



HARRISON HEARTBEAT

DECEMBER DEVOTION

Christmas is the time that we celebrate the birth of Christ, although, its unlikely he was born in that time of year. He was most likely born later in the year. Ellen White writes

“The twenty-fifth of December is supposed to be the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, and its observance has become customary and popular. but yet there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. History gives us no certain assurance of this. The Bible does not give us the precise time. Had the Lord deemed this knowledge essential to our salvation, He would have spoken through His prophets and apostles that we might know all about the matter. But the silence of the Scriptures upon this point evidences to us that it is hidden from us for the wisest purposes.

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of Christ and why he came down here. The following is a passage from Ellen White to the Review and Herald back in 1884. She wrote about Christmas.

“With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should demand so much attention? This day has been made much of for centuries. It is accepted by the unbelieving world, and by the Christian world generally, as the day on which Christ was born. When the world at large celebrates the day, they show no honor to Christ. They refuse to acknowledge Him as their Savior, to honor Him by willing obedience to His service. They show preference to the day, but none to the one for whom the day is celebrated, Jesus Christ “ Today, Christmas is celebrated as a gift giving holiday, and is a very commercialized holiday that has nothing to do with Christ or his birth

THE PARKER FAMILY NEEDS..... COMMUNITY SERVICES

Brichelle seems to be done with the malaria and now Cory started in yesterday. My fun is never ending here. I am just praising the Lord that I have not got it yet. Believe it or not I have a cold. But I will take a cold any day over malaria.

As far as food we do not have cereal here. However, we do have sugar in Bere and margarine we can get in other surrounding cities when someone goes. I am going to send you a list of what is available here just for your entertainment.

Love, Tammy

Canned Goods Not Available in Bere:

- Ketchup (watery)

Other Products Not Available in Bere

- Red Beans (6 hours away)
- Dates (6 hours away only)
- Watermelon (6 hours away)

- Pineapple (6 hours away)
- Apples (30 minutes away)
- Eggplant (6 hours away)
- Olive oil (30 min away)
- Laughing cow cheese (30 min away)
- Margarine (30 min away)
- Baking powder

Dear Harrison Church Family

We will have a box set up in the foyer. We will be collecting items to send to the Parkers who are in Bere doing mission work.

Thanks for helping

Harrison SDA Church Community Services

Featured Members - Sharon Linam

I was born in Lodi, California during an earthquake and I have two older brothers. We were raised in a very loving, family oriented, Adventist home. Both sets of grandparents were Adventist and many aunts, uncles, cousins etc. We lived in Calif. until I was out of first grade, then we moved to Pocahontas, Ark.

My dad ran a dairy farm and my mom worked different jobs. My parents believed in a Christian education, and when the one room Church school in Pocahontas closed after my second year of school, my mom would take my brother and I and live "away" during the week, and come home on weekends, so we could attend Church school.

In fourteen years of schooling I went to nine different schools, including Fortuna, Ca. Pocahontas, Ark. Jonesboro, Ark. St. Louis, Mo. (1/2 a year of public school in Pocahontas Ark), Lodi, Ca., where I lived with my grandparents for 10 months, and Memphis, Tn. I attended Ozark Academy in Gentry, Ark. and completed my Nursing degree at Southern Missionary College.

While at Southern, I met Donnie and after graduating from nursing school at 10am, we got married at 2pm the same day. A week later I started working at Bradley Memorial Hospital in Cleveland and stayed there for 27 years. I worked at Life Care of Eastridge for 2 years on their skilled unit. I currently work at Memorial hospital, have been there 7 years.

Donnie has worked for Harrison Bay State Park for 46 years. He started when he was 14 years old, with the Youth Corps. When he turned 16, he stayed on with the park. We are privileged to live in the park. It was a great place to raise our two sons. Our oldest, Donald, is an x-ray tech. at Memorial. He and his wife have 3 children. David is a fire fighter for Chattanooga and also works for Marion Environmental, he has one girl.

I work two nights a week and baby sit grand babies five days a week. In my spare time (ha), I like to read and e-mail family and friends.

In this rat race we call life, I have to claim these two promises in the Bible
Philippians 4:13 "For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." (NLT)
Isaiah 40:29,30 "He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak.....those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." (NLT)

"Now Is The Time" Submitted by Leo Van Dolson

Somehow we have the idea that peace is the absence of strife, hardship, and trouble. But that reflects only a shallow concept of peace--the peace-at-any-price philosophy. Jesus pointed out that the peace the children of God have comes from a strong confidence and sense of security in their loving God. They know He will care for and provide for them no matter what happens. So Jesus added to the Beatitudes a blessing that would assure those who become children of God that in the inevitable earthly misunderstandings that result when they begin living for Christ, the hand of a loving Father still keeps them.

When our lives begin to reflect the character of Christ we can expect to be confronted with the same kind of opposition that He met. In fact, when there is no opposition to our witness, we might do well to question whether we are living as children of God should be living. Jesus does not present us with the hope of enjoying a life free from trial. Instead He offers us the privilege of walking with Him in the pathway of self-denial and reproach. But He does promise us the strength to bear His cross and share His humiliation before we, at last, share in His eternal glory.

