

# Church News

## Reflections & Dreams - Pastor Jeremy

As we are approaching the end of the year and facing the beginning of another, I have found myself reflecting and dreaming. You see I am not satisfied with where we are as a church. Don't misunderstand me, I am happy to be apart of such a wonderful church family, but there is always room for improvement and growth. The five foolish virgins in Jesus' parable were left out of the wedding because they were satisfied with what they had. While we should be content with what God gives us with regards to worldly possessions and wealth, we should not become complacent with our experience with Him. If we are in relationship with Him, we should always be hungry for more of His presence and power in our life. That's the experience of new lovers and

thus should be the case with Jesus and His bride the church. As I reflect on where we've been this year, I want to ask myself, what have we learned? What worked and what didn't? What should we continue and what should we discontinue? Should priorities be adjusted or left the same? What can we learn thus far in our journey together as a local church? Those are the type questions that come to my mind at this time.

But at the same time, I find myself dreaming. Where can we go next year as a church? What would the Lord have us to do with regards to evangelism and outreach? What can be done to witness more conversions in



the new year? What can we do to worship Him more meaningfully in the year ahead? What can we do to grow closer together as a church family? What can we do? That's the question. Some may say only God can do much of what I've asked, but God works in and through us and work is never accomplished until one does something.

In an effort to find answers to some of these questions, I want to do at least two important things. First I want to seek answers from God in prayer and thoughtful study. Second, I want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Thus I have included an extra page in this newsletter that contains a survey for you to tear out and complete. Please do so and turn this in. What are your thoughts? I want to know.

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Join us as we close the year with a special candle light communion service on Sabbath, December 30th at the Family Life Center at 4PM

## Blueberry Benefits

**B**lueberries are not only sweet and juicy but full of health benefits too. They can improve your vision, clear your arteries, help with weight control, prevent urinary tract infections, prevent cancer, and strengthen your blood vessels.' According to the following study, they can also give you added brain power.

"Eating blueberries may help you remember where you placed your car keys—important findings if you'd like to keep Alzheimer's and heart disease at bay.



The research was presented Monday, August 19, at the ACS national meeting in Boston.

In one study, Jim Joseph, director of the neuroscience laboratory in the USDA Human Nutrition Center (HNRCA), fed blueberry extractions—the equivalent of a human eating one cup of blueberries a day—to mice and then ran them through a series of motor skills tests.

He found that the blueberry-fed mice performed better than their control group counterparts in motor behavioral learning and memory, and he noticed an increase in exploratory behavior. When he examined their

brains, he found a marked decrease in oxidative stress in two regions of the brain and better retention of signal-transmitting neurons compared with the control mice.

The chemical that appears responsible for this neuron protection, anthocyanin also gives blueberries their color and might be the key component of the blueberry's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Blueberries, along with other colorful fruits and vegetables, test high in their ability to subdue oxygen free radicals. These oxygen radicals, which can damage cell membranes and DNA through a process known as oxidative stress, are blamed for many of the dysfunctions and diseases associated with aging.

These findings could become increasingly important as the U.S. population ages. It is projected that by 2050, more than 30% of Americans will be over 65 and will have the decreased cognitive and motor function that accompanies advanced age. Joseph is currently testing the effects of blueberries on humans. Preliminary results show that people who ate a cup of blueberries a day have performed 5–6% better on motor skills tests than the control group. <sup>42</sup>

So don't "forget" your blueberries and live a healthier life.

1. <http://www.oregonblueberry.com/health.php>
2. <http://www.blueberry.org/health.htm>



### Chicken - n- Dressing

- 1 1/2 c. diced fine celery and leaves
- 1 1/2 c. diced onions
- 1 T. McKay's chicken seasoning
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 can mushrooms
- 1 c. liquid - mushroom juice plus water

*Simmer above for 10 minutes.*

Add: 1/2 loaf of bread broken into pieces (*whole wheat or a vegetable bread*)

- 1 large teaspoon of poultry seasoning
- 1 t. sage
- 2T melted butter
- 1/3 - 1/2 large roll of chicken in slices or pieces.

Place in greased casserole and bake 400 for 35-45 minutes. Cover first half of time.

