

"The School of Prayer"

I. What is prayer?

"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary, in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him." Steps to Christ, page 93

II. Why should we pray?

- A. "...prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse..." Steps to Christ, page 94
- B. The amazing promise of Mark 11:24

III. Why is it helpful to think of a school of prayer?

- A. The need for discipline and perseverance.

IV. When should we pray?

- A. Psalm 16:8 says that we should set the Lord always before us and then we will not be moved.
- B. "Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God." Steps to Christ, page 98

V. How should we pray?

- A. We should not do all the talking but wait for God to speak to us.
- B. We should take time to praise God. "If we would but think of God as often as we have evidence of His care for us, we should keep Him ever in our thoughts, and should delight to talk of Him and to praise Him." Steps to Christ, page 102
It is not all about us. It is about Him and His kingdom. (The Lord's Prayer)

VI. Where to pray? Private and Public.

VII. Pray over Scripture. Psalm 119:11

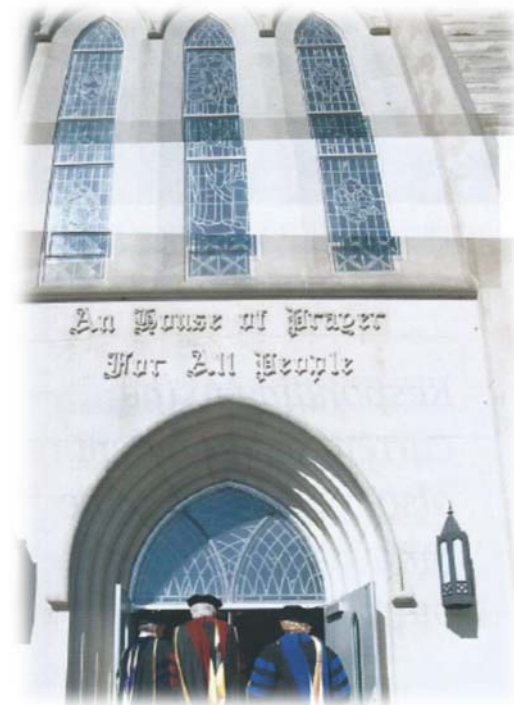
VIII. Prayer and Facebook.

- A. Make lots of friends.
- B. Always acknowledge their birthday.
- C. Show that you care.

IX. Start a prayer list and keep adding to it.

X. Pray for our family.

- A. "Church is not a place where we go, it is a family that we belong to."
- B. What is the meaning of Isaiah 56:7? What is a house of prayer for all people
Pray through our membership list. Call them and tell them that you are praying for them. "What would you like me to pray for?"



" for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people".

Isaiah 56:7 (KJV)

OUR MISSION IS TO BE A CHRIST-CENTERED, SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH THAT DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF GRACE AND INTENTIONALLY SHARES THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S SOON RETURN.

OCTOBER 15, 2016

SERVICES

Jesus loves you

Adult Lesson Study “Doth Job Fear God for Nought?”

Classroom #1 Maggi Runyan

Pastor’s Office: Doug Cross

Young Adults meet in the side room left of balcony.

All children meet in Classroom #5 downstairs.

Worship Hour—10:45 AM

CHURCH IN PRAISE

Song Service		Brandi Van Meter
Call to Worship*	“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”	
Invocation*		Pastor Charles Shultz
Opening Hymn*	“I Must Tell Jesus”	Hymn #485

CHURCH IN GRATITUDE

OC Youth Education Dale Hoie

CHURCH IN SHARING

Community Fellowship		Todd Rigby
Children’s Offering		
Children’s Story		
Joys & Requests		Pastor Charles Shultz
Prayer		
Response Song	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”	Hymn #290

CHURCH IN WORSHIP

Scripture Reading	Mark 11:22-24	Todd Rigby
Sermon	“The School of Prayer”	Pastor Charles Shultz
Benediction		Pastor Charles Shultz
Closing Hymn	“I Need the Prayers”	Hymn #505
Organist		Pat Ball
Pianist		Jann Biegel

*Please stand



Rummage Sale

Christmas Theme

Sunday, November 13

9am-3pm- Lower level

NO donations are needed!

