

Let's get caught up on (or reminded of) what's going on with our church family...

BOBCAT CLASSIC REPORT:

If you were at church last Sabbath, you know that we had LOTS AND LOTS of visitors for our annual middle school basketball tournament! This year there were nine (9) schools enrolled with a total of nineteen (19) boys and girls teams. The participating schools who came the greatest distance were Ozark Adventist Elementary School (Arkansas) and Forest Lake Elementary School (Florida). Games were played Friday morning, Saturday night, and through Sunday afternoon.

The first place winners of the three brackets were:

- KAES 8th Grade Girls (Girls bracket)
- Houston (Boys Small School bracket)
- Forest Lake (Boys Large School bracket)

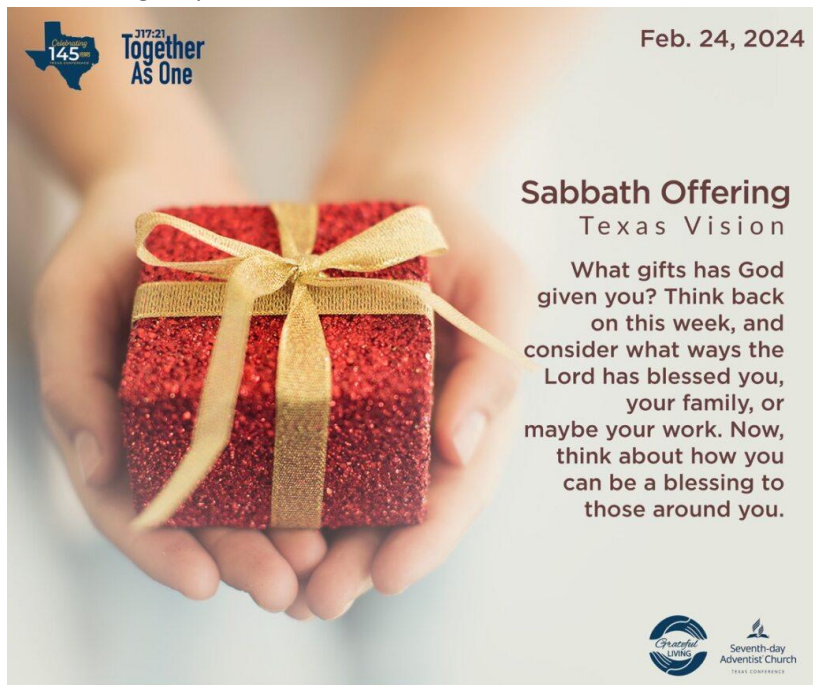
Our BAS Boys team won 2nd place for the Small School bracket and Burton took 2nd place for the Large School bracket.

A new award given this year was the Bobcat Spirit Award for the team that displayed the most consistent Christian sportsmanship. This was voted on by all the coaches and given to the Burton teams. Way to go Burton athletes – we are proud of you!

And a huge shout out to Principal Carrie Suess and all those involved for planning and pulling off this event! All of the teams had a great time and were blessed with no major injuries.

THIS SABBATH:

- Pastor Kevin will be bringing us the Message of Hope
- The offering emphasis is for Texas Vision

A graphic for the Sabbath Offering Texas Vision. It features a pair of hands holding a small, red, glittery gift box tied with a gold ribbon. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. Text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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Sabbath Offering
Texas Vision

What gifts has God given you? Think back on this week, and consider what ways the Lord has blessed you, your family, or maybe your work. Now, think about how you can be a blessing to those around you.

Grateful Living Seventh-day Adventist Church TEXAS CONFERENCE

WOMEN'S RESTAURANT SOCIAL:

Ladies, it's been a while since we got to try out a new culinary experience together! Join us next this Saturday night, Feb. 24 at 7pm, to enjoy some girl time and Thai food at:

Sunny Thai, 4306 Matlock Rd #108, Arlington, 817-617-2216

Check out the menu [HERE](#). There are lots of vegetarian options!



CLOSET CLEAN-UP:

If you are a homeowner, you know how closets and storage areas can get out of hand over time! Many of our church ministries have a designated closet or area (i.e. Children's Sabbath School classes, VBS, Youth, Pathfinders, Adventurers, AV, Deaconess, Decorating, etc) so we are setting aside a few hours on February 25th to debride, clean, and organize these areas. If you are part of one of these ministries or would just like to exercise your spiritual gift of service, come for a while from 9:00-1:00. We'll even provide lunch!

FYI, Ministry Leaders; don't worry, we won't tackle your closet if you aren't able to be there to give the final word on what goes and what stays.



