your usual story. They were married in the Hendersonville, North Carolina Courthouse with the Justice of the Peace. They met on a beach at a lake in Illinois. Shawn just came right up to Kim, extended his hand, and introduced himself. They shortly discovered they were neighbors and off on their first date. Hard-to-believe but on that very first date, Shawn asked Kim to marry him.

Kim was a believer in God. Her family did not go to church much but she remembers a bus would come by and take her to church by herself when she was young. Shawn, on the other hand, did not believe and had no compassion, although he had a soft place in his heart. Kim knew he needed a total change in character, but in spite of this she loved him. She told him she could not have a relationship with him and the vices he had (alcohol and drugs). It was one of the hardest things for her to tell him she didn't want to hear from him unless he stopped the vices. She gave him the phone number of an AA counselor. Good to her word, Kim left Shawn and moved to Ohio crying all the way for him. She wanted him to clean up for himself – not just for her. Finally, he called the AA counselor and went to his first meeting. He remembers asking “God, if You are real, take this from me now!” God answered that prayer and Shawn was delivered “cold

turkey” from drugs and alcohol by God in July of 1983. It was nothing short of a miracle. Shawn described it as most liberating. At that AA meeting Shawn heard others with similar stories as his with unmanageable lives.

Shawn and Kim did write and sent cards to each other between Illinois and Ohio. Now being clean, he called her one day and made the proposition, “If you will come back to me, we will move anywhere you want to live.” Even though his boss tried to keep Shawn from moving, not short of trying to bribe him with cars and motorcycles, Shawn was on a mission. However before that was accomplished, they found themselves at a company Christmas party at night and saw on the center of each table a mound of cocaine. They decided that they were going to move to North Carolina and get a clean start. North Carolina was where Kim's dad's family was and the area represented security to her. Shawn met Kim's extended family and they immediately “hit it off.” He saw they could have a good time without the alcohol and drugs he was accustomed to.

Shawn sold his property in Illinois in one day enabling them to move to North Carolina. They moved here without a job for either one of them. Now they were close to Kim's family in Hendersonville.

Later in 1983, they bought their first trailer, they got married, and three-and-a-half years later became Seventh-day Adventists. Shawn, being a builder and looking for a job, went into a construction office and saw a

man with a Bible. The man said he would like to hire him, but he was not busy just then. That man was David Rowe. Looking back, Shawn & Kim say they went from making big money in Illinois to building horse stalls at the Western North Carolina Ag Center for less than \$5.00 per hour.

In the mobile home park where they lived, they met a nice couple with three girls. They came over and offered to sell them firewood. A bit later, they went to see and buy the firewood, but the man would not take money because it was Sabbath. He explained it to Shawn. They had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists.

Shawn and Kim were so happy and now had their little baby girl, Meghan. Even happy, Kim still felt a void in her heart; something was missing. She started going to different churches looking for the truth. The neighbor couple, named Leazers, kept coming over and they were so sweet and befriended them. They wanted to do Bible studies. Shawn said “no” but they just kept asking and Kim finally said yes. The Leazers brought over a tape by Joe Crews. Lesson #1 both Shawn and Kim liked. By Lesson #2, they were hooked. Through Joe Crews they became Seventh-day Adventists. The Leazers had a cleaning business

which they did at night but still took time off each night of work to study the Bible with the Eckmanns no matter how long the visit took. They knew they were sacrificing time and money for them. Now they were going to church in Hendersonville and met Jeff and Jackie Harms. Eventually they moved to Mill Spring and purchased property with Jackie and Jeff. They became even closer friends. This is what brought them to our church. The first people they met in Tryon were Sherry & Chris Carney in Cradle Roll Sabbath School. Kim became best friends with Sherry. They have now been attending Tryon for 29 years.

The Eckmanns praise God every day and see the path He has brought them on. So many here have made a difference in their lives as God worked through them i.e., the Olivers, Lila Morgan, the Blomeleys, Mark Heisey, and many more.

