

Getting to Know You Grace Kellogg

It is so wonderful that God knows the end from the beginning. As long as I can remember, I have wanted to be either a nurse or a teacher. My Mother said that when I was only a year old, I carried a book around, often upside down, talking incessantly as I pretended to read. I grew up as a Seventh-day Adventist although I attended public schools. The small church of about 25 members where my family attended was 20 miles away. My father once said, "We have to be perfect." Thus, my brothers and I were reared on earning our way to heaven. Not surprisingly, my three brothers left the church at 18 once they got out of high school. I managed to stay in the church largely due to our minister visiting our home. After hearing about my desire to be a teacher, he lost no time in talking to the educational superintendent. Both visited us shortly and dangled a scholarship in front of me and in less than a week, I was on the campus of Atlantic Union College about 300 miles away. I started during the second semester and continued through summer school (10 weeks). I actually started teaching elementary education at age 19. I had started school at five years old so was ahead of schedule.

I taught school for a total of 43 years both in New York for 27 years and in South Carolina for six years. I taught in Cortland, New York for 20 of those 27 years; it was a three-teacher school. Throughout my teaching

career, I taught grades one through eight. The students and I had fun together and I still hear from some of my past students on Facebook today.

After teaching for seven years at Cortland, New York, I noticed that writing at the chalk board was quite uncomfortable; I felt a tiny, hard lump under a dimple in my left arm. After numerous doctor visits and exam, it was the consensus the left arm had to be removed due to cancer (and yes, I was left-handed). Tears came to my eyes and a lump came to my throat but I prayed almost continuously and God's presence became so real and close that Phil 4:13 became a reality: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me." I was out of school for two months but returned to teach 21 students in four grades with no aide. During worship the tension was unbelievable, the children averting their eyes if I looked at them. Afterwards I started talking about losing my arm. Then kids opened up asking questions, "Were you asleep? Where did they get the skin to sew you up? How much did it cost? If you had a baby, would it be born with one arm? The love of Jesus flowed out of their hearts and they wound up being the best therapy in the world being so good to me. My students would help me and write on the board for me among other things. It amazed me the way they would put one arm behind their backs or inside their shirts and play at recess or do their school work with one hand. One little boy would come running up and throw his arms around me as he had lost his mother to cancer.

Regarding my spiritual experience, when I went to college I was doing the

right things outwardly but it wasn't the close walk with the Lord I needed. I wanted to be a good role model and the Lord worked on my heart causing me to experience a true conversion. After my mother died and my best friend moved to Maine, I was ready for a change. Our minister and wife had moved to North Carolina and they talked to the education superintendent and his influence helped secure me a teaching job at Columbia Jr. Academy in South Carolina near Lexington. Even today during camp meeting at Lake Junaluska, I run into one of my student's mother who hugs me every time.

After reaching retirement at 61, I worked as a companion at Tryon Estates through Home Health for two years. Then I went for my CNA

at Isothermal College. I finished and trained at St. Luke's, Tryon Estates, and White Oak. I worked at Tryon Estates for one client at a time and was there for about 13 ½ years and retired at 76 ½ years old.

A typical day for me is getting up between 6 – 7 a.m.; showering, dressing, and devotions. I get breakfast for Mei-Mei (my little Shih-Tzu dog) and myself by 9 a.m. I eat again about 2 or 3 p.m. and maybe a piece of fruit in the evening. I am a lacto-ovo vegetarian. My hobbies include making greeting cards (I have 400 rubber stamps), calling and visiting people that are sick, walking the dog around the lake at Tryon Estates, and reading. My favorite Bible verses are Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 41:13, and Philipians 4:13.





***Thank You
to***

All who have come to visit. . .

Those who called me. . .

The ones who sent or brought cards. . .

***The ones who freshened
my room with flowers. . .***

***The repairer of my driveway,
which was the cause of my fall!***



Church Happenings

Bev Cook

Spring will bring a series of meetings by Pastor Bran on the Sanctuary during worship service. Be here and you will receive a blessing.

Our church has a new professional cleaning company named Jan-Pro. They clean every Thursday evening. If you see anything that needs extra attention, please contact Bev Cook, church secretary.

