

Faith talk



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When Three Becomes Four

Ben and Sandra Garbi met at a World Youth Conference in Budapest, Hungary—he a Californian and she a Croatian. After a brief engagement, they were married in Sacramento 20 years ago in July. That’s where their daughter Lauren was born.

Ben has a degree in graphic design, and Sandra also has studied graphic design. Lauren has her dad’s talent for art, which is evidenced by her Best in Show award for entry in the Cumberland County Fair.

Ben, a real globetrotter, enjoys metalworking, hiking, and aeronautical history. Sandra enjoys cooking, baking, hiking, traveling, and animals; and she and Lauren have helped with meals at the Bread of Life Rescue Mission. Lauren enjoys

painting, drawing, coloring, hiking, astronomy, sewing, reading, skateboarding, fishing, and horses; but most of all she loves reading her Bible. The entire Garbi family is multilingual.

The three Garbis anxiously await the birth of their second daughter, Isabella Grace. After being told they couldn’t have children, along came Lauren, and God is working another miracle in bestowing upon them the gift of a second daughter. That’s why a church-sponsored baby shower came about, and that’s how God can change a three into a four!

- Faith Lyons



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 Prayer Meeting - every Wednesday at 6 p.m. 

Handy SDA Resources

Did you know that you can access a tremendous wealth of resources from the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research? I have found that I can look up and even download some very old documents such as periodical articles or even entire issues.

In a recent Sabbath School class, I mentioned using the Internet to look up and print off a copy of the very first page of our very first periodical article, an editorial by James White in the July 1849 issue of *The Present Truth*. For starters, I typed in the Web address (URL) <http://documents.adventistarchives.org/default.aspx>. You may experiment by following the steps necessary to get to that very page. Here's how I got there:

- From the menu at the left, let your mouse cursor simply move over the heading **Magazines and Journals**, next over **Official SDA Periodicals**, and finally over **All Periodicals**, at which point you press your click button.
- Scroll down the alphabetized list of periodicals until you locate **Present Truth and Adventist Review, The**. Press your click button.

- Now select the issue you are interested in, which results in a Portable Document File (PDF) that you can print, including selected pages only if you desire, or save to your hard drive.

You will be amazed at just how much material is available literally at your fingertips!

One more thing in closing. Let's say you're interested in looking up a past issue of our Adult Sabbath School Quarterlies. Notice that this is a menu option at the left of the home page, where we first visited, and that quarterlies more recent than 2015 are not listed. They will be in due time, but here's another way to access more recent issues, as far back as 1996, in fact. This time, type in the URL of <http://ssnet.org/study-guides/lesson-archives/>.

Enjoy poking around on these Web sites. My hope and prayer is doing so will enrich your experience with Seventh-day Adventism and ease your journey *homeward* (Heaven is our ultimate home).

~ Jerry Stevens

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.

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In Loving Memory of Pat Grebe

The Crossville Seventh-day Adventist church held a memorial service in honor of Pat Grebe on Friday, June 22, officiated by Pastor David Sittler. Fellow member Shannon Grebe and his family occupied seats in the front row, with friends and church members seated throughout the chapel.

The theme for the service came from John 14:1-3, 27, as well as 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Art Kanna, a friend of the Grebe family, offered a beautiful prayer using several Scriptures, while his wife Donna served as pianist. Pat Marshall did the Scripture reading very nicely, while Gay Knapp read "A Life Lived" tribute with feeling and interest. Chorister Ellie Gibson led the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

It was a beautiful service, much appreciated by Pat Grebe's family. We wish the Grebes God's comfort, and remember them in prayer during the days ahead. Let us all support our church friend Shannon Grebe in this difficult time.

~ Faith Lyons

Meet Jean Martin

Actually, our newest member, Jean Martin, is coming back to Crossville after being in Pennsboro, West Virginia, for the past 8 years. She must like Tennessee, because besides living in Crossville, she has lived in Tennessee for 30 years in the past. Her daughter Carol Helena, and grandchildren Alexis and Elyas, are very good reasons to have chosen to come back “home.” Of course, she has several friends that are happy she has returned as well.

Jean likes being outdoors and enjoys activities like hiking and swimming. Traveling is another thing she enjoys, though she is also happy being home and having company. She has an appreciation for art, and shared with me that she enjoys painting and drawing. She also enjoys learning new things, and has joined the church ladies in “Prayers and Squares” quilting and really likes being a part of that ministry.

We are happy that Jean has come back home, and welcome her back into our church family.

~ Marilyn Maples



Thoughts to God

*Looking up at the calming blue sky
And fluffy white clouds frolicking by,
Green leaves of the tall oak trees
Lifting upward in harmony,
The tears begin to flow as I long to go,
Dear Lord You know, Your Heaven,
High in Your beautiful sky.*

*- Amy French
(while resting after working
in her flower garden)*

Thoughts From His Word

“Who shall declare His generation?”

Isaiah 53:8; Acts 8:33

The prophet Isaiah foretold the humiliation that Messiah would undergo, but like the Ethiopian eunuch I have longed for someone to produce a satisfactory answer for the above question. To help the eunuch understand what he was reading, the Holy Spirit miraculously sent Philip, who “preached unto him Jesus” (Acts 8:35), and the passage in Isaiah 53:7, 8 became clear enough for the man to request baptism.

Today that nagging question still begs for clarity. I would like to attempt an answer. We think of the word *generation* as having to do with procreation. But with Jesus, the whole concept of “generation” gets turned on its head, for He has existed from eternity; and even though He was born of a human mother, the mystery surrounding His incarnation is impenetrable. For these reasons, I rest content that the answer to Isaiah’s rhetorical question is: Nobody can declare (make clear) His generation because it is beyond human understanding. And that’s good enough for me!

~ Jerry Stevens

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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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