

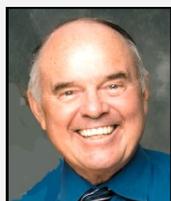


The Good News Letter

April 11, 2018

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32 (NKJV)

PASTOR’S MESSAGE



Pastor J. Lynn Martell

Dear Church Family:

“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed...”
Matthew 17:20.

Karen and I have visited Yosemite a number of times and are always amazed at the awe-inspiring beauty. The giant sequoias can measure more than twenty feet wide and three hundred feet tall. The root system goes down about twelve feet and can stretch into an area about eighty feet in diameter.

Their resistance to disease, insect damage, and fire make them almost indestructible. The amazing thing is the giant sequoia was once a seed. And that seed is no bigger than the seed that produces the tomato plant. That is the power of a single seed. And one sequoia, when it matures, will produce 400,000 seeds of its own every year. So in every seed, there isn't just a tree; there is a forest of trees!

If we are going to understand the potential of faith, we have to understand the power of a seed. Jesus spoke of our faith in relation to a mustard seed, the smallest known garden seed in that culture. Like every seed, it needs to germinate, and this particular seed can take up to ten days to germinate.

I have used a packet of mustard seeds as an illustration with children in school. It is hard to imagine what that little seed can become. That tiny seed after it germinates and grows becomes like a tree. That is the kind of faith Jesus wants us to have—one that is growing and stretching and taking Him at His word!

Faith is a lot like that. It doesn't look like much, but we never know what it can become. A little faith goes along way; in fact a little faith will last an eternity!

Because we live in a technological age that make our lives faster and easier, we have a tendency to think about spiritual matters the same way. We want to reap the second we sow. We want God to immediately answer. We want things to happen at the speed of light instead of the speed of a seed planted in the ground. But that is not the way it works in God's kingdom.

We cannot make things grow. Period. All we can do is plant and water, God promises to give the increase. We cannot break the law of sowing and reaping any more than we can break the law of gravity.

If we sow kindness, we will reap kindness. If we sow generosity, we will reap generosity. If we sow love, we will reap love.

All of us go through times of spiritual, relational, or financial famines. It seems like the harvest will never come. The temptation is to stop planting. Keep sowing, keep praying, keep obeying, keep giving, keep loving, and keep serving. The harvest of blessings will come in God's time, in God's way! I am looking forward to seeing you this Sabbath.

Pastor J. Lynn Martell

CALENDAR

Sabbath, April 14

- 9:15 am Veranda Fellowship Ministry
- 9:45 am Children's Sabbath School Classes
- 10:00 am Adult Sabbath School Classes
- 10:00 am Leccion do Escuela Sabatica
- 11:00 am Pastor J. Lynn Martel
“Facing Life's Challenges and Impossibilities“
- 12:30 pm Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Spanish language sermon
- 1:30 pm Windows on God's World
- 2:00 pm Bible Memory Class
- 3:00 pm Creation Series Study
- 7:23 pm Sunset in Los Alamitos

Sabbath Worship Speakers

- Apr. 21 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell
- April 28 Speaker: Mike Oxentenko
- May 5 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell
- May 12 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell
- May 19 Speaker: Richard Schaefer
- May 26 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell
- Jun. 2 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell
- Jun. 9 Speaker: J. Lynn Martell

Special Events

- Apr. 15 1:00 pm Nutrition Seminar
Martin Urquhart
“Food from the Islands”
- Apr. 21 3:00 pm Health Talk—
Margarete Carniero
“Connection between
Diabetes and Diet”
- Apr. 22 8:00 am Work Bee
- May 10 5:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- May 13 Mothers' Day
- May 19 2:30 pm Health Talk
Andrea Avery (CHIP)
- May 20 1:00 pm Nutrition Seminar
Rob Everett
- Jun. 7 7:00 pm Orangewood 8th Grade
Graduation
- Jun. 10 3:00 pm Orangewood H.S.
Commencement
- Jun 14 5:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- Jun. 17 Father's Day
- Jun. 24 1:00 pm Nutrition Seminar
- Jun. 30 11:00 pm Communion
- Jul 12 5:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting

PRAYER LIST

Shanell Joshua, Ronald and Rives Wiggins,
Barbara Schmidt, Yolanda Quillen .

