

Pewee Valley SDA Church Connection — Keeping You Plugged In



The Quest of the Ages By Pastor Douglas Na'a



Man's greatest quest has been the search for truth. When Jesus was betrayed and deserted by His very own disciples, the Bible records that he was brought into the judgment hall by His accusers to be judged by Pilate. At first Pilate hesitated to judge Jesus and told the Jews to take Him to be judged according to the law of the Jews. However, the Jews persisted and Pilate entered the judgment hall once again to Judge the Son of God. In his dialogue with Christ, Pilate asks Jesus, "What is truth?"

Pilate's question in John 18:38 to Jesus is an illustration of man's quest for truth.

This very question has been asked by great philosophers, scientists, historians throughout the ages. "What is truth?" Plato, Aristotle, Darwin are names illustrative of human attempts to discover the mysteries of the universe.

However, one must be reminded that the unaided intelligence of man is unable to discover the truth because it has been corrupted by sin. When sin entered into the perfect Garden of Eden the Bible says that sin separated man from God. (Genesis 3:24, Isaiah 59:2) The

Bible continues to say that man of himself cannot discover the truth about God.

Job says it perfectly. "Can you solve the mysteries of God? Can you discover everything about the Almighty? Such Knowledge is higher than the heavens—and who are you? It is deeper than the underworld—what do you know? It is broader than the earth and wider than the sea". Job 11:7-9

It is obvious from this verse that man is impotent when it comes to understanding the mysteries of God's truth. God's ways are beyond human understanding.

The wise man Solomon himself testifies with the following testimony: "I realized that no one can discover everything that God is doing under the sun. Not even the wisest people can discover everything, no matter what they claim." Ecclesiastes 8:17 Therefore, if no man is to know what is truth, it can only be through a revelation from Him who is the source of all truth. God's word tells us that Truth resides in a person—a Divine person. John 14:6 Jesus says "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." If we are to discover truth, we must come to Him who is the source of all truth,

Jesus!

Furthermore, the Bible teaches us that God reveals by His Spirit what the great men of earth cannot understand (1 Corinthians 2:7-10).

In His Love, God has provided us with a revelation of truth written form in the Bible. This is known as the "scriptures" (Daniel 10:21). The Bible is simply God's revelation of truth.

If we are to understand God, nature and ourselves aright it will not be through human speculation or philosophy but through the study of the Bible. It alone can answer the question that Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"

We are admonished to study the Bible to show ourselves approved unto God. It is only when we study the Scriptures that truth can be revealed! Friends, Jesus wants to reveal Himself to you through His Holy Word. Would you take time to study and read the scriptures? I can promise you that when you prayerfully do this, by faith, He will bless your life like never before.

"Reason must acknowledge an authority superior to itself. Heart and intellect must bow to the great I AM." 8 T pg 285

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School is Busy! by Kim Shumaker

The school year is fast drawing to a close. Just six and a half weeks and we will be done for the year. Many events are happening in the next few weeks. 8th grade is having a yard sale this coming Friday, April 9. Come out and support them or rent a table by calling the school. On April 11 we are having our annual science fair/open house at 12 p.m. Jog-a-thon will be

on April 23. Students will be running as many miles as they can in two hours. Expect them to be calling you for sponsorships. The eighth grade class will be taking their class trip to Gatlinburg in May. Thank you so much for all the help and donations you have made toward their trip. Graduation will be May 19 at 7 p.m. We hope to see you their while we celebrate the

graduation of our eighth graders. The last day of school is May 20. If you know of any potential students for next year please let us know. We are trying to get an accurate count and would love to talk to any prospective families. Please keep the school in your prayers for the last part of the school year.



Where Do We Go From Here? By Renee Otts

We have settled back into a normal routine and it seems like the mission trip was so long ago! Yet the impact we made is just taking root! We are already looking to go back to Harlan, Kentucky to help again! As Bonnie Kupka commented, "We may just have to adopt that church!". Our plan is to go for 1 week this summer to help with many diverse projects.

The first project is VBS. We want to help them put on a successful program and impact kids in their community. They have been running a program but do not have enough adult support to make it as big as it could be.

Second, we are going to pick several homes and families that need extensive work on their property. We will be putting together needs and detailing plans to help these families in a major way.

Third, we are looking to do an evangelism project. We want to impact this community socially, physically and spiritually.

So what can you do? Pray! Do you want to get involved? Maybe you don't have a week but just a couple of days. That's O.K.! We can use you! For more details or information, please contact Renee Otts or Andy Powell and let's roll up our sleeves to serve the Lord again!



