

Last Sabbath With Beloved Pastor & Karen Byrd, Sept. 4



(center) James Johal is dedicated
(below) Nathan Sharp is baptized
(bottom right) Dr. & Mrs. Frank Hurd are re-baptized
(top) All the kids love Pastor Byrd
(far right) Pastor & Karen Byrd & Pastor Tanner & Stephanie Martin



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From the Editor

This month God has blessed me with many "divine encounters"... beautiful people I have been blessed to connect with and dialog with about spiritual things. I have made it my goal to **make every interaction intentional**—for God! People are intensely interested in what is happening in our world today! They are wondering about the connection between current events and what the Bible says about prophecy. The messages of the three angels must be shared! *"I was shown that many would listen to the warning. Their minds would be prepared to discern the very things that it pointed out to them."* EGW, 3SM 413 Pray that God will light us all on fire for Him!

Blessings, *Melissa*

p.s. Since the newsletter is now limited to eight pages due to paper shortages, I especially welcome your feedback about what articles you most enjoy!

AT REST



Ruth Curtis (August 21)
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Financial Report

Soon the Grants Pass SDA Church will be having its annual Church Business Meeting, which is when we as a church body vote on the proposed church budget. For 2022, the overall church budget has been set at \$22,753 per month. This article was written to explain how our local treasury department handles the monthly budget.

Each month, \$21,938 (which is the fixed monthly expenses) is removed from the church budget account and distributed into the accounts listed below. This happens every month, whether we make budget or not, because all those ongoing bills must be paid!

Monthly Fixed Expense Accounts

School Subsidy	\$9,658
Secretaries	3,330
Property Insurance	2,500
Electricity	1,190
Custodians	1,140
Janitorial Supplies	200
Water	870
Landscapers	750
Landscape Supplies	25
Telephone	560
Garbage	280
Building Maintenance	250
Copier	230
Personal Ministries	220
Office Supplies & Expense	200
Sabbath School Expense	200

Natural Gas	160
Equipment	100
Postage	75
Total Fixed Budget	\$21,938

When we do make our full budget (\$22,753), then following variable accounts are paid, in addition to the regular fixed accounts.

Monthly Variable Expense Accounts

Newsletter	\$134
Pastor's Fund	100
Health Committee	100
Social Committee	100
Deaconesses	84
Fellowship Dinner	65
Library	50
Family Assistance	20
Men's Ministry	20
Women's Ministry	20
Music	20
Cradle Roll	17
Kindergarten	17
Primary	17
Junior	17
Earliteen	17
Youth	17
Total Variable Budget	\$815

All tithe money goes to the Oregon Conference, where they keep 66% and then send the remaining 34% to the Pacific Union, North American Division, and the General Conference. The Grants Pass Church does not keep any tithe. For more information on how your tithe money is spent, check out this link from the Oregon Conference, featuring Brent Plubell, VP of Finance/Treasurer: <https://www.oregonadventist.org/support/treasury> ~Submitted by Kii Morse, on behalf of the Treasury Department



Thoughts & Prayers

(Please contact Sandy Page, head of visitation, for additions to this column)

Ron Beasley	Butch & Pam Helwig	Jerry & Zola Lewis	BLBN
Cathy Bell	Rebekah Hill	Darlene Loewen	Church Ministries
Joyce Casper	Carrie Hise	Henry Martin	Our SDA school
Bonnie Day	Families of:	Cathy McGinnis	Our families, children,
Artur & Tulia	Fred Blakely	Shirley Napoletano	grandchildren,
De Carvalho	Ruth Curtis	Jessica Rae	brothers & sisters: for
Connie Frye	Chuck Painter	Beth Ringering	salvation
Dennis Gallegos	Scott Roberts	Israel Rush	The home-bound
Ingrid Gruenheid	Fran Holder	Rhonda Scott	Those in nursing homes
Betty Hamblin	Sharon Karen	Mel Smith	VETS
David Hamblin	Steve King	Yvonne Tooley	

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Vision of the Great Controversy

Ellen White had a vision in 1858 of the great controversy between Christ and Satan in which God revealed to her many important matters for the church. The reason I am bringing this to your attention is to impress upon you the importance of reading the five-volume ***Conflict of the Ages*** series with special emphasis on the last ten chapters from the book ***The Great Controversy*** between Christ and Satan. I am going to quote from two books to give you more background on the importance of this vision.

