Getting to Know You —
Char Herman

When asking Char how long her and her husband had been married, she replied they had been together for 70 years from the time they met until he went to sleep in Jesus. She then proceeded to give a history of their wonderful ventures together.

Char grew up in Battle Creek, MI where the world famous sanitarium was located. She graduated from the academy and began working in the laundry of this Battle Creek health mecca. She remembers seeing John H. Kellogg riding his bike in his white suit. She goes off to Madison College in Nashville, TN. The college was written about in the Reader’s Digest where Jim’s father read about it and discovered the seventh-day Sabbath, country living, unclean foods, etc. He moved his family to the country (Cambridge, a coal mining area) where he worked. He sent Jim and Jim’s older brother, Russell, to Madison College. Jim worked on the school farm learning with the other boys and eventually became boss. He was there a year before Char came. She earned her way largely through her work at the laundry. One day while working at the college laundry, this young man came in and left his laundry but he did not leave. He invited her to a farm hayride. Char had been praying that the Lord would send her a good husband. He helped her off the farm wagon and shortly thereafter, they started “going together.” A friend told Jim that he should get married because two could live cheaper than one. So they did, but then Jim got drafted. When the war was over, Jim returned to Madison. They had two little boys. They finished college and left the area after graduating in 1948. This move marked the beginning of the Adventist Movement for this young family as follows:

Escondido, CA – Jim partners in the dairy business but decided that wasn’t what he wanted to do;
Lodi, CA – Jim worked at the academy in the educational system and stayed there several years; (Sidebar by Lorna: Char as girls’ dean because she was my mom’s dean during my mom’s junior and senior years of academy!)
Woodland, CA – Jim goes back to school to keep his GI bill benefits and works at the VA hospital while Char teaches school; not a good situation as they never saw each other;
Tracy, CA – they loved it here and the boys (8 & 9) learn how to work some big equipment
Lodi, CA – Jim fills in as a teacher Carmichael, CA – Jim works at the junior academy for several years and they buy their first house; boys have a paper route and here they welcome their girl, Jeannie, and little boy, Gary, to their family.
Madison, TN – works at the college but it closes while they are there;
Baton Rouge, LA – discover a big cultural difference but adjust; Jim teaches here and Jeannie graduates. Jim did not want to send her away to academy so he inquires about a principal job in Gentry;

Gentry, AR – This was a beautiful area and Jim helps renovate the elementary school;
Minneapolis, MN – Don Schneider asks Jim to come there but he says “no.” Gets a second call and says “no.” Jim and Char put out their fleece if another call comes, they will accept. It comes in that day and they go.
Harvey ND – educational buildings need renovated so they go, but church members are undecided about what to do and they change principals three times so Jim gets another call;
Miami, FL – They loved living here and later while living there, Jim is asked to pastor a few small churches. Colledale, TN – Jim gets ordained and after pastoring several churches, retires, moving to NC.

During this journey, they have their four children, 12 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren. Char praises the Lord for the fulfilling life they had and now resides at Ridge Rest.
Pastoral Committee ~ Meets Weekly
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Deaconess: Donna Cantrell
Greeters: Nathan Green
Building Committee: Curt Watkins
Community Services: Lorna Dever
Communications: Lorna Dever
Alberto Alvarez, Assistant Elder
Sabbath School: Terry Bantz
Pathfinder: Paul Witt
Adventures: Sara Wolff
Children’s Ministries: Kari Owens
Jonathan Rowe, Assistant
Music Ministry: Sarah Rowe
Worship Committee: Pastor Bran
Fellowship Dinners: Robin Shepard
Audio Visual: Ronnie Hartwell
Library: Wanangwa Hartwell
George Kim, Elder
Family Ministries:
Jeff & Jenny Sossong
Health & Temperance: Bev Cook
Social committee: Deb Grant
Womens Ministries: Vicki Hillmon

Elders ~ Meets Monday day before Church Board
Head Elder: Ted Coles
Assistant Head Elders:
Alberto Alvarez, Jonathan Rowe
Elders: George Kim, Wally McDaniel,
Michael Wolff
Honorary Elders: Earl Hornbeck,
Dr. John Oliver

