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# NEWS 'n VIEWS

from the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church

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## Growing! & Going! Program Halfway Through Second Year



The Growing! & Going! Program is halfway through its second year of blessings. The program is part of a vital ministry within the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church. Growing! & Going! persists in its mission of establishing deep, one-on-one relationships. These relationships are fostered through mentorship and team-building activities. The program is available to new believers, as well as those returning to the church. In fact, Growing! & Going! is open to any church member feeling they might need extra support.

Recently, “mentors” and “mentees” met at the home of Pastor Charles and Karen Byrd. This was Growing! & Going!’s annual summer picnic. The theme of this event was “Knowing, Growing, and Going.” There was a time of fellowship while a potluck supper was enjoyed. Following this, mentors and mentees participated in an activity to better know the members in their

church. Later, Pastor Byrd shared some thoughts about studying and “knowing” the Bible. Karen Byrd also shared some additional thoughts on Bible study. Her words encouraged others to “go” and get involved in ministries and discipleship. The evening ended with watermelon, singing, and fellowship by a campfire.



Mentors and mentees of Growing! & Going! continue to meet for discussion, support and study. Mentors and mentees are to begin working through a Bible study program. There are many options. An upcoming workshop will introduce a few different methods to consider. Bible studies will be the main focus as teams enter the remaining months of the program. Mentees will then prepare to “graduate,” and encouraged to be the next mentors. The committee behind Growing! & Going!, working with pastoral staff and other church ministries, has a major community event planned.

Dr. Neil Nedley will be in Grants Pass this fall. The planned topic of all talks is “emotional intelligence.” Some of the final details of this event are being worked out as of this newsletter deadline. Please plan to attend! You won’t want to miss a minute. More details will be coming in the days and weeks ahead.

We ask that you please continue to keep the Growing! & Going! Program in prayer. Pray that Jesus continues to be the center of all work done by the committee, mentors, and mentees. Please pray that the meaningful relationships currently being formed will be maintained. Also, please pray especially that planning for Dr. Nedley’s visit will be God- inspired. The committee behind Growing! & Going! greatly appreciates your prayers, donations, and encouragement!

*~Jennifer Burkes & Carrie Hise*

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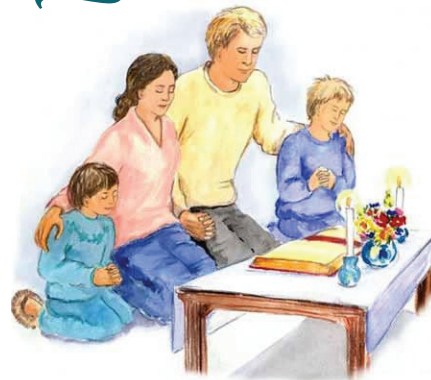
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed articles, pictures, and stories for this newsletter! The overwhelming support and participation has been a big encouragement to me as we lift up Jesus in this newsletter! Last month we featured a story of Curtis' baptism. Check out the REST OF THE STORY on page 7...you will be inspired! Blessings,

*Melissa*

## Thoughts & Prayers

Ron Barnes	Dennis Kamberg
Catherine Bell	Steve King
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Cathy Bovee	Zola Lewis
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Dennis	Rae
Gallegos	Courtney
Beth Greer	Rasmussen
Ingrid	Ron Rau
Gruenheid	Israel Rush
Betty Hamblin	Peggy & Shirley
David Hamblin	Stevens
Joney & Dahn	Yvonne Tooley
Haning	Bob & Thelma
Harry Hansen	Tryon
Fran Holder	Rinann Uteg
Virginia Hume	Rose White
Gary Jones	Ethel Watts

## Prayer Ministries



*"We should be much in secret prayer. Christ is the vine, ye are the branches. And if we would grow and flourish, we must continually draw sap and nourishment from the Living Vine; for separated from the Vine we have no strength. "I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, "Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for and ye shall have them." Early Writings p 73*

*~Donna Griffith, Prayer Ministry*

## Communications Department

Did you know that your church has a "Communications Ministry?" We work with the pastoral staff, church office, church board, and church ministries. Our mission is to uplift Jesus and share information about the church.

What information is shared? One thing we do is work to distribute information about upcoming events. There are many media outlets in the Rogue Valley (and beyond). Our local newspaper, radio, and television stations maintain websites that share "community events." Occasionally, one might be inclined to include an event as a feature (such as the Fountainview Orchestra and Singers).

Do understand that your Communications Ministry exists with volunteers. We often multi-task to accomplish a request. When information is shared without cost, we don't have control over how it is used. The press release may be buried on the last page of the newspaper. The community event may "run" in a space so small, it's easy to miss. We do follow-up on how event details are being shared. We also know a few options for "paid advertising." This might be display ads or

commercial spots.

