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Message From The Pastor

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Dear Church Family,

A twelve year old boy once asked a pastor what a minister does. That's the kind of question that has a long and detailed answer, but is a better question than if he were to ask, "What do you do as a minister?" Though an honest minister (and it would be incongruent for a minister not to be honest) needs to answer both questions.

The pastor proceeded to reply giving a quick summery of duties, the expectations of a congregation, and a list of activities in an average week certainly enlightened the boy. But the young man seemed dissatisfied until the pastor commented, "I suppose the most important part of a minister's work, and one which will take a fair portion of his time, is to make sure he knows God well—to pray and study in order to know the will of God—to understand the leading of the Spirit of God. He must be close enough to God to hear Him speak—and willing enough to listen."

The same is true for every Christian—we have a need to know God well—to be close enough to hear Him speak, and willing enough to listen.

Oh, to be like Abraham who knew God's voice well enough there was no question as to its origin. He had heard it so many times before. And, to be so willing to listen—obedient enough to be trusted with a place in salvation history—living a faith that can make the ultimate sacrifice.

But usually we feel more like Gideon. Messages are sent by angels, indirectly, and we're not always sure of the origin of the communication. We want more evidence. We wonder "Why me, Lord?" But, we are willing—if there's no way out.

Forty church members are seeking the Lord in prayer, with a partner, for 40 days. What the Lord will do for us, I don't know for sure. But one thing is certain, He will communicate His will— if we're close enough to hear Him speak, and He will give us direction— if we are willing enough to listen.

Perhaps there's a habit we need to give up. Perhaps there's an apology we need to make. Perhaps there's something blocking our way from fully surrendering

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Pastor's Letter Continued

to the Lord, and we are being commanded to climb over it. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to faithfulness in returning the Lord's tithe. Perhaps Jesus is asking us to be baptized or make a commitment to His cause. Whatever it is— by God's grace, we want to be faithful.

You recall the demonstration and description of God's presence in Exodus, when Moses, on Mount Sinai, asked to see God (See Ex. 33 ad 34)? Have you ever thought that Moses may have wondered if he had made a mistake? Fortunately, God hid some of Himself, as He must do. But Moses got all that he could bear—and he was changed as a result. May that be our experience as we are drawn near to the Lord during our 40 days.

In Christ,
Pastor Alvaro

MISSOULA PATHFINDERS ANNUAL PIE AUCTION AND TALENT SHOW

February 26 at Mountain View Elementary. Sundown worship begins at 6pm. Pie auction and talent show will follow shortly thereafter. This is the primary fundraiser for the Missoula Pathfinder club.

How you can help:

1. Share your talent in three minutes or less (call Earl Ellingson at 493-1038 to reserve a spot).
2. Donate baked goods for the auction (pies, cakes, breads, etc. are all encouraged).
3. Attend the event and bid on a pie (or lots of pies)!



IN DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

Advanced Bible Study every Wednesday night at the church at 7:00 p.m. The invitation is for everyone to come and enjoy a special time of singing, prayer and the study of God's word. Join us in the Fireside Chapel for this mid-week spiritual lift!



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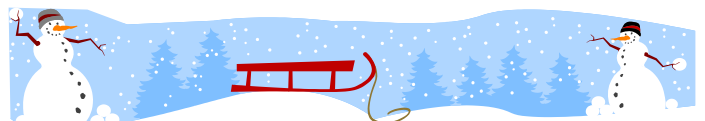
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Call or email for a new flyer with additional items and prices

FEBRUARY SPECIAL: Carob Fudge for your sweetheart

10% off of regular price for the month of February only.



Mission Trip Notice

Thank you for your generous gifts for the Africa mission trip that Daniel is going on in March. He has met his financial goal, but will still appreciate your prayers. If you still want to donate to the trip, other students need help and we can turn it in for you. Write the check to UCA and mark it Africa 2011. Thanks again for your support. John and Debbie Gross



PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join our prayer ministry team today by e-mailing your contact info to Mis-soula.Prays@innercite.com or calling Jean Bartling at 728-2271 or Carolyn Millard at 273-2751. We also have packets of info for our team members available to help you pray using Bible promises. Please join with us, as prayer requests made to this ministry are only shared with those who have chosen to participate.

