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# SAN MARCOS CHURCH MESSENGER

## Press Together

*Ellen G. White, Pacific Union Record, Feb. 13, 1902*

In the prayer Christ offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion, He said: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me."

What a wonderful prayer is this! Consider it carefully. Study every word, lest you fail of receiving the impression that God desires to make on your heart,—an impression of the greatest importance to you. This prayer holds out before us our possibilities, showing that it is our privilege to live in covenant relation with God. Every one may understand these wonderful, far-reaching expressions, and may appropriate to himself the rich promises they contain. Those who do not avail themselves of the blessings so graciously offered them will be called on in the day of the Lord to answer for their refusal to accept the great gift placed within their reach.

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." Can you comprehend this statement? Is it deeper and broader than your faith can reach? Do you ask, Can this be? It can; for God has said it, and He means every word He says. He will not alter the thing that has gone out of His lips.

"Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am. . . . I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

The voice that utters this prayer is the voice of our Redeemer. Do not the tones thrill through every part of your being, filling you with a desire so to live that His prayer may be answered?

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## Buried Alive By Laziness

Amazingfacts.org

An Amazing Fact: On November 19, 1856, The New York Times ran a story on a man named Thomas Burns, who was semi-buried as a punishment for laziness. Burns was a prisoner at a penitentiary in New York City and was expected to work the quarry. The article reports that Burns' consistent refusal to work at anything but a snail's pace so irritated the quarry-master that Burns was buried up to six inches above his knees and then left there for two days!



According to the deputy warden, Burns was so lazy that he had “tired out” the superintendents of all the prison work departments. It was reported that Burns seemed to enjoy the irritation of his supervisors, appeared in good health, and was quite active when it was mealtime. Burns himself admitted that he felt the world “owed him” food and lodging and that the only thing he owed in return was to wear the prison’s “striped pantaloons.” He’d been in and out of prison several times—his repeated crime was “vagrancy” or wandering idly. The article made no mention of whether the punishment had any effect on his work ethic.

As harsh and unconventional as this punishment might sound to our ears today, Solomon seems to understand the feeling of Burns’ supervisors: “As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him” (Proverbs 10:26). Proverbs even predicted Burns’ situation: “The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor” (Proverbs 12:24).

Solomon presents to us the alternative to laziness—diligence. He says that those who are diligent in their work “shall have enough ... for the food of [their] household (Proverbs 27:27). How much better it is to be considered one of the diligent than one of the slothful!

### Key Bible Texts:

“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds” Proverbs 27:23

“For riches are not for ever; and doth the crown endure to every generation?” Proverbs 27:24



Who can look into the heart of the great mystery of redemption, and find it to be love without catching the same spirit that led Christ to die for sinners? As we think of His sacrifice, our life is bound up with His. A desire to serve Him takes possession of every fiber of the being.

God has united believers in church capacity, in order that one may strengthen another in good and righteous endeavor. The church on earth would indeed be a symbol of the church in heaven, if the members were of one mind and one faith. It is those who are not moved

by the Holy Spirit that mar God's plan. Another spirit takes possession of them, and they help to strengthen the forces of darkness. Those who are sanctified by the precious blood of Christ will not become the means of counterworking the great plan which God has devised. They will not bring human depravity into things small or great. They will do nothing to perpetuate division in the church.

It is true that there are tares among the wheat; in the body of Sabbath-keepers evils are seen: but because of this shall we disparage the church? Shall not the managers of every institution, the leaders of every church, take up the work of purification in such a way that the transformation in the church shall make it a bright light in a dark place?

Our great need is unity, perfect oneness in God's work. We are nearing the end of this earth's history and God calls upon all to lift the standard bearing the inscription. "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." He calls upon His people to work in harmony. He calls upon those engaged in our medical work to unite with the ministry; He calls upon the ministers to cooperate with the medical missionary workers; and He calls upon the church to take up their appointed duty, holding up the standard of true reform in their own territory, leaving the trained and experienced workers to press on into new fields. No word is to be spoken to discourage any, for this grieves the heart of Christ, and greatly pleases the adversary. All need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit; all should refrain from disparaging remarks, and draw near to Christ, that they may appreciate the heavy responsibilities which the coworkers with Christ are carrying. "Press together, press together," are the words of our divine Instructor. Unity is strength; disunion is weakness and defeat.

