

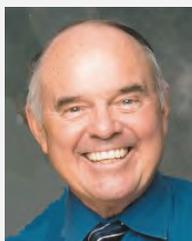


The Good News Letter

January 23, 2019

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family:

This is a pastoral call for more pray-ers in the church!

Jesus has a unique perspective on prayer. He is the only one who “gets” prayer from both

sides. Not only does He pray to His Father, He is also the God who is prayed to. He both offers prayer and hears prayers.

Even a cursory reading of the Gospels shows us the priority Jesus gave to pray in His own life. Consider these occurrences:

—Matt. 4:1-11: Jesus prayed during forty days of fasting in the desert.

—Mark 1:35: “Very early in the morning, while it was yet dark, Jesus got up and left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed”

—Luke 5:16: “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

—Luke 6:12-13: “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, who he also designated apostles.”

—Mark 6:46: “After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.”

—Luke 9:28: “About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went onto a mountain to pray.”

—Luke 10:21-22: Jesus prayed after the 72 disciples returned from ministering in surrounding towns.”

—Matt. 14:23: “After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.”

—John 17:1-16: The entire chapter is Jesus’ most lengthy prayer, and He prayed for us!

It is interesting to note that nowhere does Scripture record that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them anything other than prayer. But as they watched the amazing life and ministry of Jesus, they correctly made the connection to His prayer life. If they were to follow Jesus, they needed to pray like Jesus. So must we!

As I mentioned in my last newsletter we need more pray-ers in the church. If you are interested in becoming an intercessor please let my wife Karen know (909-838-5791) or Egle Johnson (949-683-1702) or Ruth Miller (714-608-6175). Please pray about this matter. I am looking forward to worshipping with you this Sabbath.

Pastor J. Lynn Martell

INSPIRED THOUGHTS

“The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all created beings depended upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—homage that springs from an intelligent appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced allegiance, and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service.”—*The Great Controversy*, 493 (1911).

CALENDAR

Sabbath, January 26

- 9:15 am Veranda Fellowship Ministry
- 9:45 am Children's Sabbath School Classes
- 10:00 am Adult Sabbath School Class
“The Governments of God and Man”
- 10:00 am Leccion do Escuela Sabatica
- 11:00 pm Sermon: Don Yancy
“The Governments of God and Man”
- 12:30 pm Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Spanish language sermon
- 1:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2:30 pm Bible Memory Class (Psalm 1)
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Study
- 5:16 pm Sunset in Los Alamitos

Sabbath Worship Speakers

- Feb. 2 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Feb. 9 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Feb. 16 Speaker: Timothy Standish, PhD
Senior Scientist at GSRI
- Feb. 23 Speaker: Don Yancy
- Mar. 2 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Mar. 9 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Mar. 16 Speaker: Pastor Don Vollmer

Special Events

- Feb. 2 Sa 3:00 pm Health Series (1 of 7)
“Autoimmune Secrets”
- Feb. 9 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (2)
- Feb. 10 Su 4:00 pm Valentine's Day Banquet,
Pre-registration
- Feb. 23 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (3)
- Mar. 2 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (4)
- Mar. 9 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (5)
- Mar. 16 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (6)
- Mar. 23 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (7)
- May 4 Sa 3:00 pm Health Series (1 of 8)
“Diabetes Undone”
- May 11 Sa 3:00 pm “Diabetes Undone” (2)
- May 18 Sa 3:00 pm “Diabetes Undone” (3)
“Diabetes Undone”
- May 25 Sa 3:00 pm Health Series (4 of 8)

STORY TIME (continued)

“A ‘God Wink Moment’ with Gloria Gaither”

By James and Judi Woods

The second day of our “Indiana Adventure” found Jim and I enjoying an early breakfast with our hostess in her spacious kitchen, with its inviting eating and seating areas, both with large windows looking out on the picturesque lake Jim mentioned earlier, complete, with those magnificent Canadian geese as they continued their winter migration south.

I was anxious to get back to Alexandria, the small “farming town” ten miles from where we were staying in hopes of meeting Gloria Gaither. If you remember Jim had mentioned that an employer in Gloria’s Gift Shop had told me the day before that Gloria was expected to be in part of the next day to continue assisting with the Christmas decorating of her elegant shop. I couldn’t imagine the shop being anymore beautiful than it already was, but if there was a chance I could actually meet Gloria Gaither, I’d be back!

Jim and I arrived at approximately ten o’clock. I came planning to spend the day, so Jim dropped me off and drove back to Anderson to spend the afternoon preparing the students of our church school for their part in the coming Sabbath’s Hymn Festival.

After exploring Gloria’s extensive library of the “classics,” and many contemporary Christian authors, I decided to have a bite to eat in Gloria’s Café. We had eaten there on previous visits and found the “home cooking” made from recipes provided by Gaither family members, fellow well-known musicians such as Sandi Patti, and friends from the community, to be really tasty. Not being quite ready for lunch, I decided on a slice of “Gloria’s Famous Coconut Cake,” topped with her “Heavenly Icing.” As expected, the cake was beyond delicious!

After my mid-day indulgence, I made my way to the café’s cashier. While waiting for my change, I became aware of someone standing next to me. When I turned to see who was sharing my space, I exclaimed in surprise and delight, “Gloria Gaither, yes, you’re Gloria Gaither! “Yes, dear, I am.” While I tried my best to control my enthusiastic outburst, Gloria took me by the hand and quietly led me to a more secluded area of her shop.

We spent nearly an hour sharing stories about our families our careers, our churches, and our Savior Jesus Christ. She mentioned that one of their most valued and respected employees was a Seventh-day Adventist.

As we were saying our good-byes, we promised to keep each other in our prayers. I remember thinking “I wonder how many people have shared moments like this with my ‘New Best Friend.’” I have every one of her books dating back to the 1970’s, and I found the woman I’d just met to be a warm, caring, genuine, and truly a “Child of God.”

At that moment I looked up to see Jim coming through the front door of Gloria’s shop. She welcomed him as she had welcomed me. We talked together for another few minutes, posed for a picture, prayed together and parted. It was an afternoon I will never forget!

Oh yes, the Hymn Festival, the reason we came to Indiana, the congregation, the students, and Jim, all agreed it was wonderful, a real Sabbath blessing! It amazes me how Jim gets that kind of enthusiasm and sound from elementary students!

The invitation to return next year was extended as we bid farewell to Indiana. As our plane was climbing through the clouds above Indianapolis International, I bowed my head and whispered “Thank you Jesus! Thank you for my ‘Gloria God Wink’ moment!”

I have thought of the “God Wink” moment many times since our return. A special moment when God seemed to say “Here, Judi, here is something special just for you.”

SABBATH SUNSET TIMES

01/26	5:16 pm	02/09	5:30 pm
02/02	5:23 pm	02/16	5:36 pm

BIRTHDAYS 1/24-1/30

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Let us know if we are missing anyone.

FINANCES

Tithe Income	\$6,660
Church Budget Income	\$7,588
Budgeted Amount:	\$8,711

YTD totals as of 1/19/19

LAST 2 WEEKS IN PICTURES



Anita Casero was baptized on January 12.



Sabbath evening, January 12, social at the Pastor and Melinda Vollmer’s home following the Loma Linda tour.



David Shavlik gave the sermon last Sabbath on the 4 Beasts of Revelation