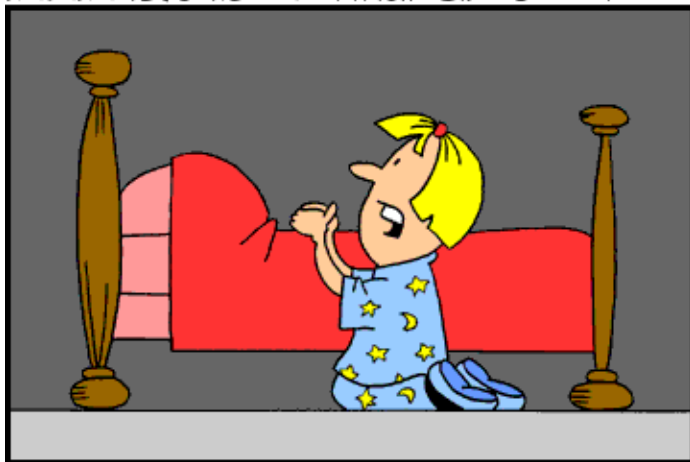


Valentine's Banquet!

Mountain View Elementary is inviting all members to a Valentines banquet on Saturday Evening starting at 6:00 on February 12th at our school at 1010 Clements Road. This annual event will provide a special meal and entertainment, as well as child care for younger children. Prices are \$10 per adult. We always have a great time, and this event does help support our school, so plan now to attend. Please RSVP by February 1.



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WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

Book of the Month—

Breaking the Silence

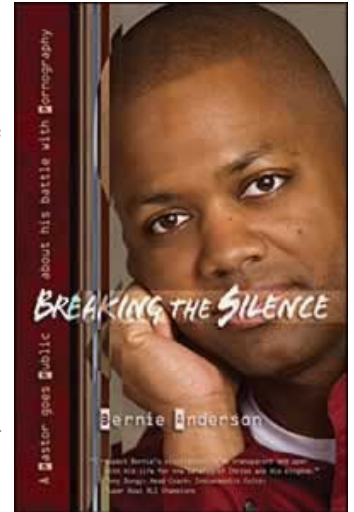
Author: Bernie Anderson

For years, he lived a secret life. A respected pastor, husband, and father, Bernie Anderson battled behind closed doors with pornography and sexual addiction. Exposed to pornography early in life, he was held captive by the addiction—until he allowed God to transform his life.

It is a problem not often spoken about in the Christian community, yet pornography and sexual addiction are devastating countless Christian homes. To help others avoid it or break free from its stronghold, Anderson tells his personal story—a story of torment, hope, and the God who changes lives.

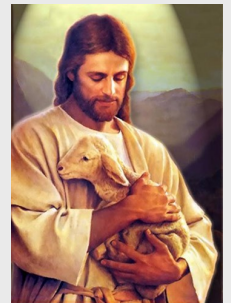
Offering insight, encouragement, and resources, *Breaking the Silence* boldly reveals the truth about this addiction and how you can protect yourself and your family from the dangers of pornography.

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Verse of the Month - Psalms 27:4-6

One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.



Recipe of the Month— Mock Tuna Salad

Source: Fern Dews, via Editor's mom, Patty Harmon (Thanks mom!)

Ingredients:

- 3 cups water
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 8 oz. 5-Grain Tempeh cake
- 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning
- ½ cup celery
- ¼ cup minced onion
- Juice from ½ lemon
- ½ to 1 tsp. dried dill weed.
- ½ cup Veganaise or mayonnaise
- 1 ½ tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. soy sauce or Braggs Liquid Aminos
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp. sweet pickle relish, optional

Directions:

Boil 3 cups of water in small saucepan. Add salt and place Tempeh cake in boiling water. Reduce heat to medium and let Tempeh simmer 20 minutes. Drain water off Tempeh and sprinkle one side with Old Bay Seasoning. Cool. Use a fork to break Tempeh into small pieces. Add celery, onion, lemon juice and dill weed. Mix. In separate bowl whisk mayo, mustard, soy sauce, garlic powder and relish. Add to Tempeh and mix well.



GLENDIVE NON-DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S

RETREAT: Vicki Fish is hosting this retreat February 25th – 27th starting at 7:00 pm on Friday and going through 11:00 am on Sunday. The cost is \$40 if you register by the 21st of January and \$45 from January 22 through February 11. Topics addressed this weekend will include Domestic Violence, Active Parenting, Health, Exercise, and several others. Please contact Vicki Fish at vjaalex@midrivers.com or 406-377-3505 for more information.

FREE ADVENTIST APPS AVAILABLE: Three Seventh-day Adventist apps are available for you to download to your iPhone/iPad or Android. The White Estates has a searchable app featuring all 412 books written by Ellen G. White. A companion app, called EGW Lite, features content from 10 of White's most popular books. Currently, the Android version for these apps is under development. The Sabbath School app is available for iPhone, iPad and Android platforms in English, French and Spanish. This app features Sabbath School content for all age groups. The InPrayer app, released January 11, 2011, is designed to facilitate a global prayer chain. This is available for both iPhone and Android platforms. (Archie Harris has both the EGW and Sabbath School app and says they are great!)

