



Junior high school students in Chicago were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. The Taj Mahal in India
3. The Grand Canyon in Arizona
4. The Panama Canal
5. The Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

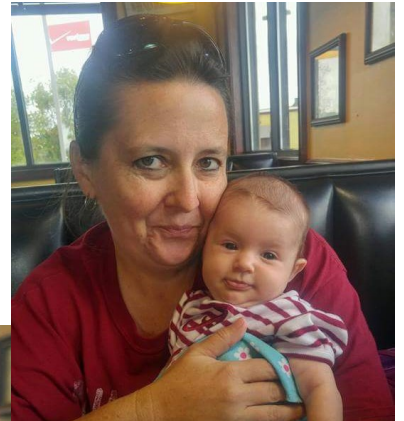


What better way to see the Grand Canyon in 2011 than with your two sisters and their husbands and your brother.

Wonderful experience, once in a lifetime one and thanks to my husband for staying home and caring for my parents. Brenda

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch...
2. to taste...
3. to see...
4. to hear... (She hesitated a little, and then added...)
5. to feel...
6. to laugh...
7. and to love.



When I saw all these senses, I thought of my great granddaughter Santana Marie Skinner. The first picture is of my daughter Pamela with her granddaughter. She has the touch, see, hear, feel and of course the love there. I told her when we kiss Santana's feet we have the taste. Santana born August 17 has the laugh for us. So so wonderful and blessed we are. Yes we will give credit to the parents: Shane and Kelly Skinner, LOL. Kelly is Cleo Smith's Great granddaughter. So we are family now besides being church family, it is nice to be part of the family of God also. Brenda

The room was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop. May this story serve as a gentle reminder to all of us that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful – and we don't have to travel anywhere special to experience them. Enjoy your gifts!

Submitted by: Dave

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Phoenix Mary Lynn Sanders

Charge to Grandparents:

Doug and Felicia Higgins, you are bringing **Phoenix Sanders** into God's presence to be dedicated to Him. By this statement of faith do you commit that together you will raise her in a way that pleases God by instructing her in God's Word, by introducing her to Christ's love and her need for His salvation, by modeling godliness in your home & marriage, by protecting her from evil influences, by teaching her to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit and by regularly fellowshiping with other believers in a Christ-centered church family? **We Do**



1. Cuba Church moves out on faith. Several months ago the church in Cuba decided they needed to expand their church from 120 member capacity to 150. They only had a few thousand which was 10% of what the total cost needed to expand. See the pictures of what progress they have accomplished with everyone pitching in a few dollars here and then getting what they could get done with that amount. Even \$10 over there will buy some cement to progress on with the building. It is hard to get a permit with the type of government and the one they have now runs out in two months. They are only asking for you to help them so that by the time Pastor Rodriguez and several other ministers go to Cuba December 10-19 they will be ready for the meetings that will be held and will be ready for the new converts that they have faith will join their church. Please donate even if it is just a few dollars, mark your envelope "Cuba Church project".
2. Also for them to get ready for the meetings they would like to be able to have 65,000 Hispanic "Finding Peace Within". It is made up of the book "Steps to Christ" with twenty Bible studies. Countdown as we call it, but officially Inspiration Books East, will be publishing the needed books but they need our help in defraying the cost. Tony Harriman has already been to Cuba to check out how hard it was to get the books over there and how to provide the 32,000 church members each a book and one to give out. The estimated cost is \$65,000. Tony (for more information see Tony's blog 10/20/2016) says if you go to Cuba and step out of your comfort zone, he guarantees you will see where you can make a difference to someone. Your gift, large or small will go to an incredibly good cause. Please donate to this worthy cause and mark it "Cuba books".



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PASTOR'S CORNER

New Master Guides. I don't know how much work it is now to become a Master Guide but do know 50 years ago there was a lot involved, but then too we started in first grade with Busy Bee, Sunbeam, Helping Hand and etc. all the way through Church school. Then when we were 16 we could work toward the goal of the Master Guide. The Pastor, Elizabeth and of course Emma with a group that have just been invested. I know Ruwie Vazquez-Juarez (in the middle, remember she came to our church awhile back and sang for us.) had posted that

she thrilled that she had become a Master Guide. Elizabeth who is the Pastor's wife and the Conference President Dave Livermore's secretary also became a Master Guide. Congratulations to all of those that made this goal. So this month's devotional can apply to each of us in so many ways if we let God work through us.

Who can't help but enjoy Emma's Ooohhh!



Keep Up the Good Work

Read: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

We . . . urge you . . . to do this more and more. **1 Thessalonians 4:1**

My son loves to read. If he reads more books than what is required at school, he receives an award certificate. That bit of encouragement motivates him to keep up the good work.

