

“The of the Matter”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church

Courage and In-Courage

In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, “**Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**”

My understanding of this verse is that: (1) His mercies are new each morning, so every morning, He is knocking and calling, and (2) each time we are required to make a choice. Do we let Him in or do we say, “Wait a while.”

But I have candy bar wrappers and comic books tossed under my bed; there are cobwebs in the corners; there’s a sink full of dirty dishes; and the laundry is overflowing the hamper. I will open the door a crack and acknowledge Him. Invite Him in? Not today. Not until I can chase the distractions away that keep me from doing some “house cleaning.” I need to understand that this is His job. Lord, give me the courage to open the door wide. **In-courage me with You.**

I have donned the helmet, picked up the sword, secured my buckler, and I have my shield. I am ready Lord. Send me out! Christ says to me that I need the sandals of His peace. I need His peace within. I need to “stand still.” Lord, give me the courage to let You fight my battles. Encourage me to wait for You and not venture forth with my understanding, but with Your wisdom. Give me the courage, because Your timing is not mine. **In-courage me with You.**

My life does not stand out as having contributed to humanity in any significant way. Lord, I do not see as You see. Give me the courage to stretch out my hand and take Yours in faith when You say I am loved and I am Yours. You invite me in. Give me the courage to accept the invitation. **In-courage me with You.**

I want the courage to give up the “fairy tales” I was taught about You when I was a child. Give me more than milk. Give me courage. **In-courage me with You.**

Remove the doubt. Show me that You are who You say You are. Reveal Yourself to me the first thing every morning. Let me see the You who has been hidden. Give me the courage to trust. **In-courage me with You.**

Give me the courage to share You with others. Give me the words that my tongue stumbles over. Remove the scales from my eyes. **In-courage me with You.**

I envision You on the tree and I can barely look at the horror before me. I can’t comprehend Your ability to climb the hill, much less survive the crucifixion as long as You did. There is no earthly power that will let me look in Your eyes. And yet, You call my name, and through my tears—through my broken heart and shame—**You in-courage me.**

An Anonymous Contributing Editor

We want to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Kablanow! We are delighted you have chosen to become part of our church family! We know there are many blessings in store for us through your ministry. To be sure, having a son and daughter-in-law already here influenced your decision in a big way! Some of the church family are enjoying reading the book Pastor Kablanow recently wrote: *Society in Freefall: There is a Safety Net!* Ask him about getting a copy for yourself.

Let's Get Acquainted!

Pastor Wayne and Jeanine, what are some of your dreams for retirement?

To be closer to our children and grandchildren, to have more time for hiking in God's nature, but most of all, being able to give Bible studies together and be in ministry together, instead of Wayne being so involved in administration. We want to continue supporting the work of combining the gospel ministry with the medical ministry so they become one ministry.

Pastor Wayne, did you know before college that you wanted to be a pastor?

No, I actually started college by taking engineering at Walla Walla College (long before it became a university). That first year in college I had a re-conversion experience and not long afterward felt God calling me into the pastoral ministry.

Jeanine, speak about some challenges as well as some delights in being a pastor's wife.

The challenges were in raising kids when Wayne was gone a lot, especially in the evenings, and not having much time with him overall. One of the big bonuses was realizing that, in my position, I could influence more people for the good. I also loved working with the youth.

Where was the most fulfilling place you have lived?

Every place we have lived has been fulfilling. The Ellensburg and Cle Elum Church district was the most fulfilling for our family. The Hayden Lake and Spokane North View Churches were the most fulfilling as far as ministry is concerned, as we were able to plant and build those two churches.

Where were the most exciting trips you have taken?

We were given the gift of going on a Reformation Tour with Dr. Gerhard Damsteegt and his wife, Laura. We went to Rome, the Vatican, the Waldensian valleys and mountains, as well as Reformation sites in Switzerland, Italy, and France. We were also given a trip to the Bible lands which was fascinating. We have been on numerous mission trips to Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Kenya, Cambodia, and Nicaragua, which have been very exciting and rewarding.