Your Communications Ministry can produce feature stories. What are our members doing to uplift Jesus, in our church and in our community? These can be included in our newsletter, or other publications such as the *Gleaner*. One article written for a recent issue of the newsletter was done using only a smartphone. This was done simply to meet a deadline. In the future, if a deadline can't be met, a story might wait a month or more to publish. It's better to uplift Jesus. It is better to make sure the story is clear, and the facts are correct.

Every person reading this is able to participate in this "behind-the-scenes" ministry of the church. We need you to remind us of upcoming events that need attention. We are always seeking well-written articles. We certainly would love your pictures, if you attended an event. You are vital to the success of this ministry. Please watch for more articles detailing the Communications Ministry of our church.

*~Jennifer Burkes, Communication Department Head*





## Update on Project Caleb:

We're moving forward with the goal of Project Caleb, to turn the online focus to truthful information about Adventists.

While away at ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) Convention in Louisville, KY, Center for Online Evangelism's founder Ed Wagner and deputy director David Sharpe attended four pivotal meetings that moved the project along. In those meetings were highly influential persons, including the President of the General Conference (GC) and the President of Adventist Laymen's Services (ASI), GC Associate Director of Communication, Director of Adventist World Radio (AWR), ASI and AWR executives, ASI business leaders, donors, and GC Director of Global Software and Development. Basically, all the right people to help move this project to the next level.

And the next level takes form as a tentative working timeline for the future of Project Caleb. Though there have been delays, in hindsight, we can see these delays have been helpful in creating a plan that everyone can agree on. And that plan means the ball gets rolling in November!

With the November start date, Center for Online Evangelism will begin creating search engine optimization for Adventist.org, building AskAnAdventistFriend.com, and consulting with various Adventist partner sites.

We thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and support as we continue our efforts on Project Caleb! ~contributed by Ed Wagner

### Spencer & Martha Ewert, continued from page 6...

that meant anything to him. He had always had a longing to follow God, as he knew Him, but during this low point in his life his search for truth intensified. He had never felt that one church had all the truth and his search eventually led him to Weimar Institute. He had visited Weimar briefly some years before, with his mother, who wanted to try a vegetarian meal. That had led to him participating in one of their lifestyle/health programs so he had a little idea of what to expect there.

At this point he was looking for work and Weimar "just happened" to need someone with printing skills. He had all the right qualifications but there was just one problem—they would only hire a Seventh-day Adventist. Often times the Sabbath is an issue for people who are interested in Adventist doctrine. That was no problem for Spencer, however, as the World Wide Church of God

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Harry Hansen and Lance Schmidt, leaders of Vets Helping Vets, received a donation of an electric scooter from John, also a veteran) of Grants Pass. He assigned ownership to us with the agreement that the scooter must be loaned only to another veteran. Also, when the veteran is no longer able to use the scooter, it must be returned to the vets program and then loaned to another veteran. To make sure that the scooter is returned to us, we had two plaques made that are riveted to the scooter. The plaques read "Property of Vets Helping Vets", along with the church's phone number.

**Now for the rest of the story.** How did Mr. John B. learn about Vets Helping Vets?

At the July Vets Helping Vets meeting, Andy, the director of the GP veterans clinic on Williams Highway, was our guest speaker. About one week later Mr. John B. contacted Andy at the clinic to ask if he could give the scooter to the Veterans but they could not take it due VA policy. So Andy gave our business card, (Vets helping Vets), to him and John called Harry Hansen. When Harry and Paul Kelly arrived to pick up the scooter, John told us that he had wanted to get rid of the scooter for 2+ years, but for some reason he just never did.

Had Andy not been our guest speaker he would not have been able to give John our business card so that he could contact us. **What a gift God provided to the church's Veterans ministry.**

We are pleased to announce that the scooter is now being used by one of our very own veterans here in the church, Henry Martin. ~Harry Hansen

### God Provides Electric Scooter!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Stewards of Children – Darkness to Light Seminar

There will be a two-hour training seminar held on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 AM, in the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church Better Living Center. This training is committed to empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse where attendees will learn how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. This seminar counts towards our Conference-required Safety Training meetings for all Church and School ministry leaders and officers. Please see the flyer in the church bulletin for more information. Since there is a cost, it would be extremely helpful if you would pre-register at: <http://bit.ly/GrantsPassDTL>.



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Please submit your health questions for this column. Those of general interest will be submitted to some of our doctors and their responses will be published here. This column is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment.

**Q:** How do our diet choices affect our spirituality?

**A:** The original diet found in the Scriptures in Genesis 1:29 was the food our first parents Adam & Eve were to eat. When sin entered, vegetables were added to the original diet. After the flood, animal flesh was added.

