

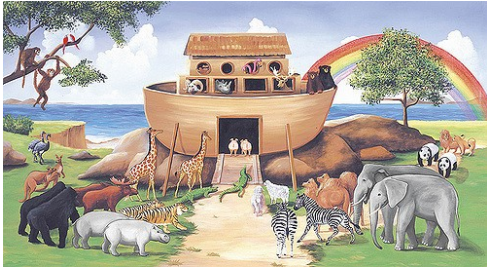


2017

## TAKEAWAYS FROM NOAH'S ARK

*I am not afraid of tomorrow,... for I have seen yesterday and I love today.*

Noah's Ark : Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.



**ONE:** Don't miss the boat.

**TWO:** Remember that we are all in the same boat!

**THREE:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

**FOUR:** Stay fit.. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

**FIVE:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

**SIX:** Build your future on higher ground.

**SEVEN:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

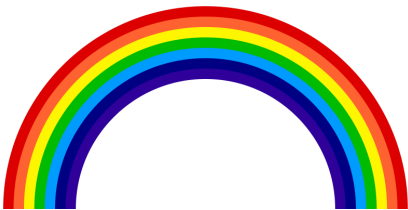


**EIGHT:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

**NINE:** When you're stressed, float awhile.

**TEN:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

**ELEVEN:** No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Please pass this on to people you want to be blessed.

Remember ultimately God is in control, so let's allow him to be in control of our lives by praying everyday, keeping his commandments (all ten of them) and following his leading so we can all have the "future on high ground in Heaven" together with the family of God as our reward.

# PASTOR'S CORNER

Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

In late summer, we went for a walk in the New Forest in England and had fun picking the blackberries that grew in the wild while watching the horses frolicking nearby. As I enjoyed the bounty of the sweet fruit planted by others perhaps many years before, I thought of Jesus's words to His disciples: "I sent you to reap what you have not worked for" (John 4:38).



I love the generosity of God's kingdom reflected in those words. He lets us enjoy the fruits of someone else's labors, such as when we share our love for Jesus with a friend whose family—unbeknown to us—has been praying for her for years. I also love the implied limits of Jesus's words, for we may plant seeds that we will never harvest but someone else may. Therefore, we can rest in the tasks before us, not being hoodwinked into thinking that we are responsible for the outcomes. God's work, after all, doesn't depend on us. He has all of the resources for a bountiful harvest, and we are privileged to play a role in it.

**God, may I be alert to the opportunities to share Your good news.**

I wonder what fields ready for harvest are before you? Before me? May we heed Jesus's loving instruction: "Open your eyes and look at the fields!" (v. 35).

*Creator God, thank You for Your great generosity in entrusting us to do Your work. May I be alert to the opportunities to share Your good news.*

**We can reap what others have sown.**

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Home School and updates from Linda Mims



Elden learned to hula hoop at vacation bible school



Orin learning gun safety



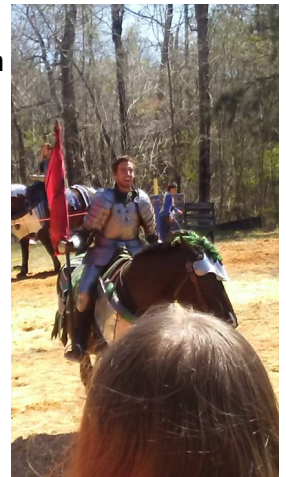
Danny (my hubby) and Elden use a hand pump style railroad car. Get your workout while traveling. This was at the heart of Dixie railroad in Calera

Musket demonstration in Mobile



We met with friends from Alabama and Florida on the beach to have our third annual meeting we call Bibles on the beach and we discussed topics then enjoyed swimming and relaxing on the beach. We come from different religious backgrounds but it makes interesting group meetings. This year we were discussing the importance of baptism and how it should be done as well as beliefs on how we feel changes going on in our lives. While we were there for the weekend we saw 14 weddings on the beach with 5 going on at one time.

The last picture came from a medieval joust we saw and there were lots of demonstrations of the time period .



**SUNDAY – 9:00 AM  
SEPTEMBER 17**

**Women's  
Ministry  
Breakfast**



**Mission Minded Women: "Mending the Broken"**  
WANTED: God has called Women to be His disciples for such a time as this! God has plans for YOU!  
Discover those plans!

**CALLING ALL WOMEN -Please Join Us!**

Clanton SDA Church Fellowship Hall, RSVP by September 14  
Daytime: 205-299-9188, Evenings: 205-217-2267

Discover the plans that God has for YOU!

What can you do? Be willing! Find your gift – find your ministry! Pray together for God's guidance! Discover opportunities and your place to serve! Encouragement! Join a team and together build a ministry! Receive the training you need in order to serve!  
TRUST GOD to use you to make a difference!



## A Pioneer's Life for Me

*(Submitted by: Kay Cheser, Sabbath School Superintendent)*

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I'd never been to Botswana, so I didn't know what to expect when I dis-

embarked the plane after my 17-plus-hour flight. What I noticed immediately was that almost everyone greeted me with a radiant, warm smile. It was a pleasure to be in this friendly country in southern Africa!

One of the people I met in Botswana was a Global Mission pioneer named Lesly. A pioneer is someone who works in an area or among a people group where there's no Adventist presence in order to start a new congregation. Lesly had been working for only a month in the capital city of Gaborone, but he was already making an impact for Jesus. I joined him for a few hours to film his ministry in action.

