



Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Sabbath, August 1, 2026

Friendly Reminder: cell phones turned off or silent please.

Sabbath School & Lesson Study 10:00

WORSHIP SERVICE
(Quiet Meditation)

Ministers Enter 11:00
Invocation
Announcements

Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" # 285

OUR GIFTS
Offering/Prayer Combined Budget

HIS WORD
Scripture Numbers 21:8, 9
Pastoral Message "The Brazen Serpent" Pastor Gary

OUR RESPONSE
Hymn "Lift Him Up" # 371
Benediction
Quiet Moment
Postlude

Sunset tonight 8:17 Next Friday 8:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship!

Revelation 12 in-depth study will meet today. A quick lunch first. You are invited.

Fellowship Lunch is next Sabbath.

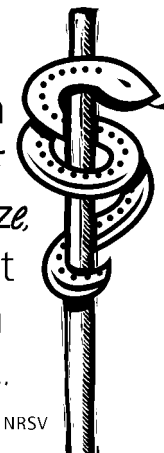
FYI, Chicagoland Convocation will be October 3, 2026 at the Community Christian Church in Naperville. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Dwight Nelson.

"The lifting up of the brazen serpent was to teach Israel an important lesson. They could not save themselves from the fatal effect of the poison in their wounds. God alone was able to heal them. Yet they were required to show their faith in the provision which He had made. They must look in order to live. It was their faith that was acceptable with God, and by looking on the serpent their faith was shown. They knew that there was not virtue in the serpent itself, but it was a symbol of Christ; and the necessity of faith in His merits was thus presented to their minds. Heretofore many had brought their offerings to God, and had felt that in so doing they made ample atonement for their sins. They did not rely on the Redeemer to come, of whom these offerings were only a type. The Lord would not teach them that their sacrifices, in themselves, had no more power or virtue than the serpent of brass, but were, like that, to lead their minds to Christ, the great sin offering."

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 430

Moses made a *serpent* of *bronze*, and put it upon a *pole* ...

Numbers 21:9, NRSV



Mark Your Calendar

Aug 8 dvd & Fellowship Lunch

Aug 15 Pastor Gary

Aug 22 Rirett MacKenzie

Aug 29 Pastor Gary & Fellowship Lunch