



ATTENTION: Clanton SDA church tentative opening rules on next to last page.



A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!" "But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat." "Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant." "My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: "When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. "When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. "They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. "When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. "Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. "Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!"

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed." So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've save. Make a difference....

One day a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.



After their return from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. "It was great, Dad," the son replied. "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.

We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "It showed me just how poor we really are."

Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Testimony

Linda and I are excited to tell you that we have been blessed to be in central Alabama for just about exactly two years now. We know God sent us here at just this time for a reason. And that reason is the overwhelming support you have given us as prayer partners during Linda's recent cancer. I am writing this on Memorial Day and I know what it



means to remember not only heroes that we have learned to value more recently—our medical workers, and our military, for the sacrifices they make on a constant basis, but my fellow prayer warriors in each church as well. We have received so many messages that many have constantly sent us about their daily prayers for Linda. Thank you so much for all of the prayers. In two days we are going for a biopsy and we fully expect them to find no cancer. And like the three Hebrews, even if they do, we know that God will be with us as He was with them in the fire.

Every Wednesday night we are currently studying faith and prayer for our virtual prayer meeting. I just want to end with a couple of statements that comes from that study and has been proven true again. "When you neglect to offer prayer for the sick, you deprive them of great blessings; for angels of God are waiting to minister to these souls in response to your petitions." Medical Ministry, p. 195 And then there is this one. "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." Great Controversy, p. 525. Thank you again for your faithful prayers. We praise God for what He has done for Linda through the prayers of God's people. Let's never forget the part God wants us to play in the great controversy through our united prayers.

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'When I was a little girl,' I said, 'I went to my father and said, "Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ." 'Tell me,' said Father, "When you take a train trip to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?" "No, Daddy, you give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train.' That is right,' my father said, 'and so it is with God's strength. Our Father in Heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need -- just in time.'

"My African friends were nodding and smiling. Suddenly a spirit of joy descended upon that church and the people began singing, 'In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.'

"Later that week, half the congregation of that church was executed. I heard later that the other half was killed some months ago. But I must tell you something. I was so happy that the Lord used me to encourage these people, for unlike many of their leaders, I had the word of God. I had been to the Bible and discovered that Jesus said He had not only overcome the world, but to all those who remained faithful to the end, He would give a crown of life.

"How can we get ready for the persecution? First we need to feed on the word of God, digest it, make it a part of our being. This will mean disciplined Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of scripture, but put the principles to work in our lives.

"Next we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just the Jesus of yesterday, the Jesus of History, but the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God." "We must be filled with the Holy Spirit." This is no optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary.

Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it.

"In the coming persecution we must be ready to help each other and encourage each other. But we must not wait until the tribulation comes before starting. The fruit of the Spirit should be the dominant force of every Christian's life.

"Many are fearful of the coming tribulation; they want to run, too. I am a little bit afraid when I think that after all my eighty years, including the horrible Nazi concentration camp that I might have to go through the tribulation also. But then I read the Bible and I am glad. When I am weak, then I shall be strong, the Bible says.

Betsy and I were prisoners for the Lord, we were so weak, but we got power because the Holy Spirit was on us. That mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit helped us through. No, you will not be strong in yourself when the tribulation comes. Rather, you will be strong in the power of Him who will not forsake you. For seventy-six years I have known the Lord Jesus and not once has He ever left me, or let me down.

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him,' for I know that to all who overcome, He shall give the crown of life. Hallelujah!"

Taken from "Will Christians Escape Tribulation?" By: *Corrie Ten Boom*

I looked her up on Google: Cornelia Arnolda Johanna "Corrie" ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker and later a writer who worked with her father, Casper ten Boom, her sister Betsie ten Boom and other family members to help many Jews (as estimation of 800) escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II by hiding them in her home. She was born April 15, 1892 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and died April 15, 1983 in Placentia, CA. I just thought this was an inspiring story of faith and endurance through hard times..... Shared by Brenda

"Walk a little slower, daddy",
said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall."

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child,
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

SMART

My dad gave me a one dollar bill

'Cause I'm his smartest son.

I swapped it for 2 shiny quarters

'Cause 2 is more than one!

And then I took the quarters

and traded them to Sue

For 3 dimes - I guess she don't know
that 3 is more than 2.

Just then, along came old blind Bates

And just "Cause he can't see'

He gave me 4 nickels for my 3 dimes

And 4 is more than 3.