Wally McDaniel, Elder
Home & School: Sara Wolff
Generous Living:
Bantz, McDaniel, Peden
Benevolent Committee:
Wally McDaniel

Michael Wolff, Elder
Evangelism: Desiree Magnant
Changing Lives Mom’s Group:
Desiree Magnant
Kingdom Kids: Sara Wolff
Mens Ministry: Gary Hillmon

Dr. Earl Hornbeck, Honorary Elder
Dr. John Oliver, Honorary Elder
Thrift Store: Chet Cook
Senior Ministries: Peden, Powell
Religious Liberty:
Metodi & Katarina Ikonomov
Share Thy Bread: Bev Cook

Juliana Wolff~ The moon went in front of the Sun and it was amazing! I really liked it.

Cactusville VBS Wrap-up
Desirée Magnant

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of the church members that made Cactusville 2017 possible this summer.

The church rallied together to offer the children a clear understanding of how they are CALLED TO SERVE!

Attendance at the VBS event this summer included 53 total children, with an average nightly attendance of 33 children. 63% of attendees were from the community. Thank you for being a light to our community with your donation of time, resources and funds!

Hey! My name is Steve (Milks). I saw the solar eclipse. I thought it was pretty cool. I also had a welding helmet and I thought that it looked pretty cool through those.

Calling ALL Men!
Gary Hillmon

Remember our Men’s Ministry Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at TJ’s Cafe (Blueberry Pancakes!) at 456 S Trade Street in Tryon. This is located across the street from Nature’s Storehouse. Be sure and attend this breakfast because we have some important issues and decisions to make. Questions? Call Gary Hillmon at 828-748-1716.

Victoria (Wolff) ~ We ate chips and chocolate and the eclipse was cool.

Bev Cook ~ Surreal, awesome, eerie, unbelievable... these were a few of the exclamations one could hear on Monday, August 21, during the once-in-a-lifetime event for most that attended the total solar eclipse. There were ten of us members gathered at Bob & Myrna Esh’s house in Simpsonville SC anticipating a grand event and not a soul was disappointed. As 1:38 pm drew near, we stared at each other commenting “Is it getting darker? Look at the shadows. The sun is almost completely covered.” Yes, it started getting both cooler and darker as 1:38 pm was upon us. Then we heard some crickets, next cicadas, then a few stars showed up, some dusk-to-dawn lights snapped on, the birds stopped their singing. We were in full-blown totality for 2.5 minutes. No need for glasses at this point; we could look directly into the heavens and see the shining circle of pulsating white light. It was a sacred moment in time. We wished it would stay this way a bit longer as we again looked at each other in almost disbelief as to what we were experiencing. All too soon, we were taken back into reality... nature resumed its afternoon stance along with heat and light. Shortly later all of us returned to our normal routines, but I dare say none of us will forget 1:38 pm on August 21, 2017!
Involvement with children, I still recommend taking this training. It does not hurt to be knowledgeable and to be on guard – To know how to spot the signs of child abuse/neglect. Our children are precious, and the more eyes and ears looking out for them the better!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am glad to help! In addition I have a list of everyone that has been trained with either screening company, in case you are wondering when you are needing to renew your certification.

Thank you!
Kari Owens
Ph. 828-289-8788
Email: ko@carolinaproperties.com

Nutritional Shopping Tour
Upcoming Event

Join Terri Edwards for an interactive group tour of a local grocery store to learn to find products, read labels, and make healthier purchases for you and your family.

Tour is two hours and is free. A love offering can be given. Space is limited to seven per tour so spots must be reserved in advance.

Tour date is Monday, September 18, 6 - 8 p.m. at Ingles in Landrum, SC.

Contact Terri, terri@eatplant-based.com or 828/863-4231 (leave message) for questions and to register.

Missionaries to Turkey

The Browns continue to make new friends in Turkey. Recently, they discovered a Turkish young man at the university who surprisingly was not Muslim, but Christian. Trey asked why he didn't join them in their worship group on Saturday and he simply replied, "because I was never invited."

They were so happy this young man showed up to worship with them. And then the next few Sabbaths they had two more visitors who came at the invitation of the university students. After praying together, one young man said, "Now I see you guys are normal, study the Bible, and pray just like we do in the other Protestant churches."