THE ADVENTISTS GOES INTERNATIONAL: The critically acclaimed documentary film, The Adventists, now airing on PBS stations in the United States, will soon begin airing internationally. Broadcasters in Romania, Italy, Poland, the Ukraine, Russia and Asia (China, Japan, Korea) have licensed the film for translation, broadcast and distribution on DVD. Several other licenses are pending. The Adventists tells the story of Seventh-day Adventists and the unique health care ministry that has made them some of the longest-living people in the world. The film has been a best-selling DVD on Amazon. Discover more at <http://journeyfilms.com/>.

Remembering our Men and Women in Uniform

We'd like to send creative hand made cards and messages for Valentines to our military families and men overseas. We'd like to get them by February 5th. Also in March, we'll be sending Easter packages to our deployed military. If interested in helping to stuff them, bring items to church and we'll get them packed. To help with postage, let me know. Deborahlamb@gmail.com or (253) 797-6571. Thank you.



Retired!

As of November 1. But still holding three meetings a year plus evangelism training... You can't just *quit* after all!

Frankly, we didn't want to "just quit". We look forward to being able to catch our breath in between series of meetings. "Looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along." 2 Peter 3:12 NLT



On our favorite hike - Paradise meadows at Mt Rainier. - Yes, yes, there is snow on our heads too!



Fog in the valley below our windows - Mt Rainier in the distance.



"Complete Remission" - and no more treatments!!

That was the word from 'dena's cancer Doctor on our last visit. -- The emotions connected to that are amazing. Relief and joy are on top! We are so grateful for the Lord's constant presence and support. Thank you for your prayers.

**New
3ABN
series
filmed**



Jac preaching on the set in McMinnville, OR.

The editing crew is nearly done and the series should be replacing the old one soon. We feel it was a needed update of subject matter. The crew built a beautiful Tuscan style study, as you can see above. "The crew" was *Light Stream International* in McMinnville.

2010	2011
Jan: McMinnville, OR	Jan-Feb: Brookings, OR
Mar: Everett, WA	Mar-Apr: Tacoma, WA
May: Yakima, WA	Sep-Oct: WA Conf
Sep: Pine Bluff, AR	

Those are the headlines from this year. "In other news" ... Our boys are each surviving the economy okay. We will see Jason next summer when he comes home for a visit. Paul will be home for Christmas.

The Washington Conference has taken us on as part time workers - having us hold two meetings a year, plus some training of young pastors. Then we plan to hold one more on our own somewhere. Jac is writing, monitoring a prophecy blog of his own, and has already been paid for editing an evangelistic DVD series with a production team. 'dena is pursuing her church website business, and hoping to find time for creative painting.

Please keep in touch - and may God bless us all this New Year! - Jac and 'dena Colon

Stewardship Corner

Here we are, well into the first month of the new year. I think now is the best time to talk about money. I know, I know, you were hoping the stewardship department was going to continue it's focus on everything else. I'm sorry to disappoint.

I want to start this off by saying how wonderfully our congregation continues to pay their tithe and support our beautiful school. Did you know that our worldwide church has had an increase in tithe receipts despite the economic hardship all around the world? God's people are being faithful. Did you know that despite the shortage of students at Mountain View Elementary and the fact that we are subsidizing 80% of the tuition, they are still operating in the black? Lift your heads up and sing praises to God for the way He has continued to bless His people.

I can go on and on about how God has blessed a cheerful giver over the years. I could go on and on regarding how He has blessed me when I have been faithful. I would like, instead, to relate to you a very precious memory regarding my mom.

My wonderful mom is a flower nut. Some may think that so are a lot of people. Let me tell you how much of a nut she is. Every year she starts a log of every flower she sees that year. She will focus primarily on wild flowers. As she and dad travel down the road, she is constantly on the look out and is absolutely delighted when she sees each flower. She will carefully write the sighting in her book. It is always a delight to take her for a ride into the mountains in the spring. She is so thrilled when we drive slow and are willing to stop at anything she is interested in. If she doesn't know what the flower is she will take a picture and then spend whatever length of time it takes to identify it, including actually sending her picture off to a few University sources that will help her out. There are very few that stump her and the stumping will only be brief. She catalogues 100's of flowers every year.

