

Pastor's Corner

It was 18 years ago this very night. February 13, 1992, will always hold special significance for me. It was a Thursday night and Tina and I were attending a Youth to Youth conference at Cohutta Springs with our school. Now mind you, we had just attended a Valentine's banquet at Mount

Pisgah Academy the Sunday before and Jamie my twin, had taken Tina to the banquet where as I took Tonya her twin sister, to the very same banquet. Of course we all just went as friends, twins with twins. So it was that later that week we found ourselves along with others from our school at this conference with youth from all over the Southern Union in attendance.

On that Thursday evening, we gathered for a concert and I remember Tina coming to the front to sit with several of us, but there was nowhere for her to sit. Seeing as how I was sitting between two guys, I volunteered to go with her to find a seat somewhere else. So it was that during the concert that night, something began to click so that on the way back to our respective cabins, I began to feel like possibly I had a chance at courting this girl I had admired for so many years growing up. From that day forward, I began in earnest to gently inform her through gestures, notes, and glances of my affection for her and after a long period of friendship and dating, we became engaged and later married.

Let us be honest, the whole process of dating can be rather intimidating. Fear of rejection, especially at first is very real and present. But for those who are willing to venture out, who are willing to face the risk, there can be great reward. Jesus in a sense is seeking to court us. As He gently woos us through gentle gestures and hints, He faces much rejection. Of course it's worth it to Him as His love is much too strong not to try. But for each of us, there is fear involved too. Fear of commitment, fear of total trust. Yes, it's easy to profess vulnerability with Christ, I mean after all He knows us better than we know ourselves. But when it comes to stepping out with Jesus and walking on water, whatever that may entail, it takes real trust. It's easier to just say, I am not able right now, to trust ourselves more than Him. But for those who are willing to venture out with Jesus, the reward is amazing.

This morning as we conclude our series on Excuses, I would ask you to review the excuses you've made and by God's grace, discover the freedom in ignoring them so that you might experience the exhilaration of trusting completely in Him.

Pastor Jeremy Arnall



Greeneville Seventh-day Adventist Church

Our Vision

Knowing & experiencing God through active,
Spirit-led relationships, anticipating Jesus' soon
return

Our Mission

Building relationships with Christ, church, and
community through loving, learning, living, & leading

AYA - 5:00 -

*Come this evening at 5:00 p.m. as we
close the Sabbath together.
Ken Neubrandner in charge.*

Today's Offering: Adventist Television Ministries (NAD/WB)

Next Week: Local Church Budget

Presiding Elder: Fred Myers

Next Week: Harry Nelson

Today's Charge Deacon: Dave Ondrejka

Next Week: Ed Horton

AV: H. Hasting/R. Hastings

Next Week: D. Sanford II/E. Sanford

Camera: Josh Dietrich/B. Hastings

Next Week: Nick Knecht/ R. Hastings

Tape Ministries: Art Roth

Next Week: David Vest

Receptionists: Ken & Inge Horton; Ken & Shirley Fillers

Next Week: Ben & Jane Dyer; Ken & Jan Martin

Today's Music Coordinator: Jim Kennedy/Amanda Robinson

Next Week: Robyn Iuliano/Karin Small

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY Feb. 13

4:00 p.m. Hospital singing

5:00 p.m. AYA

SUNDAY Feb. 14

6:00 p.m. Valentine Banquet

MONDAY Feb. 15

7:00 p.m. CHIP

TUESDAY Feb. 16

6:00 p.m. CHIP

WEDNESDAY Feb. 17

10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Patriarchs & Prophets)

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. The Light & The Lampstand, Youth Room

THURSDAY Feb. 18

7:00 a.m. CHIP

FRIDAY Feb. 19

7:00 p.m. Enteraction Small Group

NEXT SABBATH Feb. 20

9:30 a.m. Sabbath School – Ed Horton

11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Pastor Jeremy, speaker

The celebration of Sabbath ends today at 6:11 p.m.
and begins next Friday at 6:17 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME – All are welcome in our worship services! Each one of you is important to God and to us as well. May you find God's grace here and be blessed by this worship service.

