

LAST SABBATH we experienced a wonderful Communion Service and are very grateful for all the behind-the-scenes details that our Deaconesses and Deacons took care of to ensure a smooth service; especially since it coincided with our monthly potluck which was hosted by our Deaconesses, too! We didn't intend to have both events fall on the same Sabbath and will take care to prevent that in the future. But you all were champs and are greatly appreciated!

THIS SABBATH

- Pastor Kevin will bring us the Message of Hope.
- Adventurer Club Registration will continue in the lobby for ages 4-9. There will be a parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.

Burleson Cubs

Registration Aug 19th & 26th

Contact:
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Adventurer Director
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burlesonsdacubs@gmail.com

Location: Burleson SDA Church Lobby

Register your child ages 4-9 years old!
Meetings will be held two Saturdays a month from 4-6pm.

Activities will include:

- Campouts
- Honors
- Crafts
- Field Trips
- Snacks
- and more!

Parent Meeting August 26th @ 6pm - BSDA Fellowship Hall

ADVENTURER CLUB

- The Pathfinder Club will be holding a Vespers, Family Fun Night, and Registration in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm. All families (not just Pathfinder families) are invited to join in this event.



NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION We recently added a new family to our congregation! The Espinoza family consists of Jose, Margarita, and their boys, Jose Jr. and Diego. They have attended our church for awhile now and decided to make it official and serve the Lord with their spiritual gifts here at Burleson. Their family enjoys camping and outdoor sports and activities, and fun fact – Jose is a diesel mechanic. Welcome, Espinoza's, we look forward to getting to know you better!



VIRTUAL PRAYER CONFERENCE The Texas Conference is holding a Virtual Prayer Conference this Friday, August 25, from 7:00-8:30pm and Sabbath, August 26, from 3:00-6:00pm. To get more information on how to join a breakout session via Zoom, visit TexasAdventist.org/Prayer or scan the QR code in the graphic below. Here is the schedule:

Friday, August 25, 2023 | YouTube.com/TexasAdventist

7:00 pm | Speaker: Barry C. Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain | Musical Guest: Stefany Recinos, vocalist

Sabbath, August 26, 2023 | YouTube.com/TexasAdventist

3:00 pm | Speaker: Mark Finley, assistant to the president for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists | Musical Guest: Stefany Recinos, vocalist

English Breakouts via Zoom (Mark Finley will speak before and after the breakouts) | Each breakout is offered twice.

- Focus: Women | Nadine Collins, president of Nadine Collins Consultancy | Zoom ID 528 250 2427
- Focus: Men | Rupert Bushner, Jr., a pastor in the Southeastern Conference | Zoom ID 951 646 2343
- Focus: Family | Tamyra Horst, author and communication director for the Pennsylvania Conference | Zoom ID 269 292 2916
- Focus: Young Adults | Michael Gibson, lead pastor for the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church | Zoom ID 659 305 7747



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VIRTUAL PRAYER CONFERENCE

HOW, THEN, Shall We Pray?

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Sabbath, August 26, 2023 | 3 - 6PM

Barry C. Black
U.S. Senate Chaplain

Mark Finley
Assistant to the President
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Jehomar Peña
Pastor & Prayer Ministries Director
Southeast Dominican Conference

**Featuring Music by
STEFANY RECINOS**

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Seventh-day Adventist Church
TEXAS CONFERENCE

POWER WEEKEND: Many of you will remember the Power Weekend last year with Dr. Jorge Rico from Southwestern Adventist University. Back by popular demand, Dr. Rico will be presenting additional insights and study in the book of Revelation at our upcoming Power Weekend of Sep. 8-9. As is our custom, we will serve a free supper on Friday evening at 6:00 before the session. Dr. Rico will speak for the worship hour and again Sat. night at 7:00 followed by refreshments and fellowship in the lobby. If you missed Dr. Rico's presentations last year you can watch them [HERE](#). Click on "view sermon by series" and scroll down to the "Three Angelic Voices for Today."



