



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Warmest Christian greetings to you are your families. What is the most valuable asset that you possess today? It is a simple question, but perhaps not a simple answer. Name either what is most important to you in life, or what you are pursuing, what aspect of existence you hope to achieve, you strive for. Power, money, acceptance, intelligence, spirituality, music, soul, truth, influence, awareness, charity, wisdom, charisma. Maybe you also have something in your life that is obviously the one most important thing. Or maybe it's difficult for you to pinpoint that one thing. That's how it is for me.

What is the most important thing in your life? Depending on what age one is, we would probably have a multitude of answers presented. If we were to ask the young adult, he might say providing for and raising a family. If we were to ask the median age adult, he might say putting away enough savings for retirement. If we were to ask the senior adult, he might say spending time with the grandchildren. For many individuals it's money, position, possessions, power and, influence. For others it's parents, grandparents, other family members, especially children, preachers, teachers, friends and we are indebted to them for what they have taught us by word and deed. For many it's husband and wife and children.

Well, what is the most important thing in life? We should be able to find a meaningful, life changing answer in Philippians 3:10-14. "10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The most important thing in life is to be growing in the knowledge of Christ. The growing Christian races toward spiritual maturity. The race demands a single concentrated commitment. The growing believer forgets past defeats and triumphs. He reaches forward to grasp a prize that is ever before him. The upward call of God puts one in a flow of life that disregards everything hindering him from the goal--the full experience of Christ."

Jesus said it best: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). This is what Ellen White attempts to capture in the following statement from Messages to the Young People:

"Dear youth, what is the aim and purpose of your life? Are you ambitious for education that you may have a name and position in the world? Have you thoughts that you dare not express, that you may one day stand upon the summit of intellectual greatness; that you may sit in deliberative and legislative councils, and help to enact laws for the nation? There is nothing wrong in these aspirations. You may every one of you make your mark. You should be content with no mean [mediocre] attainments. Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard.

"The fear of the Lord lies at the foundation of all true greatness. Integrity, unswerving integrity, is the principle that you need to carry with you into all the relations of life. Take your religion into your school life, into your boarding house, into all your pursuits. The important question with you now is, how to so choose and perfect your studies that you will maintain the solidity and purity of an untarnished Christian character, holding all temporal claims and interests in subjection to the higher claims of the gospel of Christ" (Messages to the Young People, 36).

Yours in the blessed Hope F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron. 1

Introit & Dedication prayer.....Eld. Paul Richards

Call to Worship..... Eld. Gladsworth Richards

Doxology....."Praise God from Whom".....Congregation

Invocation..... Eld. Paul Richards

Welcome Parents/Guardians, Adventurers & Guests Nathaniel Thelusca

AnnouncementsChurch Clerk

Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Hymn of Adoration.....#612.....Bro. Jaevaan Williams

Scripture Reading Bro. Zachary Jackson

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Lauren Ombasa & Bro. Zachary Rowe
 "I Must Tell Jesus"

Children's Story..... Bro. Godwin Carmanetty

Offertory..... Bro. Branden & Bro. Kevin Joseph
 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn of Meditation.....Sis. Alina Honore

Adventures Induction:

Adventures Pledge of Allegiance to ...The USA, The Christian Flag, The Holy Bible

Adventures SongCongregation

Invocation Prayer Director Natalie Gibbs

Introduction of Bell Choir.....Sis. Alina Honore

Special Music.....Children's Bell Choir

Charge to Adventures Eld. Paul Richards

Lighting of Candles Assistant Director Mfon Joseph & Sis. Daisy Matthew

Recital of Adventures' Law and Adventures' PledgeAdventures

Special Music.....Children's Bell Choir

Hymn of Consecration..... Congregation

Benediction..... Bro. Jeremiah Richards

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT

STROUDSBURG



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Mission Statement

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Stroudsburg and beyond.

Vision Statement

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of His word and the ministry of His love, and by faith establishing places of worship to prepare us for His second advent.



CHURCH AT WORSHIP ^{c4}

March 11, 2017

First Service (8:30 AM)

Introit.....Sweet, Sweet Spirit
(Please Remain Standing)

Call to Worship..... Eld. James Obegi
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation..... Eld. James Obegi

Welcome..... Eld. James Obegi
(Congregation, Please Sit)

ADORATION & PRAISE

Hymn of Adoration.....Congregation
(Please Remain Standing)

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Audrey Sylvan
(Those Able, Please kneel)

STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory..... Bro. Eric Williams

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading ... Eld. James Obegi

Hymn of Meditation.....Congregation

Sermon..... Eld. James Obegi

Hymn of Consecration..... Congregation

Benediction..... Eld. James Obegi

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

March 11, 2017 Sabbath School 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

