

Special points of interest:

- Elders' Meeting 2/5 630 p.m.
- Valentines' Banquet 2/12 6 p.m.
- Church Board 2/13 630 p.m.
- CVCS 60th Anniversary celebration 2/17—all day!

February 2018

Larren Cole Coming to Albany SDA Church

by Wayne Clark

Sabbath, March 3, 2018 Larren Cole will be presenting a three-part mini series titled "Famous Adventist's Distinct Doctrines" starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by another presentation during the 11 a.m. worship hour. A noon time lunch will be provided for everyone. The third presentation will be shared at 2:00 p.m. Without a doubt this is a subject that will strengthen your belief in the Seventh-day Adventist church and its beginnings.



Larren and his wife Mickey are both graduates of Loma Linda University and have been married to each other for 27 years. They have lived in a remote Northeast corner of California for 18 years where they have raised their 5 children, 3 who are in college and 2 in high school.

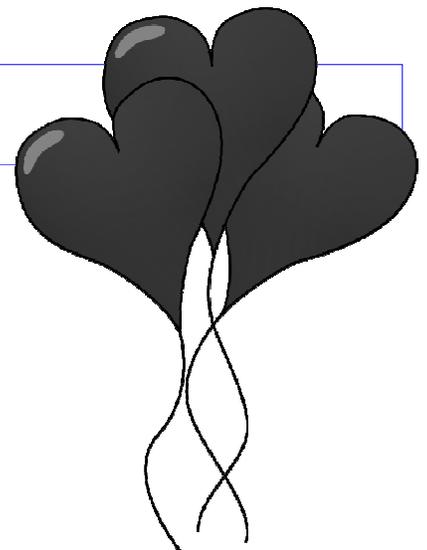
Larren is the director of Desire Media, which focuses on public evangelism, personal Bible study and media production. He and wife produce a free on-line Bible school called Revelation 101 which corresponds with their prophecy seminars. Many of you recognize them as the producers of the DVD, "Seventh Day Beavers", a documentary about a colony of beavers that rest on the seventh day Sabbath.

ALBANY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newslink

February Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Veronica Moreno | 22 Bea Bartel |
| 9 Trenton Snyder | 23 Pat McQueen |
| 11 Cody Asbahr | 24 Donna Bennett |
| 13 Marlene Bangs | 25 Sue Morris |
| 14 Harriet Malick | Amy Shores |
| 17 Oscar Mendez | 27 Patti Kizer |
| 19 Cheri (Babb) Ealy | |
| Janet Mendoza | |
| Tresa Injety | |





PASTOR LINK



Sunday, Jan. 28, a small group of youth and sponsors gathered in the fellowship hall of our church to put together “snack packs” to be distributed in our community. It was a joy and a privilege to watch as the principal from our school, along with his wife, along with several others including Marla and Shaina Heinrich, Heather and Adellyn Cox, Mamatha Meesarapu, and Jonathan Behrmann worked together to assemble the snack packs.

Statistics show that many children who go home from (public) school for the weekend do not have adequate food available to eat over that weekend. 74 “snack packs” full of nourishing items such as raisins and other select snacks are now by this time distributed through the Giving Tree in our local area to families challenged by economic or social need. What a joy to see our school active in helping others in our community!

Most any week if you come by the church you will find Mary Gaslin and her crew (Ethan Carpenter, and Ben or Josiah too, Lillian Carlson, and other significant contributors I know I’m forgetting at the moment) working hard moving and distributing their care kits for young mothers and others through our CIA, *Compassion in Action* outreach. Again, what a joy it is to see our church members active in caring for others, and opening their hand wide to show the love of Jesus in our community.

There are many ways to support our church and school. One way that seems to be forgotten by some is to support church and school events by simply attending those events sponsored by our church agencies. Your attendance at these events spells one big word: S-U-P-P-O-R-T!