If you could learn a new skill, what would it be?

Jeanine: I would like to learn Spanish, woodworking and gardening skills.

Pastor Wayne: I would like to learn more about woodworking and gardening skills, and a greater ability to teach the Bible.

What are your favorite Bible verses, and why?

Jeanine: Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

These are my favorite verses because they not only assure me of God’s forgiveness of my sins, but they guarantee that He will purify and cleanse me of all unrighteousness. I want everything that separates me from God to be eradicated from my heart and life. My greatest desire is to be close to Him!

Pastor Wayne: Galatians 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Revelation 22:20 - “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ ”

These are my favorite verses because I realize that my only hope of salvation is for self to be put on the cross and die daily—moment by moment—and Jesus to live out His life in me. This is my only hope of subduing the natural tendencies of my carnal heart which tries to raise its ugly head continually. And I long to see Jesus face to face!

“Even so, come Lord Jesus!”



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Filled With The Holy Spirit,
Discipling,
Baptizing,
Teaching, With Love,
Preparing All For Jesus’ Return!

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To Know Jesus
To Share Jesus
To Follow Jesus
Changing Lives Today
And For Eternity!

Your invite to medical evangelism

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Please come and join us in seeking Jesus and learning about His medical missionary work based on the Galilee protocol by Bill Holt and presented by Josef and Kathie Ludwig

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DATES/TIMES

FRIDAY EVENING 3/8	6-8:30
SABBATH AFTERNOON 3/9	2-4:30
SUNDAY MORNING 3/10	9-11:30

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Upcoming Special Sabbaths

March 15: Education Sabbath

March 30: Resurrection
Celebration
Sabbath

April 27: Outdoor Church

May 17-19: Albion Weekend
(combined church
and Pathfinder retreat)

A Favorite Psalm:

“Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.” Ps 25:4,5



“FARM STEW has given me a hook rather than a fish!”

Children’s Change Jars

Now is the time to start building change jars to be collected in July 2024 for Farm Stew. The money is used to feed the poor, vulnerable, starving people in developing countries around the world.



Ps. 41:1-3

The Tremper family increased by one more beautiful daughter in February.

Keilani shares, "This is a precious time in our lives. Our sweet baby girl, Aliya Kalea made her appearance on February 18, at 1:18 a.m. We are so blessed to have three wonderful girls.

Aliya gets showered with many hugs and kisses from her big sisters. She hasn't touched the ground since she's gotten home. Avery and Alani love pushing their little sister around in their doll stroller and rocking her in their babydoll crib.

There's never a dull moment in the Tremper household. God has blessed us in so many ways and we are very thankful for our church family."



JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Jesus love the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world!

Jesus died for all the children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus died for all the children in the world!

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Kindergarten Jamboree

Wendi Olivera, our talented and compassionate Kindergarten teacher, is eagerly looking forward to March 13, when she will welcome parents with their children who will be ready for Kindergarten next school year. Prospective Kindergarteners must meet the age requirement of being five years old by September 2, 2024.

The morning will be spent in getting acquainted, playing and creating to learn what Kindergarten is all about at Ukiah Junior Academy.

If you have friends who are looking for quality Christian education, please share this date with them. Anyone interested in attending the Jamboree should call the school office to RSVP, (707) 462-6350.

Basketball Tournament

On January 12-15, Rio Lindo Academy hosted a basketball tournament for small schools from Northern California. The tournament started with Junior Varsity on Friday afternoon. The UJA Wolves team scored a close victory over PUC Prep, giving them a nice confidence boost heading into the weekend. Their last two games were against Redding and Rio Lindo on Sabbath evening. Though they fought hard, they come up short in both games.

Sunday and Monday's games featured the middle-school boys' and girls' teams. The middle-school boys played three games on Monday. They lost the first two games of the day. By the third game they were exhausted, but they played a hard-fought game and were in it until the very end, losing by one shot.

