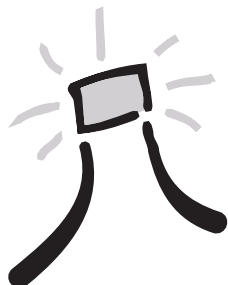


Pastor's Corner

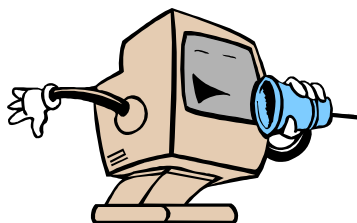
There is a fundamental question which every Christian must ask themselves. The answer will affect how we view everything else and how we approach virtually every other aspect of our Christian walk. Simply stated it is, whose responsibility is it to work whatever change needs to take place in my life in order for me to reflect the character of God and to live the Christian life?

On the one hand, if it is God's work, and the transformation of the human heart is His job to do, then my focus in life, the "works" part of my experience, will be the work of growing my relationship with Him. I will focus on surrendering my life to Him and my daily prayer will be "Lord, I give you permission to change anything you wish to change in my heart and life." I will make an intentional effort to spend quality, quantity time with Him and to discover more of what He is like and the things He enjoys. As I keep my eyes on Him, the change will happen from the inside out because He is living in me and doing the house cleaning. The result will be a life free from fear about whether I will be ready for Jesus to come, because the one who creates worlds is in charge of renovating my life! When the focus is on Jesus I am able to live a life of hope and peace and joy and confidence in His victory on Calvary and in my heart! Please see "Pastor's Corner" on page 3.



Online "Adventist Giving" Up and Running on Our Church Website

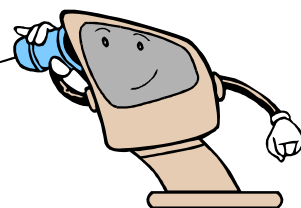
Along with the new look and increased accessibility of information on our church website, Auburn church members now have the option of returning your tithes and offerings online. Loma Linda University has partnered with the General Conference of



Seventh-day Adventists to offer church members a way to donate online while doing your banking, while you are on a vacation or a business trip, or even if you are ill and unable to attend church. Named "Adventist Giving," electronic giving will

now be as easy as pressing a button on the church website and following the simple step-by-step instructions.

Like most who have heard the horror stories about scams and hackers relieving online users of their money, you probably have a few questions regarding security of your online account, the distribution of funds once they leave your computer, or the "worldly" aspects of the process. Most of these concerns are handled at the "Adventist Giving" website (<http://www.adventistgiving.org/about/FAQ.asp#>).



Like your current online banking software, when you log onto the "Adventist Giving" website you are taken Please see "Adventist Giving" on page 5.

Guest Speaker Mark Witas to Visit Auburn April 12

"Adventist teachers saved my life!" said Mark Witas, principal of Cascade Christian Academy in Wenatchee, Wash. Speaking at the first "Streams of Light" education rally held at the Sandpoint Adventist Church in Oct., 2005, he retold the riveting story of his childhood and rescue by committed Adventist educators.

Please see "Mark Witas" on page 3.

New Church Website
www.aubstda.org

PHAA news

April Calendar

- Apr. 4** SA Vespers
- Apr. 10** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Apr. 10** Science Fair 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- Apr. 13** ACT Testing
- Apr. 14** School Finance Meeting
6:00 PM
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM
- Apr. 14-18** Week of Prayer
Pastor Gerzon Gomez
- Apr. 16-22** Senior Class Trip
- Apr. 21-25** Spirit Week
- Apr. 24** K-12 Musical
- Apr. 27** Sports Banquet

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PHAA web site: www.PHAAonline.com

On-Going PHAA Fundraisers

Box Tops: Please clip & save box tops for Education Coupons and turn them into the school every month. Products to clip include General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Progresso, Gold Medal, and Ziploc.

Raley's/Bel Air Card: Please use your card (available at school office) when making purchases. Pine Hills receives a percentage of your purchases.

Campbell's For Education: Please save your UPC Codes and/or lids from the following products and turn them into the school office - any Campbells product, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Prego and V8.

eScript: Pine Hills earns money through your everyday purchases made at eScript merchants. See www.eScript.com.

I Worship A Mighty Master

By: Michael O'Haver
Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church

I worship a mighty Christ,
Creator of the Universe,
Stars and planets, spiced
With the rings around Jupiter.

I worship a mighty God,
Creator of the planet Earth,
Oceans, mountains, sod,
Flowers, trees and icebergs.

I worship a mighty Lord,
Creator of all life on Earth,
Fish and animals came aboard,
Birds, insects and plants too.

I worship a mighty master,
Creator of everyone on Earth,
All races, creeds and colors,
They are all equal in His sight.

I may do some small things right,
But when I start relying on myself,
Is when I start losing sight,
Of who is the Master of all.