From the book ***The Early Years 1827 – 1862***, page 366, the following quote is taken. "The vision at Lovett's Grove, Ohio, on Sunday afternoon in mid-March, 1858, was one of great importance. In this theme of the great controversy between Christ and His angels on the one side and Satan and his angels on the other, was seen as one continuous and closely linked chain of events spanning six thousand years. This vision has put Seventh-day Adventists into a unique position with clear-cut views of the working of providence in the history of our world – a viewpoint quite different from that held by secular historians..." In other words, this vision opened to God's people the reason there is evil in this world and it is not simply the result of chance or man's will. It is the result of a war in heaven and most in our world are totally unaware of that.

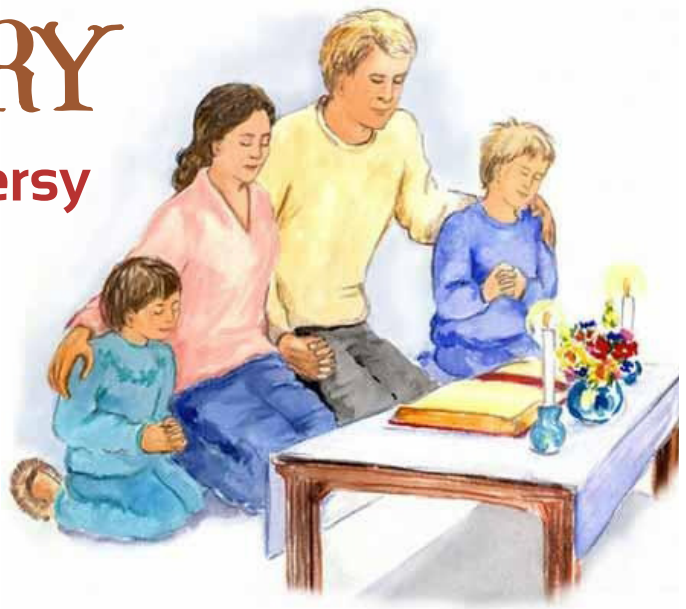
In order to familiarize you with what happened on that day in March 1858, I will quote from ***Life Sketches of Ellen G. White***, pages 161- 163.

View at Lovett's Grove, Ohio

"In the spring of 1858, we visited Ohio, and attended conferences at... Lovett's Grove...

"As I was led to speak upon the coming of Christ and the resurrection, and the cheering hope of the Christian, my soul triumphed in God; I drank in rich draughts of salvation. Heaven, sweet heaven, was the magnet to draw my soul upward, and I was wrapped in a vision of God's glory. Many important matters were there revealed to me for the church.

"In the vision at Lovett's Grove, most of the matter which I



had seen ten years before concerning the great controversy of the ages between Christ and Satan, was repeated, and I was instructed to write it out. I was shown that while I should have to contend with the powers of darkness, for Satan would make strong efforts to hinder me, yet I must put my trust in God, and angels would not leave me in the conflict.

"Two days afterward, while journeying on the cars to Jackson, Mich., we arranged our plans for writing and publishing immediately on our return home the book entitled, ***The Great Controversy between Christ and His Angels and Satan and His Angels***, commonly known as ***Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1***. I was then as well [healthy] as usual.