We are hoping to strip the floors in both the Men's and Women's Restroom in the church shortly.

The Nominating Committee for the 2018-2019 year is about to meet. The Committee members this year are Daniel Bran (Chairman), Jeanne Coles, Nancy Franks, Deb Grant, Tim Grindley, George Kim, Art Paradis, Carol Peden, Stephanie Sossong, and Chrisy Witt. Please pray for these members. Also, remember to turn in your spiritual gifts survey form that was passed out during church to help this team be wiser at matching your talents with specific needs of the Church.

Sabbath, April 14, Handbell Concert for the Church Service.

Normally fellowship lunches are held on the second and forth Sabbaths of the month. However, with guest speakers we hold special lunches. Thus, the following upcoming dates are set for fellowship meals: March 31, April 7, and April 28.

On Sunday, April 29, Kelley Edney will be hosting a thank-you dinner in the Morgan Center for the staff only of the Foothills Animal Shelter. The

church body also voted Kelley in as the new School Treasurer.

Grace Foothills Church will be using our church during the months of April and May on Sundays while their meeting place is being renovated. Please keep our church neat and tidy during all Sabbaths.

The Spring Ministerial Meeting for all regional SDA pastors will be held at our church on Monday, April 20 between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Polk County's PF3 group will be holding a one-hour training for anyone who has contact with people in the community. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what resources are available for those in need and you could be that connector between available resources and the needy person(s).

There are a lot of building and renovating projects coming up in the near future: 1) a new service building out by the back side of our property will house our Thrift Store, Yard Sale, and Share Thy Bread. Then the Morgan Center will be renovated to make it more user-friendly for us and the community as well as a much past due face lift. Be sure and take the survey for your input on what you would like the new Morgan Center to house; it is a bulletin insert. The front of our church will have new landscaping to so many projects are on the brink of happening. Be a part of it in any way you can.

New book by Ellen G. White's great-great-grandson

"The Healthiest People on Earth," a fascinating new book by the great-great-grandson of Seventh-day Adventist founder and prophet Ellen G. White, is available on April 3.

One of the most anticipated books of the new year, "The Healthiest People on Earth" offers an inside look at the Seventh-day Adventists and why they live longer than other people.

The mass-market title from secular publisher BenBella Books is due in bookstores and online on April 3. It's available now for pre-order at Amazon.

Author John Howard Weeks, the great-great-grandson of Adventist founder and prophet Ellen G. White, is a career journalist and longtime popular columnist for Southern California's largest newspaper group.

Weeks writes in lively, entertaining fashion about growing up in Loma Linda, California, the stronghold of the Adventist health movement. He shares countless family stories, secrets and recipes (including many for Ellen G. White's favorite dishes that are exclusive to this book, appearing in print for the first time anywhere).

Ellen G. White has been listed as "One of the 100 Most Significant Americans of All Time" by the Smithsonian Magazine. She is the most translated woman non-fiction author in the history

of literature. There currently are about 20 million Seventh-day Adventists worldwide.

For more early reviews, plus excerpts from the book, a chapter list, an author profile and more, visit thehealthiestpeopleonearth.com.

Additional queries: William S. Thomas Literary Agency, wst2000@aol.com

Celebration of Life

Hendersonville SDA Church

A Celebration of Life for John and Ida Mae Freeman will be held on April 7 at 4 p.m. at the Hendersonville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2301 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28791. Live streaming will be available at www.hendersonvilleadventists.org. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Maranatha Volunteers International, John and Ida Mae Freeman Memorial Church Fund. Donations will sponsor the Beryl Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dominica. Make a donation online to <https://maranatha.org> or you may mail a check to Maranatha Volunteers International, 990 Reserve Drive, Suite 100, Roseville, CA 95678-1387 or call (916) 774-7700

Thanks
Blessings
Judith Thomas
828-692-2255

Bell Ringing

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings, good people! As I write this, we are preparing to take the 5th-8th graders involved in music at our school (including a few homeschoolers) to the annual music festival at Mount Pisgah Academy. While there, the kids will spend several hours learning how to make beautiful music together with kids from other school groups (in bells, it's called mass ringing). Perhaps some of you will have the opportunity to attend, although the concert will be over before this goes to press.