AYA – "The Christian Advantage in Stress Management" will be presented by Dr. Phil Mills, Feb. 20, at 5:30 p.m. This CHIP pioneer physician and sought-after international health lecturer will outline the Biblical tools that make the effects of stress more controllable. Please invite your friends to share with you in this rewarding evening experience.

FAMILY FUN STAYcation! – Looking for a weekend get-a-way? Strengthen your family ties by spending a weekend together in nature, worship and play. Come join us February 26-28 at Cohutta Springs Camp. Registration forms are in the church foyer or download one from our website, www.gccsda.com under the section Family Ministries. Questions? Contact Donna Crandall at 800-567-1844, ext. 342, or dcrandall@gccsda.com.

CONCERT – Don't miss out on the beautiful concert presented by the GCC Strings Festival coming Feb. 19 at Georgia Cumberland Academy. The elementary school students who have worked so hard on learning their music will be performing under the direction of Laurie Redmer Minner at the GCA SDA Church at 7:00pm Friday the 19th. Come and enjoy this wonderful gift of music that God has blessed us with.

A TITHE ENVELOPE was found with cash in it. There was no name on the envelope nor was it directed to any fund. If you have misplaced it, please contact the church office.

PRAYER JOURNAL: In an effort to keep a record of those who are in need of prayer we are beginning a prayer journal on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to enter your request for prayer between meetings.

ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. If you turn in your applications to AAA by March 29, 2010 the fee is \$25 (a savings of \$75). You may log on to our website at www.aaa.edu and click on "Documents and Forms" to print out the application form. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Abbott, AAA vice Principal for Partner Campuses at labbott@aaa.edu. Or 404-699-1400 x 125.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: 1ST Reading

IN: Libby Sparrow from Johnson City, TN

YOUNG ADULT/LIFE GROUP EXPERIENCE – Feb 5-7, 2010 at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. This will be a power-packed weekend of getting into God's word, experiencing Life Group ministry and learning how simple it is to reach out to other young adults. For more information, contact Alyse at 800-567-1844, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

FRUIT ORDER – Call in your orders for citrus, apples, bread or nuts by Feb. 22 to Tom Culler at 823-0934. Order forms may be viewed at mygaa.com.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS in good condition are needed in the yard sale room at the Community Services Center. For more information contact Virginia Bagwell.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH THIS WEEK is canceled.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT WEEK will be hosted by Dave & Brenda Ondrejka, Jan & Joy Leffers, Ed & Virginia Bagwell, Bill & Sue Barrett, Teresa Lawrence, Earl & Ruth Waddell, Charles & Betty Spindler, Robert & Sherry Thomas, Helen Thomas, David & Marva Wente, Jonathan & Sabrina Kennedy, Brent & Masha Barrett, Willie Barrett, pastor Matt & Jennifer Smith, Buck & Sherri Conner.

PHONE NUMBER – If you would like to call Carolyn Gudger you may reach her at 638-6419.

CARDS MAY BE SENT to Rick Strong, Eilene Strong’s son, who is battling cancer, at 2084 Brookstone Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 or email: rickstrong@tds.net. He began his chemo this past week.

CALLING ALL 8-11TH GRADERS!! Register now for the Georgia Cumberland Academy Days, March 12 & 13. You will experience Academy life at its best. See our athletic teams play, hear our choirs, orchestra, and band, see the dorm, and really get a taste of academy life. The entire weekend is FREE!!! Sign up today, have your friends sign up as well at www.gccsda.org and click on “Academy Days”. Fill out the online registration and that’s it. **WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!!** For any questions please call Dawn Lemaitre, 706-625-7148.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SPOUSE ABUSE: Becoming a First Responder and Advocate is a free seminar designed to equip church members to be prepared with a caring response for those who suffer from domestic violence. The seminar will represent findings from two important research studies that reveal the impact of spouse abuse on SDA church members. Participants will hear the testimony of an abuse victim, receive a resource packet and learn effective first steps for dealing with this difficult problem. This training opportunity will be presented by Dr. Rene Drumm, Professor of Social Work at Southern Adventist University, and her colleagues from the SDA Abuse Response training team. It will take place Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 from 2:30-5:30 PM at the Bowman Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 300 Westview Dr., NE, Cleveland, TN 37312. For more information or to pre-register for the seminar (please include your name, email, address, and phone number) contact sdaabuseresponse@southern.edu or visit sdaabuseresponse.org.

