

# “HEAVENLY HERALD” NEWSLETTER

## Church of God 7th Day

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11:00 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Worship Service & Sermon  
1:00 Potluck Open to the Community

**WELCOME**

to the

***“Biggest Little Church in Town”***

Pastor Ralph Orton, Ministering

Sherry Orton, Bible Study

Shawn McCool, Youth Ministries

*September 2011 EDITION*

## CHURCH NEWS:

Well here we are in September, going to get cooler, kids going back to school, people back from vacations and closer to Jesus's return, praise God!

I thought I would spice up our newsletter some too, so each month in a different section of the newsletter there will be a very small message telling you were to go in the newsletter to write down something and put your name on the paper also and put it in the monthly newsletter drawing box located on the copier table.

Everyone that follows the directions and enters will have a chance at a prize every month for that drawing and every month the prize will be a little different. I thought it might put some zing into reading the newsletter and we can have some fun. The monthly newsletter drawing will be held on the 1st Sabbath of every month, so make sure that you have your entries put in by the 3rd Sabbath of the month before the drawing so, they can be looked at to be sure that people are eligible for the drawing. Happy hunting and Good Luck!!

The women's luncheon has been moved to the 2nd Friday of each month so, more ladies can join in on the fun.

Brother Sherman will be writing a monthly page on prophecy in our Newsletter. It is called "How It's Going to Be." Be sure to find it in this months issue. Thank you Sherman it Looks Great!!

We will be having Church in the Park on Sept. 10th in the River Side Park. We will be setting up with our own tables and chairs near the children's play ground in the upper part of the park. We will be having our regular church and worship service, after the service we will be having a BBQ of burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and sodas. Bring a dish that would go with a BBQ \*potato salad, baked beans (no pork), lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced cheese etc.\* We will be needing some help in setting up things \*see Pastor Ralph\*. It should be a fun filled day, hope to see you there.

We have ordered some car magnets to promote/advertise our church, this way you don't have to even approach anyone, it's right on your vehicle and we will be giving out some church business cards so, if someone asks about the sign on your vehicle, you can give them out. We have large ones and small ones. Please ask Pastor Ralph, Shawn or Nadia for one.

Congratulations are in order to Jason and Darla Slawson on the birth of their daughter Sydney, born on July 19th, she was 6 pounds and 19 inches. Welcome to the world Sydney we are glad that you are apart of our church family. It was also very nice to meet Darla's parents David and Betty they are a very nice couple.

We also have a suggestion box for ideas that you might have, please don't wait if you have one, it will be looked over and brought up on the third Sabbath of the month after potluck at 2:30pm.

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**UNITY OF BELIEF**

**DIVERSITY OF  
UNDERSTANDING**

**ONE IN CHRIST**

**PASTOR RALPH'S  
NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT**



**What God Can Do!**

It Is No Secret (What God Can Do) is a Southern Gospel song composed by Stuart Carl Hamblen in the 1950s. Both Billy Graham and John Wayne were involved in the writing of this great Gospel song. Hamblen turned from alcohol after attending a Billy Graham revival and meeting Billy in a hotel room for prayer. Later, at a party, Hamblen replied to John Wayne's observation that Hamblen had gotten religion with, "It is no secret what God can do in a man's life." John Wayne drawled in response, "Well that sounds like a song" thereby planting the idea in the songwriter's mind. Truly God works in mysterious ways. Here is the chorus.

It is no secret what God can do  
What He's done for others He'll do for you  
With arms wide open He'll pardon you  
It is no secret what God can do

What a great comfort this thought is. What He's done for others He'll do for me! The Bible is full of marvelous things God has done for others and He is no respecter of persons so He can and will do marvelous things for me. Not just, "Will" but "Has" done marvelous things for me. It just occurred to be that a diary of marvelous things God has done for me is a book I wish I had written. Perhaps it would help me appreciate my blessings more if I could review them in writing once in awhile. Just consider all the events that happen in our lives and how many of them are seldom, if ever, recalled. I have no doubt that our praises would ring forth with much vigor if only we could recognize and remember our blessings. All of them!

I am challenging myself to try to keep track of my daily blessings for at least a few days and then share them with you. Perhaps you would like to try the same thing and share your results with me.

In closing I must agree that it is no secret what God can do. But!! If a person hasn't heard and understood about God and what He can do, then it might as well be a secret. We are all disciples and we need to get the message out.

It is no secret what God can do  
What He's done for others He'll do for you  
With arms wide open He'll pardon you  
It is no secret what God can do

Pleased to be yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ralph

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**In Weekly Service:**

**Pastor Ralph Orton, Minister/ Pastor**  
**Sherry Orton, Bible Study Instructor**  
**Shawn McCool, Youth Ministries**

**Nadia, Music Coordinator**  
**Donna Parker, Prayer & Praise Requests**  
**Sherman Parker, Scripture Reading**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Women's Luncheon** 2nd Friday of each month. The next meeting will be on September 9th, 12:00 pm at "Matsukaze" on 7th street next to the Jelly Donut.