There are plenty of donated items
stored at the church.

***This is the LAST Rummage Sale and
all items must go.***

***There will be no further storage of
items in the church.***

**Thank you for all your support
and work through the years**



returned, and envy of Christ was once more indulged....Leaving his place in the immediate presence of the Father, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels....He began to insinuate doubts concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that though laws might be necessary for the inhabitants of the worlds, angels, being more exalted, needed no such restraint, for their own wisdom was a sufficient guide....There had been no change in the position or authority of Christ Lucifer's envy and misrepresentation and his claims to equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of the true position of the Son of God; but this had been the same from the beginning. Many of the angels were, however, blinded by Lucifer's deceptions.... But such efforts as infinite love and wisdom only could devise, were made to convince him of his error. His disaffection was proved to be without cause, and he was made to see what would be the result of persisting in revolt Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong....He nearly reached the decision to return, but pride forbade him. It was too great a sacrifice for one who had been so highly honored to confess that he had been in error.... Rejecting with disdain the arguments and entreaties of the loyal angels, he denounced them as deluded slaves....He would never again acknowledge the supremacy of Christ he had determined to claim the honor which should have been given him, and take command of all would become his followers; and he promised those who would enter his ranks a new and better government, under which all would enjoy freedom. Great numbers of the angels signified their purpose to accept him as their leader".

E. Ellen White's Outline: Satan'Cast Out of Heaven: Spiritual Gifts: Volume 3, pp 37,38 "At length all the angels are summoned to appear before the Father, to have each case decided. Satan unblushingly makes known to all the heavenly family, his discontent, that Christ should be preferred before him, to be in such close conference with God, and he be uninformed as to the result of their frequent consultations. God informs Satan that this he can never know. That to his Son will he reveal his secret purposes, and that all the family of Heaven, Satan not excepted, were required to yield implicit obedience. Satan boldly speaks out his rebellion, and points to a large company who think God is unjust in not exalting him to be equal with God, and in not giving him command above Christ He declares he cannot submit to be under Christ's command, that God's commands alone will he obey." God called all the angels to repeat His Son's authority, all bowed including Lucifer. Next angel assembly, Lucifer refused to obey God's Son.

SPECIAL UPDATES

- ◆ **Church Family Prayer Requests: Revelation Speaks Peace** seminars, Heidi McKenna's family, Shirley Morey's family, Carol Badger & family, the Heinrichs, Jack Tefertiller, our country & the military, persecuted Christians in the world, ,paying off the church mortgage, the unspoken requests.
- Today:Prayer following the service at the back of the sanctuary**
"but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4
- ◆ **Today: "Picnic in the Basement"** - Everyone please join us following the service for a "bring what you have" meal downstairs.
- ◆ **Sunday at 7pm "Revelation Speaks Peace" Continues**
- ◆ **Next Sabbath is a special Communion Service.**
"Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will prepare their heart
Psalms 10:17
- ◆ **10/23 Sunday 2pm Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Home Security**
- ◆ **Ladies - coming this month October 28-30 Women's Retreat**
- ◆ **Azure Orders due for November - contact Bev Rigby**
- ◆ **2017 devotional book orders contact Maggi Runyan before Oct 30**
- ◆ **ABC Fall Case Food and Book Sale4-6pm on November 8.** order before November 2 for delivery to Brookings - call 503-850-3300.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	12:30 pm	Picnic in the Basement
	6:36 pm	Sunset
Sunday	7:00 pm	Revelation Speaks Peace
Monday	Next Soup Kitchen	October 24 with Bev Rigby
	6:30 pm	Ping Pong (and Thursday)
Tuesday	8:30 am	Exercise Class (and Thursday)
	7:00 pm	Revelation Speaks Peace
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Prayer & Study Group
	7:00 pm	Revelation Speaks Peace
Friday	6:27 pm	Sunset

