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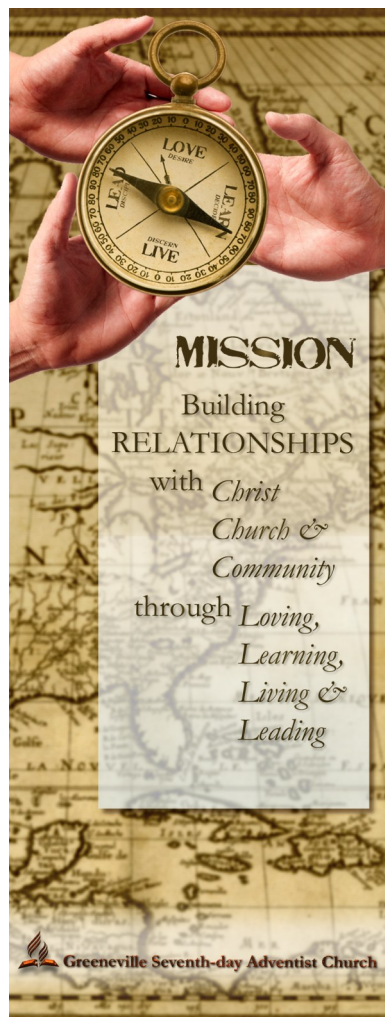
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LORD, HELP ME TO BE INTENTIONAL



For months now, she had been praying, “Lord, help me to be intentional” in her witnessing. He surprises us with opportunities.

Her car had set in the carport for three weeks. She wasn't sure what to do. The security light had some on, and according to the book, that meant that the car thought someone was trying to steal it.

The anti-theft system has a problem! It had mistaken her for a thief and had told her car not to start. OK, so how was she going to get it to the shop to get it fixed?

Of course, she had AAA but would they tow it to the dealer in Knoxville?

One night, as she said her prayers, she asked God to please let her car start one more time. The next morning, with full confidence, she went out to start the car.

Upset? No. Questioning why God didn't answer her prayer? No. She just picked up the

phone asking AAA to be towed, expecting them to tell her they would tow to the nearest dealer.

Her prayer was answered and AAA said they would send someone out. She wondered, why did God choose to say no to her request for one last start. What was His reason? She was about to find out.

A young man came to the door to get her keys so he could load the car on the flat bed. A nice looking young man. Neat, well groomed, pleasant. No problem, he said when she asked if they could ride in his truck to Knoxville.

After some small talk, she was running out of anything to say. Remembering her promise to God to be more intentional in her witnessing, she asked him if he had ever wondered about the Sanctuary that God told Moses and the Israelites to build in the wilderness. He responded that yes, he had wondered about that. So she proceeded to tell him about Messiah's Mansion. OK God, was that deliberate

enough?

His reply was not what she was expecting. After all, this was a young man from today's generation—he said he would love to see Messiah's Mansion. She told him when it was coming and where he could find it. Ah! Now she knew why God said no!

It wasn't long until he was asking her what church she went to, and for the next hour, he kept asking questions about the “seventh day church.” He told her he had often wondered about why most

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Sunsets:

Friday	Saturday
7 Sunset: 7:51 pm	8 Sunset: 7:50 pm
14 Sunset: 7:41pm	15 Sunset: 7:39 pm
21 Sunset: 7:30 pm	22 Sunset: 7:29 pm
28 Sunset: 7:20 pm	29 Sunset: 7:18 pm

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people went to church on Sunday. They talked about how God wrote the ten commandments on stone, so why would we expect that He would then change one of them?

One question kept leading to another. They had a mini study about the Sabbath and how it was changed. Then he wanted to know how else the "seven day church was different. She answered first by telling him how much we were alike, and then going back into history and how the Sabbath came to be changed, quoting the Bible on how men would "think to change time and laws."

They talked about the reformation, and why people came to America where they could worship God according to their own conscience.

He was a Baptist, so she pointed out that we too believe in Baptism by immersion. Then she told him that it was actually a Seventh-day Baptist who pointed out to the founders of our church that they were not fol-

