

# IMPORTANT STUFF

## Official News of the Dayton Community Chapel of Seventh-day Adventist Church

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## WHERE DO WE GO NEXT?



*(Photo by Lecia Oxentenko)*

This past Sabbath Pastor John and his wife Sally announced his retirement effective that day. We can be thankful for the time they served and fellowshiped with us. (We will see them again!)

After serving for almost 60 years and after turning eighty years of age, no one can blame Pastor Appel for retiring again. (This is the fourth time he has retired, having served as interim pastor multiple times in addition to his regular service.) The SDA Denomination DNA runs deep in his veins. We wish them Heaven's richest blessing and trust that naps, golf, and travel will promote long life well enjoyed.

## The question remains where do we go from here?

The timing of their departure worked out best for them to announce and close his ministry with DCC this past Sabbath instead of Sabbath, December 27. God bless the Appel Family in every way.

The Conference will start the process of finding us a new pastor in the new year. Until then the Church Board, Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses and other officers will pull together to take up the slack in the Sabbath speaking schedule.

## WHAT WERE THE GIFTS?

At the end of the service, gifts were given to the Appel Family (on behalf of the church) as an expression of our appreciation and well wishes.

Since the gifts were not opened during church time, you will likely be interested to know:

Gifts were purchased for the family members:

Including a Farewell card from the church and:

### Gifts for Pastor:

- Karaoke
- Second Karaoke Microphone
- \$75 Olive Garden gift card
- Golf Puzzle
- 2 volume EGW Devotional, (one for a.m. and another for p.m.)
- Book Marks ( x 2 )
- Dad jokes (book)
- Sunrise Candle as he loves Easter sunrise
- "Chicken Soup for the Soul" (book)

### Sally:

- Mother and Daughter Book
- Bookmarks ( x 2 )
- \$50 Gift Card for Books-A-Million

- Religious Candle
- Mom Joke Book
- Ladies Christmas Coloring Book
- Scented Coloring Pencils

**Kali:**

- Kids Puzzle
- Use the Karaoke with Granddad John

**Jenn/Jennifer:**

- Devotional (book)



**HONORING Pastor’s Choice:**

Pastor John’s expressed desire is that the Dayton Community Chapel grows and thrives. He shared that he wants to see all of us in the Heavenly Homes prepared for us by JESUS, and he wants us to bring others with us.

The future is in the hands of our very capable Heavenly Father. We know He cares for all of us and will continue to bless us as we are faithful to Him.

Now is the time to support the decision, timing, and plans of Pastor Appel.

**CHURCH OR COMPANY:**

As we look ahead: What are we?

Who is asking will determine the answers.

If we are asking the government agencies, we are a Church with our own ID number.

If we are asking the Conference we are a Company.

Consider that our concern should be how well we serve the our members and the community as well.

Sharing the Gospel Message with our community and making them feel welcome in the family of God is our concern. Making DISCIPLES of JESUS is our mandate (as given by JESUS).

We are thankful we are part of a very supportive conference, the Georgia Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We are here to nurture one another and to make friends in our community, and win the willing to walk with JESUS.

**PROCESS:**

Tithe dollars are used for the support of the paid ministers/pastors (those who are employed to share the gospel).

Larger congregations may have more then one conference supplied pastor. Smaller churches may share a pastor with other congregations.

In mission locations (typically developing countries) a pastor may have many congregations including churches, companies, etc. Sometimes the number of churches may be as many as fifteen per pastor.

In our case we have been blessed to have been pastored by a part time retired pastor for the last four years.

May God’s richest blessings flow to the Appel Family in every way.