Never fear: If you didn't come to music festival, you still have two opportunities to hear the music, with our own terrific kids playing it. First, be at church on April 14 to hear the young people play during the service. Then, come to the school's end of year program on May 10 for the final presentation of the season by the bells. We look forward to seeing you!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to remember that we all play a part in preventing child maltreatment. Learn how you can build community and hope with children and families. Raise awareness this April and all year long.

**Volunteer your time.*

**Teach children their rights.*

**Know the signs.*

**Report abuse.*

**Invest in kids.*

Hear2Help

Lorna Dever

HEAR2HELP Seminar, Tuesday, April 17, 6 - 7 p.m., Morgan Center. Anyone who has contact with people in the community is encouraged to join us for this training/informative seminar.

H2H is a collaboration between PF3 and Foothills Health Network that provides and disseminates information on community health and wellness resources, as well as information about how to access these resources in Polk County. The program is volunteer-based and utilizes agency personnel (who have ongoing contact and relationships with the community) to more efficiently educate on resource availability. H2H volunteers listen to the needs of local residents and identify gaps and barriers to access. H2H works with collaborating agencies by providing volunteer and staff training on the H2H program that includes a Community Resource Guide that will be updated as needed.

The H2H program is looking for interested organizations to participate, hence their request to use our church in the pilot project within the faith-based community. I will be the liaison for this outreach opportunity.

If you have found this sentence contact Lorna for a surprise!

If you have any questions, please contact me, Lorna, 828-817-1544, or news@tryonsdachurch.org.



Building Update

Ted Coles

From the Building Committee

I would like to give you an update as to where we are as a building committee.

We need to have approval from the Tryon Zoning and Planning Commission. In order to get that we needed Plans to submit from an architect. We have secured an architect and the plans were brought to the Town of Tryon last week. These are not full building plans, they are just views of the building. The final plans will be available in a few weeks from now.

The Zoning and Planning Commission should meet in two weeks and give us approval for our building. Once approved they will issue our Building permit, then we can move forward with the building structure. First we need to do the grading and then the building structure can go up.

I would expect this to take somewhere between 1.5 - 2 months from receipt of the building permit.

Of course, this all depends on the amount of work the builder has in front of us and of course on the weather.

Once the building is up we will have to do the electrical service, plumbing, Air conditioning and heat. Then we can start on the inside walls to make the individual rooms.

MORGAN CENTER REMODEL

We got the first round of congregation input as to the remodel of the Morgan Center We will do two more survey's to get an accurate overview of what the congregation best wants for the Morgan Center.

Thank you all for the survey's you filled out so far. After the first survey (26) it looks like Kitchen remodel is the highest priority, with the Gym remodel and a Conference Room coming in 2nd and 3rd. Expanding the Gym and more Class Room's came in 4th and 5th respectfully. This will possibly change as we get more surveys filled out.

We also received some good comments in the Notes/suggestion part at the bottom of the survey.

We will do our best to keep you informed as time goes on as to what is happening and when.

Thank you all for your support.

Ted Coles, Building Committee

AV Den

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hello again! It's your AV team leaders here, Wanangwa and Ronnie, asking for your help! We recently spent an evening reorganizing the platform mics so they were less tangled and more accessible and we are requesting that you help us keep it that way. Each mic is color coded and has its designated place on a stand. The boom mic doesn't have color on it so it can be considered the black mic to go with the black stand by the keyboard.

We will be sharing our church with another group that needs to use it on Sundays so it is even more important that we keep everything nice. One of the AV team will be on hand on Sundays to make sure they do the same. Thank you for doing your part to make AV equipment easier for everyone to use!

Church Co-op Order Dates

March 25, 2018
April 22
May 20
June 24
July 22
August 19
September 16
October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13, 2019
February 10, 2019

Hot Diggity Dog

Desirée Magnant

ACBC Food Sale for a Great Cause

Place your orders in advance and enjoy our book/food sale with the ACBC on site at the Morgan Center on April 4 between 3 - 5 p.m. Sales' Sheets will be available and posted on the church and school bulletin boards. You can order through Sara Wolff, Desiree Magnant, or Jackie Green.