**Christian Music Jam:** 1st Friday of each month at "The Grange" on Redwood Avenue, 6:00 pm.

**Family Movie Matinee:** September 3rd at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary following the potluck. The movie is titled, "Soul Surfer" It's a true story of a competitive teen surfer Bethany Hamilton who lost her arm in a shark attack, but courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, inspiring millions worldwide through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. Features an all-star cast including Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt, AnnaSophia Robb and Carrie Underwood. Hope to see you there!

**Church in the Park:** September 10th at 11am in River Side Park, BBQ to follow Church service.

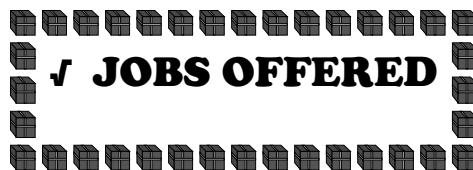
**Bible Forum:** September 10th at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary following the potluck.

**Prayer Meeting:** September 24th at 2:30 pm following the potluck.

### Women's Luncheon Update

The August 19th luncheon was held at noon at *The Black Bear*. The ladies luncheon is held on the *2nd Friday of each month*. In attendance this month were Vickie R., Odessa, Nadia, Adara and Ralphina. They had a great time. Lots to share, as sisters in the Lord. Nadia won the 'pot'. Lucky girl. As for September 9th, the ladies have decided to meet at **Matsukaze**; but, the October luncheon will be held at Applebee's in Grants Pass.

Perhaps, you and a guest or two can join us on September 9th, or at any of our gatherings. It's a standing invitation. If you need information, call the office at 541-479-2440.



*In this economy, we need to work together to make certain that no one is lacking; so let's make sure we make our need for jobs known. By the same token, if you are fortunate enough to be able to offer a job to someone, then advertise it here.*

**Free land!** If you have free land (an acre or so), or know of somebody who can donate their land, please contact Pastor Ralph at 541-479-2440, as we are in need of a church building site, or even a small church.

**Brandon** is looking for work hopefully something with a regular schedule but, will take odd jobs.  
541-295-1177

(room for more ads here) Call with your ad info. 541-479-2440



**“SHERRY’S  
MESSAGE”**

**TO A FRIEND FROM  
A FRIEND**

**DEAR FRIEND:**

**HOW ARE YOU? I JUST HAD TO SEND A NOTE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU AND CARE ABOUT YOU.**

**I SAW YOU YESTERDAY AS YOU WERE TALKING WITH YOUR FRIENDS. I WAITED ALL DAY HOPING YOU WOULD WANT TO TALK WITH ME ALSO. AS EVENING DREW NEAR, I GAVE YOU A SUNSET TO CLOSE YOUR DAY AND A COOL BREEZE TO REST YOU. THEN, I WAITED. YOU NEVER CAME. YES, IT DID HURT ME, BUT I STILL LOVE YOU BECAUSE I AM YOUR FRIEND.**

**I SAW YOU FALL ASLEEP LAST NIGHT AND LONGED TO TOUCH YOUR BROW SO I SPILLED MOONLIGHT UPON YOUR PILLOW AND FACE. AGAIN I WAITED WANTING TO RUSH DOWN SO WE COULD TALK. I HAVE SO MANY GIFTS FOR YOU! YOU AWAKENED LATE AND RUSHED OFF TO WORK. MY TEARS WERE IN THE RAIN.**

**TODAY YOU LOOK SO SAD SO ALL ALONE. IT MAKES MY HEART ACHE BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND. MY FRIENDS LET ME DOWN AND HURT ME MANY TIMES TOO, BUT I LOVE YOU.**

**IF YOU WOULD ONLY LISTEN TO ME. I LOVE YOU! I TRY TO TELL YOU IN THE BLUE SKY AND IN THE QUIET GRASS. I WHISPER IT IN THE LEAVES ON THE TREES AND BREATHE IT IN THE COLORS OF THE FLOWERS. I SHOUT IT TO YOU IN THE MOUNTAIN STREAMS AND GIVE THE BIRDS LOVE SONGS TO SING. I CLOTHE YOU WITH WARM SUNSHINE AND PERFUME THE AIR WITH NATURE SCENTS.**

**MY LOVE FOR YOU IS DEEPER THAN THE OCEANS, AND BIGGER THAN THE BIGGEST WANT OR NEED IN YOUR HEART. IF ONLY YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I WANT TO HELP YOU. I WANT YOU TO KNOW ME AS YOUR FATHER.**

