

## Pastor's Corner

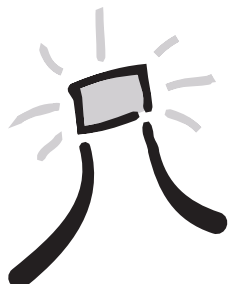
Friedrich Nietzsche, the 19th Century philosopher, once said of Christianity - "In Christianity, neither morality nor religion come into contact with reality at any point."

All too often, his assessment has been an accurate one.

The same cannot be said of Christ, the founder and foundation of the Christian Everthing he did and said was connected to reality. He met people's real needs and answered their real questions. He was in constant touch with His heavenly Father and constantly in relevant contact with his culture. His life and ministry is a model of what our lives and ministry should be.

By contrast, all too often the life and outreach of His church fails to answer the questions being asked by people, today, in ways that pique their interest and address their concerns. In the words of an old New Guinea chief, when asked by a missionary why he had had so little im-  
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Big questions



## Auburn Community Services

By Jan Kahler, ACS Secretary

### Comfort Zones

A couple of doctors attended a seminar in San Francisco. The meetings were held in an area of the city with which they were unacquainted. After the session ended, they found that their car had been impounded for some parking restriction they had unknowingly violated.

They decided to walk to the impounding garage, but found that they were generating more than normal curiosity—even some hostile or possibly threatening stares. "I wonder what's wrong. Maybe business suits violate some unwritten dress code... Oh, I know what it is," one remarked to the other. "We're right in the middle of a gay district, and we look totally out of place here!" So they wrapped their arms around each other and walked on down the street, greeted with smiles and nods.

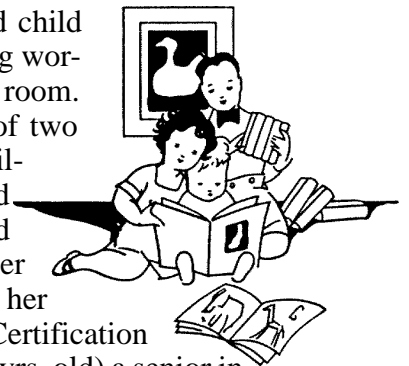
That is a true story, and it clearly illustrates comfort zones and the perfectly human reaction to somebody who is different from us.

When we consider how to relate to the various programs of our church we may want to decide whether our actions are better described as appropriate for a fortress where we are totally safe and comfortable or for a less protected outpost situation. Are we more concerned with keeping ourselves safe now while preparing for upcoming battles and world events, or are we already actively involved in the  
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## Child Care During Church

As of January 17, we started child care during our Sabbath morning worship services in the Cradle Roll room. We have secured the services of two fine young women who love children and the children respond well towards, to staff our child care. Cerissa (20 yrs. old) is in her final classes towards completing her Early Childhood Development Certification at a local college, and Mary (18 yrs. old) a senior in High School, is already beginning her training towards earn-  
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# PHAA news

## February Calendar

- Feb. 5-7** Frosh/Soph Retreat
- Feb. 9** School Finance Meeting  
6:00 PM  
School Board Meeting  
7:00 PM
- Feb. 9** Staff Development Day  
No School!
- Feb. 12** Ski Day #2
- Feb. 16** President's Day - No School!
- Feb. 19** Jr/Sr Banquet
- Feb. 21** Glo-In-The-Dark Miniture  
Golf Night
- Feb. 25-28** PUC Music Festival

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## 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.

**Inkjet/Laser Cartridges & Cell Phones:** Drop off your old cartridges and cell phones at the school office to be sent away for recycling. School receives cash for each cartridge and phone turned in.

**eScript:** Pine Hills earns money through your everyday purchases made at eScript merchants. See [www.eScript.com](http://www.eScript.com).

**Kellogg's Label Investment Program:** Please save your UPC Codes and/or labels from any Kellogg's or Worthington product and turn them into the school office.

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# Security

By Jeff Pierson, Auburn Men's Ministries

Since men are wired to make goals, design plans and strive to fulfill these in life, things which produce uncertainty in the future produce anxiety in men.