Shawn loves Jeremiah 29:11 and one of Kim's favorite verses is 1 Corinthians 13:1. You might stop them and give them a Tryon hug for allowing God to work so powerfully in their lives.



Getting ready for the next disaster. . .

After Hurricane Florence we gave out over 1,000 buckets, but we were not prepared and had to get buckets from other Conferences.

We have a warehouse in South Carolina where we are storing these buckets. The desire of the Disaster Relief team is to have enough buckets ready before the next disaster

Would YOU like to help?

Ways to help:

- 1) Pick up a bucket, fill it with recommended list, return it to the Church.
- 2) Purchase recommended list, bring items to the Church for us to place in buckets.
- 3) Donate \$40/bucket you wish to "sponsor," which is the approximate cost of supplies.

>>>> Mark the Offering Envelope **BUCKET** <<<<<

Call Lorna, 828-817-1544, with any questions or to help with the project

Thanks in advance for your help!

Recommended Items for the Buckets

Generic on any item is okay!

- 4 Scotch Brite Scouring Pads
- 30 Disposable Cleaning Cloths
- 7 Cleaning Pads
- 1 Scrub Brush
- 1 Air Freshener
- 1 Mosquito/Bug Repellent
- 1 Dish-washing Liquid
- 1 Lysol Cleaning Liquid
- 1 Laundry Detergent
- 48 Clothes Pins
- 1 Roll of Trash Bags
- 2 Sets pf Latex Gloves OR
- 1 Set of Latex Gloves and 1 Set of Work Gloves



Adventurers



Handicap Parking at Our Church

Terry Robinson

If anyone is interested in obtaining a handicap placard for the rear-view mirror of their car or a handicap license plate, the following information may be helpful to you:

You do not need both the placard and license plate for your own car. However, if you may be riding with someone else, having a mirror placard to put in the other person's car would allow them to park in a handicap parking space when you are traveling with them.

The requirements for obtaining either a handicap placard or a handicap license plate are as follows:

Parking placards and handicap license plates are issued only to people who return applications which have been signed by a doctor. An application may be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles or online. When you present your signed application to the DMV, the only cost you will incur will be \$5.00 for a placard or \$5.00 for a license plate.

If you have any questions with regard to someone with a disability, please feel free to contact me.

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2020 Reformation Tour to Europe

Laurel Damsteegt

Two 2020 Reformation Tours to Europe! The first Great Controversy Tour will be an English-Korean tour (March 20 - April 2), and the second will be In the Footsteps of the Reformers with Hope Channel (July 17 - 30). Both tours are similar and will have as guide Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, specialist in church history and prophetic interpretation. See Daniel and Revelation come alive! Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland, Germany, and France. Either of these tours will give you a new vision for how to prepare for Jesus' coming. A most exciting experience! For March tour info call 269-815-8624, or email GCTours@mac.com. For July Hope Channel tour call: 301-680-5104, or events@hopetv.org or the website: <https://www.hopetv.org/studytours/reformers/>

JUMP-START YOUR HEALTH!

Third week of February with dates, times, and location to be determined shortly. Richard Hamen, Doria Harm's nephew, is the presenter. This is a class project to help him complete his degree. Seminar is FREE! Light refreshments will be served. Check out the Bulletin Board for details and to reserve your place at the Seminar. Contact Jeff and Doria Harms, 828-289-8773.

Pathway to Health

Bev Cook

I'm excited to share information about an event you may already be aware of. It is a health outreach by our church-at-large called Pathway to Health. It is a huge, free health clinic held in a big convention center for the community. Of course, the ultimate goal is introducing people to Christ but like Jesus, we need to befriend them first and how better to win their confidence than by offering free healthcare? A number of these giant health outreach efforts have already been held by Pathway to Health in Forth Worth, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; and Los Angeles, California, (just to name a few) and the next one coming is in Indianapolis, Indiana held April 8 - 10 (Wednesday - Friday).

