Eau Claire SDA Church News

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### Prayer Meeting

Our Prayer Meeting small group is meeting Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm at the church. We are praying through any prayer requests members have, and encourage you to add a prayer request in the tithe and offering plate if you want the group to intercede through prayer.

We are now studying through the **28 Fundamental Beliefs** of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**We would like to have as many prayer partners as possible!**

For details contact David Stratton, 269-635-2321, strattod@andrews.edu

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### CRITTER TRACKS

**Eau Claire Pathfinder Club Newsletter**  
**November 2013**

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- Water  
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#### Oshkosh

We are preparing to buy tickets for Oshkosh. To help with funds and also to verify who is coming to Oshkosh on August 12-15, a $50 deposit is due by November 3rd to Rachel Schafer.

#### Facebook

Pathfinders is now on Facebook! Please search for Eau Claire SDA Pathfinders to see the latest updates, pictures, and information about the club!
We completed our Bike-A-Thon on November 3.

For this time of year we had an unbelievable perfect day. It was still a little cold but had warm sunshine all day. I think it got up to about 54 degrees in the afternoon.

The trees were just gorgeous. Imagine biking on a hard pack trail through the forest of fall colors on both sides of you.

We had a couple different groups depending on how many miles you wanted to do and there was even a group who walked.

**We had a group of 35 that completed 617 miles by either riding or walking.**

At this time, we don't have an estimate of how much we raised because all the donations have not yet come in.

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**Haven't had a chance to donate yet?**

As many of you know, our Pathfinder Club or church youth group is planning to attend the International Camporee in Oshkosh, WI in August of 2014. International Camporees are only held once every five years so this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event! 36,000 Pathfinders are
expected at this event for one week. Forever Faithful is the theme of this camporee and more information can be found at [http://www.cye.org/camporee/](http://www.cye.org/camporee/)

Our Pathfinder club is raising money to attend this life-changing event. We figure, including food and transportation, the cost will be approximately $250 per person.

How to donate:

1) Send a check made out to Eau Claire SDA Church with the amount of your donation to:

   Lance Mack  
   Eau Claire SDA Church  
   6733 Sinclair Rd  
   Eau Claire, MI 49111  

   Be sure to put "Pathfinder Bike-A-Thon" in the memo line.

2) Donate online at [www.eauclairesda.com](http://www.eauclairesda.com) website. Then click on Donate to Pathfinders and follow the instructions to use your PayPal or Credit Card for your donation.

Please remember this is a tax-deductible donation so be sure to supply your address so we can send you a receipt at the end of the year.

Thank you for your support of our Pathfinder Club!

**New Sermon Series**

**New Sermon Series** -- On November 9 we will begin a new series of sermons preached by the elders and Pastor Toms titled "Our Fundamental Beliefs." The sermons will focus attention on the different fundamental truths that form the foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you want to know what the fundamental belief is that is being covered, look at the Upcoming Speakers list and you will see FB (Fundamental Belief) followed by a number. If you would like to see these beliefs in advance go to: [http://www.adventist.org/fileadmin/adventist.org/files/articles/official-statements/28Beliefs-English.pdf](http://www.adventist.org/fileadmin/adventist.org/files/articles/official-statements/28Beliefs-English.pdf)

We will also post the beliefs on the Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church website and print the fundamental belief being preached on the Sabbath of the sermon.

**Church Calendar**
Have you ever wondered what is going on in our church? What is happening next month or next year? Checkout the Long-Term Church Calendar that is updated weekly.

Click the link at the top of this email newsletter entitled "Long-Term Church Calendar"

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**School Calendar and Newspaper**

**School Days**

See the **Nov School Calendar**

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**Mr. Gray's Scrapbook**

Just a little reminder, we are looking for notes/ fun stories to include in Mr. Grays's good by scrapbook from the Eau Claire school. Please take a moment to write something or email something to Shirley Lehmann for inclusion. And please pass this on to your Eau Claire friends. We don't have much yet so please send something, even a short note. Pictures are also gladly accepted. Thanks.

Shirley Lehmann
6625 Old Pipestone Rd
Eau Claire MI 49111
slehmann@andrews.edu

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**Ladies Stuff Swap**

**Inviting All Ladies**

What: A Stuff Swap (like a garage sale but FREE and with food.)

