

"EVER GROWING IN GRACE"

MILTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



June 21, 2026

COMING EVENTS

GRADUATIONS

- **June 3**—Rogers Adventist School eighth grade, 7:00 p.m.
- **June 4**—Milton-Stateline Adventist School eighth grade, Milton Church 6:30 p.m.
- **June 7**—Walla Walla Valley Academy, WW University Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **June 14**—Walla Walla University, 8:30 a.m.

FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 21, 2026

MILTON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
THEME: "NOAH'S ARK"
(COMING IN JULY.
DATES TBA)

INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4, 2026

CHURCH IN THE PARK
Yantis Park, Milton-Freewater
July 18, 2026

CHURCH CAMPOUT
AUGUST 14-15, 2026

Make reservations for Harris Park at <https://co.umatilla.or.us/departments/parks>. Questions may be directed to Joyce Chinn at (509) 520-2897 or eljoychinn@gmail.com.

Every year as Father's Day comes around in June, it gives us a moment to look back with gratitude, look around with appreciation, and look upward for strength. While the holiday itself is relatively young, the call to honor our fathers is ancient. In fact, it's woven into the very center of God's moral law, the Ten Commandments.

The Fifth Commandment says, "Honor your father and your mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12 NLT).

The family is the first classroom of life in this imperfect world. To honor our parents, who are also imperfect human beings, is part of honoring God, who gave them to us.

Of course, every father is different than every other father. Some of us grew up with dads who were our he-

ros and who were always there for us. Others grew up with fathers who struggled, perhaps entirely absent, or who left wounds that still need the Lord's healing touch. And yet the commandment remains—not as a burden, but as an invitation. Honoring may mean gratitude. It may mean forgiveness. It may mean remembering the good or choosing to break generational patterns through God's grace. Whatever form it takes, the Lord meets us in it. And, even recognizing the imperfections and challenges of our earthly fathers, let us always rest in the wonderful assurance that we are held by the Father whose love never fails.



Claude Fenton and his boys Loren (left) and Beryl (right), circa 1955.

The Pastor's Tellogram

"A Transforming Warmth"

Do you feel it? It's starting to get hot!

I have a seat warmer option in my car. I love that option in the winter, but I find myself using it nearly every day because it acts like a hot water bottle for my aching back. But not now! It's getting too hot! When the car sits outside, the heat that builds up in the car is too much.



Can we get too hot physically? Of course! But what about the warmth in Christian love? God's love in us is a warmth which soothes rather than harms. It has the power to transform those that surround us. As Christians living in this world, we are constantly surrounded by people who lack warmth, and many times they look for it in us and the way we live.

However, to be truthful, there are times in my Christian journey when I don't want to be warm with anyone. During those times, I pause from the activities of my day and spend time with the Master Jesus, asking him what is missing. What do I need to renew my desire to positively connect with other people?

Without fail, Jesus shows up. His care and concern for his children is an incredible reminder of true authenticity and true love.

It is June now, and you might be feeling as if you don't want to share Christian warmth as the summer unfolds. If so, perhaps it's time to go to the Master to spend time at his feet and allow Him to change your life.

Don't wait. Go now!

Until next time, this is Pastor Tello reminding you that

Thoughts Do Change Lives!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Appointments are available through the church office on
Monday – Thursday
(541) 938-3066 or (509) 386-6071
office@miltonsda.org

Pulpit Schedule

June 06 Pastor Lloyd Perrin
June 13 Pastor Howard Tello
(Communion)
June 20 Pastor Howard Tello
June 27 Lowell Mann

Offering Schedule

June 06 Local Church Budget
June 13 Women's Ministries (NAD)
June 20 Local Church Budget
June 27 Adventist Education

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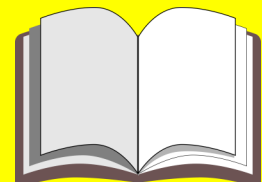
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505 S. College Avenue
College Place, WA 99324
(509) 529-0723

Storytime for KIDS!
Every Wednesday
10:15–11:00 a.m.

