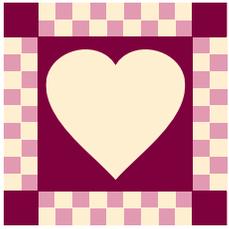


Pewee Valley SDA Church Connection — Keeping You Plugged In



There is a job for anyone who wants to serve... The only question is "Do you want to serve?"



Marching to Manchester By Renee Ottis

Well it is official! Pewee Valley Church is headed to the mission field again! Several months ago a survey was sent out and you wholeheartedly voted to stay local and do community service. The trip that is planned is to Manchester KY to work in their community, March 25-28. We will be leaving Thursday evening and working until Sunday afternoon.

I was talking with a fellow teacher last summer and telling her about our mission trip to Arizona and how I wanted to make sure our young people were still involved in service. She recommended that we come to Manchester to work. Manchester, Kentucky is the poorest area in Kentucky. We have an Adventist church, school and hospital in the area. We will be working with the students from Appalachian Christian School on Friday. We will also be working with some services

from the Adventist hospital too. There is also a Community Service program run by the local Adventist church. They have a special niche in the community that we will be helping them with. They are focusing on families whose homes have burned down. Last year, they helped 52 families; that averages 1 family a week. **So what do we need to do?** Well first start praying for our trip! The devil never likes to see a church unified to serve others! Then, contact me and let me know that you would like to participate. I understand that everyone's schedules are different but if you would like to come for even part of the trip, let me know. **What can you bring to help?** We will be collecting items that can be used to set up households again. Things like kitchen items, towels and linens, blankets, toiletries and sheets. The community service

building does not have a lot of storage space so larger items collected will be passed on to other ministry groups.

What is the cost? The only expenses we will have is gas costs and food. We already have some funds for gas. We will divide the costs of food between everyone going. We will keep costs as low as possible.

We are also able to use funds that were left from a previous group to buy items used in our service to the Manchester community.

So I challenge you! Do you want to feel useful for the Lord? Do you want a blessing that can only come with service? Join us as we humble ourselves in service for the Master! There is no better feeling than being used by God!



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Cognitive Genesis Report by Kim Shumaker

I would like to share some information about how Adventist academics stack up to other schools. The longer children attend Adventist schools, the higher their average achievement, Cognitive Genesis is a 4-year study following 30,000 students, grades 3-9 and 11, enrolled in Adventist schools across North America.

This groundbreaking and rigorous research, conducted by La Sierra University, is validating what parents, teachers and students involved in Adventist Education have known for years—that, on average, Adventist school students perform better. Not only do students score a half-grade level higher in all subjects on average, but the more

years they attend an Adventist school, the more their average achievement jumps—up to the 73rd percentile.

We have a blessing for our children right here in our local school. Please continue to support the students, teachers and school itself.



Stories to Live By by Andy Powell

"To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables..." Mark 4:11 As Jesus began His ministry, He chose to reach souls by speaking in ways that were familiar and easy to understand. He used stories of everyday life like the parable of the 'Lost Sheep' to speak to shepherds, the 'Sower' to speak to farmers, 'The Rich Man and Lazarus' to speak to the Pharisees, and many others so that all might understand the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. "He [Christ] made parables a principle vehicle for conveying truth." {SDA BC vol.5 p.403} "Taken as a whole, the parables... present a composite picture of the essential facts concerning the kingdom of heaven." {SDA BC vol.5 p.403}

As the earth's history comes to a close and Jesus' soon return is ever closer, there has never been a time where the parables of Christ are more relevant than today. Come join us every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for prayer meeting and invite a friend as we continue a 10 week study of the parables of Jesus called "Stories to Live By". Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to win souls for heaven and gain a more intimate relationship with Jesus and your church family.

Pathfinders Working on Honors By James Shumaker

Currently our Pathfinders are working on their Music, Glass Etching or First Aid Honor. Keep up the great work guys!

Did you know...

- Pathfinders was first created in 1907 as the Missionary Volunteer Society and has gone through 3 name changes to get to Path-

finders

- There are over 2 million Pathfinders in over 85 countries of the world
- The Pathfinder song was written in 1949
- The first Pathfinder camporee was held in California
- The first camp ever was held in Town Line Lake, Michigan in 1926
- Some of the newest Pathfinder honors are :

Letterboxing, Unicycle, Gold Prospecting and Hot Air Ballooning

If you want a rich reward, come and be a part of Pathfinders! We have a great group of kids and you will learn right along with them! See James Shumaker for more information and volunteering!



Women's Ministry Corner

Monday night, February 8 is the night you men have been waiting for! The question has been asked, "What do you ladies do at Women In Touch?" Well come on the 8th and you will find out! WIT is holding its annual Valentine's Dinner and everyone is invited to come. Child care is provided. Please sign up in the foyer for seating, child care needs and food items to bring.

