

**YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WITHERS WHEN ITS NEGLECTED** In John 15, we find some of Jesus' final words before His death on the cross. We all understand that if a person knows he has a short time to live, he might speak some of his most important thoughts to those he loves. Jesus did that in the Upper Room and on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane. In this great chapter of John, Jesus speaks about the importance of abiding in Him. He likens it to a branch being attached to a vine. If the branch is removed from the vine, it withers and dies. It can only bear fruit as it is attached or abides in the vine.

Jesus is saying that it should be the same way for believers. If we want to be truly spiritual and have fruit in the Christian life, then we must abide in Christ. We must do what Psalms 1:1-3 states—we must delight in the Law of the Lord and meditate on it day and night! When we do, we will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth fruit, and we will truly prosper in the Christian life.

By Dr. Kevin Folger, October 5, 2017, *The Importance of Spending Time with God*

## URGENT PRAYER

- **Cindy Cobbs**, health
- **Calle Stowe**, unspoken prayer request for health and God's guiding hand
- **Melanie Dottin**, grand-aunt passed away
- **Marina Joshua**, health concern / surgery
- **Elder Loiseau**, health
- **Sophia Schafer** (Loiseau/Foxworth 12-yr old friend ), Wilms cancer



Walla Walla University will visit Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) to provide a free 40 minute workshop for parents and

prospective students titled "How to Pay for College" on **Monday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m.** in the PAA library.

For those not able to attend in person, a free online 40-minute webinar will be available on **Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.** Register at [sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars](https://sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars).



## FRIENDS & FAMILY

# Sabbath

*Celebrating over 70 years in this community.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018 SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

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## LET'S CHAT!

with Pastor D



This week we continue by looking at ways to know when its time to get involved in a church.

### 1. Authentic Friendships

I overheard a conversation between two children who met at a park and were playing on the swings. After a while one of the little girls asked; "Kelly are you my friend?" Kelly paused before responding. "No Julie, I am your playmate. Friends stick around and I just met you.

If you encounter a church that has people who are genuinely wanting to start friendships that are authentic, then consider it your home. It may begin with an invite to family home or a social event. However, be open and don't miss those life changing moments to develop new friendships.

### 2. Children's Programs

If the church has a children's program and is willing to invest in its ministry, then you may consider settling there.

It should be a place where children can feel comfortable, accepted, involved and have healthy interactions with other children. Moreover, if the main worship service is a "kid friendly zone" where all worshippers can take an active role, then you have found a good place.

Lastly, families should watch for the passion of the children's leaders. If the leaders of children's ministry, place as much emphasis on a small group of kids as a huge assembly, then invest there for your families future.

# in the loop

SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

October 13, 2018

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

### NOVEMBER

- 14 Nominating Committee 11am
- 14 **OC Women's Retreat— Eagle Crest Resort**
- 14 Bible Study 12pm
- 17 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 19 Choir Practice for Friends/Family Sabbath 7pm
- 20 Sabbath School/Divine Worship—**Wear Pink** 9:45am
- 20 Community Svc Food Pantry 2pm
- 20 Church Member Business Meeting 6:15pm
- 21 Church Board Meeting 10:30am
- 22 Bible Study 12pm
- 24 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 26 Choir Practice for Friends/Family Sabbath 7pm
- 27 Sabbath School/Divine Worship— **Friends/Family** 9:45am
- 27 Friends/Family Lunch *immediately following service*
- 27 Community Svc Food Pantry 2pm
- 29 Bible Study 12pm
- 31 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 31 Youth/Children Harvest Social TBD
- 2 **First Friday—Adventist Med Cntr 8:30pm**
- 3 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 5 Bible Study 12pm
- 7 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 10 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 11 Elder's Meeting 10:30am
- 14 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 17 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 17 Community Svc Food Pantry 2pm
- 17 Social—Dinner Cruise TBD

\* These are holiday or partner activities held at other locations, see Sharon bulletin board for details.