When following the diet given before the flood, people lived to be over 900 years old. After the flood, flesh was added to the diet, and the life span was greatly reduced. The longest living people today on planet earth are vegetarian.

Satan tempted Eve through the power of appetite. Therefore it is a spiritual responsibility to change our course of action to follow God's plan of eating healthful food. By nature we humans are physical, mental and spiritual beings. The flesh diet practiced today is not conducive to promoting spiritual restoration.

Regaining our health now means following God's plan for eating simple, natural food, which promotes health and spiritual benefits. It is clear our dietary affects our spiritual nature. We are reminded in the following statement:

"The controlling power of appetite will prove the ruin of thousands, when, if they had conquered on this point, they would have had the moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation of Satan." CDF pg. 59

~Dr. Frank Hurd

### *Continued from last month's column:*

We ran out of space for the Muesli recipe mentioned in the Healthy Breakfast question, so here it is. Make up a batch and keep it all week in the fridge for a quick, delicious, and very healthy breakfast! Adapt ingredients to your preferences; experimenting is fun!

### **Good Morning Muesli** (from *Better Choices*, Rosalie Hurd, p. 46)

- 2-3 apples, grated, with skin
- 1½ cups fruit juice (i.e. white grape, pineapple, orange, mango)
- 3 cups quick oats
- 1 - 20 oz. can pineapple chunks with juice
- ½ cup each of sunflower seeds, almonds or other nuts, coconut flakes
- ¼ tsp. sea salt
- ½ tsp. pure vanilla
- ½ cup raisins + ½ cup other dried fruit (i.e. cherries, peaches)
- Optional ingredients:** 1 small can mandarin orange sections, with juice; 1 Tbs. honey or maple syrup; 1 cup frozen berries

Stir, add more juice to moisten if necessary, marinate in fridge overnight, serve cold with milk and/or fresh or dried berries.

Yield: approx. 8 cups

~Rosalie Hurd



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Whoosh... There he goes again! "Faster than a speeding bullet..." It's that guy from Audio Visual! It's **Alex Baydala**! Never one to sit for long, always on the move! Always doing something and almost always it's something to serve others.

In the spirit of honoring volunteers of our church, I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Alex for a quick talk. We met at his shop, a place where he also often does work to help others.

I asked him why he does everything that he does. His answer? "It's fun"! Alex said he would rather serve the Lord by doing something, instead of just sitting in a church pew. I also asked why he helps so many people. He said "it's in his nature to help others", and he prefers to be the helper instead of the one being helped.

A lifetime Adventist, Alex and his family have many times faced religious persecution, but despite spending 5 years in prison due to his beliefs, Alex never let it get him down. In my observation, there isn't much that could get in the way of Alex's upbeat attitude.

Alex is thrilled that he was granted asylum and that he is

now here in Grants Pass. He loves being a member of our church and we love having him be (a very active) part of it. We want to personally recognize and thank Alex for all he does, each and every day!  
~Carrie Hise



*Alex Baydala*



### The Gift of Blessing

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to **give than to receive**." Is there ever a time when blessings flow both ways? I would say a resounding, "Yes!" Giving one's time and talents brings blessings to both the giver and the receiver, bringing enrichment by the gifts so willingly given.

In early 2018, a dedicated group of folks came together to form a united voice in music ministry. This group is called "The Laudation Singers" and is also your church choir. Our mission is simple: to share the message of God's love in "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs", creating a melody of joy in our hearts as we use the talent of singing for His glory.

Last December, your choir was featured as part of a community-wide Christmas program which included participants from all over Southern Oregon and several area churches. An event like

this would not have been possible without Christ working directly and without the many volunteers who worked countless hours to make it a success. The event highlighting the story of Christ's birth and His mission was well-attended and well-received with positive feedback continuing throughout the year. But, just wait...!

There is much excitement in the air as plans for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Program have been ongoing all year long. We are ready for Season III to begin on September 26<sup>th</sup> with our first choir meeting and practice session. As we practice and prepare, we look forward to presenting a Christmas Program that, with God's blessing, will be bigger and better than before. Without going into any detail, let's just say, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