CTA MISSION TRIP SUPPLY DRIVE:

Please read the information below and see how you can support the Chisholm Trail Academy Mission Trip to Cuba. If you can't get donations all the way to Keene you can drop them off at the church office and I will deliver them.



Mission Trip supply drive

The Mission Trip this year with CTA is going to Cuba. We are collecting multi-vitamins, over the counter medicine, personal hygiene items, toothbrush and toothpaste and suitcases.

We also would like to take school supplies like pens and pencils and crayons etc...

Of course your monetary donations are always welcome

CTA Cuba Trip suitcase Drive

Donation Drop-off Hours

Monday-Thursday

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Chisholm Trail Academy

(817) 641-6626

For more information, call

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POWER WEEKEND:

In just one month (March 22-23) we will have a **very special** Power Weekend with guest speaker Dr. Roy Gane from Andrews University. I included his bio in last week's letter in case you missed it. Pastor Gane will present a total of four sessions on the topic of "Christ's Sanctuary and Your Salvation." You can see the schedule details in the graphic below. This will be a great opportunity to invite your family and friends as we take a deep dive into earthly and heavenly sanctuaries.

POWER WEEKEND

"Christ's Sanctuary and Your Salvation"

with Dr. Roy Gane

March 22

6:00 - Supper provided

7:00 - "Why Study About the Sanctuary?"

March 23

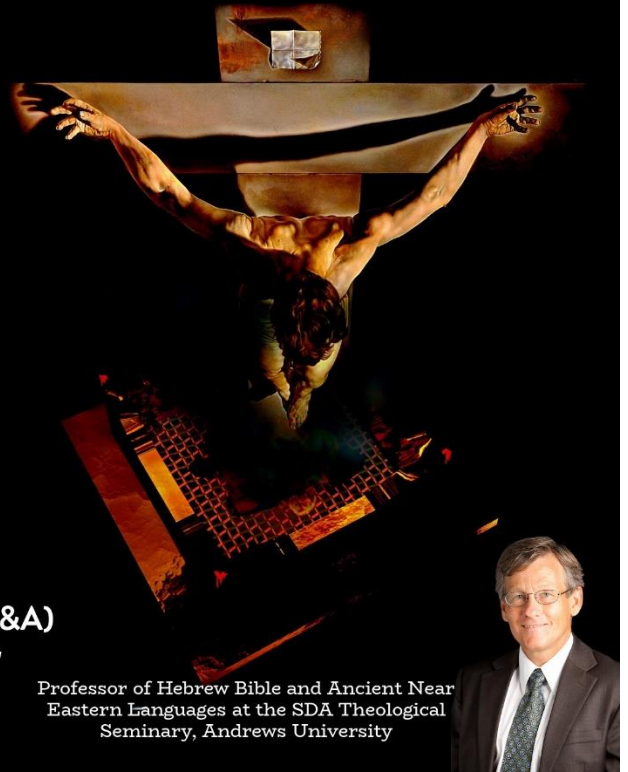
11:00 - "The Drama of Ages"

1:00 - Lunch provided

2:00 - Righteousness and Peace Have Kissed (includes Q&A)

7:00 - "The Hour of His Judgement Has (Already) Come"

8:00 - Refreshments provided



Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Languages at the SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

That does it for this week. I hope you are soaking in this gorgeous sunshine and making some vitamin D! Better yet, "Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine (on us) that we may be saved!" Psalm 80:19

Have a blessed week! ~ Liz ~

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GraceNotes

A century ago, the poet wept: *“Things fall apart. The centre cannot hold.”* And after greater blood and anarchy, who dares to argue with him? Pollyannas need not apply.

And yet, sweet children are still softly kissed before they dream each night. Young lovers stroll and plan for lives that still unfold. The vendor at the corner store still offers us a smile with every morning’s purchase.

What keeps our world above the “blood-dimmed tide” that threatens to engulf us?

According to the Word of God, it is His grace that still preserves our loves and tenderness. Even the world-ending cataclysm the Bible teaches us about is not rushed—while mercy does its work: “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Your good job; your fresh love; your next breath—all are made possible by love that will not let us go. Between the haste and pain; among the litter of our sins; through all the litany of obstinance and ignorance—the grace of God preserves, sustains, and offers hope.

There is no depth grace cannot reach; no foolishness it can’t undo. Grace is another word for hope.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- I can’t believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That’s five years in a row now.
- My email password got hacked again. That’s the third time I’ve had to rename the cat.
- Which celebrity is always ready for cereal? Reese. With her spoon.
- What do you call a group of anxious dinosaurs? Nervous Rex.
- When I was a kid we bought a dog from a blacksmith. As soon as we got home he made a bolt for the door.