When: Sunday, November 10th at 3 PM


Why: For fun! All leftovers will be donated to Hope's Door home for women.

What to bring: A light dish to share, a Friend, and any thing that is no longer blessing your home. (i.e. – clothes, coats, shoes, purses, scarves, hats, kitchen stuff, books, music, movies, decorative items, kid stuff. You get the idea.) Nothing to bring, no
problem, just join us for some fun.

What NOT to bring: MEN, and broken stuff.

Children are welcome. - So, come for tea and play time.
Need more information? Call Linaea 574-606-9345

Sermon Podcasts

Pastor Ted Toms "Dream House"

Amy Moreno "How Do We Know . . ."

Pastor Ted Toms "Global System Decline"

David Stratton "Good and Bad Trees"

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Oct. 31, 2013

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issues facing the state of Michigan. Everyone of retirement age is welcome to attend and come for an enriched life.

| November 14 | SciFEST begins Nov. 14 on the campus of Andrews University. Academy students from around the union will participate in several science-focused events, created to give the students a taste of what happens at Andrews University and what they can do with careers in science. The public is invited to attend any or all of the following events: Science Show (Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Julian Thompson Ampitheater, Science Complex); Egg Drop (Friday, Nov. 15, 4:15 p.m., outside Science Complex); Vespers & Afterglow (Friday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m., Chan Shun Hall); STEM Sabbath School & Church (Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m., Chemistry Amphitheater, Science Complex). For more information email stemconnect@andrews.edu or call Rachel at 269-471-3872. |

For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.
Sabbath School
9:15-10:40 a.m.

9:15 a.m.
Song Service
Opening Prayer
Sabbath School Message: Rick & Cindy Beckermeyer

9:50 a.m.
Sabbath School Lesson Study
Adult Sabbath School classes meet to study the Word of God together in the following locations:
- Back of Sanctuary ~ Adult Lesson
- Fellowship Hall ~ Adult Lesson
- Fountain Classroom ~ Relationships
- Organ Room ~ New and Mature Believers

The Church at Worship
10:50 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements David Stratton
Praise & Prayer Brooks & Susan Payne
Opening Song #448
O, When Shall I see Jesus
Scripture Reading Charles Lechleitner
Matthew 24:6-8
Tithes and Offerings David Stratton
Church Budget
Special Music Eau Claire Choir
Children’s Story Susan Payne
Sermon Pastor Ted Toms
“Global System Decline”
Closing Hymn #442
“How Sweet Are The Tidings”
Benediction

Pianist ~ Kayla Parker Organist ~ Rahel Schafer

Announcements
~Do you have any yard work or clean-up that needs to be done? Hire a Pathfinder to do it on Friday, October 25th (in the afternoon). The proceeds will help the Eau Claire Critters attend the International Pathfinder camporee in Oshkosh, WI next summer. Thank you for your continued support of young people! If you are interested, please contact Rahel Schafer at raheldavidson@hotmail.com or 269.921.0606.

~Classical Seminary Concert ~ Sunday, November 3, 7 p.m., you are invited to the free concert at the Seminary Chapel on Sunday evening. The concert is provided by the students and staff, faculty and friends of the Seminary. Refreshments follow in the Seminary Commons.

~Membership Transfer: 2nd Reading ~ Ruth Walker from Eau Claire to the Buchanan SDA Church in Buchanan, Michigan.

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Today ~ Potluck after church
Oct 25 ~ Pathfinders can work for you
Oct 26 ~ Fall bonfire at Busch Farm 7 p.m.
Nov 3 ~ Daylight saving time ends
Nov 3 ~ Elders meeting 9 a.m.
To view our long-term Church Calendar, please visit:
http://www.eauclairesda.com/newsletter/Calendar.pdf

Upcoming Speakers
Oct 26 ~ Amy Moreno "How Do We Know?" Matt 7:21-23
Nov 2 ~ Pastor Ted Toms
"No Rock But Jesus" Matt 7:24-27
Nov 9 ~ Richard Davidson “Give Me the Bible”
Nov 16 ~ Pastor Ted Toms

Announcements Continued:
Prayer Meeting ~ Wednesday
Please join the Prayer Meeting group each Wednesday at 7 p.m. to study through the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our church emphasizes these values:
• Bible based
• Family focused
• Lay leadership
• Evangelistic outreach