Four attributes of Jesus described in the first chapter of Revelation provide a basis for security when facing uncertainty. "... Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death... ...among the lamp-stands was someone 'like a son of man.' ...the seven lamp-stands are the seven churches" Rev. 1: 5,18,13,20

First Jesus is "...the faithful witness...". Jesus Christ is the faithful witness to the character of the Father and the Holy Spirit. He is the faithful witness to the flawed nature humanity received from Adam and to the restored human nature he gives to his family. He is the faithful witness to the fruits of sin; separation, isolation and death, and to the fruits of his grace; reunion, community and life. Jesus Christ is also a faithful witness to each one of us of our personal character, both strengths and weaknesses, to our identity and to our path in life.

Second, Jesus is "... the Living One...". Jesus Christ has the key to the enemy which no other human, heavenly being or power has overcome and that is death. Now we are no longer slaves but free for Jesus "freed those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." Hebrews 2:14 The Living One has dismissed death, fear and slavery. We are now alive with love and the security and identity of children of God.

Thirdly, Jesus is "...the ruler of the kings of the earth." Kings, rulers, presidents, and prime ministers seem to exercise power at will in the earth but we are reminded that Jesus Christ is on the move. In the affairs of men nothing escapes his notice. No power acts without his knowledge. No league can ultimately thwart his will. He does not wage war as the world does but this does not mean he does not wage war.

Fourthly, Jesus is found "among the ...churches." In a Please see "*Ironmen*" on page 5.

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**Auburn  
Men's Ministry**



The last Sunday of each month as usual,  
7:30 AM at Sweet Pea's Restaurant in Auburn

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# Church Directory Update

*By: Pastor Stan, Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church*

We would like to bring you up to speed on what is happening with our Church Directory. It is our desire to make the church directory as useful and up-to-date as possible, so we are including the following features to make our directory as useful to you as possible. While this means that we will be printing it locally rather than having Olan Mills publish it, in the long run it should be a much more valuable tool for you to use.

\* It will not be bound but loose leaf in a three ring binder, allowing for constant updates to include new families, new ministries, as well as keeping you informed about what is going on in your church.

\* The SDA church has grown to include many ministries outside our local church. Many of these our members might find interest in but often the scope and existence of those ministries are unknown. This directory will attempt to keep you informed of those ministries, what they do, and how you can connect with them.

\* Of course, we also want to keep you better informed

with the plans and programs offered by our own congregation. This directly provides us the opportunity to do that better by publishing calendars, ministry plans and events, and personnel.

\* We also will include a brief history of our own church.

\* We want to start listing local non-church type of events and places our members will find interest in.

As you can see, we would like our new church directory to become a kind of information central for you to keep track of important data that can enrich your life. Since it will be loose leaf, you can add to it your own data: birthday and anniversary and phone lists, etc. Gathering all this information, plus formatting all the pictures ourselves, is pushing the publishing of the directory into February. But we feel, once you get it, you will agree it was worth the wait.

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pact on the tribe, “Well, I guess you have been scratching us where we didn’t itch.”

Our passion as a church is to make and develop disciples of Jesus here in our part of the world. In order to be truly successful in that quest, we too must be in constant contact with God, and we also must be so intimately aware of our culture that we can show them God’s answers to their real questions in ways they can understand and appreciate.

February 21 we begin an outreach into our community that focuses on six Big Questions that people are asking today: “Is there a God?” “Can I trust the Bible’s answers to life’s questions?” “Aren’t all religions basically the same?” “If God is good, why are things so bad?” “What happens when you die?” and “Why am I here?”



One of the things which will make this outreach unique is that it will be church based, rather than evening seminar based. Another is that virtually all of the advertising will be “word of mouth” rather than mailing and brochure based. In other words, rather than holding an evangelistic series in a hall somewhere and hoping that if we mail out 40,000 brochures we will attract a crowd, we are relying on you to invite your friends to church where, each week, both the Sabbath School lesson time and the church service will be focused on one of the six Big Questions listed above. In addition, we would like to invite you and your guests to

take part in a Wednesday evening group study on the same topic here at the church, where the same questions can be discussed and studied in a more informal and relaxed setting.

To facilitate our study, the next two Sabbaths we will be handing out a book which outlines the Big Questions we will be studying. We urge you to get one and to read it for yourself. Then, take a couple more and share them with friends. Tell them what is coming up and invite them to read through the book and to join you for the opening Sabbath. Maybe you might want to invite them to join you for lunch after church and a walk in a local park.

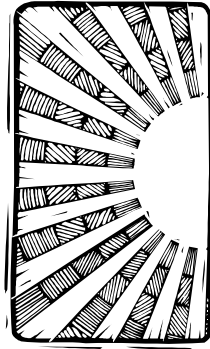
This is going to be an easy, stress-free, attractive way for you to share your faith with those God has put you in contact with.