**JUST CALL ME. ASK ME. TALK WITH ME. OH, PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T FORGET ME! I HAVE SO MUCH TO SHARE WITH YOU.**

**OKAY, I WONT HASSLE YOU ANY FURTHER. YOU ARE FREE TO CHOOSE ME. IT IS YOUR DECISION. I HAVE CHOSEN YOU. BECAUSE OF THIS, I WILL WAIT, BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.**

**YOUR FRIEND,  
JESUS**



**“Origin of word phrases”**

**Rack your brains: Meaning:** To rack one’s brains is to strain mentally to recall or to understand something.

**Origin:** The rack was a mediaeval torture device and was adopted as a verb meaning to cause pain and anguish. Shakespeare was one of many authors who used this. For example, from Twelfth Night, 1602: “How haue the houres rack’d and tortur’d me, Since I haue lost thee?”

The term was called on whenever something or someone was under particular stress and all manner of things were said to be ‘racked’. The first recorded use of this being specifically applied to brains is in William Beveridge’s Sermons, circa 1680:

“They rack their brains... they hazard their lives for it.”  
The same idea was used by the composer William Byrd in 1583 when he wrote: “Racke not thy wit to winne by wicked waies.”

**A sight for sore eyes: Meaning:** A welcome visitor– someone you are glad to see.

**Origin:** This phrase was first recorded by Jonathan Swift, in 1738: “The Sight of you is good for sore Eyes.”

The title of the work suggest that it was in use prior to his writing it down. The currently used version of the phrase was first recorded by William Hazlitt, in New Monthly Magazine, 1826: “Garrick’s name was proposed on condition he should act in tragedy and comedy...What a sight for sore eyes that would be!”

Submitted by: *Vickie Rest*

**Alaskan tourism**

If you are considering camping this summer, please note the following public service announcement from Michel’s Travel Agency in Anchorage:

“Tourists are warned to wear tiny bells on their clothing when hiking in bear country. The bells warn away MOST bears (brown, black etc.), but be careful, because they do not scare the Grizzly Bears. Tourists are cautioned to watch the ground on the trail, paying particular attention to bear droppings to be alert for the presence of Grizzly Bears. One can easily spot Grizzly droppings, because it has tiny bells in it.”

Submitted by: *Vickie Rest*

Look at the children’s page and write down the book and chapter of the memory verse on that page on a piece of paper with your name and put it in the monthly newsletter drawing for a prize. You could be a winner. Good luck!

**Psalm 37: 16 & 18 (KJV)**

**16] A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked;**

**[18] The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever**

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY  
NEEDS LIST**

*(most frequently requested items)*

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Q-tips                     | Paper towels        |
| Toilet paper               | Wet Ones/Towelettes |
| Tooth paste                | Tooth brushes       |
| Spray bottles for water    | Deodorant           |
| 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner | Combs               |

**“Lend a Hand” Ministry**

**If you have a need, or know of someone who has a need of a few extra hands, please let our pastor know what that request is, and when it needs to be done. He will inform the church, and get the ball rolling! Anyone, who can help on that particular day, just show up. You will be blessed!**

**Funny Bone Alley**

**On a Sabbath morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sabbath. Time to get up! time to get up and go to church! Get up!"**

**From under the covers came mumbles, don't want to go!"**

**“What do you mean?” she said. “That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!”**

**“No!” he shot back. “I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!”**

**“Nonsense,” she told him. “I'll give YOU two reasons to go, first, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR!”**

## Recipe of the Month

### *“White Sauce Chicken Casserole”*

Submitted by: Vickie Rest

**Ingredients:** 1 teaspoon lemon juice to each quart of water for fluffy white rice.  
3 1/2 lbs. of diced cooked chicken \*will yield about 3 cups\*  
1 cup of butter    1 cup of flour    1 cup of milk    4 cups of your favorite rice, cooked  
For a quick casserole topping use either wheat germ, crushed cereal or cracker crumbs with seasonings. Packaged dry stuffing mix, plain or buttered, makes a tasty topping \*use as desired\*

**Directions:** For an instant white sauce, blend mix the butter and flour. Spread mixture in ice cube trays. When frozen, remove and store in plastic bags. To make sauce, drop 1 cube into 1 cup of milk. Heat slowly and stir until thickened. Make approx. 3 cups of white sauce.  
Mix your cooked chicken, rice and white sauce together, cook and then top it with the topping you desire.  
Cook it for about 35 minuet in oven on 350 degrees



## GARDEN or HOUSEHOLD TIPS



### *Floor care tips*

*Resource: WG Sjoström Co.  
Submitted by: Odessa Parker*

#### **Flattened Shag Carpeting**

Raise flattened spots in your carpeting where heavy furniture has stood by using a steam iron. Hold over the spot and build up a good steam. Then brush up the carpet

#### **Candle Drippings**

For spilled wax on carpet, use a brown paper bag as a blotter and run a hot iron over it, which will absorb the wax

#### **Dog Stains**

Blot up excess moisture with paper towel. Pour club soda on the spot and continue blotting. Lay a towel over the spot and set a heavy object on top in order to absorb all the moisture

#### **Rug Care**

When washing and drying foam-backed throw rugs, never wash in hot water, and use the "air only" dryer setting to dry. Heat will ruin foam.