*Submitted by Tammy Kellogg*

## Q & A - Angel Manuel Rodriguez

**Q. In my local church, clapping during the worship service is very common. Is there any biblical support for this practice?**

**A.** Clapping during church services is becoming more and more popular in many of our churches, so your church is not unique in this respect. Clapping is mentioned in the Bible as an expression of social and religious feelings. But the ideas associated with this gesture are not always the ones we associate with in our culture.

Four Hebrew verbs are used to express the action of clapping (*macha'*, *nakah*, *saphak*, and *taqa'*), and all of them contain, as would be expected, the idea of striking something or someone. They are used in conjunction with the noun "hand" (Hebrew *kaf*) to communicate the action of clapping ("striking the hands"). The phrase is used in several different ways.

1. It is an expression of joy at the ascension of the king: This is a social function of the gesture. When Joash was introduced as the legitimate heir to the throne, those who were present clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!" (2 Kings 11:12, NIV). A religious usage is found in Psalm 47:1, where the psalmist invites all peoples to clap their hands because the Lord is being proclaimed as king over the earth. In Psalm 98:8 the people are exhorted to praise the Lord and the hills to clap their hands because the Lord is coming as king and judge of the earth.

2. It is an expression of joy on account of God's saving actions: The return of the people of God from their captivity in Babylon is described by Isaiah as an act of redemption. What the Lord will do for His exiled people is so wonderful and glorious that even nature will rejoice. In this context the prophet personifies the trees of the field and describes them as clapping their hands as a gesture of joy (Isa. 55:12).

3. It is an expression of disgust and anger: Balak was angry because Balaam blessed the people of Israel instead of cursing them, and he showed his displeasure by clapping his hands (Num. 24:10). Ezekiel clapped his hands in disgust after seeing the evil practiced in Judah (Eze. 6:11). The Lord clapped His hands in anger and disgust as a reaction to dishonest gain and to the blood spilled by His people in Jerusalem (Eze. 22:13; 21:14, 17). This symbolic action on God's part is followed by His judgment against unrepentant sinners.

4. It is an expression of malicious glee: This meaning is found exclusively in the context of defeated enemies. In the prophecy against Nineveh God announces that all those who will hear about His judgments will clap their hands over the city and its misfortune (Nahum 3:19). The Ammonites clapped their hands and rejoiced with malice when Israel was being destroyed by the Babylonians (Eze. 25:6). It is this same contempt and hostility that those passing by the ruins of Jerusalem expressed by clapping their hands (Lam. 2:15). This gesture was indeed a sign of hostility and derision.

There is no clear evidence that this gesture was part of worship in the Old and New Testaments. In fact, I didn't find the phrase in the entire New Testament. Therefore, there does not seem to be any biblical parallel to what takes place in our churches today.

You may ask, "Why do we do it?" I'm not sure. I suspect that we incorporated clapping into our services from our cultural environment. Clapping is usually associated with the entertainment industry, but has become very popular in televised evangelical religious services. Perhaps we copied it from them.

Leaving aside the issue of cultural influence, I suppose that what really matters is that each person be fully aware of the reasons he or she claps in church. Motivation becomes extremely important in this context. Is it an expression of joy in the Lord and His saving power? Is it only a physical expression or a substitute for what used to be the audible amen? Or is it a recognition of the good performance of the singer or the preacher?

This time, as you can see, I have more questions than answers.

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## A Story of Conversion -submitted by Kevin Zais

Two and a half years ago we made the decision to leave the big city and good jobs to seek a simpler life. Little did we know at that time that the Lord had many things prepared for us.

At first we tried to move to Knoxville, then Chattanooga, but nothing worked out. Finally we found Crossville and purchased a home.

The Holy Spirit quickly went to work on our family. No jobs we found outside of Crossville worked out. On her way to Knoxville one day to look for work, the Lord told Lea to turn around and go home. She did, and got a phone call that same day from a CPA firm right here in town.

Then one day I was presented with a job paying the same as the job I left in the big city. It was also at this time I was presented with Biblical truth and the Sabbath for the first time in my life. The spiritual battle for my soul was on, but at the time I couldn't have told you so. I chose



The Zais Family

to honor the truth God was showing me and walked away from that job offer asking me to work "Oh, just a couple of Saturdays a month." This choice provided the Holy Spirit the ground to see three of our family members baptized together.

I took a temporary job, not knowing what else to do to avoid a Sabbath issue. Even then the Sabbath came front and center when I was asked on more than one occasion to work on Saturday. I chose God.