Church Leadership
Pastor ~ Ted Toms 269-657-2390
Head Elder ~ Tom Shepherd 269-471-3889
Head Deacon ~ Andy Lubbert 269-463-5156
Head Deaconess ~ Cindy Beckermeyer 269-683-8817
Treasurer ~ Lance Mack 269-461-6605
Church Clerk ~ Myrna Lemon 269-757-7640
Community Service ~ Cloise Lemon 269-757-7640
Food Bank ~ Cloise Lemon 269-757-7640
Eau Claire Elementary School 269-944-4132
School Principal ~ Ashley Johnson 269-944-5233

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Church Budget
Goal Received
September 30, 2013 $4,800 $4,463

Worthy Student Needs 2013-14
Elementary Students $3,139 $2,743
Academy Students $750 $95

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From Children’s Story $8500 $841

~ Sunset in Eau Claire~
Tonight ~ 6:59 p.m. October 25 ~ 6:50 p.m.
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**READY.**

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.  

*2 Peter 3:8-10*

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**Holiday Can Collection**

One of the outreach projects that Pathfinders have committed to is helping the Adventurers, Eager Beavers, and Little Lambs with collecting cans for food baskets for this holiday season.

We would like to do this on **Sabbath Afternoon, November 16** and **after Pathfinders on Sunday, November 17**.

On Sabbath afternoon, after potluck at the church we will be taking individual cars into the town of Eau Claire and handing out bags with letters explaining that we are going to pick up any food donations the following day.

Then on Sunday, November 17 after our regular Pathfinder meeting we will take the bus or possibly the trailer and pick up any donations of food from the Eau Claire community.

As long as we have enough Pathfinders, we should be able to do the entire town of Eau Claire in about 1 to 1.5 hours for each of these events.

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**Praise & Prayer**

Praise God for all the support in our fundraisers! Please continue to pray for our club as we raise funds for Oshkosh Camporee.

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If you would like to see any announcements or additions in *Critter Tracts* please speak with Amy or Skarlet or email amymoreno@outlook.com.
Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.
Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as the only source of our beliefs. We consider our movement to be the result of the Protestant conviction *Sola Scriptura*—the Bible as the only standard of faith and practice for Christians.

Over the years, our church has agreed upon key statements that summarize the principal teachings Seventh-day Adventist understand from the scriptures. These statements are made collectively by a group of scholars studying and prayerfully searching the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Adventists hold 28 fundamental beliefs that can be organized into six doctrines: the doctrines of God, man, salvation, the church, the Christian life and last things. In each teaching, God is the architect, who in wisdom, grace and infinite love, is restoring a relationship with humanity that will last for eternity.

**Bible Study**

Seventh-day Adventist Christians would like to see themselves among those called “people of the Book.” It's simple -- we love the Bible! Every week, more than 20 million people around the world meet in Adventist Churches for Bible study. In our church we refer to it as “Sabbath School.” But Seventh-day Adventists are “people of the Book.” They study the Word of God for guidance in their lives.

Online Bible Study resources are available at the HopeTalk.org website. This site includes links to online Bible study courses about a variety of topics, as well as links to sites with Biblical answers to many questions.
28 Fundamental Beliefs

Holy Scriptures

The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to man the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the authoritative revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12.)

Trinity

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. He is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 14:7.)

Father

God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also revelations of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:28; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; 1 Tim. 1:17; Ex. 34:6, 7; John 14:9.)

Son

God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:15-19; John 10:30; 14:9; Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; John 5:22; Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 2:9-18; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; Heb. 8:1, 2; John 14:1-3.)
Holy Spirit

God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ’s life with power. He draws and convicts human beings; and those who respond He renews and transforms into the image of God. Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth. (Gen. 1:1, 2; Luke 1:35; 4:18; Acts 10:38; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:11, 12; Acts 1:8; John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-13.)

Creation

God is Creator of all things, and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days the Lord made “the heaven and the earth” and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was “very good,” declaring the glory of God. (Gen. 1; 2; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Heb. 11:3.)