#### **Crayon Marks on Floors**

Use silver polish to remove crayon marks from vinyl tile or linoleum

#### **Spilled Nail Polish**

Allow to almost dry, then peel off of waxed floors or tile.

#### **Tar Spots**

Use paste wax to remove tar from floors. Works on shoes too.

#### **Dusting Floors**

Stretch a nylon stocking over the dust mop and discard when used.

#### **Varnished Floors**

Use cold tea to clean woodwork and varnished floors.

**PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GRACE IN HEARING &  
ANSWERING OUR PETITIONS IN PRAYER!**

For 'Prayer Chain' requests, call Nadia 541-474-3938

**Please pray for:**

**Our Church Congregation**, unity in Christ; God will guard our thoughts & put a protective hedge around us; a deep hunger for God's Word; healing for those who are ill; Outreach Ministries; that God will bless us with our own building or land to build upon; the Holy Spirit to lead us in every area of our lives

**Church Leaders**, (Worldwide) God's wisdom & a hunger for His Word

**Seeds Planted Worldwide**, for the Lord

**World Leaders**, will seek God's counsel; Christians will have a burden to pray for them

**Missionaries & Christians Around the World**, to be prepared for the Lord's coming; protection from the enemy; to know God's Word

**Military Troops & Wounded Soldiers**, God's protection & provision

**Natural Disasters**, God's healing, strength & recovery

**Attorney Generals**, that all 50 Attorney Generals will stick to what they originally said

**Israel & the Middle East**, for peace & the return of our Messiah

**Healing Room Ministries**, blessings as they grow internationally & locally; inception of 24/7 prayers

**ACTS Magazine (& Staff) & General Council**, a one-year commitment to pray daily for these

**Christian Businesses**, those struggling in this economy

**Children of the World**, to come out of the world & accept Jesus as Lord; safety from sexual predators & other perpetrators

**Teens**, will turn to God & have hope; prevention of suicide; pregnant teens will make informed choices

**All Families**, for marriages to be held together in unity in Christ; all to be ready for Christ's return

**Lost Loved Ones**, that they will turn their lives over to God

**Homeless & All Who Are Having Hard Times**, shelter, food & healing; to feel God's love & the love of others; peace in their heart & mind

**Godly Sorrow**, as repentance leads to salvation

**Sherman** **Prayer** for the press he got

**Mary** **Prayer** for her step daughter Lulu in her fight against cancer and for her son, Tom he is going astray

**Donna** **Prayer** to restore hands to normal

**Pastor** **Prayer** for those who help with VBS and more & **Prayer** for Sherri's recovery

**Brian** **Prayer** and thanksgiving for good weather and worship **Prayer** for hope, healing and relief of Ashley's gout, for Mom's fibromyalgia and both Brian and Dad's lower back pain

**Pastor** **Prayer** that Sherry has been able to get out and about and continued in her recovery

**Prayer** for Mary as she is troubled, heartbroken and in need of healing and love

**Prayer** for Gale as she is at a crossroads and feels so-so as to which direction to go forward. **Prayer** that she has a relationship with God that is unmistakable as to its source

**Barbara** **Prayer** for special people, for having her voice restored and for postponing her trip to Canada so she could help with VBS

**Prayer** for Paul and Michele, who are new in town, to get jobs **Prayer** for traveling mercies to & from on her trip

**Lee** **Prayer** that Tanya and her children return to the Lord

**Bryan** **Prayer** that Dennis Meeks finds work

**Nadia** **Prayer** for Tricia & the personal things going on in her life, that they will turn out ok, **Prayer** for Cody who got shot in military

**Prayer** Casey \*he is a vet\* & his wife Gypsy, that they will come to the Lord

**Praises**

Barbara for Lee's successful trip.

Stu for 24/7 prayer team in Jerusalem.

For God's help to Israel.

Sherman for his Mulberry trees that are bearing fruit.

Betty for their safe travel to see family and for her family.

Ralph for Sherry's safe travel to see family.

**Prayer Requests**

Ralph for Sherry and her mom during a difficult time.

Lee for a blind friend that has stomach problems and has lost his arms and an eye.

Lee for Amelia who will have an operation this week.

Lee because of fears of possible Alzheimer's disease.

Vickie for an unspoken request.

