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"The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Proverbs 11:25.

How far can one dollar go? Not very far at all! But if many people will pitch in just one dollar toward a common goal, great good can be accomplished, especially when it is something for God's cause.

Considering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35), the Good Samaritan Department is extending a request to all church members and friends of the American Union to contribute just \$1.00 every month to the Good Samaritan Department. The money will be used to help our needy brethren around the world. You may place your donation in the tithes and weekly offerings envelope provided by your local church, marking it as a donation to the Good Samaritan Department (listed under Union Funds on the envelope). If you would like to send in your donation directly, you may do so by mailing your check or money order to

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A little can go a long way with God's help. The Good Samaritan Department extends sincerest thanks for your gifts.



VBS INVITATION

Cedartown Church, Education Department, and the General Conference

When was the last time YOU attended a Vacation Bible School? The Cedartown church, the Education Department, and the General Conference join in presenting two special events this summer—one for children and one for adults. Adults are invited to attend a seminar focusing on the timeline of this world's closing prophetic events and how they are intricately interwoven with the beginnings of the Advent Movement and, subsequently, the International Missionary Society.

During the same week, children between the ages of 4 and 12 will be treated to a fun and educational Vacation Bible School. The theme will be "God of the Impossible." Through stories, songs, and videos, the children will be reminded of the awesome power of their heavenly Father. Fun games, activities, and some amazing science projects will round out the program. RSVP now, because space is limited.

The seminar will also be broadcast online for those who would like to attend via the Internet.

- **Reservations:** Call 770-748-0077 or Email Info@sda1844.org
- **Cost:** Freewill offerings for food and lodging
- **Presenters:** Pastors Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D.; Pablo Hunger; and Larry D. Watts
- **VBS Leader:** Sister Margie Seely



MONDAY

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| 1. Intro | Introduction and Orientation | Larry Watts |
| 2. 1798 | The Time of the End Begins | Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D. |
| 3. 1831-1844 | The Great Awakening and the End of Prophetic Time | Larry Watts |
| 4. 1847-1855 | The Sabbath Conferences | Pablo Hunger |

TUESDAY

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| 5. 1861-1865 | Organization and the Civil War | Larry Watts |
| 6. 1863 | Health Reform Vision | Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D. |
| 7. 1888 | Minneapolis Institute and Conference—COR | Larry Watts |
| 8. 1888-1899 | Expanding Work and Message | Pablo Hunger |

WEDNESDAY

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| 9. 1899-1901 | Indianapolis Holy Flesh Movement | Larry Watts |
| 10. 1903-1905 | Alpha and Omega of Apostasy—Kellogg Crisis | Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D. |
| 11. 1914-1920 | WWI, Preliminary Organization, and Friedensau | Larry Watts |
| 12. 1922-1933 | Early Reformation History | Pablo Hunger |

THURSDAY

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| 13. 1936-1945 | The Underground Church— <i>And Follow Their Faith</i> | Larry Watts |
| 14. 1948-1951 | First Two Post-War General Conferences | Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D. |
| 15. 1951-1993 | Later Developments | Pablo Hunger |
| 16. 1993-2007 | Reports from Around the World | Idel Suarez, Jr., Ph.D. |

FRIDAY

17. Outing

SABBATH

18. Special Service and Children's Program

Subject to change

Summer Vacation Rescue

News from the Education Department
By Margie Seely, AU Education Leader



Summer vacation is here! For some, it is a time to put away the books, relax, and enjoy two months of freedom. For others, it is a time to get ahead in their studies. Whatever your child does with his/her time this summer, you can make some positive steps to help him/her come closer to God.

God is calling us, as parents, to guide the footsteps of our children heavenward. “Is the family altar established? Do you gather your children together morning and evening, and present their cases to God? Do you instruct them how to become followers of the Lamb?... The neglect of home religion, the neglect to train your children, is most displeasing to God. If one of your children were in the river, battling with the waves and in imminent danger of drowning, what a stir there would be! What efforts would be made, what prayers offered, what enthusiasm manifested, to save the human life! But here are your children out of Christ, their souls unsaved.... They are perishing without hope and without God in the world.” –*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 423.

