



Klamath Falls SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

October 2020

Dates to Remember

October

Monday Meal & Community Service Distribution

Fellowship Hall

Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Worship

Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays, 2:45 p.m.

Vespers on line

Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Mon, Oct 12, 6:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting

Mon, Oct 19, 6:30 p.m.



Although the prophet Jeremiah is known as the “weeping Prophet” he also offers hope for God’s people.

In Jeremiah 8:20 he offers the cry of a desperate people. “The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved.” In Jeremiah’s Palestine, grain harvest began in April. If that crop failed, at least they could look forward to the fruit harvest (grapes, figs, olives, etc.) in August and September. However both harvests had failed and they were left with nothing. How many people around us are in this same desperate situation? Hurting people with no hope.

In verse 21 Jeremiah describes his own empathy with them. “For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; Astonishment has taken hold of me.” I wonder if sometimes we lack the compassion Jeremiah expressed for his people. They were obviously hurting both materially and spiritually. In our own church family as well as in our community there are hurting people, but God offers real tangible hope.

In verse 22 he asks a rhetorical question. “Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?” There was an aromatic resin, the product of a small flowering tree that grew in the area known as Gilead. It was known and prized for its healing qualities. Jeremiah is saying for all the hurts that people suffer, whether of their own making or hurts imposed by others, there is a cure. The old song says “Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.”

A letter, quoted in the book Selected Messages, book 2 says “The waters of which you have been drinking are as bitter to your taste as were the waters of Marah to the children of Israel in the wilderness, but Jesus can make them sweet with His love.....God has provided a balm for every wound. There is a balm in Gilead, there is a physician there. Will you not now as never before study the Scriptures? Seek the Lord for wisdom in every emergency. In every trial plead with Jesus to show you a way out of your troubles, then your eyes will be opened to behold the remedy and to apply to your case the healing promises that have been recorded in His word.”

We trust that we all will truly experience the healing that comes from Jesus the “balm in Gilead”.

God Bless, Pastor Jim & Melody

Outreach

The Monday Night Bread of Life dinner in the Fellowship Hall will soon be served inside due to the coming cold weather.

Community Service is distributing cleaning products and personal care items. Your much needed donations can be left in the basket in the back foyer.



Studies

If you are interested in joining the ladies for prayer walks in Moore Park, scripture coloring or Friday vespers call Pat Leonard, 541-591-8616, for information on these events.

Join the Ladies Bible Study by calling the new free conference call number, 732-434-2607, at 2:45 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information contact Pam Munoz, 541-281-2734.

Helping Hands

What a glorious day we had Wednesday, September 23 helping Pastor Jerry and Tania Bandy get their garden harvested before winter. The potatoes, beans, carrots and onions are all in thanks to the help of Barbara Warner, Leslie Rodgers, Charity Rivera, Sara Morgan, Carolina Whittemore, Pat Leonard, Dave and Patty Moore, Pam Munoz and Bob Hall. We were all blessed!

Please keep Tania in your prayers as she recovers from her recent knee replacement surgery and help Jerry restrain himself from rototilling while he is waiting for his surgery on the 30th!



Church Board Meeting

Items of discussion and action at the September Church Board Meeting included:

- Discussed the possibilities of including more participation during our worship services
- Discussed the need to begin serving Monday dinners inside due to the coming cold weather.
- Approved a request to mail Bible study card requests to the community
- Heard progress report on mitigating the moisture/odor problem in the Fellowship Hall

The next Church Board Meeting will be Monday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m.



Helping Hands

Art Fry, of the Bonanza Adventist Church, is working to send drilling equipment to Guatemala in areas where fresh water is scarce. He is donating a drill rig, mud pumper, support truck and a backhoe, and will provide training to the local people. Art is confident that God is directing the project. The equipment was dedicated on Sabbath, September 26. At the dedication service we learned of the many obstacles involved in shipping the machines by ship and overland to Guatemala. If you would like to be involved by giving a donation you can send it to the "Guatemala Water Project" at the Bonanza Seventh-day Adventist Church, P O Box 326, Bonanza OR 97623.



School Project

Our elementary school needs replacement wood chips to be spread over the playground area. The cost for this playground improvement is \$3,000.00. The School Board has approved this expense to provide a safer environment for the students during their recess and free time. They would like to involve their constituent church in sharing the expense by encouraging church members and friends to donate \$25.00 or more towards this project. It will take only 120 donations of \$25.00 to cover this expense, and we hope as many of you as possible will participate in this opportunity of love for our students and local Adventist School. Please mark your offering for the "School Play-ground Project." If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Warner at 541-205-6690. Your support and care for our school children is appreciated!