## "How it will be"

Jesus is coming! Great! So is the devil...bad news. Over half of the world's population, maybe 2/3's will die. God's people will have a really bad time, many will die. A lot of us so-called Christians will sell their brothers out. You say, "I wouldn't do that." So did Peter. We will have 3 ½ years to put up with drought and earthquakes that will exceed a 9.0 Magnitude. There will also be floods, asteroids, fire, darkness, and whole seas dying. Jesus sent us a manual, most of us don't know the language, and so he teaches some people. Does that make them special? No. They get attacked more. Will they do their job? They have to. (Rev 10:10 NIV) I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

Do I sound a little rough here? I hope so! That might be just what I'm supposed to be. Is it inflammatory? Read Daniel and Revelation. Are they?

Now, let's get serious. I hope I have your attention! First, you have to know the rules. When you study your Bible, first pray. The Devil doesn't like what you are doing, so you have to legally block him out. Next, we have to study by context. To do that we need to ask who did it? What is it about? When is this going to happen? Where is it going to take place? Why is this activity happening? Who, What, When, Where, Why - all W's. Write it in your Bible.

There are key words like time, abomination of desolation, beasts, crowns, horns, these and more. I will show you how to put it in a matrix. Later I will show you how it works and how simple it is. This stuff was not put there to be ignored, but to save you, at least to get you ready for Heaven.

Let's start with the word time. It literally is a fixed amount. The first place you find it is in Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32. Any normal scholar will tell you that, in this context, time is a year. I don't expect you to buy it that easily. Go to Daniel 12:7 through 11: It talks about a time of 1260 days, which is 3 ½ years or 3 ½ times. Now, Revelation 11:2, which talks about 42 months which is the same as 3 ½ years. Then Revelation 11:3 1260 days which is 3 ½ years. In Revelation 12:14 it's done again with time, times and ½ time. In Revelation 13:5 we are back to 42 months.

All these texts build up and support each other. They all happen at the same time. Each story adds to the other. It's like a whole bunch of people that see a wreck. Each person has a different perspective. Some see things that are more important than others. They each tell the same story but from their unique point of view. God told this story enough times that you understand there must be something really important about it.

During this period, there will be many times you see where God's people have a really hard time, maybe even die. Within this study you will be able to prove there is no secret rapture and you will learn the truth about the state of the dead. You will understand what gets the ball rolling and with that, when Jesus will bail you out. I don't know the day or year of His coming, but I will know after certain events take place.

It's kind of like you're in jail, you would really like to know when you will be getting out.

In Daniel 7 there are four beasts that are talked about. Each progressively gets described as worse than the last. Some teach they are one after another, as they are in Daniel 2. The first are all at the same time, yet they go down not exactly at the same time. Even though they go down they don't totally die. An example of this would be the second beast, the Bear, it's commonly believed this was the USSR. In Keys of This Blood the author talks of the United States as already having lost its eagle wings. There is another beast that we haven't talked about yet. What is it and why do we need to know about it? We will explore that next time.

By: Sherman Parker



## **How To Combat Your Pollen Allergies**

If you stop to think about it, pollen is everywhere, it can be found in trees, flowers, grass, and weeds. You might be wondering just how to avoid this allergen because as soon as you get over the tree pollen in spring, there will be grass pollen in summer, and ragweed pollen in fall. However, there are some steps you can take to prevent and reduce the effect of pollen, and this article will take a look at some of them.

Pollen is a fine, powdery particle that is produced by seed plants, which the plants use in the process of reproduction. Pollen is a harmless substance, but some human beings are sensitive to it and suffer extreme irritation. This can affect the eyes, nose and throat, and trigger allergic reactions.

Each year millions of Americans suffer from symptoms such as itchy watery eyes, coughing, sneezing, runny noses, and more, all because of pollen in the air. Some persons also suffer from conjunctivitis, which is an inflammation of the outermost layer of the eye.

The presence of pollen in the airways, (nose, throat, lungs or mouth), is a leading cause of allergic rhinitis, commonly known as hay fever. The symptoms of hay fever resemble the common cold, and as a result it is often misdiagnosed. It is characterized by itchy eyes nose and throat, sneezing, conjunctivitis, post nasal drip, red-rimmed eyes, and other symptoms.

The fact that allergies to pollen can be misdiagnosed means that precise testing is often required. Skin testing is sometimes done in an effort to identify, and isolate the allergen that is causing the allergic reaction. In addition, blood tests are also used to diagnose the condition.

Allergies to pollen can be treated by using medication, immunotherapy, or by avoiding the allergens. Medication is available in both prescription and over-the-counter varieties. The most common prescription drugs are antihistamines. The topical antihistamines are more popular and also more effective, because they can be put directly on the affected area, to provide fast relief from symptoms.