The middle-school boys' and girls' teams played a combined five games on Monday, some of them being just girls and some coed. The teams played their best and improved with each game, but unfortunately could not secure a win on that day. For many of the members of the team, this was their first time playing in a real basketball game. The coaches were all very proud of how the teams kept their heads up and fought through each game. We all had a fun time and look forward to playing in the tournament again next year.

By: Peter Garcilazo



Learning Fair: Thursday, February 22, marked the culmination of weeks of research and study for each of the students. During the school day, each classroom had the opportunity to visit the other classrooms and see the students' projects. In the evening, an open-house Learning Fair, provided a time for the parents and supporters from the church and community to visit the classrooms and see all the amazing projects. It was very evident that the students worked really hard on their chosen subjects of learning!

Check Out This Year's Attractions!

by Wendi Olivera

Ocean Animals - Kindergarten with Mrs. Olivera. So many extraordinary undersea animals! Be sure to see our visual aid that shows you just how long these creatures actually get!

Solar Systems - First Grade with Mrs. Nelson. Is it any wonder that we love to stare into the night sky with its vast splendor? Learn more with first grade about our own Solar System and see some "far-out" art!

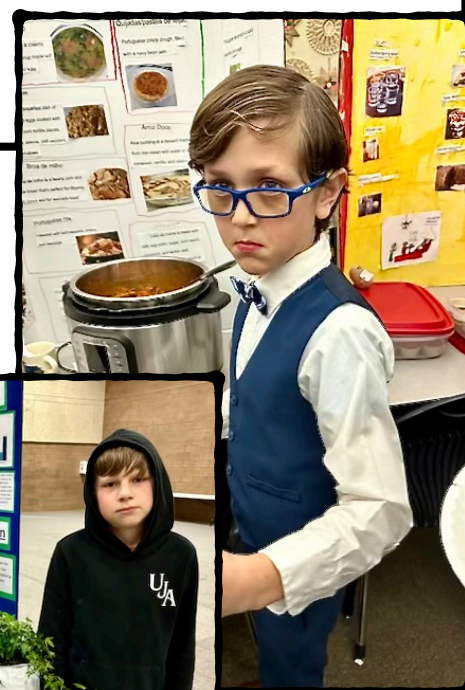
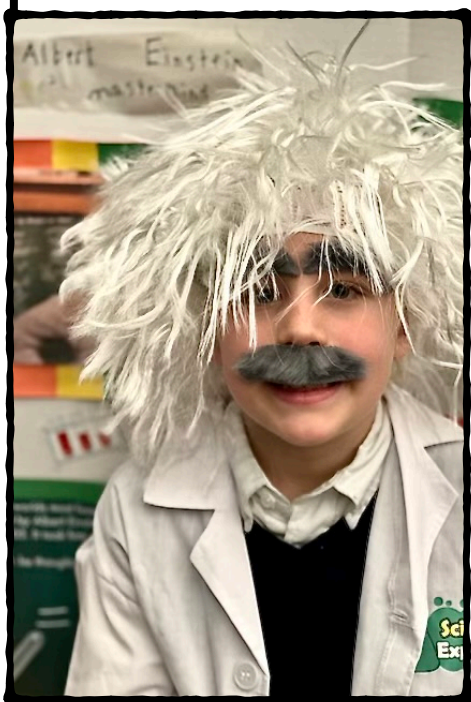
Historical Heroes Wax Museum - Second and Third Grades with Mr. Oliver. Get ready to meet and learn more about historical figures from the mouths of their wax doubles! So molded! So neat! Dare we say, "SO CUTE"?!

The Amazing Human Body - Fourth Grade with Mrs. Kablanow. God knew what He was doing when He made us, and it shows! Come and explore the miracles of the human body!

International Food - Fifth & Sixth Grades with Mr. Garcilazo. Anyone up for traveling the world with your taste buds? See what these awesome kids have cooked up when learning about foods from other countries.