I took the nickels to Hiram Coombs

Down at the seed-feed store

And he gave me 5 pennies for them

And 5 is more than 4

And then I went and showed my dad

And he got red in the cheeks.

And closed his eyes and shook his head

Too proud of me to speak!

Shel Silverstein

My Father Is A Christian

*My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.*

*Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.*

*I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.*



Happy, Birthday. We pray that you are blessed with many more. If I don't have your special day, let me know. Brenda

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CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE: If you want to be one the first ones to tentatively reopen the church doors on the 20th of June for Sabbath School at 9:15 & Church Services at 11:00, these are the rules:

- Entrance at front door only for screening
- No touch temperature taken
- Question will be asked: "Do you feel absolutely fit today?"
- Must wear a mask - if not one will be provided
- Please remain in whatever seat you start out in with your family, maintaining the 6 foot distancing from others.
- No Fellowship dinners for now

Pastor Dan Thompson will be tentatively preaching on the 20th of June.

In the meantime @ 9:30 am we will still have the Sabbath School program on the phone line (call Bob or Brenda if you need phone #) each Sabbath morning and Prayer meetings on Weds @ 6:30 pm on the same phone line. The church services will continue streaming from the Montgomery church @MontgomeryfirstSDA.org. at 11:00 am each Sabbath. Please feel free to join us for worship.

Reminiscing Corner

Most of you will know who this picture is of... I got it off Facebook and hope you all enjoy remembering back. The baby is a mother now and the young mother is now a grandmother. We are blessed to have Facebook to keep track of those that post pictures there of their travels, occurrences, birthdays and other events. For those of you that don't have Facebook, thought I would share. Have a good month, Brenda



Fathers are wonderful people
 Too little understood,
 And we do not sing their praises
 As often as we should...
 For somehow, Father seems to be
 The man who pays the bills,
 While Mother binds up little hurts
 And nurses all our ills...
 And perhaps that is the reason
 We sometimes get the notion
 That Fathers are not subject
 To the thing we call emotion,
 But if you look inside Dad's heart,
 Where no one else can see,
 You'll find he's sentimental
 And as soft as he can be..
 And like our Heavenly Father,
 He's a guardian and a guide,
 Someone we can count on
 To be always on our side.

Heavenly Father, thank You for instituting the family as the most important unit in our society. Help all fathers to be responsible and to imitate You as a pattern for showing love and concern. - Helen Steiner Rice—Taken from Charlie Jones archives that him and Irene had saved.

Eggplant Romeo

- 1 large eggplant (peeled and sliced in 1 inch circles)
- 1/2 cup soy margarine, melted
- 1 cup seasoning breadcrumbs
- 3 cups spaghetti sauce
- 1 cup soy mozzarella cheese



Dip eggplant in melted margarine. Place bread crumbs in a mixing bowl. Take eggplant and coat with breadcrumb. In a 9 x 13 oblong baking dish pour 1/2 cup of spaghetti sauce to cover bottom. Add breaded eggplant one layer only. Next sprinkle over breaded eggplants the soy mozzarella cheese. Cover with reserve spaghetti sauce. Bake covered with foil at 375 degrees for 25 minutes, uncover and bake for 10 additional minutes. Serve hot and enjoy. Serves 4-6.

Roasted Lemon Garlic Potatoes

- 16 raw potatoes chunks
- 2 Tbs McKay's chicken-style seasoning
- 1 Tbs dill
- 1 Tsp low sodium salt or less
- 1/2 c. olive oil or less
- 2 c. onion slivers
- 2 Tbs chives
- 2 Tbs nutritional yeast flakes
- 1 Tbs fresh garlic, minced
- 1 Tbs fresh lemon juice



Put potato chunks into a large mixing bowl. Mix the lemon juice, olive oil, chicken style seasoning and salt together until blended. Pour over potatoes, add garlic, yeast flakes, chives and dill and mix until everything is evenly coated. Pour the potato mixture onto two baking trays and bake in the oven at 375 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until golden brown and tender. Cook the onions in the microwave until almost clear. When the potatoes have been in the oven for about 40 minutes, place the onions on top of the potatoes and bake until golden in color.

Recipes presented for you by Mirtes Schmeling

We have a website!! **UPDATED - Church Website:** <https://www.clantonsda.com/> Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has made it so the previous couple years are there also. If you get an online version and want a hard copy or if you don't want to get the Newsletter, Let me know. Don't forget without you sharing with others, we wouldn't have a newsletter. Also turn in articles, poems and pictures that you want to share. Thanks to those that do, Until next month! Brenda

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