Cheerful Givers Report As of August 31, 2016
 Needed for Budget: **\$3,400.00** Needed for Building: **\$3,941.00**
August Budget: \$5,013.08 August Building: \$4,831.77
Principal Balance-Building \$149,084.08

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BELIEVE:

As a people we hold the Bible in supreme regard as the revealer of God's truth to guide us to salvation. Our love and devotion is rooted supremely in Christ who we worship as our Savior, Creator, Lord and King.

We believe that forgiveness, healing and eternal life are offered freely to all on the basis of what Jesus has already accomplished for us at the cross, and continues to do as He ministers on our behalf in the heavenly sanctuary above. God's mercy and grace are infinite and are received by faith, to prepare a people for Jesus' second coming.

The "New Covenant" provides not only forgiveness for sin, but also God's promise to write His law on our hearts so that our greatest joy will be to do His will. We keep His commandments, not in order to be saved, but because He has already encircled us in His saving arms. His law includes also the fourth commandment Sabbath which invites us to spend a special time of fellowship with God on the seventh day.

Today

Sermon	Pastor Charles Shultz
Elder	Todd Rigby
Deacon In Charge	Mike Runyan
Greeters	Don and Mary Kirk

Next Week

Sermon	Pastor Charles Shultz
Elder	Mary Kirk
Deacon In Charge	Dale Hoie
Greeters	Linda Merritt, Charlotte White

All Church Potluck

Picnic in the Basement

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That Satan came among the sons of God can mean with them or that he is a son of God. The Hebrew word "*tavek*" is translated 208 times midst and 138 times among. Exod 2:5 Jochebed hid the ark with her baby among the flags did not make the ark a flag! Exod 12:49 One law for the stranger (Gentile) that sojourneth among you (Jews), did not make Gentiles into Jews! Scriptures always interpret "sons of God" as God's people, the saved, not evil angels!

13. Hosea 1:10 "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered... it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God.'
14. John 1:12 " But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God"
15. Rom 8:14 " For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
- 16.1 John 3:1 " love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:"
17. Rev 12:10,11 "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb," At Christ's death and resurrection, Satan, was cast out of heaven the second time, and Christ became our Advocate-Daysman in heaven! (1 John 2:1

D. Ellen G. White's Outline: Lucifer Becoming Satan: Patrarchs and Prophets, p. 35-40 (1890)

Little by little Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation.... Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself Not content with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he ventured to covet homage due alone to the Creator.... Lucifer allowed his jealousy of Christ to prevail...The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings....The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants...the angels joyfully acknowledged the supremacy of Christ... Lucifer bowed with them, but in his heart there was a strange, fierce conflict....But again he was filled with pride in his own glory. His desire for supremacy"

8. Eze 28:13-17 " Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering...Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;...Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:"
9. John 8:44 "Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
10. Rev 12:7,8 "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven" Satan and his evil angels were banished from heaven that has: Psa 11:4 God's throne, Psa 20:6 the holy heaven, Deut 10:14 the heaven of heavens, center of God's created universe.
11. Luke 10:18 "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Satan's banishment from heaven and God's throne was shocking, sudden, and swift!
12. Job 1:6,7 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Some use Job 1:6,7 to interpret "sons of God" in Gen 6:4 were evil angels having sex with women which gave birth to giants. The Greeks believed the king of their gods, Zeus, had sex with a woman, and she gave birth to Hercules, a semi-god. But, Gen 6:4 "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown." The GIANTS existed before the "sons of God married women who gave birth to men. not giants! This false doctrine makes the Bible look like the pagan Greek religion.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! loves me still,
When I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high,
Comes to watch me where I lie.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2016 Christian Women's Retreat 30th Anniversary Oct 28-30, 2016

2016 Christian Women's Retreat will be live-streamed in the Brookings Church Fellowship Hall, October 28-30. The program begins Friday evening Oct 28 at 5pm continues all day Sabbath, and concludes on Sunday

. See Registration Form below for exact times.

