

WSDA Church Newsletter

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EQUALITY OF BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

The secret of unity is found in the equality of believers in Christ. The reason for all division, discord, and difference is found in separation from Christ. Christ is the center to which all should be attracted; for the nearer we approach the center, the closer we shall come together in feeling, in sympathy, in love, growing into the character and image of Jesus. With God there is no respect of persons.

Jesus knew the worthlessness of earthly pomp, and He gave no attention to its display. In His dignity of soul, His elevation of character, His nobility of principle, He was far above the vain fashions of the world...He desired not the applause of men...Wealth, position, worldly rank in all its varieties and distinctions of human greatness were all but so many degrees of littleness to Him who had left the honor and glory of heaven, and who possessed no earthly splendor, indulged in no luxury, and displayed no adornment but humility.

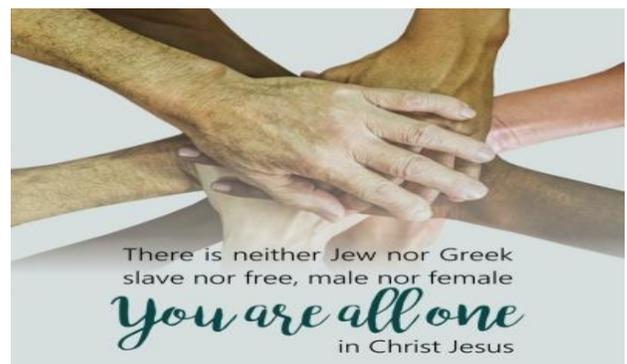
The lowly, those bound with poverty, pressed with care, burdened with toil, could find no reason in His life and example which would lead them to think that Jesus was not acquainted with their trials, knew not the pressure of their circumstances, and could not sympathize with them in their want and sorrow. The lowliness of His humble, daily life was in harmony with His lowly birth and circumstances. The Son of the infinite God, the Lord of life and glory, descended in humiliation to the life of the lowliest, that no one might feel himself excluded from His presence. He made Himself accessible to all. He did not select a favored few with whom to associate and ignore all others.

All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, that every soul may have free access to God. His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates everywhere.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus...There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26-28)

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THE PRAYER CORNER

“Sharing the Christ that Listens,



Showing God's Solutions”

Ps Alrick Watson & family (illness)

David & Vanessa (baby due in 1 week)
*potential of Covid-19 exposure for family and from grandparents

Sharon, Pat's sister (fell and broke arm)

Mitchell (brain tumour surgery) –Linda K's grandson

Dal (surgical recovery) – church member co-worker

Kuzi (health recovery from accident causing head injury)

Alex (health, loss of his sight in one eye)

Rebecca (post-surgery recovery /health)

Stonebell (birth complications surgery)

Taurai – Regina's husband (emergency surgery)

Jayvon's mother (health issues)

John (stroke with permanent damage)

Marjorie Smith & her family (health / loss of her brother)

Basaraba Family (health)

Nobert Sithole (health)

Shannon (health)

Ben Lewis (health)

Amazing Health Facts!

10 Health Benefits of... Eggplant (Aubergine)

1. Lower Bad Cholesterol Absorption
2. Protects Heart and Arteries
3. Assist with Stomach Ulcers
4. Assist Nerve Conditions
5. Prevents Infections
6. High Fibre Content
7. Prevent Cancer
8. Low in Calories
9. Protects Brain
10. Cleans Blood



EatHealthyLiveFit.com



Grilled Eggplant recipe

Ingredients: 2 large eggplants / 5 tablespoons olive oil / 2 tablespoons lemon juice / 1 ¼ teaspoons salt / 1/4 teaspoon pepper
(marinate the eggplants in garlic and herbs of your choice, and then cook until tender and golden brown)



RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH AT HOME – Every Saturday at 10:00 am Sabbath School class begins, and at 11:00 am, Live streamed, Praise & Worship/ Main service. Also, the Bible study is at 2:00 pm (Revelation series). Please refer to the links on the church website to join these programs at www.westminstersda.org

TAX RECEIPTS – Please note that Tax receipts have been mailed out. Contact the church office 604-524-6969 or write us an email if you have not yet received your tax receipt. Thank you!

COMMUNION ON MARCH 27 – Please pick up your communion kits from Westminster church during:

- Bread Ministry hours next week (Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 12:30 – 3:00pm)
- Friday night on March 26, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm

PRAYER MEETINGS – Please join us for our prayer meetings every Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-8 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97305845601?pwd=YUFUUEFCbUVDa1JSSVJvbkF5RDcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 0584 5601 / Passcode: 824793

BAPTISMAL CLASS FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – Every Monday at 6:00 pm, Virtual Baptismal class for youth and young adults. If interested, please contact Pastor Alrick Watson at 778-961-0166 (cell) or email him at awatson@bcadventist.ca

SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES – Adult Sabbath school quarterlies are ready for pick up now and Children's SS lesson will be available next Sunday, March 28 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Westminster church.

CAMP HOPE FUNDRAISER FOR NEW CARPET IN LODGE

Great Spring Break Activity – We need your help to pick up sticks and branches that have fallen throughout the winter. We cannot start mowing the grounds until they are cleaned up. We are very busy with numerous projects and do not have time to tackle the Annual Stick Pick Up.

Bring the family. Bring friends. Groups of 10 are allowed. Bring a lunch and eat in the new covered picnic area.

Contact Stephanie at 604-869-2615 or sschafer@bcadventist.ca or Bill at 604-853-5451 ext. 305

or bgerber@bcadventist.ca and let us know who is coming.

Also, we are seeking donors to help with a couple important projects. Please contact Bill Gerber for more information bgerber@bcadventist.ca.

Mountain View Summer Camp Staff 2021 – JOB OPPORTUNITY: Camp Staff positions are available for the 2021 Camp Program. If you are age 18 – 28, have a desire to provide an extraordinarily fun summer camp experience for children and their families then we invite you to apply at <https://www.bcadventist.ca/departments/youth/>. A Criminal Record Check and First Aid/CPR is a requirement for all staff positions. (COVID19 restrictions and guidelines must be followed at all times.) As a summer camp staff, you will work as a team with others, provide a safe, fun, God loving, youth friendly environment and an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime. If you have any questions please feel free to call our camp director, Brian Wahl at 604.308.5627.

NAD PUBLIC AFFAIRS - The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department is excited to announce its interactive webinar, “**Christian Witness in an Era of COVID-19, Christian Nationalism, Racial Injustice, and the Equality Act**” on Sabbath, March 20, 5:00-6:30 pm Eastern. Attendees should register in advance to participate in the discussion: <https://lnnk.in/bHcu> or view the live stream on the **LibertyMagazineSDA** YouTube Channel. Alan Reinach (Pacific Union Conference) will moderate a wide-ranging, informative discussion between Kevin James (Southern Union Conference), Grace Mackintosh (SDA Church in Canada), Andre Wang (North Pacific Union Conference), Edward Woods III (Lake Region Conference), and Jennifer Woods (General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists). Topics will include:

- Vaccines and Religious Objections
- COVID-19 Pandemic and Local Church Closings (including Canadian perspective)
- Racial Stereotyping
- Christian Nationalism
- The Equality Act and Religious Freedom



**CHRISTIAN WITNESS
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*Please note that due to this Religious Liberty seminar, the Bible study has been cancelled for this Sabbath.