"On the arrival of the train at Jackson...as I was conversing with Sister Palmer, my tongue refused to utter what I wished to say, and seemed large and numb. A strange, cold sensation struck my heart, passed over my head, and down my right side. For a time I was insensible, but was aroused by the voice of earnest prayer. I tried to use my left limbs, but they were perfectly useless. For a short time I did not expect to live... I did not expect to see my children again. I called to mind the triumphant season I had enjoyed at Lovett's Grove, and thought it was my last testimony, and felt reconciled to die.

"Still, the earnest prayers of my friends were ascending to heaven for me, and soon a prickling sensation was felt in my limbs, and I praised the Lord that I could use them a little. The Lord heard and answered the faithful prayers of His children, and the power of Satan was broken. That night I suffered much, but the next day I was sufficiently strengthened to return home.

"[About three months later] At the time of the conference at Battle Creek, in June 1858, I was shown in vision that in the sudden attack at Jackson, Satan intended to take my life, in order to hinder the work I was about to write; but angels of God were sent to my rescue. I also saw, among other things, that I should be blessed with better health than before the attack."

So there you have it. The Great Controversy vision was so important that Satan tried to kill Ellen White before she could write the vision and publish it. Now my question to you (and myself) is...if that vision was so important that Satan was willing to kill her in order for it not to be published, shouldn't we consider it so important to read it?

~Donna Griffith, Prayer Ministry



HEALTH CORNER

Comfrey

GOD'S NATURAL REMEDIES HEAL A SHEEP

"Do you have a gun?" The voice on the other end of the line was urgent.

"What do you want a gun for?" I replied.

"I have a sheep I need to put down. Dogs chased her into a barbed wire fence."

"Hold on a minute, I'll be right there," I answered. Jumping in my car I raced to my friend's farm where I found a young sheep looking up at me with pitiful eyes.

Getting permission to bring her home, I set her in the back seat where she lay, quiet and uncomplaining, for the ride home. (I couldn't help thinking about the lamb representing Jesus in Isaiah 53, that is silent even when brought to the slaughter.)



The sheep was put on antibiotics to prevent internal infection, but the miracle of healing happened through God's simple natural remedies. Charcoal poultices (charcoal powder and ground flax, mixed with water) were applied to the leg to absorb poisons and check the infection. The leg had to be cleaned



change in the sheep's leg was truly miraculous. At first it had been blackish grey. Then we observed infected, diseased tissue being replaced by healthy re-growth, bright pink with new blood coursing through the area. Finally new hair grew over it all, and the sheep was ready to go back home.

A month later, there was another surprise. We had no idea that the patient little animal we'd been treating had actually been PREGNANT the whole time! She gave birth to a cute, healthy little lamb. So two lives had been saved! This whole experience was a real testimony to the healing power of God's natural remedies

~Melissa Derfler.



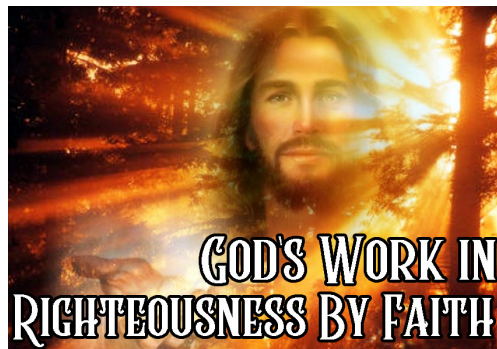
This sheep had issues. A front leg was rotten and smelled like road kill. A wound which had been stitched up had pulled apart leaving an opening into its body cavity. Together with Todd Frye, (who had recently finished a course in health and natural healing at Wildwood, Georgia) and his wife, I used a garden hose to flush it out and clean the leg.



and dressings changed frequently as the decayed flesh sloughed off.

