

March 2014



There will be a baby dedication for Katalina Galvez on March 29, 2014!



The Farah Carter and Joseph Fernandez wedding will be Sunday, March 2, 2014. A reception will be held in Crescent City at a later date.

# NEWSLETTER

## True Learning

"At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes...'" Matthew 11:25

At that time.

Times were changing. The power of this world had imprisoned John the Baptist, and those wise in the philosophies and theologies of the day all too often rejected both the Lord Jesus and His teachings. In response, He highlighted the fact that it was the weak, the simple people, who often understood Him most clearly. All through the gospel story we discover that it is the poor, the sinners, the tax collectors, prostitutes, and ordinary folk who most readily responded to Him. On the other hand, the learned specialists, as they analyzed His work, claimed that what He was doing

did not fit with their complicated theories.

While it is true that the intellectuals in general had no use for Jesus, while the humble welcomed Him, we need to be careful in what conclusions we draw from those facts. As William Barclay put it, "He is very far from condemning intellectual power; what He is condemning is *intellectual pride*... 'The heart, not the head, is the throne of the gospel.' It is not cleverness which shuts out; it is pride. It is not stupidity which admits; it is humility. Jesus is not connecting ignorance and faith. A man may be as wise as Solomon, but if he has not the simplicity, the trust, the innocence of the childlike heart, he has shut himself out."

If you desire to truly know the Father you need to watch Jesus and listen to Him carefully, be-

cause "no one knows the Father except the Son." The book of Hebrews puts it a bit differently when it notes that "in many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son...He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature" (Hebrews 1:1-3 RSV).

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus" is His own message, as well as that of the entire New Testament. Other knowledges are useful in life and some of them may help us see the glories of Jesus even more fully. But the essential knowledge become the context in which all other learning has meaning.

George R. Knight. *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Adventist Book Center will again be delivering pre-ordered items to the church on March 18, 2014, from 5-6 PM. Orders must be placed by March 12. You may download the sales brochure by going to [abcflver.com](http://abcflver.com),
- which takes you to the Oregon Conference website. You also can call in your order at 800-765-6955.
- ◆ Milo Academy will have a Friday evening concert here at 7 PM on March 28, 2014.
- ◆ March 30, 2014 at 3:00 PM the Friends of Music presents Adam LaMotte a violinist, and the Orchestra, featuring 12 musicians in concert.