As we walked the city streets, I asked Lesly about the challenges and rewards of being a pioneer and what he's doing to share the gospel in his new community. "When I first arrived, I had mixed feelings about coming to this area because it's known for its alcohol and substance abuse," Lesly said. "I wondered how I'd ever make a difference here for Jesus.

"I was happy to learn that the people have a real thirst for God's Word. But I also realized that they've had really tough lives and are looking for someone who can help them in their daily struggles. "One day, I brought a loaf of bread and some juice to a family. It wasn't much, but when they saw that I genuinely cared, they were open to hearing about Jesus. "They asked me, 'Are you sure that what you're teaching is Christianity? Because we've believed that all Christians care about is whether or not we go to church.' When people see that we're interested in all of their needs, they get encouraged and marvel at this being branded as the gospel of Christ.

"This city is my community. I look forward to interacting with the people every day and offering them a message of hope. It's very rewarding to watch them embrace Jesus and His Word." Lesly is working with local leaders to improve this community and meet the needs of the people. He has spent a lot of time volunteering at a local day care, reading stories to the children and even praying with them. His goal is to improve the day care's condition and help the children in any way that he can.

I was impressed with Lesly and his ministry. He talks with the people in his community, visits them in their homes, eats meals with them, finds out what they need, and fulfills those needs. He's living out Christ's method of ministry, shattering the people's perception of Christianity and rebuilding it in the image of Jesus.

"I'd like to thank our church members around the world for supporting Global Mission with their prayers and donations," Lesly said. "There is such a great need here and so much that God wants to accomplish. I long to see the people's lives changed by His power just as he transformed my own life. That's what keeps me going day and night."

Please pray for Lesly and our other pioneers around the world as they seek to share Jesus in challenging conditions. To learn more about their unique ministry, please visit [global-mission.org](http://global-mission.org).

## September Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

- 7 - Roy & Brenda Davis
- 14 - Phil & Pamela Jackson

Happy, Happy Birthday to everyone this month. If I don't have your special day, let me know. We want to celebrate with you. Brenda



I am going to leave you guessing who the “young woman” was last month. This month this is her husband. Hopefully this will help you figure out who the “couple are”. Share your picture with me next month. Until then, Brenda

Pray for the **Evangelism meetings** planned for this fall which is going to be upon us sooner than you think. Ted Winslow will be starting meetings Friday night October 6th at 6:30 through Sabbath evening November 4 at 6:30. There will be 23 meetings in all. This will be a careful study of real Bible prophecy—

**Unlocking Bible Prophecy.** The brochure with all dates and sermon titles will be coming as soon as it is ready for publication. *Sorry that made it sound like HE was having these meetings, He is the speaker and WE the Clanton SDA Church Members are having these meetings....*

How we need to be involved with greeting, registration, music and etc. will be shared with everyone soon. In the meantime, please pray for the Holy Spirit to be with the speaker and each of us as we prepare our hearts first of all for the meetings and that souls can be won to Christ or at least seed sown.

**Church Picture Directory** - Lifetouch will be working with us on getting a picture directory. We plan on scheduling for the week of November 13 after the meetings are over. We will be advertising more but want anyone that is interested to let me know. Thanks, Brenda.

**Tentative Speaker Schedule:** **Sep:** 2 - Bryan Halley, 9 - Steven Radford, 16 - Pastor Rodriguez including Baby Dedication, 23 - Luke Rogers, 30 - Pastor Rodriguez, **Oct:** 7 - David Livermore, 14 - Brian Danese, 21 - Ted Winslow, 28 - Ted Winslow



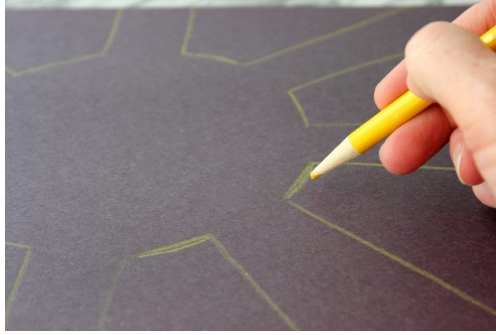
Sabbath, August 26th— Michael-Sheperd Abraham Chrishon was dedicated to Jesus. He had Family including Aunts, Uncles and Grandma to come promise they will nurture him and help him develop to be a part of the Family of God.

## Things You'll Need

- Black construction paper
- Pencil
- Various colors of paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick

## August FUN Craft

VBS will be over and you will be wanting something to do with your children. Elizabeth Rodriguez has shared this with all of you young and old.



**Step 1** Work out a mosaic design.



**Step 2** Cut the paper into small pieces. Education.com suggests about ¼ inch to one inch square pieces, depending on the child's preferences and age. Use appropriate child safety scissors for any children cutting the paper. Cut strips and then cut the strips down into squares.

**Step 3**

**Glue the pieces of paper to the black construction paper.** Allow the children to use a glue stick and put the paper on the background according to his or her preferred color combinations. Education.com suggests starting from the outside, outlining the drawing and then working inward.



**Step 4**

**Allow the glue to dry** and the mosaic is complete.

Hope you have fun doing this, remember her design is just a suggestion, you can come up with your own. Enjoy....

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

[www.steppingupward.org](http://www.steppingupward.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 the previous couple years there also. Also a Face Book page has been set up for the Clanton Sda church, log on and find information posted there regularly. Thanks to all of those that have contributed this month. To those that haven't look for something that you would like to share and that you think others would enjoy, whether it be a poem, a saying, a story or a reminiscing picture. Until next month, Brenda

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