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Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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ARC Open for Business



The Auburn Renewal Center (ARC) is finally open for business. It opened its doors Tuesday November 26, 2013 for medical and dental patients. Optical, mental health and family counseling will be offered on every other Fridays. The latter services on Fridays will be announced when ready.

The Auburn Renewal Center is the culmination of almost a year-long effort by the SDA Community Services. The much needed free clinic came to fruition with the donation of two triple-wide commercial modular units donated by Rocklin's LifeHouse Church.

The units themselves proved to be the easiest part of the project. All the labor and materials were donated by a generous public. The difficult parts were the permitting process through the state and county. The insurance was also a last minute hold up that has finally been resolved. God can still work miracles.

Common Links Coming

January 15, 2014 will see the beginning of the Wednesday Evening Common Links Program. The planned classes, which are free to church members and the general public include:

- <>Christianity 101 – Facilitator, Dan Appel
- <>Study of a Pauline Epistle – Facilitator, Dave Carreon
- <>Surprised by Love – Facilitator, Joanne Pierson
- <>Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University – Facilitator, James Brewster
- <>Kids Safety Class- Facilitator, Dave Krussow

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Sermon Notes

Dec 7: Dave Carreon

Dec 14: Dave Carreon -- Children's Christmas Program

Dec 21: Dan Appel

Dec 24: 5 PM Christmas Eve Service

Dec 28: Dan Appel

Happy Birthdays in December

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| Floreen Van De Pol..... | December 2 |
| Nicole Toppel..... | December 3 |
| Amy Giroux..... | December 5 |
| Donald Wallace..... | December 5 |
| Joanne Pierson..... | December 7 |
| Tim Excell..... | December 9 |
| Milton Kindrick..... | December 9 |
| Grace Van De Pol..... | December 10 |
| Johnny Rios..... | December 12 |
| Megan Carreon | December 14 |
| Sandy Moss..... | December 14 |
| Mitch Allen..... | December 15 |
| Yvonne McDaniel..... | December 15 |
| Jeff Pierson..... | December 15 |
| Tami Lockhart | December 20 |
| Chandler Gadreault..... | December 25 |
| Ken Alm..... | December 26 |
| Paul Leidel..... | December 28 |
| Mas Masumbuko..... | December 31 |



HEALTH BITES



Lessons from Looking for a Used Car

By Fred Hardinge

A few years ago the Hardinge family was in the market for a used car. After scouring the local ads, the choice was narrowed down to two possibilities. After calling the owners and discussing the year, price, mileage, options and conditions, appointments were made to come view them. The first address held a freshly washed, sparkling automobile that looked like it was brand new, instead of being four years old. After getting out and meeting the owner he handed over the keys and urged a closer inspect. The test drive went well and it all seemed too good to be true. Upon getting back the owner was asked for the service records. The owner replied that the car had performed so well he had never had any service done, not even an oil change.

What looked too good to be true was. Driving to the next address to look at the other vehicle revealed a car the same age, same model, same mileage, and the same price. It too was sitting in the owner's driveway sparkling like new having just been washed. But it had a few scratches, small dents, and while clean, the interior looked a bit used. After inspecting it just as carefully and taking it for a test drive, the service records were again requested. This time the owner provided a folder with all the receipt for each service the manufacturer recommended, including the oil changes. Guess which car was purchased? The second vehicle proved to be a wise choice because it provided nearly 300,000 miles more of dependable service.

How well do we maintain our bodies? Too often we keep the outward adorning beautiful, but the inside is a physiological mess! Being biologically inefficient internally is just as much a disgrace to God, our Creator, as having the outside coated with filth.

Living physiologically, in harmony with our Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations is the best way of minimizing our risk of disease, and maximizing our service to others and to God. How are you doing?

God Works in Mysterious Ways

A true story by Pastor Rob Reid

A brand new pastor arrived in suburban Brooklyn in early October excited about his opportunities. Then he saw his church, it was very run down and needed a lot of work. He set a goal to have everything repaired and done in time to have his first Christmas Eve service. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, and painting. But on December 19th a terrible storm hit and because he hadn't fixed the roof yet, a large area of plaster about 8 feet by 20 feet had fallen off the wall.

A very despondent pastor trudged down the street and barley noticed a flea market sale along the way. An item caught his eye – it was a beautiful handmade ivory colored crocheted tablecloth with exquisite word, find colors and a cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall of the church. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire hole in the wall. Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet.

"Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were her initials, and she had made

this tablecloth 35 years ago, in Austria. She went on to explain that before the war she and her husband lived in Austria when she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week but she never saw him again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made him keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of the city and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.



The pastor was very pleased at the wonderful Christmas Eve service at his new church. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood, asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be

two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was arrested and put in prison. He never saw his wife or his home again.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same place he had taken the woman to three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

The 12 Days of Christmas

Have you ever wondered about the words of the carol – The 12 Days of Christmas? What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans and especially the partridge in a pear tree have to do with Christmas? Well here is the story behind this song.

From 1558 to 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during this era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to the members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five

books of the Old Testament

- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit – Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

Now you know the rest of the story.

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