Nature of Man

Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do. Though created free beings, each is an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit, dependent upon God for life and breath and all else. When our first parents disobeyed God, they denied their dependence upon Him and fell from their high position under God. The image of God in them was marred and they became subject to death. Their descendants share this fallen nature and its consequences. They are born with weaknesses and tendencies to evil. But God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself and by His Spirit restores in penitent mortals the image of their Maker. Created for the glory of God, they are called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment. (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7; Ps. 8:4-8; Acts 17:24-28; Gen. 3; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12-17; 2 Cor. 5:19, 20; Ps. 51:10; 1 John 4:7, 8, 11, 20; Gen. 2:15.)
Great Controversy  
All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe. This conflict originated in heaven when a created being, endowed with freedom of choice, in self-exaltation became Satan, God's adversary, and led into rebellion a portion of the angels. He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world when he led Adam and Eve into sin. This human sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity, the disordering of the created world, and its eventual devastation at the time of the worldwide flood. Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated. To assist His people in this controversy, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal angels to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation. (Rev. 12:4-9; Isa. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:12-18; Gen. 3; Rom. 1:19-32; 5:12-21; 8:19-22; Gen. 6-8; 2 Peter 3:6; 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 1:14.)

Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ  
In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life, and the whole creation may better understand the infinite and holy love of the Creator. This perfect atonement vindicates the righteousness of God's law and the graciousness of His character; for it both condemns our sin and provides for our forgiveness. The death of Christ is substitutionary and expiatory, reconciling and transforming. The resurrection of Christ proclaims God's triumph over the forces of evil, and for those who accept the atonement assures their final victory over sin and death. It declares the Lordship of Jesus Christ, before whom every knee in heaven and on earth will bow. (John 3:16; Isa. 53; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4, 20-22; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15, 19-21; Rom. 1:4; 3:25; 4:25; 8:3, 4; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; Col. 2:15; Phil. 2:6-11.)

Experience of Salvation  
In infinite love and mercy God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God. Led by the Holy Spirit we sense our need, acknowledge our sinfulness, repent of our transgressions, and exercise faith in Jesus as Lord and Christ, as Substitute and Example. This faith which receives salvation comes through the divine power of the Word and is the gift of God's grace. Through Christ we are justified, adopted as God's sons and daughters, and delivered from the lordship of sin. Through the Spirit we are born again and sanctified; the Spirit renews our minds, writes God's law of love in our hearts, and we are given the power to live a holy life. Abiding in Him we become partakers of the divine nature and have the assurance of salvation now and in the judgment. (2 Cor. 5:17-21; John 3:16; Gal. 1:4; 4:4-7; Titus 3:3-7; John 16:8; Gal. 3:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; Rom. 10:17; Luke 17:5; Mark 9:23, 24; Eph. 2:5-10; Rom. 3:21-26; Col. 1:13, 14; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:26; John 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 8:7-12; Eze. 36:25-27; 2 Peter 1:3, 4; Rom. 8:1-4; 5:6-10.)
Growing in Christ

By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil. He who subjugated the demonic spirits during His earthly ministry has broken their power and made certain their ultimate doom. Jesus’ victory gives us victory over the evil forces that still seek to control us, as we walk with Him in peace, joy, and assurance of His love. Now the Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us. Continually committed to Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, we are set free from the burden of our past deeds. No longer do we live in the darkness, fear of evil powers, ignorance, and meaninglessness of our former way of life. In this new freedom in Jesus, we are called to grow into the likeness of His character, communing with Him daily in prayer, feeding on His Word, meditating on it and on His providence, singing His praises, gathering together for worship, and participating in the mission of the Church. As we give ourselves in loving service to those around us and in witnessing to His salvation, His constant presence with us through the Spirit transforms every moment and every task into a spiritual experience. (Ps 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Col 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14, 15; Luke 10:17-20; Eph 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; 1 Thess 5:23; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:17, 18; Phil 3:7-14; 1 Thess 5:16-18; Matt 20:25-28; John 20:21; Gal 5:22-25; Rom 8:38, 39; 1 John 4:4; Heb 10:25.)

Church

The church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. In continuity with the people of God in Old Testament times, we are called out from the world; and we join together for worship, for fellowship, for instruction in the Word, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, for service to all mankind, and for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. The church derives its authority from Christ, who is the incarnate Word, and from the Scriptures, which are the written Word. The church is God's family; adopted by Him as children, its members live on the basis of the new covenant. The church is the body of Christ, a community of faith of which Christ Himself is the Head. The church is the bride for whom Christ died that He might sanctify and cleanse her. At His return in triumph, He will present her to Himself a glorious church, the faithful of all the ages, the purchase of His blood, not having spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish. (Gen. 12:3; Acts 7:38; Eph. 4:11-15; 3:8-11; Matt. 28:19, 20; 16:13-20; 18:18; Eph. 2:19-22; 1:22, 23; 5:23-27; Col. 1:17, 18.)