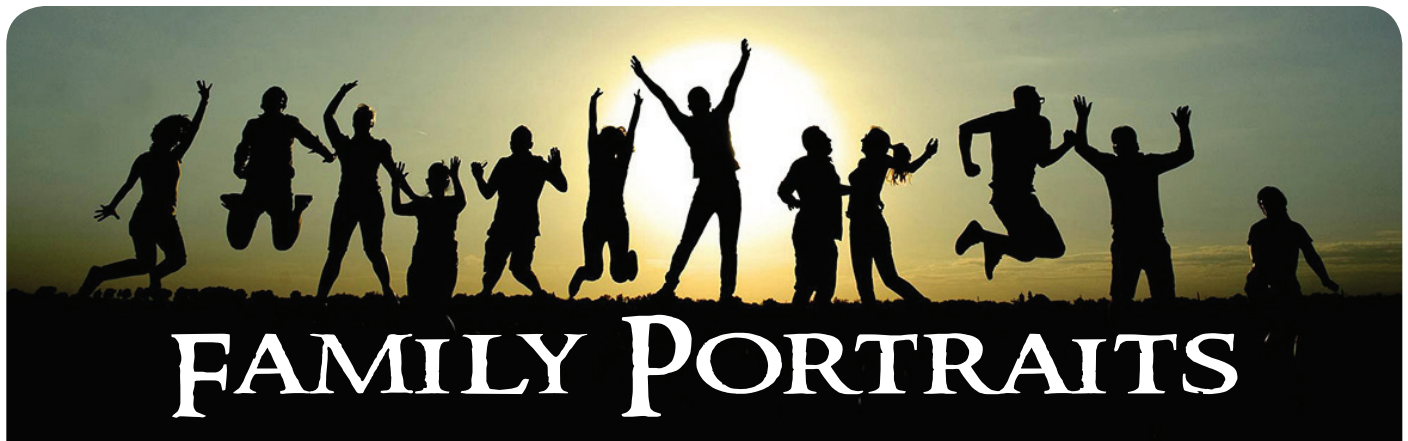
So please, come and join us as we prepare to make this season a richly rewarding time for all. The ability to read music is not a requirement, while a cheerful spirit is.

Also, be sure to keep your eye on the church bulletin for updates and announcements. Plan now to receive the Gift of Blessing.

~Diana Iversen

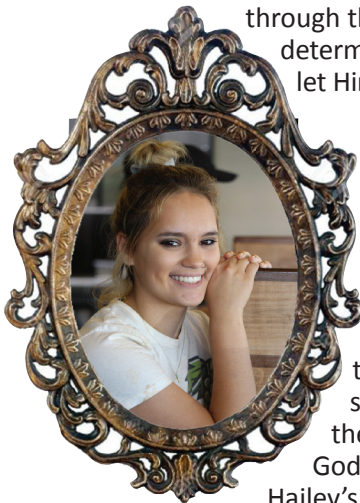
***"The ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with songs and  
everlasting joy upon their heads: they  
shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow  
and sighing shall flee away."***

***Isaiah 51:11***



### *Hailey Davila*

Hailey Davila is a recently baptized member. She was born in Portland, OR, but grew up in Grants Pass. Hailey has been through a lot of struggles through the years, but she is determined to follow Christ and let Him work in her life.



When asked how she is able to share Jesus with others, Hailey said she is able to bring her friends to church. When they aren't around, she prays for her friends. By doing these things, God is able to be shown to her friends so they can witness for themselves the power of God on a deeper level.

Hailey's decision to be baptized came by the Holy Spirit prompting her to make some changes in her life. She would wake up not feeling good about life, but that perspective has changed now that God has entered her heart.

Since her baptism, the devil has been trying twice as hard to undo the changes in Hailey's heart. Some hardships have turned out to be a blessing in disguise, and even though the devil isn't giving up, God is stronger, and Hailey is determined to follow God, no matter what!

Hailey is very grateful to her aunt, Kelly Sharp, for leading her to the SDA church. She enjoys singing and studying the Bible with our Bible worker, Chuck Austin. She is blessed by receiving a Bible verse via text every morning, giving her daily courage and strength to fight the struggles in her day.

You can find Hailey working at the newly opened Wild Grapes Bistro & Juice Bar on the south side of Grants Pass. This is Hailey's first job, and she is having a fantastic time learning new skills while also learning how to make delicious food and smoothies. Next year after school, she plans to start training to be a manager.

If you have not stopped by to talk with Hailey, you are missing out! God is doing amazing things in her life. Our church family is blessed to have her as a member.

~Darla Day

### *Spencer & Martha Ewert*

Martha Nations was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home. One of thirteen children, she attended the Grants Pass SDA Church, from her early years, with several of her older brothers and sisters. While still in her teens she married and had two boys. But when that marriage ended, she left the church. She never quit believing the doctrines, but she didn't feel the need to follow the teachings she had been brought up with.

After a time she met and married a good Christian man. He was baptized into the Adventist church after they were married. During that time Martha returned to the church of her childhood and continued attending the Grants Pass Church for the next thirty years. She and her husband became Sabbath morning greeters, and also began the after school care program at the Grants Pass Adventist School, and ran it for about ten years. By the time her husband passed away, her boys were grown and living their own lives. She did not expect to ever remarry, and went about making a life on her own.