The organizers are currently publishing an all-out request for volunteers. You can imagine with numbers like 6,000 to 9,000+ people coming through for services, the logistical challenge involved and the selfless volunteers that are needed. Volunteers are both those with professional licenses and lay people

alike. If you've ever talked with someone who has volunteered at one of these past events, it is life-changing. One is participating in God's great commission! I have personally signed up to go and would 100% love for any of you to join me. The expenses involve getting ourselves there plus lodging and as most know, going in pairs or a group cuts down on the expenses. Won't you pray about joining me in going and volunteering? Here are the categories for general volunteers (in addition to the need for professional dental and medical staff): Massage & hydrotherapy, attorneys & paralegals, beautician & barber services, central supply, communication & A-V, spiritual care, children's services, patient assistance & transportation, patient registration, event services, clothing distributions, data entry & medical records, decorations, exit management, food services, IT, lifestyle, and more. For a complete listing of needs and their description, check the website: www.pathwaytohealthvllunteer.org or call 1-888-44-PATHWAY.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you. Bev Cook, 828-863-2774





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\$150



Pictures these in your home to help you keep your New Year's Resolution!

Call Carla Powell, 864-472-7955, and they can become yours!



Sara Wolff

We are busy making our world colorful by learning how to be courteous and kind to everyone around us. Mrs Yemi came and taught the Courteous Award. Adventurers learned how to set up a table and how to behave at the table. We enjoyed a delicious feast after setting up the table.

At our second January meeting Ms. Lorna taught Acts of Kindness Award. The children played a game where they did nice things for each other. They also had to say nice things to each other. The children enjoyed the game very much.

Thank you to our church members willing to come and teach. If anyone would like to teach an Award, please let me know.



Church Library

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! Be sure to come visit the church library and get a good stack of books in case the winter weather shows up! If you enjoyed the Shawn Boonstra meetings, we have several of his titles, including *The Appearing*, *Draining the Styx*, *Out of Thin Air*, *The Presence*, and *The Return*. See Wanangwa with questions or suggestions for the library.



Steve Milks

The Pathfinders had a fun and exciting lock-in experience on January 18. We started off the night with vespers and song practice. Then we ate a haystack supper prepared by Sarah Rowe. We played basketball, dodgeball, and kickball at Sterns' gym, then we went back to our church and watched the movie *Overcomer*. We got to bed rather early in the morning and woke up to the smell of breakfast being cooked downstairs in the kitchen by Debbie Ford and Sara Wolff.

A special thanks to Terry Robinson who for the past few meetings has been teaching us the Disability Awareness Honor, she arrived about 9 on Sunday morning and taught a class for us. We finished the Disability Awareness Honor on the last meeting in January.

We have *Sleeping with the Sharks* in Gatlinburg and Adventure/Pathfinder Sabbath to look forward to in February.



Share Thy Bread

Bev Cook

It is wonderful to contemplate God's blessings in our outreach efforts. We are right on the brink of multiplying our efforts in distributing food, clothes, and household items. Moving into the new building will most likely bring some challenges but with God leading and help from our church members, we can weather the challenges. The most important thing is glorifying God in all we do and say. Our ministries are getting ready to move into our new building and will require more staffing. Whether you prefer indoor work or going out into the community, we have a place for you. We hope you are as excited about our move as the community is. Big things are in store for us as we continue to follow openings for service Jesus has provided. If you are not able to be a hands-on person, please remember us in your prayers. They are so very valuable to us for direction and effective witnessing. Talk to Wanangwa or Bev if you would like to be involved in Share Thy Bread. Otherwise, talk with Karen Sparks.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST, Sunday, February 9, 8:00 a.m., Morgan Center. Calling all men to put your shoulder to the plow! It is time to finish the new building so we can move in to it. We will be discussing the strategic plans in order to complete the task rapidly. Please join us for breakfast and be a part of finishing this project. Contact Robert Carney, 828-817-3060.