ALL LADIES who are interested please

PRE-REGISTER by sending an EMAIL to BrookingsCWR@gmail.com.

Include your name, email address, and phone number. Also note if you plan to attend all or part of the event, and any special diet restrictions.

Registration will be limited to about 40 people.

This is an outreach event, so please invite a friend and, if they are interested, have them register asap.

For more information, please see Linda Shultz.

Christian Women's Retreat, October 28-30, 2016

Location: Brookings Church Fellowship Hall

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I plan to attend:

_____ Friday evening 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm including supper

_____ Sabbath, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm and 4pm - 8:30pm

_____ Sunday morning 9:30am - Noon

Any dietary restrictions? _____

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Registration is free but limited -in order for us to plan meals/other activities.

Please REGISTER no later than October 23, 2016, by sending an EMAIL to:

BrookingsCWR@gmail.com

Or, you can give this completed registration form to Cherie Hoie or Linda Shultz.

Sabbath School Lesson: October 15,2016 Lesson #3: Book of Job: 1611 King James Bible

A. Moses wrote the Book of Job:

" The long years spent amid desert solitudes were not lost Not only was Moses gaining a preparation for the great work before him, but during this time, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote the book of Genesis and also the book of Job, which would be read with the deepest interest by the people of God until the close of time," Signs of the Times, February 19, 1880. And during the 40 years in the wilderness, Moses wrote: Exodus, Leviticus Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Psalm 90?

B. Cautions in Using the Book of Job to Teach Truths:

1. Job 2:9 "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die."
2. Job 4:7 Advice of Eliphaz: "Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? Gen 4:8 Cain killed Abel; Matt 2:16: Herd killed babies in Bethlehem" Matt 14:8-10, Herod killed John Baptist; Acts 7:58,59 Jews killed Stephen.
3. Job 9:33 "Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both." Job in pain, condemned by friends, complained there was no "daysman" a mediator to defend him. But Job was wrong! He did have a daysman, a-mediator to defend him.
4. Rev 13:8 "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." God's Son was Job's daysman!
5. Gen 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God promised Adam and Eve that His Son would die to save sinners and destroy Satan. *"The Prince of Peace,*
6. *Isaiah 9:6. The I AM is the Daysman between God and humanity, laying His hand upon both," Desire of Ages, p. 25. Be careful, some of the verses in the Book of Job may not be true.*

Satan Cast Out of Heaven but Returned after Adam's Sin

7. Isa 14:12-" How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:I will be like the most High." Lucifer's secret ambition was to like the "the most high" (God).



Pastor's Welcome

Welcome to the Brookings Seventh-day Adventist Church website. We have designed this site just for you so you can become better acquainted with us. We hope you will be brought closer to Jesus and discover more about his saving grace. Check back often to learn about our upcoming events and resources that will impact you and your family's daily and spiritual life. To find answers to your Bible questions, check out the links to the Bible information sites. Here you will find Biblically-based answers to even your hardest questions. We invite you to come and worship with us every Saturday morning starting @ 9:30 am with classes and programs for the whole family, followed by inspiring sermons at 11:00 am.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles Shultz

Have you been on the website lately???

www.brookingsdda.org

Everything you will ever want to know is

right here

The Good News is Jesus is

coming back

Praise the Lord!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Coming up next