Spencer's father was a pilot in the Air Force, attaining the rank of Colonel before his retirement. His younger brother also flew for the Air Force and Spencer had long thought that he would be an Air Force pilot also, but God had other plans for him.

His parents were Presbyterians, (in name only), so he was raised without any real religious background. When he was about seventeen he became a Christian after attending a Billy Graham crusade. Some years later he married and had a family. During this time he got involved with the World Wide Church of God. He eventually became a printer for the organization and moved to Pasadena, California. When his marriage dissolved, he left that church and started his own printing business, doing quite well for himself. During a personal crisis, he lost his business, his house, and all



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# Praise Page

## KERRY ENDERLIN'S STORY

Daniel and Rebekah Hill were excited when a college friend of Rebekah's decided to come for a visit. Natasha and Rebekah discussed several different weekends, and finally settled on the last weekend in June. Everyone enjoyed Natasha's visit and soon the Sabbath arrived. As usual, Daniel was running video production that Sabbath and Rebekah was helping him, so all three sat up in the production booth. Partway through the service, Natasha was startled to see a pair of familiar faces on the screen. She knew Dave and Cindy White from when she was a teenager in Kentucky. The Whites joined the Hills and Natasha for lunch and the afternoon flew by.

Dave and Cindy White had just moved to the Grants Pass area the week before the Sabbath Natasha came to visit. That Sabbath morning, they talked about going to another Church, but finally decided to visit the Grants Pass church. They had no idea of the delightful surprise God had in store for them! But the day was going to get even better...

This Sabbath there was to be a baptism. Curtis Allee was being baptized in the Illinois River that afternoon.

The Hills and Natasha wanted to go to the baptism, and the Whites were eager to follow them to the meeting spot. After all, whether they knew

Curtis or not didn't matter - he was part of the family of God! Passing by the meeting spot two minutes after the scheduled time, Daniel figured the rest of the group had already left so he continued down the road to the spot Pastor Byrd had told him was where the baptism would be held. But upon arriving, the group discovered that there were no other church members there! Apparently they had arrived before everyone else. But God had made sure they were at the river with just enough extra time for a divine appointment.

Kerry had been visiting friends that Sabbath. Her friend's kids begged her to take them to the river so they could swim, and she agreed. Suddenly, a few other people arrived. They were dressed nicely and Kerry was curious, so she asked one of the ladies (Cindy) what they were there for. When Kerry found out it was a baptism, she immediately guessed that they were Adventists. She blurted out, "I used to be an Adventist! I was baptized at the Medford church when I was young. I was a Pathfinder, too."

Barely were those words out of Kerry's mouth when Cindy wrapped her arms around the wet, crying woman. Rebekah and Natasha came up to the group just then, and Cindy turned to introduce Kerry to the others, saying, "This is another sister!" Rebekah hugged her and Kerry

couldn't stop crying. As she talked, the other church members began to arrive and congregate a little further down the beach. Kerry explained that she had joined the church, but eventually had let alcohol lead her down a path away from Jesus. "It's been over 30 years," she sobbed, "will Jesus still take me back?"

Walking by, Randy heard Kerry's question and before the ladies could answer he stopped in front of Kerry and said emphatically, "I was away from the Lord for 40 years. If He took me back, I **know** He'll still take you back!" Cindy and Rebekah assured Kerry that the Lord had arranged for the baptism to be there at that spot at that time just to show Kerry how much He loved her and wanted her back!

Kerry enjoyed the baptism and promised Cindy and Rebekah that she would be coming back to church. The next Sabbath both couples watched eagerly for Kerry, but she didn't show up. Everyone was praying. After two Sabbaths went by with no word from Kerry and no sign of her, Rebekah

just prayed that she had found an Adventist church to attend somewhere else. But the story wasn't over yet!

Just over one month later, on a Tuesday morning, Rebekah's phone rang. Kii told her that she had just hung up from talking with Kerry, who had made it to the Gospel Rescue Mission just the day before. Kerry wanted to see Cindy and Rebekah as soon as possible! Rebekah hurried over and had a short but wonderful visit with Kerry. The devil had made it exceedingly difficult for her to get to Grants Pass. She had nothing; everything she owned had been stolen along the way. But she had persisted, and the Lord had brought her to a safe place. It was easily arranged for Daniel and Rebekah to pick her up for church the next Sabbath. As soon as she got home, Rebekah found Cindy's number and called her with the great news. That next Sabbath, not only did Kerry Enderlin come for Sabbath School and church, but she got to meet some of the people who had heard of what had happened at Curtis's baptism and had been praying for her ever since. Curtis got to meet her, too, and experience the unparalleled joy of seeing a soul responding to the Savior because of his choice to be baptized.

