



I need *God* every single day of my life.

**They were devastated when their church was forced to close.**

**Then they heard this at the door.**

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains built a new sanctuary on a piece of land willed to them by a church member. Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building. They would not be able to use the new sanctuary until the church doubled the size of the parking lot.

Unfortunately, the church had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain behind the church.

Undaunted, the pastor announced Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members, who had “mountain-moving faith.” They would hold a prayer service asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the dedication service.

That evening, 24 of the congregation’s 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for three hours.

“We’ll open next Sunday as scheduled,” said the pastor. “God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time, too.” The next morning as he was working in his study, there was a loud knock at his door. When the pastor opened the door, a rough-looking construction foreman appeared.

“Excuse me, Reverend. I’m from the construction company over in the next county. We’re building a new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind the church? We’ll pay for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can’t do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly.”

The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned. There were far more members with “mountain-moving faith” on opening Sunday than there had been the previous week.

The mountain-moving lesson here: **Faith is not the absence of doubt. Faith is the presence of belief.**

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**What about our FAITH here at the Clanton SDA Church?** We have gone out in faith to get the leak repaired here, it was a lot more extensive that we originally thought as we have tried to come up with a fix over the last several years. Finally recently we had a contractor come and told us we needed to replace the drainage system downstairs, put another sump pump and drainage system to help send off the extra water. But that wasn’t going to fix the problem unless we had the gutters replaced so the water would come down in the new drainage system. This was all voted on by the church board and agreed on in a short period of time now the work has been completed, including putting new carpet down that had been getting wet for years. The loan is for \$25,000 and hopefully we don’t have to wait for the 10 years to have it paid off. Please do your part to eliminate this debt. Every little bit helps, turn the money in for Leak Repairs or Carpet replacement . Thanks!!!!



## *Obituary*

Walter Joseph Kohler, 91 of Lawley, Ala., passed away on August 13, 2016, at 9:30 pm. Walter was born in Midland, Michigan on August 4, 1925 to Frank and Florence Kohler. He had two siblings Alfred and Evelyn (both de-

ceased). He was married to Annie Myrtis Campbell on September 30, 1946. Walter served with the Army as a medic in Korea. He spent his entire life in service to the Seventh-Day

Adventist Church. He was also known to many people in the area as the local handy man. Loving father to Glenda Davis (deceased). Walter is survived by his wife Myrtis Kohler and four children; Brenda Davis, Walter (Ron) Kohler, Anita Shriberg and Dora Aguilar. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. On August 17, he would have been proud to have known he had his first great great grandchild.

## *Eulogy*

Walter Kohler (my Dad) was a deeply religious man. He had no time, desire or ambition for secular pursuits or hobbies. No interest in sports of any kind. His one main mission was to spread the gospel. Someone once asked my husband what Walter did and the reply was "He's a preacher." Well yes, my Dad did love to preach and he gave more than his share to organizations whose main goal was to spread the word of God. If he had a million dollars, he would have given it to organizations like Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

He lived by the Joshua code which states in Joshua 1:8: "The Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do accordingly to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Walter liked to meditate on and quote Bible verses he had memorized. His favorite was John 3:16.

Walter was a serious man, very certain of his convictions, confident of his opinion, never changed his mind, dogmatic, determined and frugal to a fault. He was more concerned with treasures in Heaven than anything you can purchase on this earth. He was a hard worker and loved to keep busy doing things around the house or helping someone else with their house repairs. He especially liked to do things that helped the church or someone that needed the church. He spent many years working for schools, hospitals and other organizations run by the SDA church and enjoyed the fellowship of other church members.

He liked to comment how he was married to Myrtis for 70 years. That's a rare thing for sure. This was probably one of the few areas where he compromised.

He hated being inactive when he could no longer physically get around and stay busy. He adjusted better than we expected to life in a nursing home and continued to listen to and quote the Bible. I am thankful that he is no longer suffering and can rest in peace. Rest until we are together again.... Anita Kohler Shriberg

Alfred  
Kohler  
(brother),  
Florence  
Kohler  
(mother),  
Evelyn  
Kohler  
(sister) &  
Walter  
Kohler



# PASTOR'S CORNER



This looked like a fun place to be, it seemed to be a petting zoo of some kind but then also a parakeet cage with dozens of parakeets that you could just pet and be with. Family time for the Pastor, glad he can have that with his busy schedule.