For re-growth of new muscle, tissue, blood vessels, etc. comfrey poultices were used. These were made by digging and peeling comfrey root and pulverizing it with a bit of water in the blender. Comfrey, also known as Boneset, has remarkable healing properties. Over time, (about three months in all) the





GOD'S WORK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

GOD CREATES OUR DESIRE FOR HIM

"The same mind that is working upon the things of nature is speaking to the hearts of men and **creating an inexpressible craving** for something they have not." SC 28

GOD DRAWS US TO HIM

"It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them... The sinner may resist this love, may refuse to be drawn to Christ; but if **he does not resist he will be drawn to Jesus**; a knowledge of the plan of salvation will lead him to the foot of the cross in repentance for his sins, which have caused the sufferings of God's dear Son." SC 18, 28

GOD LEADS US TO REPENTANCE

"...the goodness of God leads us to repentance." Romans 2:4, quoted in SC 27

GOD INSPIRES OUR CONFESSION

"The humble and broken heart, **subdued by genuine repentance**, will appreciate something of the love of God and the cost of Calvary; and as a son confesses to a loving father, so will the truly penitent bring all his sins before God." SC 41

GOD DOES NOT TAKE AWAY WHAT'S BEST FOR US; HE WANTS TO SEE US HAPPY

"God **does not require us to give up anything that it is for our best interest to retain**. In all that He does, He has the well-being of His children in view...It is a mistake to entertain the thought that God is pleased to see His children suffer. **All heaven is interested in the happiness of man.**" SC 46

GOD FORGIVES US, CLEANSSES US FROM SIN, AND GIVES US A NEW HEART

"Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash away your sins and give you a new heart. Then believe that He does this because He has promised. This is the lesson which Jesus taught while He was on earth, that **the gift which God promises us, we must believe we do receive, and it is ours...**

"You cannot atone for your past sins; you cannot change your heart and make yourself holy. But God promises to do all this for you through Christ. You believe that promise. You confess your sins and give yourself to God. You will to serve Him. Just as surely as you do this, God will fulfill His word to you. **If you believe the promise, —believe that you are forgiven and cleansed, —God supplies the fact; you are made whole, just as Christ gave the paralytic power to walk when the man believed that he was healed. It is so if you believe it.**

"...it is the will of God to cleanse us from sin, to make us His children, and to enable us to live a holy life. So **we may ask for these blessings, and believe that we receive them, and thank God that we have received them.**" SC 49-51

GOD GIVES US THE VICTORY

"He has endured all that it is possible for us to bear. **His victory is ours...** So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us." DA 123

"But thanks be to God, who **gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:57

GOD WRITES HIS LAWS ON OUR HEART, BRINGING US INTO HARMONY WITH HIS WILL

"I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." Hebrews 10:16. And if the law is written in the heart, will it not shape the life?...If we abide in Christ, if the love of God dwells in us, our feelings, our thoughts, our purposes, our actions, will be in harmony with the will of God as expressed in the precepts of His holy law." SC 60, 61

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them...and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:27, 28

"If we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that **when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses.**" DA 668

GOD GIVES US HIS PERFECT CHARACTER

"By the wedding garment ... is represented the pure, spotless character which Christ's true followers will possess. To the church it is given **"that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,"** "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." The fine linen, says the Scripture, **"is the righteousness of saints."** It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour....

This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it **not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us...**" MLT 272

GOD DOESN'T FORSAKE US IF WE FALL

"Even if we are overcome by the enemy, **we are not cast off, not forsaken and rejected of God.** No; Christ is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." SC 64

GOD MAKES HIMSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR GROWTH

"Many have an idea that they must do some part of the work alone. They have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sin, but now they seek by their own efforts to live aright. **But every such effort must fail. Jesus says, 'Without Me ye can do nothing.'... Jesus says, 'Abide in Me.'** These words convey the idea of rest, stability, confidence. Again He invites, 'Come unto Me,... and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28... Rest in God. He is able to keep that which you have committed to Him. If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will bring you off more than conqueror through Him that has loved you." SC 69, 71, 72

GOD'S LIFE IN US BLESSES OTHERS

"Wherever the life of God is in the hearts of men, it will flow out to others in love and blessing." SC 77