Praise the Lord, the Browns have found an apartment they would like to purchase. The building is located on the edge of the city and is surrounded by sunflower fields and quiet space. The purchasing process has begun, and they are seeking our prayers as it is finalized as there are risks for property deals turning out to be scams.

As they are still learning many rules and regulations, they are praying that everything will be clear and go smoothly.

The Browns recently spent a week in Spain attending the European Youth Congress in Valencia. Nearly 4,000 young adults showed up, and the place was filled with activities. There was a long hall filled with exhibits representing everything from individual countries to organizations such as ADRA, Newbold College, the list goes on. Among those booths was one put up by Adventist Frontier Missions and run by their field directors. What a blessing it was to assist them and spend their week talking with young adults about missions and encouraging them to serve. Throughout the week there were morning and evening talks in the main auditorium followed by breakout sessions during the day covering various topics.

Continue to pray for the Browns and support them financially if the Lord leads you. We will continue with their experiences in future newsletters.

I’m Mrs. Green. We had some fun foods to go with our solar eclipse party yesterday. Some of the things that the students got to enjoy were some Star Fruit, Sunny D to drink, Solar Eclipse donuts from Krispy Kreme, Star Crunches, and Cosmic Brownies to go along with our theme. The students had a great time watching the solar eclipse and enjoying the food.

My name is James (Carruth). I saw a solar eclipse. The helmet was way better than the glasses. It was very cool to see the moon go in front. It was very dark. I enjoyed the dessert to.

Lemeul (Milks) ~ I wore glasses and used a helmet, also. I liked it better.
Isn’t it fun to think about God pouring joy into our lives?
Imagine yourself with a water pitcher in hand, pouring out . . . out . . . out covering everything in sight.
The Lord wants us, through the power of the Spirit, to overflow. to bubble over.
To experience not just joy, but hope – a benefit of joy.
Today, as you spend time in prayer, allow God to saturate you with His joyous hope.
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13
Practical Sustainable Living Seminars are coming to the Tryon SDA Church on September 16 & 17! The program will start at the 11 a.m. service on Sabbath and will continue from 2 - 4 p.m. that afternoon. On Sunday the program will also be a community outreach event and will go from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch on Sunday!

These seminars are presented by Craig and Nancy Meissner, and the Sabbath seminars will give the spiritual foundation for balanced preparation. The practical seminars on Sunday will feature multiple sessions on topics such as “Sabbath Secret,” “Adding SUSTAINABLE to Preparedness,” “Solar Made Simple,” “Independent Water Systems,” “Heating with Wood–Safely!,” “Gardening Tips & Tools and Canning with Confidence,” and live demos showing Artisan Bread Making and canning.

Whether for ice storms, hurricanes or other natural disasters, further economic disruption, terrorist attacks or power grid failures, it's only common wisdom to prepare so that one's family will be able to have water, heat and food – to not be in a dependent situation, hoping for someone else to provide for these vitally necessary things! These seminars will focus on how you can prepare now to provide these basic necessities for your family in an independent way, so that you can be part of the solution rather than part of the problem!

The renewable energy seminar provides valuable information about basic renewable energy systems – beginning with currently available fossil fuels if necessary, and moving step by step into renewable energy sources such as solar power. The presenters set up their home “off the grid” more than 14 years ago.

There are also seminars on heating with wood and setting up independent water systems that include many practical tips: Which are the best wood stoves, wood cook stoves, chain saws, firewood tools? What important safety measures should one practice? How could you deal quickly and effectively with a chimney fire? With independent water systems – How can you provide a reliable supply of clean water for your family, independent of the municipal systems and not dependent upon the power grid?

“Gardening Tips & Tools and Canning with Confidence” seminar takes food planning way beyond just growing a garden! This fast-paced overview includes many photos showing how to begin the transition that will enable you to eat fresh, store, and preserve your own delicious, nutritious food. Your family can not only survive but thrive during a crisis, when the grocery shelves are empty. Following this plan can also slash your food budget as a bonus, and could prove invaluable should a family’s income drop for any reason.

The Meissners use their experience of years of building, developing and living off the power grid to help others with the practical aspects of preparing a homestead that is capable of providing

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The seasons are beginning to change again! It seems like it was just Spring and we were concentrating on the events Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Over 60 folks attended the Community Leaders Breakfast and began the community conversation to help build a strong, supportive community to support Polk County’s children and families!