Now, the really Big Question is: Will you bring someone with you to church that first Sabbath? Why not begin praying now for your friends and co-workers and asking God who He wants you to invite?

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	<b>2</b> Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>3</b> PHAA VegeFood Store 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>4</b> PHAA VegeFood Store 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sunset 5:30 PM PHAA - Frosh/Soph Retreat	<b>7</b> Sunset 5:31 PM 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: Pastor Dan Appel
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Men's Ministries Breakfast (11/30/08) "Sweetpeas" 7:30 AM Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	<b>23</b> "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>24</b> Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>25</b> PHAA VegeFood Store 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>26</b> Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym PHAA - PUC Music Festival/Choir	<b>27</b> Sunset 5:54 PM PHAA VegeFood Store 12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>28</b> Sunset 5:55 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: Big Questions, Week 2; Pastor Dan Appel

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God; trust also in me."

John 14:1 (NIV)



"I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me."

John 14:6 (NIV)



# February '09

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# Historic Inauguration Preserves Tradition of Prayer

*Adventist News Network, Washington, DC January 20, 2009 (Edited to fit newsletter format)*

U.S. Senate chaplain on spirituality of nation's leaders, an Adventist's privilege: As spiritual guide for members of the U.S. Senate, Chaplain Barry C. Black says he's impressed by the level of spirituality present on Capitol Hill. Black will deliver a prayer for the traditional luncheon immediately following today's inaugural ceremonies.

Government officials and United States citizens who have gathered in the nation's Capitol today for the inauguration of president-elect Barack Obama will celebrate many firsts, but they'll also rely on a framework preserved for more than 200 years, bolstered by such standbys as the inaugural prayer, says United States Senate Chaplain Barry C. Black...

Black, who will deliver the invocation for the traditional inaugural luncheon immediately following today's inauguration, says those on Capitol Hill have heard him pray enough -- he opens every session of Senate with a prayer...

The former chief of Navy chaplains says he's had the opportunity to interact on a regular basis with Obama, whom he considers a friend. Black, whose office overlooks the National Mall, says the "awe-inspiring" view contributes to the "sense of wonder" he experiences each time he enters the nation's Capitol...

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ing the same certification. We are pleased to have them join our staff and confident they will be an asset to our ministry.

Conducting Child Care requires making some changes and additions to our Cradle Roll room. These include:

- \* installing a monitor within the room allowing adults to see and hear the worship service live
- \* installing a window in the Cradle Roll room door
- \* having appropriate first aid equipment on hand
- \* purchasing a cabinet to house items for the children to play with
- \* making sure a portable TV and DVD/VHS player is available
- \* having pagers available to notify parents when they are needed

Children ages 0-5 can be taken to the Cradle Roll Room and checked in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each Sabbath.

Our prayer is that this service will assist parents in their hopes of enjoying church themselves and at the same time know their children are being well cared for, thus freeing them from much of the stress on Sabbath mornings. Our

plans include providing materials for making this a special time of bonding and spirituality for their children as well. It is such a joy to see parents free to sit in church knowing their child will not be a disturbance to others. They can benefit themselves from a good sermon and time worshipping with their church family. We are hoping that this ministry will make it more attractive for young couples who might not otherwise stay for church to be able to, and provide an additional opportunity for you to invite families with young children to come and visit our church.

In that light, we would appreciate members who have good books fit for that age (especially with a spiritual, nature, or character enhancing message) or wholesome toys/activities to donate them over the next few weeks to the Child Care program. Just drop those items by the Cradle Roll Room during the hours of its operation.

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church we see members, boards, elders, leaders and pastors and they seem weak, contradictory, confused and lost. And they may be, but Jesus is among them. Jesus intimately knows his church and reaches out to it and delivers just the message it needs. Who else cares for the church as Jesus does?

It would seem that Jesus has about every major issue in life covered. He sees the truth about the Trinity and humanity,

both as a community and individually. He has dealt with death. He rules over the rulers of nations. He holds his church close.

Jesus Christ invites us to willingly surrender our lives and all these issues to his care. Then we will be able to support his efforts in all these enterprises. Then we will be men.

