



Special points of interest:

- Church Board Meeting—May 8; 6:30 pm
- CVCS Spring Fundraiser—May 6 2-5 pm
- Mother's Day—May 13

May 2018

This is Our Story—Adventist Roots

By Irmgard Hooper

After Walter, the oldest of the Siemsen children, graduated from the eighth grade, he wanted to go to high school. But how to get to the high school in Roundup was a problem. They lived 13 miles from town; there was no way he could commute. They didn't even have a car at the time. So Herman and Auguste found a home in town where he could get his room and board and go to school.

One year, about 1925, Walter was boarding with the Goldbrands, a Baptist family. One Friday when Siemens were in town, they stopped at the Goldbrand's to take Walter home for the weekend. In the course of the conversation, Mrs. Goldbrand told them about a new preacher in town who was holding meetings in a big tent pitched behind the city hall. She also said that he was a very good preacher and the Siemens really should go to hear him. She and Walter had gone to several meetings, and Walter had been impressed too.

When Auguste asked what church the preacher represented, Mrs. Goldbrand said he was an 'Adventist'. That word rang a bell for Auguste, and she was quick to reply, "Oh, Advents! All they preach about is that Jesus is coming again, and they don't eat meat!" She was to find out that there was more to Adventism than that.

Eventually, the Siemens did go to a meeting. The young evangelist noticed the new faces in his audience and made it a point to speak to them and invite them back. He probably recognized Walter as having attended meeting before. (About all Irmgard could remember about the lectures is the pictures of the horrendous, ferocious-looking beasts, each succeeding one worse than the one before it. She and Hildegard, sitting on the front row, shivered and shook at the sight of them. They had never seen anything like THAT!)

The Siemens became very interested in the lectures and went again and again. Bible studies followed, and Auguste soon decided to follow the new teaching which, of course, involved Sabbath keeping; a few Sabbaths were carefully kept. Herman was not ready to take this step, and he succeeded in persuading Auguste to give up the whole idea.

To be continued



PASTOR LINK



THE ROLE OF MOTHERS AND THE WORK OF GOD

One of the most erudite, eloquent preachers to grace the pulpit in modern times is Charles D. Brooks. Brooks is a powerful evangelistic and television speaker who has blessed thousands if not millions. Elder Brooks has raised up numerous churches, is known to have baptized over 12,000 people into the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and has inspired many a religious gathering. C.D. Brooks is an ardent advocate of the Sabbath truth. Some of my own Sabbaths have been “blessed” by him. When asked which person, experience, book, or commentary had the greatest impact on his preaching, Brooks replied: “Believe it or not, my godly Mother, who now sleeps in Jesus, is the person who has had the most profound impact on my preaching.”

When I was about six months old God appeared to her as she laid on a hospital bed and told her that she should keep God’s commandments. When she asked the Lord which one she was not keeping, she was shown the fourth commandment. My mother lived to see me ordained to the Seventh-day Adventist gospel ministry, and I think of her every time I enter the baptistry to baptize someone. I am, by grace, and extension of my mother’s ministry.”

At least two observations seem appropriate from this testimony. The first is that God obviously wishes to promote the blessings to be found in keeping the Sabbath day holy with others in the world. He commissioned this very powerful preacher to do so in a very dramatic way and has so commissioned thousands of others. The second, though, is that God expects mothers (and fathers too, of course) to play a vital role in teaching the observance of the Sabbath, and, all religious privileges and duties.

The same is the case with my own mother and father, who consistently made the Sabbath special for our family and who instilled a deep love and joy for the Sabbath in their children. They taught us many principles from the Bible and the Red Books. In doing so they drew all of us closer to God and to his kingdom. Mothers have an incredibly sacred calling to teach spiritual values and to train gospel workers for all types of ministry. Think of the influence of a dedicated mother figure behind all the heroes of Scripture: The true mother of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam; Timothy; and of course, the mother of our Lord Jesus. Doubtless stories exist for Daniel, Elijah, Elisha, and many, if not all of the others.

Thank the Lord for godly mothers!

Pastor Steve

Please welcome new member
Philip Albrecht
To our Albany church family

A LETTER FROM BARNABAS

O Saints of Albany, peace and grace be unto you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In my epistle to you, I will mingle the secular with the sacred, but with more emphasis on the sacred.

I enjoy wholesome light classical music, without words. I enjoy country-western songs, such as sung by The Sons Of The Pioneers: Tumbling Tumble Weed, Cool Water, Empty Saddles In The Old Corral. I find much nostalgia in them, having been born in western Montana—"Big Sky Country."

