

SPECIAL THOUGHTS.....

While walking through the woods early one spring, Royal Dixon found a three-by-five foot field of wild rice. The soil was loose, not a weed was in evidence. He looked around to find more rice growing, but there was none. Obviously, an expert farmer had planted the little field.

Stretching out on the ground, he determined to solve the mystery of the miniature field of wild rice. He noticed ants busily burrowing into the ground. Then it dawned on him. These buys insects were plowing. Others were weeding, clipping every bit of grass that showed above the ground. Another group was dragging the clippings away. More ants stood guard to fend off cutworms or insects that could ruin the crop.

All summer he watched the ants tend their little farm. By late August the ripe grain was twenty-four inches high. Now came the harvest. Steady lines of workers climbed the stalks. Each plucked one grain and carried it underground to their Storeroom. Mr. Dixon marked the ants with different colors noting that the same ones stayed by the same stalk till the job was completed. One well-organized crew climbed up, cut the grain, and dropped it to the ground. A waiting group picked up the kernels and took them to the storehouse.

Shortly after the field was harvested it rained for several days.

When the storm cleared, the entrance to the ant city was alive with workers carrying grain to a sunny slope so it would dry. Evidently the storerooms had gotten damp. By evening the dry grain was carried back to the nest.

No lazy individuals lived in that ant city. Everyone did his work willingly without a boss. Not one shirked at his job. No wonder Solomon tells us to wisely live a life of service and patient industry like the ant.

Source: *Stop, Look & Listen* by Eileen E. & Jay H. Lantry—*Review & Herald Pub Assoc.*

Whatever is in your past, whatever sin you have done that the devil keeps throwing up in your face, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved.

Always remember,

God is at the window!



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The Trumpeter



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you all so much for the kindness and generosity that you showed to our family.

The visits, flowers, food, cards, Facebook posts, texts and hugs were very much appreciated.

This has been an extremely difficult time for our family and we are so appreciative of the support you have all given us.

Dennis loved this church and his church family. He will forever be in our hearts.

The family of Dennis Carman



THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP that meets at Joan Hilde's will not be meeting again until January 3, 2010.

DESPARATELY NEED DIAPERS

Skagit Community Action Agency has an urgent need. They have a number of families who really need diapers. Mostly size 3 and 4. Donations can be brought to the Church Office.

BABY SHOWER

Sunday, January 9, 11:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall, there will be a Baby Shower for Katie Paise. Katie is expecting a girl, so older brother will have a little sister! Katie is registered at Target and Babies-R-US.

If you would like to participate in a Group Gift contact either Lois Dietrich or Joan Smith.

Katie Paise is sister-in-law to our SAS teacher Laura Paise. Katie and her husband Larry and their son moved here this summer.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Please Note: The Men's Ministry Breakfast has been changed from January 2, 2010 to **January 9, 2010.**



THE SUNSHINE BAND

The next Sunshine Band Outing will be visiting HomePlace Special Care at 210 N. Skagit Street in Burlington on Sabbath, January 9 at 2 p.m. Join us!

SUNSET LAKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Last summer over 150 young people attended camp thanks to the generous donations of members all across Washington. This summer scholarship needs are expected to be great and our fund is depleted. You can be a part of one of the greatest evangelistic efforts in the Washington Conference. Simply place your tax deductible donation in today's offering. Be sure to mark your tithe envelope and check "Sunset Lake Scholarship Fund."

If you would like to sponsor a camper from our local church please mark your tithe envelope "NCSDA SLS Fund"

Thank you for your interest in leading campers to Jesus.

YOUTH RALLY

Calling all High School Students – Youth Rally, Sabbath January 23rd, at Cleveland High School in Seattle. Lunch and supper will be provided. This is a FREE event but you must register first. ALL completed registration forms must be turned in by **January 10th!** There will not be any Youth SS that day. Talk with Pastor Tim to register and for more details.

FREE SEMINAR

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
WHERE DID WE COME FROM?
WHERE ARE WE NOW?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

A Free Seminar by George R. Knight, entitled ADVENTISM

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AND THE APOCALYPTIC VISION, will be presented at the Walla Walla University Rosario Beach Marine Station located near Anacortes, Washington on Sabbath, January 16, 2010. This seminar is sponsored by the Anacortes Adventist Fellowship (AAF). For further information check out our website at: <http://www.myaaf.org/>

Program details are as follows:

10:00 AM - Roots of a Prophetic Movement

11:30 AM - Adventism and the Apocalyptic Vision

12:45 PM - Group Potluck

2:30 PM - Adventism Gets Baptized

3:30 PM - Q&A Session

George R. Knight is a retired professor of church history at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He is the author of many books, including The Adventist Heritage Series, The Ellen White Series, a devotional Bible Commentary Series and the denominations 2009 adult daily devotional book, "Lest We Forget".

This is a special invitation to staff and members of our neighboring churches to join us at this special event. We realize that many of you are tied up with your own church responsibilities on Sabbath and may not be able to get away. If you can, you may wish to join the afternoon sessions. Professor Knight is a noted SDA Historian and this forum will provide the perfect op-

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portunity for questions and discussion in the afternoon.

If you desire further information regarding this seminar, please call Pat Grant, at (360) 391-5319. The WWU Marine Laboratory's address is: 15510 Rosario Beach Road, Anacortes, WA.

HAM RADIO CLASS

The Ham Radio Classes will be offered again starting January 20, 2010. There is one significant change from previous years; the class will not be held at NCSDA but will be in Anacortes. This is because of requests from the Red Cross and the Samish Nation. However, NCSDA members are still invited and most welcome.

The Technician level class will be taught on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Anacortes Yacht Club, 504 7th St. Anacortes. www.anacortesyachtclub.org. There will be six class sessions. There is no tuition charge for the class; the only cost will be for a textbook. No pre-registration required—just come to the first class.

If you wish more class information, call (360) 293-5457. Also, you may wish to come early on the first night as the County Command Post emergency unit will be demonstrating ham radio communications on site. They will be using a mobile radio van to demonstrate radio usage in emergency situations.

Learn more about the class and today's ham radio at:

www.ncsda.org

www.hamradio4u.com and www.wedothat-radio.org/hello/; www.arrl.org.

COMPUTER TRAINING WORKSHOPS!!

Have you been wanting to do a computer applications project or maybe brush up your publishing skills, or you want to finally feel confident about downloading your pictures from your camera?

I will be hosting the workshops after Christmas, Monday, January 11th and 18th 6pm-8pm. Bring your project with you and plan to be amazed at how computer savvy you really are! Please sign up in the school office or email me the dates you would like to attend.

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PRAYER GARDEN Remember in Prayer

Darlene Rhine

Is home now and doing well.
Needs someone to come in and do housekeeping chores.

Dale Bartelmey's Mother

Dale Bartelmey's mother has shown marked improvement this past week. Prayers are being answered. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Jed Gates

Healing for his leg

Baby Landon Haberly

**Those in the Military
Our Youth**

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