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Auburn SDA Church

Weekly Newsletter

Important Information

- Sunset Times March 29
- This Sabbath 7:54 pm.
- Next Friday Night 7:58 pm.

The Church in Study.	9:30 am - 10:40 am.
Worship Service.	11:00 am.
Sermon Speaker	Pastor Jeff Westberg
Sermon Title	When You're at the End of Your Rope
Sermon Text	Genesis 16: 1 ~ 12

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YOUR HOPE IS IN ETERNITY

LUKE 21:15-22

Luke 21:18-19 "But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls." Jesus says the disciples were betrayed by parents, brothers, relatives, friends, and some disciples were even put to death. Yet, the amazing statement of Christ is that not a hair of their heads will perish. The context of this statement speaks of some of the disciples dying, so this is not a promise that no physical harm will ever come. This could only refer to the resurrection. The Greek word for "resurrection" means "a standing or rising up." The resurrection is a major theme of New Testament teaching. Out of the 13 sermons in the book of Acts, 11 stress or imply the resurrection. The hope of the believer is the resurrection. The natural, earthly, terrestrial, corrupt, weak, mortal, vile body is said to be raised, changed and fashioned into a spiritual, heavenly, celestial, incorrupt, glorious, powerful, and immortal body. This is the completeness that has been purchased for all of us in Christ. The Lord views everything in the light of eternity. Man tends to view things in the context of his brief life on earth. From man's perspective, a person who dies for his faith in Jesus has lost a great deal. From Jesus' viewpoint, a martyr hasn't lost a thing. Even the very hairs on our head are numbered. The patience that Jesus is speaking of here is the calm assurance that God knows every hurt that we feel and He will abundantly recompense us in the resurrection. This knowledge enables us to control our emotions in the face of persecution (i.e. possess our souls) instead of letting our emotions of fear dominate us.

Wommack, Andrew (2011-06-09). One Year with Jesus In The Gospels Yearly Devotional. Andrew Wommack Ministries.

Pastor Jeff's Message



PRAYER

As I was preparing the sermon notes for this coming Sabbath, I found myself in greater than normal need of prayer. Then I recalled that just recently, Lydia shared a sermon on this important topic and distributed a very powerful book: **PRAYER**, by Ellen G. White. After reviewing the book again, I thought for my "comments" this week I'd paraphrase from the Preface of the book which was written by the Board of Trustees of her Estate.

The Scriptures admonish us to 'pray without ceasing.' This doesn't mean we're to spend all our time in formal prayer. It does mean we're to live and serve Jesus in an environment of prayer. Prayer is the two-way communication channel between our souls and God. God speaks to us through His Word ~ we respond to Him in our prayers ~ and He is always there to listen to us. We can't weary or burden Him by how frequently we engage in heart-to-heart talks with Him.

We are in serious times as the Second Coming of Jesus is close at hand. Events in our world call upon every disciple to be preparing to meet their Savior. We need to be serious and sober in our relationship with God. To strengthen this relationship and satisfy our emotional and spiritual needs, we must learn the power of prayer. We must plead with the Lord, like the original Disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray."

*I find it profoundly reassuring that God is willing and ready to hear and to respond to our heartfelt prayers under **all** circumstances. He is a loving Father who is interested both when things are going well and when the fluctuations of life deal us tough and challenging situations. When we feel like crying out, "God ~ where are You?" ... it's good to know that He's just a prayer away. In last week's comments, that's exactly what **Robert Robinson** did during that stagecoach ride. One writer penned: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."*

*From God's perspective, I think Ellen Whites statement is so very accurate: **"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."** [1SM, 121] To that end, there are several booklets available in the church office that you are welcome to take and read. We need to realize that God will do things for us when we pray that He will not do if we do not pray (see GC, pg. 525). To become the Disciples God has called us to be, we must acknowledge our need of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and then seek. This outpouring will happen as we pray individually and collectively. When we pray earnestly, sincerely, individually, and collectively, God will answer and great things will happen in and among His children.*

I challenge each of us to read Mrs. White's book: PRAYER ~~ and just then do it!

Church & Community Outreach Activities

- April 2, 9 No Pathfinder or Adventurer's Meetings
- April 12 Morgan Cope's Baptism planned before Worship Service
- April 16 Pathfinder Club (meeting 6:00-7:30pm)
- April 19 A "Will Clinic" is being presented at the Auburn SDA Church for Families that are members of the Georgia Cumberland Conference.
- April 23 Pathfinder Club (meeting 6:00-7:30pm)
- April 24-27 Pathfinder Camporee

Summer Camp is Coming at Cohutta Springs.

Registration is open at cs-yc.com for you to get your best choices and values. For more information contact Alyse at 706-602-7346 or camp_ifo@gccsda.com.

Spiritual Text to Ponder

2Pe 3:3-14(3) First of all, you must understand that in the last days some people will appear whose lives are controlled by their own lusts. They will make fun of you (4) and will ask, "He promised to come, didn't he? Where is he? Our ancestors have already died, but everything is still the same as it was since the creation of the world!" (5) They purposely ignore the fact that long ago God gave a command, and the heavens and earth were created. The earth was formed out of water and by water, (6) and it was also by water, the water of the flood, that the old world was destroyed. (7) But the heavens and the earth that now exist are being preserved by the same command of God, in order to be destroyed by fire. They are being kept for the day when godless people will be judged and destroyed. (8) But do not forget one thing, my dear friends! There is no difference in the Lord's sight between one day and a thousand years; to him the two are the same. (9) The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins. (10) But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that Day the heavens will disappear with a shrill noise, the heavenly bodies will burn up and be destroyed, and the earth with everything in it will vanish. (11) Since all these things will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people should you be? Your lives should be holy and dedicated to God, (12) as you wait for the Day of God and do your best to make it come soon---the Day when the heavens will burn up and be destroyed, and the heavenly bodies will be melted by the heat. (13) But we wait for what God has promised: new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will be at home. (14) And so, my friends, as you wait for that Day, do your best to be pure and faultless in God's sight and to be at peace with him.

Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 10 am. & 7:00 pm., April 1, 2014

Epileptic Healed

Matt. 17: 14-21, Mark 9: 14-29, Luke 9: 37-42



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Pictures of Dulce's Baby Shower

The church appreciates the money, hard work, and time that went into making the Celebrations of new life possible for our mothers in waiting during March. We are looking forward to seeing our new potential members soon after their arrival.



Future Items for you to Schedule on your Calendar.

- March 29 13th Sabbath Children's Program for Sabbath School.
- March 29 Sabbath Afternoon Sing-a-Long at 3:30 at the Auburn SDA Church. Bring yourself and your musical instruments to this informal get together to make joyful music to our Creator.
- Women's Ministry—Attention Ladies**
- March 29 Sabbath Evening Social at Yvonne Brown's, 2108 Watermill Court, Buford, GA. Contact Yvonne at 954-258-4734 for more information.
- March 30 Family Fun Day at Cohutta Springs Camp (9 am. - 3 pm.).
- April 4 – 5 Southern Georgia Camp Meeting at Savannah SDA Church. Dr. Jud Lake is speaking on the Theme: "The Legacy - A Look at Ellen White as a Prophet and a Person." Plan to bring food for a fellowship Pot Luck following the worship service.
- May 21st.- May 24th. Georgia Cumberland Conference Camp Meeting at Southern Adventist University . For more information, visit gccsda.com/campmeeting.