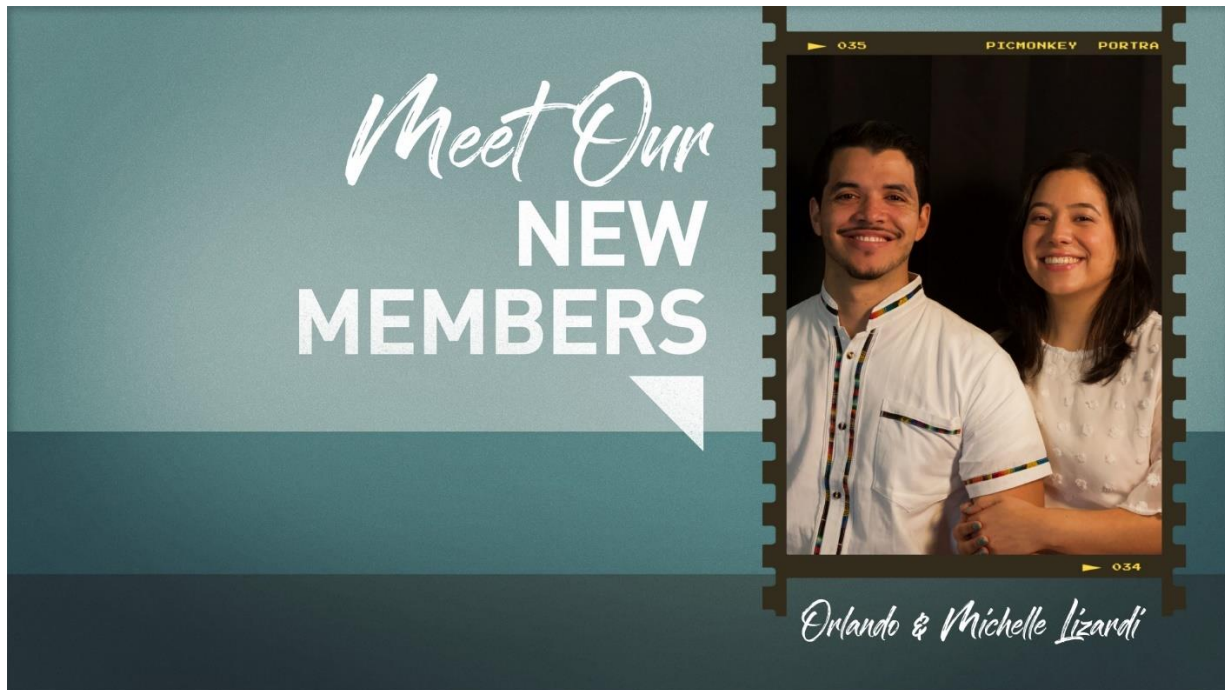


Happy Wednesday, friends!

I want to start out by introducing two new members to our church family. **ORLANDO AND MICHELLE LIZARDI** are a young couple who were actually got married in our church in 2021. They chose to become members here because the “church was very inviting, and its message aligns with our values.” Already Orlando and Michelle are involved in our Young Adult Ministry and are very open to using their gifts and talents to serve the church and community. Both are therapists and, naturally, enjoy listening to others. We can’t wait to get to know you guys better! Welcome, and thank you for what you bring to our family!



**THIS SABBATH** Pastor Danny will be bringing us the Message of Hope continuing in the story of Joseph.

This Sunday is **THE TEXAS CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION**. Your Pastors and ten delegates from our congregation will be attending the session in Killeen. For the first time you can view the Constituency Session via livestream on Facebook or YouTube@Texas Adventist. Beginning at 9:00am.

June 17 will be our next **SERVICE SCHOOL**, and the High School Class (The Block) will be assembling **HYGIENE BAGS** for the homeless. Remember the Blessing Bags they made a few months ago? 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.



