

July Newsletter

Sequim Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter

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Isn't God Good!

submitted by Doug Woods

Daily Bread, a Team of Horses, and 40 years

by Shirley Ann Munroe

In 1938 my father died from a ruptured appendix. One of his business associates cheated my mother out of our inheritance. To support her family my mother had to return to college to become certified to teach school in California.

We had just enough money to live on while she took the needed extra college work. We moved to the city of my mother's new teaching job after she finished just before the start of school in the fall. By the time we had paid the movers and the first month's rent, we were completely out of money. No money for food, no money for school supplies, no money for gas for the car.

The school system wouldn't issue my mother's first paycheck until October 1. That means we would be without *any money for a whole month*. *We knew no one in the city. Where could we turn for help?*

Even in the most dire of circumstances Mother always had been faithful in returning tithes. After my father's death some friends had actually suggested to Mother that it wasn't necessary for her to tithe in our difficult situation. This was an idea she quickly rejected. She had a personal relationship with the Lord—"a partnership," she said. Her responsibility was to make the service and honor of God supreme. He would do the rest. Mother was very comfortable taking all matters to God in prayer, confident in asking, knowing He would answer.

On the first day in our new location, Mother, my sister, and I joined in worship. We read promises from the Bible and *The Desire of Ages*. *Mother pointed out that God had a thousand ways to answer our prayers. All we really needed was bread.*

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We knelt to pray for bread and placed our problem before the Lord. We claimed the promises we had just read, telling God we knew this problem was not too big for Him. We thanked Him for hearing and answering our prayers. God would provide.

About an hour later, while we were hard at work unpacking boxes, the doorbell rang. It was a postman with a special delivery letter that had been forwarded from our old address. It contained a check for \$240. Since Mother's salary at that time would be \$130 a month, the check was the equivalent of one full month's salary plus more than \$100. We immediately knelt among the boxes and thanked God for His mercy and blessing, and especially for answered prayer.

Where had the money come from?

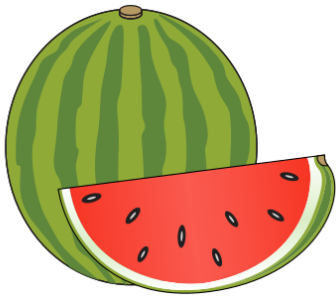
The letter explained that 40 years earlier my mother's father had underwritten a team of horses for a farmer who had never repaid the debt. The farmer had died and his son had found the unpaid promissory note. He added 40 years of interest to the

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Fellowship Meal Update

There will **not** be a Visitor / Guest Fellowship Meal on July 15. However, church members should please keep a lookout for visitors and invite them home for Sabbath lunch during the month. Thank you!

by **Donna Bottgenbach**



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amount owed and set about finding my grandfather's heirs. The \$240 was my mother's share.

God's promises took on new meaning for our family that day.

"Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24.

[taken from *Over & Over Again! 150 Adventists Share Personal Faith Stories About Stewardship.* 1998. NAD. Edited by Ronald Allan Knott]

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land."

Deuteronomy 15:11

Student Sponsorship

by **Mary Thayne**

This has been a pretty good year for the Student Sponsorship Fund. We thank all of you who have contributed with money and also with your prayers for our fund and for the students. We have already received a couple of applications for the next school year and are expecting more as we get into July.

Library Corner

by **Mary Thayne**

Many boxes of books have been donated to the church library. Many of these are Bibles (mostly King James Version), study Bibles, Bible commentaries and other Bible reference books, and other books. The library does not need all of these and has no room for them. So they are free to you. There are some music CD's and a set of Mark Finley VHS tapes also. Almost all are out of the boxes now and on the table so it is easier to look through them. Empty boxes are under the table so you can haul home your treasures.

New books have been added to our collection: two history, two Bible commentary, and two stories.

We Stand on Their Shoulders. A Historical Legacy of Adventist Pastors. by Michael W. Campbell. This book delves into the rich history of Adventist pastoral ministry.

Redeemed. A Rescue from the Powers of Darkness. by Bradley Booth. A true story but names have been changed.

Finding Joy. Paul's Encouraging Message to the Philippians. by John Brunt. We can all use a little more joy in our lives.

Through the Eyes of Luke. A Devotional Commentary. by Keith Clouten. Luke never met Jesus, yet his is the only gospel to tell the full story of Christ.

