

NEWSLETTER



BROOKINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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From the Pastor's Desk...

A searching question: "Is our church warm and friendly?" Do people who enter our doors feel truly welcome?

We have a new "Guest Book" now in the foyer. I hope that our greeters will encourage our visitors to fill it out completely. There is a place for our guests to write their name, address, phone number and home church. Wouldn't it be great if one of our visitors got several calls from new friends from our church?

After church we have a picnic in the basement. I have observed that our guests often are left to sit by themselves. Sure it is more comfortable to sit with old friends. I have done this myself, but we need to be in the business of making new friends.

Starting in May we will have one Sabbath a month dedicated to having Sabbath lunch in a church member's

home. Perhaps this will encourage us to invite one another to our homes-maybe even on a day besides Sabbath.

Thursday, May 7 is the National Day of Prayer. I would invite those who are able to gather at the flag pole at City Hall at noon to pray. I have told the pastors from Brookings that we would like to host the Praise & Prayer program that will be held at 6pm in our sanctuary the same day. Please come and prepare to make some new friends.

On Sabbath May 9 we will have a special service to honor our Mothers. If you no longer have a mother who is

Just a Note...

- ◆ Game Night will be discontinued until further notice. The late sunset hours allow us to enjoy more time on Sabbath in nature or visiting with friends.

living-I would like to suggest that you adopt a second mother to honor.

We are surrounded by lonely people who are looking for friendship and love. Please join me in not only reaching out to make new friends but also become better acquainted with people in our church who are in need of our love and support.

Love,

Pastor & Linda Shultz

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? ... (one) who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;... who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind.
Psalms 15:1-4

Did you know...?

- A CENTENARIAN IS A PERSON WHO LIVES TO OR BEYOND THE AGE OF 100.
- A SUPERCENTENARIAN IS A PERSON WHO HAS LIVED TO THE AGE OF 110 OR MORE.
- THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR SUPERCENTENARIANS REQUIRES AT LEAST THREE DOCUMENTS.
- LONGEST CONFIRMED LIFESPAN WAS A FRENCH WOMAN, JEANNE CALMENT, WHO LIVED TO BE 122 YEARS OLD. MORE RECORDS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED TO VERIFY HER AGE THAN ANY OTHER CASE. **SEE NOTE BELOW
- JERELEAN KURTZ TALLEY IS THE OLDEST LIVING (VERIFIED) PERSON AND LIVES IN MICHIGAN. BORN MAY 23, 1899, SHE IS 115 YEARS OLD.

**In 1965, at age 90 and with no heirs, Jeanne Calment signed a deal to sell her apartment to lawyer André-François Raffray, on a contingency contract. Raffray, then aged 47 years, agreed to pay her a monthly sum of 2,500 francs until she died. Raffray ended up paying Calment the equivalent of more than \$180,000, which was more than double the apartment's value. After Raffray's death from cancer at the age of 77, in 1995, his widow continued the payments until Calment's death at age 122!