- Song ServiceCongregation
- Opening Hymn.....Congregation
- Opening Prayer..... Bro. Harold Bell
- Scripture Reading Bro. Harold Bell
- Lesson Study: 1st Quarter, 2017..... #10
- Lesson Synopsis..... Bro. Harold Bell
- Mission emphasis..... Bro. Harold Bell
- Sabbath School Welcome..... Bro. Harold Bell
- Closing Prayer..... Bro. Harold Bell

LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

HEALTH NUGGETS:

"The frontal lobe gives us the ability to choose. It makes up 3.5% of the brain in a cat, 7% in dogs, 17% in chimps, and between 33% and 38% in humans. The frontal lobe is where our judgment, reasoning, social norms, and long term planning take place, all of which contribute to making healthy, life-giving choices. Human reasoning and planning capabilities are more powerful and complex than those of other species, which allows for variable relationships in our decision-making." From CREATION health. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10



PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Key to building Healthy Relationships

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What do you want most out of life? Most of us would rank healthy relationships high on the list. Except for knowing Christ and having eternal life, healthy relationships make life enjoyable perhaps more than anything else. Even if your health isn't the best, if you have loving relationships, you can enjoy life. You can make a pile of money, but if your relationships are broken or shallow, your life will be empty. A poor man with a loving family and good friends is far richer than a rich man who is poor relationally.

The Bible ranks healthy relationships as the most important thing in life. A Jewish religious expert asked Jesus (Matt. 22:36), "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied (Matt. 22:37-40):

““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

A loving relationship with God is of first importance; but loving relationships with others is second. The Bible is all about these two important relationships.

Because the Bible emphasizes healthy relationships so highly, it's sad that there are so many believers who have hurting or broken relationships. Many Christian homes have been shattered by divorce. Some who stay married are unhappy. Their homes are a tense battle ground, not a loving refuge. Many Christian parents are at odds with their kids and the kids with their parents. On the church level, some bounce from church to church, leaving a trail of damaged relationships behind. I know of Christians who won't speak to other Christians because of misunderstandings, hurt feelings, and wrongs that have taken place. Sadly, the loving families, genuine friendships, and healthy relationships that we want most out of life often elude us.

In our text, Paul gives the prescription for healthy relationships. If you'll consistently practice these qualities, you'll have healthy relationships. But maybe you're thinking, "But healthy relationships also depend on others, don't they? It's virtually impossible to have a good relationship with some people!" True. Paul acknowledged this when he wrote (Rom. 12:18), "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." Sometimes, no matter what you do, some people are hard to get along with. But often if you treat a difficult person with the qualities that Paul enumerates in our text, he will change for the better in how he relates to you. But even if some relationships never improve, if you relate to others as Paul describes here, most of your relationships will be healthy.

But this isn't easy medicine to take, because to develop these qualities, you've got to kill all immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (Col. 3:5). You've got to put aside all anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech, and lying (Col. 3:8-9). And, you've got to put on "a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other" (Col. 3:12b-13).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-Coming Events

Sabbath Prayer Session: Today - Immediately after Divine Service in the Kindergarten class room, all are welcome. And Remember, every First Sabbath, Grief Support Ministry sessions are included in the prayer meetings.

Adventist Youth Society (AYS): No AYS Today @ 4:30PM.

Adventurers Club: Induction Service and Parents blessing for the Stroudsburg Eagles Adventurers Club will be held today during Divine Service hour.

Personal Financial Management Seminar: Continues Today @ 4:30PM.

Couples Club: Meeting will be held tonight March 11th, 7PM at the Community Center. The event will be facilitated by Michelle Townsend, LCSW- Owner of Empowered Living, LLC in Stroudsburg, PA.

Children's Church: Next program is Scheduled for March 18, 2017.

Women's Ministry:

- Thanks to all for the outstanding support given to the Women's day program last Sabbath.
- Upcoming event: Pennsylvania Conference 2017 Women's Retreat, March 24-26, 2017.
- No book club meeting this month.

Men's Ministry: Meeting Today 3:30 PM.

Community Lunch: Next lunch will be on March 26, hosted by Sis. Fern Batson, Sis. Medline Morris and Sis. Dawn Wilson. We are looking for a Family to host the community lunch for (Nov).

Prayer Ministries: First we want to thank God for making it possible and we also express our sincere thanks to the Presenters and those who attended the Prayer Brunch last Sunday.

Sabbath School Announcement:

- Looking for that special person who is interested in molding our children in learning to grow in Jesus. We are in need of a Teacher for the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten classes. If interested, please contact Sabbath School Superintendent.



Q1 THEME SONG: c6

Theme: Holy Spirit, Our Divine Indweller

Hover Over Me Holy Spirit

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,
Bathe my trembling heart and brow;
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come and fill me now.

Refrain

Fill me now, fill me now,
Jesus, come and fill me now;
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come, and fill me now.

Thou canst fill me, gracious Spirit,
Though I cannot tell Thee how;
But I need Thee, greatly need Thee,
Come, O come and fill me now.

