

PIONEER SABBATH:

Brethren, the Sabbath approaches whence we will celebrate our Pioneers! All are encouraged to attend, and visitors are most welcome! Regular Sabbath School classes will be held indoors, but a general lesson study (presented by Brother Orlando Lizardi) about our church pioneers will be held under the tent on the land betwixt our church and the Union Office.

The church service will also be held under the tent, and we encourage you to bring a blanket or outdoor chair in case attendance exceeds the tent capacity. Pastor Walkowiak will be presenting a sermon from God's messenger and there will be an abundance of hymn singing.

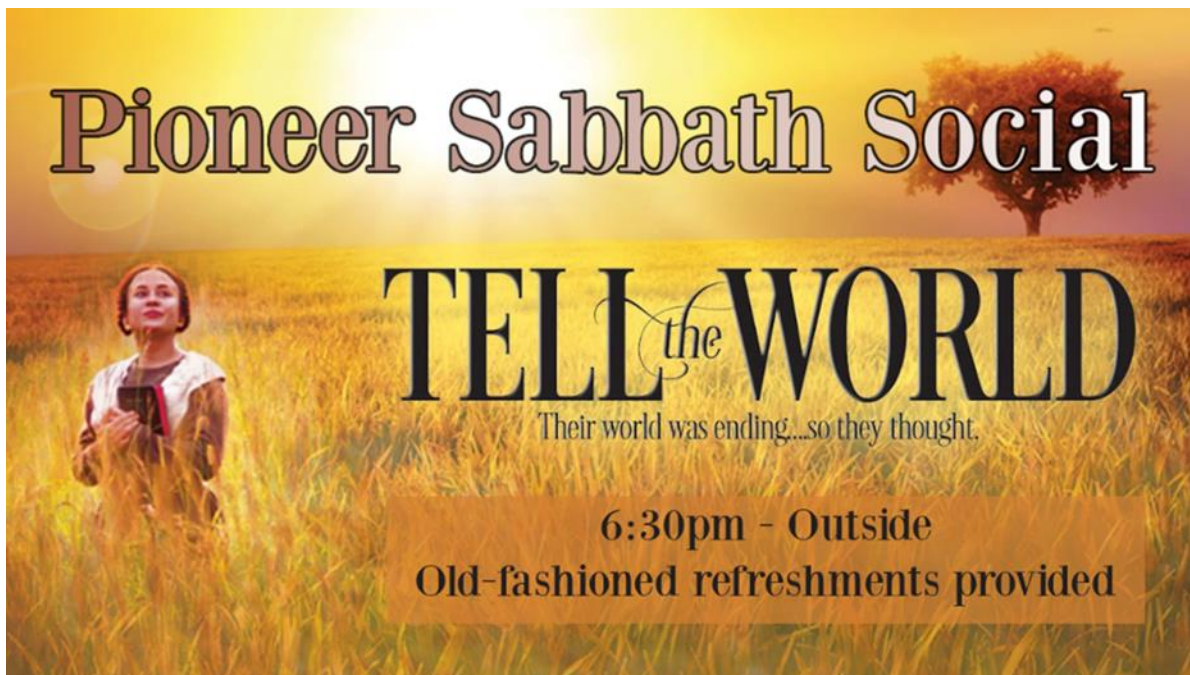
Dress comfortably in the camp-meeting fashion (I know for a fact that several of you will be dressed 1800's style!).



After the divine worship service, we will partake of a **POTLUCK PICNIC**. Food dishes can be held in the kitchen until the appointed time, but you will be responsible for transferring them to the picnic area. There will be a few tables with chairs available for those who have difficulty sitting on a picnic blanket. Paper goods and drinks will be provided in the custom of our usual potlucks.

PIONEER SABBATH SOCIAL:

After a Sabbath afternoon rest, we invite you back for "moving pictures" outdoors under the tent. The historical drama of our church pioneers in *Tell the World*, lays out in great detail the colorful characters and events that forged not only a movement, but also the seeds of a church driven to declare the gospel to the whole world. Old-fashioned refreshments like apples with caramelized sugar coating, corn that has been popped, and peanuts that have been roasted over the hearth, will be provided as well. (Insect repellent will be available if needed, which is not exactly in the pioneer spirit, but hey...)



YOUTH VESPERS

High Schoolers, join us for an outdoor vespers, October 20 at 6:30. Bring your blankets or fav chair as we receive the Sabbath together. Invite a friend for a chance to win some cool prizes! For more information call Pastor Danny: 626-243-3472.



HARVEST TREE:

It's the time of year when our minds are particularly drawn to how blessed we are and what a blessing it is to share our abundance with others. Every year we have an Angel Tree that goes up after Thanksgiving. This year we are adding a Harvest Tree that will give you the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items to make Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. The excess food items will go to Harvest House.

The autumn "tree" will be in the inner lobby. Take a leaf (or two) and return the items written on the back to the baskets under the tree. If you have names of families who could benefit from this effort, please let us know.

By the way, last winter one of you members mentioned that you would like to be in charge of the Angel Tree. For the life of me I cannot remember who volunteered! Please come forward!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Our second of three lessons in this series of Bible studies on the prayers of Psalms is next Wednesday, Oct 25, at 6:30pm. We meet at The Pines of Alvarado Event Center and a light supper is provided by our host, Misti Powell. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual growth! If you can't make this study, plan on joining us for a new topic after the holidays.



That will do it for this week. Oh, by the way, I forgot to mention for those of you out of town...we will be live-streaming the service on Pioneer Weekend, although I can't promise the sound quality will be premium. LOL! Hope you can join us remotely. And I hope to see the rest of you under the tent! ~ Sister Simons ~



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More than 50 years ago, a wildly popular book and movie gave us a proverb worth forgetting: “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.”

Despite its commercial success, the line ignores the undeniable reality that broken human beings are always needing to repair the relationships they care most about—and usually with the words, “I’m sorry.” For love to bloom, it must be watered by apology and forgiveness.

And so it is with God. By our foolish, selfish actions, we’ve failed His rightful expectations as our Creator. We’ve hurt His heart of love each time we’ve wounded others with our malice or indifference.

But the good news is still good: “If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Our broken relationship with God can be healed by a simple phrase: “I’m sorry, and I need You.”

God’s rich embrace is all of grace. Restoration is one short prayer away. And this love story never ends.

So say—and stay—in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNY STORIES:

- I asked the kids in my nursery school class what they needed in order to grow up nice and strong. One little girl answered, "Birthdays!"
- Teaching is not for sensitive souls. While reviewing future, past, and present tenses with my English class, I posed this question: "'I am beautiful' is what tense?" One student raised her hand. "Past tense."
- When the box with my Halloween costume arrived, it was empty. I called the company and asked where my Maid Marian costume was. "We're sorry, ma'am. We'll send your costume tomorrow," the representative said. "In the meantime, feel free to keep the Lady Godiva costume you got by mistake."
- Sometimes honesty isn't the best policy. A patient showed up at our medical office and asked, "You're Mary, aren't you?" I smiled. "No, sorry, I'm not." "Are you sure? You look just like someone I know named Mary." "Well, I hope she's young and skinny." "No," he said, settling into his chair. "She looks like you."