MUSTARD SEED LUNCH TAKEOUTS – In an effort to address the healthy lifestyle educational needs of our communities, the Mustard Seed is now offering lunch takeouts, Monday – Friday 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. If you know of individuals who would be interested in exploring a healthy lifestyle change, point them in the Mustard Seed’s direction. Also, to widen the educational effect, menus will vary daily. Recipes are available with meals. For more information, call 423-623-4091. Please keep this new health outreach ministry in your prayers.

ADVENT HOME needs Couple to supervise and mentor, ages 12-18 ADHA boys with special learning needs. Duties: wake up, put to bed, worship, work, recreation, emails. Rewarding opportunity for service, leadership. Contact Ms. Izzy Williams 423-336-5052 or send resume to: FAX 423-336-8224; iwilliams@adventhome.org.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SON? We provide licensed residential care, counseling, accredited remedial schooling to ADHD boys, 12-18, experiencing school failure, anger, poor self-image and needs a second chance. Call 423-336-5052 for an info package: Advent Home, Calhoun, TN 37309. www.adventhome.org.

SOUTHERN HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT will be held on Feb. 20 at 4:00p.m., our 9th, 10th and 11th graders from GAA are participating at the Collegedale Church in Collegedale, TN.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS: 1ST Reading

Brad Stanton – Audiovisual:

Bonnie Meyer, Olga Walton, Yvonne Wanamaker, Ollie Mae Giles as Sabbath School Secretarial assistants.

Cynthia Wolcott Kindergarten Assistant.

SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY	
<u>Adult Classes</u>	
Sanctuary, Feb. 6.....	Chris Small
Sanctuary, Feb. 13.....	Milton Siepman
Family Room.....	Jim Clayburn
Fellowship Hall.....	J. R. McKinney
Fellowship Hall.....	Ken Mathews
Fellowship Hall.....	Young Adult 19-29Knecht/Cross
Fellowship Hall.....	Michael Odell
Pastor’s Office (Women’s Class).....	Patti Cohen
<u>Children’s and Youth Classes</u>	
Cradle Roll	Ages Birth - 4
Kindergarten	Ages 4 – 1 st Grade
Primary	Grades 2-4
Juniors	Grades 5 & 6
Earliteen	Grades 7 & 8
Youth	Grades 9 - 12
<i>For directions, ask someone at the Welcome Center in the foyer for assistance. They’ll be glad to help!</i>	

<i>Give Online at Greenvilleadventist.org</i>
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WORSHIP AND PRAISE

February 13, 2010

11:00 A.M.

Fellowship, 10:45 a.m.

Welcome Pastor Jeremy Arnall
Ministry Focus Raceway Ministries Patti Cohen
Prelude Lynda Nelson, Organist

Praise, 11:00 a.m.

Introit *Kneel *O, Lord You're Beautiful* Imitators
Invocation Pastor Jeremy Arnall
Hymns of Praise *Stronger* Imitators
O Worship the King
Offering
Appeal/Prayer Brenda Crawford
Musical Offertory
Lamb's Offering Adventist Community Services
Children's Story Brenda Ondrejka
Child Dedication Andre Jacob Steen

Prayer

Scripture Hosea 2:14-20 Johnathan Thomas
Prayer Tom VandenHoven

Proclamation

Special Music *Holy, Holy Holy* Joshua Dietrich & Nick Knecht
Sermon "Excuses #5: I am Just Not Able" Pastor Jeremy
Closing Hymn *He's Able* See screen
Benediction Pastor Jeremy
Postlude Lynda Nelson, Organist
Garden of Prayer Fred Myers

Oh, Lord, You're Beautiful
Oh, Lord, You're beautiful.
Your face is all I seek.
And when Your eyes are on this child,
You're grace abounds to me.

CHURCH AT STUDY

9:15 A.M.

Song Service Duane Gibson
Opening Hymn
Welcome Jason Steen
Scripture & Prayer

Love in Trials

In God's Word "The Fruit of the Spirit is Joy"
Sanctuary Class – Chris Small
Pianist Bennie King

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*"I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me."*

Phil. 4:13