

# Brookings Seventh-day Adventist Monthly Newsletter

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## From the Pastor's Desk

By Barry Kimbrough

"Acknowledge your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed: for the prayer of a righteous man availeth much, if it be fervent" (James 5:16, Geneva Bible).

This rendition of the Greek text is from the Geneva Bible which was the version used by the pilgrims who arrived at Plymouth Rock in 1620. The Mayflower pilgrims lived by prayer and faith. They sought religious freedom in a new land, and endured the hardships of pioneering. Many did not survive the first winter. But they carved out an existence and started a country that grew over the generations. We are the inheritors of a land that they and many others (including 251 years of slave labor) gave us. What will we do with this gift?

Prayer was key for the original settlers, but not just any prayer. The text notes that prayer is successful "if it be fervent." Synonyms for fervent include: earnest, emotional, intense, hot, fiery, serious, tender, warm, and wholehearted. Which of those words describes your prayers? Pick one and let that be your style. God wants to hear from you.

Let us pray for our country and church. The issues that divide the nation can easily divide the church also. Jesus prayed that the church would have unity, faith, sanctification, joy, and a knowledge of God. As we pray unitedly, we can be the answer to Jesus' prayer.

## The Power of Prayer

Submitted by Linda Field

What does it mean to put on the whole armor of God? Are we supposed to dress like Knights of the Round Table? In Ephesians 6:13-17 Christian combat basics compares our preparation as soldiers of Christ to the complete suit of armor that a heavily armed Roman soldier wore in the first century. "Loins girded with truth" means basically rolling up your sleeves to fight. The "breastplate of righteousness" means that our faith matches our actions and obedience to God. "Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" is our willingness to share the gospel with whomever God puts in our path. The "shield of faith to quench all the fiery darts" implies that your reputation as a believer goes out before you just as a shield is held out in front of you. Be true to God and His Word in every thought, deed, and action. The "helmet of salvation" was the last piece of armor a soldier put on but the most important because it protected the brain. Believers must renew and protect their minds from sin, doubt, corruption, and compromise. And finally, we take "the sword of the spirit" which is the Word of God, our greatest weapon of all.

When we put on the armor of God, we put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14). Satan knows he no longer has any hold on believers, but the greatest tool in his toolbox is the fact that most of us don't know it (Romans 8:2). The first step on the way to victory is to recognize the enemy. "There can be no victory where there is no combat" (Richard Sibbles).

## Bible Brain Teaser

### Name that King!

1. The first and second king of the kingdom of Israel.
2. The United Kingdom of Israel's last king.
3. The Northern Kingdom's King Omri's wicked son who married an equally wicked woman.
4. Judah's royal son who, as a boy, was hidden by his aunt until the death of Queen Athaliah, at which time he ascended the throne.
5. Good king of Judah to whom God granted an extra 15 years of life.
6. He was king at the time of Jesus' birth.

*Answers on second page*

# Upcoming Events

## Pulpit Schedule:

August 1-Tianna Escobar

August 8,15,22,29-Pastor Barry

## Sabbath programming:

For access to the online Bible study guide, visit: [ssnet.org](http://ssnet.org). This website has updated links to all Sabbath School lessons for all divisions.

## There are two Zoom adult Sabbath School classes:

- Contact **Bob Biegel** 541-661-5161 for a link to the class.
- **Shantel Escobar** : Zoom ID: 737 254 0470  
[tonya.shantel.escobar@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.shantel.escobar@gmail.com)

Services at the church starts at 11:30a.m and can also be viewed live on Facebook and YouTube.

The church hosts three kinds of prayer meetings each week. 1) Monday and Fridays at 7 a.m. by conference call. Call 1 503 300 6845 Code 887408 2) Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. we host a Zoom prayer meeting ZOOM ID 399 814 9561 3) Daily 7 a.m. private prayer time is encouraged. Not a phone call or Zoom. Just you and God. Let us unite in prayer each day at the same time. Whichever prayer you wish to join, let us all pray according to the instructions in James 5:16. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Please visit us on  and at  **Brookings Seventh-day Adventist Church**, for live presentations and recorded video messages.

**Save The Date:** September 18 -19, Spiritual Emphasis Weekend with Pastor Kevin Wilfley. This will be a Zoom seminar. Stay tuned for more information

**Thank you** to everyone for continuing support of tithes and offerings. We **appreciate** the response to the needs of local church budget and are doing much better in that regard. <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANIFCB/envelope/start> Or send your tithes and offerings to: Brookings Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 777, Brookings, OR 97415.

## God gives opportunities -- Success depends on the use we make of them.

### Children's Corner



The robin is a familiar migratory songbird found throughout North America. With their clear whistling songs, these friendly birds build nests close to our homes. Sometimes in a shade tree out on a high branch, or on window sills

over doorways and under eaves. Mr and Mrs Robin work together gathering building materials such as grass, twigs, paper and string. Mrs Robin does the nest construction which is held together with mud. Mrs Robin will then lay 2 to 4 beautiful greenish-blue eggs. They hatch 12 to 14 days later. The robins gather insects, berries and earthworms dawn to dusk to feed their hungry family.

- Brain Teaser Answers**
1. Saul- 1 Sam 9:17; David- 1 Sam 16:1,13
  2. Solomon- 1 Kings 11:43, 12:20
  3. Ahab- 1 Kings 16:30,31
  4. Jash- 2 Kings 11:1-12
  5. Hezekiah- 2 Kings 18:1-5, 20:1-6
  6. Herod the Great- Matthew 2:3

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### Becoming a Skillful Comforter

*Real Help For Grieving Hearts*  
**ZOOM Seminar**

*Presented by Steve and Karen Nicola*

- ◆ Understanding for the grieving
- ◆ Confidence to be with another person in pain
- ◆ Skills to practice
- ◆ A personal grief care inventory
- ◆ The value of a team approach to support the grieving

**Date:** August 11-14 & 18-21

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

**ZOOM:** For more info call 541-469-3030

**Please call to register.**

*"If you want to help a grieving friend, but aren't quite sure how, this workshop is the place to be."*  
Carmichael CA [www.comfortfortheday.com](http://www.comfortfortheday.com)



### Report from Azalea Festival

Many thanks to over 20 volunteers who helped at our booth during the Azalea Festival on July 18 and 19. We gave out bottled water and many stopped by to see what we had to offer. Multiple Bibles and other gospel literature was given away, including children's stories which were very popular.



Many were interested to receive a new invitation card from our church that provides our location and times of services and community kitchen meals.

We took 21 prayer requests and two pre-registrations for the upcoming grief recovery seminar. We met the festival coordinator, Amber Nalls, who is the Deputy Recorder

for the city. The head elder of the Ashland church introduced himself and his wife to us. A couple from the Star of the Sea Catholic church shared experiences they had on two mission trips to Nigeria. Several visitors told us that they used to attend the Adventist church, or had visited one of our churches. A good time was had by all. Please keep this outreach in your prayers as many good contacts were made.