This month a special 60th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Central Valley Christian School. Please don’t take that to mean that only those who have attended CVCS in the past or have children there are who are invited to this special Sabbath. This Sabbath is dedicated to supporting the conference-wide initiative called TOGETHER AS ONE, an effort to unite the churches and schools, and home schools, in a consolidated thrust to encourage and bless Christian education at all levels, and to put the living Christ as the center of all educational pursuit.

It would be great to see Albany as visibly supportive of all these Christian educational endeavors. The way most anyone can provide support is to be present at such a gathering, or better yet, to be ever more involved in the ministries of the church and school which never receive enough help from volunteers.

My thanks, as pastor, goes out to those who do double and more than double duty in supporting our school, as well as our church. I see no difference between the purposes of the church and the school. They both are dedicated to sharing Christ with the world.

Let’s do our best to “up” our support for our church and school. See if you can find the word “up” in the word “support”. Let’s “hold up” our teachers and students, and all of those who work to expand the ministries of our church.

May the Lord bless us all to do His special work,

Pastor Steve

A LETTER from BARNABAS

To the Saints of Albany, grace and peace be unto you in the name of God our Father, and His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Lord spoke to the Church in Laodicea thusly: "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot I will vomit you out of My mouth."—Rev 3:14-16

This day I would speak to you about my experience at the lukewarm pools of Laodicea. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has existed in Turkey since the late 1880's. Prior to WWI there were 23 churches, with 500 members, scattered throughout Turkey, but when I arrived there, the spring of 1960, only 1 church survived, in Istanbul.

I learned that during all those years, not a single Muslim had ever been baptized into the SDA Church. I made it a part of my daily prayers that I would baptize the first Muslim, and I did, in October of 1964. His name was Nebil (Noble) Koyagsi Village (Chief).

During those years in Turkey, one of my main projects was to lecture and show films on the harmful effects of tobacco and alcohol. I had a letter from the Turkish government permitting me to lecture in any school in Turkey. My goal was to reach

1000 persons a day via that ministry. Nebil owned a taxi (that is how I met him, for his taxi stand was 100 feet from our church) and I engaged him to be the full-time taxi driver for our church.

On one lecture/film we were traveling in the area of the Seven Churches of Revelation. At the site of each church,—Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia—I would open my Bible and read to Nebil the message to each of those churches, explaining that each church represented a time period in Christianity.

Finally, we reached Laodicea, where those traveling with me stayed in a small motel with each room opening onto a patio right by those famous lukewarm pools. Nebil and I shared a room together, and as I read Revelation 3:14-16 to him, informing him that we were living during the time of Laodicea. Nebil was aghast, and said, emphatically, "Miller Brother, that can't be, my Adventist Church can't be lukewarm. You and I preach the Gospel with *fire!*" Nonetheless, Nebil was not convinced he lived within a lukewarm church.

The next morning we soaked in that lukewarm pool—the water is close to body-temperature. It was during the month of October, with snow on the nearby hills. We could see our breath in the air. But settling in to the lukewarm pool with only our heads above water, we were very comfortable. Perhaps too comfortable? I knew we had to be on our way to lecture to the first

school, so I reluctantly exited the pool, shivering in that cold air. I called to Nebil "Come out, we need to be on our way." But Nebil did not want to leave that lukewarm pool, replying to me, "Miller Brother, it's cold out there, and this pool feels so good."

"Nebil," I said, "just listen to yourself. You sound just like the lukewarm Christians of the period of Laodicea; now maybe you will understand how a 'hot' Christian, can become a 'lukewarm' Christian."

Nebil quickly came out of that lukewarm pool.

O Saint of Albany! What about you? Are you and your faith in Christ hot? Then God bless you. Have you grown cold in your faith? Then seek to become hot! Or are you living the *Laodicean Syndrome*: not hot, not cold, but lukewarm? And if you are lukewarm, are you then a part of a lukewarm church in Albany? I ASK YOU, IS OUR ALBANY CHURCH LUKEWARM?