Sadly, the pressures of keeping up with work and school have a tendency to wear us parents down. We get tired, and we give in. We begin to allow things to enter our homes that we know are wrong. And we begin to neglect the things we know are right. That’s why summer vacation provides such a wonderful opportunity to start afresh and renew our commitments to our Lord and to leading our children aright.

Below is a short list of projects you may want to try as a family. The ideas are very general and should be tailored to the specific talents and interests of your family.

- **Reading Circle:** Each evening, take turns reading passages from the Bible, one of the Spirit of prophecy books, or a missionary biography. Take time to discuss the readings.
- **Memorization Contest:** Which family member can memorize the longest passage of scripture or the most passages in a set amount of time? Keep a collection of 3" x 5" cards with the memorized verses on them. Recite some at church.
- **Art Project I:** Have each family member illustrate a favorite scripture. Frame the illustrations and display them in your house or at church.
- **Art Project II:** Stitch a favorite verse, then frame and display it.
- **Music Project I:** Ask family members to research the history and authors of various hymns in the hymnal. Once a week, have them present their research. Immediately after the presentation, sing the song discussed.
- **Music Project II:** As a family, write a song about your walk with the Lord. Work together as a family or allow each family member to work on his/her own verse. Present the finished product at church.
- **Outreach:** As a family, reach out to help a needy friend, family member, or neighbor. Visit the local convalescent hospital or homeless shelter, and ask how you and your children can help. Write letters of appreciation and/or encouragement to those who serve in your local church, missionaries, ministers, or isolated members.
- **Recipe-a-day:** Encourage your child to make one new healthful recipe each day. Along with the cooking project, have your child research each of the ingredients to see what nutrients and healing properties the recipe has.
- **Garden:** Grow an herb and/or vegetable garden. Look up Bible and Spirit of prophecy references about gardening.
- **Canvassing:** Map out your neighborhood and assign various sections to each family member.

The time we have left in this world is short, and the battle for the salvation of our children is fierce. Parents, do not grow “weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9. Let us work with patience, so that one day soon we will know the joy of uttering the following words to Jesus: “Behold I and the children which God hath given me.” Hebrews 2:13.

Any child ...

that is permitted to have his own way will dishonor God and bring his father and mother to shame. Light has been shining from the word of God and the testimonies of His Spirit so that none need err in regard to their duty. God requires parents to bring up their children to know Him and to respect

His claims; they are to train their little ones, as the younger members of the Lord's family, to have beautiful characters and lovely tempers, that they may be fitted to shine in the heavenly courts. By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God.

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, pp. 325-326.



2010 Calendar

- **June 4-6: Northeastern Field Conference in Lebanon, NJ**
- **June 28-August 6: Vacation Bible School and Education Workshops at your church**
Contact Sister Margie Seely for more information: 209-256-1138 or nutstwigs03@yahoo.com.
- **July: Canadian Field Conference**
See www.imssdarm-bg.org for more information.
- **August 2-6: History Workshops and Vacation Bible School in Cedartown, GA**
Details on page 2 of this newsletter.
- **August 3-11: International Youth Conference in Israel**
For more information, visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/asdimores#p/u/1/SPpA20Ewy1U>.
- **August 12-17: California Mountain Trip**
Contact Brother Christian Nelson for more information: 916-212-6468 or imapilgrim_cn@msn.com.
- **August 17: Western Field Delegates' Meetings at Small Cloud Christian School**
12434 Pear Lane, Wilton, CA. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.
- **August 18-22: Western Field Conference at Leoni Meadows, Grizzly Flats, CA**
Information and registration form can be downloaded from www.sda1888.org. The campground phone number is 530-626-3610, and the fax number is 530-626-8524.

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