Golden Eagle Pathfinder Club by James Shumaker

Pathfinders are busy working on a new honor. They have all elected to do auto mechanics. This past evening they learned how to change the oil in a car. They also have gotten to start an automatic and a manual car. In the future they will learn how to change a tire and other

basic car care tricks and tips. They are also learning about engines. We are planning to take one campout before school gets out.

James and I have enjoyed working with pathfinders. We have had many great experiences with the

pathfinders. The Oshkosh Camporee was definitely a highlight.

We hope that someone who is reading this right now will take over pathfinders and continue to have great experiences for the youth of our church.



Women's Ministry Corner

April 12 is the next Women In Touch meeting. Renee Otts will be giving a talk about Kentucky Native Plants and how to garden with them. There will also be a plant exchange for those who would like to participate. The menu will be finger foods, so sign up for a wonderful evening! Bring a friend!

May is a fun meeting featuring a Mother/Daughter evening. The program will be on May 10. Supper will feature a Mexican Food Buffet. Be sure to sign up in the foyer or give Jackie Dunlop a call.

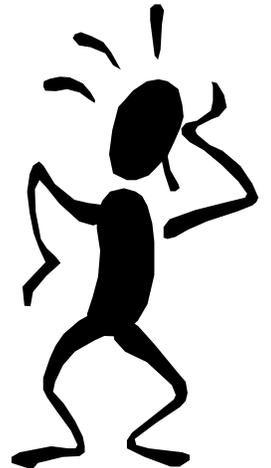


Disappointment by Jeff Otts

Have you ever been disappointed? I mean really disappointed. You have labored and struggled with something; you have laid awake at night thinking about it. You have waited in eager anticipation for it. But when the time came, nothing. Well I am going to share a disappointment that I have had.

After our evangelistic series last year, I had an opportunity to invite a fellow co-worker to study the Bible with me. She was very excited and we began our studies every Wednesday during our lunch break. The studies went well and she was a good student. In studying with her, I was refreshed because she had no religious background which made her a blank slate. After 5 studies on the Gospel message, she told me that she was ready to follow Jesus. She didn't seem to take it lightly because she began to reform her life. She talked about baptism and church attendance and after a few months of studies, she even bought her daughter the Bible Story series. Every thing seemed to be going well! I just knew that she was soon going to be a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A few months ago, she asked for addresses of churches she could attend; but she has never gone. Her daughter is begging her to go to church. The daughter has even been urging her mom in spiritual things which is by the prodding of the Holy Spirit. As our present evangelistic series was coming up, I anticipated her coming and being baptized. But to my disappointment, she has backed away from the commitments she has made and has shown no interest in coming to the meetings. After spending all the time and effort, it has been difficult to understand what has happened and I have struggled with being disappointed in the whole situation. I think about what God must go through when He pleads for us to make the right decisions when He has put out far more effort than I have; when He fully understands the consequences of our actions. I realize that I am just sharing in the hardships of Jesus. But in the midst of it all, God has given two promises that I want to share with you. One is found in Galatians 6:9. It says, "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." So this urges me on; it teaches me to be persistent. The second promise is found in Isaiah. The Lord says that His word does not return to Him void; for it accomplishes what He set it out for. It is never a waste of time to share your faith with someone! Like Paul told King Agrippa, "Whether you accept it now or later, I pray that all who hear it will be what I am one day". No matter how disappointed we are or become, if we are persistent, God will give us success how HE sees fit.



Adventist History Corner by Elder Harold Roy

Our Health Message Begins

In the days of our Adventist pioneers, diseases were many. Some of the more prevalent ones were : Lung fever, consumption, diphtheria, cholera, rheumatism, catarrh, and so on.

Medications in common use were calomel, opium, tobacco, alcohol, mercury, ipecac and strychnine. Medical practices of the time included bleeding of patients, water forbidden internally or externally, keeping patients in stuffy hot rooms without fresh air, and other similar practices.

Diet in those days included hog and bear meat, lots of grease and condiments, tea and coffee, vinegar by the glass, hard cider and whiskey.

What were the health practices and habits of our Adventist pioneers? Joseph Bates was very healthy, having early discarded alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee and flesh foods. James White never touched liquor or tobacco all of his life. Also, J.N. Andrews never used tobacco or alcohol all his life. John Loughborough smoked black cigars on the recommendation of his physician— for lung troubles! Joseph Waggoner, on the day he became a Seventh-day Adventist, threw his plug of chewing tobacco in the stove. In 1848, James and Ellen White publicly took their stand against tea, coffee and tobacco. In 1851 Mrs. White wrote that tobacco is an idol that must be given up, and she later wrote that tobacco is a slow malignant poison. In 1853 the Review and Herald carried articles against the use of tobacco, and in 1855 the Vermont Conference voted to disfellowship for the use of this product.