But more often than not, I prefer music by the Songs of the SDA pioneers: CH 306—Draw Me Nearer To The Cross; 422—Marching To Zion; 424—Holy, Holy, Is What The Angels Sing; 432—Shall We Gather At The River; 489—Jesus Lover Of My Soul, (Ellen White's favorite hymn); 438—You Will See Your Lord A-Coming (a favorite of James White); 441—I Saw One Weary (poem by Annie Smith, set to music we can sing); and two of my very favorite hymns, which I had translated into Turkish, when I was a missionary in Turkey: 86—How Great Thou Art (Kudretlisin), and my most of all favorite,

435—The Glory Song (Bu Bir Izzet Verir Bana).

The Glory Song is very dear to me. Please thoughtfully read these words, just now:

When all my labors and trials are o'er

And I am safe on that beautiful shore,

Just to be near the dear Lord I adore

Will through the ages be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago

And here I think of my parents, a deceased wife, and others I truly miss, but will meet again on that great Resurrection Morn—may it be soon!

O Saint of Albany, I earnestly entreat you to choose your 'favorite hymn of the Adventist pioneers', and sing it each day, upon awakening, then have your private time of prayer and Bible study.

As you contemplate your favorite "Song of the Adventist Pioneers," I share with you my current every-morning Song of the Adventist Pioneers—308, Wholly Thine. This hymn was truly written by an Adventist Pioneer: F. E. Belden, a nephew of Ellen White:

"I would be, dear Savior, wholly thine;

Teach me how;

I would do Thy will, O Lord, not mine;

Help me, help me now.

Wholly Thine, wholly Thine

Wholly Thine, this is my vow;

Wholly Thine, wholly Thine, Wholly Thine, O Lord, just now."

O Saint of Albany! Sing the Songs of the Adventist Pioneers, as we prepare to meet our Lord Jesus—may it be soon!

I commend to you, for this very day that you read this, words of wisdom from our own Adventist Pioneer, Ellen White:

What is God's command to me?

And what is His promise to me?

Knowing these, I shall obey the one

And trust the other.—DA p96

O Saint of Albany, peace and grace be unto you, in the name of our Father, and of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

Your brother,
Barnabas,
Son of Consolation



Editor's Note



**Prayers
Requested
Praises
Offered**
**Church leaders
Health & Healing
For:**
Mary Lynn Worrell
Cory Bronson
Parnell Person
Barbie Guth
Wayne Clark
Izella Stuivenga
Paul Genstler, Sr
Cathy Jenson

Medicare is in the process of revamping their Medicare number system—and Oregon residents get to be among the first to be involved!

No longer will your Medicare number be based on your—or anyone else's—Social Security number. If you already have a Medicare number, you will get a replacement Medicare card, with your new number, in the mail. Best practice would dictate that when this arrives, you sign it immediately, shred your old card, and put your new

one in your wallet. Because this new number is not based on your SSN, you can safely carry this card with you without fear of identity theft, should it be dropped or lost. *(This is a big reason for this change.)*

If you are just now applying for Medicare benefits, your assigned number will NOT be based on your SSN. If you have elected to receive benefits through an HMO organization, rather than directly from Medicare, you will still be issued a new Medicare number. The red-white-blue card

will still come to you in the mail. Be sure that you keep it with your records—don't toss it away.

The new number has 11 digits, with a random mix of alpha and numeric characters. The card will look the same as your old one, with your name and information about your specific coverage. You will need to make sure that your medical care providers get a copy of your new card by the end of this calendar year, as they will need to use it for billing in 2019.



May Birthdays

1 Jinka McGill
Don DeVinney
Litzzy Martinez
2 Jim Carpenter
5 Toni Hall
7 Candace Schult
9 Jeanie Reed
10 Pedro Moreno

Rebecca Hutchings
12 Christy Wolfe
13 Bruce Johnson
Cathy Jenson
19 Marla Heinrich
21 Diana Webber
22 Kathy Avery
24 Roger Heinrich

25 Sharon Johnson
27 Elaina Mendoza
28 Brady Heinrich
29 Darlene Clark
30 John Moreno

Church Board Minutes April 10, 2018

Members present (12) Pastor Behrmann, Dan Baldwin, Frances Carpenter, Mary Gaslin, Marla Heinrich, Cathy Jenson, Alvin Kosaka, Elaine Marshall, Curtis & Joy Miller, David Ortiz, Jeanie Reed

Members absent (8) Bob Avery, Steve Brown, Jose Camarillo, Wayne Clark, Jim Clewell, Roger Heinrich, Dan Jolliffe, Ron Worrell

DEVOTION/PRAYER

Curtis Miller read from book Desire of Ages

CLERK'S REPORT

VOTED to accept board meeting minutes from March 13, 2018 meeting

NAMES TRANSERS

None this month

TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTED to accept Financial statements from February and March 2018

Marla indicated she had to take \$ 1013.79 from Church Reserve funds to cover February costs

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHURCH CARPET

Steve Behrmann

VOTED to select a new committee to cover this issue.