While attending the February meeting, see what exciting events we have for the rest of the year! You won't want to miss even one meeting!

God's Power for God's Work By Jeff Otts

Me and my secretary/wife just got through updating our list of contacts from GYC. We have 45 contacts and all but 6 have been followed up on. I am really proud of those who have stepped up and made contact with each individual. It is however a bit of a challenge keeping up with the contacts. I am not much of a computer guy but Paul Rau and I have bought a new computer program that makes keeping up with contacts quite easy. This program will separate into groups, contact leaders, addresses, ect. It will make labels, print reports and even send out mass e-mails. I don't know about anybody else but I think this is pretty cool! Technology is very handy in doing God's work.

On the other side of the coin, in my devotional time, I have started going through the book of Acts. Something I noticed on the day of Pentecost, the apostles used no technology. Just think about it! You had a group of uneducated, low-class, hill-billies from Galilee. They didn't have any PowerPoint presentations, they weren't well-spoken, they had not gone to seminary; they didn't even have a Strong's concordance! All they had was the Holy Spirit and that was enough. When the Holy Spirit fell upon them, if you will notice, they didn't send out any handbills or advertise anything! But just the sound of what was going on and people testifying of God's wonderful work drew people to them. And once they had been drawn, Peter was able to say things that without the Holy Spirit would have surely gotten him stoned to death; but with the Holy Spirit people stopped him in the middle of his sermon, even without an altar call, without organ music, or without an appeal card, wanting to know how they could be saved! Out of that same group that had just weeks before crucified their Savior, they now accepted Him as Lord even without an Amazing Facts Bible Study!

Now don't get me wrong! I think if Paul would have had a computer to keep up with all of his contacts and send out letters, he would have. But the point is, it is God's power and it is God's work. He may use technology but He doesn't have to. So as we continue in our evangelistic efforts, let us continue to use our computers and Power Points or whatever is needed to make life easier; but when it comes to true success, we will need to rely solely on the Holy Spirit. As a church, I urge you to ask for Him, to plead for Him and to humble yourself like the apostles did as they were waiting for the Former Rain of the Holy Spirit.

We have an opportunity to share the Gospel message with our community coming up in April. We will again be hosting a Share Him Evangelistic Campaign with our community. Start thinking now about someone to invite to these meetings. Pray for a divine appointment with someone you know. Ask the Holy Spirit to impress upon you someone that needs to hear the End time message. We need to lift these meetings up in prayer. God will send his Holy Spirit if we humble ourselves and pray.



Adventist History Corner by Elder Harold Roy

The Church Takes a Name

William Miller and his associates did not intend to create another denomination. After the 1844 disappointment the Adventist believers were held together, not by any organization, but by the bonds of a common faith. Many of them believed that any organized religion was part of spiritual Babylon. However, as Sabbath keeping Adventists began to meet in companies and congregations, the matter of officially organizing began to be discussed.

The question soon arose concerning who should hold the title to property when church buildings were erected. In some places such property was held by one person. What if that person died and his or her heirs wanted the property? A second matter was that in order for a church to hold property, it must have an official name. A third matter was the certifying and ordaining of ministers and the baptizing of new members.

As early as 1853, deacons were appointed for each church in keeping with Acts 6. These individuals usually functioned as both deacon and elder.

In 1854 James White published four articles in the Review and Herald regarding church order. John Loughborough and others also believed the time had come for organization. Ellen White began to write and to speak on the subject. She wrote, "The church must flee to God's Word, and become established upon Gospel order which has been overlooked and neglected. This is indispensably necessary to bring the church into the unity of faith" (SCEV 18,19).

Progress was slow. In September 1860, delegates from 5 states met in Battle Creek to consider formal organization and an official name for the church. There was not a consensus on organization. However, they did choose a church name. Many names were suggested, such as "the brethren", "the little flock", "the remnant people", "Sabbathkeepers", and "the church of God". (CAPTAINS OF THE HOST, pg 275) After much enthusiastic discussion, the name Seventh-day Adventist was overwhelmingly accepted.

Now there was an official name, and in 1861 the Michigan Conference was organized. Others soon followed—Iowa, Vermont, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York and Ohio. Finally, in a meeting held in Battle Creek, May 20-23, 1863, the General Conference was organized, and the headquarters remained there almost 50 years.