BLOOD DRIVE You've seen the promotions for the Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at our church on August 30th from 10:00 – 3:00pm. While we are not the ones who set this drive up, we are allowing the Red Cross to hold a previously scheduled drive here. I know it's not the best time for most of you, but there will be some that are available during that time and I encourage you to donate and help save lives. Perhaps you have never donated blood before and have some questions, like:

- **Who can give blood?** You must be at least 16 years of age ([must have written parental consent](#)). At age 17, you may give independently. There is no upper age limit. All donors at Carter BloodCare must bring a valid photo ID. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Potential donors must be feeling well and healthy on the day of donating.
- **Where does my blood go?** Blood donated with Carter BloodCare goes to patients across North, Central and East Texas — our friends, family and neighbors — facing emergencies every day such as older adults with age-related health issues, mothers experiencing difficulties during childbirth, major accident and emergency patients, children with anemia, and many others who depend on an available community blood supply. We serve more than 200 medical facilities in 50+ counties with the blood products needed to keep people healthy and well.
- **Can I donate if I've recently had COVID-19?** You must wait until 10 days after your symptoms clear from your COVID-19 infection to donate.
- **How long does it take?** The entire [whole blood donation](#) process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes less than an hour. The actual blood draw takes 5 to 10 minutes. Donors are encouraged to make and honor appointments to avoid long delays.

- **How will I feel after I give blood?** Most people feel fine after giving blood. A unit of blood (500ml) is less than a pint, and the average adult body contains 10 to 12 pints of blood. Your body makes new blood constantly, and the [plasma](#) (liquid portion of blood) you give will be replaced within 2-3 days.
 - Eating a well-balanced meal and drinking plenty of fluids within 24 hours before donating will help you recover.
 - Drinking water and non-alcoholic liquids after giving also helps your body replenish lost fluids.
 - You should avoid drinking alcohol before and 24 hours after giving.
 - Strenuous activity should be avoided for at least 24 hours after giving. If you have a hazardous or strenuous job, you should give at the end of your work shift.
 - Smokers should refrain from smoking for 30 minutes after giving.
 - Avoid lifting or pulling for 24 hours with the arm used for the donation.

To make an appointment, click on this link: <https://arcontent.bottomlineink.net/Content/Orders/1548245> I'll be in the chair at 10:30 and Pastor Kevin is making an appointment as I write this letter!

MEN'S SOFTBALL We have a signup form available for you guys now. Click [HERE](#) to let us know you are interested, what jersey size and number you prefer, and what position you want to play. If you love baseball but don't feel able to actually run the bases, you can join the team as a much-needed coach!



And with that I'll close this edition of the Mid Week Letter. Thanks for taking the time to read it and stay connected to all that is going on. Have a blessed week, friends. ~ Liz Simons ~

Grace restores what we can't fix.



GraceNotes



A husband slipping in the door with a bouquet of red roses trailing behind him.

A six year-old artfully arranging the remaining cookies in the jar to make it seem none have been taken.

A believer creeping quietly to church to sit in the back row and promise years of future faithfulness.

In our core, we hope to somehow appease those we have offended. We bring gifts; we rearrange the facts to diminish our responsibility; we promise to be better in the future. We assume that we won't be welcome as we are.

But when we meet the God whose rightful expectations we have most offended, He is nothing like the angry deity we expected. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him" (John 3:16-17).

This is the mystery of grace—that God doesn't act on impulse or through vengeance, but plans to actively restore those whom sin and pride have separated from Him. "God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins" (Rom 3:24).

We are amazed: we do not understand. It's not what we would have done to those who offended us. But then, God says of Himself: "For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Isa 55:9).

Grace restores what we can't fix, and renews our lifeline to the God who deeply loves us.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- What's the scariest tree? Bamboo.
- Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- Did you hear that NASA is about to launch a new mission to say sorry to aliens for Earth polluting space? It's called Apollo G.
- Life is short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the internet arguing with strangers.