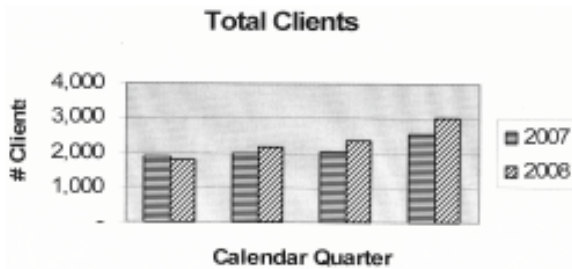
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fray? Are we playing it safe, or are we working among people with whom we possibly feel discomfort, the publicans and sinners of today’s society, the likes of whom surrounded Christ during His earthly ministry?

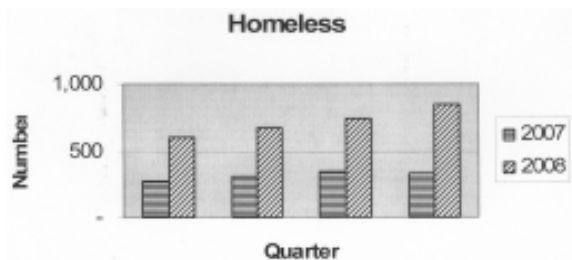
At our Community Services Center I believe a few facts and figures can speak for themselves. Here are the figures for the total number of clients seen, those who were homeless, and the cash value of food given out in 2007 and 2008:

Year-Quarter	Total Clients	Homeless	Food Values
2007/qtr 1	1859	266	\$32,131
2007/qtr 2	1960	307	\$33,244
2007/qtr 3	2007	347	\$34,183
2007/qtr 4	2528	332	\$35,914
2008/qtr 1	1788	597	\$31,185
2008/qtr 2	2157	669	\$37,534
2008/qtr 3	2372	747	\$41,369
2008/qtr 4	3015	847	\$47,592

Now, as I looked at those numbers, they didn’t mean much to me except that I could see that they were increasing, so I asked Rodney Wehtje to put those numbers into graph form with the following results:



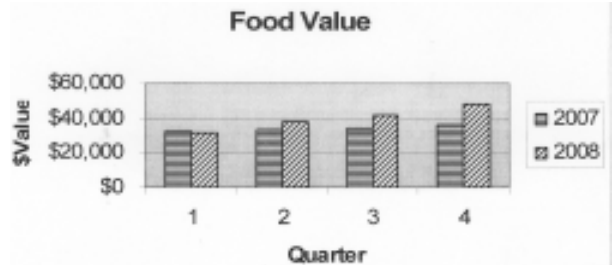
This graph illustrates that for the years 2007 and 2008 the number of clients rose most markedly in the winter months, but even more surprising is the graph for the homeless, the next graph.



See how the number of homeless clients doubled early in 2008 and continued rising? We attribute that to two factors: 1) the sick economy and 2) the fact that we now offer

showers at no cost for those who otherwise do not have that option. We see an average of 35 homeless clients each Tuesday, many of whom shower.

The third chart shows the cash value for the food we distributed.



This chart gives us reason to praise God, for though the demand and cost for food has risen dramatically during the past year, we did not need to increase our budgeted amount for 2009. We believe this is because of two things: 1) the donation of thousands of dollars’ worth of wholesale food items, and 2) the large quantity of fresh produce our garden supplied.

Other outreach efforts manned by volunteers include Saturday morning breakfast from 8-9, which by word of mouth is attracting increasing participation. A few breakfast guests go to the waiting room of Community Services for a 12-step meeting from 9:15-10:15. It is interesting to note that because they are not able to dress the same as most church members, these folks do not feel any more comfortable around us than the other way around. Thus, by the time our regular members begin arriving for church at 9:30, most of them have left.

My teenage daughter and I found ourselves between the downtown L.A. bus station and a linking bus to a nearby town. While we waited for the local bus at the busy street corner, my daughter set down the suitcase she was carrying. A poorly dressed man was weaving down the street toward us. He stumbled through the crowd waiting for the bus, then tripped and lurched toward the unprotected suitcase. Please see “ACS” on page 7.

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case. I, seeing his path toward the exposed suitcase handle, caught his eye and purposefully set down a smaller bag directly on the handle he was falling toward. He caught himself and wobbled away.

Were we uncomfortable? Yes! Were we harmed? No. Did we do the man any good? Probably not—unless it meant that he did not have to go to court. Saving the suitcase from theft was clearly a protective act, necessary while out of a fortress. Thus, we live in two environments: 1) the safety of our homes and 2) other places, where we must be on the watch.