Remnant and Its Mission

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness. (Rev. 12:17; 14:6-12; 18:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jude 3, 14; 1 Peter 1:16-19; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Rev. 21:1-14.)
Unity in the Body of Christ

The church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning, and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children. (Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Matt. 28:19, 20; Ps. 133:1; 2 Cor. 5:16, 17; Acts 17:26, 27; Gal. 3:27, 29; Col. 3:10-15; Eph. 4:14-16; 4:1-6; John 17:20-23.)

Baptism

By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life. Thus we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour, become His people, and are received as members by His church. Baptism is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, and our reception of the Holy Spirit. It is by immersion in water and is contingent on an affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance of sin. It follows instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings. (Rom. 6:1-6; Col. 2:12, 13; Acts 16:30-33; 2:38; Matt. 28:19, 20.)

Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a participation in the emblems of the body and blood of Jesus as an expression of faith in Him, our Lord and Saviour. In this experience of communion Christ is present to meet and strengthen His people. As we partake, we joyfully proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. Preparation for the Supper includes self-examination, repentance, and confession. The Master ordained the service of foot washing to signify renewed cleansing, to express a willingness to serve one another in Christlike humility, and to unite our hearts in love. The communion service is open to all believing Christians. (1 Cor. 10:16, 17; 11:23-30; Matt. 26:17-30; Rev. 3:20; John 6:48-63; 13:1-17.)
**Spiritual Gifts and Ministries**  
God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts which each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity. Given by the agency of the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each member as He wills, the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church to fulfill its divinely ordained functions. According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as faith, healing, prophecy, proclamation, teaching, administration, reconciliation, compassion, and self-sacrificing service and charity for the help and encouragement of people. Some members are called of God and endowed by the Spirit for functions recognized by the church in pastoral, evangelistic, apostolic, and teaching ministries particularly needed to equip the members for service, to build up the church to spiritual maturity, and to foster unity of the faith and knowledge of God. When members employ these spiritual gifts as faithful stewards of God's varied grace, the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrine, grows with a growth that is from God, and is built up in faith and love. (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:9-11, 27, 28; Eph. 4:8, 11-16; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Peter 4:10, 11.)

**The Gift of Prophecy**  
One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen. G. White. As the Lord's messenger, her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. (Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10.)

**Law of God**  
The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ. They express God's love, will, and purposes concerning human conduct and relationships and are binding upon all people in every age. These precepts are the basis of God's covenant with His people and the standard in God's judgment. Through the agency of the Holy Spirit they point out sin and awaken a sense of need for a Saviour. Salvation is all of grace and not of works, but its fruitage is obedience to the Commandments. This obedience develops Christian character and results in a sense of well-being. It is an evidence of our love for the Lord and our concern for our fellow men. The obedience of faith demonstrates the power of Christ to transform lives, and therefore strengthens Christian witness. (Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 40:7, 8; Matt. 22:36-40; Deut. 28:1-14; Matt. 5:17-20; Heb. 8:8-10; John 15:7-10; Eph. 2:8-10; 1 John 5:3; Rom. 8:3, 4; Ps. 19:7-14.)
Sabbath 20

The beneficent Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation. The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath as the day of rest, worship, and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ, a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance, and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom. The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts. (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 4:16; Isa. 56:5, 6; 58:13, 14; Matt. 12:1-12; Ex. 31:13-17; Eze. 20:12, 20; Deut. 5:12-15; Heb. 4:1-11; Lev. 23:32; Mark 1:32.)

Stewardship 21

We are God's stewards, entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources. We are responsible to Him for their proper use. We acknowledge God's ownership by faithful service to Him and our fellow men, and by returning tithes and giving offerings for the proclamation of His gospel and the support and growth of His church. Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God for nurture in love and the victory over selfishness and covetousness. The steward rejoices in the blessings that come to others as a result of his faithfulness. (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15; 1 Chron. 29:14; Haggai 1:3-11; Mal. 3:8-12; 1 Cor. 9:9-14; Matt. 23:23; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; Rom. 15:26, 27.)