Just before His death, Jesus reminded the disciples that they would suffer many things because of their witness for Him. (See John 15:20, 21.) There's a hidden purpose in it all. "Through trials and persecution, the glory--character--of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The church of God, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the school of Christ. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; but their painful experience teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory."--(TMB 31).

SDAs are now known as law-abiding citizens, but due to world panic we are entering a period of frequent and deadly disasters such as never before have been experienced; the greatest time of economic collapse; a little time of trouble to be followed soon thereafter by a "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation (Dan. 12:1); and relentless terrorism. Through false reports Satan will convince men that SDAs are to blame.

Mankind will respond by declaring that these disasters are brought about as the little minority's fault and that it is the result of their claim that the world has rejected the Biblical Sabbath. They will claim that we are keeping them disunited and will pass a decree to eliminate us .

Then SDAs will see "every earthly support cut off." (DA 121).

"Hoarded wealth will be ... worthless". (R & H, 3\21\1878).

We "will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels". (PP 256).

We are there! The time we have been waiting for has already begun We must drop everything else and get ready for the sealing right now !

BEST POEM - Submitted by Ann Boyd

I was shocked, confused, bewildered,
As I entered heaven's door.
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in heaven,
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade,
Who swiped my lunch money! Twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor,
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought,
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I asked Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake!

And why's everyone so quiet,
So somber – give me a clue."
'Hush child,' He said, they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!

Remember... Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you car.

Every saint has a PAST...
Every sinner has a FUTURE

After Christmas Thought

few days after Christmas, my six year son and I were talking. He asked, "Mom, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Well, what do you think?" I asked him.

He replied, "Well, my Playstation that I got and my gift from Santa were wrapped in the same kind of wrapping paper." He thought for a minute and said, "I'll tell you what ... you and Dad can go on buying me presents and let's just forget we ever had this talk!"





Harrison Seventh Day
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Power of Prayer: 9:15-9:30 a.m.
Church at Study: 9:30-10:35 a.m.
Church at Worship: 10:40-12:00 p.m.
Fellowship meal: 3rd Sabbath of the Month

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Happy Birthday! to all our members and those who attend
A miracle occurred the moment you were conceived and continues each time you take a breath.

Our God is an awesome God and what a privilege to love Him as our creator

Phillip Gerhart	Dec 1
John Burishkin	Dec 9
Bill Boyd	Dec 12
Barbara Bernard	Dec 13
Julie Hyde	Dec 15
Scott Johnson	Dec 21
Ann Boyd	Dec 23
Donna Johnson	Dec 23
Ed Rusk	Dec 27
Jay Passmore	Dec 27

Missed November Birthday - Nathan Oliver: Nov 2

Car Search

Since Scott and Angela are getting married in December and moving into Married Housing on campus - they will be needing a car. The maximum amount they are willing to spend is about \$2000. If you know of any car or know of someone that is looking to sell a car - Contact Scott Johnson (cell) at 423-331-1572.

SAMARITAN CENTER

Our volunteer needs include:

Volunteer Nurses: Needed 2-4 hours per week to take blood pressure and answer medical questions for shoppers and clients.

Small Sort Organizer: A volunteer is needed to organize our Small Sort Room. This is a big project! The small sort room is where the majority of our volunteer tasks are completed and is in desperate need of restructure and organization.

Office Assistants: Assist in general administrative duties (making copies, compiling reports, creating spread sheets, assisting with large mailings, and filing). Interpersonal/telephone skills are a plus.

Landscaping Assistant: Help with yardwork and landscaping for some of our clients who cannot help themselves.

Book Specialist: Volunteer is needed to provide coverage when current Book Specialists are on vacation. This person would volunteer approximately 5-10 hours per week. This position consists of separating and pricing books and magazines donated.

Clothes Hangers: The Samaritan Center could use several volunteers to hang clothes. We can use whatever hours (between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) you can give us.

First Sort Assistants: Help separate items donated to the Samaritan Center. We would prefer an individual who can volunteer at least 7-8 hours per week (either one day or two 4 hour shifts).

This is a prayer calendar. Each day you will pray for someone different.

December 2009 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Shirley Wilt	2 Terry Wilt	3 Lisa Wilt	4 Joanne Wynne	5 Michael Wynne
6 Jen Azelton	7 John Burishkin	8 Charlotte Bastnagel	9 Charlie Bastnagel	10 Xander Bastnagel	11 Simon Bastnagel	12 Hinsdale Bernard
13 Barbara Bernard	14 Lorraine Bond	15 Samantha Bond	16 Dean Bowen	17 Heather Bowen	18 Olivia	19 James Bowen
20 Alex Bowen	21 Bill Boyd	22 Ann Boyd	23 Cathy Brown	24 Aaron Brude	25 David Brude Christmas	26 Sue Brude
27 Janet Burgess	28 Hal Crossland	29 Lin Crossland	30 Linda Crumley	31 Fred Crumley New Years Eve		