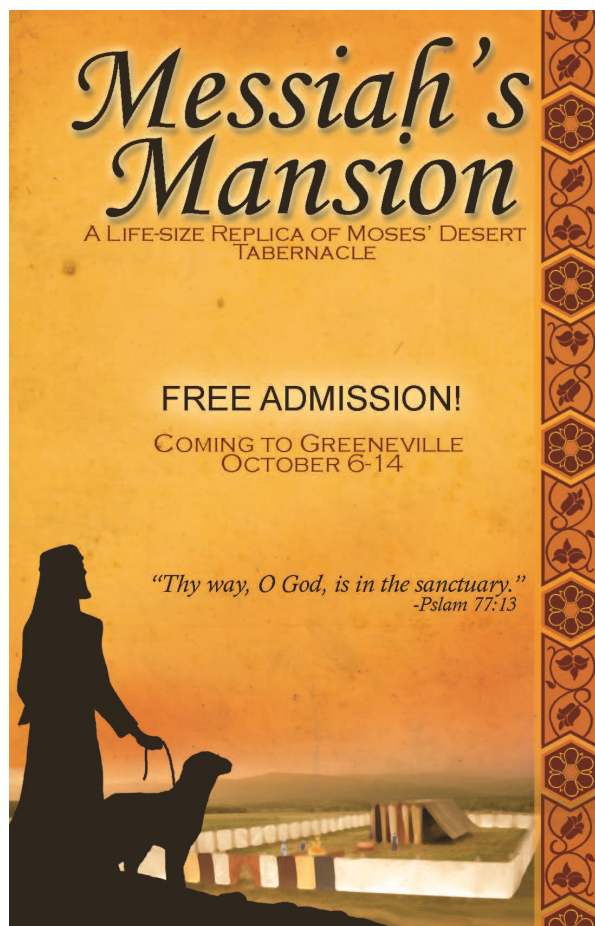
lowing all the Bible since the fourth commandment said that the seventh day was the Sabbath.

God continued to give her clarity as they talked. She asked if he would like to know more about the history of Christianity and told him about a book called "The Great Controversy" and that if he was interested she would check her car when they got to Knoxville to see if she had a copy with her, and if not if he could give her his address to mail him one.

When they got there, she went to the car, and found a copy to give him. When she handed it to him, his eyes actually lit up, and he thanked her and promised to read it, and to come to see Messiah's Mansion.

Why did God say no to her prayer? Because He had another appointment for her. He gave her a chance to be "intentional" and that was so much better than what she had asked for.

Won't YOU be more intentional in your witnessing?



CHURCH AT A GLANCE 2011

<i>Sabbath</i>	<i>Tithe</i>	<i>Combined Budget</i>	<i>Lambs Offering</i>	<i>Church Renov</i>
Aug 04	\$53,420	\$7,157	\$278	\$405
Aug 11	\$8,454	\$2,231	\$0	\$150
Aug 18	\$16,869	\$4,411	\$139	\$272
Aug 25	\$12,442	\$3,972	\$186	\$475
On-line giving	\$7,864	\$1,130	\$0	\$159
Month to date	\$99,049	\$18,902	\$603	\$1,461
Goal		\$24,086		\$2,247
Needed for goal		\$5,185		\$786
Outstanding balance				\$111,230
YTD Giving	\$607,201	\$136,911	\$5,642	\$12,854
YTD Goal		\$168,604		\$15,729
Needed to make YTD Goal		\$31,693		\$2,874
Give online at greenevilleadventist.org				

Fellowship schedule for

1 Peter 4:9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

Leaders: If you have a conflict for the week you are scheduled, please arrange for another group to trade with you or for someone to handle your responsibilities, and let Brenda Chalfant know so that it can be in the bulletin.

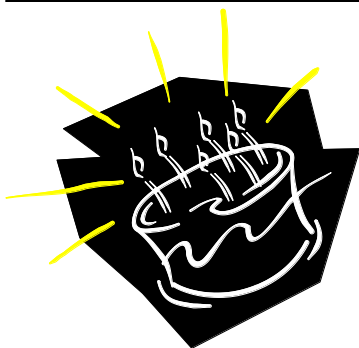
SEPT

01 Gordon & Lyn Marsa
08 Joe & Jeannie Kretschmar
15 Harry & Lynda Nelson
22 **NET OAKS RETREAT**
29 Joe & Lucia Fillers

Participants: If you have a conflict, please let your leader know as soon as possible.



Birthdays/Anniversaries



Birthdays

1-Judy Payne
1-Richard Higgins
1-Jaquelyn Buono
2-Myrlene Marsa
3-Angela Emde
3-Ann Siepman
3-Scott Felan
3-Chris Roth

3-James Herman
4-Dennis Silva
4-Rachael Gilbreath
4-Megan Wilson
5-Ezequiel Cancelado
5-Annette Warden
6-Larry Haney
7-Janet Robinson
7-Amanda B Robinson
8-Julie Lowry
11-Norman Draper
11-Rhonda Malina
11-Priscilla Clark
11-Christie Cutshaw
12-Esther Caro
12-Gordon Hoppe
12-Larry Ulmer
13-Jordan Arnall
13-Rochelle Forney
14-Allen Conner
14-Charlene Palm

14-Gayle Blood
14-Janet Arroyo
14-Wayne Blazer
15-Jonathan Kennedy
16-Alberta Ducheny
17-Brad Stanton
18-Ken Martin
18-Orison Achenbach
18-Ressie I Anders
20-Ken Horton
20-Lindsi Mociran
21-Helen Achenbach
23-Andrew Fillers
23-Duane Jr Gibson
23-Ivette Vasquez
23-Rochelle Coffey
25-Daniel Wolcott
25-Larry Servoss
25-Philip Sagadraca
26-Cheryl Mathews
26-Joseph Reversion
26-Joyce Stills