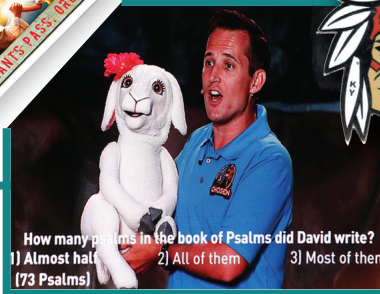
What happens next? Well, we'll have to wait and see. Please keep Kerry in your prayers. This story will be continued!

~Rebekah Hill

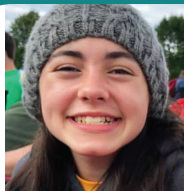
**"JESUS KNOWS THE VERY HOUSE IN WHICH WE LIVE, THE NAME OF EACH OCCUPANT. HE HAS AT TIMES GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO HIS SERVANTS TO GO TO A CERTAIN STREET IN A CERTAIN CITY, TO SUCH A HOUSE, TO FIND ONE OF HIS SHEEP." DA 4 79.3**



# Pathfinder News







## Oshkosh Wisconsin 2019 Camporee

The 2019 Oshkosh International camporee was such an amazing experience for our Grants Pass Pathfinders. There were so many things that we got to do and learn at this camporee! For many Pathfinders, this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, because Oshkosh only takes place every five years! We got to participate in awesome honors and activities. These included pin trading, paper quilling, horseback riding, obstacle courses, hands-on rescue training, the EAA Aviation Museum, bungee jumping, zip lines, tight rope walking, and net crawling. Those don't even compare to the spectacular evening meetings! At these meetings we heard an amazing sermon, saw hundreds of baptisms, fun slideshows, an incredible ventriloquist, Pathfinder talent shows, and guess what...each night there was an ongoing dramatizations about David the king of Israel! I asked some of my fellow Grants Pass Pathfinders what they enjoyed doing at this "Chosen" camporee. "I really liked when we made smores after the evening meeting", Nadia exclaims. "I loved trading pins (and getting free stuff from vendors)" Emma smiles. "My favorite thing was cooking for you guys!" "Grandpa" Dan says. As you can tell, we've got stories to tell and smiles to share - all because of you. Without you we couldn't have attended Oshkosh and had this super cool experience! Thank you, church family! ~Presley Maldonado, GP Pathfinder Club







Have you ever wished you could buy something you didn't have money for? Maybe you bought it on credit. Many people do. Some people actually promote the idea of spending money you don't have as a wise move to help you get ahead. But is it a good idea? Is there any risk that comes along with such a move? If so, does the risk outweigh the reward? What does the Bible say about debt? Let's take a closer look.

Dave Ramsey began selling real estate at eighteen. He was a husband, a father, and a millionaire at twenty six while buying and selling real estate using debt. He was making \$250,000 a year. In fact he had figured out how to use debt to

make money and it was working perfectly for him... until it wasn't. He was never late on a payment, and he was what some might call a good borrower. He had over a million dollars of debt when his world came crashing down around him. After being sued for debts he couldn't pay in time, Dave filed for bankruptcy to keep the creditors from taking the baby crib. His world had fallen apart, his marriage was under stress, and he was at the end of his rope. He was stuck and afraid. He didn't know what to do.

About this time he started learning that the Bible had something to say about money and debt. Using these biblical principles he slowly started to work his way out of debt and started helping other people with what he was learning. Today he hosts the third largest syndicated national talk radio show, The Dave Ramsey Show, where he takes calls every day from people who are right where he was—stuck, afraid, and at the very end of their financial rope.

So what does the Bible have to say about debt? Solomon was prosperous as king of Israel because he asked God for wisdom. His book of Proverbs has many nuggets that apply to our finances. Let's take a look at one of them.

*"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender."* Proverbs 22:7 NIV

We have seen this again and again throughout history, from parables Jesus told to modern-day examples of people going bankrupt and losing everything. "The borrower is slave to the lender." Borrowing money is a choice, a choice which leads to slavery according to Solomon. Not many people want to be slaves. But choosing debt is risky and there is always a possibility for a borrower to end up just like Dave Ramsey did, filing bankruptcy just to keep the baby crib. This is why my wife and I have chosen to steer clear of debt and to only buy things we have cash for. Next month we'll cover how the debt snowball can help you get out of debt. It's not easy, but it is definitely possible!