Peace be unto you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

***Barnabas,
Son of Consolation***

*Worship services
will be held at
the church on
Feb. 17*

Editor's Note



Prayers
Requested
Praises
Offered

Health & Healing
For:

Hazel Unterseher
Cory Bronson
Ed Kahn

I have had reaffirmed in the past month that I cannot be all things to all people; I cannot even be all things to some people, nor is it my responsibility to complete other individuals. I may not have the knowledge, the energy, the strength or the abilities to fulfill your needs, but **I am enough**. I am enough for God, & I claim His love for me, as I am, and for the person I am because of Him. My goal is to be true to that person He wants me to be, to share His love and to attend to the tasks He sets before me, trusting in His strength and His plan.

That being said, I will not be stagnant, because enough today will not be enough next week. I will cherish moments of silence, so that I can hear His still, small voice. I will hold dear the moments of communication with my Jesus, so that I can discern His path for me. I will value the blessing of music that lifts my heart to the heavens, and fills me with joy. The growth may not be discernable to me, or to you, from day to day, but I have committed to it, & His promises are sure, and growth will happen. I want Him to expand my hori-

zons so that I see Him in new places and in new ways.

I will strive to have a Teflon surface when the devil attempts to throw guilt trips my way, when he attempts to load me up with difficulties and dilemmas that threaten to overwhelm me...until I turn them over to my constant and best Support, Jesus. The solutions that He works out are far and away better than anything that I could think of. I need to remember that.



CVCS 60th Anniversary Celebration: Feb. 17, 2018

10am - Sabbath

Schools - We have classes available for all ages. The adult class will be led by Pastor Chuck Burkeen.

11am - Church - We will be lead in worship by a variety of past and current students and faculty. The message will come from Pastor Dan Linrud. (The current student body at CVCS will be providing the special music during the

church service.)

LUNCH! - A haystacks (glorified nachos) lunch will be provided and served following the church service. Birthday cake will be included too!

A Time to Fellowship - The school will remain open for the afternoon for anyone who wishes to sit in classrooms and reminisce, share stories, or to catch up with old friends.

6:30pm - Food Fair and Dessert (Silent) Auction

- Come and enjoy some wonderful food and win a dessert or two from the auction. Admission is FREE and dinner & dessert are available for purchase. **(*We can accept cash, check, and credit/debit cards)**

Colorado Homestead

By Wayne Clark

It was Monday, March 16, 1902, a beautiful spring morning that made Ernie question the move to Colorado. But the doctor had advised Ernie to move to a drier climate for his tuberculosis. The covered wagon was loaded with all their belongings, Ned and Blacky were hitched and ready to go. Ernie, Pearl and four-month old Nellie were seated in the wagon.

“Ned, Blacky, get-up”, Ernie commanded and away they tearfully went on life’s next big adventure. The next two days went quite smoothly as they followed the North Platte River making it quite easy to find water to wash diapers for baby Nellie. Pearl was well able to nurse Nellie making it unnecessary to bring a cow on the trip. The wagon trail was quite easy to follow since many wagons had passed that way on their way to Oregon and California. Pearl and Ernie planned to spend the first Sabbath at the Barkley family homestead.

Nellie was running a fever that Sabbath and Ernie put his nursing skills to use but Nellie wasn’t responding and was weakening with time. Mrs. Barkley was a great help but was afraid that little Nellie wouldn’t survive the

trip to Yuma, Colorado.

“Ernie, I would advise you to stay with us until your baby gets better,” said Mr. Barkley. So it would be that the trip would be postponed for three weeks while Nellie recovered. Ernie and Pearl at last were back on the dusty wagon trail again headed west. The days were getting longer and traveling was going smoothly. Occasionally the Clarks would see an Indian camp but they were used to covered wagons passing by and caused no problem.

As the days went by, Ernie made plans for their homestead. Corn would grow well in the sandy soil in eastern Colorado and it became all that Ernie could talk about. Ned and Blacky plodded along day after day and finally Yuma could be seen on the western horizon. They were almost home.