Soon the opportunity to purchase our first business came. We bought it for less than half the asking price.

Quickly another opportunity came to purchase another business, this time for 1/6 the market value. "If you abide in Him, the fact that you receive a rich gift today insures the reception of a richer gift tomorrow." (The Desire of Ages, p. 148)

We have replaced family time watching TV with devotion and worship. We sing together in praise and prayer to the Lord in thanks and intercession for others we know are still seeking God's love.

The only true path to the Lord is through total submission of self to Christ. Daily, hourly, moment by moment, God is directing, God is empowering, God is inspiring us to live a "life . . . hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3) We have learned through the grace of God to let go of the world, its pride, pompous pretense, and self-promotion. Christ is the answer. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

## Meet Our New Church Secretary

In a recent church board meeting, it was proposed and voted to seek out a secretary for the church. Charlotte Taylor has volunteered to serve in this capacity and has already begun work. She will assist the pastor with various clerical duties such as maintaining an interest list, updating the phone list, updating the church pictorial directory, publishing

the newsletter, maintaining the church web site and church calendar, and will serve as the bulletin secretary beginning next year. She has served as a church secretary in the past at other churches where they have attended and her service



here is much appreciated. At this point she will work mostly from home. Please join us in welcoming her into this new position.

## Our Story — as told by Mrs. Ann Maxwell

Neither of us was looking for a life partner. During the depression years folks either married young (no idea about future problems) or decided against the responsibilities marriage would bring. (Of the five of us girl friends, I was the second to marry — at age 31. Three were older than I. The one younger, by a year, finally married at age 84.) Since Martin was so much younger than I, it never entered my head to think of him as even a “boyfriend.” So that year passed uneventfully. But, for the only time in 22 years of teaching, the Potomac Conference Educational Superintendent required me to sign an agreement when I said, tentatively, that I’d come back the next year.

That summer I spent at Washington Missionary College and took Anatomy and Physiology (including “cat lab!”) in hopes of taking nursing. But when I informed the educational superintendent, he refused to release me from my agreement. That put me back in Kilmarnoch where, much to my surprise, we became sweethearts. But no engagement. This was still the Depression. Then I had another plea to start a school in Poughkeepsie, NY. I accepted. The school still exists, so I guess it was worthwhile.

Finally, by mail, we made plans to marry. Martin by then was working at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and hoping for permanent status. We were married September, 1940, in the New York German Church. No

big show. My dress was my Sabbath dress for that year, and more years. Our honeymoon was to go home to our little apartment in Philadelphia



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The next day Martin walked to his mother’s house to see whether there was mail from the Navy Yard about his status. There was. The answer was “Temporary.” We spent the rest of that honeymoon Labor Day walking off the news in Fairmount Park. Fortunately the weather was beautiful!

As it turned out, the war was escalating, so the temporary became sort of permanent, *until* it became mandatory to work on Sabbath. By that time, 1943, we had a baby boy, so having a job was vital.

Since there was still money due from the Navy Yard we weren’t yet desperate, but then the draft came. I wheeled Bobby in his coach to the draft office to beg for mercy. In the meantime the Lord was answering our prayers. Crown Can was converting from making cans to making airplane parts. When word got to them that Martin was available, he was hired immediately. That lasted until our Jimmy was due in December of 1945. Crown Can went back to making beer cans and Martin’s conscience, and mine too, wouldn’t let him stay. Instead, Mike Meyer hired him at his Golden Flake Butter Gems bakery. No Sabbath problems because they were Seventh-day Adventists.

There he stayed until Bobby was old enough to want to sit on the stoop with neighboring boys and read comic books. He was in church school in grade 2 but it was a long trip by trolley and bus for a little kid. Martin’s brother had moved to a farm to avoid the draft and now he said a wealthy neighbor was looking for someone to run the chicken farm on his estate. We took that as an answer to our concern about Bobby. We made the move, although it cut our income almost in half. (The pastor didn’t approve!) At least I could drive our boys to the church school in Hatboro where I had taught years before. The school needed an upper grade teacher and when they heard that we were living out there the

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## The School Report - Submitted by Gay Knapp

