



Your Bible in Action

“Natural impossibilities cannot prevent the work of the Omnipotent One.” The Desire of Ages, pp.535.

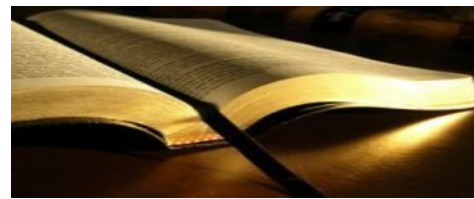
Back to the Bible! Evangelistic Series

The Back to the Bible Evangelistic Series held September 19 through October 2, 2010 was a blessing to all who attended. Pastor Louis Turner, trained as an evangelist, preached the word of the one true living God with power and fervor provided to him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Turner unfolded numerous truths from God’s holy word such as the wisdom of placing one’s trust and faith in God, revealing the signs of the times as indicated in the book of Daniel and the Revelation, the true Sabbath, the mark of the beast, the state of the dead, and heaven. Each meeting compelled the attendee to return each night. At the conclusion of the meetings a total of nine people took their stand in commitment and/or recommitment to Jesus Christ.

“SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME, AND FORBID THEM NOT; FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”

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Mortgage Burning Ceremony



Noel Parris, Aloma Jarmon, Elder Jesse Jamon, Pastor Turner, Flora Lewis, Elder McCarthy, Elder Mike Bishop, Elder Jan Bishop, Elder Clyde Edwards

Your Bible Speaks Community celebrated the burning of its mortgage on Sabbath, September 18, 2010. Although the mortgage was paid in full over two years ago, the ceremony was a significant reminder

that the church had accomplished a major milestone towards future building goals. Pastor Louis Turner requested that Elder Alphonso McCarthy and the charter members join him in various aspects of the ceremony. Elder McCarthy provided an inspirational thought and Flora Lewis lit the flame that burned the mortgage into ashes. The mortgage burning ceremony was a testament to the faithfulness of God who still uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary tasks.



Pastor Louis Turner, Flora Lewis, Elder Alphonso McCarthy, Elder Michael Bishop

A Pastoral Thought

After two weeks of meetings, I am reminded that Satan takes advantage of Inherited weaknesses.—“In our own strength it is impossible for us to deny the clamors of our fallen nature. Through this channel Satan will bring temptation upon us. Christ knew that the enemy would come to every human being to take advantage of hereditary weakness and by his false insinuations to ensnare all whose trust is not in God. And by passing over the ground which man must travel, our Lord has prepared the way for us to overcome. It is not His will that we should be placed at a disadvantage in the conflict with Satan ...” “Be of good cheer,” He says; “I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).--DA 122, 123 (1898). {1MCP 145.3}



Operation ReachBack: Family Literacy & Start Anew



The Portland Chapter of Operation ReachBack, Inc. (ORB) is focused and dedicated in the organization's mission to "Climb up and Reach Back" to help others, especially young black males at risk. The local chapter of ORB has

been working feverishly throughout the year to provide educational programming through the Family Literacy Center; and Start Anew, a comprehensive program designed to assist young black males at risk to provide Community Outreach events such as the Community Fair in July and the upcoming



ing Fall Festival scheduled for October 31 as well as the Winter Talent Event scheduled for January 15, 2011. All for a concerted effort to reach within our church and within our community to demonstrate the love and care of Jesus Christ to others using educational assistance as a vehicle. Now, it is widely acceptable that literacy is a crucial skill to have. Most people who are able to read take the skill for granted, almost as though it were a natural ability. This is especially true for people who learned to read at a young age. However, being illiterate in the modern world can be rather hazardous. If a person does not know how to read, it is impossible to review a document before signing it, fill out a job application, interpret a standard map, read the ingredients on a package of food or medicine, or under-

stand caution signs. These are just a few instances in which literacy is crucial. Literacy gives people power to live healthier lives. Adults who can't read or write well--whether in industrialized nations or in underdeveloped ones--have poorer health and higher medical costs. For children, literacy is part of a broad definition of health that includes being sound in mind and spirit, as well as physically. ORB is dedicated to being a blessing to someone somewhere daily. Climbing upward to improve skill sets and reaching back to irradiate illiteracy. If you are interested in volunteering as a tutor or if you need assistance in the areas discussed, please visit the center on Tuesday and Thursdays or contact Sandraneta Hall for additional information or assistance.

Children's Ministries Returns to Your Bible Speaks

During the summer, plans for the evangelistic meetings, ice cream socials, and fall festivals weren't the only things brewing at Your Bible Speaks. Children's Ministries returned this summer at the direction and implementation of Sr. Paula Rogers, a preschool teacher with a love for young children and a passion for early childhood develop-

ment practices and techniques. With the aid of Stephanie Towne and Jeanine Goodwin, Paula has worked tirelessly to put together a solid lower division Sabbath school program (not to mention starting a children's choir), even reorganize the downstairs classrooms to make them more child- and learning-friendly. The program is designed to

start young children on the path to knowing Jesus Christ through the scriptures, prayer, and stories and activities geared to enlighten and ennoble young minds. Jesus says, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14. Future programming includes Vacation Bible School, and Adventurers.

Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the fall issue of "Your Bible in Action" our quarterly newsletter. Clearly, Your Bible Speaks Community Seventh-day Adventist church is on the move in its effort to witness to a lost and dying world. During the past three months we have experienced a number of events as well as on-going programs to include, the Financial Peace seminars, a Community Fair, an Ice Cream Social, the Church Cookout, the Operation ReachBack Family Literacy tutor-

ing program, the CO-OP ministry, the Nursing Home Ministry and the recently concluded Back to the Bible Evangelistic Meetings just to name a few. It has been a rewarding experience for all who participated. Ultimately, working for Jesus Christ is a reward unto itself, yet working by His side in the day-to-day events of life truly reveals His watch-care

over each and every one of us. As we sojourn through the fall into winter, let us remember "to work the works of Him who sent us while it is day, for the night is coming when no one can work." (John 9:4). Further, "as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 (KJV).



Jan and Chelsea Bishop at Ice Cream Social



Women's Ministries News



YBS Women attend Daughters of Zion Retreat:

During the month of August, YBS women enjoyed a wonderful retreat in North Bend, Washington. Nestled amongst the mountains at Rainbow Lodge, three guest speakers presented information on the topic "A Life Worth Living." This was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other women and receive a spiritual "recharge." The five women from YBS who attended the Daughters of Zion retreat were able to hear our very own Judith McCarthy give her testimony which touched our hearts. I wish everyone could have experienced what we did that weekend. Next year we would like to have twice as many women from YBS join us for this special weekend!

Oregon Conference Women's Retreat is coming soon:



During the weekend of October 15th thru 17th Oregon Conference will hold their annual Christian Women's Retreat in Florence. The guest speaker is Heather Dawn-Small who currently is the Women's Ministries Director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. The theme for this year's meeting is "He Knows My Name." We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend in Florence.

Mark Your Calendars!



Friday night November 12th and Sabbath November 13th our church will be blessed by guest speaker Linda Anderson who will speak on the topic "Living for Jesus." Begin now to put together your list of family and friends to invite to this wonderful weekend event. To culminate the weekend, the women will enjoy a scrumptious brunch on Sunday morning. We want as many women to attend as possible, so please be sure to save the date.

What is your interest?

It is the desire of the Women's Ministries Department that every woman have a personal ministry. We still need help with our outreach activities. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me and let me know what your interests are.

We Need Your Help!

Thanksgiving Baskets - We would like to give out Thanksgiving baskets to 10 families this year. Please be sure to sign up to bring items for these special baskets. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



Adopt-A-Child – yes, back by popular demand! If you would like to adopt- a- child this year, please see Jan Bishop for further details.



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Congratulations to...

Shannon & Jeanine Goodwin on the dedication of their daughter, Stephanie, to the Lord! And to Reginald and Flora Lewis on the dedication of their great-granddaughter, Sholanda, to the Lord!



Nathan Zimmerman

Nathan Zimmerman (age six at the time) performed his first public performance at the divine worship service.

Special thanks and apprecia-

tion is extended to all who worked tirelessly to make 2010 Youth Expo a highly successful event. The food was absolutely magnificent, the programming was inspirational and the attendees were blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Kudos for a job well done!



The Youth Expo participants use the computers in the Literacy Center

Coming Events...

Fall Festival—Halloween? NOT! But Your Bible Speaks is hosting its first Fall Festival, sponsored by Portland's Chapter of Operation ReachBack, Inc. Games, food, treats, health screenings, and a silent auction to boot! You don't want to miss it! Bring your children and their friends for an evening of good, clean fun! October 31st from 3pm to 6pm..

Christmas Musical! - Our minister of music, Patric Parris, invites one and all to be present at Your Bible Speaks' Christmas musical service on Sabbath, December 25th. Come see the story of the birth of Jesus unfold through poetry, song, and dramatization.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings...

Prayer Meeting—We all need a mid-week recharge. Why not fuel up with prayer and a cup of faith? Join us every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm for prayer, praise, and a dose of encouragement.

Friday Night Vespers—Come and bring a friend to our study series held every Friday night from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We are reading the book Steps to Christ and, using Scripture, learning how to have and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Refreshments served at each meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bi-weekly Fitness & Fellowship Co-op—Every other Sunday at Peninsula Park Community Center. See Shannon Goodwin or Saffa Rogers for details!

Choir Rehearsal—The choir rehearses every other Sabbath afternoon from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Contact Patric Parris for more info.

3rd Quarter Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to You!

PJ Jones - 7/7
Clyde Edwards - 7/8
Salina Zimmerman 7/13
Daisy Hunt 7/9
Patric Parris - 8/3
Saffa Rogers - 8/7
Katheryn Garner - 8/9
David Zimmerman - 8/11
JoYvonne Shaw 8/12

Mike Bishop - 8/13
Marcus Billups 8/13
Roger Blewett - 8/14
Jesse Jarmon - 8/15
Samuel Hill 8/19
Kayleen Williams 8/28
Shanice Muliro 9/9
Chelsea Bishop 9/16
Nathan Zimmerman 9/17
Keeley Norgard 9/19
Stephanie Blewett 9/22



Happy Anniversary!

Our beloved pastor and his wife, Deborah, celebrated 31 years of marriage on August 12th. Congratulations and may God bless you both with another 31 years!

Happy Anniversary, also, to the following couples:

PJ & Marjorie Jones - 7/7
Jesse & Aloma Jarmon - 8/1
Alphonso & Judith McCarthy - 8/8
Roger & Stephanie Blewett - 8/14