# Why I Love The Savior

*Elder Ted T. Jones*

You ask me why I love the Savior?

This is why!

Because He came from high in Heaven,

Here to die!

I love Him for His tender mercy

Giv'n to me!

And through the guidance of the Scriptures

I'm set free!

He first loved me and now I love Him,

What a day!

When Jesus took my sins and burdens

All away!

Today I'm going to live for Jesus,

Every hour!

And He will use me for His glory,

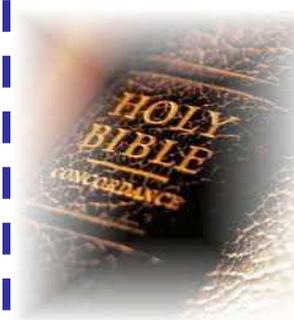
Through His power!

You ask me why I love the Savior?

Now you know!

That I have found Him, proved Him, loved Him,

In my soul!



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“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 KJV

## Recipe of the Month

### Pumpkin Pancakes

*Vegetariantimes.com | Serves 4 | Prep time: 30 mins*

2 large eggs  
 1 cup pumpkin puree  
 1/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries  
 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds, toasted  
 1 cup all purpose flour  
 1 T vegetable oil  
 1 T baking powder  
 2 T granulated or brown sugar  
 Pinch of salt



Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until foamy. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spray large non-stick skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium heat. When the surface is hot, scoop about 1/3 cupful of batter onto the skillet, flattening out the cakes with the back of the spatula. When the bottoms start to turn golden brown or when you start seeing bubbles, flip cakes over and cook other side. When both sides are golden brown and the cakes are firm, after about 7 mins, remove from heat. Repeat with the remaining batter.

To serve, pass with melted butter or whatever topping or syrup you choose. Enjoy!

## Calendar of Events

- 13—Sewing class, 1-4p (see Sharon Rexinger for details)
- 15—Senior Lunch @ Marie Callender's in Esc, 12:30p
- 18—No. County Youth Vespers, Fallbrook SDA, 6:30p
- 19—Special Music, EAA Chambers & Sonabella @ Church
- 22—Finance Committee, 6p; Church Board, 7p
- 24—Financial workshop begins, 7p (see bulletin for details)
- 26—Ignite AY in the Sanctuary, 5p

## Upcoming Events / Announcements

- Evangelism Workshop @ SCC office, tomorrow, 10/13, 9a-1p
- Community Services—We are collecting food for our annual Thanksgiving boxes (see bulletin or Lori Crocker for details)
- Marriage Seminar on Sabbath afternoon, Nov 24th @ 1:30p (childcare provided)

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**"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."  
 1 John 2:15 KJV**



## Sunset Times

**Oct 11 / 12—6:21p / 6:20p**  
**Oct 18 / 19—6:13p / 6:11p**  
**Oct 25 / 26—6:05p / 6:04p**  
**Nov 1 / 2—5:58p / 5:57p**

## October Birthdays



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 - Melissa Ramirez   | 16 - Eli Manrique     |
| 5 - Roy Dunn          | 17 - Esau Estrada     |
| 6 - Renato Cruz       | 18 - Alisa Ford       |
| 7 - Joshua Pamintuan  | 19 - Apollo Navarrete |
| 9 - Levi McAdams      | 20 - Fred Zilliox     |
| Matthew Pamintuan     | 21 - Joselyn Bolanos  |
| Sharon Rexinger       | 23 - Luz Hernandez    |
| 10 - Esther Rojas     | 24 - Cheryl Mitchell  |
| 13 - Luz Thrash       | 25 - Javier Mendoza   |
| 14 - Rebecca Bell     | 26 - Kaleb Manrique   |
| Mayleen Moroyoqui     | Lupe Penaflor         |
| 15 - Juan Hidalgo III | 28 - Hannah Gordon    |

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Church Service is held on Saturdays.  
 Sabbath School - 9:20am  
 Worship Service - 10:45am