- Oct 16 Sun 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #16
Shawn Boonstra **"Revelation's Keys of Death"**
- Oct 18 Tues 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #17
Shawn Boonstra **"The Fall of Babylon"**
- Oct 19 Wed 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #18
Shawn Boonstra **"God's Strange Act"**
- Oct 23 Sun 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #19
Shawn Boonstra **"A Desolate Planet"**
- Oct 25 Tues 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #20
Shawn Boonstra **"How to Postpone Your Funeral"**
- Oct 26 Wed 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #21
Shawn Boonstra **"The Mark of the Beast"**
- Oct 30 Sun 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #22
Shawn Boonstra **"Return of the Women"**
- Nov 1 Tues 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #23
Shawn Boonstra **"Revelation's Testimony of Jesus"**
- Nov 2 Wed 7pm Revelation Speaks Peace #24
Shawn Boonstra **"The Last Night on Earth"**
- Nov 12 Sabbath All Church Potluck

To Know Jesus is to have eternal Life

Have You Seen Jesus Today?

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me. -*

Matthew 25:35

Take the Challenge! **Be a Vegetarian for a Day**

October 30, 2016 Sunday at 2 pm



Vegetarian Cooking Class

Cooking demonstrations, door prizes,
and recipes for a full day's menu.

Food Samples: Tofu Cheezecake,
Stuffed Shells, Portobello Veggie
Burgers, Chili Stew and much more!

Crescent City SDA Church
1770 Northcrest Dr

October 30, 2016 Sunday at 2 pm

**Call 707-464-2738 to leave name and phone
number reserve free limited seating**

In Brookings KSEP 99.9

Know the Savior ~ Experience Peace

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105.9 fm
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Soon



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- Cooking • Family Tips
- Children's Programs
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...And Much Much More!

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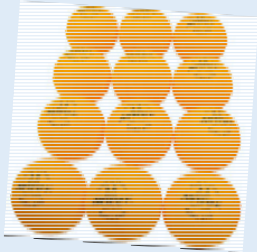
Every Monday and Thursday
evening @ 6:30 pm
You can even come late

For the young and the old
All you need is to bring yourself
We have tables, paddles and balls



Free!

Game Night-
Come one come all



Bring your Friends!

GOSPEL

THE GOOD NEWS

We can talk about it

We can preach about it

We can write about it

We can teach about it

We can laugh about it

We can pray about it

There's no doubt about it

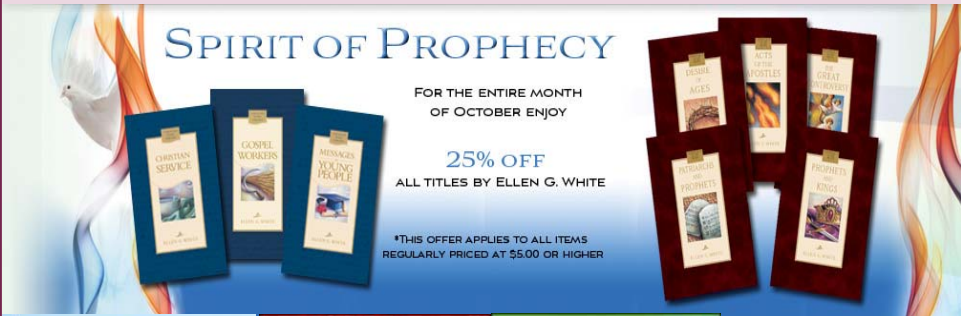
But unless we live it

But unless we share it

We'll never enjoy it!!

By j. b. ball

ABC Fall Case Food and Book Sale. The Oregon Conference Adventist Book Center will be making a food order delivery to the Brookings Church Fellowship Hall from **4-6pm on November 8.** Place your order with the ABC before November 2 if you are interested in having a delivery. You can find sale prices online at this website: <http://orgcabc.adventistnw.org/sales-page> Or call the ABC at 503-850-3300.

