

Mid Week Letter 2-14-24

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! It's good to recognize and celebrate love, especially since our God is the very definition of love!! And know that at the Burleson Adventist Church, YOU ARE LOVED!

Here's what's coming up that you might be interested in:

VALENTINE SOCIAL RECAP:

Kudos to Michelle Lizardi and those who helped her for the great Western themed social last Saturday night! The games were unique, and I loved watching some of you try your hand at lassoing and target shooting, among other challenges! I think the kids had even more fun than the adults! By the way, Pathfinder staff, your homemade chili, cornbread, and deserts were amazing! And the kids did a fine job at waiting on the tables, too.

I'm sharing a couple pictures that were taken at our photo booth. If you have any candid shots of the evening, please email them to me.



THIS SABBATH

- It's Bobcat Classic time again, and we will have their guest speaker, Rob Parish, giving the sermon. Yes, it will be a FULL sanctuary for the worship hour, but we will have overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall with live streaming, so stick around.
- After the service, all the kids will head to BAS for their lunch and we will have our usual monthly POTLUCK in the Fellowship Hall.
- The offering emphasis this week is for the Local Church Budget. Thank you for your faithful generosity in supporting the physical needs of this church and its various ministries, including Burleson Adventist School.

WOMEN'S RESTAURANT SOCIAL:

Ladies, it's been awhile since we got to try out a new culinary experience together! Join us next 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](#).



CLOSET CLEAN-UP:

Our church got a good sprucing up, inside and out, before our 50th Anniversary last April. But some much needed areas that we didn't get to are the closets. You know how those can get out of hand over time! Many 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 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 mess with your closet if you aren't able to be there to give the final word on what goes and what stays.



POWER WEEKEND:

We are in for a **very special** Power Weekend, March 22-23! Dr. Roy Gane will be our speaker for a total of four sessions. Let me share his bio here:

Roy E. Gane is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Languages at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, where he has served since 1994. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in biblical Hebrew language and literature at the University of California, Berkeley, specializing in sanctuary rituals and laws recorded in the Pentateuch. Dr. Gane is particularly interested in exploring ways that relevant principles from sanctuary worship and biblical laws can guide and empower modern people who choose to accept transformation by Christ through the Holy Spirit in preparation for His Second Coming. Speaking at camp meetings, pastors' meetings, and Bible conferences has taken Gane to six continents. He was President of the Adventist Theological Society from 2009-2010.

Gane has published numerous scholarly journal articles and book chapters, and he was the primary translator for the Leviticus portion of the *Common English Bible*. He has published Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides (quarterlies) on Judges (1996) and Isaiah (2004, 2021) and several books, including (among others): *Altar Call*; *Leviticus, Numbers* (NIV Application Commentary); *Ritual Dynamic Structure*; *Cult and Character: Purification Offerings, Day of Atonement, and Theodicy*; *Who's Afraid of the Judgment? The Good News About Christ's Work in the Heavenly Sanctuary*; *In the Shadow of the Shekinah: God's Journey with Us*; *Old Testament Law for Christians: Original Context and Enduring Application*; and *The Sanctuary and Salvation: The Practical Significance of Christ's Sacrifice and Priesthood* (new edition of *Altar Call*). He also co-edited *Current Issues in Priestly and Related Literature: The Legacy of Jacob Milgrom and Beyond*.

Mark your calendars, save the date, and plan to invite someone!

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

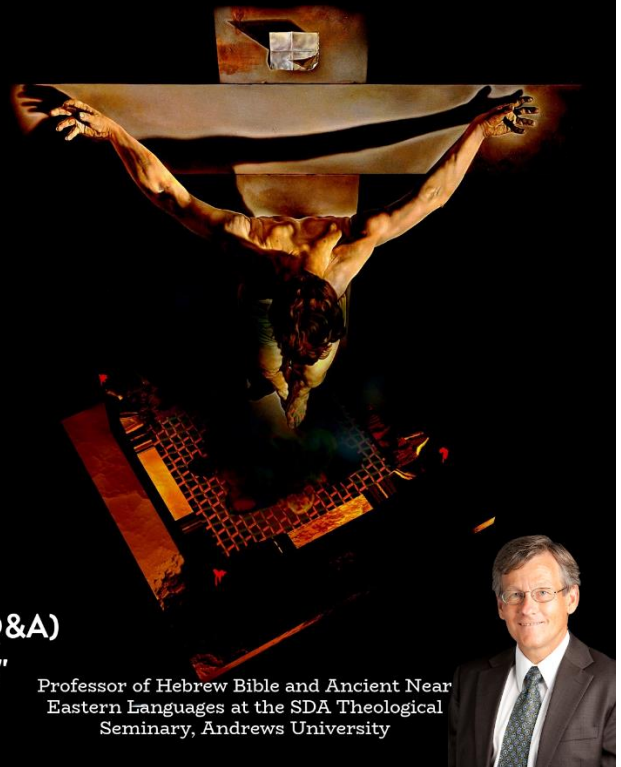
11:00 - "The Drama of Ages"