GOD SUSTAINS US AND CARES FOR OUR NEEDS

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19

"God cares for everything and sustains everything that He has created... If we would but fully believe this, all undue anxieties would be dismissed. Our lives would not be so filled with disappointment as now; for **everything, whether great or small, would be left in the hands of God**, who is not perplexed by the multiplicity of cares, or overwhelmed by their weight. We should then enjoy a rest of soul to which many have long been strangers." SC 86

GOD GIVES US JOY

"Be of **good cheer**; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that **your joy might be full.**" John 15:11

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is **fullness of joy**; at Your right hand there are **pleasures forevermore.**" Psalm 16:11

Does this sound like God does it all? That we have no part to play? No!! There is one crucial, absolutely important thing God cannot do for us!! That's because of something He gave us... something He'll never take away.

"The **power of choice** God has given to men; it is **theirs to exercise**. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him...Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. **By yielding up your will to Christ**, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through **constant surrender to God** you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." SC 47, 48

Disclaimer: You may be asking, Is that it? That's ALL I have to do? Isn't this article a bit slanted? It is not within the scope of this article to outline man's whole duty to God, or the extent of His promises to us. If you want these answers, I encourage you to study God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy for yourself! Most of the above quotes are taken from the excellent book, **Steps to Christ**, by Ellen G. White. If you read the whole thing (it's a real short book) you will get the whole picture. **Your thoughts, responses, and comments on this article are encouraged and will be published in our next newsletter.** Let's study this most important topic...RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH! Please be sure to read the article on the next page: **"THE FAITH OF JESUS"**, and look for **"OUR PART IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH"** next month!
~Melissa Derfler



The Faith of Jesus

In contrast with those who worship the beast and receive his mark, the book of Revelation points out a group of people who **"keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."** (Rev. 14:12) What does it mean by the **"faith of Jesus"**? What kind of faith did Jesus have, and how we can possess it?

To what extent has Jesus identified with us?

"...God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh..." Rom. 8:3 He **"was made in the likeness of men."** Phil. 2:7. Jesus took our sinful human nature.

How bad was the "sinful flesh" Jesus accepted?

"He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren..." Heb. 2:18. Jesus accepted not just our human nature, but a heredity weakened by four thousand years of sin! (see DA 49)

Did He face all the same kinds of temptations that we do?

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15.

How did Jesus keep from sinning while on this earth, constantly tempted and harassed by Satan?

"Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." Heb. 10:7

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42

It is clear from the above verses that Jesus surrendered His will to His Father on a daily basis. He had to **"fight the battle as every child of humanity must fight it, at the risk of failure and eternal loss."** DA 49

What kind of preparation gave Him the strength to withstand the attacks of Satan while He was on earth?

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52

"The very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses for Israel He was now taught at His mother's knee...He gained knowledge as we may do...He who had made all things studied the lessons which His own hand had written in earth and sea and sky." DA 70

How did He meet temptation?

"...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. Jesus met every temptation with the Word of God.

Were the miracles and other works Jesus performed done by His own ability or power?

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." John 14:10

Is that same kind of power available to you and me?

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12

Is it possible for us to live a life without sin as Jesus did?

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:" 1 Peter 2:21,22

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," Jude 24

How is this possible?

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Ez. 36:25-27

Do we have any part in this?

Paul said, **"I die daily"** (1 Cor. 15:31); and, **"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of**

the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20 Here we see the faith of Jesus in action. As we surrender, our natural self dies and a new life, the life of Christ, takes over.

It is **"the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory:"** Col. 1:27

How can Christ actually be in us?

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" Phil. 2:5. **"...We have the mind of Christ."** 1 Cor. 2:15

Does this mean we won't be tempted with evil thoughts or actions anymore?

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ...There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 2 Cor. 10:5,13 Satan has the ability to put thoughts into our mind, but sin comes only when we **yield** to temptation. Instead of dwelling on sinful thoughts, we can surrender them to Christ, and ask Him for help.

What is it like to remain in this surrendered state of mind?