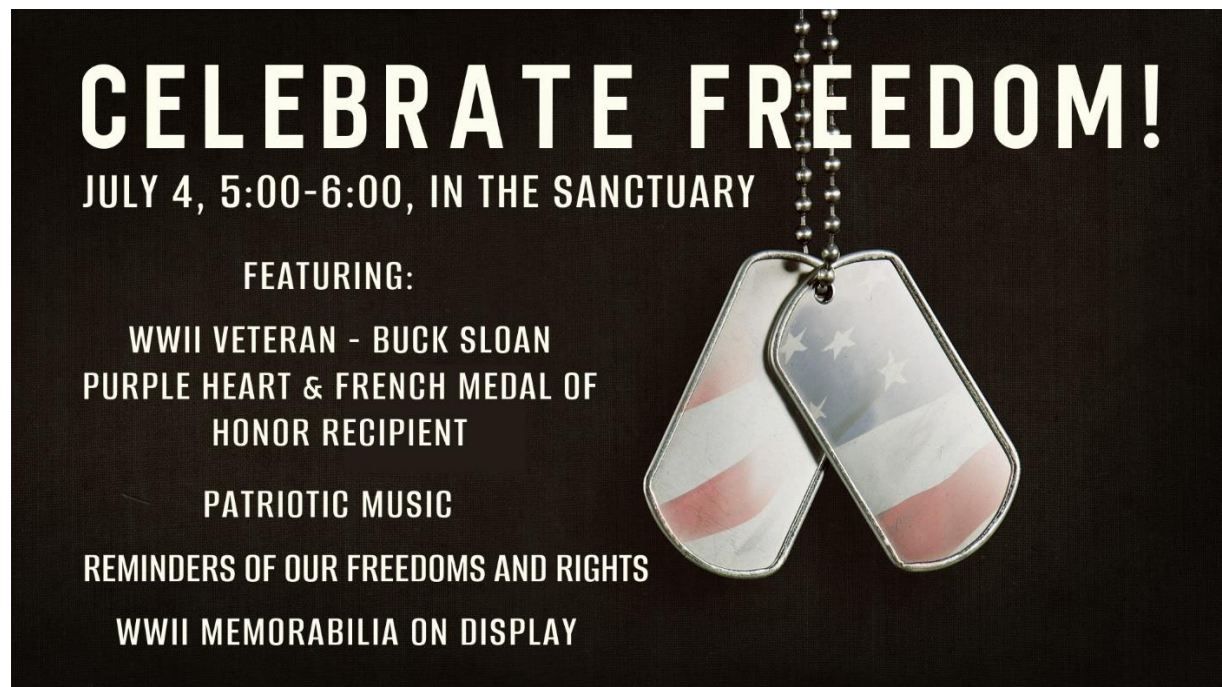
We're really going to be focusing on inviting our community children to **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** this year. Of course, we can only host as many kids (ours included) as we have staff to teach and assist them. So we want to give you an opportunity to [CLICK HERE](#) and see where you can best serve. Taylor Gendke is our fearless leader this year and I know she will welcome your involvement June 24-29! Oh, by the way, **the time will be 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday -Friday and 11:00am on Sabbath.** I apologize for the previous misinformation.





Ronald Reagan can be quoted for saying, *"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."*

I think it's safe to say that most of us take our freedoms in this country for granted. This Independence Day we want to take some time to **CELEBRATE FREEDOM** before we enjoy the fun, food, and fireworks of **FAMILY FIREWORKS FEST**. We hope you'll join us in the sanctuary on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm for a patriotic program featuring 99 year old WWII veteran, Buck Sloan. Mr. Sloan won the Purple Heart and French Medal of Honor and has quite a story to share! There will also be interactive singing of patriotic music and more elements that remind us of our freedoms and rights in this country God has blessed. After the program you can view WWII memorabilia on display. Thank you to Bob Sparenberg for spearheading this event! He has a real heart of gratitude to the Americans who freed his home country of Belgium in WWII.



Thank you and welcome to our new **MEALS ON WHEELS** team members, John Justice, Lynda Bunch, and Cindy Nunez! Woo-hoo! Wouldn't it be great if we had so many volunteers that we had to ask for another route?!

We also want to give a shout out to Erica Hopkins for joining the team in the **KINDERGARTEN SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS!** You are appreciated!

That's all I have for this week. *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2*

~ Liz ~



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It's hard enough to admit mistakes when gripped by the conviction we've done something wrong. Our crippling pride protests the humbling of our hearts. It's harder still when those to whom we should confess make doing so protracted, cold, or shameful.

And so we usually delay in saying what we must—we postpone joy; prolong our reconciliation—because we judge that God is like that irascible uncle or overbearing boss who makes confession difficult. We imagine that a righteous God must want to see us grovel.

But Scripture shows a Father running to embrace His long-lost son; a wounded lover continually forgiving unfaithfulness; a Saviour eager to restore, renew, and heal. “For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them” (2 Cor 5:19).

Truth is, the Father is more eager to forgive than we are to ask His pardon. His grace flows from abundant and tenacious love: “God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him” (John 3:17).

We miss the Father’s joy when we don’t trust His heart. We squander days that could be bright with happiness and hope. So why delay in telling Him the things you need to say? He knows them all before you speak, and loves you anyway.

Now stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

#### FUNNIES:

- A detective showed up at my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. I told him kindergarten.
- It’s probably not safe for me to be driving right now. But, hey, bad brakes have never stopped me before.
- My dad quit his job to pursue his dream in archeology. His career is now in ruins.
- Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot, because you can catch a cold.