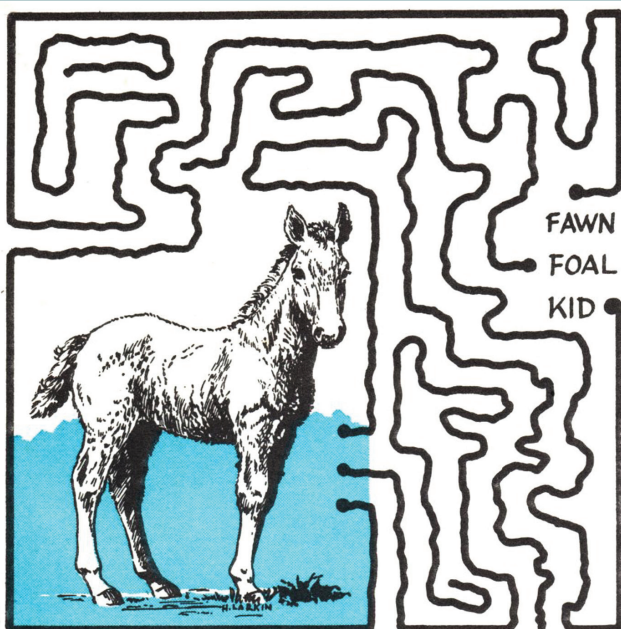
When Paul wrote to the Romans he recommended that they not borrow. But there is one thing that we all owe each other, and Paul mentioned this in the very same sentence.

*"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another."*  
Romans 13:8 KJV  
~Daniel Hill

## KIDS CORNER

A baby horse is very playful. His legs are rubbery as he tries to walk and run after his mother. Do you know what a baby horse is called? Is it a fawn, a foal, or a kid? After you have guessed,

start at the dot by that name and follow the line. If you have chosen the correct name you will end up at the baby horse.



Nature puzzle credit: Howard Larkin, 1964



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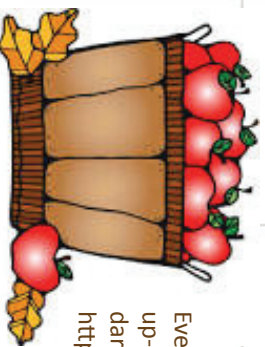


*Happy Birthday*

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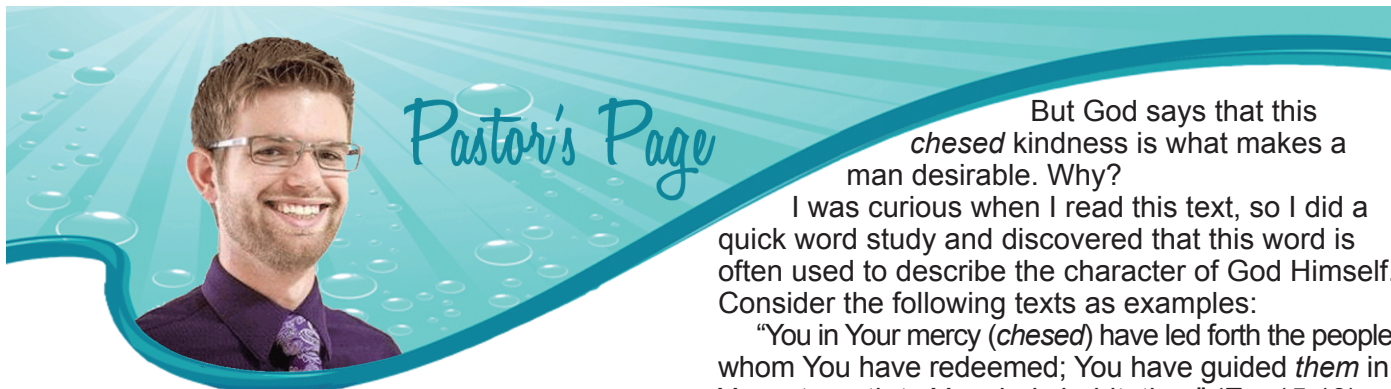
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Mitt Dietrich	9
Marvin McKillip	9
Rosemary Gaio	9
Sean O'Reilly	10
Charise Cray	10
Sue Betz	10
Ken Johnson	11
Margaret Crow	11
Jerry Lewis	12
Hannah Kistler	12
Rebecca Schmidt	14
Bill Pirelli	14
Michael Covrig	15
Phyllis Pierson	16
Zoey Durham	17
Emma Grove	18
Marta Davis	19
Cassandra King	20
Cassidy Sharp	20
Lee Spencer	20
Jordyn Davila	20
Bob Werner	22
Eric Wytterley	22
Hushai Cotthran	22
Paul Baydala	22
Sofia Baydala	22
Aaliyah Affleck	23
Abel Gaio	23
Cleo Allen	23
Charles Werner	24
Marianne Mcfeeters	24
Andrew Romero	26
Karen Breyer	26
Richard Davis	26
Shelly Beaudin	26
Krysta Heidinger	28
Micah Cothran	28
Michael Shenk	28
Stacy Kainer	28
Bridget Simmons	29
Henry Martin	30

