I feel like I've been hitting on most of the same announcements for the last few weeks. But maybe you haven't had a chance to read the Mid Week Letter for awhile so these may be new to you.

THIS SABBATH Pastor Kevin will be bringing us the Message of Hope as we continue our sermon series on the life of Joseph: Dreams Do Come True. We hope you'll join us for worship and then stay for food and fellowship at **POTLUCK**, hosted this month by the Love In Action Sabbath School Class.



Something else going on this Sabbath is **SERVICE SCHOOL** for The Block High School Class. They will be staying at the church to assemble hygiene bags for the houseless. These will be similar to the Blessing Bags they made earlier this year, but instead of food they will contain items like hand sanitizer, wipes, toothpaste, etc. The Block will make these bags available for us to carry in our cars and distribute as we encounter those going through a difficult time. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this effort, you can mark your tithe envelope for Youth Ministries or give online by selecting Youth Ministries under Local Offerings – More Categories.



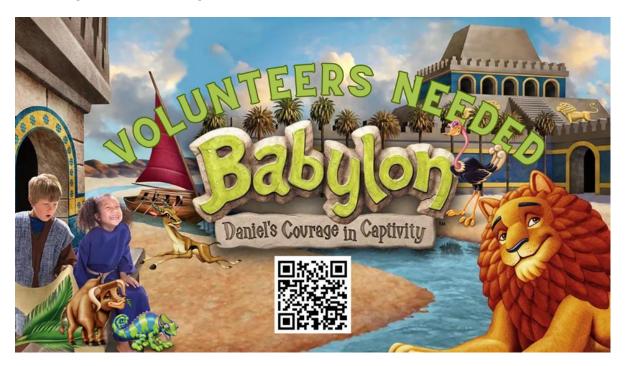
And speaking of monetary donations...I have a message from our Finance Committee Chairman, David Adams:

URGENT NEED for STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT:

Church family, we have been blessed through the years with ongoing donations and support for our Worthy Students, via our STUDENT FINANCIAL AID fund. We have been able to bless many families and students by helping to offset some of the costs of Adventist education at Burleson Adventist School and CTA and Burton for academy. Unfortunately, we have come to a place where **our funds are almost completely depleted** and we do not believe we will have enough funds available to approve the financial aid applications that we anticipate receiving for this upcoming school year. We are asking for our church family to be willing to dig a little deeper into their wallets and hearts and help us replenish this very worthwhile fund for our church families. Please prayerfully consider donating to our **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID** fund, by marking your Tithe envelope as such, or choosing that option on our online giving portal. Thank you again for all the support you have provided for our students in the past, and we look forward to continuing to so do as we seek to help provide Christian Education for our students.

Several of you have inquired about **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** and when you can register your child. You can do that NOW! Yay! Click **HERE** to go to the **REGISTRATION FORM**. And by the way, by popular demand, the VBS time has returned to the evening – **5:30 to 8:30pm**. Invite your neighbors to register on our website: www.burlesonadventist.com

While you're at it, click on the <u>VOLUNTEER FORM</u> to see all the different ways you and/or your pre-teens and teenagers can be a blessing at VBS!



Instead of telling you all about the **CELEBRATE FREEDOM AND FAMILY FIREWORKS FEST,** I'm just going to include the flyers that we will be posting in the community and on social media.



We hope you will attend this and invite your friends!





We say our greatest wounds come from the hands of others. The parent who denied us love; the boss who took the credit for our work; the spouse whose teasing made us cringe—the dirge called "People Who Have Done Me Wrong" is at the top of every playlist. Behind each failure, so we say, there's someone else responsible.

But God's Word calls us to admit our greatest sorrows grow from the choices that we've made. We nursed our wounds; we hurt our friends; we shut our ears to conscience. We spoke untruths; we weaponized our words; we've reenacted all the spite we ever got from others.

"You who judge others do these very same things," the Bible says (Rom 2:3). "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard" (Rom 3:23).

Grace helps us see what we've refused to see: "Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" (Rom 2:5). The grace that calls us to account shows us the way to full and free renewal: "If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

A new, forgiven life awaits. Don't miss it for the world.

And stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- What did 0 say to 8? Nice belt!
- Never fall in love with a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a bannna.
- What did the horse say after it tripped? Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!