Science Experiments - Seventh and Eighth Grades with Mr. Kuntz. Come see the experiments conducted by our fantastic seventh and eighth graders. Discover for yourself if their hypotheses are correct.

Personal Finance - Ninth and Tenth Grades with Mr. Moravetz. Challenged to create their own real-life budget scenarios, see how our ninth and tenth graders made out. How do they deal with student loans or competing in the stock market? Maybe you will learn an important financial tip too!



Spring is on its way!

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 a.m. The official first day of spring is Tuesday, March 19, Larry and Virginia's 52nd. anniversary!

Dave and I began talking about wildflowers in January this year because of all the rain, and lo and behold, we spotted the first display of Baby Blue Eyes along Orr Springs Road on January 30. We were so surprised and delighted! Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful!



Veggie Food Store Sale Items

Bragg's Liquid Aminos, 16 oz. -	\$4.75.	Loma Linda Chile	\$3.00
Vege Links	\$5.75	Nutolene (most like Nuteena)	\$5.25
Deli slices	\$4.00		

We carry Chef Bonneau Gravy mixes. We also carry food-service sizes of Vegetarian Burger, Fri Chik, Big Franks, and Linkettes.

Psalm 42:1, 2, & 8

"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me— a prayer to the God of my life."

Psalm 118:24, 14, 28, 29

"This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

Psalm 91:1-4

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.' Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."

Psalm 92:1, 2

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night."

Psalm 73:24-26

"You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

On the Trail of the Pioneers, #5, cont.

Healdsburg

One morning as Elder Loughborough was studying in the empty meeting tent, the mail stage drove up. "Here, elder, is a letter for you," called out the driver. The letter was from Gold Hill, Nevada, and was addressed "To the Elders at the Tent at Healdsburg, California." It was from a prospector, William Hunt, who had read in his weekly paper, the *California Christian Advocate*, about two ministers who were holding meetings in a big tent. The writer was advising the public to stay away from the fanatical Adventists. He read on, "The men conducting the meetings simply harangue the gaping crowds on prophecy. They have books to sell on Daniel and Revelation."

Suddenly the prospector came to life. "What's that!" he exclaimed. "Books on Daniel and Revelation! That's just what I want." He wrote a letter at once, asking for the book on Revelation. He wrote how he had been studying that book for twenty years and asking everywhere he could to get an explanation, but without success. "I wish you would forward to me by Wells Fargo Express one of the books that you are selling on Revelation. Send it C.O.D., and I will remit the pay, and be greatly obliged to you."

Upon receipt of the letter, Elder Loughborough made up a package, containing the book on Revelation and all the material he had on the prophecies of Daniel, and sent these to Mr. Hunt. To go with the package, he wrote a letter telling him about the weekly *Review and Herald*, and giving the names of other books he might want. "You may send me a \$2.50 gold piece in a Wells Fargo envelope, to square the account," he wrote.

On learning what Elder Loughborough had done, someone asked, "Why didn't you send the books by Wells Fargo C.O.D. as Hunt suggested? You're running quite a risk; I'm afraid you'll never hear from that man again." "Because it is cheaper to send the books by post," replied the economical preacher. "Besides, if I do not hear from him, the books will do him or somebody else some good anyway."

About two weeks after this, Elder Loughborough received another letter from Gold Hill, and a notice from Wells Fargo, asking him to call and sign for a money envelope at the post office. The letter said, "Please excuse my delay in writing you. When I received that package of books from you, I could take no time for writing until I had read through the entire lot. I am now reading them a second time. I hope you will keep on writing me, for I do not want to lose track of your whereabouts. I want the *Review and Herald* sent to me for a year, and the other books you mentioned in your letter. I send you by Wells Fargo \$20. Take out the pay for the paper and books and put the rest in your pocket."

