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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

James 4:7

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Life can be hard! The same holds true for our spiritual life. If we are honest, we can think of times when pursuing God’s way of life can be a challenge. See, I think most of us would like for spiritual growth to be easy. We want our ability to withstand temptation to require little effort. We want the Holy Spirit to do the work and remove the stress. We want God to protect us from the strain and difficulty of saying “no” to a friend or a bad choice.

Thankfully, God does empower us through His Holy Spirit. The Spirit is available at our beck and call. But that’s the catch. We have to call Him. Daily! More than once a day! Beyond that, for the Spirit to work powerfully in our lives, we must intentionally submit our will to God and we must resist the temptations the evil one places before us. If we will put up a fight against him and his temptations, he will flee from us.

But this is not just about what we do, but what we say. This includes our words. Sometimes we sin just by the sheer number of words we use; in person, in an email, on a social platform, etc...

I have a saying. I have found it helpful. “Less is more.” What do I mean? Less words, less trouble. This isn’t original. I like how the New King James Version says it, “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.” But we must submit. That’s our part.

This week, as we go through each day, let’s do our part, trusting that God will more than uphold His promises, and let’s ask God’s Spirit to walk with us, talk to us...and let’s enter into a discipline of LESS WORDS. I believe if we do this, we can experience victory in and through Jesus.

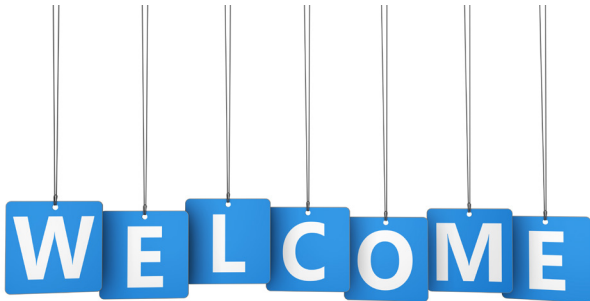
Human Resources Director Position

The Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is seeking a Human Resources Director. Applicant must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field. Applicant must have basic computer skills, effective verbal and communication skills, and enjoy working with people.

If interested, please send your resume to Nikki Quilatan at adminsecretary@ilcsda.org

New Principal/Teacher at Marion School

Kim Thompson has accepted the invitation to be the new Principal/Teacher at our Marion SDA school in Southern Illinois. Kim is a recent graduate from Pacific Union College. Welcome, Kim!



Camp Meeting - Registration Closing Soon!

Camp meeting is approaching! We are just three weeks away! This year's camp meeting theme is Proclaiming Jesus Passionately, and it will begin July 28 - 31 at Camp Akita in Gilson, IL. This is a time for you and your family to step away from the daily distractions and pressures and, instead, enjoy community, outdoor activities, and worship. You can plan to stay for the entirety of the meeting, or for a portion. If you choose to stay for a few nights, lodging is available through Camp Akita cabins, nearby hotels, or by bringing your tent or RV. We will be following CDC guidelines, which states that if you are not fully vaccinated (2 weeks after receiving the two dose series COVID vaccine, or one-dose COVID vaccine), we ask that you wear a mask when in contact with others.

The registration deadline is Friday, July 9.

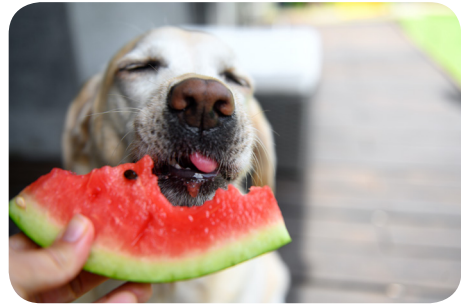
For more information, refer to our website: www.ilcsda.org/departments/camp-meeting-2021

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT...

. . . The Princeton SDA Church in Princeton, Illinois. The church will be hosting Messiah Mansion. Messiah's Mansion is a ministry that teaches people about the sanctuary by giving people tours on a life-sized Sanctuary. A replica of a full-size ancient sanctuary in the wilderness will be coming to the Princeton church from July 31 to August 8, 2021. Tours will be available from 1-7 p.m. daily, and the tours are approximately 1-1½ hours long. The tours are designed to reveal how Jesus' Ministry is revealed through the earthly sanctuary services in the wilderness. It is a beautiful and powerful experience to learn about the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

DID YOU KNOW...

... July is National Watermelon Month.



RESOURCES

Adventist Church Connect Partners with SermonView

A church website is one of the best ways to connect with your community and reach potential visitors. It allows you to start the relationship-building process before people ever come through your doors. Adventist Church Connect provides websites at no charge to churches in the US, Canada, and Bermuda. If you'd like to do more with your website, check out how SermonView can help rebuild your site, supercharged and focused for outreach.

Learn more at: <https://evangelismwebsites.com>

Sabbath School Resource

Rest in Christ is the focus of the third quarter Bible study. Living in a world that keeps most people busy 24/7 can result in restlessness and fear in our lives. But resting in Christ is the key to the type of life that Jesus promises to His followers: Rest connects to salvation, to grace, to creation, to the Sabbath, to our understanding of the state of the dead, to the soon coming of Jesus—and to so much more.

Watch this resource on itiswritten.tv.

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