Greetings from the Inez Wrenn Adventist School. We have a great group of students and wanted to update you on the happenings at your church school. We have just finished our annual Red Ribbon week during which schools across the country emphasize staying drug and alcohol free. Our building was decorated with red and white pennants with the theme, balloons and ribbons were distributed and prizes were drawn for during the week. Students had to be wearing their red ribbon when their number was called to receive a prize. We had guest speakers on four days, Officer Sherrill from the Crossville police department came Monday and Wednesday, one day to speak on choosing to stay drug free and one day to emphasize abstinence from alcohol and tobacco. He brought lots of gifts for the students as well as giving them some homework, which they did and turned in to him on Wednesday. We chose to include other health emphasis during the week and so on Tuesday Loraine Sweetland came and spoke on choosing a healthy diet. She gave a food pyramid to each student. On Thursday the students watched a video encouraging them to remain tobacco free. On Friday Dr. Chung spoke with the students on making good choices and explained how pathways are formed in the brain based on the choices we repeatedly make. He passed out a pledge card to each student, encouraging him or her to promise to remain drug free for life.

He also taught us a new song with words from the Bible that reminds us that we can do all things through Christ.

We just finished taking achievement tests before our fall break. Also the parents, students, and teachers filled out questionnaires for the Cognitive



Genesis study being done to ascertain whether our denomination is succeeding in passing on our beliefs and values and in providing a quality educational experience to the students in our SDA school system across North America.

Next week we have fall week of prayer. We appreciate the different speakers who take time to come and speak to our students, adding a fresh dimension to the messages the students hear. This year's speaker is Steve Gatz, Heather Stovall's dad. He is a former schoolteacher at both the elementary and secondary levels as well as an academy dean. He currently operates his own business. He is a real lover of God's creatures and gives talks to groups such as scout troops, churches, schools, etc. We are excited he is willing to spend a week sharing

God's message with us. He will bring reptile "visitors" along to enliven his presentations. Pray for the students the week of November 6-10 as they hear God's appeal for personal commitment to Him presented in a new and fresh way.

Mark your calendars now for the evening of December 8 when our choirs and string ensemble will present their annual Christmas concert to bring a blessing to those in attendance. Thanks for planning to join us.

We want to again acknowledge our volunteers, music/art teachers, graders, secretaries, hot lunch cooks and cook's helpers, as well as the ever faithful hall monitors. If you come by the school during the day you will likely be greeted by one of these volunteers. They are often the "face" of our school. Our hall monitors especially help to keep our school running smoothly by answering the telephone, answering the door for all kinds of visitors, supervising students when teachers have to step out, and other tasks to numerous to mention.

Some may ask, why would a teacher need to step out and not supervise their own class? Just within the last few weeks I have needed to step out to show the fire marshal around, show a H/A man around, sign for deliveries, attend a team meeting with parents and specialists, order janitorial and sanitation supplies from the sales rep, receive of our students,

## The School Report -continued

numerous phone calls pertaining to the business of our school and community, tend to security/fire alarms, speak with workers on the property, etc. As you can see, an extra adult in the building is vital to the supervision of our students. Volunteering is a fun job if you enjoy being involved with children. Anyone is welcome to fill out a volunteer application. Retired church members, as well as parents and former parents help to staff this position. It is vital to the safety and well being of our students and contributes greatly to the quality of our program. We thank those who are helping out this year. If you

would like to join our volunteer team please speak with Nancy Finney, our hall monitor coordinator.

As the year progresses it is clear that, as always, finances will be a challenge. Our annual operating budget is well over \$100,000 and the tuition and fees charged to parents only pay a portion of this. The school relies heavily on donations from the church as well as fundraisers such as the citrus fruit sales to make ends meet. Remember, every dollar you give is helping to provide a Christian education for the children.

They are constantly presented with God's desire to be their Friend and Guide. The choices they make are eternal and your donations help to make those choices possible. Thank you so much for your monetary support in their behalf both to the general operating expenses and to the worthy student fund.

Only in heaven will we know the true result of our prayers and efforts on behalf of God's children. Let's continue to work together so that on that day when Jesus asks where the children are we can say, "Here they are."

## Our Story -continued

school board chairman (who I'd taught in grades 7-9 and another member who I'd also taught) refused to consider anyone else. I did not want to teach, but our financial situation helped make the decision. I put in another 10 years. After teaching grades 6-9 for a few years, a third teacher was hired and it was

just grades 5-8, with up to 21 kids. Martin finally got out of the chicken business entirely and worked at the Bucks County Courthouse, so he is benefiting from a modest retirement. When our boys finally decided to marry, we decided to relocate in 1978. We moved here in 1979 and have never regretted it.

