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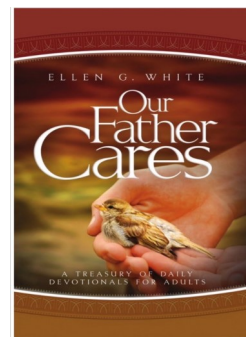
Morning Devotion

How To Make An Impact

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13.

remarkable. But the words of Christ were an invitation that implied all that He meant it should. There was an impelling influence in His words. There was no long explanation, but what He said had a drawing power. . . .



Christ would make these humble fishermen, in connection with Himself, the means of taking men out of the service of Satan, and making them believers in Christ, teaching them in regard to the kingdom of God. In this work they would become His ministers, fishers of men. . . .

Christ chose the foolish things of the world—those whom the world pronounced unlearned and ignorant—to confound the wise men of the world. The disciples were unlearned in the traditions of the rabbis, but with Christ as their example and teacher, they were gaining an education of the highest order; for they had before them a divine Example. Christ was presenting to them truths of the highest character.

Those whom God employs to do service for Him, He would have fitted in His way for that service. Those who preach Christ must learn of Christ daily, in order to understand the mystery of saving and serving the souls for whom He has died. . . . They must pattern after Him in all things, sharing His tender compassion and His sternness against all evil working.

Special points of interest:

- Sabbath Morning Prayer: 9:15 am in the Sanctuary.
- Sabbath School: 9:30 am.
- Divine Worship: 11:00 am.
- Thursday Ladies' Bible Study at The Ray's: 11:00 am (It is Written Bible Studies) - **This week will be at the Huch's.**
- Friday Adults' & Young Adults' Bible Study at The Craig's: 7:45 pm (It is Written Bible Studies).
- Women's Ministries Meeting: Every 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at Ms. Pete's (Women in The Bible)

When Christ was upon this earth, He did not direct fishermen to leave their nets and boats, and go to the Jewish teachers to gain a preparation for the gospel ministry. Walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw "two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him" (Matt. 4:18-22).

This prompt obedience, without any question, without one promise of wages, seems

Happy Birthday:

28—Elise Davis

Happy Anniversary:

1—Lee and Kathy Headley
10—Harol Sr. and Magda Sarmiento

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ Ellisent Davis (for a quick recovery).
- ♦ Karen Hucks.
- ♦ Sandy Weaver (travelling mercy).



Jesus is the Way to Salvation



**Sabbath Service,
February the 7th with
Pastor Alex Rantung**

We are bound by Satan. "Every one that committeth sin is the bond-servant of sin." John 8:34

We have a spirit of infirmity, and can in no-wise lift ourselves up. It was when we were "without strength" that Christ died for us. Romans 5:6.

What now does Jesus do for us? He takes the weakness, and gives us in return His strength.

"Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matthew 8:17. He becomes all

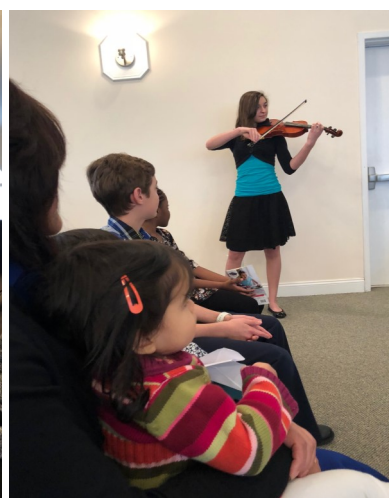
that we are, in order that we may become all that He is.

Although He knew no sin, He was made "to be sin for us;... that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

How shall a man be just with God? How shall the sinner be made righteous? It is only through Christ that we can be brought into harmony with God, with holiness.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

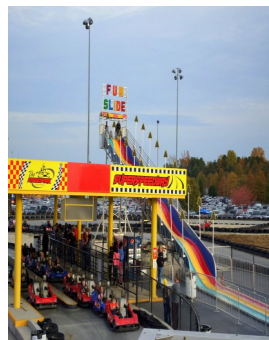


Special Announcement for Youth

On Sunday, February the 25th, the FMSDA Youth will have a fun day at The Speedpark at Concord Mills, North Carolina.

If your youth hasn't signed up the permission slip yet, please do so this weekend.

For more information, please contact Eric Souare or Bonnie Craig.



ULTIMATE FUDGY PALEO VEGAN BROWNIES

Ultimate Fudgy Paleo Vegan Brownies (V, GF, DF): an easy, one bowl recipe for seriously fudgy, super moist paleo brownies bursting with rich chocolate flavor.