1:00 - Lunch provided

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

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

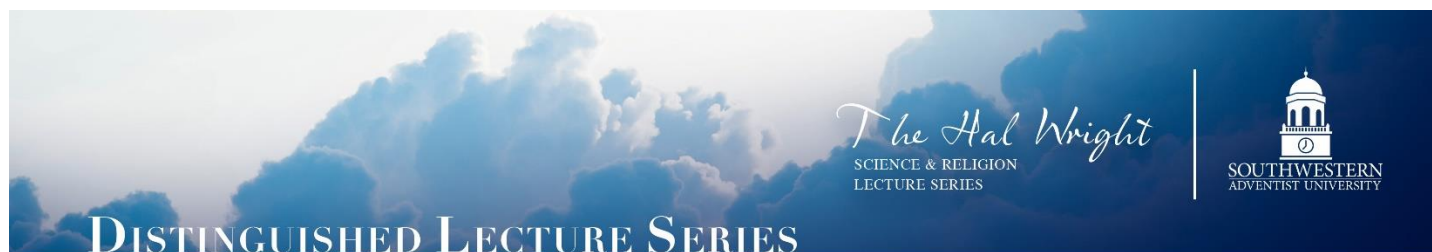
8:00 - Refreshments provided



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IN OTHER NEWS:

Here are some events I've been asked to share with you.



February 24, 2024, 4 p.m.

“The Kingdom of God and the Socio-Political Sphere”

Dr. Nicholas Perrin,
President of Trinity International University

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March 2, 2024, 4 p.m.

“Dungeons and Dragons: The Church’s Understanding of Mental Health”

Angeline Brauer, DrPH, MHS, RDN
Director, Health Ministries
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

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The Brazos Chamber Orchestra invites you to their winter concert series! Below you will find the dates and places for the BCO winter concerts. Please share the word with friends and family and come out to enjoy an evening of beautiful orchestra music!

All concerts begin at 7:30 PM

Winter Orchestra Concert Series – February 2024

Monday, February 19 Field Street Baptist Church Cleburne
Sunday, February 25 'The Center' @ Pathway Church Burleson
Monday, February 26 Granbury First United Methodist Church

Program

Majesty Jack Hayford/arr. Richard Kingsmore

The National Anthem Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith/Jeff Cranfill

Pavane, Op. 50 Gabriel Faure

Gershwin by George George Gershwin/arr. Jerry Brubaker
Music from Camelot A.J. Lerner/Frederick Loewe/Bob Cerulli
Go West arr. Ralph Ford

Josh Groban Gold Josh Groban/arr. Jerry Brubaker

Rocky Broadway arr. Patrick Roszell

I'll close with these beautiful words from 1John 4:16 *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

Blessings, ~ Liz ~

Only magnificent
humility
would offer saving grace
to undeserving
folks like us.



GraceNotes



Name any virtue dear to you, and there's one grace behind it.

Even the Bible's best-known virtues— "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23)—grow from one even more remarkable quality: humility.

Love means putting others before ourselves; joy is joining in another's glee. Peace emerges when we quiet the clamoring of ego; kindness acts to bless another. Faithfulness means being loyal to someone other than ourselves. Gentleness and self-control are how we act when we respect the dignity of others.

This undergirding grace of humility is best seen in Jesus Himself, who acted toward us as only true virtue could: "Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross" (Phil 2:6-7).

Only magnificent humility would offer saving grace to undeserving folks like us. As we learn Christ's humility, we grow in grace—and virtues. "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" (2 Cor 3:18).

Learn whose you are. And stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

Here's some corny Valentines Jokes to share with the kids...

- What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day? "You can always count on me."
- What did the Valentine get arrested for? For stealing someone's heart.
- What do you call two birds in love? Tweethearts.
- What did one light bulb say to the other light bulb on Valentine's Day? "I love you a whole watt."
- What did one oar say to the other oar? "This is so row-mantic!"
- What do you call sweets that can keep a beat? Candy rappers.
- What did the paper clip say to the magnet? "I find you very attractive."