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17 **"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not..."** 1 John 3:6

Isn't this salvation by works?

No. **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."** Eph. 2:8,9 It is all of God, who gives us **"not only forgiveness from sin, but reclaiming from sin."** MB 114

What happens if we do sin?

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" 1 John 2:1

Can we continue to sin until Jesus returns?

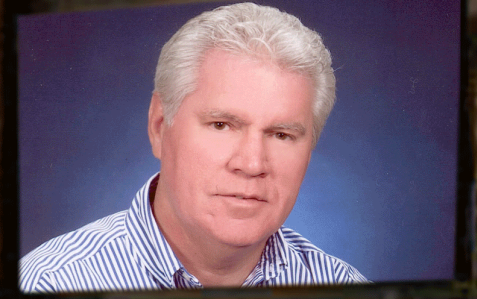
No. Probation is soon to close, and Jesus' work of atonement will be finished. He will pronounce, **"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."** Rev. 22:11

"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27 Believing and allowing Him to do this for us is what it means to have the faith of Jesus.

~Melissa Derfler

FAMILY PORTRAITS:

RON OLDS
BY GINNY FROST



Ron Olds has lived most of his life in Oregon, starting out in Medford. His father's parents lived in Grants Pass and he remembers visiting them here often. Of course, things looked considerably different back then as he says they lived on a farm; now it's a large housing tract. He comes from a long line of Adventists on both sides of the family, as far back as four generations or more. His family consisted of his parents and five children (three older sisters and a younger brother).

When Ron was still quite young the family moved, first for a short time to Hood River, and then to the Portland area, due to his father's work. Ron attended Adventist schools from elementary through college, graduating from Portland Union Academy, as it was known at that time.

This was during the era of Vietnam and as Ron's draft number was five he knew that he would be going into the service shortly after graduation. He registered as a non-combatant and received training as a medic. He thought for sure that he would be headed to Vietnam since that's where most of the companies were being sent at that time, but his company was sent to Germany, where he served the remainder of his time. It was while he was there, working with the medical personnel, that he developed an interest in nursing and upon being discharged from the army he enrolled in Walla Walla College to pursue a nursing degree, receiving his BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

After spending three years in clinical nursing, ICU and orthopedics, he went back to Andrews University in Michigan and got his MSN (Master of Science in Nursing). Ron has had a wide range of nursing experience including Clinical, ICU, ER, and Psychiatric, becoming a charge nurse, as well as an administrator of a Home Health and Hospice. But eventually he ended up in senior management as the CNO (Chief Nursing Officer) and Vice President of Clinical Services. He has spent time working at various hospitals, including Portland Adventist Hospital, Paradise Valley (National City, CA), Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital and Medical Center (both in Spokane, WA), as well as Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center (Safford, AZ). He lived and worked four different times in the San Diego area, and enjoyed it immensely. But in between, he was always drawn back to the Pacific Northwest.

When Ron decided to retire, he first went to central Oregon where he was involved in Community Service with the

Redmond SDA Church, as well as working with a prison ministry. But after three years he really wanted to return to the Grants Pass area that held so many fond memories for him from his childhood. So, he and his sister and brother-in-law decided that they would sell their homes and move here, combining their resources and sharing a home together.

It wasn't too long after Ron got here that our church needed a new director for the Soup Kitchen. So once again, he put his skills to use in a much needed area of service. During this time of Covid, the Soup Kitchen can only make and hand out sack lunches and sometimes there are more lunches than people coming to get them. So Ron and some of the other volunteers take the extras down to Riverside Park where they give out the leftover lunches to some very grateful homeless people.

During this last year, Ron felt the Holy Spirit nudging him to begin another much needed ministry to these unfortunate ones in the park. Every week he goes to Riverside Park and hands out personal hygiene items. The Lord has enabled him to purchase supplies like soap, toothpaste, shampoo, razors, etc. and he puts bags together that are appropriate for men, and women. Ron has been able to establish a relationship with several of those who live in the park and they trust him. They look forward to seeing him each week, allowing him to talk to them about spiritual things and pray for them. He also gives them counsel on personal matters, as well as their health. Last winter he was able to provide some portable heaters and sleeping bags for some of those who were suffering from the cold. He is beginning to gear up to do that again this winter.