Our future relies on the healthy growth and development of today’s children. As adults we are responsible for ensuring all children have the safe, stable, nurturing, and healthy environments they need to thrive. When children have supportive, loving relationships with adults their brain architecture is built in a healthy way, forming a solid foundation for future growth and development.

As a follow-up to the community conversation, we will be screening the documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope and continue our call to action to improve health in Polk County. The 60-minute film directed by James Redford includes incredible data on cost savings, health impact and social impact numbers when Adverse Childhood Experiences is measured and/or trauma informed care is used.

Plan to participate in one of the screening opportunities!

Back by Popular Demand
Sustainable Preparedness Seminar

If you were here a few years ago, you will certainly remember a weekend seminar our church hosted for Craig and Nancy Meissner and their children, Nick & Lisa called Sustainable Preparedness. We are so excited to announce that they will be returning the weekend of September 16 - 17.

On Sabbath, they will speak at both the 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour and then again from 2 - 4 p.m.

On Sunday, their presentations will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch.

As a kid, I remember my parents taking my sisters and me to get in the path of totality to see the eclipse of March, 1970. The experience of that day has been a cherished memory, so I wanted to let Wanangwa and Ronnie have that same experience! My sister, Ronda, and Matthew Wellman joined us. We drove to Mountain Rest, SC. We found a quiet church parking lot and were able to enjoy it. What an awesome experience to enjoy the wonders of God’s nature! The day shall be etched in all of our memories!

My name is Joseph (Finch). Yesterday the moon came over to the sun. We had to wear these special glasses so we could see the moon in the Sun.

My name is Zachary (Haas-Peefer). I didn’t get to see the full solar eclipse, but it was very good.
Book Review
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

Every now and again one reads a book that leaves a lasting memory. That has happened to me numerous times, but one in particular was extraordinary in my opinion. No, it is not a SDA book, but impactful all the same. The name of it is Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus (an autobiography) by Nabeel Qureshi. It was so moving that after reading it, I searched the net for his speaking engagements and went and listened to this gentleman speak in Charlotte. Also, sensing a truly hungry Christian (now that he has been converted), I mailed him the hardback, pictorial Great Controversy. I pray God mightily moved upon his heart to read it.

Back to the book. Without giving the story away, it does open with a thorough visual of daily life growing up in a Muslim home. The interaction between family members and the close loving ties are emotionally moving.

The reader becomes a part of the family. Besides becoming acquainted with the family, Nabeel Qureshi (the author) also brings the reader into the daily, spiritual life including prayers, rituals and ceremonies, pilgrimages, traditions, the mindset, etc., of the Moslem faith. One learns about Sharia law, dreams, Muslim doctrine, etc., – none of it boring, all in the setting of the author’s family and friends. How the author is eventually introduced to Christianity, the people God brings into his life, college life and the four-year tug-a-war between truth and falsehood, the tough separation from faith and family, and eventually an unmistakable direct step-in by God Himself, keeps the reader with book in hand, laying aside other daily duties.

If you are looking for a book that is both educational, emotional, spiritual enlightening, and personal, look no further. Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus is the book you want to read. I read a digital version, but Polk County Library also has a hard copy.

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Prayer & Visitation List

Healing prayers needed for Carl Edney, Don Grant, Cody Heyer, Grace Kellogg, Jeannette Rogers.

Visits needed for Wally Ruck, Char Herman, Paul Sherer.

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CLMG Skytop Orchard Field Trip

Desirée Magnant

Skytop Orchard Changing Lives Mom’s Group Field Trip
Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.

CLMG will be headed to SkyTop Orchard to learn more about the Fall Apple growing cycle. Check out the event on www.Facebook.com/ChangingLivesMomsGroup.

