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Auburn SDA Church Weekly Newsletter

Important Information

- Sunset Times Oct 25
- This Sabbath 6:51 pm
- Next Friday Night 6:46 pm

The Church in Study.	9:30 am - 10:40 am.
Worship Service.	11:00 am.
Sermon Speaker	Pastor Jeff Westberg
Sermon Title	Coming Back To God
Sermon Text	John 21

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Give God The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done. So loved He the world that He gave us His son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice ! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice ! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Fanny Crosby

Pastor Jeff's Message

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Stewardship



As I mentioned during announcements last Sabbath, less than half of the family units comprising the Auburn Church return to God any tithe. At least those are the figures for September. There's a fundamental truth concerning financial stewardship that I want you to know: **We don't give financially for God's sake ... we give for our own sake.** God's Word makes this clear: *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives"* (Deuteronomy 14:23, TLB) You might wonder ~ how does tithing teach us? Consider the simple act of writing a check for the tithe and the offering. First, you enter the date and this reminds us we're a time bound creature and every possession we have will rust or burn up. So, it's best to invest in God's Kingdom while we can.

Then, you enter the name of the one to whom you are giving the money. If the bank would cash your check, you could write it directly to God. But they won't, so you write the name of the local church which is God's storehouse. A fair reading of Ellen White's writings leads to the unquestionable conclusion that the local church treasury is the store house mentioned in Malachi 3. Although the Bible doesn't specifically say "how much" nor "where" nor "what" our freewill offering is to be ~~ Sister White strongly suggests in several places that our offering should be ten percent of our income. And, you already know that God requires we return to Him ten percent of our income as a Tithe.

Next, we enter the amount on the check ... the moment of truth has arrived! We are more than a person with a checkbook. Each of us can be thought of as David (placing a stone in the sling), or we are Peter (stepping onto the water, in faith), or we're the little boy in that big crowd (a picnic lunch is all we have to give to the Teacher). What will you do? Will be an obedient child and: *sling the stone ~ take the step ~ give the meal?*

As we write the check, we must be careful. We aren't just entering an amount; rather, **we are making a confession.** Either we're confessing God owns it all anyway ~ or we're saying "it's mine". And then the line in the lower left-hand corner on which you write what the check is for. If we're honest, we'll put it's a partial payment for what God's and His church has done to help us raise our family ... keep your priorities sorted out ... and tune us into the truth of God's nearness and the soon coming of Jesus.

We need to realize returning a tithe and giving an offering it's really for us. It's a moment when each of us cuts yet another cord that binds us to this sin-sick earth. It reminds us that where our treasurer is, that is where our heart will also be. Stewardship is a serious matter ~ so we each need to continue to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we consider how to financially support God's Church and be obedient to God.

Church & Community Outreach Activities

Materials Available ~ We have extra copies of Dr. Subodh Pandit's book Cross examination: the Evidence for believe.... And a DVD of his presentations. Book Costs \$10.00 and DVD Costs \$15.00..... Please see Sean, David Hadden or the Pastor....Thank You....

Junior/ early teen Class.... Breakfast will be served to early teen/junior class (David O Guin's class)... from 9:00 ~ 9:25 Sabbath morning !! Come and visit with your friends before Sabbath school this week !!

Spiritual Text to Ponder

1 Corinthians 10 ~ 13

No Temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man but God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it !!

Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 10 am. & 7:00 pm., 10/28/2014

10 am.	Morning Meeting ~ Book of Daniel
7 pm.	Parable of the Rich Fool ~12:13 ~ 21



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On Sunday September 21st, 2014, the Auburn SDA Church participated in the North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists (NAD) Let's Move Day. For our first year, we hosted a free community event with a focus on physical fitness and healthy living. In spring 2014, our Social Committee Director, Shelli-Ann Jackson, RN, BSN, MSN initiated the planning process with her team and began to form various relationships with the City of Auburn and local businesses including those in our neighboring cities of Dacula and Winder. We received food, drink, and monetary donations from more than 20 local companies. State Farm Chris Beck, Rancho Mexican Restaurant, Serenity Salon & Barber, FlemMack Home & Lawn Improvements, and DNJ Consulting- Kangen water distributors were present all day assisting with promotion and even assisting with setup...Lets continue to promote God's health message and provide the necessary support to our community ..looking forward to our 2nd event in 2015.....

Future Items for you to Schedule on your Calendar.

Garden Rendezvous Marriage Retreat-Oct 31~Nov 2 Those interested should register by Sept 30

www.gccsda.com/events/marriageretreat14.

Harvest Sabbath ~ November 15

Adventurer Club Schedule..October 26 ~ Horse farm visit at 911 Brookside Dr., Winder (10:30 am ~ 2pm)