Ingredients:

- ◇ ¼ cup natural, unsalted creamy almond butter
- ◇ ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons coconut sugar
- ◇ 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- ◇ ¼ cup melted coconut oil
- ◇ ¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ◇ 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- ◇ ¼ teaspoon salt
- ◇ 2 flax eggs (2 tablespoons ground flax + 6 tablespoons water, whisk together, set for 15 mins)
- ◇ ½ cup finely ground, blanched almond flour
- ◇ ¾ cup vegan chocolate chips

Directions:

- ◇ Preheat oven to 325°F. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper or greased foil. Set aside.
- ◇ In a medium bowl, whisk together almond butter, coconut sugar, maple syrup and coconut oil. Whisk until it resembles caramel.
- ◇ Add cocoa powder in ¼ cup increments, whisking until well mixed and thick like frosting. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as necessary. Whisk in vanilla, salt and flax eggs, until well incorporated. Using a rubber spatula, fold in almond flour until you get the consistency of soft dough or very thick batter, and no flour patches remain.
- ◇ Fold in chocolate chips. Pour batter into pan. Using the rubber spatula, smooth batter into an even layer.
- ◇ Bake for 28-36 mins. Mine took about 30 minutes. Cool for 1-2 hours, or until completely cool. Slice into 16 brownies. Enjoy!



Vegan, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free.

2018 Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting May 27 - June 2, 2018

Plan now to join us for this week long spiritual revival, incorporating music, sermons, and seminars to bring you a blessing.

Speakers include:

- Ty Gibson: Sunday-Wednesday Evening
- Shawn Boonstra: Thursday-Saturday Evening
- Gary Swanson: Adult Sabbath School
- Marvin Moore: 8 am Speaker
- Michael Hasel: 11 am Speaker

No reservations are necessary, but attendees must plan for housing and meals. There are options for renting (in the gray box) and meals can be purchased at the Adventist Christian Book Center. Please plan adequately.

Special Music Guest

- Naomi Striemer

Seminar Speakers

- Dr. Hans Diehl: Health Seminar
- Willie and Elaine Oliver: Family Seminar
- Speaker from *It Is Written: Closing the Backdoor - Training Pastors and church members on how to keep new members and have them become an active part of the church family*
- Roy Rugless: Prayer Seminar
- Kathy Goddard: Adventist Edge Seminar
- Dr. Ken Matthews: How is the Great Controversy Playing Out in the Religious Liberty Arena



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"And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." -Matthew 24:14 KJV

Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ Special Guest Speaker this Sabbath, February 17th: Pastor Ryan Ashlock from UCSDA Church will share God's Word with us.
- ⇒ Youth Alive, February 17th, from 6pm—9:30 pm at the ACA Gym for pizza, discussion, games and giveaways. The topic of this month: "Dating."
- ⇒ April 20-22, 2018: Church Camping & Sabbath Service at McDowell Nature Preserve (15222 York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278.)



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS!
We will have a special meeting
this Sunday, Feb.18th at 10:00 am
at the Ray's.

*"Serve the Lord with
gladness: come before
His presence with
singing."*

Psalm 100:2

Serving this Sabbath, February 17th, 2018

SABBATH SCHOOL:

Prayer Service (9:15 am): Jelani Davis.
SS Welcome, Opening Song & Prayer: Bonnie Craig.
Lesson Review: Bonnie Craig
Adult SS Teacher: Jelani Davis.
Youth SS Teacher: Mike Ray.
Junior/Primary SS Teacher: Kevin Craig
Cradle Roll SS Teacher: Magda Sarmiento
Special Feature: Wendy Glod

DIVINE WORSHIP:

Children Story: Pastor Ryan Ashlock
Tithes & Offering: Curline Forbes
Offertory: Harol Sarmiento, Jr.
Intercessory Prayer: David Hounslow
Scripture Reading: Sydney Soteco
Special Music: Wendy Glod
Speaker: Pastor Ryan Ashlock
Deacons: Paul Walker & Harol Sarmiento, Sr.
Deaconess: Diana Walker
Greeter: Esther Soteco
A/V: Kevin Craig & Thomas Jr.
Chorister: Tia Combs
Pianist: Nathan Ray

Church-wide Fellowship Meal: "Comfort Food."
Kitchen Duty: Team B
Please sign up for fellowship meal at <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=BOSV2175>