



Connecting in Extraordinary Times

New Market SDA Church - Church Life Newsletter 2 - June 2021

Hello New Market Church Family,

In this second Church Life Newsletter, the Team is sharing Church Life news worth celebrating. There are answered prayers of healing, very special life events, and important updates on our church's outreach efforts. All of us are praying for Pastor Buz Menhardt's recovery. If you would like to receive weekly updates about his health, please sign up at Caring Bridge, this website is also a great place to leave messages for Pastor Buz and Kelly at this time:

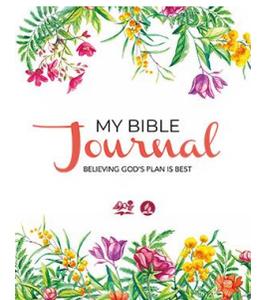
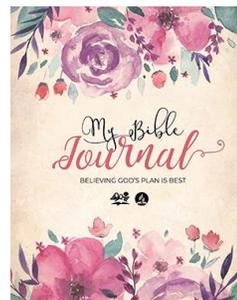
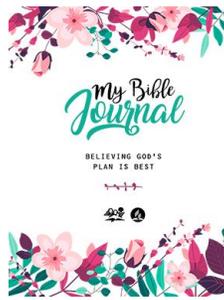
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Church Plant Updates:

Embracing the church's mission to be fully devoted followers of Christ who help others stand with honor for Him in the Final Conflict, two church plants have ventured into the surrounding community to make disciples. **Woodstock:** The Woodstock core team (10 families of 18 adults and their children) has been meeting weekly, studying, praying, planning and playing together. Looking at the team's spiritual gifts, God's calling and Woodstock's community needs, events are being planned to reach different groups of residents. There will definitely be two weeks of FLAG camp this summer (a tribute to Pastor Buz). Other possible plans include outreach programs for the elderly (including the Grandparents as Parents group), community gardening, tutoring and programs for teens and single parents. By mingling and meeting the community needs, the team looks forward to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and establishing itself as a church for the community. Woodstock FLAG camp is right around the corner (July 12-23, 2021). Pastor Buz is honored and has given his blessings for the work to continue. Contact Pastor **Reed Richardi** (team leader) at 804-895-4024 for more information on support these church plants. Pray for the work to continue in Jesus' name.

New Market Spanish Church: The Spanish church plant core team (5 families of 9 adults and their children) held their first Sabbath service at the Manor Methodist Church (Main St, New Market) on May 22, 2021. With no plans to have visitors that first Sabbath, the team invited friends to worship with them. God had other plans and two non-Adventist visitors showed up to worship. Praise God!! The team is inspired and motivated. Invitations are going out to the community so expect the Word to be spread quickly in New Market. Keep this team in prayer. Contact **David Huyatalla** (team leader) at 540-481-3522 or davis.rhd@gmail.com if you need more information about supporting this church plant.

On March 13, we had our Women's Ministries Sabbath at the church and we would like to encourage everyone to check the **General Conference's Women's Ministries website** (<https://women.adventist.org/>) which has information about many great initiatives such as a [Scholarship Program](#), the [EndItNow Initiative](#) to combat domestic violence, a [Leadership Certification](#), a mental health training program titled [Thinking Well, Living Well](#), as well as downloadable brochures about the ["Six Challenge Issues"](#) for Women's Ministries. Perhaps the most useful ones are the ["Nurture Resources"](#) which include free PDF downloads of beautifully designed and illustrated Bible Studies, Coloring Books, small group study guides, and gorgeous printable Bible Journals. There is also a mentoring program for teenage girls titled [My Sister, My Friend](#). You should take advantage of these great resources!





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Birthdays are a time for celebration, but few of us can look forward to celebrating their 100th birthday. **Melba Grove** will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 6. She was born in the tiny community of West Pierrpont in northern New York, the sixth of nine children. She grew up during the Depression, lost her father in an accident while she was still quite young, and worked to pay her tuition while attending Atlantic Union and Columbia Union Colleges. Lack of funds prevented her from finishing the degree, but she made the most of what she had learned.

Melba found work with a lawyer’s family in Maryland. One day a handsome young man came to visit the family and caught Melba’s eye. The two were introduced, and three months later Melba and Lloyd Grove were married. Just months later Lloyd was drafted into military service.

A few years after the couple were reunited following the end of World War II, Lloyd and Melba adopted twin infant daughters, Diane and Denise. As the girls learned that God answers prayers, they began praying for a baby brother. A year later the family welcomed their son, Gayle.

Melba stayed home and cared for the family until they moved to Shenandoah Valley, where Lloyd served as maintenance director at SVA and Melba cleaned motel units in town to help pay school tuition for their children. Later the family moved to Garden State Academy in New Jersey, where she worked as food service director and central supply at the local Adventist hospital for many years. In 1987 the couple returned to New Market, where Lloyd passed away in 2017 at age 95.

Melba enjoys word puzzles and visiting friends. She has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh. She still takes walks every day and until recently walked the mile to church every Sabbath.

Melba has three children, four grandchildren, and two young great-grandchildren, most of whom are with us today (June 5, 2021). Melba’s grandson Jonathan Burishkin is the IT director at SVA and his children, Elizabeth and Benjamin, are Melba’s only great-grandchildren.

Happy 100th Birthday Melba!

Celebrating the New Market Church 2021 Graduates!

8th grade graduates:

- Elijah Barko
- Drew Brossfield
- Jack Chalker
- Isaiah George
- Lili Gullatte
- Nancy Majano
- Kylie Mitchell
- Faith Richardi
- Samantha Trigo
- Aleks Ullrich
- Tori Zimmerman

High School Graduates:

- Andrea Davis
- Lucca DeSpirito
- Annicka Hoffman
- Braxton Jedamski
- Hannah Keller
- Zachary Lowe
- Stefan Ullrich
- Emily White

Congratulations

