

Getting to Know You

Jonathan Rowe Family

Jonathan and Sarah have been married 13 years as of February 27. They were married in Vermont where Sarah grew up. They had a winter wedding complete with snow yet everyone was able to make it.

When asked where they met, Sarah replied at Mt. Pisgah Academy on a Sabbath for a graduation. Afterwards, they went on a hike with family and friends. They were both about 17 years old at the time. They also visited the Arboretum in Asheville together. Over the next three years, they bumped into each other on various occasions such as at weddings, etc. It seemed providential that they kept running into each other so often. Jeremy Ford is Sarah's cousin and Debbie is Jonathan's sister so that connection also brought them together from time to time. One time they both found themselves at a wedding wearing compatible colors that caught the photographer's attention and they were appropriate for a lovely "together" picture. Sarah has family in Hendersonville, which brought her to this area. Family members and friends were influential in bringing Jonathan and Sarah together. They were married after dating at Southern Adventist University in their twenties.

After they were married, they lived in Columbus on Peak Street for a few years and built and sold

a few homes. They tried various churches in the area and came to Tryon even before they were married and they met Pastor Gene Young. As they continued to visit churches, Pastor Gene left a message on their phone saying they were missed which was very special to them. They made Tryon SDA Church their home as it had a different "feel."

Two years after they married, Levi was born and they wanted to move into the country so they moved to Mill Spring where they have lived for nine years and currently reside. Leah came shortly after Levi. With much prayer, they decided to homeschool even though Sarah had never been homeschooled and Jonathan was only homeschooled. Other than the homeschooling difference, they had very similar family dynamics growing up. Levi has attended our school in kindergarten and third grade while Leah has attended first grade. Both will be in our school this year, Leah in third grade and Levi in fifth. Mrs. Durby has helped Leah so much in her creativity and artistic areas.

The Rowe Family love it in Mill Spring; it is a great place to raise the children. When asked if they have a typical day, Sarah shared that it seems everything is subject to change especially for Jonathan somewhat dependent on the weather, but they do have a general routine. Jonathan leaves home about 6 or 7 a.m. or earlier and he

comes home by 5 or 6 p.m. Sarah and the children wake up, have breakfast and worship and take care of their animals (cats, dogs, chickens, goats, and a horse). The children are very attached to the animals and find it hard to understand when a baby animal dies. However, these experiences have developed tenderness and compassion in them. On one occasion the goats got into poison Mountain Laurel and became deathly sick. Levi was so touched that he prayed earnestly for healing for them all. As God answered Levi's prayer, this occasion proved to be a huge faith building experience for them. If Levi ever starts to doubt God, he remembers that direct answer to prayer.

Sarah has worked off and on as a nurse throughout their marriage plus pursuing her degrees, a Bachelor's of Science and her Master's. Her and the children's days are occupied with household things plus reading. The children have music lessons too, piano for

Leah and the mandolin for Levi which they love. The family has worship both in the morning where Sarah reads a devotion or a blue study book for Sabbath School. Jonathan does worship in the evening with singing and praying and reading the Clear Word Bible; they pick out various books to read and the children ask, "Can we read more?" Sarah loves all the Psalms and Jonathan's favorite book is James.

The highlight of their family outings has got to be their recent mission trip to Africa, a life-changing experience. They also enjoyed Honduras where they were for three weeks. They envision future mission trips, hopefully longer ones even six months to a year. These trips have helped their whole family as they experience less stress and learn what is really important in life. The children now can relate to other children no matter what background or color.

We are so blessed to have this mission-minded family in our church. It is easy to see Jesus in them.



Liberty

Metodi Ikonomov

(Submitted from NAD Liberty Department)

Second Vatican Council – What's the Deal?

When Pope John XXIII announced the creation of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) in January 1959, it shocked the world. There hadn't been an ecumenical council to settle doctrinal issues in nearly 100 years. Papal infallibility (the inability to be wrong) accepted during 1870 council, lead to the impression that councils were no longer needed. So it was a big surprise.

The council called between 2,000 and 2,500 bishops to four sessions at St. Peter's Basilica between 1962 and 1965. Post World War II cultural changes spelled a need to reconsider church practices. These meetings produced 16 documents - laying a foundation for the church as we know it today.