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Inspired by a prayer by Brad Heisler

New Sabbath School Classes Beginning Soon

Sabbath School for Visitors and Non-Members
Overview of Adventist Beliefs

Sabbath School for Spanish Speaking
Members and Visitors

Watch your church bulletin for start times and locations.

**Auburn
Men's Ministry**



Meets in the Youth Chapel
2nd Monday Each Month • 6:45 to 8:15 PM

Also, the last Sunday of each month
7:30 AM at Sweet Pea's Restaurant in Auburn

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Mark went on to say that, “The strength of our schools depends on the strength of our churches. Education has to do with evangelism and kingdom values.”

With 85 percent of Adventist high school graduates attending college, and 80 percent of those going on to receive their diploma (vs. 16 percent of public high school graduates), it’s no wonder that Witas is so adamant about enrolling our youth in Adventist schools. He cautions, however, that, “Statistics are not the reason I send my child to an Adventist school. I get one chance with my child, and that’s it. If you believe in evangelism, you’ve got to believe in Adventist schools.” Led by Principal Witas and Chaplain Ernie Reynolds, the Cascade Christian Academy has organized it’s students, both Adventist and non-Adventist, to conduct a public evangelistic series each year.

For our Sabbath service on April 12, the Auburn church is lucky enough to have Mark Witas as a guest speaker. While Mr. Witas has not announced his sermon topic for that day, as a dynamic speaker you can be sure his words will be memorable as well as informative.

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On the other hand, if I believe that somehow human works figure into the salvation equation - that I am somehow saved by what Jesus did on Calvary AND by my efforts to perfect myself, then I will live in constant fear that I am not good enough; that I will somehow fail to reach the mark; that my works will somehow not be sufficient for God to see fit to save me.

In this second scenario, when you take an honest look at it, the focus is on me not on Jesus. And, when the focus is on me there can only be anxiety and worry and little or no confidence and joy and peace. After sixty years of living with me, I know me well enough that a focus on my own good behavior is never going to be to be sufficient to save me from my sins or my sinning. I have learned in the words of the old hymn that my only safety is to build my hope “on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness” and that I “dare not trust the sweetest frame, but only lean on Jesus’ name.”

Every time I am tempted to place my confidence in me and my ability to become and be what God wants me to be, I am reminded of what the writer Ellen White wrote in her little book Christ’s object lessons, that “the evil that led to Peter’s fall and that shut out the Pharisee from communion with God is proving the ruin of thousands today. There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable.”

Lights...Camera... Action on Worship!

With the help of some very talented and dedicated adults and youth, the Auburn church is about to launch its worship services and ministries into the age of




technology. A fund has been established to receive offerings to purchase high tech video equipment to tape worship services and church events. With adult supervision the emphasis will be to involve young people from our church family to operate cameras and sound equipment to produce media for local access TV channels and for video streaming on the church web site. Watch these pages for more information as the ministry advances. Welcome to the future of evangelism in the 21st century!

I don’t know about you, but I want the sin cure! I don’t want to be caught at the end of the world relying on the sufficiency of myself and my own good works. I want to be forgiven for my rebellion against God; I want my heart to be transformed, and I want to be finally rescued from this world where sin reigns supreme, by Him. My pride in my own goodness and the strength of my will may make me feel good now, but it won’t count for much when Jesus comes. I am so relieved that God doesn’t expect me to rely on me to be good enough to be saved and that all He asks is that I allow Him to cover me with the perfection of His Son and to do whatever work is necessary to transform my heart and to prepare it for an eternity with Him..

So, quite frankly, if I have to choose between the two courses of action, I will choose Jesus. He is the one who said that His grace is sufficient for me. If I follow Him, I don’t think that I can possibly go wrong!

Pastor Dan

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| 13 Women's Ministry Self Defense Class 2:00 to 6:00 PM - FREE Fellowship Hall Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA | 14 PHAA Finance Committee 6:00 PM PHAA Board 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting Youth Chapel - 6:45 PM | 15 Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM Church Finance Committee 6:00 PM Church Board 7:00 PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services | 16 PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Friday During School Hours April 14-18 PHAA Week of Prayer Pastor Gerzon Gomez | 17 Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym PHAA - Senior Class Trip | 18 Sunset 7:43 PM | 19 Sunset 7:44 PM 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Amazing Grace," Part 1 Pastor Dan Appel |
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through a brief log in procedure where you give your private password. You are then taken to a web page customized with all the tithe and offering categories that appear on our current church tithe envelope. Here you fill in the amount of your donation for each category just as you would if you were sitting in a pew listening to the children’s story during church service. There are also links to other categories such as Sabbath School offerings, Pine Hills Adventist Academy, or the local church benevolent fund. There are also numerous links to conference and world wide offering categories such as the Pacific Union College and ADRA to name just two. You are then asked for your choice of payment, either credit or debit card or electronic check/ACH; the system is set up to take Visa®, MasterCard®, or Discover Network®.

