JAMIE JORGE VIOLIN CONCERT

We are blessed to have Jamie Jorge at our church this Friday night at 7:00 for a concert. Jamie has a fantastic mastery of the violin and an inspiring testimony to share. When Jamie was ten years old his family was miraculously given the opportunity to leave communist Cuba. He has followed God's call to devote his life to full-time music ministry and since 1988 has played on 6 continents and in over 80 countries. We invite you to attend this concert with your family and friends. We will take a love offering to support Jamie's ministries.



YOUNG ADULT VESPERS

This Friday, Sep 29th at 6:30pm, the Young Adult Sabbath School class will resume their Sunset Vespers. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the food theme will be Latin Food (and yes, Takis count!). Location: Austen and Ari Powell's home, 5804 Post Oak Dr. Alvarado.



THIS SABBATH

- Pastor Kevin will be bringing us the Message of Hope from the book of Galatians
- Offering emphasis is the Local Church Budget

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Ladies of all ages! We invite you to join us from 3:30-5:30pm this Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall for a chance to get to know each other better, have some fun, grow spiritually, and enjoy some delicious refreshments. This particular event is coinciding with our Adventurer Club meeting, but if you're a mom of an Adventurer and want to sneak upstairs to join us, our pastors and dads are committed to stepping in to help lead the Adventurer class so you can do that!

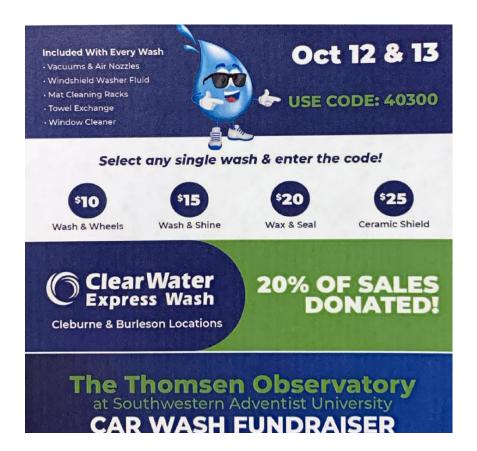


CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY BOOKS

John Engel is giving bible studies to a family that has children and would love to share some children's bible story books with them. Do any of you have some around your home that your children/grand children have outgrown? If so, you can give them directly to John at church or leave them at the Connect Corner and I'll make sure he gets them. Thanks!

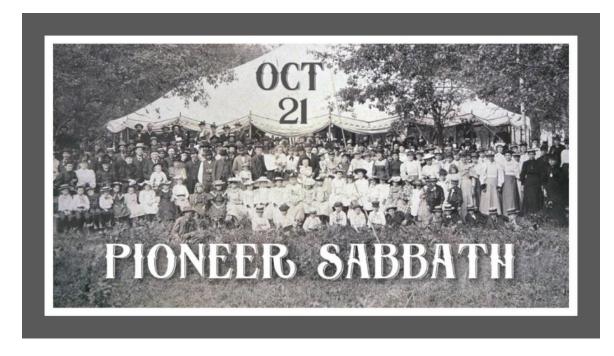
THOMSEN OBSERVATORY FUNDRAISER

Southwestern Adventist University is having another carwash fundraiser to support the Thomsen Observatory on October 12 & 13. There are flyers available at the Connect Corner like the one below. If you are unfamiliar with the Thomsen Observatory you can check it out <u>HERE</u>. The observatory is open the 1st and 3rd Friday nights each month to the community at no charge.



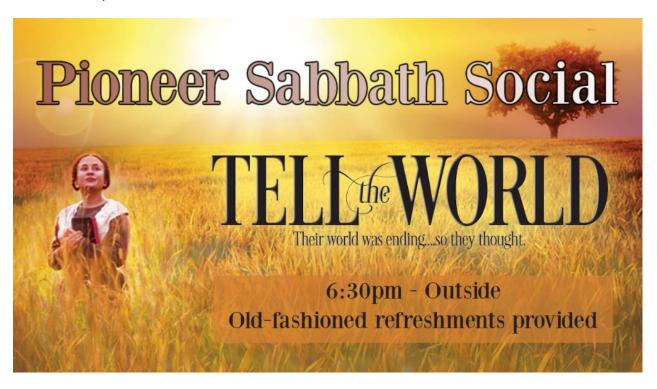
PIONEER SABBATH

Get ready for our upcoming Pioneer Sabbath on October 21st. Think old fashioned tent camp meeting with a pioneer sermon and lots of hymn! Sabbath School will be held in the church, but the worship service and following potluck will be held outdoors under a "tent". 1800's casual attire is totally acceptable, and we encourage you to bring a blanket or lawn chairs for potluck. There will be tables and chairs for those who prefer a finer dining experience. (Horse & buggy not required!)



PIONEER SABBATH CHURCH SOCIAL

To end our Pioneer Sabbath, we will have "moving pictures" outside to watch the historical drama of our church pioneers in *Tell the World*, which lays out in great detail the colorful characters and events that forged not only a movement, but also the seeds of a church driven to declare the gospel to the whole world. Old-fashioned refreshments like apples with caramelized sugar coating, corn that has been popped, and peanuts that have been roasted over the hearth, will be provided as well.



I hope you all have a wonderful week. There will be no Mid Week Letter next week as I will be in route home from California. May the joy of the Lord be your strength as you navigate life's challenges! ~ Liz Simons ~



If there's one thing that heaven hates, why surely, it must be—adultery? Pride? Hypocrisy? Murder? Greed?

Would you believe "unforgiveness"?

Consistent with the grace He both lived and taught, Jesus saved His hardest words for those who refused to forgive the brokenness of others. He wept for those swept off their feet by lust or overcome by avarice, and even those who hurt or injure others. But He offered little hope for those who wouldn't show the mercy shown to them.

In a famous story, Jesus made His values clear: "Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" (Matt 18:32-33).

We only forgive others as much as we imagine we need forgiveness. "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness" (1 John 1:8-9).

So be fully honest with yourself—and fully merciful with others.

In doing this, you stay in grace.

-Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

Since I am about to catch a flight, I thought some airline humor would be appropriate. The following safe travel and adlibs from flight crews are borrowed from Readers' Digest.

- "Hi, I'm Captain Amanda Smith. Yes, I'm a female pilot and, as a benefit, if we get lost on the way I won't be afraid to stop and ask for directions."
- "Please refrain from smoking until you reach a designated smoking area, which for California, is Las Vegas."
- "I've just been informed that my mother-in-law has passed through security and will be boarding this flight shortly. If you all sit down fast, we should be able to get out of here before she arrives."
- "Most of you already have your seat belts fastened. Now we will demonstrate how you did that."
- "Please return you seats to their upright and most uncomfortable position."