BLOOD DRIVE:

As I write this, I am snacking on a granola bar and drinking some juice to replenish after donating blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive going on upstairs. Thanks to those of you who "gave to save"! We may be doing this again in December...



THIS SABBATH:

• Remember that breakfast is on us this Sabbath from 9:15-10:00. There will be fruit, muffins, donuts, cereal, and MORE! Bring the whole family and enjoy a little fellowship before Sabbath School.



• Pastor Kevin will be completing the "Dreams Do Come True" sermon series with a message on forgiveness and reconciliation. If you aren't able to be here in person, we invite you to worship with us via live stream at youtube.com/@burlesonsdachurch.

POWER WEEKEND:

It seems like no matter how many times we hear sermons on Revelation, there are still new insights to be gained. And Dr. Jorge Rico has an exceptional way of bringing those insights out! You aren't going to want to miss his presentations next Friday and Sabbath. Topic will include:

- Visions of the End Times
- Living in the End Times
- Drifting from Commission

As is our custom, we will serve a free supper on **Friday evening at 6:00 before the session**. Dr. Rico will speak during the worship hour and again Sat. night at 7:00 followed by refreshments and fellowship in the lobby. If you missed Dr. Rico's presentations last year you can watch them <u>HERE</u>. Click on "view sermon by series" and scroll down to "Three Angelic Voices for Today."



VIRTUAL SABBATH SCHOOL CONFERENCE:

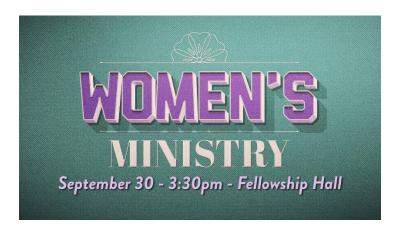
The North American division is hosting a virtual Sabbath School training session September 14-16, online for **free!** It will include general sessions and workshops for:

- Sabbath School Superintendents
- Adult Sabbath School leaders and teachers
- Children's Sabbath School leaders and teachers
- Youth Sabbath School leaders and teachers
- Young Adult Sabbath School leaders and teachers

To register and for more info, go to www.OneTeamPlaybook.org. Let's "Do It Together"!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY:



Our next Women's Ministry Event is scheduled for Sabbath, September 30, at 3:00pm here at the church. We always have a good time at these events as we bond as sisters in Christ. If you've never attended one of these events, we invite you to join us and bring a friend, sister, mother, daughter...you get it.

THIS & THAT:

- If you are an alumnus of Pacific Union College, please contact Tom Bunch at buncht@swau.edu.
- Have you been thinking about, or are open to the idea of adding some unconditional love to your life? One of
 our members has three abandoned puppies and a well-trained adult dog that would greet you with unbounded
 joy every time you came home (or even came into the room) and act like you're the best thing since Milk Bone
 treats. If interested in more information you can contact me or Barb Slee.

NEW MONUMENT MARQUEE:

There is big progress on the new monument marquee in front of the church! The south facing LED monitor has been installed and the lettering is fixin' to go up. (The north facing monitor will be installed as part of phase 2) We hope to have the software installed and training done so that you can see messages on it by this Sabbath. Yay!



I'd like to close with an insight shared during our Prayer Conference Call last night that I found amazing. Here it is: The Bible records only two times that God wrote with His finger. The first time was on Mt. Sinai when He wrote the law in stone, reflecting the unchangeable and eternal holiness of His character. The second time was when God, as Jesus, wrote sins in the dust, revealing our fallen and depraved characters. The difference is that those "dusty" sins do not have to define us. God can wipe those sins away with His hand when we accept His forgiveness, mercy, and incomparable grace through the sacrifice of Jesus. Hallelujah! Two contrasting scenes that both come from a God of love! I hope that "visual" brings comfort and peace to your heart today. ~ Liz Simons ~



Imagine—only for a moment—your life without the grace of God. Every foolish act of adolescence; every spiteful, angry word you've said; every broken relationship would trail after you like dragging cannonballs uphill.

There could be no forgiveness, but only possibly forgetfulness. All things wounded would never heal. The sun would never rise on faith or hope or possibilities.

But we rejoice that grace has come to us in Jesus—that our stories are forever changed for better. So grace always opens into gratitude. We celebrate a rescue we could never accomplish because of what Christ accomplished for us.

And He ever lives—it is His joy—to intercede for us, to turn our painful histories into stories that will bless and lift the world.

So stay in grace.

-Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- What do you call a factory that makes okay products? A satisfactory.
- I put my phone under my pillow last night. When I woke up it was gone and there was a \$1 bill in its place. It was the Bluetooth Fairy.
- When I came home from work, my wife said, "ugh, the baby has been crying for hours! Can you take over?" I said, "Sure," and started crying for hours.
- I told my wife that she draws her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.