Up to this time, most Adventist ministers had traveled and preached from place to place without salary, often paid by the barter system— a bushel of wheat, some corn, honey, molasses, ect. As early as 1858, a committee, chaired by J.N. Andrews, had been appointed to study the subject of support for full-time ministers. Their report was presented in January 1859, adopted, and recommended to all the churches. James White and Joseph Frisbie wrote articles in the Review and Herald encouraging acceptance of the plan of "Systematic Benevolence". In 1861, J.N. Loughborough wrote on the subject and encouraged the acceptance of the tithing plan. Ellen White also wrote on the tithing plan of Malachi 3:7-12, and a few years later it was adopted by the entire Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sabbath keeping Adventists, who at first did not want any organization, are now a closely knit organization, consisting of the local church, local conference, union conference, division field, and the world-wide General Conference.

The question is sometimes asked: "How is the tithe used?" When we bring our tithe to the Lord in the local church, our church treasurer, of course, forwards it to the local conference at the end of the month. A portion is retained for the Lord's work in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, a portion is sent to our Southern Union Conference, and a third portion goes to our General Conference. The tithe is used for the support of full-time pastors, evangelists, Bible workers, conference leaders, Bible teachers in our academies, colleges and universities and missionaries.

The Lord has greatly blessed us with a wonderful organization. When we place our tithe in the offering plate on Sabbath, we are individually helping to promote the everlasting gospel in all the world!

Commitment

When Julius Caesar landed on the shores of Britain with his Roman legions, he took a bold and decisive step to ensure the success of his military venture. Ordering his men to march to the edge of the Cliffs of Dover, he commanded them to look down at the water below. To their amazement, they saw every ship in which they had crossed the channel engulfed in flames. Caesar had deliberately cut off any possibility of retreat. Now that

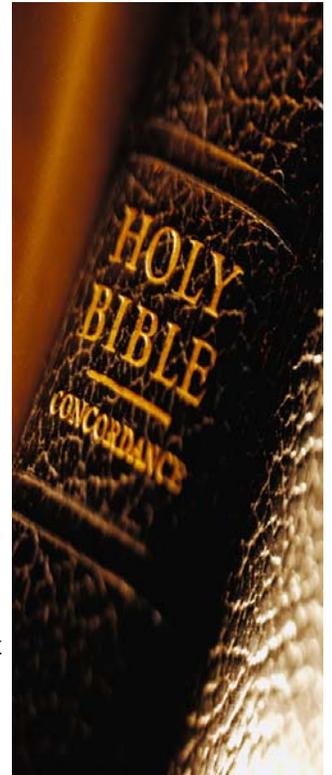
his soldiers were unable to return to the continent, there was nothing left for them to do but to advance and conquer! And that is exactly what they did.

How committed are we to our mission and to our church? Are we committed enough to our church that we would be willing to cut off any path of retreat?

What if you suddenly found there was no escape route? Would you be committed or

would you immediately begin searching for the way out? Dictionary.com defines commitment as engagement or involvement. Are we engaged with our church or are we just here to make ourselves feel good? Are we involved or do we just show up on Sabbath morning to fulfill our duty to “remember the Sabbath day”?

What does commitment mean to you? What should it mean to us?



The Tablecloth submitted by Jackie Dunlop

The brand new pastor and his wife arrived at their first assigned church in early October. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time for Christmas Eve services. They worked and had the church ready by December 18 but on December 19 a terrible tempest—a driving rain storm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went to check on the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time, it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder and supplies to put up the tablecloth as a tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like sheet...”Pastor, where did you get that tablecloth?” The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this table cloth 35 years before in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten “The Tablecloth”. The woman explained that before the war, she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was supposed to join her but he was captured, sent to prison and she never saw him again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had that Christmas Eve. There were many visitors and one man in particular had a hard time leaving. The man asked him where he had got the tablecloth on the front wall. It was identical to one that his wife had made many years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two such tablecloths alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for safety and how he was arrested and put in prison. He never saw his wife for his home again all the 35 years between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier.

This is a true story told by Pastor Rob Reid who says God does work in mysterious ways. If you are needing to feel God’s love for you, just look around to see the family and friends that God has provided. We serve a God that wants to give us so much more than we could ever hope for or even imagine. Make sure you are connected with Him today!



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February and March Dates to Keep in Mind

February

- 6 Mrs. Mari Hashikawa, speaker
- 6 Church Business Meeting
6:45 pm
- 8 WIT Valentine Evening, 6:30 pm
- 13 Speaker to be announced
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day, No School
- 20 Speaker to be announced
- 20 Spaghetti Dinner @ PVJA
- 27 Speaker to be announced

March

- 6 Speaker to be announced
 - 6 Talent Show, 8th Grade
 - 8-12 PVJA Spring Break
 - 13 Speaker to be announced
 - 18-20 Music Fest at Highland Acad
 - 20 Speaker to be announced
 - 25-28 Manchester Mission Trip
 - 27 Speaker to be announced
- **Share Him Evangelist Campaign starts in April and will continue every weekend for the month, Friday and Sabbath evenings at 6:45 p.m.**