If prayers have been answered, the crisis is past, or we need to add a name or concern, please let one of the staff know.

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/14 Timaima Kirimaua
- 4/15 Matthew Nealy
- 4/16 Lydia Perea-Irving
- 4/18 William Bui

Let us know if we are missing anyone.

SABBATH SUNSET TIMES

04/21	7:28 pm	05/05	7:39 pm
04/28	7:34 pm	05/12	7:45 pm

FINANCES

Tithe Income	\$53,903
Church Budget Income	\$35,533
Budgeted Amount:	\$42,483

YTD totals as of 4/7/18

INSPIRED THOUGHT

“Like our Savior, we are in this world to do service for God. We are here to become like God in character, and by a life of service to reveal Him to the world. In order to be co-workers with God, in order to become like Him and to reveal His character, we must know Him aright. We must know Him as He reveals Himself.

“A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character.

“This is the knowledge needed by all who are working for the uplifting of their fellow men. Transformation of character, purity of life, efficiency in service, adherence to correct principles, all depend upon a right knowledge of God. This knowledge is the essential preparation both for this life and for the life to come.

“The knowledge of the Holy is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10.’ Through a knowledge of Him are given unto us ‘all things that pertain unto life and godliness.’ 2 Peter 1:3.”—*The Ministry of Healing*, 409 (1905).

MEET THE FAMILY



“Barbara Long Watts, a lady of style and grace, whose love of all things beautiful, as evidenced in her home and dress, along with her husband, Emmett, was one of the founding members

-day Adventist Church in 2009.

Barbara, the mother of two, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of 4, was born in Armona, a small community in the Central Valley of California. One of five children, she was raised in a loving Seventh-day Adventist home, graduating from Monterey Bay Academy in 1950. With a strong desire to serve her Savior, Jesus Christ and mankind, she pursued a nursing career by attending P.U.C. and graduating from The Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital in 1954. In that same year she met and married Jim Long, himself serving his community as an X-Ray and Laboratory Technician. God blessed this union with two children, Dennis, today, serving as a Chaplain to the Howard Memorial Hospital in Willis, California, and Tammy, an Elementary School Teacher in a Seventh-day Adventist Church School in Roseburg, Oregon.

Jim and Barbara moved to Lynnwood, California, where they and their young family became very involved in the Lynnwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Lynnwood Academy. It was also during this time that Barbara formed a life-long friendship with another founding member of our church, JoAnne Potts.

Jim’s career flourished as he created a very successful mobile x-ray and imaging service here in Orange County. The family eventually moved to Orange County and began attending and supporting the ministry of the Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church and Orangewood Academy. It was during this time that Jim designed and built a lovely home in the hills above Santa Ana for his wife and family; a home where Jim and Barbara, incidently, a wonderful cook, loved to entertain. Sadly, Jim passed away in 1992, however, their home remained an “oasis” for family gatherings and a popular, warm and inviting, gathering place for friends and members of the Garden Grove, and more recently, the Los Alamitos Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

Emmett Watts, a former Seventh-day Adventist Pastor and Manager of the Southeastern California Conference’s Youth Camps, who was also a member of the Garden Grove Church, became Barbara’s husband in 1996. Eventually, he and Barbara decided to join with a few of their friends, also members of the church, in establishing a new Church in Los Alamitos.

Barbara and Emmett enjoyed the fellowship of the Los Alamitos church family until Emmett, in 2010, became one of the first of the Los

Alamitos founding members to be laid to rest. These days Barbara arrives at church on the arm of one or two handsome young men known as Jerrad Long and Jed Willbanks, two of Barbara’s loving grandsons. Barbara shares her home with both of these men: Jerrad, a marketing specialist and Jed, a graduate of La Sierra University, whose future plans include continuing his education by attending medical school in pursuit of his dream of becoming a doctor.”

THE WEEK IN PICTURES



Worship music by the Brown Brothers USA



Serving luncheon



Pastor Vollmer preaching communion sermon



Luncheon line after church