
“We are engaged in the work of the Most High. He will accept the work of no man who hurts and discourages Christ’s heritage. Let us not weave into the web of our work one thread of selfishness—neglect and careless of others”
(Southern Watchman, Oct. 9, 1901).



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In Appreciation for Your Prayers

“Thank you very much for your prayer. It feels good to know that someone in the world is interceding for us.

“With my best greetings in Jesus,

“Bruno Vertallier, president

“Euro-Africa Division.”

“We appreciate the family of the Review and Herald remembering us, the West Ethiopia Field, in prayer. Thank you so much. This is the life of the church of God in the end time. Let us keep on remembering each other in prayer as we advance the work of God.

“Yours in Christ,

“Tesfa Kano, president

“West Ethiopia Field of SDA Church.”

Spruce Up Your Holiday Entertaining

You might not have a lot of extra cash to go out and buy new decorations for the holiday season. Design experts say that’s not a problem. In fact, you may already have all the trimmings you need to spruce up your holiday entertaining by recycling what you already have in your home.

The china cabinet is one of the first places Dubravka Vujinovic looks when developing new decorating ideas to capture the magic of the holidays. As a designer for Replacements, Ltd., known as the world’s largest supplier of old and new china, crystal, silver and collectibles, she coaches customers to create their own unique ways to add seasonal twists.

* Are your serving pieces in the china cabinet gathering dust? Those could be the start of the perfect centerpiece.

* Mix old and new china patterns, or even combine your formal dinnerware with more casual pieces.

* Decorate each place setting with ornaments.

* Fill silver bowls with water and float candles for evening entertaining.

You can find additional decorating tips and ideas for holiday patterns at www.replacements.com.—Courtesy of ARAcontent.

Christmas Program Features Young People

You are invited to Willow Brook SDA Church this Sabbath, December 12, at 11:00 a.m., for a special Christmas program featuring

many of Review and Herald’s very own student workers. Celebrate the “Reason for the Season” with us this week.

For Your Calendar

Chapel Programs

December

- 14 Samuel Thomas, Jr.
21 No chapel, holiday week
28 No chapel, holiday week

Sunset in Hagerstown

December

- 11 4:47 p.m.
18 4:49 p.m.
25 4:52 p.m.

2009 Holidays

Christmas Day—Thursday,
December 24

2010 Holidays

New Year's Day—Thursday,
December 31, 2009

Martin Luther King's Birth-
day—Monday, January 18
(floater)

Presidents' Day—Monday,
February 15 (floater)

Memorial Day—Monday,
May 31

Independence Day—Monday,
July 5

Labor Day—Monday, Sep-
tember 6

Thanksgiving—Thursday,
November 25*

Christmas—Monday, De-
cember 27

*Workdays for the week of
Thanksgiving are Sunday, No-
vember 21, through Tuesday,
November 23.

Thanks From the Danceks

I just want to say thank you for all the love and support we have gotten from the Review family since Ed's stroke. A simple knee surgery turned ugly. On Tuesday the surgery went well. Next morning at 9:00 a.m. I got a call from the hospital that Ed had suffered a stroke. The plant from the Review is beautiful, and the plant from plant services with the band-aid balloon

was so nice. What a comforting feeling that I have a support system. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to pray for Ed. We are grateful for all of you, and we love you so much.—Sandy and Ed Dancek.

If you would like to send Ed a card, you may send it to: Edward Dancek, c/o Washington County Hospital, Room 6011, 251 East Antietam Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

With Our Sympathy

Robert Reed, a Review and Herald retiree, passed away on November 30, 2009, at the age of 96. Most of his time at the R&H was in the Book Department. He began working here in 1937 and retired in 1975. A service is scheduled for December 15 at Florida Living Nursing Center, Apopka, Florida.

John Fowler, former evangelist, author, and conference and union president, went

to sleep in Jesus after suffering a cardiac infarction early on Monday, November 30, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Kay; their children, Mark, Melonie, and Marcia; and four siblings. John had also worked in the R&H Bindery during his retirement. A memorial service was held on Friday evening, December 4, at 4:00 p.m., at the Willow Brook Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Acosta Baby Arrives

Baby Briana Aileen Acosta was born at 7:09 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009. Proud papa, **Paulo Acosta**, HHES, was the one who chose the middle name, and Mama **Juliana Savoy**, HHES, chose the first one. Briana weighed in at 6 lbs 4 oz and was 20 inches long. Both mommy and daddy are very happy to be able to hold this

precious little bundle of love. They are also happy for a few days of vacation to adapt to the joys of sleepless nights and drowsy days. They will survive! Really, all of them are doing well.



Homeschool Companion Program Schedule

You'll enjoy these programs from *Homeschool Companion* during December:

12-16-09 Educating the Male Brain

Guest: Abigail Norfleet James has written on Teaching the Male Brain: How Boys

Think, Feel, and Learn in School. Fortunate callers will receive a complimentary book.

12-23-09 Classical Kids' Christmas: An Audio Drama (Prerecorded)

Listen on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (EST) on LifeTalk Radio, www.lifetalk.net

Operation Shining Star

Operation Shining Star is under way! In a partnership with ACTS 9, an outreach is being organized called Operation Shining Star, for the purpose of giving gifts to the Hagerstown homeless on Christmas Eve. We are asking for donations of blankets, toiletries, nonperishable food items, Bibles, and other literature. Your donations can be

dropped off at ACTS 9. Please label the items "Operation Shining Star" so the ACTS 9 staff can keep them separate for this special project. The deadline is December 21, allowing ample time to wrap the gifts and get them ready to go. Thank you for supporting this Christmas outreach. Here's an opportunity for you to get involved.