When I was a young lad, mom decided to get involved with investment. One of her very favorite flowers is the African Violet. She used to drive my dad nuts with how her plants "took over the house". She decided to invest in her Violets and give God 5 cents for every blossom. Dad and us kids thought she was nuts because 5 cents back in the late fifties could start adding up pretty quickly. She decided to count her blossoms every Friday evening and turn in the money each Sabbath. It got to the point very quickly that she had to enlist my sister and I to help her count because not only were the plants fully covered, the plants themselves were growing and having to be separated and replanted and then again and again. Dad started insisting that she get rid of some of them so she was giving them away as well as starting new plants by putting the stems of leaves in water and getting them started. She could always manage to kill other houseplants but those Violets just kept on going.

Now if you stop to think about those times, you know that giving \$ 5-10 every week to investment was a lot of money coming out of the household expenses. Not only did the flowers go like crazy, she was always able to make the contribution as well.

We aren't doing investment these days but that doesn't mean that God won't bless your efforts when you make a commitment to Him and stick faithfully to it. I know that He loves seeing us bringing Him offerings. The tithes He expects because that is His anyway. The offerings go beyond tithe. I would invite you to think carefully about what you could commit for this year. Once you have it in your mind, stretch that amount a few percentages and commit it to God in prayer. If you are faithful to your commitment, even when it looks impossible, I can assure you that you will be absolutely blown away by how God will never let your needs go unfulfilled.

I didn't say wants, I said needs. It is very exciting and a lot of fun to know that you are working hand in hand with your Creator. It will build your faith and give you a reason to get up every day to see what He will do for you that day. I know He wants to bless us. He has a book full of promises that you can read everyday that say just that. I challenge you in this year 2011, to stretch yourself and make that commitment. You will be blessed!

There, that wasn't so painful was it? There are a number of things happening in our church that are exciting and new. Let's make this year a stellar one, loving each other and walking with God.

Cheers and Blessings,
Dave

Health Ministry Tip Celebrating Spiritual and Physical Fitness

Submitted by Nina Roberts

Source: Lead Magazine

The ninety-eighth annual foot race and roving street party held in downtown San Francisco, California, in May 2009, drew 65,000 participants. The race began at 8:00 a.m. that ended 33 minutes and 31 seconds later. Many started the race; a few finished it, which was won in record time by a Kenyan, Sammy Kitwara. Do the physically fit tend to be spiritually fit? How can we know? Does physical fitness impact spirituality? How/How not? Do the spiritually fit enjoy a higher incidence of physical fitness?

This generation is faced with so much uncertainty. Despair, spiritual and physical atrophy seem to be increasing. How do spiritual and physical discipline support having peace in the midst of the storms? Why can/can't Christians provide physical and spiritual guidance if we have not mastered these ourselves? Can we bring others to Christ if we have not found Him? William Barclay maintains that the Greeks presented a point of reference when they said, "Man, know thyself." (Letters to Corinthians, p. 96).

In *The Ten Commandments of Faith and Fitness*, Henry Brinton and Vikram Khanna illustrate that Christians have been notoriously poor stewards of their bodies. God made you a steward over your body, so why do you have to be accountable to others or to Him? (1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 10:31). What are some of the consequences of defiling the temple, your body? Is the protection of the temple a salvation issue? Address the countless people who believe that temple defilement is totally physical.

Thomas's faith was grounded in the concrete, being able to see and touch. After Christ ascended to His Father, that privilege ceased to exist. Walking by faith and walking by appearances seem to be the dominant theme of these passages. Sometimes our faith wanes because we think we can see our way out of a situation. Differentiate between faith and impulsiveness under the disguise of faith. Do you feel like you need to see everything clearly before you will trust divine leadership in your life? References: John 20:24-29; 1 Peter 1:7, 8; 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Do you hear the spiritual echoes throughout the Bible and other inspired writings from numerous sources admonishing professed Christians to be spiritually and physically fit? Paul makes it clear that we are spiritual athletes competing in the game of life. Athletes are crowned only at the end of the race. So the goal of every Christian is to be able to say the words of 2 Timothy 4:7. Challenge: Repeat this text every Sabbath this quarter: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).