## **“Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20**

The day before my husband was to return home from a business trip my son said, “Mom! I want Daddy to come home.” I asked him why, expecting him to say something about the presents his daddy usually brings back or that he missed playing ball with him. But with solemn seriousness he answered, “I want him to come back because I love him!”

His answer made me think about our Lord and His promise to come back. “I am coming soon,” Jesus says (Rev. 22:20). I long for His return, but why do I want Him to come back? Is it because I will be in His presence, away from sickness and death? Is it because I am tired of living in a difficult world? Or is it because when you’ve loved Him so much of your life, when He has shared your tears and your laughter, when He has been more real than anybody else, you want to be with Him forever?

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I’m glad my son misses his daddy when he’s away. It would be terrible if he didn’t care at all about his return or if he thought it would interfere with his plans. How do we feel about our Lord’s return? Let us long for that day passionately, and earnestly say, “Lord, come back! We love You.”

*Lord, please come back soon!*

## **Look forward eagerly for the Lord’s appearing.**

*INSIGHT:* Jesus tells us that He is soon to return and will bring with Him a reward for each believer who faithfully waits for Him. We are also told that those who have “washed their robes” have the right to partake of the tree of life. Does this mean that they are meriting a place in heaven through good works? Most certainly not. The New Testament clearly declares: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Eph. 2:8–9).

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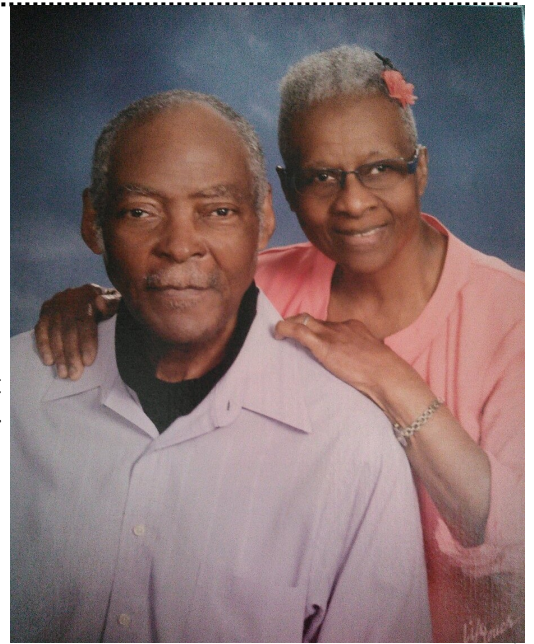
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RELIGION by Chanel Bingham, Religion Columnist

My beautiful friend Elaine Johnson has spent her life taking care of others. For 33 years, she has cared for and loved on little ones in daycare and pre-school programs. She has wiped many noses, changed countless diapers and given thousands of hugs and kisses.

Having worked in children's ministry for several years, I witness firsthand Elaine's great love for children as she served on our nursery staff. I saw the tender way she held precious, little babies and the sweet way she brought out the most infectious giggles in our toddlers. Her love and passion for caring for children was evident in her gentle words and kind actions.

Now retired, Elaine writes devotions and shares of God's great love. Just as she met the needs of so many little ones over the years, she reflects on the faithfulness of God to always meet her needs, caring about even the smallest of details. Below, she shares a reflection of God's goodness in her life:



### God's super highway By Elaine Johnson

My husband retired and decided he wanted to move to the country. So, we left the big city and moved to the country it was a big change for me, but it didn't take me long to adapt; I enjoy taking in God's creation and creatures. We acquired goats, dogs, cats and a bird.

After being here for awhile, my husband lost his vision. I purchased my husband a clock whose name is Moshi. If you ask Moshi the time temperature, date or to even play sleep sounds, she will oblige you. Also, he has a gadget that tells him what his dollar bills are. One of my hobbies is exploring different types of electrical gadgets, so I really enjoyed that one.