What about the efforts of church volunteers and friends who are helping the poor in our area? Does this effort cost us anything? Is it sometimes uncomfortable? Does it help the needy? Consider a 70-year-old woman who is living on a retirement pension and barely getting by with the help of her part-time job. As the economy tightens, she is laid off. This woman has worked all her life and has never needed charity. However, now she finds herself at Community Services. Will the food we give her help her? Will the love, understanding, and prayers of the workers encourage her? Are you interested in joining the outpost efforts, or is the secure fortress more comfortable?

If you are considering donating cash or items that you no longer need, please realize that these donations are what

keep the center going. Rest assured that God will reward you for sharing with some of His needy children. However, because of limited storage at the facility, please donate only lightly used clothing that is appropriate for the season. The staff members treat the clients with love and respect, giving them only what is clean and in good repair. Please save the volunteers from sorting through and hauling off out-of-season clothing, as well as what has to be discarded because it needs to be mended, is faded, or stained.

Another outreach area: If you know the ins and outs of building contractors and codes, contact the director, Kendall Porco, who is endeavoring to make one shower handicap accessible.

There is plenty of work for those who are willing to help. Please ask yourself, “Does my lifestyle indicate that I usually remain in the safe and secure fortress, or do I at times risk venturing out for outpost ministries?”

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**Authority without wisdom is like a heavy ax without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish.**

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“I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than pulling you down.”  
*2Corinthians 10:8 (NIV)*

John D. Rockefeller is known for his amazing business success, but he had a greater reputation among those who knew him as being a man who was understanding. He had a sincere appreciation for other people and was willing to accept failure if an honest attempt had been made at success.

When one of his partners, Edward T. Bedford, failed in a business venture which cost Rockefeller’s company a million dollars, Rockefeller responded with a statement that has become classic in business lore. He didn’t criticize Bedford because he knew he had done his best. He did,

however, call Bedford to his office and say, “I think it is honorable that you were able to salvage 60 percent of the money you invested in the South American venture. That’s not bad; in fact, it’s splendid. We don’t always do as well as that upstairs.”

There’s very little to be gained by making people feel worse regarding something they already feel bad about! Rather, the gain lies in helping them see the positive lessons that can be learned from mistakes, giving them hope for future attempts at success. Be an encourager to another person today. You’ll both feel...and do...better!

“*God’s Little Devotional Book for Men*”  
Honor Books, Inc.

## Pine Hills Glow In The Dark Miniture Golf

### And Family Fun & Game Night

On the evening of Saturday, February 21, a very special "Glow In The Dark" miniture golf course will be set up in the gym at Pine Hills Adventist Academy. There will be fun activities in each classroom such as ping pong, bingo, foosball, air hockey, Wii video games, board games, movies and toys.

Bring your appetite because Home and School will be having a chili or soup, cornbread, and dessert fundraising dinner. Glow sticks and face painting will also be available. Don't miss this fun family evening at PHAA!

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## PHAA "vege food store"

The Pine Hills Vege Food Store is open every day for your convenience. To place an order from our wide variety of fresh and packaged vegetarian food items, call the school secretary during school hours, or visit during regular store hours: Wednesday 3-4 and Friday 12 -1. You can also call Diane Chang, (530) 906-5498 to place an order. The proceeds go to help the 8th grade class graduation and class trip.

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FORTUNATELY, JUST AS ADAM WAS  
DISCOVERING FIRE EVE WAS DISCOVERING  
EXTINGUISHING

## Fellowship Luncheon February 14

Join February 14 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.*

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**Visit the Online  
Auburn Church  
Media Ministries**  
[http://web.mac.com/jgbeitz/  
asdamm/welcome.html](http://web.mac.com/jgbeitz/asdamm/welcome.html)

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## Recovery in Community

A hearty breakfast and a Twelve Step path to recovery is now available to the community every Sabbath morning at the Auburn church. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall begins at 8:00 AM and is followed by the 12 Step Program at 9:15 AM in the Community Services Lobby. For information contact Community Services at 823-0345.

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## Sermon Notes

February sermon dates and speakers:

- Feb. 7 **Sermon**  
*Pastor Dan Appel*
- Feb. 13 **Sermon**  
*Pastor Dan Appel*
- Feb. 21 **The Big Question:**  
**Is there a God?**  
*Pastor Dan Appel*
- Feb. 27 **The Big Question:**  
**Can I trust the Bible's answers  
to life's questions?**  
*Pastor Dan Appel*

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