Prior to this time, the church was closed and very much concerned about its own internal stability and integrity. Engaging with the world was limited only to missionary activity. Pope John objective was to reinforce that missionary mandate, but he also wanted to create an environment of dialogue, where the church would engage in all the forces of the modern world.

Thomas Ryan, director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry

sad: With Vatican II, the Catholic Church sent out the message that it was part of the modern world, "Not against, not above, not apart, but in the modern world," he said. "The church sought to engage, not condemn."

The main issue discussed at Vatican II was ecumenism which is broadly defined as a movement that promotes worldwide unity among all religions through greater cooperation thus relaxing the attitude of the church toward other communities of faith. Emphasis was placed on reaching out to other religions to create conversation. Furthermore, Vatican II focused on what Catholicism calls the "Paschal Mystery," which is the passion, death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ. This focus paved the way toward a closer relationship between Evangelical or Protestant churches and the Catholic Church.

Other changes included the introduction of modern music to the church service, various changes to the liturgy (for example, the priest could now face the congregation during Mass, rather than having his back toward them), and the performance of Mass in languages that could be understood by all, rather than in Latin. Vatican II dropped the rules forbidding Catholics from reading a Protestant Bible and from attending a Protestant service.

The overall bent of the Second Vatican Council was to make the

church more accessible to the layman and friendlier to Jews and others outside the Catholic fellowship. Before Vatican II, Jews were stigmatized as the people who killed Jesus Christ. That changed with the council, when the Catholic Church acknowledged its Jewish roots and Jews' covenant with God.

Today, the council is credited with essentially shaping the modern Catholicism. As example, here are some of the many recent headline-generating events related to the Catholic Church:

"Myriad statements from the Vatican, bishop groups, dioceses, and even parishes defending and supporting immigrants regardless of their religion";

"The pope including Muslim women among those whose feet he washed during Holy Thursday rites";

"The public critique by church conservatives of Pope Francis' reform of canon law streamlining the annulment process for Catholic marriages, and of his appeal to church pastors and parishioners to embrace a more pastoral outreach to the divorced and civilly remarried";

"The 2014 and 2015 church-wide synods of bishops in Rome that focused on family and marriage".

But at the same time the Second Vatican Council was very careful not to change its doctrine. Vatican II affirmed the longstanding Catholic claim that the Roman Church is the only true church, although it did

give Protestants a friendly overture in admitting that other churches might contain some elements of truth and referring to Protestants as "separated brethren."

Reformed theologian Loraine Boettner, who lived in the time of Vatican II and studied it closely, wrote that the council: "makes it abundantly clear that Rome has no intention of revising any of her basic doctrine, but only of updating her methods and techniques for more efficient administration and to present a more attractive appearance. This is designed to make it easier for the Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Protestant churches to return to her fold. There is no indication that she has any intentions of entering into genuine give-and-take church unity negotiations. Her purpose is not union, but absorption. Church union with Rome is strictly a one-way street. The age-old danger that Protestantism has faced from the Roman Church has not diminished; in fact, it may well have increased. For through this less offensive posture and this superficial ecumenicism, Rome is much better situated to carry out her program of eliminating opposition and moving into a position of world dominance. An infallible church simply cannot repent". (From the preface of Roman Catholicism, 1985)

Library Corner

Wanangwa Hartwell

Hi all! Hope you're having a great summer so far! Laura Gibbs found some great children's DVDs at camp meeting that are now in our collection -- I hope you will check them out when you need some time inside to cool off!

Donations are still welcome, both physical and monetary. If physical items, please leave them in or beside the book drop in the church library. If monetary, please mark your tithe envelope Church Library and I will use it to buy more materials. Right now I'm especially looking for more children's DVDs and for adult and children's CDs (both music and audiobooks). Thank you!

Praying for Souls

Desirée Magnant

Praying for Souls - Let's Do Our Part

Our Bible School Series has launched and to date we have 14 people who have responded to our outdoor boards, digital ads and handed out promotional cards. God is good - He is not willing that any should perish - however He does call us to do our part. I would petition you to join me in praying during the month of August for more souls to respond to this offer. Our Fall series will begin just after the Labor Day holiday with Pastor Robinson, and we want interests

to feed into the twice weekly Revelation school offer. Let us get on our knees and pray so that the angels waiting by our sides can go to work on the spiritual things we don't always understand.

