



Special points of interest:

- Elder's meeting—Aug 6, 630 p.m.
- Outdoor Church with Lebanon church—Aug 21

August 2018

TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT A CALL TO SERVE

-"It's time for the people of God to work! The world is the field of our work, and we must strive to give the last message of mercy to the world."--Ellen G. White

The initiative of **TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT** follows the commission of Jesus so that each believer "goes to the whole world.

More than simply a call to serve, this book presents simple and practical ways for each member to enlist as a worker for God, whether it is on the other side of the ocean or on the other side of the street.

-Join with your church to commit wholeheartedly with your personal participation in this global movement that will lead to the soon return of Christ .

Train Up a Child

This is the legacy of two people from different parts of the world who met, fell in love and spent the next 70 years under one roof. Both mom and dad learned early on what buttons to push on each other and which ones to leave alone. I remember so few disagreements between them when I was growing up that I can't think of anything worth bringing up. They taught us children by example how to get along with others. I know personally that I benefitted greatly from their wisdom which influenced in my relationship with my dear wife Darlene.

As well as teaching us how to get along with our spouses, they taught us the value of a strong work ethic which has carried on through our adult lives. I still think of how our mom cooked our meals on the old wood stove and warmed up bath water on the cookstove. When there was a need for an extra hand in the field, she would work along-side the men and then an hour before lunch time go to the house and prepare the noon meal for the crew. When the meal was ready she would go outside and stand where we could see her and

by Wayne Clark

wave a towel to let everyone know we should come to the house. My dad took me out to the outhouse in the middle of cold nights and then would stand guard outside the door to protect me from the evil things lurking in the darker part of my imagination. I remember mom and dad watching over me and going without sleep to help me through all of the childhood diseases that came my way.

In the early years the farmland was covered with sage brush. Winter days would find the whole family out in the field grubbing out sage



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Preparing for the Seal

Since about half our normal attendance were present for a message I gave on July 28, I am choosing to share a quote with the rest of you who were away with summer activities. Following is the quote we considered with the group gathered in the sanctuary:

What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth—these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.

The comments continue:

Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour. 5T 216

Now is the time to prepare. Now is the time to learn to know Jesus personally and experientially. We live in serious times, and this requires serious measures, does it not?

May God bless each person, each family, even our entire church body, so that we will learn to reflect His character more perfectly to others.

Pastor Steven

Train up, continued

brush roots and loading the horse drawn wagon with brush which was then hauled to the house where it was unloaded to be used later for heating and cooking fuel. At other times the sagebrush was piled up in the corner of the field to dry and then burned as a huge bonfire. The cows were milked by hand in the corner of the pasture and later on in a crude barn. Irrigation was done with a shovel and

the farm work was done with teams and horse drawn machinery.

A few years later when there was money to buy a tractor how thrilled our folks were when the shiny John Deere tractor was unloaded on the county road in front of the house. I couldn't stand it until I got to take my turn driving it. I still have many fond memories of the days of horse farming.

I remember how much I disliked milking by hand but looking back now, I realize that had we not milked by hand I would have missed out on the quality time spent with my dad. I was surprised when I realized that few kids my age had to get up early in the morning and do chores before school. It was my job to milk three or four of the more gentle cows while Dad milked a dozen or so. In the

Editor's Note



**Prayers
Requested
Praises
Offered~
Nominating
Committee
Jan Forrester
Dan Reed**

Health & Healing

For:

**Denise Cashen &
her son, Chris
Izella Stuivenga
Parnell and Tudy
Person**

Musings from the editor's journal—May 24:

“It was impressed on me again that Jesus was a student and scholar of the Scriptures and He was very aware of the prophecies concerning Himself. Even in all His physical and emotional agony of the cross—at the cross—during the weekend of death —He knew certain things must take place in order that the prophecies be fulfilled. He stated for

Train up, cont.

winter the animals had to be fed from the hay stack and silage made from chopped green hay or corn which was preserved in a pit. During the summer months Dad would rise early in the morning and do the irrigation, he referred to it as “Tending water”, in the fields and then bring the cows in from the pasture, then come to the house and awaken the rest of the family so we all could help with the morning chores. Break-

the fulfilling of prophecy in Psalms, “I am thirsty’.

To clarify for us His purpose, His rightness in His accepted and assigned role in the universe of Savior—He was mindful of the prophecies.

Interestingly, those who didn’t know the prophecies, those from Rome’s government and military, also acted to fulfill prophecy.

