

The big weekend is upon us, friends!



Our **BURLESON ADVENTIST CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** schedule is as follows:

- **Friday, 6:00pm:** Supper in the Fellowship Hall
- **Friday 7:00pm:** History Slide Show with narration in the Sanctuary
- **Friday 8:00pm:** Socializing in the Fellowship Hall with photo albums and slideshow loop, Mass Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

- **Sabbath 9:00:** Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (waffles, biscuits & gravy, fruit, muffins...)
- **Sabbath 10:00:** General Lesson Study in Sanctuary by former pastor Chris Morris (formally promoted speaker for Sabbath School cancelled)
- **Sabbath 11:00:** Church service featuring BAS Choir, Mass Choir, sermon by former pastor Mike Tucker, Men's Chorus consisting of former and current pastors.
- **Sabbath 1:30:** Potluck lunch at BAS gym. The church will provide lasagna, tossed salad, bread, and drinks. **Members with last names A-P should bring side dishes. Members with last names Q-Z should bring desserts. Please bring your dish to the church kitchen and it will be transported BAS. Please bring hot dishes prewarmed due to limited oven space.**
- **Sabbath 2:30 – 4:30:** Tours of BAS. The church will be open at **3:00** for those who want to hang out and visit.
- **Sabbath 5:00:** Concert by former pastor Steve Darmody
- **Sabbath 7:00 – 9:00:** Supper in the Fellowship Hall by our Pathfinder Club (fundraiser) and time for socializing

- **Sunday 8:00am:** Golfing at Hidden Creek Golf Course (only if you have already signed up)

Whew! It's a full weekend but will be a great celebration of our past and how God is using our church in this community. We hope you will join us! There will be overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall with live streaming of the service.

Here's what's happening on **April 29th:**

- Pastor Kevin will be bringing us the Message of Hope and our **BURLESON CHURCH CHOIR** will be presenting a few numbers.

- We want to bring hope and healing to our community through truth-filled Christian literature and have purchased 500 copies (50 in Spanish) of the **THE GREAT CONTROVERSY** to distribute in Burleson or your neighborhood (see graphic below for details). If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Connect Corner. We'll be leaving from the church at 5:00pm.



Thrive Magazine (English/Spanish)

In the writings of Ellen G. White, we are told that medical missionary work is an effective way of reaching hearts and preparing them for accepting the gospel. *Thrive* magazine is designed to be a companion to *The Great Controversy*, providing an entering wedge for you to share the health message along with the three angels' messages. The premier issue, themed "Coping in the Midst of Crisis," explains how the pandemic has affected mental health across North America and how to cope with it using God-

The Great Controversy (English/Spanish)

In light of current events and all that is going on in the world we have developed a new cover that draws the minds of people from the conflict to the future peace. With embedded QR codes, this full edition of *The Great Controversy* makes it easy for you to read, watch, or listen to the content within each chapter. This combination of the physical book with digital content makes this version more appealing and engaging to a wider audience.

- After you're done passing out the Great Controversy, stop by BAS for an outdoor family Vespers at 7:00. Bring lawn chair or a blanket. Refreshments will be provided. After Vespers the gym will be open for volleyball and board games (bring your favorite ones).

AY Family Event - 4/29

Outdoor Vespers at 7:00
Bring a blanket or lawn chairs

Open Gym Social following

Snacks and drinks provided





FAMILY FIREWORKS FEST will be before you know it and we want to be very intentional this year about making this an outreach with spiritual tones for our community. We're getting creative on how to accomplish this but need YOUR help! We are challenging our small groups (Sabbath School Classes, Clubs, etc.) to discuss among their group and choose an activity or booth they will be willing to be in charge of. Sign-up sheets will be in each classroom and selections should be date/time stamped as options will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Planned activities/booths will be listed, but if your group has an additional idea, we are all ears!

On the heels of Family Fireworks Fest will be **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (which we will be promoting at FFF). Don't forget to save the date! We'll let you know when registration begins.



I've got a lot of busy work to do for this weekend so I gotta go. I think I covered everything... Have a blessed week!

~ Liz ~

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If concerts lasted 60 days, the audience would be smaller than the band. If a book took 40 years to read, almost no one would ever finish it.

We want the distillation of a life, not the whole story. We're looking for the summary, not the entire sermon. We're addicted to the soundbite, not hours of video outtakes.

And so we speak of grace as an event, even a moment, that can be captured, imaged, even timed. "I got saved at 7:23 pm last Tuesday." "God turned my life around in 20 minutes during lunch."

Yet grace is frequently a long and gentle process in our lives—at least a season, often a decade, sometimes an orbit of 50 years. We celebrate the moment of insight; heaven counts the long and winding road that led to now—a thousand times the sad trajectory of our lives was turned so quietly by love. "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

The "grace that saved a wretch like me" is simply that moment we became aware of what God has been doing in our lives for seasons and for years. Grace is always present and continuous. Through Christ, we are both "saved" and "being saved," for grace has no terminus—no end—for those who trust in Him.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- You know, not everyone thinks of Cleopatra as beautiful. But that's how Julius Caesar.
- I told my psychologist I'm scared of living in a tall building. He said it's only an Apartment Complex.
- Why did the chicken go to the gym? To work on his pecks.
- It's a shame nothing is made in this country anymore. I just bought a TV and the box said, "BUILT IN ANTENNA." To be perfectly honest, I don't even know where that is.