Several months ago, our son who is a pastor, preached at our church and it was videotaped and put on the internet. I wanted some of my family members and friends who didn't have access to a computer to see the video, but I forgot to first see how much data I had left. Mind you, I live in the country, so our service is very limited.

While I was downloading the video, my husband decided he wanted to listen to it again, so I let him listen on another device while I was copying it. A few minutes after copying, I received three emails from my internet provider telling me I had gone over my data plan. I was shocked when I saw how much over. I started praying, because I knew I couldn't afford the money.

I got on the phone and called my provider. A young man by the name of Terry was my representative. He asked me my problem, and I explained the situation. He checked my records and commented that the last time I went over was about nine months ago, so he asked what happened. I explained to him what I was doing, and he said that was a good reason to have gone over. He said let me see what we can do, so he extended my data to more gigabytes, and I could go back to where I was after the billing period.

After he finished, we got to talking about how good God is. He told me he was a musician in his church and wanted to know if I sang. I told him I had a gift of communication to which I was sharing with him. We stayed on the phone for about 30 minutes witnessing to each other as if that was originally why I had called.

You see, it wasn't a coincidence that I used over my amount of data, nor coincidental that I got Terry as my representative. Before we hung up the phone, Terry said, "Thank you for being a blessing to me!" I was shocked, because I had just received a blessing from him.

When we travel down God's Super Highway of life, we never know when or whom we're going to meet along the way or where we might have to slow down and use another vehicle in which to be a blessing to someone else. If we persist, not giving up but proceeding with specificity to knock, God is always eager to open the doors of opportunity and grace to us.

## September Birthdays

- 3 - Kay Cheser
- 5 - Todd Abbott
- 8 - Sam Smith
- 17 - Brian Waddell
- 19 - Sue Mims
- 20 - Olan Suddeth
- 23 - Makaylynn Sanders
- 28 - Kay Suddeth

Happy, Happy Birthday to everyone this month.

**Anniversaries**  
**7 - Roy & Brenda Davis**



## 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

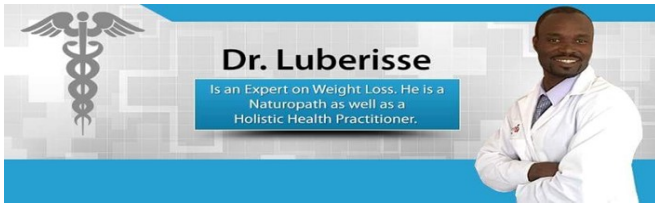
Nursing Home Visitation: 4th Sabbaths

Last months picture: So how many remembered Monroe & Maxine Crowson. Now this picture is going back about 70 + years. None of your probably saw him then. Please share your pictures with us, I will give them back in as good shape as you loaned them to me. Thanks, Brenda

**Tentative Speaker Schedule:** Aug 30 - Carl Brown Sept 3 - Dr. A Luberisse; 10 - Pastor Rodriguez; 17 - Elder B. Danese; 24 - Elder L. Owens; Oct 1 - Pastor Rodriguez; 8 - Jerome Edmeade (Heritage Sabbath); 15 - Not determined yet; 22 - Pastor Rodriguez, 29 - Elder M. Fancher

VBS Pictures that I didn't get last month - Dollene Smith wrote the entire VBS program called In His Hands. It taught children how to share the love of God with others. We learned about Daniel, Esther, Little Maid, and John the Baptist, and how they were missionaries. We had fun crafts, learned new songs, and even acted out the Bible Stories on the last day. The July 19-22 VBS was a success because of the help provided by: **Kay Houston, Judy Peck, Keiona and Renee Lucas, Ellie Harrison, Dan Love, Donna Ernest, Florene Linkous, and Linda Mims.**





**Saturday September 3, 2016 @2 pm**

Questions and answers immediately following.

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## Labor Day Fun Celebration



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

[www.stepsupward.org](http://www.stepsupward.org) [www.eqwhiteclassicquotes.org](http://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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