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Events Schedule

- August 30–December 10
  ARISU Cornerstone Program, Jasper, OR
  (503) 206-0912 • info@arisehub.org

- September 16–17
  Tiberius SDA Church, Portland, OR
  James Rafferty • (503) 223-0923

- September 16–24
  North Queensland Conference
  Camp Meeting, Bundaberg, Australia
  Ty Gibson • (07) 3218 7777

- September 23–24
  Anderson SDA Church, IN
  James Rafferty • (765) 941-5541

- October 1
  Junction City SDA Church, OR
  Ty Gibson • (541) 998-5914

- October 7–8
  Campus Hill Church, Loma Linda, CA
  Ty Gibson • (909) 796-0122

- October 7–9
  Rocky Mountain Conference
  Bible Workers Conference, CO
  James Rafferty • (303) 733-3771

- October 14–15
  Walnut Valley SDA Church, CA
  James Rafferty • (909) 461-6159

- October 21–22
  Clovis SDA Church, CA
  Ty Gibson • (559) 291-9121

- October 28–November 12
  Lewiston Adventist Church, ID
  James Rafferty • (208) 743-1911

A n evangelist is the name given to the New Testament (NT) heralds of salvation, and it means “a bringer of good tidings” (Strong’s #2099). Though the word for evangelist is only found three times in this form (Acts 21:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Ephesians 4:11), there are over 50 references to its root word in the NT (describing the preaching of the gospel). One of these is in Revelation 14:6—which describes the last revelation of “everlasting gospel.” The word gospel means good news, and the fact that it is described as “everlasting” suggests that this message of good news covers the entire history of the human race.

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Evangelism in the NT

The Baptism was the first NT evangelist who pointed people to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). The crucified Lamb was the focus of the NT church and in a short time they “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6; 22:3, 36; 4:10; 1 Corinthians 1:13, 23-25, 2:2).

Evangelism in 1888

Apostasy (a falling away) from the gospel followed the apostolic age, and for many dark centuries the gospel was obscured by a system of creature merit and self-exaltation (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4). Yet, reformation did dawn and once again the light of Jesus began to illumine the world until, in 1888, a new emphasis on Jesus was to be given through His church. This “precious message” was to lift up Jesus and “God’s changeless love for the human family,” just as the apostolic church had done (Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 91-93).

Evangelism in the Book of Revelation

Through symbols, the Book of Revelation unfolds the gospel of Jesus. The dominant symbol is that of the Lamb, mentioned more than any other symbol (29 times, or an average of 1.3 times in each chapter). This book is God’s last revelation of Jesus Christ. It prepares us to stand for the truth by directing us to look to Jesus. This is evangelism in the true meaning of the word. Having this aim, every faithful evangelist can claim His promise: “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself” (John 12:32, NKJV). Amen.

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Consider this...

After Adam had sinned, a feeling of terror seized him. A constant dread was upon him; shame and remorse tortured his soul. In this state of mind he wished to be as far removed as possible from the presence of God, whom he had so loved to meet in his Eden home. But the Lord followed this conscience-stricken man, and while He condemned the sin of which Adam had been guilty, gave him words of gracious promise. In pronouncing the curse upon the deceiver, God had said: “I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and between thee and the woman, I will place a great enmity.”

Ellen White, Signs of the Times, December 23, 1886

Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, “the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.”

Ellen White, Testimonies to Ministers, p. 118

This was the first gospel sermon ever preached to fallen man; this promise was the star of hope, illuminating the dark and dismal future of the race. Adam gladly received the welcome assurance of deliverance, and diligently instructed his children in the way of the Lord. This promise was presented in close connection with the altar of sacrificial offerings. The altar and the promise stand side by side, and one casts clear beams of light upon the other, showing that the justice of an offended God could be appeased only by the death of his beloved Son. The bleeding victim consuming on the altar illustrated Adam’s teachings, and thus the sight of the eyes deepened the impression made by the hearing of the ear.

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Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

Ellen White, Evangelism, p. 196

GOD USES AN ANGEL WHEN HE NEEDS TO!

When a potential student applies for admittance to our ARISE Cornerstone Course, they fill out an application, which includes responding to this inquiry: “Describe how you came to Jesus.” You will be on the edge of your seat as you read what twenty-four-year-old David R. wrote. And you will be blown away at the miraculous and high tech ways God will use.

“I first read the Bible in the summer of 2009. I was in Rochester, NY, studying human anatomy as a requirement for the Ithaca College Occupational Therapy curriculum. During this particular summer a number of things led me to seek God.

1) I was dissecting human cadavers.
2) My friend and housemate had just died. She was 21. Living in that house without her was a constant reminder of her death. My other housemate, Abby, became deeply depressed and on some mornings she wouldn't get out of bed and missed her classes. I was worried about her.
3) For some reason, my own personal baggage from my tormented childhood began to float to the surface. It was overwhelming. I didn't realize I had repressed so much anger and bitterness. For the most part, I was successful. I floated on through life like everything was okay, but now I began to lose my grip. The cauldron inside of me was approaching its boiling point. I knew I had to do something. But what?
4) At that time, my younger brother, Peter, was being held in a maximum security prison and was facing 18 charges for armed robbery. Every Saturday I would visit him in that miserable place. I hated seeing him there—caged like an animal, his future in that miserable place. I hated seeing him there—caged like an animal, his future was hopeless. I could see that my future was hopeless. I could see that my future was hopeless.

I had left a quick note saying that I was on my way to follow through with my plan. But God had a much different plan. God is an amazing opportunist and will use any situation to reach His children.

“My iPod was connected to my car stereo and was playing songs through the speakers. It was about 2 am and I