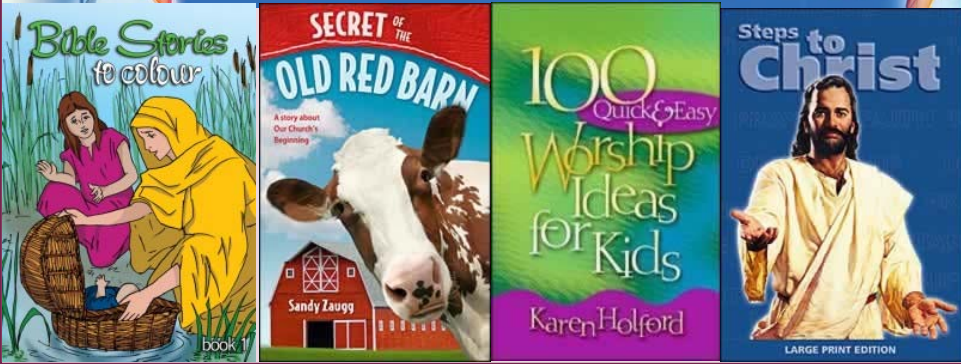


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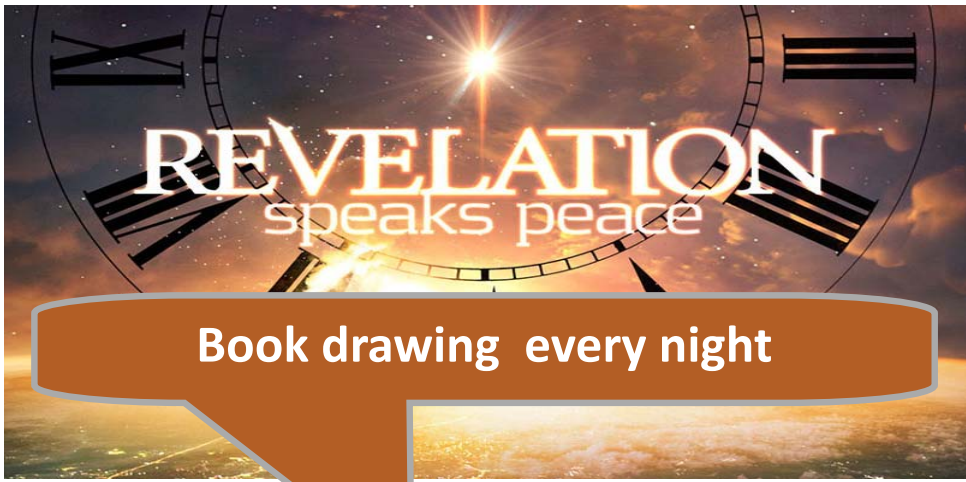
Bible Stories to colour

SECRET OF THE OLD RED BARN
A story about Our Church's Beginnings
Sandy Zaugg

100 Quick & Easy Worship Ideas for Kids
Karen Holford

Steps to Christ
LARGE PRINT EDITION

Get your 2017 Devotional Books
See Maggie Runyan
Or Call Maggie at 541-661-2518
Or Email at sdamaggi@yahoo.com
It's NOT too late!



Book drawing every night

Oct 16 - Nov 2
Sun, Tues and Wed nights
7:00 p - 8:00p
It's a GOOD time to visit with friends and family See You Here
Downstairs in the Fellowship Room

Matthew 6: 9-13 (KJV)⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye:
*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
10 Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.*

Children's Story

The Meeting a 14-year old Girl Never Forgot

As told by Arthur L. White {CFJS 5}

Our story tonight is about a meeting a junior girl never forgot. At this meeting she saw Sister White in vision.

Nellie Sisley was fourteen. A few years earlier, with her mother and brothers and sisters, she had come from England. Now they lived in Battle Creek. Elder and Mrs. White also lived in Battle Creek, not far from the publishing house and Sanitarium. Nellie and her mother went to the prayer meeting at the church in Battle Creek on a Friday evening, June 12, 1868. There were about 200 people at this meeting. Elder and Mrs. White had been away for some time. Now they were at home in Battle Creek and everyone expected that they would both speak at the prayer meeting. Perhaps they would tell about some of their work in the other churches.