Antihistamines are also available without a prescription. By and large, there have been no major problems associated with the use of antihistamines. However, there have been some cases of people who have suffered from reduced alertness, drowsiness, and reduced coordination.

Immunotherapy involves the use of allergy shots, and entails the injection of small doses of pollen under the skin. It is believed that this will help to improve the body's tolerance to the pollen, and avert a severe reaction.

In order to avoid pollen, persons are often told to stay indoors as much as possible. Also, windows and doors should be kept closed, and the air conditioner should be used when you are at home, or in your car. The filter of the air conditioner will help to filter out pollen, but this can only be effective if it is cleaned on a regular basis. It is also important to shower before going to bed. This will help to wash off pollen from the skin and hair.

Pollen allergy can be very annoying and lead to interruption in regular activities. It is always recommended that allergies to pollen be treated, in order to prevent the occurrence of complications, such as severe respiratory problems

*\* The information published in these articles are not intended as a substitute for personal medical advice. Before making any decision regarding your health, please consult a physician or other qualified health-care practitioner.*

**Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer: Obama Acts Like He's Above Law on Immigration.**

Republicans are attacking President Barack Obama for acting like a “king that is above the law” in deciding to pick and choose which illegal aliens to deport.

“The Obama administration cannot get its amnesty schemes through Congress, so now it has resorted to implementing its plans via executive fiat,” said Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer.

“We need to remind President Obama that we elected a president that serves beneath the law and did not anoint a king that is above the law.”

Joining her criticisms were two other border-state Republicans, Reps. Michael McCaul and Lamar Smith of Texas.

“It’s just the latest attempt by this president to bypass the intended legislative process when he does not get his way,” McCaul said.

Smith said, “The Obama administration should enforce immigration laws, not look for ways to ignore them.”

And Florida Rep. Allen West jumped into the fray, too, calling for a House investigation into the guidelines. In an exclusive interview with Newsmax.TV, he accused Obama of “shredding the Constitution” with the new guidelines. “It is a form of amnesty and it does go against our Constitution and it very much concerns me because now we are rewarding people for an illegal activity,” he said.

“Think about the strain that is going to come on the types of services and things that we have to provide,” West added, saying aliens are getting a free pass.

The plan, called Secure Communities was first announced in June in an agency memo from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton. But battle lines are being drawn only now following a letter Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano sent Democratic senators outlining its plans.

A posting on the ICE website calls it a “simple and common sense way to carry out ICE's priorities,” as it is designed to focus deportation efforts on “criminal aliens, those who pose a threat to public safety and repeat immigration law violators.”

But critics say it is too much like the stalled DREAM Act, a Democratic plan that would have given illegals a path to U.S. citizenship.

“The plan amounts to backdoor amnesty for hundreds of thousands — if not millions — of illegal aliens,” said Brewer, who succeeded Napolitano in the governor’s office in Phoenix.

“The president is encouraging more illegal immigration at the exact moment we need federal focus on border security.”

(Newsmax)

**CHANGES AROUND THE WORLD - WILL IT AFFECT YOU?**

**submitted by: Shawn McCool**

**After keeping a relatively low profile for the last several years, Vladimir Putin is rising.**

In recent weeks, the Russian leader — currently serving as his country’s prime minister — once again has been making headlines, stoking controversy, and seeming to position himself to run for president of Russia again in March 2012. Consider the latest:

Putin is attacking Americans, saying we are “living like parasites off the global economy and their monopoly of the dollar.”

Putin is talking openly of creating a merger with the neighboring country of Belarus, run by a tyrannical dictator.

Putin is talking of creating a Eurasian economic union in Central Asia, similar politically and economically to the European Union but likely dominated by the Kremlin.

Putin is drawing criticism from Mikhail Gorbachev who says Putin’s political party is a bad copy of the Soviet Communist Party — anti-freedom and corrupt.

Meanwhile, Putin is fueling speculation that is he is planning to run for president again in 2012, though he hasn’t officially announced.

A lot can happen between now and then, so it’s by no means certain Putin will return to full power. But should Putin come back, it will not bode well for Israel, the U.S., or Europe. Putin is a power-hungry, greedy, authoritarian, Czar wannabe. He is determined to expand Russian wealth, power and control over her neighbors. He has worked especially hard to build strategic alliances with Radical Islamic leaders and states in the Middle East. Over the years, people have asked me if Putin might be the Russian dictator referred to as “Gog” in the Biblical prophecies of “Gog and Magog” in Ezekiel 38-39. I suspect as Putin continues to re-emerge, those questions will begin to be asked again. Here’s my quick answer: It’s too soon to draw such a conclusion. There’s much more that would have to happen to indicate that Putin was the “Gog” of Bible prophecy. But there’s no question in my mind that Putin is Gog-esque. He is dangerous, and both Israel and the West should keep a close and wary eye on him, especially given all that Putin has done to build a strategic alliance between Russia and Iran and the other countries mentioned in the “Gog and Magog” prophecies.