I am weakness, full of weakness,
At Thy sacred feet I bow;
Blest, divine, eternal Spirit,
Fill with power and fill me now.

Cleanse and comfort, bless and save me,
Bathe, O bathe my heart and brow;
Thou art comforting and saving,
Thou at sweetly filling now.

This Week's Memory Text

ROMANS 8:26-27 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us ^[a] with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- *Children's Choir (2 years thru 11 years) - Sabbath at 3PM*

Board Meetings - 1st Sabbath of each month

Baby Dedications: - 3rd Sabbath of each month

Medical Personnel on Duty.....Dr. Sandra Pascal

Pathfinders Club: meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

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Building Committee:

To submit your ideas on the Church Building Plans or Fundraising, please email the Building Committee at building@pacs-sda.org

Prison Ministries: – Men Visit every 1st and 3rd Sabbath of the month.

Nursing Home Schedules and hours:

1st Sabbath---Spring Village Home, 329 Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 from 3pm-4pm
2nd Sabbath---White Stone Care Center, 870 White Stone Corner, Stroudsburg, PA from 3pm-4pm
3rd Sabbath--Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, from 3pm -4pm
4th Sabbath--Brookmont Health Care, 510 Brookmont Drive, Effort, PA 18330, from 3:30pm-4:30pm

SICK & SHUT-IN

Bro. Richard Adams is back at home.

Sis. Christine Adams is now at the White Stone Care Center Rm 218

Sis. Nemesia Rance 267 King St, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5338

Sis. Norma Leap 570-992-4970

Financial Report as of 03/04/2017

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$ 131,976
Amount Collected:	\$ 4,732	\$ 26,888
Amount Difference	\$-6,266	\$-105,088

**Values are Based on Last year's budget, subject to change

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 6:02 PM

Next Friday: 7:09 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Count your blessings

Matthew 25:14-30

We are stewards of God's good gifts. We have been entrusted with ... everything, with the full measure of all the good things God has to give, material and spiritual. We have been given the power to use or to misuse, to nurture or to neglect, to bless or to curse.

We are stewards of the mercy of God. God has shown us mercy and we put the mercy shown us to good use when we show mercy. God's heart is inclined toward mercy, and we show to whom we belong when our hearts are inclined toward mercy. There is probably no more distinctive mark of the people of God than mercy. Where there is mercy, there God is. Where there is no mercy, God is not there.

We are stewards of the family of faith, of this family of faith. God has brought us together and given us to each other and made us a family. So value this family! Take care of this family! Help me be and do what God has called me to be and do, as I help you be and do what God called you to be and do! And be ready and eager to extend the same kind of welcome you have received to the next visitor, the next inquirer, the next stranger who comes into our midst. We are stewards of the Lord's Table. The Lord Jesus invites us in, to eat and drink with him, to eat and drink ... him, which is to say, he invites us all the way in, into a relationship of unmatched intimacy. We are good stewards of the Lord's Table, Christ's table, when we come to the table gladly and gratefully, and when we welcome any and all who want to join us there. We are stewards of our talents. God has made us what we are, to bring God delight and to serve a purpose, God's purpose. God has made me somebody, God has made you somebody, somebodies who have something we can do to bring help to each other and glory to God.

We are stewards of justice. We act as God's agents, builders of God's kingdom, by defending undefended people, by befriending lonely people, by bringing food to hungry people and a drink of water to thirsty people, by setting free oppressed people, and by advocating -- speaking passionately and acting tirelessly -- on behalf of poor people.

We are stewards of our resources. What we have, all we have, is ours to use ... to bring blessing, just as God brings blessing, to be generous, just as God is generous, to make shalom, just as God makes shalom.

We are each gifted differently, but blessed the same. When you count your blessings, there is really only one right answer: one!

And the one blessing, the one extraordinary blessing that is ours, is the privilege of being invited in, of being invited in to share the Lord's joy! Count your blessings? Here it is: the joy of being in God's presence, the joy of being a part of what God is doing, the joy of being good and faithful stewards of all God's good gifts.

BIBLICAL BAPTISM:

Baptismal class will conducted on the first and third Sabbath of each month beginning in March 11, 2017.

1. Who Should Be Baptized?

Acts 2:41 - "Those who had received his word were baptized that day"

Acts 8:12 - "Those who believed were baptized, men and women alike."

Acts 18:8 - "When they heard were believing and being baptized."

2. Why Be Baptized?

Obedience - Christ commands every believer to be baptized. Jesus said:

Matthew 28:19 - Make disciples of all the nations and baptize them.

1 John 2:3-6 – Obedience is a test/proof of our faith.

The example set before us - The early church practiced baptism.

(Acts 8:36-38, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 16:31-33, Acts 18:8).

Conclusion: Baptism is an act of obedience to Christ's command (Matthew 28:19) that was obeyed by the first Christians.

Conclusion: Everyone that has repented and by faith believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord should be baptized. (Romans 10:9-13).