Elder Loughborough facilitated Mr. Hunt's subscription to the *Review and Herald*. He also sent him another package of books and tracts, and told him he would not keep the balance of the money for himself, but would put it to his credit to pay for other books he might wish to order later. In answer to this, there came another letter from Mr. Hunt, expressing thanks for the books and containing notice of another \$20. at Wells Fargo, which he was sending to help with the expenses of the meetings. Elder Loughborough wrote back, telling Mr. Hunt that he must not think it his duty to sustain the meetings. Then came a reply from Mr. Hunt, along with another \$20., stating: "I want to put some of my money where it will do some good. I have received great light from the publications you have sent, and I accept the whole truth as taught in them. I am shaping my affairs so that I can keep the seventh-day Sabbath." In this manner the correspondence continued until Mr. Hunt had a copy of everything published by the denomination. He served the Lord faithfully, seeking souls for Christ in South Africa.

The Adventist workers said, "Surely we need never be alarmed by the reproaches that the enemies of truth hurl against us. That editorial in the *Advocate* has done more good than harm. It has brought the knowledge of these precious books to a man who was seeking for truth."

After the opening of Healdsburg College in April of 1882, the “Bee Hive” church became inadequate to seat the growing Adventist population. In March 1884 it was decided to push ahead for a new church building, located at Fitch and Matheson Streets. It was completed in 1886 and became the church where Ellen White frequently spoke to a congregation which, at its peak, numbered over 500 members.

After James White passed to his rest on August 6, 1881, Mrs. White decided to live near the campus, so she purchased a two-story house at 201 Powell Avenue. It had rooms enough for several single students to live with her and walk to school. It was in this home that the “hair net” experience took place. On request, we will send you this story.

In 1882, while Mrs. White was writing the manuscript for *The Great Controversy*, she became seriously ill. The annual camp meeting was being held on Mr. Hasset’s farm, south of Grant and Grove Streets, about one-half mile from her home. She asked her son, Willie, to have men carry her on a cot to the meeting where she could bear what she thought would be her last message to the church.

Here is her account of this experience: “A sofa had been brought onto the platform in the large tent. Here I lay down, thinking I would deliver my farewell address. My face was as the face of one dead, without a particle of color. After a few testimonies had been borne, I asked Willie to help me to arise, and let me lean on him. There I stood, and began to tell the people that this probably was the last time they would ever hear my voice. But after speaking a few words, I felt the Spirit and power of God thrilling through every nerve of my body. Those who saw me said that the blood could be seen as it came to my lips and forehead, and my flesh took on its natural appearance. Mr. Montrose, in great surprise, remarked to his neighbors, ‘A miracle is being wrought in sight of this whole congregation!’ The Spirit of the Lord had healed me. During the remainder of the camp meeting, I spoke several times.” Mrs. White’s burden for writing the great controversy story is seen in her words: “As I write my book, I feel intensely moved. I want to get it out as soon as possible, for our people need it so much. . . I have been unable to sleep nights, for thinking of the important things to take place. Three hours and sometimes five is the most sleep I get. My mind is stirred so deeply I cannot rest. Write, write, write, I feel that I must, and not delay. Great things are before us, and we want to call the people from their indifference to get ready. Things that are eternal crowd upon my vision day and night. The things that are temporal fade from my sight.” *Messenger*, p. 57.

Mrs. White had two of her books published: *The Great Controversy* in 1888, and *Patriarchs and Prophets* in 1890, while living in this home.

By January 29, 1921, property was purchased from Dr. E. W. Biddle on which was built the fourth Healdsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church on the corner of Fitch and Piper Streets. This church served the Healdsburg community for almost 51 years. In 1970, construction began for a new church at the present 429 Terrace Boulevard site. On January 15, 1972, the doors were opened for its first service. The only city other than Healdsburg, with more of our church’s history, is Battle Creek, Michigan.

This concludes the series of our Adventist history in the West that began with a dream of two ministers with a big tent. They took this tent from place to place, sharing the gospel story, until there were five fires burning brightly. All the praise and honor goes to our great and wonderful God!

by Donna Faye Anderson

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