

Mid Week Letter 4/26/23

Greetings Church Family,

I think it's safe to say that all who attended our **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** last weekend were tremendously blessed! If you weren't able to attend, we hope you participated via live stream. Unfortunately, we were unable to stream Steve Darmody's concert due to copyright issues. In any case, you can view the Friday night program and the church services on our [YouTube page](#).

Pastor Kevin has a message about the anniversary he would like to share:

Wow Church, what a weekend! I have gotten so many wonderful comments in regards to this past weekend that there is no way to record them all. All I know is that this past weekend was certainly a high Sabbath that we all enjoyed and it was something that didn't happen by accident. In fact, discussions for the weekend began almost a year ago and planning more than 8 months ago. In other words, this took a team of people a long time and a lot of work. And it was all worth it. Having said that though, I want to give a hearty and heart-felt "Thank You" to several specific people. Individuals who were absolutely instrumental in making this weekend happen. A special "Thank you" to the entire Organizing Committee:

*Larry Schneider
Linda Knutson
Liz Simons
David Adams
Marie Adams
Glavaun Vallier
Danny Verdugo
Carrie Suess
David Coggin*

I also want to thank Larry Schneider, John Mathews, and Matthias Vohwinkel for the beatification of the outside of the church, to Larry, John and Richard Jones for working hard on the inside of the church, and to Brady Gendke for organizing all the deacon help for the event.

I would also like to apologize to Cuba McKinney for failing to recognize her last Sabbath as a charter member. Cuba was at home watching the service and we are so glad that you were, and we wish you could have been with us to be celebrate. Thank you, Cuba, for being a part of this church family for 50 years!

In addition to the names already mentioned, please know that if you played any part in the success of this weekend, your efforts are so appreciated. This is what it takes for a church to stand the test of time; her members all working together for a common cause. This past weekend was about remembering and celebrating what God has done. Going forward, it is sharing the soon return of Jesus! May we work just as hard at helping our friends and neighbors be ready for His soon appearing as we have at celebrating what HE has done.

*Thank you all! And God bless the Burleson Adventist Church!
Sincerely,
Pastor Kevin*



This Friday will be **YOUNG ADULT SUNSET VESPERS** at 6:30pm! This will be the last one before our summer break. We hope to see you there! The Bible Study theme will be the Letters to the Church in Revelation and our food theme will be Spring Delights! Bring your favorite spring (or color) inspired treat! 5804 Post Oak Dr. Alvarado TX 76009

Here's what's happening **THIS SABBATH**:

- Austen Powell will be bringing us the **MESSAGE OF HOPE** and the **CHURCH CHOIR** will be singing.
- Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 we will be meeting at the church to distribute copies of **THE GREAT CONTROVERSY** and **THRIVE MAGAZINE** to our Burleson neighbors. Pastor Kevin will have a script prepared to give you confidence as you share this literature of hope and healing.



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 chairs or a blanket. Refreshments will be provided. After Vespers the gym will be open for volleyball and board games (bring your favorite ones).



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 responsibility they will be willing to adopt. Sign-up sheets will be in each classroom THIS SABBATH and selections should be date/time stamped as options will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Planned activities/booths are listed, but if your group has an additional idea, we are all ears!

Scroll down to get a sneak peek of the sign up sheet so you can start thinking about it...



FAMILY FIREWORKS FEST SIGN UP TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Please select (numerically) the top 3 areas your group would consider adopting

ACTIVITY/RESPONSIBILITY	SMALL GROUP NAME	DATE/TIME STAMP
Kiddie Train (driver provided)		
Face Painting / Temporary Tattoos		
Bounce Houses		
Fishing Hole		
Dunk Tank		
Ice Water Distribution		
Photo Booth		
Hospitality Team		
Prize Station (includes free literature)		

Please contact either of the Pastors or Liz Simons if you have questions about what each activity involves.

Additional activities/responsibilities are already covered by specific ministries or clubs (Concessions, Safety, Parking, Set-up & Take-down, VBS & BAS stations, The Journey Radio Station)

Ok, I guess that about covers it for now. I hope to see you this Sabbath! Until then, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

~ Liz ~



Friends who live the
grace of God
bring hope and
kindness on the
journey.

When you have the chance, choose friends who breathe the air of grace.

Grace doesn't make them better golfers, but you'll want their gentleness when you earn that triple bogey on the 8th.

Grace doesn't make friends wise or witty, but they'll know to put an arm around you when you're hurting or discouraged, for God has laid His hands on them.

Grace doesn't turn friends into counselors, but they can lead you through forgiveness when you've blown it big and can't see daylight up ahead. "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5:19).

Grace doesn't give conversation skills, but they'll stay with you—and not let go—when others would go running for the exits. They've heard God say in seasons of deep loneliness: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (Jer 31:3).

Friends who live the grace of God bring hope and kindness on the journey. Keep choosing them.

And stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- My husband traumatically ripped the blankets off me last night. But I will recover...
- If two vegetarians get in a fight, is it still a beef?
- My wife said: "That's the 3rd time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?" "No," I said, "I keep telling them it's for you."
- Why did the Biology teacher break up with the Physics teacher? There was no chemistry.