Once you hit the send button, your tithe or offering is routed directly to “Adventist Giving” with 100% of your donation being routed electronically to our local church account on a monthly basis. All percentages and destinations

**Contentment isn’t getting what we want,
but being satisfied with what we have.**

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”
Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

The story is told of a farmer who lived on the same farm all his life. It was a good farm with fertile soil, but with the passing of years, the farmer began to think, “Maybe there’s something better for me.” So he set out to find an even better plot of land to farm.

Every day he found a new reason for criticizing some feature of his old farm. Finally, he decided to sell. He listed the farm with a real estate broker who promptly prepared an advertisement emphasizing all the many advantages of the acreage: ideal location, modern equipment, healthy stock, acres of fertile ground, high yields on crops, well-kept barns and pens, nice two story house on a hill above a pasture.

When the real estate broker called to read the ad to the farmer for his approval prior to placing it in the local paper, the farmer heard him out. When he finished, he cried, “Hold everything! I’ve changed my mind. I’m not going to sell. Why. I’ve been looking for a place just like that all my life!”

When you start identifying the good traits of any person, situation, or organization, you are likely to find that they far outweigh the bad. Focus on what you have. What you have *not* will likely seem insignificant.

“God’s Little Devotional Book,” Honor Books, Inc., 1995

of the funds are exactly the same as in regular giving with only the church treasurer knowing how much and when you give. All of the fees and cost of online credit card use and accounting are covered by the local conference, the Union, the North American Division, and the General Conference. There will be no cost to you or to our church for using the “Adventist Giving” system. Also, the “Personal Giving Plan,” encouraged by the Stewardship Department, will be available through the online system just as it currently is for those placing their donation in the offering plate. And for those who still want a worship experience, the bottom portion of your online offering receipt can be cut off and placed in the offering plate during worship service.

As for those who question the worldly or impersonal aspect of online giving, “Adventist Giving” offers these words, “In Biblical narrative, giving was based on the method of exchange current with the time, such as offerings of animals and produce. Today, we live in an economy that uses cash and checks as the primary method of payment and exchange. However, this method is giving way to electronic exchange. The “AdventistGiving” plan simply allows desiring individuals a chance to give in the same manner as they do when completing their other financial transactions.”

As for the security aspects of online giving, “Adventist Giving” assures it users that they will never sell, rent, or exchange any individual personal or credit card information and that they safeguard all transactions using the latest industry-standard security methods such as Secure Socket Layer (SSL) to encrypt transaction information. Also, to eliminate scams and online theft, “Adventist Giving” will never send emails asking for personal information unless you initiate the email dialogue.

The website link is ready and it’s simple to use. Just go to www.aubsda.org!

Women's Self Defense Class

Sunday, April 13, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, the church fellowship hall will be used for a rather unique event; a women's self defence class. Hosted by our Women's Ministry team, Placer County Sheriffs Deputy Michael Bennett will be offering a class emphasizing women's safety in our community. Church members and guests are invited to this free event! For information call (530) 885-4232.

Community Services

With Spring upon us the days are pleasantly warm, but nights here in the foothills can still be very cold. Our Adventist Community Services is still in need of a variety of cold weather clothing and outdoor gear to assist their clients:

Jackets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps (not blue please), sheets, blankets, sweaters, jeans (mens large sizes, women large sizes, boys 6-12), hygiene supplies (tooth brushes and tooth paste, hand soap, towels and wash cloths).

PHAA "vege food store"

A small, but well stocked, vegetarian food store is for business at Pine Hills Adventist Academy supplying customers with a wide variety of fresh and packaged vegetarian food items. Store hours are Monday through Friday during school hours. Special orders are available.

If you have questions regarding availability of a product, speciality items, or to place an order call the school office at 885-9447. The proceeds go to help the 8th grade class graduation and class trip.

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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

Fellowship Luncheon April 12

Join us April 12 following our worship service for our once-a-month time for good food and fellowship with friends. Bring a favorite vegetarian entree/salad/dessert or bread. *Please bring items pre-cooked and wrapped to keep them warm and make the dining experience run more smoothly.*

Community Services Welcomes New Leadership

With the retirement of Lucille Gaede, as leader of our Auburn Community Services (ACS) ministry, a new leadership team has been formed with Kendall Porco stepping in as leader. With the help of long time volunteer, Sherri Gerking as assistant to Kendall, and Janet Kahler as their new Secretary, ACS has plans to expand the program to meet the growing needs of our community. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Lucille for all her years of selfless service to ACS and it's clients!

Church Bulletin Typo's

The following was erroneously printed in a church bulletin somewhere. Bye bye Rev.!

"Rev. Marks will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy."

Sermon Notes

Sermon dates and speakers for April:

- Apr. 5 **Sermon**
Pastor Dave Carreon
- Apr. 12 **Guest Speaker**
Mark Witas (see page 1)
- Apr. 19 **Amazing Grace**
Part 1 - Pastor Dan Appel
- Apr. 26 **Amazing Grace**
Part 2 - Pastor Dan Appel

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