**Putin says the US is living beyond Its Means**

The U.S. “is living beyond its means and shifting part of the weight of its problems onto the world economy, acting to some extent as a parasite on the global economy and its dollar monopoly position,” Putin told a youth camp outside Moscow on Aug. 1 in response to questions about the risk of an American default.

After the S&P downgrade, Russia joined the largest holders of U.S. debt in rushing to voice support by pledging to retain their Treasuries holdings.

Russia doesn’t expect “any alternative whatsoever” to American sovereign debt in its holdings for the next five years, Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Storchak said in a telephone interview on Aug. 16.

“The U.S. debt market is still the most liquid, dependable and safe,” Storchak said. “There’s absolutely no reason for Russia to reconsider its position on U.S. securities or to change its investment strategy now. And not just now -- for some time to come. (Newsmax)

## Are these some of the warnings that Jesus spoke of?

Taliban Kill Eight at British Government-Backed Cultural Center in Kabul - Bloomberg  
Russia unveils new T-50 stealth fighter jet - Jerusalem Post  
Chavez Decision to Recall Overseas Gold Reserves Could Reflect Sanctions Fear - Fox News  
U.S. Stocks Tumble on Global Economy, European Funding Concerns - Bloomberg  
Russia FM: Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant to be fully operational 'very soon' - Ha'aretz  
Russian company unveils 'bomb in a box' cruise missile system - RIA Novosti  
After Iran strike, Israel gets cyber unit - UPI • Iron Dome intercepts 2 rockets fired at Israel - Ynet News  
Israel kills PRC leadership in Gaza airstrike - Jerusalem Post  
IDF strikes Gaza in response to attacks; 5 reported dead - Jerusalem Post  
Multifocal terror attack hits south - Ynet News • US makes criminals priority for deportation - AP  
Dust storm envelops Phoenix, downs power lines - AP  
Flash mobs' pose challenge to police tactics - USA Today  
Report: Standard & Poor's is Under Investigation - VOA News  
Wall Street Drenched in Red Ink: Nasdaq Crumbles 5.2% Amid Euro, Economic Tension - Fox News  
Small investors fleeing stock market - MSNBC  
Reports: Iran Seizes Thousands of Bibles; Destroys Church (Worthy News)  
Vietnamese Police beat Christian Worshipers (Worthy News)  
Christians assaulted while watching 'Jesus' film near former Bin Laden Safe House (Worthy News)  
Indonesian Mayor again refuses to grant Church Permit (Worthy News)  
Muslims in Malaysia have demanded that action be taken against those who proselytize Muslims to Christianity as 22 Islamic non-governmental organizations called for laws banning apostasy. (Worthy News)  
The latest famine in Somalia has resulted in thousands of deaths, but though aid is reaching some affected areas, Islamists of Al-Shabaab are controlling its distribution, preventing Christians from receiving food and causing many of them to starve. (Worthy News)  
Muslims attacked the Coptic Christians of Nazlet Faragallah village in Egypt's Minya province Sunday evening; the assault continued unabated into the following morning (Worthy News)  
Three Christians imprisoned for the testimony of Christ have died during the past months in Eritrea, including a 42-year-old man in solitary confinement Friday, according to a Christian support organization. (Worthy News)  
Members of the Islamist group Boko Haram have murdered at least 10 Christians in Maiduguri during the last two months in what one Christian leader is calling a "silent killing" of Christians. (Worthy News)  
An evangelical pastor who faces execution in Iran for refusing to abandon his Christian faith has urged fellow believers to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and the Word of God despite persecution, according to a letter obtained by Worthy News.  
Two house churches in Riau were burned down Tuesday, the latest of a series of attacks on minority religious groups in Indonesia (Worthy News)  
Although security forces found and disabled two cars packed with explosives in northern Iraq Tuesday, a third exploded outside a Christian church, wounding 23 people. (Worthy News)  
Islamists burned down a church on Zanzibar Island Saturday just three days after another church facility there was reduced to ashes (Worthy News)  
A committee of Nigeria's government was investigating Thursday, August 4, how to overcome rapidly spreading Islamic violence, after two weekend bomb explosions near churches in mainly Muslim areas. (Worthy News)  
Authorities recently arrested 90 believers in Eritrea as part of a campaign against Christians that began back in December. Although six were eventually released, the whereabouts of the other 84 is unknown. (Worthy News)  
A Cuban pastor who was imprisoned and then granted asylum by the United States was denied permission to leave Cuba. (Worthy News)

### The Other Side

(Author Unknown)

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know?" the man said.

"You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear."