Elder and Mrs. White came into the church and walked up to the front and sat down on the lower platform. After the song and the prayer, Elder White spoke for about ten minutes. Then he said, "I know that it is Mrs. White you want to hear, and we will turn the meeting over to her,"

Then Sister White began to talk. She told the congregation that she was so impressed with the thought that we are not making the preparation to meet Jesus that we ought to be making. Jesus is coming soon, she said, and we must be ready. She pointed out that Seventh-day Adventists were pilgrims and strangers, and we want to live for the future, and get ready for Heaven. After she had spoken for about a half an hour, she seemed to fall backward to the floor. She didn't drop on the floor with a thud, but it seemed as if angel's hands were gently letting her down.

Nellie and her mother, who had never seen Sister White in vision before thought that she had fainted, and so did many of the audience. Many times when she was given a vision she exclaimed, "Glory!" or "Glory to God." But this time she did not. The people opened the windows a little wider. A glass of water was brought for Sister White. Then Elder White said, "Don't be alarmed, for Mrs. White has not fainted but she is in vision." When Brother White told the congregation that Sister White was in vision, a quietness came to all of the audience. As Nellie told this story years later, she said, "It seemed as if heavenly beings were there in that church. We weren't frightened. Sister White was lying down on the lower platform, quiet, and absolutely unconscious. Then Brother White said, 'There may be some in this congregation who may have doubts in regard to Mrs. White's inspiration and about the visions. If there are any such, we would be glad to have them come forward and try the physical tests as they are given in the Bible.'"

As she spoke about the New Jerusalem, she said, "Oh, I wish I could describe it; I have no language in which to tell you even a little of what has been shown to me. If you could be there and see what I saw, you would never allow anything on this world to tempt you to live in such a way as to be in danger of losing eternal life."

For a time after the vision, she could not see very well. She told the people, "Now, you may not understand why I can not see well. If you turn your face toward the sun for a while, then turn away, you will understand. Heaven is brighter than the sun." Then she gradually regained the use of her sight and the experience of the vision didn't injure her sight at all. Many visions were given to Mrs. White, but they did not leave her weak or ill.

As Sister White talked with the people, she said, "It is not the large sins that we do, but the little things. Carelessness, not fully accepting the responsibility that the Lord would be glad to place upon us. We are living too lightly. We are spending too much time and thought on our present interests. Some of these things may be all right in themselves, but they crowd out the heavenly things."

As Nellie and her mother and the people went home that night, they said to themselves, "How glad we are that we went to prayer meeting tonight; Now we have seen Sister White in vision. We know that God gives her the visions." And they determined in their hearts to study the counsels which were written out, and to apply those counsels in their lives.

What was shown to Sister White in that vision, she soon wrote out and printed in a little pamphlet called Testimony for the Church, No. 16. It is found today in Testimonies for the Church 2:112-199. Again and again you will find reference to the vision given June 12, 1868. When Sister White wrote of the vision, she said, "June 12, 1868, while speaking to the brethren in the house of worship in Battle Creek, Michigan, the Spirit of God came upon me. And in an instant I was in vision." Brother White also tells us about this vision.

Nellie married a young minister and she spent a large part of her life serving the Lord in America and Australia. While in Australia, she often traveled with Sister White and at times she and her husband lived at Sister White's home. Nellie never forgot that Friday evening when she and her mother went to prayer meeting and she saw Sister White in vision.

Based on the accounts given by Mrs. Nellie Sisley Starr, James White and others. {CFJS 8}

Then Elder White knelt down by her side, raised her head and shoulders so that they rested on his knee. Nellie was sitting by her mother, and she knew that occasionally her mother had doubted the visions, and so she said, "Mother, why don't we go up and see Sister White as Brother White has invited us to do?"