Those that threw dice at His feet, the one who

fast wasn’t put on the table until all the morning chores were completed. This routine was necessary for a couple of reasons: #1 is that the cows are creatures of habit and needed to be milked at the same time each morning and evening. The second reason being that the milk truck arrived to take the milk to the creamery at a given time each morning and the milking had to be completed

pierced Him in the side—they fulfilled prophecy to highlight His right-ness for His accepted role. He died quickly—as crucifixion deaths went—and His death was not hastened by the breaking of bone.

What an incredible plan of saving grace—what a loving Savior we have. Jesus, help me to accept Your sacrifice, Your victories and Your strength so that I can share You effectively with others.”



before his arrival.

Each one of us have memories of how we were encouraged when we moved out into the world and started our own families. Looking back I know that our first faltering attempts at adulthood were just that—“faltering”—but mom and dad kept their thoughts to themselves and let us find our own way. We could not have asked

August-September Birthdays

1. Paul Genstler Sr
4 Genevieve Baldwin
7. Vickie Johnson
8. Vonda Fairchild
9 David Anselmo
10 Kaden Fairchild
13 Jan Myers
Lee Kim

14 Maureen McCree
17 Cody Bowman
Angie Conroy
20 Lenora Clewell
David Bolden
Mary Gaslin
21 Lillian Carlson
26 Jan Forrester

28 Irene Tribble
Ron Worrell
Simon Anselmo
SEPTEMBER
2 Annalisa Kim
4 Kylie Carpenter
6 Bonnie Hoots
Amy McConnell

A Letter from Barnabas

To all the Saints who are in Albany, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In my last letter to you I told you of a beautiful legend concerning John, the "Apostle of Love" wherein his last words to his "disciples were, "My little children love one another."

O Saint of Albany, I declare to you that LOVE is the ranking attribute of God. His love transcends all other characteristics of God as evidenced by these words of Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16 O hear, O heed, these inspired words of John:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God . . . In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."—I John 4:7-11

The word "love" appears 310 times in the King James Bible, 348 times in the New American Standard Bible, 551 times in the New International Version and 538 times in the New Revised Standard Version. The ex-

tremely varied numbers for the usage of the word "love" are due in part to translation. Thus, you can see love is one of the most important words in God's word.

I solemnly urge you to read, then reread these words of our Lord:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."—John 13:34

Now, take time (adequate time, please) to think about two questions:

1) How much has Christ loved *YOU*? I, Barnabas, know that my Lord loved me so much, He came all the way from heaven to earth to personally die for me. Now, if *THAT* isn't love, then heaven is a myth.

2) O Saint of Albany, *do you love each of your fellow church members in Albany as Christ has loved you?*

Fellow Saint, let us continue. You likely remember a Jewish lawyer's question to Jesus, in Matthew 22:35-40:

"Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is *the* first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

I ask myself and I ask you to ask yourself: What would it be like to worship in the Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church if we really and truly *lived* what we say we *believe* (practice what we

preach, so to speak) and love one another as our Lord has loved us?

What would our church be like if we loved each other as we love ourselves?

Please take time during this coming week to meditate upon these words of Christ, then pray about these words, then let us put into practice what we preach.

As a church we teach and preach time is short. We believe Christ is coming soon. O fellow Saint of Albany, I challenge US to live what we teach and preach, by loving one another as Christ has loved us.

A word about "preaching." As Adventists we have accepted Christ's commission, to preach the gospel. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations and then the end will come."—Matthew 24:14. I posit to you that there is one other criteria we must accomplish; it comes to us through divine inspiration from God's latter-day messenger: "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His Church [this includes our church O Saint of Albany]. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."—*Christ's Object Lessons p. 69*

*Now, may the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you now,
Your brother,
Barnabas, Son of Consola-*

ALBANY SDA CHURCH BOARD/BUSINESS MEETING

July 10, 2018

Members present (29) Pastor Behrmann, Bob & Kathy Avery, Wayne & Darlene Clark, Mary Gaslin, Cathy Jenson, Alvin & Erlinda Kosaka, Elaine Marshall, Curtis & Joy Miller, Dan & Jeanie Reed, Ken & LeeAnne Settlemier, John Stitzel, Jack Mason, Gloria Owen, Lillian Carlson, Bobbi Snyder, Ron Forrester, Pat McQueen, Paul Severance, Darrell, Geraldine & Paul Jr Genstler, Rebekah Hutchings, Marla Edwards

DEVOTIONAL/PRAYER

Curtis Miller

Referred to "Upper Room Experience", prayed for Church Unity

BUSINESS MEETING Presiding-Pastor Behrmann

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ERROR IN ELECTION OF TWO INTERIOR DECORATING COMMITTEES

a. June 13, 2017 the Church in a Business Meeting elected the original committee of 7 members

Two of the 7 withdrew their names immediately. Several others resigned later. No committee meetings were held.