Proceeds from the vegetarian food case sales will go to support the new Bible curriculum at the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist School.

The cost to implement the curriculum was around \$2,000. Your purchase of food supplies will help with the books and materials for the program.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Church Co-op Delivery Dates

April 3, 2018
May 1
May 29
July 2
July 31
August 28
September 25
October 23
November 20
December 18
January 22, 2019
February 19

Save the Date!

Zuri Scroggins

Southern Union/Carolina Conference CREATION Health & Reversing Diabetes Train-the-trainer Weekends

There will be three regional events held at:

Raleigh SDA Church: May 5-6, 2018

Asheville Foster SDA Church: August 18-19, 2018

Spartanburg SDA Church: August 25-26, 2018

Presenters:

Lynell LaMountain, Director of Health Ministries for the Southern Union Conference

Stephen (MPA, RN) & Karen (RN) Wickham

For more information, contact Zuri Scroggins at 704-596-3200.

Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Department Secretary for Church Planting, Health Ministries, Prayer Ministries, & Women's Ministries

Literature Cart

Wanangwa Hartwell

Greetings! Do you know Ellen White's statement about scattering our literature like autumn leaves? Well I'm going to suggest that we should begin scattering them like spring blossoms blown about by the wind!

We have recently re-stocked the literature cart with all kinds of good things: The ASI sharing editions of the Conflict of the Ages series and The Ministry of Healing, a military edition of Steps to Jesus with a very patriotic cover, and some excellent DVDs presented by Amazing Facts. There are also new Glow Tracts on the table in the church lobby. Please take advantage of these excellent sharing resources and give them to anyone you know! Thank you for helping to spread the Good News!

Dear Child,

I love you for who you are, not for what you do. Many of My children run around in circles, trying to obey the various voices directing their lives. This results in fragmented, frustrating patterns of living. Do not fall into the trap. Walk closely with Me each moment, listening for My directives and enjoying My companionship. My sheep know My voice and follow Me wherever I lead.

*Love,
Jesus*

Advertising

news@tryonsdachurch.org

FOR SALE: Raw Honey. 24# = \$65.00; 12# = \$40.00; 3# = \$12.00. Contact Benjamin Owens at: 828-625-9073.

FOR SALE: Free range chicken eggs. \$3/dozen. Call Lorna, 828-817-1544.

Sewing and alterations. Deb Grant 828-817-7015.

FIREWOOD: Split, hardwood firewood, delivered within 25 miles. Call John Cantrell, 828-817-7345 or 828-817-4178 for delivery details and pricing.

NEEDED: Holy Cross Episcopal Church is looking for a part-time staff to work in our nursery with our infant to four year olds on Sunday mornings from approximately 9:30 - 11:45 a.m. If interested, please call the office at 828-859-9741.

April



- 1 Donna Cantrell
Ed Powell
- 3 Loretta Mills
Virginia Van Hook
- 4 Jeffrey Tary, II
Mattie Painter
- 5 Steven Green
Sarah Rowe
Nichole Sampson
- 6 Helen Blomeley
- 10 Karen Syfert
- 13 Loany Martinez
- 15 Kari Owens
- 16 Paul Witt, Jr.
- 18 Brooke Witt
- 19 Cody Heyer
- 20 Dee Vaughn
Anthony Phillips
- 21 Cecil Baker
Alexa Kim
- 23 Carol Peden
- 28 Katie Queen

Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church

Inreach

Outreach

April, 2018



Infogram

Little Things
Lorna Rae Dever

Recently I had an appointment at the Pain Center in Columbus. Since it is on the second floor I depend on the elevator, but this time the elevator was out of order. I must admit that I was quite miffed that I had to navigate the steps, which make me late to my appointment (I had left home too late to calculate the extra time for stair climbing) plus the increase in pain it caused me!

As I was ready to leave I was told the elevator had been fixed. They asked me if I knew what had caused it to quit. Not wanting to stand there and guess, they told me. It was a little leaf! One little leaf had gotten on the track and stopped the whole elevator! That was incredible! It put my mind to thinking.