OFFERING SCHEDULE

- Feb 5: Church Budget
- Feb 12: Adventist TV Ministries
- Feb 19: Church Budget
- Feb 26: Mount Ellis Academy

MONTANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

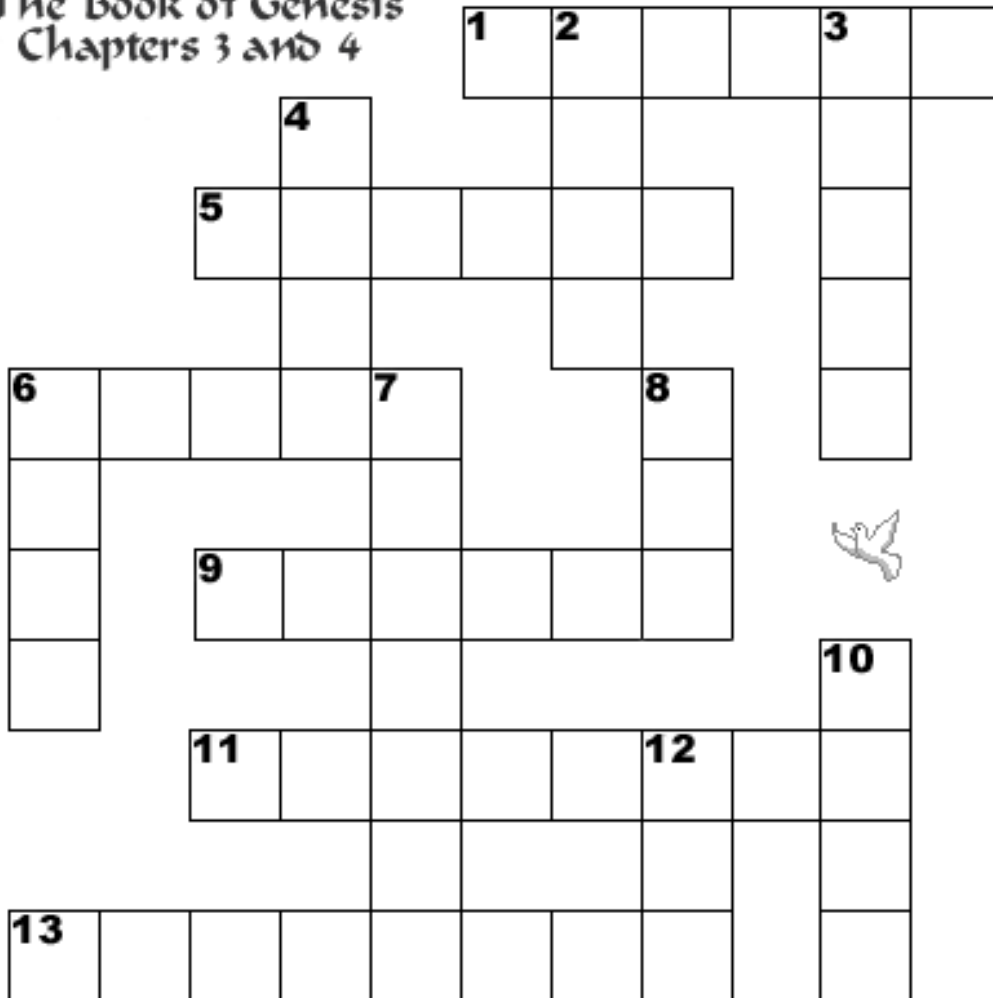
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- 4 - 6: Prayer Conference at the Montana Conference Office
- 9 - 13: MEA Homeleave
- 10 - 12: Friendship Tournament at Walla Walla University
- 20 - 22: Ski the Summit
- 26: Junior Benefit

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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:00 Amazing Grays at manor 7:00 Prayer Meeting	3 6:30 Single's Group Meeting, Fireside Chapel	4 Sunset: 5:44	5 Speaker: Alvaro Sauza
6	7 6:30 - 8:00 Path-finder Meeting	8 7:00 p.m. Water of Life Board Meeting	9 11:00 Amazing Grays at manor 7:00 Prayer Meeting	10	11 Sunset: 5:54	12 Speaker: Alvaro Sauza Fellowship Meal 6:00 Valentine's Banquet at MVE. Pg. 3.
13	14 6:30 - 8:00 Path-finder Meeting	15 Deadline to submit to newsletter.	16 11:00 Amazing Grays at manor 7:00 Prayer Meeting	17 6:30 Single's Group Meeting, Fireside Chapel	18 Sunset: 6:05	19 Speaker: Alvaro Sauza
20	21 5:30 School Board Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 Path-finder Meeting.	22	23 11:00 Amazing Grays at manor 7:00 Prayer Meeting	24	25 Sunset: 6:16	26 Speaker: Alvaro Sauza. Fellowship Meal. 6:00 Path-finder's Talent Show & Pie Auction. Starts with worship. See pg. 2.
27	28 6:30 Church Board Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 Path-finder Meeting					

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