**GOLDEN HARVEST CITRUS FRUIT**

2006-2007 Schedule

To order call one of the following ladies:


Loraine Sweetland  
456-4706

Phyllis Jenkins  
484-4652

Jessie Barmes  
484-5014

*Delivery dates are given after the order is placed.*


**A Christmas Concert**



Presented by the Inez Wrenn Elementary School Students.

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Friday, December 8 at 7PM



## School News & Fundraising Efforts:

1. We are wrapping up our first "Contest of the Classrooms" for Box Tops for Education. If you take a moment to visit the school you will see a pizza hanging on the wall. As each classroom brings in Box Tops they are able to put in an "order" with toppings costing 10 Box Tops each. They have all sorts of toppings to choose from: black and green olives, onions, tomatoes, mushrooms, green peppers and cheese. There will be a pizza party for the winning classroom on November 10. You will also find a "bowl" on the wall as well. In the bowl sits a lonely banana; it is waiting for the ice cream and toppings. Each part of the banana split costs 500 Box Tops (or \$50). When the school reaches its goal of \$400 the whole school will have an ice cream split party. We really appreciate everyone's help raising Box Tops, as we have already passed the halfway mark for what we had for ALL of last year! We still have a long way to go, but just remember to ask friends, family and neighbors to help out.
2. We are still collecting the Labels for Education, and doing very well. I will be sending in one last submission of the "front labels" in early December - so if you have any of the front labels versus the UPC's please get them to me. Campbell's will no longer be accepting the front label - please see the hand out in the church foyer for the entire list of acceptable items and what they need off of each item (UPC vs lid). If you have any further questions you can check at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) or call Heather Stovall
3. Kroger is allowing us to "link" our frequent buyers card and 4% of our grocery purchases will return to our school in the form of a check. There are extra forms out in the church foyer. You only have to link your card one time to have it count all year long.
4. Food City is also encouraging us to save our sales slip to be turned in for Apples for Education. We can "buy" computer equipment with our receipts. We have only until March 10 to send them in, and again we need everyone to help out if this is to be a success.
5. Yard Sale was a huge success! We started setting up on Sunday and had people stopping by to browse through items even though we were not officially open until Monday. The official sale was Monday Oct 2 through Wednesday Oct 4 - lots of items were sold - raising \$1500 for the school. Thank you to all those that donated items, helped with the set up, sale of items and the boxing up of items. Also a big thank you to the Pemberton's for the use of their shop grounds. Thanks to you we were able to have a great yard sale. We are planning to have another one in the spring so save your stuff for us. If you need to storage contact Heather Stovall
6. Review and Herald Book Sale: October 26 - December 4. The school will receive 50% of sales with the opportunity to also receive up to 25% of the sales in books. There will be a variety of books to choose from: kids, health, cookbooks and Christian living. Think about your Christmas list: family, friends, or even your beautician - a gift that reflects the meaning of Christmas - to focus on Christ. There will be a list on the bulletin board and if you need further information contact Heather Stovall @ 788-1878
7. Spring bulbs blossomed and raised \$184.50 for the school.
8. Frozen fruit from Oregon warmed our tummy's and hearts by raising \$336.00! I am very excited for the prospect of next year, as I have already had some tell me that they will be ordering again and more next year!
9. The school is in the process of applying for a grant (for education) from Food Lion for \$5,000.00. Please pray that if it is the Lords will that we may receive this money to help with special projects. If we do receive this grant we will update you on how it was used to benefit the children.
10. Food Lion is also participating in a program similar to other grocery stores. If you link your frequent buyer card to the school, we will receive a % of what you spend. There are information cards in the foyer of the church. You will have to notify the store manager to set up the link - they do not have a paper (like Kroger) at this time.