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Health Nugget

Some people think that health is a game of chance; when your number comes up, then you die. Others believe that life is preordained; when fate points her finger, life is over. Others believe that heredity determines health. If heredity loads the gun, then habit and choice pulls the trigger. As more scientific evidence comes in, it is becoming clearer that poor lifestyle practices are largely responsible for many of the diseases from which we suffer. We could live fuller, happier lives if we would only make the right choices. Meet Ministry, Lesson #8

Doggy Dash/Walk

Mills River SDA Church

The 3rd annual Mills River Valley 5K/10K and 1 Mile Doggy Dash/Walk will be held at Mills River Park on Sunday, September 17, hosted by the Mills River SDA School. Proceeds will benefit the school and their programs. A portion will go to help the Blue Ridge Humane Society. We are reaching out to the community to come and exercise and invite you to do the same and bring a friend!

For more info and to register, go to: www.millsrivervalleyrace.com.
If only interested in donating you can do that as well at the website link.
We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at this year’s event! Questions? Contact Mike Blackwell, 828-674-5976, or Matthew Wellman, 828-490-1722.

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Polk Fit Challenge

Desirée Magnant

Sign Up for Polk Fit Challenge and Get a Free Activity Tracker*

Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church is a sponsor of the upcoming health initiative called Polk Fit Challenge. PF3 (Polk Fit, Fresh and Friendly) is partnering with area employers, churches and community members to help change lives. During the month of October you can join others in increasing your activity for overall improved health and well-being. Sign up a team of six members and you will receive a free activity tracker (must be 18 years old). Participants will log activity weekly, with a goal of 30 minutes of activity each day.

Learn more and sign your team up at PolkFitChallenge.org today! * While supplies last.

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Zina (Ishwar) ~ I saw the eclipse yesterday and enjoyed it very much. The sun eclipse helmet worked. It had slots so you can see more stuff in the sky. I liked the donuts, the Star Chips, and the Star Fruit.

Caroline (Stoltzfus) ~ I wore the glasses and helmet, but it felt kind of big. I liked the snacks the best, especially the brownies.

John (Cashmire) ~ I watched the eclipse. I wore special glasses.
Nutritional Shopping Tour Report
Karen Sparks
A few of us braved the rain and were delighted to join Terri Edwards, the Food for Life instructor with Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, for an interactive group grocery store tour to learn how to find products, read labels, and make healthier purchases for us and our families.

The hour tour on Monday, August 7, was eye opening. She gave us a handout of the 2017 “Dirty Dozen” and “Clean 15” lists released from the Environmental Working Group of the Shopper’s Guide to Pesticides in Produce. You can see Lorna Dever or myself and we can get you a copy. She recommends to buy organic whenever you can or if you can afford to do so, especially the fruits and vegetables that you eat the most.

What fun as we moved from department to department! We really looked at the vegetables in a whole new light. Looking around you really looked at the rainbow she pointed out. That is what you should see on your plate. Plant-based menus are not dull!! Fiber is so important too. One cup of vegetables equal 4 grams of fiber, while one medium fruit has 2-3 grams of fiber. Mushrooms have vitamin D. Lots more information on her website and blog.

In the vegetable department we looked at the vegan meat and cheese and mayo. We learned to read the labels very closely. The oil in these products is very high. Aim for 2 - 3 grams of total fat per serving, at most. Terri does not cook with any oil. She makes her own vegetable broth. It is very good. Please visit her website and blog to learn so much more about her and her recipes. terri@eatplant-based.com

We moved on to the bread department, pasta, legumes, and dairy. She gave us recipes to take with us, a Food For Life Healthy Basics booklet, and so much knowledge.

Thank you, Community Services, for setting this time up.

Exploring the Minor Prophets
(Continued from page 1)

I would like to invite you to join our mid-week bible study every Wednesday at 6:30 PM as we explore together the story of a covenant people who turn away from God and a God who never stops pursuing them, even when He does it in the ‘minor’ key.

Ava (Johnson) ~ I heard crickets chirping and it was funny because it was noon.

My name is Leila (Yoder). I thought the solar eclipse was really cool and it was a once in a lifetime thing. I hope I to see it again sometime.

AV Ministry
Wanangwa Hartwell
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Hi! My name is Jonathan (Wolf). I went to the solar eclipse. I got to see a partial solar eclipse.
Food is a necessary thing, but Job 23:12(b) says “I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.” Look how important God’s Word is to our total well-being. In addition, however, God did give us literal food to eat (Genesis 1:29).

As a church family, we should work together to get the best quality food and at the best prices. One way to accomplish this is through the church co-op. Currently, it is being facilitated by Tim & Jamie Grindley and our source of food is Country Life Natural Foods out of Pullman, MI about an hour away from Battle Creek.