You may have seen him on Sabbath leading out in Hymn Time with one or two others, or you may have heard his easy-to-listen-to mellow voice during special music. Ron is happy that he can use the talents the Lord has given him to be of service to others wherever God leads.

~ Ginny Frost

ANSWERS TO OWL QUIZ: D-Eastern Screech Owl, H-Long Eared Owl, A-Barn Owl, E-Great Horned Owl, F-Mexican Spotted Owl, G-Spectacled Owl, B-Eurasian Eagle-Owl

God is Still Leading & the Byrds have Landed!

When God's providence called us to make I MET GOD, a video Bible study for the languages of the world, He used the Grants Pass Church family to spur us forward in His endeavor. Then He used the sale of our home at an amazing profit to provide funds for the building of a studio. Then He provided the land to build the studio, then the funds to move, and finally a home to rent till the new Studio/Home is built. And His leading hand still continues.

After a short visit at our son's in Idaho, we had a pleasant trip across the country stopping at Glacier National Park, spending a restful Sabbath in Gillette, WY, and then enjoying Mount Rushmore on Sunday.

When arriving, we checked out the farmhouse God had miraculously



provided and realized that most of the square footage of this small 3-bedroom home would be used as storage even though we had gotten rid of a lot of things! This meant we would need a storage unit for the QLP equipment and effects but only found a 5 x 10 climate-controlled unit available, so we kept praying and trusting our heavenly Father to work it out. This space issue also meant that we would need a truck to put all the QLP stuff into as it came off the moving van (especially as rain was forecast for move-in day) but alas those were not available either as the nation is "on the move" and trucks are very difficult to acquire.

Here's what God did. A friend knew that **It Is Written** had a box truck and, when approached by an employee on our behalf, John Bradshaw graciously loaned it to us for two days. As predicted, it rained steadily on moving day. And although Satan would love to have dampened our spirits, we were encouraged that God was watching over us even though we didn't yet have

a place to put the QLP equipment and other effects we were loading into the box truck.

Pastor Byrd's brother lives in Collegedale and had offered office space at his business to use as a temporary QLP office. After sorting out the stuff we would be putting in that office, we still had a LOT of equipment etc. The next morning, we called the storage place that had the small unit to see if at least we could put



SOME of it there. She said, no, but a 10 x 10 climate-controlled unit had just become available the night before and she held it for us as I buzzed over to claim it! The very moment we needed it is when it opened up for us! God is so faithful!! We feel that we are living Psalm 37:3NKJV that says, "Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness." We're feeding and feeding on His faithfulness!



Our focus this week has been settling into the QLP office and getting it up and running so we can service orders as they come in. We've also been checking out the donated land and have started the building permit process.

Whenever people ask us if we like the house we have to admit it was a "come down" and a bit of a mental adjustment but it was so miraculously provided that we have chosen nothing but complete contentment and rest in God's provision!

The pen of inspiration tells us, "If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision." – {COL 173.1}

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support as we work together, putting our all on the altar of service. We miss you all so much and love hearing from you!
~Karen Byrd



See if you can match the owls with their names.