Many of our pioneers suffered from serious illness. J.N. Andrews suffered from physical breakdown; James White had three strokes; Ellen White had four strokes; John Loughborough suffered a breakdown; Hiram Edson became invalided, as did two others. In fact, many of our pioneers suffered from the same illnesses that were suffered by the general public.

As early as 1850 there was agitation for reform in diet. Some believers urged giving up the use of pork and pork products. At the time, James White opposed the teaching and Ellen White urged caution. Progress was slow, but there was progress. By the early 1860's, steps were taken by many to discontinue the use of pork, tea and coffee.

In the winter of 1862-1863, two of James and Ellen White's children were stricken with diphtheria, then epidemic. The usual treatment for this illness was to shut the patient away from the outside air, to avoid the use of water (internally and externally), and to dose with heavy mineral drugs. James White had recently read in the newspaper about Dr. James Jackson from Danville, New York, who was using a different kind of treatment—no drugs, but hot baths, cooling packs, plenty of water, ventilation and rest. The Whites tried this method and their children soon recovered.

James and Ellen White began informing and encouraging others in the use of these natural remedies for the successful treatment of disease. God had wonderfully led and blessed the Adventists in religious and spiritual matters. It was now time for Him to point the way to reform in physical and health matters.

It was at Otsego, Michigan on June 6, 1863, that the Lord opened up to Sister White in vision the great subject of health reform. This included food and diet, dress and adornment, habits of work and recreation, healing by natural means, and the influence of the mind upon the body.

The instruction had now been given, and with the Lord's leading, our health and medical work would move steadily forward to become the great blessing it is today around the world. **To be continued

Harlan Mission Trip by Lisa Hughes

The latest mission project here at Pewee Valley was a trip to Harlan, Kentucky to work together with the Adventist church there on some community outreach projects. March 25-28 found many of our church members helping the local church in Harlan to reach out to their community.

One project was to assist in organizing the clothes they have been collecting to give away to members of the community. A clothing giveaway happened on Friday while we were there, but the bigger part of this project was helping to sort and organize the clothes that had been received. We were also able to help with this project by taking many boxes of clothes to them that had been donated here in Pewee Valley.

Another project was to go into homes in the Harlan area and assist with home repairs and cleaning. The group was able to complete some much-needed work for people in the community who were not able to do these on their own and did not have the resources to pay someone to come in and take care of it for them.

Another group spent the day sprucing up the flower beds in front of the Harlan SDA Church to help the church appear more attractive to the community. This group cleaned out the flower beds, added a lot of fill dirt, planted flowers and other plants, and also were able to cut down some unsightly branches left from the ice storms last year.

The other project of the day was completing various projects inside the church itself. This group was able to replace the toilets for the church, put up faceplates for electrical outlets, replace light bulbs, and other various repairs around the church.

On Friday evening, our group was blessed to meet with members of the Harlan church and the Middlesboro church met together for a short vespers service followed by a foot washing and communion service and an agape feast. Sabbath, we were able to provide Sabbath School and church services for the church there, and then in the afternoon many chose to go to Kingdom Come State Park nearby for some hiking and other adventures.

Sunday morning it was time to pack up and head home, although many wished we could stay and do more to help. Truly God blessed our work in Harlan and lives were touched both there and within our group.

There is already discussion of potentially going back to work with the Harlan church again this summer, so if you are interested in being involved, contact Renee Ottis. It's a great way to be involved in community outreach and missions and you won't regret the experience.





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Compassion for People***



April and May Dates to Keep in Mind

April

- 2 Evangelistic Series Starts
- 3 Pastor Doug Na'a, speaker
Evangelistic Series 7 p.m.
- 9 Evangelistic Series 7 p.m.
- 10 Marcus Hassan, speaker
Evangelistic Series 7 p.m.
- 11 Science Fair PVJA, 1 p.m.
- 12 Women In Touch, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Evangelistic Series 7 p.m.
- 17 Marcus Hassan, speaker
Evangelistic Series 7 p.m.
- 23 Jog-a-thon, PVJA
Evangelistic Series, 7 p.m.
- 24 Jeff Otts, speaker
Evangelistic Series, 7 p.m.

May

- 1 Pastor Doug Na'a, speaker
- 7-9 Pathfinder campout
- 8 Pastor Doug Na'a, speaker
- 10 Women In Touch meeting
- 15 Speaker to be announced
- 19 PVJA Awards and Graduation
- 20 PVJA Last Day of School
- 22 Pastor Doug Na'a, speaker
- 29 Speaker to be announced