Marketplace

Wanted: gently used R&H devotional books to distribute with fruit for Thanksgiving. Please drop your contributions by Faith Crumbly's office in *LEAD* magazine or leave them at the reception desk and ask the receptionist to call Faith.

Flu Shots Available

Flu vaccine will be administered on Monday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, December 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the sick room off of the

Special price of \$.25 per book on *Fourth Dilemma* through Thursday, December 10. Visit the bookstore to take advantage of this special price.

library. This is the regular flu vaccine, not for swine flu. Call Human Resources to schedule an appointment.

Citrus From Florida

The Mt. Aetna Home and School Association is selling Florida citrus as a fundraiser. December orders will be ready for pickup on December 20 at the Highland View Academy gymnasium. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Payment options include cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express.

Place your next order by January 17 for delivery on January 31. Grapefruit, navels, honey bells, and a variety pack are available. To order, call 301-739-8480, ext. 244, or send an e-mail to mtaetnafruit@yahoo.com.

Get some citrus to fill the toes of those stockings!

Mission Trip Request

Victoria and Vivian Dye feel called to go on the Highland View Academy mission trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, but we need your help! This year the project is to build a much-needed second floor on the local church. We both view this as an important opportunity to bring more people to Jesus and to make a difference in the world. First, we need your prayers for the trip, for the people going, and for the people of San Cristobel. We also need to raise funds for travel, food, insurance, and other

expenses. Donation checks can be made payable to Highland View Academy and mailed to: Ecuador Mission Trip, Chaplain's Office, Highland View Academy, 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Victoria or Vivian at 240-313-9290 between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. We thank you very much for considering this request and ask for your continued prayers for this project. Without God's help, it will be impossible.

Free Directory Assistance From Your Cell Phone

Instead of calling directory assistance from your cell phone, which can cost up to \$2 per call, try this idea. Dial Goog-411 (1-800-466-4411) from any mobile or landline to connect with Google information. Give them the name of the business and the city and province where it's located; Google can either connect you directly to the company or give you additional details about the company's general location. And it's free! (<http://www.google.com/goog411/>)



December Birthdays

- 11 John Washington
- 12 Kim Peckham
- 12 Harry Starkey
- 13 Bill Barr
- 13 Connie Kline
- 14 Dwain Esmond
- 14 Jerry Zepp
- 15 Larry Macomber
- 16 Julie Haines
- 23 Ted Hessel
- 23 Wendy Wilkinson
- 26 Rande Colburn
- 26 Brenda Page
- 27 Carol Barry
- 27 Carolyn Martin



January Birthdays

- 2 Judye Estes
- 3 Glen Gohlke
- 7 Don Williams
- 9 Jonathan Byrd
- 11 Amanda Mihm
- 13 Steve Hamous
- 16 Robin Lee
- 17 Tony Delgado
- 17 Gary Lee



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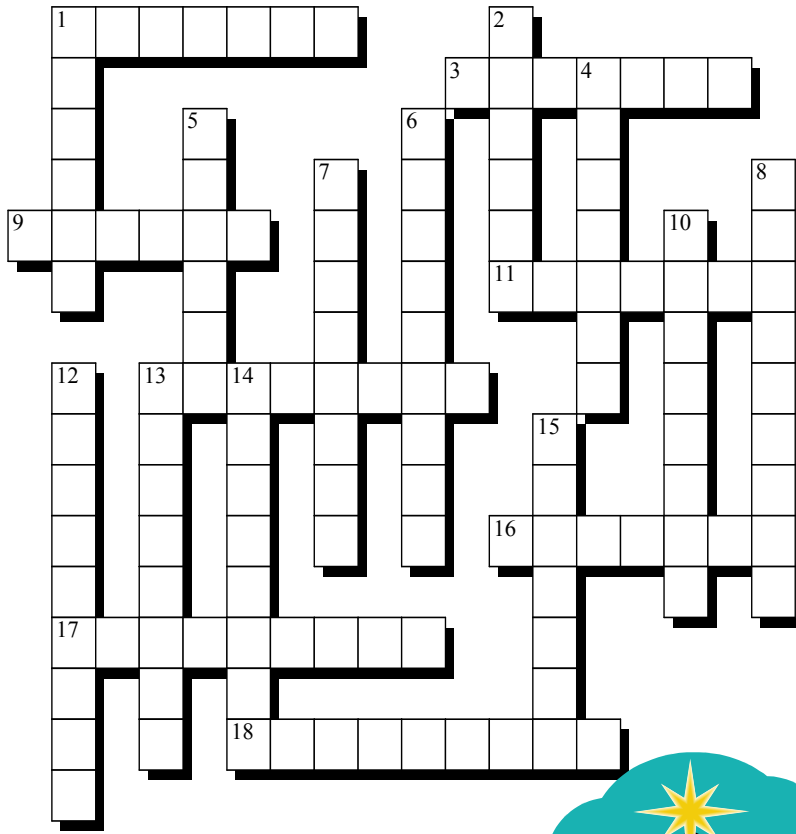
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ACROSS

- 1. Pledged to be ____
- 3. A great ____
- 9. Issued a ____
- 11. Glory to God in the ____
- 13. ____ God for all the things they had heard
- 16. Nazareth in ____
- 17. She gave birth to her ____
- 18. ____ living out in their fields

DOWN

- 1. Placed him in a ____

- 2. ____ also went up from the town
- 4. Mary, who was ____ to be ... to him
- 5. ____ Augustus
- 6. While ____ was governor
- 7. Everyone went to his own town to ____
- 8. To ____, the town of David
- 10. ____ host
- 12. They were ____
- 13. (Mary) ____ them in her heart
- 14. He issued the decree
- 15. ____ him in cloths

Call Iris Shull at ext. 4005
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