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| ___ Eastern Screech Owl | ___ Mexican Spotted Owl |
| ___ Long-Eared Owl | ___ Flammulated Owl |
| ___ Barn Owl | ___ Spectacled Owl |
| ___ Great Horned Owl | ___ Eurasian Eagle-Owl |

Owls are beautiful and interesting birds that are found all over the world. Many are nocturnal, which means they hunt at night. They hunt frogs, lizards, snakes, fish, mice, rabbits, birds, squirrels, insects, and other creatures. Owls have very different calls. You can research and listen to them online, then see if you can identify them by their call. (answers on bottom of page 7)



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B



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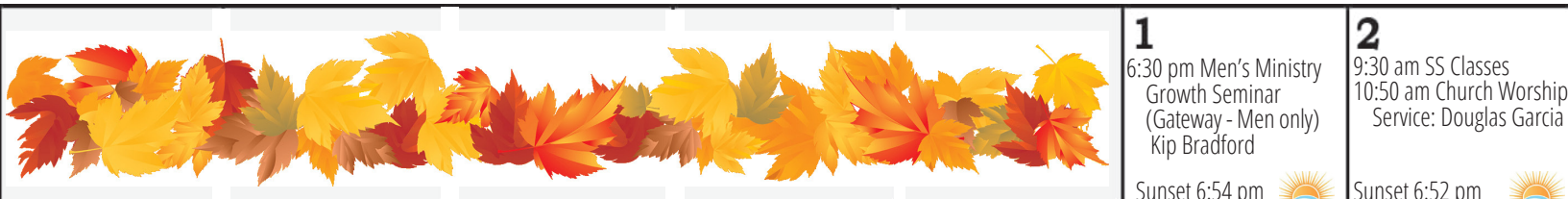


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"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Come into His gates with thanksgiving..." Psalm 100



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SABBATH



					1 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Growth Seminar (Gateway - Men only) Kip Bradford Sunset 6:54 pm	2 9:30 am SS Classes 10:50 am Church Worship Service: Douglas Garcia Sunset 6:52 pm
3 9:00 am Dorcas Sale 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 7:00 pm Praise, Prayer, and Promises (Zoom)	4 9:00 am Dorcas Sale 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 7:00 pm Praise, Prayer, and Promises (Zoom)	5 9:00 am-1:30 pm Dorcas 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 12-4:00 pm Veggie Food Store 2:00 pm Women's Study (MP Rm) 4:00 pm Romans Study (MP Rm)	6 11:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive (MP room) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via ZOOM)	7 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 3-6:00 pm Veggie Food Store	8 Sunset 6:42 pm	9 9:30 am SS Classes 10:50 am Church Worship Service: Communion John Mauro / Chuck Austin Sunset 6:40 pm
10 9:00 am Church Work Bee	11 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 7:00 pm Praise, Prayer, and Promises (Zoom)	12 9am-1:30 pm Dorcas 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 12-4:00 pm Veggie Food Store 2:00 pm Women's Study (MP Rm) 4:00 pm Romans Study (MP Rm) 6:30 pm Elders' Board (Zoom)	13 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via ZOOM)	14 9:30 am-1:30 pm Thrift Store 3-6:00 pm Veggie Food Store	15 Sunset 6:30 pm	16 9:30 am SS Classes 10:50 am Church Worship Service: Pastor Daniel 4-7:00 pm Fall Vespers: MacPhee / Peterson Ranch, Sunny Valley Sunset 6:28 pm
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REFORMATION DAY



Events may have been changed or added; please check:
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CLINTON JOHNSON	04
SANDY PUNTNEY	05
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WENDELL DRIVER	06
MELVIN SMITH	07
ROSARIO PUTNAM	07
EDSEN DONATO	08
MIVEN DONATO	08
JAMES BURKES	09
LYNELL STATEN	09
TYLER DURHAM	09
MAIZY DEFORREST	10
MATTHEW STRAUCH	11
STEVAN CRARY	11
AMY DONATO	12
JEFF STATEN	13
ALBERT BENTLEY	15
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AMY PELLENGAHR	17
DAN BENSON	17
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WILLIE PELLENGAHR	17
DAVID JOHNSON	18
CHRIS CLINE	21
KATHRYN WISTERT	21
ZOE BELOVITCH	21
ZOLA LEWIS	21
ANDREW KAINER	22
BELLE BUSHNELL	22
ROGER BLANK	22
DARINA BAYDALA	23
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