

# Faith talk



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## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 **Kathy Tyler**  
**June Zumstein**
- 8 **Mary Weigle**
- 11 **Zoey Grove**
- 12 **Dale Shannon**
- 14 **Bethany Jenkins**
- 19 **Haley Manis**
- 20 **Phyllis Jenkins**
- 21 **Charlotte Rhodes**
- 25 **Ismael Deynes**  
**Marvin Jenkins**
- 28 **Michelle Grove**  
**Ron Lohman**
- 29 **Mary Edwards**

## New Church Members

The newest members of our church are our very own young people that we, as a church, have nurtured, supported, and influenced, along with their families, to bring them to this most important day. It is, in reality, the most important decision in all their lives.

On May 12, a beautiful, sunny Sabbath day, Ella Bolek, Mark Edwards, Lauren Garbi, and Camren Seicks were baptized. These young people requested an outside baptism, so Pastor Sitler arranged with a gentleman in Linary to use a section of creek on his property that was not very far from where the church was

having a weekend campout at Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Those who had helped in their spiritual preparation for this special day gave words of encouragement. Students from Heritage Academy were there to support the Inez Wrenn students with whom they worked, even going into the chilly water with each one with whom they had personally studied.

We need to hold up these youth in our prayers, and through personal interaction and influence encourage them in their spiritual growth.

- Marilyn Maples



## June 2018

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Prayer Meeting - every Wednesday at 6 p.m.







*From the  
Pastor*

### What a Question!

The question irked Cain. It seemed to unveil his inner feelings—"Where is Abel your brother? Cain's snap answer, "Am I my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9)? The asker's (God's) question implied the answer, "Yes!" God's implication for all of us, revealed in His question to Cain, is that how we treat others reflects what's inside, and even one step more, that which reveals our Christian true experience. It is important how we treat others! Now that's scary.

In His six last-day parables found at the end of Matthew 24 and into chapter 25, we find Jesus emphasizing this similar point: How we treat others is part of being ready or preparing for His coming. In the parable of "The Faithful and the Evil Servant" we see Jesus categorizing the servant as evil based on how he treats his fellow servants in everyday life. In the parable of "The Sheep and the Goats" we read this amazing statement from Jesus in Matthew 25:40: " 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' " How we treat others is actually how we would treat Jesus or what we would do to Him!

No wonder Jesus said, "All will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

- Pastor David Sidler

## Optimum Health Seminar

### Preventing & Reversing Diabetes

For the past four years our Health Ministries Department, under the leadership of Linda Belz, has sponsored the Optimum Health Seminar— Preventing and Reversing Diabetes in Cumberland County, a program formulated by Steve and Karen Wickham: Grundy Reversing Diabetes Seminars.

With an amazing team of 17, Linda has organized these programs consisting of four doctors plus other medical professionals and generalists, some of whom are outside the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The speakers: Franklin Cobos, M.D., Luisa Manistar, M.D., Michael Olivier, M.D., along with David Manistar, physical therapist, present medical information that most have never heard. Vitals, which are taken at each session by Marilyn Maples and her team, assist the participants in reaching surprising goals in just a few weeks. Pastor David Sidler presents inspirational talks that not only encourage but also add a spiritual component for being healthy. Becky Bennett and her team provide delicious food samples that are served at each meeting to tickle the taste buds. (Eating healthy can be very tasty.)

This year the program host is the Cumberland Medical Center - Diabetes Services, and is held at the medical center. The presentations provide education on the prevention and reversal of Type 2 diabetes by addressing the ways the Standard American Diet (SAD) has worked against us to inflict illness and disease in growing proportions. Learning the effects of sugar, carbohydrates, and fats, as well as the need for responsibility in choosing the proper balance in our diets, are vital factors. The health benefits of a plant-based diet are stressed, along with the need for adding a consistent exercise program.

The participants who attend are eager to learn and are very appreciative of the information that is presented. It has been a wonderful experience, a great place to share God's health message, and in the process to make new friends!

~ Linda Belz & Marilyn Maples





## 2018 Graduates!



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alissa Flores  
Lauren Garbi  
Sarah Miller

Homeschool  
Homeschool  
Inez Wrenn

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emily Jenkins  
Ben Olivier  
Brandon Anderson  
Isaac Haley  
Nehemiah Sitler

Stone Memorial High School  
Fletcher Academy  
Heritage Academy  
Heritage Academy  
Heritage Academy

### Master's Degrees

Dayid Roy Knapp  
Nikki Realin

M.S.Ed. – Outdoor Education  
MSN – Master of Science in Nursing

### Thoughts From His Word

*"For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

Matthew 6:21 (KJV)

Stewardship is our first responsibility in organizing life. It reveals what we value and defines what is important to us. These values lay the foundation for everything else we do in life. What are our goals for these values? If we take care of the details comprising our goals, we can improve the overall influence of our life. Time provides an opportunity to perform those details that help us reach our goals. Time is also one of the important talents that God entrusts to us, and for which He will call for an accounting.

How we spend our money reveals how we express our values, our dreams, our hopes, and our aspirations. How we handle money can be a powerful window into our souls. The challenge is to keep this power in proper perspective. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

~ Faith Lyons, Stewardship Head

### **Newsletter Suggestions Welcome!**

This is your church newsletter. Let us know what you would like to see included. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

What a great way to make connections with shut-in members by visiting and sharing a copy of *FaithTalk* with them. Or commit to mailing a copy to someone you miss seeing at church.

Also, if you have items to include in future *FaithTalk* issues, please e-mail them to: [mamaples424@gmail.com](mailto:mamaples424@gmail.com).

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*We'd love to have you come and  
worship with us this Sabbath!*

**9:15 a.m. Study & Praise**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**



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