27-Bill Barrett
27-Francisco Javier Ocampo
29-Bucky Knecht
30-Robert Hastings
30-Robert Hricz

Anniversaries

2-Ward & Julia Swarner
2-Mearle & Bonnie Meyer
3-Lloyd & Sandra Lawing
6-Lloyd & Mary Covill
6-Keith & Trish Boyce
10-Harry & Lynda Nelson
14-Malcolm & Joelene Thurlow
15-Leroy & Clarine Foshee
20-Mike & Linda Carlton
21-James & Katherine Small
22-Curtis & Amanda Robinson
27-Robert & Sherry Thomas
Wayne & Sharon Blazer

Announcements/News



WHATS IN YOUR GARDEN:

Our Messiah's Mansion Cooking Team is interested in knowing if you have any locally grown produce that you would like to donate towards feeding the tour guides during the second week of October. Contact Greg Highland at (770) 359-8433 if you would like to support this aspect of Messiah's Mansion.

SAVE THE DATE:

"Let's Move" walking initiative, Greenville Middle School 7-9 a.m. Sept 23rd.

QUILT SHOW & AUCTION:

Riverview SDA Church is sponsoring a quilt show and auction to send blind children and adults to the Indian Creek Camp for the blind in Tennessee. We need you to donate a quilt(s). You may drop them off at several locations. They are also asking for table sponsors and for people to attend. Please see flyer on yer table for more information or call Bob Clayton 620-7622.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UP-

DATES: The church directory update can be **ordered** and picked up at the church office during regular business hours. Please note that there will be a small fee for this update. Call Brenda at the office to arrange for payment and pickup. I have added names and addresses for those not pictured as requested so that you can see everyone's contact info in the directory.

ABC BOOKMOBILE:

Please mark your calendars for Sept 9th, 9:30 a.m. The sale flyer is in the foyer on the table. The deadline for placing orders will be Thursday Sept 6th at noon.

SAVE THE DATE:

Messiah's Mansion will be here mansion will be open to the public from October 4-14 and then the prophecy series will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from October 16 to November 15.

NEED A MASSAGE?

Our new Bible Worker, Nancy Adams is a Massage Therapist and now is accepting clients by appointment only. She can be reached at 787-1949

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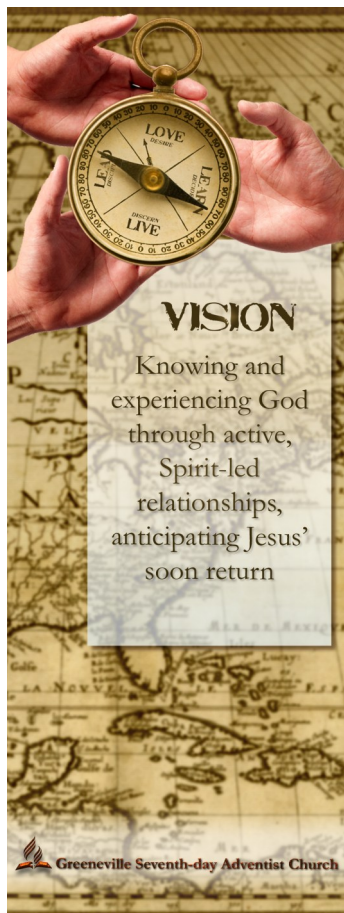
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Witness Wherever Jesus Calls

The Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. 2 Timothy 4:17, NKJV.

Resolve, not in your own strength, but in the strength and grace given of God, that you will consecrate to Him now, just now, every power, every ability. You will then follow Jesus because He bids you, and you will not ask where, or what reward will be given. It will be well with you as you obey the word: "Follow me." Your part is to lead others to the light by judicious, faithful efforts. Under the guardianship of the divine Leader, will to do, resolve to act, without a moment's hesitation.

When you die to self, when you surrender to God, to do His work, to let the light that He has given you shine forth in good works, you will not labor alone. God's

grace stands forth to cooperate with every effort to enlighten the ignorant and those who do not know that the end of all things is at hand.

But God will not do your work. Light may shine in abundance, but the grace given will convert your soul only as it arouses you to cooperate with divine agencies. You are called upon to put on the Christian armor and enter the Lord's service as active soldiers. Divine power is to cooperate with human effort to break the spell of worldly enchantment that the enemy has cast upon souls....

Let your hearts be drawn out in love for perishing souls. Obey the impulse given by High Heaven. Grieve not the Holy Spirit by delay. Resist not God's methods of recovering souls from the thralldom of sin. To everyone, according to their several ability, is given their work. Do your best, and God will accept your efforts.-- Testimonies for the Church 8:55, 56.

It's time for Jesus to come