Once our members send in their orders to the Grindleys by email, they compile it and send the bulk order to Country Life via Internet. During the week we are awaiting the arrival of our order, the members send in their payment to the Grindleys. Once the food arrives by truck at our church, it is then divided into our individual orders and we then pick up our order which has our name on it in the Morgan Center lobby.

The products available are online at www.clnf.org and there are literally hundreds of items to choose from. You will see things such as grains, herbs, nuts, pastas, cereals, baking items, and all sorts of others items – some non-food commodities as well. Some of the most popular items our members order are nutritional yeast, nuts, tofu, and grains. We have to have a monthly minimum order of $450 to have Country Life deliver, so we are inviting you to join – no membership fee!

There is a 13% shipping and tax fee tacked onto your total order but still, it is a great deal.

Just call the Grindleys if you are interested in joining the co-op. You don’t have to order every month – just when you are in need – or want, as sometimes is the case!

This is Christy Derby. We had a solar eclipse party yesterday. We invited the parents and friends to come out to watch the eclipse with our schoolchildren. We had a very nice turnout and a good time. Mrs. Green got a lot of treats that all had to do with the solar system. We had Eclipse Donuts from Krispy Kreme, Milky Way candy bars, Sun Chips, and Cosmic Brownies. We had Sunny D to drink so she did a good job of being creative and finding space themed food for us. It was quite an experience to watch the eclipse – to watch things get dark like twilight as the moon was covering up the sun. The children did a very good job keeping their glasses on when they looked up at the sky. It was just a very memorable event. We had a craft that we did to commemorate the solar eclipse. It was a very nice time!

A Pale Horse Rides
Evangelism Team

Pale Horse Rides
Evangelistic Series
October 26 - 28, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the Fall Evangelistic series brought to us by the Voice of Prophecy speaker Shawn Boonstra. A Pale Horse Rides will delve into the 1,200 years after the merger of the Christian church with Roman rule initiated by Constantine. A Pale Horse Rides will explore little known stories right up to the beginning of Martin Luther’s Reformation. The series that is timed to coincide with the 500th birthday of the nailing of the 95 Theses will address these important questions:

* What happened to the Christian churches outside of the Roman Empire?

* Did Martin Luther really have a brand new idea, or was he standing on the shoulders of hundreds of years of faithful believers who were unwilling to compromise?

* How, exactly, did our ancestors become Christians?

Aiden (Ingle) ~ I looked at the solar eclipse rough a cool helmet. It got dark like evening.

My name is Braylin (Ingle). I liked the solar eclipse. I thought it was really rude. I got to see it with my parents.

Daine (Magnant) ~ I looked at the solar eclipse. I wore glasses. While wearing the glasses I saw cool stuff. I liked the brownies.

* Is there any evidence that there was an alternative to Constantine’s church during all those long centuries when one form of religion began to dominate?

* How does the Bible deal with the fact that Christians are often less than Christ-like?

* How can Christianity still insist that it’s the religion of Jesus when we all know that Christians ran torture chambers and burned people at the stake?

* What would the church look like without the merger of church and state?

* What if a group simply followed the teachings of scripture?

The series will take place nightly for three evenings at 7:00 p.m. on October 26 - 28. We will begin paving the way for creating a renewed interest in the Reformation in Polk County over the next several months. Please plan to participate in the pre-work and enjoy the series as we help those in our community come to know important truths.

For more information or to volunteer your time and talent please contact Desirée Magnant at 386-481-8215 or at desiree5472@hotmail.com.
FOR SALE: Raw Honey. 24# = $60.00; 12# = $40.00; 3# = $12.00; Pints = $4.00. Benjamin Owens, 828-288-5672.

FOR SALE: Free range chicken eggs. $3/dozen. Call Lorna, 828-817-1544.


SERVICES: Want to stay living at home? Or need a live-in helper? CNA care to assist you in your daily routines and for companionship. Call Ronda Dever @ 828 817 8141.

NEEDED: If you have an old Christ in Song hymnal, Bev Cook would like to borrow it for use with the elderly at Ridge Rest. Just call Bev, 704-692-6667.

