



## Church Calendar

### Today August 25<sup>th</sup>

Greeter:  
On the Menu today: Italian  
Elder in Charged this month: Robert Hamilton  
Sunset Tonight: 7:58 pm  
Collecting offering today: B. White/ D Sebastian

### Next Service September 1<sup>st</sup>

Greeter: Glauce de Faria  
Sabbath School teacher Charles Coffey  
Offering next week is for "Church Budget" Charles Coffey  
On the menu: Family Favorites  
Sunset: 7:48 pm

*Thank you for remembering our local budget in your giving. These are funds that stay in Erwin Hills for the operation of our church.*

***Please submit bulletin information by Wednesdays of each week***

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#### **Church Officers**

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## *Announcements and Church News*

**August 25, 2018**

**No Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays for the duration of the evangelistic meetings.

**His Way of Hope** – will continue at the church from Thursday to Saturday night for the next three weeks. The presenters will be Pastor Couser and the elders of the church. Your attendance is needed to support tent visitors that may attend.

**Next Board Meeting** will be this coming Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm.

**NC Mountain State Fair** dates this year are September 7-16 with the Seventh-day Adventist Booth in its prime location in the Davis Event Center. Thank you for your continuing prayers and for your faithful support. Want to help? Contact us: Linda Duncan, 828-606-3088; Stella Bradley, 828-674-1103.

### **Think about this...**

“The Jewish Christians living within sight of the temple naturally allowed their minds to revert to the peculiar privileges of the Jews as a nation. When they saw the Christian church departing from the ceremonies and traditions of Judaism, and perceived that the peculiar sacredness with which the Jewish customs had been invested would soon be lost sight of in the light of the new faith, many grew indignant with Paul as the one who had, in a large measure, caused this change. Even the disciples were not all prepared to accept willingly the decision of the council. Some were zealous for the ceremonial law, and they regarded Paul with disfavor because they thought that his principles in regard to the obligations of the Jewish law were lax.”—[Page 197](#).

“We look to self, as though we had power to save ourselves; but Jesus died for us because we are helpless to do this”. - FW 36

### **Please pray for**

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Margaret Morrow     | • Our Youth                       |
| • Bill Griffin        | • Mary Sheets                     |
| • Betty & Bill Osteen | • His way of Hope tent evangelism |
| • Lucille Blankenship | •                                 |

### **August Birthdays**

|           |                 |           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| August 9  | Angelita Garcia | August 20 | Sheila Waldroup |
| August 28 | Glauce de Faria | August 20 | Paul Sylvester  |

### **Shut-ins Ministry Visitation Schedule**

| Date      | Team                | To visit            |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| August 1  | R. Killian          | Mary Sheets         |
| August 8  | Mark Van Tuyl       | Lucille Blankenship |
| August 15 | Sam Leonor          | Betty & Bill Osteen |
| August 22 | Breta & Barry White | Margaret Morrow     |

### **Preachers for August 2018**

August 4 – Mark Galvez

August 11 – Pastor Ed Couser

August 18 – Mike Lombardo

August 25 – Pastor Ed Couser

### **This We Believe**

- The entire Bible as the inspired Word of God
- The Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- Salvation only through Jesus Christ
- An imminent literal, visible return of Christ
- A last day message of mercy and judgement
- The 10 Commandments as an infallible rule of living
- The blessing of the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath keeping
- Immortality only through Christ given at His return
- All the Christian gifts, including prophecy
- Baptism by immersion
- The Lord’s Supper and Foot washing
- Healthful living and gospel finance.

## ***"PRAYING TILL WE PRAY"***

Dr. Moody Stuart, a great praying man of a past generation, once drew up a set of rules to guide him in his prayers. Among these rules is this one: "Pray till you pray." The difference between praying till you quit and praying till you pray is illustrated by the American evangelist John Wesley Lee. He often likened a season of prayer to a church service, and insisted that many of us close the meeting before the service is over. He confessed that once he arose too soon from a prayer session and started down the street to take care of some pressing business. He had only gone a short distance when an inner voice reproached him. "Son," the voice seemed to say, "did you not pronounce the benediction before the meeting was ended?" He understood, and at once hurried back to the place of prayer where he tarried till the burden lifted and the blessing came down.

The habit of breaking off our prayers before we have truly prayed is as common as it is unfortunate. Often the last ten minutes may mean more to us than the first half hour, because we must spend a long time getting into the proper mood to pray effectively. We may need to struggle with our thoughts to draw them in from where they have been scattered through the multitude of distractions that result from the task of living in a disordered world.

Here, as elsewhere in spiritual matters, we must be sure to distinguish the ideal from the real. Ideally we should be living moment-by-moment in a state of such perfect union with God that no special preparation is necessary. But actually there are few who can honestly say that this is their experience. Candor will compel most of us to admit that we often experience a struggle before we can escape from the emotional alienation and sense of unreality that sometimes settle over us as a sort of prevailing mood.

Whatever a dreamy idealism may say, we are forced to deal with things down on the level of practical reality. If when we come to prayer our hearts feel dull and unspiritual, we should not try to argue ourselves out of it. Rather, we should admit it frankly and pray our way through. Some Christians smile at the thought of "praying through," but something of the same idea is found in the writings of practically every great praying saint from Daniel to the present day. We cannot afford to stop praying till we have actually prayed. A. W. Tozer