Hearts of Faith. How We Became Seventh-day Adventists. by D.J.B. Trim. The story of the transition from the weeping that followed the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844, to the emergence of the infant Seventh-day Adventist Church 19 years later.

Updraft. It was silly to worry about a piece of paper flying over the Atlantic on the edges of a storm. by Sandra Finley Doran. What could a devout Christian widow, a businessman faced with a crucial decision, an obsessive jogger, and a young soon-to-be-single mother have in common?

Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture



It's a wrap! Clubs will resume at the end of summer.

Butchart Gardens Trip

Several ladies ventured across the water to visit Butchart Gardens, Canada. It was a beautiful day for fellowship and sightseeing.



July Birthdays

- 9 Mallory White Dobbs
- 13 Roz Edmisten
- 14 Sarah Bradley
- 14 Mark Pekar
- 14 Birdie Wentland
- 15 Cliff Kruse
- 17 Patsy Cooper
- 17 Randal Wilson
- 22 Judy de Chantal
- 22 Terri Durham
- 24 Amanda Allwine
- 24 Heather Johnson
- 24 Sidney Ingersoll
- 27 Bill Daracunas
- 27 Jasmine Gauthun
- 27 Dale Kongorski
- 27 Jeramie O'Dell
- 28 Penelope Allwine



Sabbath School Outing

The Children's Sabbath School outing to Fort Warden was a fun-filled event for all ages. In spite of the wet weather, kids enjoyed exploring bunkers and God's creation.



Vacation Bible School

by Collette Pekar



The graphic is a promotional poster for Vacation Bible School 2023. It features a lion standing on a stone block with the word 'Babylon' written on it. The lion is orange and yellow. The stone block is light brown. The word 'Babylon' is in a large, green, bubbly font. Below it, the text 'Daniel's Courage in Captivity' is written in a smaller, black font. To the left of the lion, the text 'Ages 4-12' is written in a white, sans-serif font. To the right of the lion, the text 'YOU'RE INVITED!' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below that, 'VBS 2023' is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below that, 'July 24-29' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below that, '6:00-8:00 pm' is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, the text 'SEQUIM ADVENTIST CHURCH, 30 SANFORD LANE, SEQUIM' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Pre-Register: www.sequimwa.adventistchurch.org/vbs or call 360-683-7373' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

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Daniel's Courage in Captivity™

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Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We need your help to make this a success! Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm from June 7 to July 19 will be VBS planning meetings, except for Camp Meeting June 21.

Please contact Collette to let her know you are available and able to help! Her phone number is: 207-449-0273.

Please join the team and help create a fun-filled VBS!

Babylon—Daniel's Courage in Captivity: July 24-29, 6-8 PM

The nightly themes are:

When things change, God is with you. (Daniel taken captive to Babylon.)

When you need help, God is with you. (Daniel interprets Daniel's dream.)

When you are afraid, God is with you. (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego survive a fiery furnace.)

When you are lonely, God is with you. (Daniel prays, even though it means he might get into trouble.)


When you are thankful, God is with you. (God saves Daniel from the lions.)

These are the very truths that all kids will need to know to face the future! What pertinent stories to share with kids who need to know God is always with them!

Teams are forming to dream and plan how to make this year's VBS the best yet! We are joyfully accepting all (verbal) volunteer applications for the decorating team, the creative activities team (the marketplace), the public relations team, the graduation picnic team, set up and tear down teams. There is a way for every member to participate in sharing this amazing story with the children of our community!

We are planning to **recreate Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian palace** (complete with hanging gardens) in the sanctuary **and a Babylonian marketplace** in the fellowship hall. Mark is dreaming of creating life-sized winged lions and a giant statue of gold, and a three dimensional fiery furnace. He will definitely welcome help. What a fun project for creative grown-ups!

July 2023 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NO All-Church Fellowship Meal, Ed Bauer Memorial Service 3:00pm
2	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed 	5 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8 Mission Spotlight
9	10	11	12 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting 7:30pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 ACS 10am-12pm	19 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting 7:30pm	20	21	22 Bill Summerton Memorial Service 3:00pm
23 Set-up for VBS	24	25	26	27	28	29 Special VBS Program/ Dinner 6:00pm
Vacation Bible School, July 24-29						
30 VBS Tear-down	31		<u>Upcoming Events</u> Aug. 5 Church Picnic at Camp Kruse Aug. 13 School Workbee/ Registration Aug. 21 First Day of School			

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