# November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pathfinders 6:00PM Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3 Sunset 4:43PM	4 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:30 PM
5 Pathfinder Fund-raising Thanksgiv- ing Dinner 4-6PM at FLC	6 Inez Wrenn School Week of Prayer Begins	7 Church Board 5:30PM	8 Pathfinders 6:00PM NO Prayer Meeting	9	10 Sunset 4:36PM	11 Morning Worship –Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:30 PM
12	13	14	15 Pathfinders 6:00PM NO Prayer Meeting	16	17 Sunset 4:31PM	18 Morning Worship – Ron McCary Vespers 4:30 PM Movie Night: 5:30PM
19	20	21 School break begins at Noon	22 NO Pathfinders NO Prayer Meeting	23 THANKSGIVING	24 Sunset 4:28PM	25 Morning Worship – Elder Thompson NO VESPERS
26	27 School Resumes	28	29 Pathfinders 6:00PM NO Prayer Meeting	30		

# December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sunset 4:26PM	2 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:00 PM
3	4	5 School Board 5:30PM	6 Pathfinders 6:00PM NO Prayer Meeting	7	8 School Christmas Concert 7PM Sunset 4:25PM	9 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:00 PM
10	11	12 Church Board 5:30PM	13 Pathfinders 6:00PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	14	15 Sunset 4:26PM	16 Morning Worship – Elder Case Vespers 4:00 PM
17	18	19	20 School Break begins at noon. NO Pathfinders NO Prayer Meeting	21	22 Sunset 4:29PM	23 Morning Worship – Elder Coyle NO VESPERS
24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27 No Pathfinders No Prayer Meeting	28	29 Sunset 4:33PM	30 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:00 PM – Communion Service
31 New Years Eve						

## CHURCH EVALUATION

*We are asking that every member fill out this survey, detach it from the newsletter and hand it in.*

Together we represent the Seventh-day Adventist faith to this community. Our church is a witness and collectively we produce that witness. What is your perception of our church? Below, please rate your feelings by marking the dissatisfied/satisfied scale. The more dissatisfied you are, the nearer you would circle to 1; while the more satisfied you are, the nearer you would circle to 5. Don't worry about being precise, work quickly and try to be honest about your feelings.

1. I feel the church regularly evaluates and reviews its mission, aims and goals.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I feel we have an effective program for the recruitment and training of leaders.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I feel that individuality and creativity are encouraged.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I feel there is a high level of motivation in the congregation.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I feel there are clearly defined avenues by which I can voice my opinions & concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I feel that our church's organization is flexible and adaptable.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I feel our membership includes people of varying ages, backgrounds and interests.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel that disagreement and conflict between members is adequately dealt with.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I feel that the church's accomplishments and shortcomings are evaluated regularly.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I feel that communication of announcements and programs is effective.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I feel loved by most in the church.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I feel that the church is able to cope with change and is open to new methods and ideas.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I feel that the church supports and encourages it's members.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I feel that I make a difference in this church.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I feel that we did a good job with regards to outreach to the community this year.	1	2	3	4	5
16. I feel the church provided adequate nurturing activities for it's members this year.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I feel the our church ministers effectively to our young people.	1	2	3	4	5
18. I feel that the church supports our school.	1	2	3	4	5
19. I feel I have truly worshipped when I leave church each Sabbath.	1	2	3	4	5
20. I feel we had an adequate amount of church socials this year.	1	2	3	4	5
21. I feel our pastor is easy to relate to and approachable.	1	2	3	4	5
22. I feel comfortable in inviting non-Adventist friends to my church.	1	2	3	4	5
23. I feel joy and inspiration over the music we share in each week.	1	2	3	4	5
24. I feel invited to participate in the various activities of the church.	1	2	3	4	5
25. I feel that prayer meeting is meaningful and inspiring.	1	2	3	4	5
26. I feel content with my level of involvement in the mission of this church.	1	2	3	4	5
27. I feel that coming to church and being involved is well worth my time.	1	2	3	4	5
28. I feel that I have grown in my knowledge and understanding of Scripture from the sermons and seminars offered by our church this year.	1	2	3	4	5
29. I feel that the Sabbath School program is meaningful and rewarding.	1	2	3	4	5
30. I feel that my experience with this church has drawn me closer to God than I was at the beginning of the year.	1	2	3	4	5
31. I feel my personal goals are in harmony with the goals of our church.	1	2	3	4	5
32. I feel we are moving in the right direction as a church.	1	2	3	4	5

I have been a member of this church for more than five years? Circle **Yes** or **No**. Choose which category you fall under age wise by circling the appropriate year span:                   **0-19   20-39   40-59   60-79   80+**

Please add any comments or suggestions you have regarding our church below:

## PASTOR EVALUATION

To help your pastor better plan his ministry and service to our church & community, please fill out the following questionnaire. **Circle** a number from 1 to 5 to indicate how important it is for you that the pastor performs each task. Circle 5 if you think it is extremely important; 1 if you think it is unimportant and 2, 3 or 4 if your estimate is in between. Please note that your thoughts are valued and wanted. After this please go back and place an **X** on the number that you believe represents the effectiveness of your Pastor in that particular area with 5 being great and 1 being poor.