A little leaf stopped the elevator.

A little irritant in an oyster becomes a gorgeous pearl.

Which am I? Which are you?

Does my presence cause the world around me to stop or does it make everyone feel beautiful? Certainly something to make one think about how we fill the activities around us.

*It's the Little Things that bother us,
And keep us on the rack;
We can sit upon a Mountain,
But not upon a Tack.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FLETCHER ACADEMY DAYS Easter Sunday 9am - Grace Foothills 10am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6:30pm - Small Group	9am - Thrift Store 3:30pm - Small Group	9am - Thrift Store 7:55pm - Sunset	Fellowship Meal 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 7:55pm - Sunset
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am - Adventurer Fun 9am - Grace Foothills 10am - Thrift Store	OUTDOOR EDUCATION 5 & 6 9am - Thrift Store 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin deadline			9am - Thrift Store 3:30pm - Small Group	Pathfinder Backpacking or club campout 9am - Thrift Store 8pm - Sunset NO FELLOWSHIP Youth Sabbath @ Tryon 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 7:30pm - Vespers and 8:01pm - Sunset	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pathfinder 9am - Grace Foothills 10am - Thrift Store 12pm - Community	NO SCHOOL 9am - Thrift Store	Tax Day 9am - Thrift Store 2pm - MORGAN CENTER 6pm - Hearing2Help 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer CLub 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store 3:30pm - Small Group	9am - Thrift Store 8:06pm - Sunset	NAD PBE Testing NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:07pm - Sunset
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CO-OP ORDER DATE META SPRING PICNIC 9am - Grace Foothills 10am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	WALK-A-THON 8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store 3:30pm - Small Group	MT. PISGAH ACADEMY DAYS 9am - Thrift Store 8:12pm - Sunset 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 8:12pm - Sunset	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
MT. PISGAH ACADEMY MORGAN CENTER 9am - Grace Foothills 10am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 11am - Local	9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer Club 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store 3:30pm - Small Group	Pathfinder Area Campout @ Black Mountain KINDERGARTEN 9am - Thrift Store 8:17pm - Sunset	No Fellowship Meal Cinco de Mayo 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:18pm - Sunset

Bible Experience

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hello, my friends! Remember the Pathfinders were going to Nosoca Pines Ranch for Bible Experience? We got SECOND place! I'm so proud of our kids I could just burst!

Since that means we won't be going on to any other levels, we have the advantage of starting on next year's Bible Experience early. The next book we are going to study is the Gospel of LUKE. Again, this will be in the New King James Version. I hope you will join us in our study over the coming year.

There are several great resources to help with this study. If you have a smartphone or tablet, you can not only read the Bible on it, you can LISTEN to it. I have a great app for the NKJV Bible in audio on my smartphone and they read it with multiple voices. It sounds so real!

Please pray for us as we dig into the Word again...and watch out -- we have a handful of young people who are walking encyclopedias of Daniel and Esther now!

Summer of Fire

Young Disciple, Vol. 7, Num. 36

Yellowstone's "Summer of Fire" in 1988 devastated that pristine park... but only momentarily. Within days, each burned area began sprouting with new life. First came grasses. Bluebirds and woodpeckers gravitated to dead tree stands, happily making their nests. Bears and elk found the burned bark and lush, new growth to be nutritious, superior food sources.

While one-third of the aspen trees within northern Yellowstone burned, the stands were not all lost. In fact, in the years following the fire, aspen seeds found bare, nutrient-rich soil where old growth once stood, and now there are more aspen in Yellowstone than before. Lodgepole pines also thrive due to the heat and clearing caused by forest fires.

Imagine: Before sin entered our perfect world, provision was made for new life to grow and thrive after a natural disaster. Could we ever doubt God's wisdom in our lives, knowing that He sees each sparrow that falls and the number of hairs on each head? How can we doubt His mercy when we see how He provides for the forest even as it is in peril? It is as if God walks among the fiery tree stands, carefully opening His hand and scattering new seed exactly where it needs to grow.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works — he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. Psalm 104:31-32

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