VOTED committee members Tom Avery, Darlene Clark, Alvin Kosaka, Jeanie Reed and Ken

Settlemier

VOTED name for Committee "INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE"

VOTED CHAIRMAN

Alvin Kosaka Alvin Declined chairman

VOTED CHAIRMAN

Ken Settlemier

2. CHURCH HYMNALS

Jeanie Reed

Color maroon is not available. Only Black or Brown available

VOTED to order 60 color Brown

3. DISPOSAL OF OLD

CHURCH HYMNALS (In classroom cupboard)

VOTED To place on mission table for members to take, balance to be taken to Camp Meeting and put on FREE table

4. CHURCH SECRETARY REMUNERATION

VOTED to give her flowers and "Chamber Bucks Certificate" for \$200.00 from Care Funds

on Secretary's Day April 24

NEW BUSINESS

1. ADDITION TO BOARD OF ELDERS

VOTED to ask Ken Settlemier to serve as Elder till end of church year (June thru September)

2. FELLOWSHIP MEALS DURING SUMMER MONTHS

VOTED to limit Fellowship Meals to 2 per month, 2nd & 4th Sabbath, from June – September

Elaine in charge second week and Mary Gaslin in charge fourth week.

3. HYMNALS FOR SPANISH

They have requested one copy with music and 20 copies words only

VOTED to purchase Spanish Hymnals as requested

Jeanie will place the orders

VOTED to fund hymnal purchases from Sabbath School Expense Funds

4. MILLION PENNIES COLLECTION

Curtis has contacted two areas to donate to, no concrete response.

VOTED to donate to Suzy Baldwin, Benin Project, through Adventist Frontier

Missions

5. CUTTING BOARD for Tom Avery

Thank you for many services to Albany Church.

Marla will follow up on this, funds from Care Funds

6. SECURITY RAIL

VOTED to refer to Interior Design Committee

7. ACCOUSTICAL TILE FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL Alvin Kosaka

Has obtained bid from several companies. Circulated a sample & fabrics from one company

That company's bid was for \$4310 plus approximately \$500 shipping. **VOTED** authorizing Alvin

to go ahead with the project Funds from the Memorial Fund

8. CHURCH POLICY REGARDING USE/LOAN OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Copy of written policy given each present. **VOTED** to accept new policy, which restricts outside

Use of church equipment/property to school activities only.

9. ASSISTANT CHURCH TREASURER

Treasurer has requested an additional assistant

VOTED Roger Heinrich to be an Assistant Treasurer

10 FUNDS FOR BIG LAKE YOUTH CAMP

VOTED funds for Tristan Fenton to attend camp.

Church cost \$120.00, Conference pays 1/3. Family 1/3, Church 1/3

11 GARBAGE RECEPTACLE Alvin Kosaka

VOTED to put receptacle behind the fence, Alvin will put out Mondays for pickup.

INFORMATION ONLY Dan Baldwin indicated we do have a direct connection to a Fire Alarm and a backup battery is included

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Dave Ortiz

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WANDERLUST GUIDE

By Jeanie Reed

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31, 175 verses, 1189 chapters and 66 books; the longest chapter is the 119th Psalm, the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm the middle verse is the 8th verse of Psalm 118, The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word 'and' occurs 46, 627 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 2 Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther, the shortest is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of John. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the only one of the entire collection with contains every letter but one of the English alphabet. The word Lord, or its

equivalent, Jehovah, occurs 7698 times in the Old Testament; or, to be more exact, the word Lord occurs 1853 times and Jehovah 5845 times. The word God does not appear in the book of Esther, but there is WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, HOLINESS AND LOVE in every chapter of the entire work.

Why, you ask, is this information in this section of this newsletter?

Because each of us is intrigued by different types of tidbits—and some of us like numbers, and facts.

Recently, our daughter, whose SS class is studying the book of Esther, was intrigued by

the discussion and information that she gained regarding the actual nature of Haman's death—it's not what we would expect from the word 'hanged'.

So I hope that this slightly different approach to the Biblical tome may send you to its holy pages, to wander, and peruse, and gain encouragement and strength—and get to know its Author in a personal way.

