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Good Morning & Happy Sabbath

For Our Young Children and Parents

Boys and girls, hopefully you like books; an assortment of all kinds. The Sabbath school booklets and other assorted literature you get at church can be used to start your collection. And, you probably have an assortment of books at home—word books, picture books, coloring books, etc. If not, try persuading mom and dad to help you begin to establish your own personal library. Tell them that **reading** is *fun*; *reading* is *fundamental*. Why so? It is so because it is the fundamental to other subjects you will be required to learn in school. Example: If you have a “word” problem to solve but you can’t read the directions, you can’t solve the problem. If you have a picture, it would be fun to be able to read the words that tell you what is happening even though you see what is happening. Sometimes writers don’t make things entirely clear!

Parents: Generally (hopefully and prayerfully), school plays an important role in children’s psycho-social development through high school. Positive parent-child relationship is critical to the child’s developing into an adult who will be a positive contributor to all aspects society—social, political and economic. In Ellen White’s *“Reflecting Christ”*, she says “It is through the social relations that Christianity comes in contact with the world. You are the child’s first teacher, role-model, and mentor.

The Tragedies and Experiences of Society

Paging through *Adventist Journey, Inspiration & Information for North America*, the following topic captured my attention: “We cannot be detached from the tragedies and experiences of the society in which we live.” Written by Vyacheslav Demyan, General Director of Adventist Hope Chanel in Ukraine, he was commenting on the Holocaust and other recent tragedies and injustices. Closer to home, we can think of the multiple school shootings resulting in loss lives and injures of varying degrees, as well as, shootings and killings in churches. Time was when schools and churches were safe havens from such acts of violence. Not so now; they are frequently sought out targets. GANGS—do they serve a purpose? To what end? HOMELESSNESS—no, longer relegated to the Southside, Eastside, and Westside (downtown southward) of our city, walk the levee trail along Brookside Road east and west of Feather River Drive.

ANSWERED PRAYER/RELATED PRAYER

God Bless You

Malachi 3:3 states: “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.”

The above verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what the statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn’t mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: “He sits there as a refiner and purifier of silver.

She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered “yes”, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, “How do you know when the silver is fully refined?” He smiled at her and answered, Oh, that’s easy—when I see my image in it.”

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

JUNE BIRTHDAY

Bowden, Mark 01
Kaufman, Dorothy 01
Smith, Michelle 01
Platz, Kathryn 02
Sengthay, John Arthur 05
McCulloch, Joanie 06
Weber, Dorothy 06
Machado, Jeremiah 07
Ruemmler, David 07
Grove, Jackie 10
Romana, Anne 10
Lippert, Fern 11
So, Yoeun 14
Sorn, Sonn Moeng 15
Sorn, Sovanna 15
Grosbeier, Bernadette 17
Grove, Emma 19
Grove, Madeline 19
Hatley, Linda 19
Cochran, Rowena 20
DeChance, Nancy 20
Lopez, Alyssa 22
Carlson, Mark 23
Pagnucci, Dominic 23
DeChance, Matthew 24
Ketcherside, Mark 24
Allen, Kanasha 26
Allen, Kobrikne 26
DeChance, Robert 26
McCulloch, Pete 26
Vlavianos Jr., John W. 26
Vann, Johnny 27
Li, Janet 28
Cooper, Reddy 29



If there is anything you deem important or of relevance to the congregation as a whole, in addition to answered prayer, (name for answered prayer may remain confidential/anonymous), please contact Dr. Bobbie Berry-Sanford at bobbiejwb@copper.net or at 209.451.1818. 209.662.3811