B April 10, 2018 . The Church Board Voted to select a new Interior Decorating Committee without officially disbanding the old committee. A church member formally notified the Board by letter that this action was not according to protocol.

"Business Meeting actions cannot be eliminated/or replaced without action at a Business Meeting"

VOTED to abolish the original committee.

VOTED to endorse/accept the newly appointed committee which consists of Ken Settlemier, Chair Person, Alvin Kosaka, Tom Avery, Jeanie Reed and Joy Miller.

Vote on both motions was unanimous.

2. DISCUSSION ON ACTIONS BY NEW INTERIOR DECORATING COMMITTEE Ken Settlemier

--Ken reminded the church he will be here to officiate as Committee Chairman or member only till September 15th. Much discussion followed about how/when to replace him when he leaves.

--**VOTED** not to replace him as chair until shortly before he leaves, but early enough to allow time for a replacement to be selected and orient that person.

Discussed possibility of need to have fund raiser so as not to deplete presently available funds

No official action taken at this time

3. UPDATE ON PROGRESS BY COMMITTEE Ken Settlemier

Listed order for various changes to take place

1. FELLOWSHIP HALL/KITCHEN/BACK HALLWAY

— Floor covering to be Vinyl. Base board will be rubber. To be started on July 23.

2. FOYER/HALL/TAPE ROOM/LIBRARY/BIBLE WORKER'S ROOM carpet installed

3. PEWS

Out August 1, approximately 3 weeks to complete re-covering

4. CARPET ORDERED

The carpet for the sanctuary is scheduled to be shipped August 15, approximately 5 days delivery time. This does not affect the rest of the floor covering

5. MISC INFORMATION

- Need to have another Work Bee
Carpet color grey
Pews burgundy, small pattern

Platform to have 6 inch steps, 3 risers, 14 ½ inch deep

Platform steps by piano to have risers four inches or less

Railings will be added on steps at the sides of platform and the steps by the piano

Piano and organ to be on main floor level

Railing around piano/organ removed

Choir risers to be removed

Floor covering and rubber base samples were shown to members.

The Design/Decorating Committee is not planning any more major purchases until funds are raised to cover costs. Finance Committee to discuss raising funds.

BUSINESS MEETING OFFICIALLY ENDED **CHURCH BOARD MEETING SESSION BEGAN** **NAME TRANSFERS**

Krintin Reiswig from Albany to Medford Church

Tami & Ruby Schult from Albany to Lebanon Church

VOTED to honor these requests

GUEST SPEAKER SCHEDULED

Mike Tucker tentatively scheduled for 2020. He is with Faith for Today. Cost and details to be worked out

HEAD DEACON REPORT ON THINGS NEEDING REPAIRING

Alvin Kosaka
a. Has contacted contractors for bid about replacing fascia boards

To inquire about options, wood/metal, etc.

b. Fellowship Hall walls not covered by sound panels need to be painted.

VOTED authorization for Alvin to purchase what paint is necessary to complete job. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Ken Settlemier

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WANDERLUST GUIDE

By Jeanie Reed

Oregon's waterfalls and beaches are some of its most incredible natural wonders. What could be better than a hike that includes both? Check out this beautiful spot on the coast that offers stunning ocean views, sea caves, and a pretty waterfall.

Hug Point State Park is located just a few miles south of Cannon Beach, in the northern portion of the Oregon coast. The park covers 42.5 beautiful acres, and it's just begging to be explored.

The state park offers day use access and has picnic tables and restrooms available. Park in the large lot; there's no fee to visit!

It's a short, easy stroll down to the beach, and about a half-mile hike

north to the waterfall and caves.

Hug Point is only accessible during low tide, so check the tide charts before heading out.

You'll hike along a narrow path that hugs the cliffs, which is how Hug Point got its name. Before the highway was built, this trail was once used by stagecoaches, and you can still see the grooves in the rock left by their wheels.

As you come around the cliffs, you'll catch your first glimpse of the pretty waterfall, as well as two sea caves cut into the rock.

During the summer, the flow of the falls is just a trickle down the rocks; later in the year, you'll find an impressive cascade of water

flowing down onto the beach.

During low tide, this beach is just begging to be explored. You'll also want to leave plenty of time to check out the sea caves that have been carved out by centuries of water.

Tide pools abound, offering up treasures that are hidden during high tides. You'll find several kinds of sea anemones, sea urchins, hermit crabs, and even tiny fish in these pools.

During high tide, this beach transforms into a very different place and if you're not careful, you can become stranded. So practice 'Safe Beaching' and keep your eye on that water level!