10:00 am Walking & Hiking Club (Reinhart Volunteer Park)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Vets Helping Vets Meeting	9 am - 1:00 pm Thrift Store	9:00 am-2:00 pm Dorcas	12:4:00 pm Veggie Food Store	4:00 pm Romans Bible Study (YC)	6:30 pm "The Positive Way" PM (MP)	9 am - 1:00 pm Thrift Store	3:6:00 pm Veggie Food Store
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg (Sean) (YC)	6:30 pm Prayer Mtg (Sean) (YC)	6:00 pm Financial Peace Univ (BLC, MP Rm)	Sunset 7:41 pm	11:00 am Pastor Tanner (Sanctuary)	4:00 pm Irma Cottrell Memorial (Sanctuary)	Sunset 7:39 pm	11:00 am Pastor Byrd (Sanctuary)
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10:00 am Men's Ministry Horseshoes (Merlin)	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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10:00 am Walking & Hiking Club (Reinhart Volunteer Park)	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Ed Ermshar	5
Freddie Smith	5
Havilah Beasley	5
James Biggington	6
Jule Bohman	6
Becky Kruger	6
Deanna Little	7



This morning in my devotions I came across a text that caught my eye: "That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness." Proverbs 19:22a, ASV

Part of the reason I was struck by the text is that I was reading from a different translation than usual, and the wording brought out a different emphasis that I had not noticed before.

That word "kindness" is *chesed* in Hebrew. Some other Bibles translate it as "steadfast love" or "lovingkindness." This is the quality that God calls most desirable in a man. Of course this applies to both men and women. But the text refers to men specifically, and for the moment I want to focus on men because kindness is not generally seen as a very manly trait.

In our world today, a man might be considered desirable for many things. These might include wealth, a fast car, an attractive muscular build, or power and influence. Most of those are obviously rather superficial, but even considering character most people would look for traits like bravery, leadership, or drive. No one would mind that a man be kind, of course; but that would hardly be the single, most-desirable trait that most people would think of.

But God says that this *chesed* kindness is what makes a man desirable. Why?

I was curious when I read this text, so I did a quick word study and discovered that this word is often used to describe the character of God Himself. Consider the following texts as examples:

"You in Your mercy (*chesed*) have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided *them* in Your strength to Your holy habitation." (Ex. 15:13)

"For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness (*chesed*) shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you." Is. 54:10

"How precious is Your lovingkindness (*chesed*), O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings." (Ps. 36:7)

This is no shallow, passive kind of love. Far from it! This lovingkindness is the most fundamental characteristic of God Himself; it is what drives Him to extend mercy to humanity, and to seek to save us from our sin. It is what led Christ to lay down His own life to save us. It is His faithfulness, and foundation of His character of righteousness.

"That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness." There is nothing God desires more in a human being than a reflection of this same lovingkindness that He has shown to us. Man was created in the image of God to reflect His glory, and God's heart thrills when He sees humanity reflecting His goodness. The ultimate aim of any Christian should be nothing less than the reflection of the lovingkindness of Jesus, for that is the thing that God desires most. ~Pastor Tanner Martin

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keeps the seventh-day Sabbath, so he had already been doing that for years. After some Bible studies he was ready for baptism and his new job. Spencer believed that he had finally found a church that had all the truth. He feels that this is one of the most precious treasures in his life.

When he finished that job he made a visit to his parents who were living in Oregon. On Sabbath he decided to go to the Grants Pass Adventist Church. There he met Ron and Marta Davis and through God's leading Spencer ended up working at BLTV. He also joined a singing group, The Serenaders, who sang in area churches, and nursing homes on Sabbath afternoons.

It was at this time that Martha and Spencer's stories started coming together. Martha had told the Lord that if He wanted her to marry again He would have to supply the man. And then she made a list of qualities that she felt were important to her for a prospective husband. As she read over the list she realized that if a man had all those qualities he would probably be looking for a woman with those qualities as well.

At the top of the list was a "praying man". She decided that she would rededicate her life to the Lord and be re-baptized.

In the meantime Spencer had his own ideas of what he was looking for in a wife. When they went out on their first date and Spencer asked Martha if they could have prayer before they parted she knew that the Lord had His hand in this. Later, when they got to discussing what they wanted in a prospective partner, they discovered that their lists were very similar. They both felt that the Lord was leading in their relationship and they married in 2007.

Their ministry in this church has included working with BLTV, being greeters for Sabbath, visitation for those unable to attend church, music groups, and deacon. Martha enjoys jigsaw puzzles and gardening while Spencer has helped many in the mobile home park where they live with electronic challenges, like helping them getting their computer hooked up or figuring out how to operate their TV.

Service to others is how they show what being a Christian is all about. ~Ginny Frost