"I know little of what is on the other side of death," the doctor continued, "but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."


# *Scripture Readings For August*

- July 30 - Hebrews 4**  
Theme "A Sabbath-rest for the people of God."
- Aug 6- Revelation 22**  
Theme: "River and Tree of Life."
- Aug 13- James 1: 1—15**  
Theme: "Testing your faith."
- Aug 20 - Matthew 18: 10—20**  
Theme: 'Lost sheep, sin and forgiveness'

### That's Not My Problem

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap!  
Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house."  
The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I cannot be bothered by it."  
The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house."  
"I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers."  
The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I in grave danger, Duh?" So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.  
In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital.  
She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.  
His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.  
The farmer's wife did not get well, in fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.  
So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

(Author Unknown)



September ANNIVERSARIES  
None known:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
&  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**



**If we missed your birthday  
or anniversary, we're sorry.**  
**Kylee 9/12:**  
**Jason and Darla's Daughter**

**Lenay 9/13**  
**Shay Lynn 9/14 :**  
**Lenay's daughter**

## Food for thought The whole story. How many were saved?

Years ago when a person told you something you could take them at their word. In other words what someone told you was the truth but, now in the times we live it's a lot harder to do that, our world has become so , how do you say?, out for their own gain, the truth is hard to find.

Jesus said that the days right before His return would be like the days of Noah Matthew 24:37-39 [37] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.

[38] For as in the days that were before Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

[39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away: so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

I've heard many preachers talk about what Jesus said concerning the days of Noah, comparing then to now days. The world will be doing their everyday life as now, just as in Noah's time, and that is, what is going on today no one wants to hear anything about Jesus or His return to earth to get His people who asked for forgiveness and changed their ways.

Let's face it I'm sure you all have heard someone speaking of this down the years.

So why did I bring it up?

I have never heard anyone talk about how many actually survived the flood. There were only eight, yes eight. I am not saying that there is only going to be eight people ready when Christ returns but, I am saying that if we take Jesus at His word, as we should, there isn't going to be many people ready when Christ returns, just as in the days of Noah.

I guess people don't want to think about that part of the story, because it's a very sad thing but, nevertheless we should stop and think about that part of the story. You say "Oh that's just one thing, it really doesn't show that", Well let's look at Luke 17: 28-30 [28] Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

[29] But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. [30] Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. This shows that not many were saved there also.

I don't mean to bring doom and gloom but, these are warnings from Jesus Himself. We see today all around us people, that want nothing to do with Christ, just like in those days and then came their reward and it was not a good one.

We should make it our prayer everyday for more and more people to hunger for God so, they can know the joy as we do, in serving God and get the good reward of eternal life with the Lord.

By: Nadia

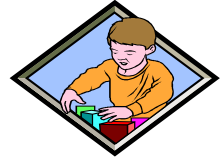
### “VERSE OF THE MONTH”

*Psalms 118:1 & 19-29 [KJV]*

*24] This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

#### Psalms 118:1 & 19-29

[1] O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever  
[19] Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: [20] This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. [21] I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. [22] The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. [23] This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.[24] This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. [25] Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.[26] Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.[27] God is the LORD, which hath she wed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.[28] Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.[29] O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever



### Armor of GOD



Write the names of the pieces of God's armor below, and then draw a line to the piece of armor on the soldier

Find help **in the Bible** Ephesians 6:10-17 There are 6 pieces \_\_\_\_\_

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**This month's memory verse:**

**Ephesians 6:11**

**Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**\*Tell the Sabbath School Teacher the above memory verse and receive a prize from the treasure chest\* \*Children only please\***



## CONTENT OF OUR NEWSLETTER

All writings are published to glorify our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Inside, you will find writings of encouragement, church history, current world events which affect the church, hodge-podge page, calendar of events, recipes, garden / household tips, spiritually inspired short stories (funny or serious), personal Christian-based articles, writings from other authors, personal testimonies, job requests or offers for our work-related ads, items for sale or trade, praises of thanksgiving and prayer requests, health info, birthday wishes, and monthly scripture readings.

If you would like something published, please submit your ideas to Nadia by the third Sabbath of each month. Thank you for your contributions. May God bless you!

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- 6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and all other requests submitted on our weekly ***“Praise & Prayer Requests”*** sheet. As we lift others up in prayer, be assured that God hears each and every prayer that we hold up to Him. When you have prayer requests that need to be addressed immediately, call 541-479-2440 or 541-474-3938 to receive prayer on the ***“Prayer Chain”***. You may also ask our **elders to pray with you**.

When you need private counseling, you may contact Pastor Ralph Orton at 541-479-2440. His desire is to shepherd this flock. During our ***“Prayer & Praise”*** portion of the weekly Worship Service, we encourage you to speak your prayer requests, and they will be honored at that time.

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