When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians he motivated them not with an award but with words of encouragement. He said, "Brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more" (1 Thess. 4:1). These Christians were pleasing God through their lives, and Paul encouraged them to continue to live more and more for Him.

Maybe today you and I are giving our best to know and love and please our Father. Let's take Paul's words as an incentive to continue on in our faith.

But let's go one step further. Who might we encourage today with Paul's words? Does someone come to mind who is diligent in following the Lord and seeking to please Him? Write a note or make a phone call and urge this person to keep on in their faith journey with Him. What you say may be just what they need to continue following and serving Jesus.

Dear Lord, thank You for encouraging me through Your Word to keep living for You.

Encourage someone today to keep living for God.

Insight: We may get weary (as if on a hamster's running wheel) sticking to sameness over and over again. Yet when what we are doing is worthwhile, it's worth doing "more and more" Not only do we reap rewards (in this life and the coming one), but we also have the opportunity to hear our Lord's eventual "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matt. 25:23).

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10 FUN WAYS TO LEARN A MEMORY VERSE

Presented for us by Elizabeth Rodriguez

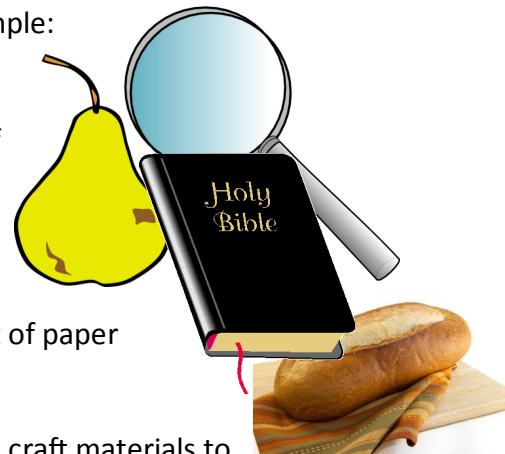
1. Buy a packet of alphabet pasta. Pour the letters onto a large dish. Find all the letters you need to spell out your memory verse. See who can complete the verse first, or work together to spell out the words.

2. Create a rebus (picture sentence) of the memory verse. Find pictures in old magazines to illustrate the different words. Add and subtract letters to help you create the words you need. For example “and” might be the picture of a hand minus an “h,” and “love” might be a picture of a glove minus a “g” (see some examples at <http://scripturelady.com/rebus-bible-verses-for-kids/>).

3. Write each word of a Bible verse on a different card or piece of paper. See how quickly you can pin them to a rope line (such as a laundry line).

4. Write each word on a large piece of paper. Lay them out in the right order, like stepping stones. Secure them to the floor with painter’s tape so they don’t slip. Step from one word to the next, saying the words as you walk. Keep repeating the journey until you have memorized the verse.

5. Arrange some objects to help you remember a memory verse. For example: “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps. 34:8). Place a piece of delicious fruit on the table, then a pair of glasses or a magnifying glass, followed by a Bible, and then something good, such as bread. Why not take a photo of your arrangement and turn it into a card or poster?



6. Make a Bible word collage. Cut the words for your memory verse from an old newspaper or church magazine. If you can’t find a word, cut out separate letters to spell the word. Stick the words and letters onto a sheet of paper to spell out the memory verse.

7. Make a Bible verse poster, card, or bookmark. Use your favorite art and craft materials to create a suitable design for the verse.

8. Write a Bible verse on a piece of card. Then cut the card into pieces to make a jigsaw. Put the pieces back together again to make the memory verse.

9. Choose a Bible verse. Write the first letter of each word in the verse on a small card. So “Taste and see that the Lord is good” would be “TASTTLIG Psalm 34:8.” Make a few cards with different verses. Pick up a card and guess what the verse might be. Or keep the cards in your pocket to remind you of the whole verse.

10. Write each word of a Bible verse on a separate card. Ask someone to shuffle the cards and place them around your yard or around a room where you can run about. You should be able to see all the words. Run to each word in the verse, in the right order, saying the words as you touch them. Repeat the activity, hiding a different word each time until you can run and say the verse without seeing any of the words.

November Birthdays

- 1– Joyce Campbell
- 2 - Sheryl Stewart
- 6 - Brianna Clark
- 15 - Ladene Higgins
- 22 - Shawn Smith
- 25 - Jeanne Bates

Happy, Happy Birth-
day to everyone this
month.

"When we have done
our best, we also have
to learn that we still
need to rely on God.
Our best - no matter
how good - is incom-
plete if we leave God
out of the picture."

Dr. Ben Carson

Calendar of Events

- Weekly:** Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM -
Jail Ministry: Sundays 6:30pm at the Clanton Jail
- Monthly: Each Sabbath after Fellowship meal:**
Sabbath School Visitation: 1st Sabbath
Nursing Home Visitation: 4th Sabbaths

One Time: Nov 5 - Harriman's Fall Bonfire @ 6:30 PM. Vespers, Grand lighting after vespers. Vegetarian potluck - Entrance fee: some kind of food (hot or cold) This is if the Governor lifts the Burn Ban.