1. Teach & work directly with special seminar series for prayer meeting and the like.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Participate in community projects & organizations such as cooking schools, prison ministries, community ministerial associations, rotary club, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Minister to the sick, dying and bereaved.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Lead public worship.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Work with the church board & committees.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Accept speaking engagements before community & civic groups for special community occasions and /	1	2	3	4	5
7. Demonstrate a relationship with God.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Try to maintain harmony and resolve conflict among church members over church programs, finances,	1	2	3	4	5
9. Prepare and preach interesting, Biblical and relevant sermons each week.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Visit new residents and recruit new members.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Counsel with people about their personal problems.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Follow a disciplined program of continuing education.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Teach and work directly with children, visit Sabbath school divisions, school, pathfinders, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Administer baptism and communion, conduct weddings and funerals.	1	2	3	4	5
15. Cultivate a home and personal life with some friends and interests.	1	2	3	4	5
16. Lead financial drives and building programs.	1	2	3	4	5
17. Participate in denominational activities and conferences.	1	2	3	4	5
18. Talk with individuals about their spiritual development, religious life & beliefs.	1	2	3	4	5
19. Relate information from the conference and world church to the local congregation.	1	2	3	4	5
20. Dress and conduct himself as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.	1	2	3	4	5
21. Foster fellowship at church gatherings.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Map out objectives and plan overall church strategy and programs.	1	2	3	4	5
23. Visit regularly in the homes of the congregation.	1	2	3	4	5
24. Counsel with people facing major decisions of life, such as marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
25. Supply new ideas for activities and projects.	1	2	3	4	5
26. Promote enthusiasm for church activities.	1	2	3	4	5
27. Conduct Bible studies and visit non-church members.	1	2	3	4	5
28. Conduct public evangelistic meetings.	1	2	3	4	5
29. Oversee church office activities, church bulletins, correspondence, records, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
30. Casts and articulates vision for the church.	1	2	3	4	5

Now that you have completed this questionnaire, please go back and prioritize what you believe are the five most important. Do this by using the first five letters of the alphabet and placing the letter on the left side of the page before each of the five statements in order of importance. Additional comments are appreciated. Feel free to write them in the space below:

**Thank you** for your time and cooperation. Please place this in the offering plate or mail it to the church. You may also place it on the pastor's desk or hand it to the church secretary, Charlotte Taylor. Please return by **November 18<sup>th</sup> or before**.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Most of you probably know by now that Tina and I are expecting our first child. Will it be a boy or girl? Will it look like her or me or both or neither? Will it have lots of hair or no hair? These are all questions that we must wait to find out. However there is one question we already know the answer to. The question: Will it be precious? You bet ya! Every parent thinks his or her child is beautiful and special. That's what they tell me and already seeing those fuzzy pictures on ultrasound makes my heart warm with love. Tears swelled in my eyes as I heard and saw the rapid beat of life



nestled in Tina's womb. It was a special moment when in that small room Tina and I were, together introduced to some of the first portraits of our child. As God molds and fashions this little life in the dark and quiet confines of Tina's womb, we patiently wait to see what He will create. Just as a sculpture fashions clay into art, so I believe God is fashioning our baby. If He died for this precious life, I know He cares enough to carefully craft it's form. Though man can only peep into such places with machinery like that of

ultrasound, though we can only place our hands and ears on the belly of the expectant mother, I am moved by the reality that God sees and works inside. There's no place where God can't find us or reach us. The Psalmist reminds us that He knew us before we were even born. Though I am excited, I know God is even more excited as yet another human life is formed; a life He can love and hold, a life He can guide and save. Have you remained in that love? It's my prayer that you have and that you will stay right there., where like with the womb, it's warm and safe.

Sincerely,  
*Pastor Jeremy*