Christian Behavior 22

We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act in harmony with the principles of heaven. For the Spirit to recreate in us the character of our Lord we involve ourselves only in those things which will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives. This means that our amusement and entertainment should meet the highest standards of Christian taste and beauty. While recognizing cultural differences, our dress is to be simple, modest, and neat, befitting those whose true beauty does not consist of outward adornment but in the imperishable ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit. It also means that because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we are to care for them intelligently. Along with adequate exercise and rest, we are to adopt the most healthful diet possible and abstain from the unclean foods identified in the Scriptures. Since alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of drugs and narcotics are harmful to our bodies, we are to abstain from them as well. Instead, we are to engage in whatever brings our thoughts and bodies into the discipline of Christ, who desires our wholesomeness, joy, and goodness. (Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 John 2:6; Eph. 5:1-21; Phil. 4:8; 2 Cor. 10:5; 6:14-7:1; 1 Peter 3:1-4; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 10:31; Lev. 11:1-47; 3 John 2.)
Marriage and the Family

Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship. For the Christian a marriage commitment is to God as well as to the spouse, and should be entered into only between partners who share a common faith. Mutual love, honor, respect, and responsibility are the fabric of this relationship, which is to reflect the love, sanctity, closeness, and permanence of the relationship between Christ and His church. Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery. Although some family relationships may fall short of the ideal, marriage partners who fully commit themselves to each other in Christ may achieve loving unity through the guidance of the Spirit and the nurture of the church. God blesses the family and intends that its members shall assist each other toward complete maturity. Parents are to bring up their children to love and obey the Lord. By their example and their words they are to teach them that Christ is a loving disciplinarian, ever tender and caring, who wants them to become members of His body, the family of God. Increasing family closeness is one of the earmarks of the final gospel message. (Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:3-9; John 2:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:21-33; Matt. 5:31, 32; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11; Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-4; Deut. 6:5-9; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 4:5, 6.)

Christ’s Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary

There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle which the Lord set up and not man. In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross. He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and began His intercessory ministry at the time of His ascension. In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry. It is a work of investigative judgment which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin, typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. In that typical service the sanctuary was cleansed with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the heavenly things are purified with the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom. This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the kingdom. The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent. (Heb. 8:1-5; 4:14-16; 9:11-28; 10:19-22; 1:3; 2:16, 17; Dan. 7:9-27; 8:13, 14; 9:24-27; Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6; Lev. 16; Rev. 14:6, 7; 20:12; 14:12; 22:12.)
**Second Coming of Christ**

The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel. The Saviour's coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die. The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is imminent. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times. (Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:43, 44; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; Rev. 14:14-20; 19:11-21; Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 Thess. 5:1-6.)

**Death and Resurrection**

The wages of sin is death. But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed. Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people. When Christ, who is our life, appears, the resurrected righteous and the living righteous will be glorified and caught up to meet their Lord. The second resurrection, the resurrection of the unrighteous, will take place a thousand years later. (Rom. 6:23; 1 Tim. 6:15, 16; Eccl. 9:5, 6; Ps. 146:3, 4; John 11:11-14; Col. 3:4; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; John 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:1-10.)

**Millennium and the End of Sin**

The millennium is the thousand-year reign of Christ with His saints in heaven between the first and second resurrections. During this time the wicked dead will be judged; the earth will be utterly desolate, without living human inhabitants, but occupied by Satan and his angels. At its close Christ with His saints and the Holy City will descend from heaven to earth. The unrighteous dead will then be resurrected, and with Satan and his angels will surround the city; but fire from God will consume them and cleanse the earth. The universe will thus be freed of sin and sinners forever. (Rev. 20; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3; Jer. 4:23-26; Rev. 21:1-5; Mal. 4:1; Eze. 28:18, 19.)

**New Earth**

On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy, and learning in His presence. For here God Himself will dwell with His people, and suffering and death will have passed away. The great controversy will be ended, and sin will be no more. All things, animate and inanimate, will declare that God is love; and He shall reign forever. Amen. (2 Peter 3:13; Isa. 35; 65:17-25; Matt. 5:5; Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5; 11:15.)
Long-Term Church Event Calendar

(This is meant to have all church, school and other events on this calendar. Please email blubbert@sbcglobal.net to put events on this long term calendar.)

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