



LET'S CHAT!

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SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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We Need Them—Part 3

When wolves were introduced to Yellowstone Park, they transformed it. Similarly, we proposed a similar model. We took 20 youth to a dying church outside the city with the goal of outreach. We knocked on doors, visited hospitals, painted and visited homes, and connected with the community. The small town started to request for the youth to attend city events. The mayor visited the church to meet our group and presented gifts from the city.

We hosted an outdoor concert one evening and was amazed with the turnout. Almost everyone whose lives we had touched attended. The 10 faithful members of the dying church became excited about ministry again.

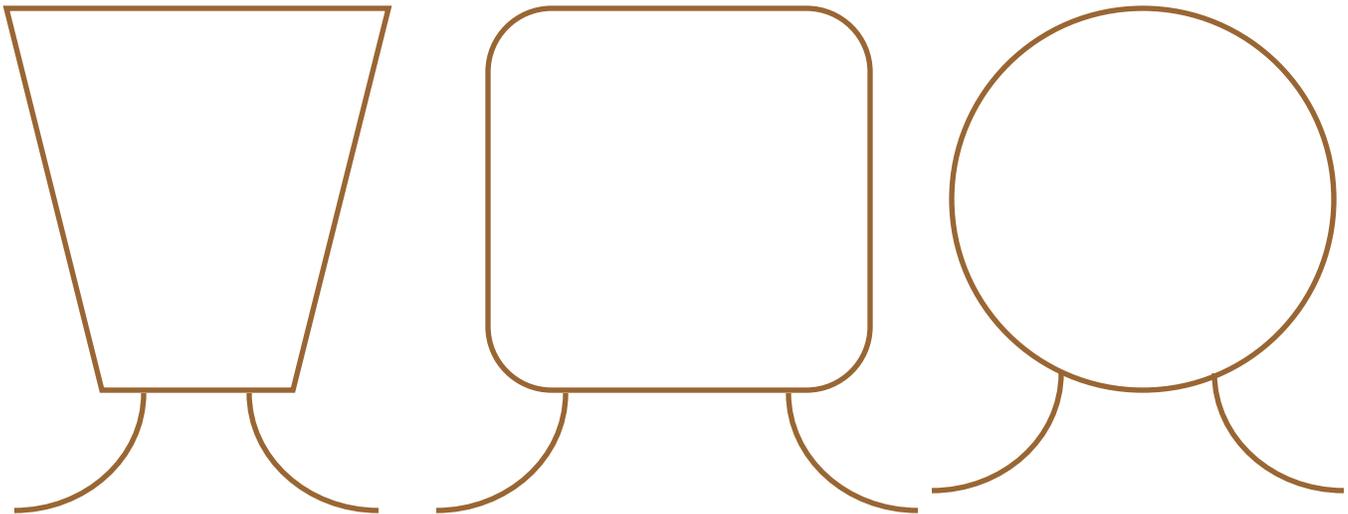
Youth who were no longer attending or felt isolated started to return. Families that had left started to visit again. Members who were hurt in the past started to communicate and healing began. The church started to grow with just a temporary reintegration of youth.

There is a lesson for the church regarding our need for youth and young adults. Youth will attract youth. We need them! When a church devotes its resources and programs toward youth it will grow. It will flourish and it will attract others.

Every church needs dedicated people who have a heart for youth ministry.

KIDS CORNER

Finish the faces.



GUIDE TO SURVIVING TURBULENT TIMES



In Jimmy Carter's book *Faith, A Journey for All*, he quotes his favorite teacher, Ms. Julia, who said, "We must welcome changing times, but cling [have faith in] to principles that never change." Once again the political climate is gearing up for impeachment proceedings for our sitting President, and in the midst of these turbulent times — and in light of what we believe about the Gospel — how should we respond? The forces of secularism are waging war against traditional Christian values, and some Christians are torn between taking a stand and being paralyzed by fear. The solution is not to run and hide or be shrill and offensive.

What our nation needs are men and women who have encountered the living God in a personal way; people who aren't looking for power, position, or privilege but are willing to engage the culture no matter the cost. A thoughtful and deliberate approach that rests on this firm foundation — In God We Trust.

We must not engage in character assassination of those with whom we disagree or use bombastic words or antics laced with hateful undertones. We must instead extend grace and kindness regardless of political affiliation, religious preference, or personal behaviors. Let's boldly engage the political process in a responsible and informed manner. Study the issues at hand, carefully. Contrast your beliefs with the opposing point of view and once you're confident in your position, find a place for your voice to be heard and season your words with compassion and concern.

Additionally, while we care deeply about our faith and our country, the Bible reminds us, "He changes times and seasons; He deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." (Daniel 2:21-22) Charles Spurgeon said, "Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the omnipotent muscle of God." The Apostle Paul admonishes believers saying, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

There is no disputing that we live in turbulent times. We are already feeling the outer bands of a massive storm seeking to devastate the institutions and ideals that Christ-followers have treasured for generations. It's time to dust off the hurricane map, put a game plan together, and anchor deep. You children are watching. Your friends and neighbors are studying your countenance. They're looking for answers. Don't miss this opportunity to be hands and feet of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Sources: Carter, Jimmy. *Faith—A Journey for All*. www.thefirstacademy.org. *How Should Christians Respond to Political Turmoil*. October 27, 2016. *Bytheway*, John. *Moroni's Guide to Surviving Turbulent Times*.



FAITH TELLS ME THAT NO MATTER
WHAT LIES AHEAD OF ME,
GOD IS ALREADY THERE.

URGENT prayer

- LaShonti Turner and family, bereavement (her father passed away)
- Wendy Waters, recovery
- Dwayne Crosby, recovery
- Russ Fay, health
- George Lake, health
- Don Cobbs, health
- Ruth Collier, health
- Rod Cartasegna, recovery
- Brewer family, grief (Sister Brewer's stepdaughter, Angela)
- Chelsea, recovery (Sis Hall's niece)

PAA Constituency Meeting
on October 22, 2019 at
7:00 p.m. at the academy



THE EFFECTIVE,
FERVENT PRAYER
OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN
AVAILS MUCH.
JAMES 5:16

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