It is Friday, May 1, 1903 as the Clark family covered wagon pulled onto the 160 acre homestead. At last they were home.

“Ernie, I think the house should be built over on that rise in the northeast corner of the place, what do you think?”

“Alright, Pearl, after the Sabbath I will start plowing sod for the

walls of the house, Ernie replied.

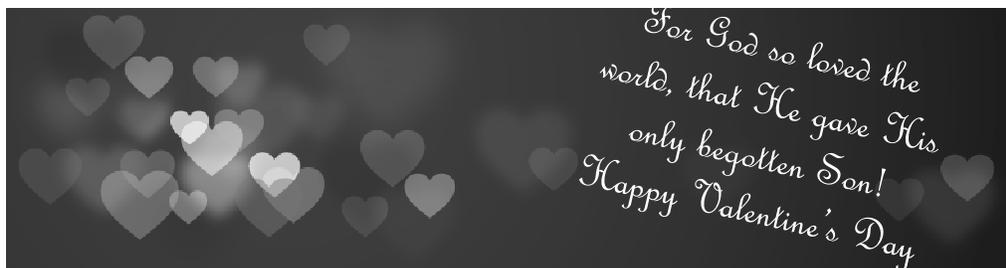
“Hello, neighbor, my name is John Hackett. I live just west of here and I want to be the first to welcome you to the neighborhood.” Ernie and Pearl had met their first neighbor. “Well, that’s right nice of you! My name is Ernest Clark and this is my dear wife Pearl; everyone calls me Ernie. Would you like a drink of water? That’s about all we have to offer right now.”

“Ernest, I mean Ernie, that would right nice. Actually, I’ve got to get going, you see tomorrow is the Bible Sabbath and I want to be back home so I can get a couple of things done before sundown.”

“What did you just say, John? Now you know the Sabbath was changed to Sunday”. Ernie responded.

“Ernie, I think it’s time for a short Bible study, my friend,” John returned.

Ernie burst out laughing. “Pearl, what do you think of this? We move 400 miles and the first person we meet is a Sabbath keeper. John, would you happen to be a Seventh-day Adventist?”



ALBANY SDA CHURCH

3085 Grand Prairie Rd SE
Albany, Oregon 97322
Phone: 541-928-9555
Church Secretary: Gloria Owen-Clarke

Pastor: Steve Behrman
E-mail: imthepastor@gmail.com
Phone: 541-926-5223
Head Elder: Curtis Miller
E-mail: curtnjoy@gmail.com
Phone: 541-990-2182



The **NEWSLINK EXPRESS** is published for friends and members of the Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church. Short articles and Letters to the Editor may be sent via postal service to: 3085 Grand Prairie Rd SE, Albany, Or 97322
OR e-mailed to (*preferred method of submission*) drjunior@peak.org

Copied material may be considered, **but original work is preferred.** Please do not submit copyrighted material unless you have the authority to do so.

Newslink editor: Jeanie Reed: ph-541-908-3098

Circulation & Distribution: Mary Gaslin

WANDERLUST GUIDE—My Montana Home

You may not think it attractive
My home in the cactus land;
And I think I can understand
That its beauty lies not in appearance;
In Montana, show is a sin.
To those who know it and love it
Its beauty comes from within.

And I prefer it, Stranger,
To the city with all of its show.
Some like the grandeur and glitter,
But to me it means only woe.
For I've felt the call of Montana,
That subtle, intangible call
Which, though no one can explain it,
In Montana is felt by all.

So I'd not give my home in Montana
For a palace in gay Patee.
For it holds tender memories, Stranger,
That are dearer than gold to me.
Should I leave it, I'll never forget it;
Fond memories will haunt me still.
I'll long for dear old Montana
And my home mid her changeless hills.

Montana forever and always;
No state but Montana for me.
I love her wide-open prairies,
Where life is wholesome and free.
I've felt the call and I've answered—
Montana has treated me square.
If you don't understand me, Stranger,
Then it's certain you've never been there.