Tentative Speaker Schedule: Oct 29 - Elder M. Fancher Nov 5 - Pastor Rodriguez Communion, 12– Steven Radford, 19 - Tui Pitman, 26 - Pastor Rodriguez Dec 3 - Pastor Rodriguez, 10 - Tony Harriman, 17 - Ted Winslow, 24 - Pastor Rodriguez , 31 - pending

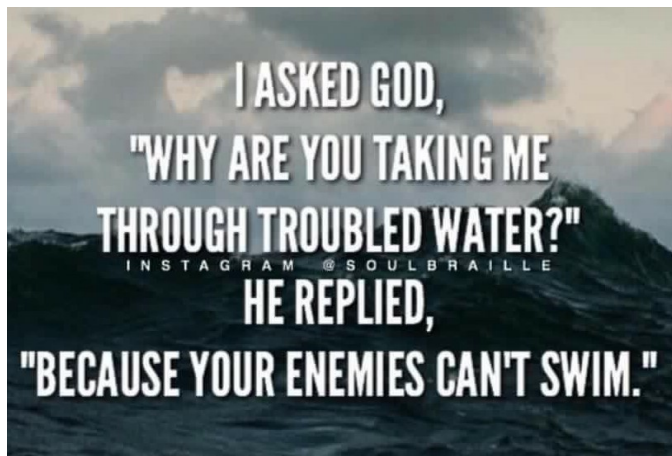
This quarter in Sabbath School we are studying Job. This thought just seemed to fit with our study. "The deepest level of worship is praising God inspite of the pain, thanking God during the trials, trusting him when we're tempted to lose Hope and LOVING HIM when He seems so distant and far away. At my lowest, God is my hope. At my darkest, God is my light. At my weakest, God is my strength. At my saddest, God is my comforter". *Spiritual Inspiration*

Sometimes God says, *Slow down,
I want you to be still and listen.
Can't you see you're going too fast?
Know that I am here to take care of you.*
Now and then our body needs rest,
Endless running can wear us down,
So rest a while and let healing work,
Slow down and let God speak.

By Judy Crowe (sent to me from my Sister
Anita after my fall. I pray that I can listen!)



Last months picture: So who remembered Pastor Wendall & Debbie Stover (1981-1984)? I was attending the Selma church at that time and the Pastor came to prayer meeting without a jacket. He asked to try mine on but it didn't fit right. LOL No need to guess who this was several years ago, most of you know three of them. So next month look in your archives and share with us. Brenda



Creeping Compromise is one of the few books written by Joe Crews about the spiritual dangers we face in our times. Joe Crews (1924-1994) was the founder of [Amazing Facts ministry](http://www.amazingfacts.org). These thoughts were taken from the ending of the book, thought they were worth sharing. You can get the free pdf. version online.

May God help us to search the Scriptures daily to discover how to know His will in our eating, drinking, dressing, talking, and looking. Then may we have the love to apply His desires happily to our daily Christian way of life. Whatever you think, never think what you feel You would blush, in the presence of God, to reveal; Whatever you speak, in a whisper or clear, Say nothing you would not like Jesus to hear. Whatever you read though the page may allure, Read nothing of which you are perfectly sure Consternation at once would be seen in your look If God should say solemnly, "Show me that book." Whatever you write, though in haste or in heed, Write nothing you would not like Jesus to read; Whatever you sing, in the midst of your glees Sing nothing His listening ear would displease. Whenever you go, never go where you fear Lest the great God should ask you, "How camest thou here?" Turn away from each pleasure you'd shrink from pursuing If God should look down and say, "What are you doing?" Whatever you wear, can you be very sure That the feelings it quickens are blameless and pure? Would your face be unblushing and conscience be clear Should your wardrobe be opened and Jesus appear? When you think, when you speak, when you read, when you write, When you sing, when you walk, when you seek for delight, To be kept from all wrong when at home or abroad, Live always as under the eyes of the Lord.

Websites Bill Weise has set up & would like special prayer about the responses from these sites.

www.steppingupward.org www.eqwhiteclassicquotes.org <http://www.grandmastidbits.org>

We have a website!! <http://clantonsda.org/>, 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 all the 2015 ones are together and all the 2016 editions are together. Also a Face Book page has been set up for the Clanton Sda church, log on and find information posted there regularly. Thanks for communicating and sharing what you want to put in the Newsletter each month. Don't forget it is YOUR/OUR newsletter... let's share each month. Thanks to those that do regularly. Let me know if you don't want to get one anymore, via email or US Mail. Brenda

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