So Nellie and her mother went up together. They stood very close by Sister White's head. They could see that she did not breathe. Her eyes were open and there was a pleasant expression on her face. There was nothing unnatural about her expression. It seemed very natural.

Other people in the congregation also came up and there were two large men who worked at our institution who came with the others. One stood on one side of Sister White and the other stood on the other side. Then Elder White spoke. He said, "The entire congregation has seen Sister White fall. They know that she has lost her natural strength. Now we wish to see if she has been supernaturally strengthened." Her hands were lying clasped lightly on her chest. Elder White spoke to the two strong men. "I want you to take her hands apart. Just pull her hands apart. You have two hands to her one." So they tried. They pulled and pulled. Some of the people became anxious. Nellie thought that they would hurt Sister White. Brother White said, "Don't be anxious. She is safe in God's keeping. You can pull until you are perfectly satisfied."

They said, "We are satisfied now. We don't need to pull any more." Then Brother White said, "Take one finger at a time and try to pull them apart." But they couldn't do it. They couldn't do so much as to move one finger. Sister White didn't change the expression on her face and they just couldn't move her fingers.

Nellie said, as she told the story, that they looked carefully to see if her eyes would close and to see if she was breathing. But her eyes remained open; there was no movement of the eyelids. She didn't breathe at all.

Then Sister White took her hands apart and made graceful gestures, and as she moved her arms, Brother White said to these men, "Now I want you to hold her arms." And these strong men took hold of her wrists. But they couldn't stop the motion. It looked like any child could keep her from moving her arms, but she moved them just as though no one was around. The men were afraid they might hurt her, or that what they were doing might interfere with the view that she was having, but Brother White said no, they wouldn't hurt her or interfere with what she was witnessing in the least. He said that although she was wholly unconscious to anything about her, yet she was safe in God's keeping.

During all of this time, she was looking upward with a natural expression in her eyes, except that her eyelids never closed. Brother White said,

"Now that you are satisfied that there is supernatural strength which she has while in vision, we will see if her eyelids will close." There was a brightly burning lamp on the stand, and Brother White took the shade off and put this light right in front of her eyes. Nellie thought for sure that Sister White would move her eyes to protect them, or close her eyes, but she didn't. She was not conscious to anything going on about her. The same natural expression remained and her eyes were not starry or glassy. At times the expression on her face changed. Sometimes she looked pleased, and at other times, she seemed very troubled.

"Now," said Brother White, "we must see if there is any breath in her body." As Nellie told the story many times in later years, she said, "There didn't seem to be any breath. Everything looked all right only that she didn't breathe."

Elder White said, "Now, we will send out and get a mirror and we will test her to see if she is breathing." So someone went next door and borrowed a mirror and held it close to her face, but no moisture gathered on the mirror. What happens, boys and girls, when we breathe on a mirror? Of course; it gets all foggy from our breath. So the people knew that she wasn't breathing. But as they felt of her pulse, they found that her heart continued to beat regularly and the color in her face did not change.

Occasionally Sister White spoke. The sentences were short and she spoke of some of the things which were being shown to her in vision. At times, her face appeared animated and excited and at other times her face looked sad and she seemed to be shrinking back from what she saw.

When she began to come out of the vision, she took three long, deep breaths. Her lungs had been empty. Brother White assisted her to a chair. Then Brother White said to her, "The congregation would be very interested in the vision. I know that they will want to know something about what you have seen."

Sister White replied that she would gladly tell the people what was shown to her in vision. For about a half an hour, she talked. She had seen in vision the bright and glorious home that the Lord is preparing for His people. Then she had also seen the destruction of the wicked people and what troubled her greatly was that she saw some who had been Seventh-day Adventists among those who were lost. They had started on the narrow pathway to the heavenly home, but for different reasons had turned aside. Some had become discouraged. Some were very much in love with the pleasures of the world. Others were more interested in making money than they were in serving the Lord. So there were quite a few who had been Adventists who had wandered away from the truth.