Here is a guide for prayer:

August 1 - 4 Pray for interests in Tryon (to date we've only had one)

August 5-11 Pray for interests longing for 1:1 studies

August 12-18 Pray for interests from our Thrift Shop Customers

August 19-25 Pray that our interests will convert to Pastor Robinson's program

I love you all and know that working together we can truly finish the work in partnership with our Dear Savior!

Just to Update You

Bev Cook

Our church is still that busy church you joined (or are considering joining) a while back. There is something for everyone to do, to get involved. It makes for "family" relationships and strengthens us overall. Perhaps you would like to join a small group. We have three of them meeting during the week. Ask Pastor about them.

We also are planning a Revelation and Daniel Seminar from September 4 - October 8. If you want to have a closer heart walk with the Lord plus get insight how things on earth will wind up before His
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return, these are the meetings you want to attend. We need to befriend those who will be coming from the community and

hopefully enlarge our family.

Have you checked out the website, www.bibleschoolseries.com? Our church is offering Bible studies and you can get the details from looking at the website. Although we have many members willing to give Bible studies, we can always use more. You would have the option of leading a small group or a one-on-one study with someone. Ask Desirée Magnant about it.

At our recent business meeting, we voted to ask Pastor Earnhardt to give a series of meetings for Evangelism this coming Spring. He has a unique approach that appeals to many who may not otherwise attend an evangelistic series.

We are happy to see our school about to open for the new school year on August 13. If you know of a child who would like to attend contact our Jackie Green. Registration is August 2 from 5 - 7 pm.

Of course, we are all anxiously waiting to see ground broke for our new building that will house our Thrift Store, Yard Sale, and Share Thy Bread. Yes, we have the approval from the Town of Tryon and also in receipt of building plans. We will get our building permit next. Keep your eye on the corner parking lot back towards the river. That is where the building will take place.

Missionaries Needed

It Is Written

Join It Is Written on a life-changing trip this year! We are still in need of preaching volunteers for our upcoming mission trip to South Africa this fall.

Pastor John Bradshaw and It Is Written are joining forces with our brothers and sisters in Guateng, South Africa to preach and hold

health clinics there. This province includes two of the biggest cities in South Africa: Johannesburg and Pretoria. These two cities and their surrounding areas have a combined population that exceeds 12 million people. We have several people signed up, but we still need at least 15 volunteers.

Here are the details:

Dates: October 5 - 21, 2018 (excluding travel time)

Materials: It Is Written provides you with slides and manuscript

Training: It Is Written provides online and on-location training

Cost: \$1,600 per person for evangelism expenses, food, lodging, etc. (\$500 deposit due at registration; airfare not included)

Sign-up deadline: August 21, 2018 (updated deadline)

Our friends in South Africa are very grateful for all the volunteers coming from It Is Written. Your physical investment in these projects will be felt deeply by the locals. They need volunteers. They need you. If you cannot go, maybe you know someone who can. Go to itiswritten.com and click on the tab "Mission Trips & Projects" to learn more about this project and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to join us.

Advertising

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FOR SALE: Raw Honey. 24# = \$65.00; 12# = \$40.00; 3# = \$12.00. Contact Benjamin Owens at: 828-287-5866.

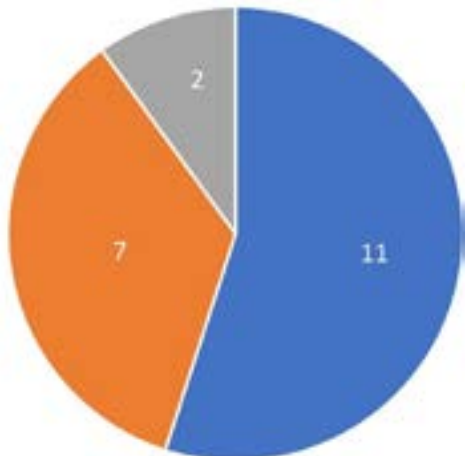
FOR SALE: Free range chicken eggs. \$3/ dozen. Call Lorna, 828-817-1544.