Moving News
Fay Voss

To my church family of Tryon. Thank you for your love and friendship through the years to Bill and myself.

I will be moving to Tennessee on August 28. My new address will be: 4586 Forsythia Way, Apt. 310, Ooltewah, TN 37363-4945.

I will be a half mile from my daughter, Shirley Rumsey.

Yard Sale
Pam Green

Thank you to those who helped with the August yard sale. You are greatly appreciated!

Exploring the Minor Prophets
by Pastor Daniel Bran

I remember being around 7-years-old and when asked about my age, somebody in the family would volunteer the answer in my place and say, “Oh, he is 7 years old.” At that point, I would feel a strong need to interject and clarify: I wasn’t just 7 years old, I was 7 years and 4 months. I was a minor, but I was growing up and just couldn’t wait for it.

There is a group of 12 books in the Bible that we identify as the minor prophets, primarily because of their size, books we pass by in our search for the ‘major’ books like Isaiah, Ezekiel or Daniel. Yet these minor books where placed in the Bible as testimonies of the relentless nature of God in its pursuit of the human heart.

If you and I ever wondered how that feels, if we wish to grasp, even in part, what God’s heart has felt so many times over the years of our human history, the book of Hosea, first in the order of the minor prophets though not first chronologically, serves to bring this home. Hosea’s home, to be more precise.

Before Hosea could share God’s words to others, he receives God’s word to him. The message is personal. “Take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the Lord” Hosea 1:2.

What follows are three chapters of heart wrenching family dynamics, of repeated unfaithfulness and children born with names like Jezreel (Scattered), Lo-Ruhamah (Not Loved) and Lo-Ammi (Not my People).

Having a daughter of our own, whom we adore, I struggle with possibility of a world in which a child bears the name ‘Not Loved’. I imagine the prophet Hosea did, too. What I do not have to imagine is why we would feel that way. Hosea echoes God’s intent. However, by Hosea 2:1 we read about the great reversal: Say to your brethren, ‘My people,’ And to your sisters, ‘Love is shown.’ God changes their names and in the process, He shows the children of Israel not just what is, but what could be.

But what about Gomer, Hosea’s wife? Should the reader feel the same sympathies for her? Should she still be loved or should she be stoned?

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- Labor Day: No School - Labor Day
- Co-Op Order Date
- Pathfinder Teen Back
- ITBS Testing @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782, USA
- No Fellowship
Nature Nugget
Somerset Wildlife Trust

Velcro type surface helps bees!

Insects are more attracted to plants which wave about and these plants produce more seeds. Moving flowers also attract a wider variety of insect species than more static flowers. But the plants shouldn’t be too wavy or the insects won’t be able to keep their feet. This is especially true in windy conditions.

However, many flowers have conical cells on the surface of their petals which make it easier for bees to get a grip. In experimental conditions, the bees chose the Velcro surface instead of petals which had flat cells.

Bible Experience
Wanangwa Hartwell

Attention Pathfinder-age kids! If you want to study Daniel and Esther with us, please come to the Pathfinder worship time from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on September 20 and 27 (Wednesdays). Study the New King James Version to prepare and come prepared to listen attentively and participate actively. As long as you do this, you are welcome to join us for Bible study -- though if you wish to participate in the competition next Spring, you will need to be in Pathfinders.

Here are some more questions from the first three chapters of each book to test yourself. Answers will be in the next Church Newsletter.

Who was king of Judah when Daniel was taken captive?

What name did the chief of the eunuchs give Hananiah?

How tall was Nebuchadnezzar’s image of gold?

According to Esther 2:16, what is the name of the tenth month?

Who was the father of Haman?

How much did Haman say he would pay to the king’s treasuries for the death of the Jews?

Answers from the last newsletter:
Ashpenaz
Aramaic
certain, sure
Hair of head not singed, garments not affected, smell of fire not on them
False - 180 days
Abihail
13th day of the 12th month
king, Haman, perplexed

Family Fun Night
September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for sunset worship at 7:30 p.m. and then stay to play. We’ll be having volleyball, movie night, and table games for all ages.

Popcorn, soda pop and other snacks will be for sale.

Make time in your schedule to come and share in this time of fun and fellowship together.

The family that plays together
Stays together!