School Bells

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! We hope you will come see our kids at music festival this year and we are here to warn you that the date has changed. It has always been around the last weekend of March, but this year it is the FIRST weekend of March. To be specific, it will be March 5 and 6 at Mount Pisgah Academy and the concert will be Friday evening (March 6). See Lori Busch or Wanangwa closer to the date for details if you wish to attend. Thank you for supporting our kids!

New Book on Revelation's Trumpets Harry Robinson

Another book written by Pastor Robinson has just been published, titled "Have the Seven Trumpets Sounded?" It is a companion book to his previous book, "Have the Seven Seals Been Opened?" Both books can be obtained through Pastor Robinson's Revelation Seminars ministry and are @10 each. You may contact him for a copy at 828-699-3447 or hrsda@bellsouth.net.

Arden SDA Presents Cooking Class

Jackie Neff

Join us for a cooking class with Sharon Ferguson Sunday, February 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Upward SDA Church Fellowship Hall. We are into a new year of opportunities for more healthful living and sharing this blessing with our families, neighbors, and community. Please invite your Non-SDA friends and neighbors. What an opportunity to witness in a non-threatening way. The class is FREE, but donations would be appreciated to help off-set the cost. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is necessary to call and reserve your spot by January 31, 2020. Contact Joyce Hallman, 828-489-9981, or Alyson Carr, 828-696-6162.

Literature Room

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hi everyone! This is just a reminder that the literature on the cart and in the various racks is free for taking and sharing. We also have been leaving the literature room open so that you can take books or tracts from there also. Let me know if you have any suggestions of good titles or topics to keep on hand. Thanks, Wanangwa



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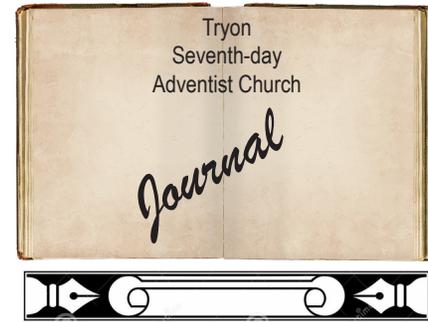
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The Abiding Love
John White Chadwick

It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it each and all--
A song of those who answer not,
However we may call;
They throng the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore--
The kind, the brave, the sweet,
Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up
When these have laid it down;
They brightened all the joy of life,
They softened every frown;
But, Oh, 'tis good to think of them
When we are troubled sore!
Thanks be to God that such have been,
Although they are no more.

More homelike seems the vast unknown
Since they have entered there;
To follow them were not so hard,
Wherever they may fare;
They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides, thy love abides,
Our God, forever more.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10am - Thrift Store 7pm - Final Empire @	27 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 6:30pm - Lighthouse Group	28 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 9pm - Bulletin Deadline	29 8:30am - Circle of Parents 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 12pm - Office Hours - 7pm - Final Empire @	30 9am - Thrift Store Ministry 6:50pm - Small Group	31 9am - Office Hours - 9am - Thrift Store 7pm - Sparks Family night	1 No Fellowship Lunch Local Church Budget - 9:15am - Sabbath School 10:45am - Worship Service
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Snow

(from Nature Nuggets by Harold W. Clark)

of sin, but the forgiveness of God covers them with the snowy mantle of His righteousness.

Of the unnumbered billions of snowflakes, few are ever seen of men. Yet each is as perfectly formed as if it were to be submitted to the gaze of the universe. Many people occupy a lowly place in life and feel that there is no use in striving for the finer arts of living. Yet they may be as perfect and as lovely as if they were seen by all the world. Nothing truly beautiful is ever useless. Even if not seen by man, it is seen by God.

Snow is a symbol of purity. Psalm 51:7; Lamentations 4:7; Isaiah 1:18

Snow covers the brown and barren earth with a mantle of perfect purity, after the frosts have killed every green thing. Sometimes our lives appear brown and sere from the chilling frosts





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