SEWING & 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,

KNITTED HATS: Hand-knitted hats, various sizes. Some sets. Knitted by Virginia Alexander. Proceeds for Community Services. \$5 each or \$8 for two. These beautiful hats make wonderful gifts. Contact Lorna, 828-817-1544, to see them.

SDA Membership by Division



Numbers on graph represent times a million {Approximate numbers in 2015}

Total Church Membership: 20 million

Three Divisions that comprise Africa: 11 million

Inter- and South America: 7 million

All other Divisions: 2 million

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August



- 5 Maven Malmstrom Cole
Misty Milks
- 9 Philip Amoroso
- 10 Caroline Besnard
- 11 Jean Croft
Louise Story
- 12 Jamie Grindley
- 13 Ronnie Hartwell
- 15 Earl Hornbeck
Ethan Owens
- 16 Lori Field
Cheryl Griffin
- 17 Ray Farnsworth
Nathan Green
Lisa West
- 21 Dakota Hines
Gerald Tary, II
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Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

Edgar Guest

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

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5 10am - Thrift Store	6 NAD Teacher Convention @ Seventh-Day Adventist School, 2820 NC-108, Tryon, NC 28782, USA			8 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Study of the 6:30pm - Study of the	9 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Small Group 8:22pm - Sunset	10 Youth Sabbath @ Tryon 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 8:21pm - Sunset
12 10am - Thrift Store	13 9am - Thrift Store 3pm - FIRST DAY OF	14 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin deadline	15 8am - Circle of Parents 8am - MORGAN CENTER 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Study of the 6:30pm - Study of the	16 9am - Thrift Store	17 9am - Thrift Store 8:14pm - Sunset	18 NO FELLOWSHIP 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 8:13pm - Sunset
19 CO-OP ORDER DATE YARD SALE SET-UP @ 10am - Thrift Store	20 9am - Thrift Store	21 9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	22 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Study of the 6:30pm - Study of the	23 9am - Thrift Store	24 YARD SALE @ MORGAN 9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Small Group 8:05pm - Sunset	25 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 8:04pm - Sunset
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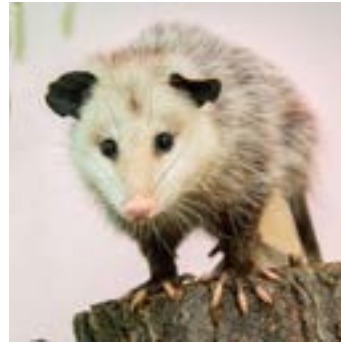
Virginia Opossum

The Virginia Opossum, sometimes called a 'possum, is a marsupial. There are lots of marsupials in Australia, but the Virginia Opossum is the only North American marsupial. Adult opossums weigh about 4-14 lbs. They live alone, are active at night, and they are good climbers.

You can find this opossum in the eastern United States, and along the west coast from British Columbia and to Baja California. They like to live in forests, brushy areas, and farmland. Opossums are omnivores. Their diet includes insects, birds, small mammals, berries and other

fruit. Persimmons, apples and corn are favorite foods. The 'possum that lives on our property comes out at night for dog food that Ronnie leaves on a feeder for it.

Newborn opossums are smaller than a dime. With their barely developed front legs they crawl up through their mother's belly fur and into her pouch. They stay in the pouch for about 2 months. Opossums do not hibernate, but during very cold weather they may nest in a hollow log or abandoned burrow for several days at a time.



Trey & Vickie Brown's 2018 Speaking Appointments

August 18	Greenville SDA - Greenville, TN	Saturday Night Vespers
August 25	New Life SDA - Boone, NC	Sabbath Sermon
September 8	Mills River SDA - Mills River, NC	Sabbath Sermon, Afternoon Presentation
September 15	Columbia 1 st SDA - Columbia, SC	Sabbath Sermon, Saturday Night Vespers
September 22	Arden SDA - Arden, NC	Sabbath Afternoon Presentation
September 29	Hoodview SDA - Boring, OR	Morning Presentation
October 27	Tryon SDA - Tryon, NC	Sabbath Sermon, Afternoon Presentation
November 3	Spartanburg SDA - Spartanburg, SC	Sabbath Sermon
November 10	Clemson SDA - Clemson, SC	Sabbath Sermon, Afternoon Presentation



Juliana Wolff Baptism

Michael Wolff
Ordination as Elder



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