Consider This

"Wherever we are, we should watch for opportunities of speaking to others of the Savior. If we follow Christ's example in doing good, hearts will open to us as they did to Him. Not abruptly, but with tact born of divine love, we can tell them of Him who is the *Chiefest among 10,000*, and the *One altogether lovely* (Song of Solomon 5:10, 16). This is the very highest work in which we can employ the talent of speech. It was given to us that we might present Christ as the sin pardoning Savior." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 339).



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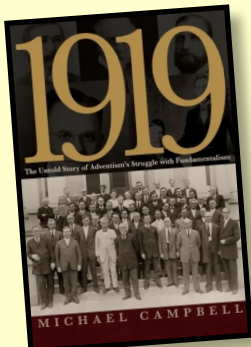
Recommended Summer Reading

Adventist History

1919: *The Untold Story of Adventism's Struggle With Fundamentalism.* Michael W. Campbell, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2019.

1922: *The Rise of Adventist Fundamentalism.* Michael W. Campbell, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2022.

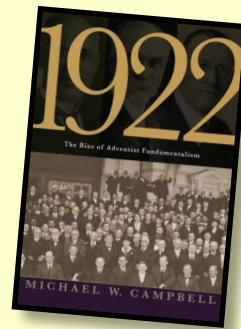
To understand many of the philosophical and theological issues Seventh-day Adventists struggle with currently, it is helpful to look back at several significant events occurring roughly 100 years ago. In these two volumes, historian Michael W. Campbell traces the roots of conflicting fundamentalist and progressive ideologies dominating the Adventist theological landscape following the death of Ellen G. White in 1915.



The 1919 Bible Conference of sixty-five Adventist leaders, editors, and Bible teachers met on the campus of Washington Missionary College near Washington, D.C. Ostensibly, their purpose was to sort out questions of modernism vs. fundamentalism for the denomina-

tion. General Conference president A. G. Daniells had called the meeting, hoping the result would provide a united position for pastors, evangelists, Bible teachers, and administrators to use in guiding their sermons, publications, and lesson outlines.

Unfortunately, that did not happen. The 1919 Conference ended with no definitive recommendation. Instead they voted to refer the questions to a small committee for refinement and publication, where it disappeared into obscurity with few church members even aware of the meeting or its intended outcome.



Michael Campbell's second volume in this series, *1922: The Rise of Adventist Fundamentalism*, traces the battle lines that formed quickly in the aftermath of the 1919 Bible Conference. The fundamentalist camp held firmly to a belief in divine inspiration, the inerrancy of the Bible, and other doctrines such as the Sabbath, creation, and even the inspiration of Ellen White. On the other side of the controversy, modernists saw the need to relate

positively to a rapidly changing world and share the teachings of the church in meaningful ways to an ever-changing social landscape.

Even though most Seventh-day Adventists do not think in terms of pure fundamentalism today, that phase of our denominational past continues to impact us. Although times have changed, the issues remain as relevant as ever.

Both volumes are available through the College Place ABC Christian Bookstore, (509) 529-0723.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

Sabbath, June 13, 2026, is the next scheduled Communion Sabbath at Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church. We would love for as many members as possible to participate—including those who are unable to attend in person.

If you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive communion at home, we are making arrangements for trained elders and volunteers to assist. Our deaconesses will be preparing communion kits, so it is important that we know who plans to participate.

Please let us know if you would like to be included. You may contact:

- Pastor Ole Olesen at 541-969-1203 (M); (541) 861-3248 (H)
- The church office (Marja) at 541-938-3066

If you would also like to include foot-washing as part of your communion experience, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful time of remembrance and fellowship with you.



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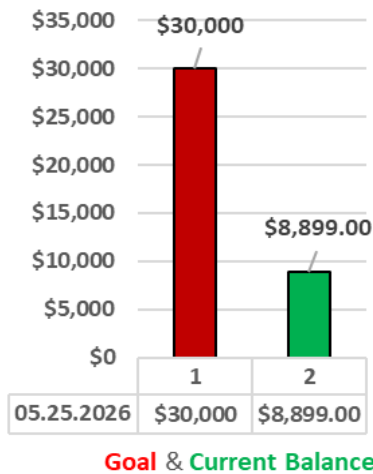
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Stewardship Corner

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A PARTING THOUGHT

"Abiding in the Vine"

Last month in this column, I wrote about growing in grace and truth. This month I want to share about dwelling deeply in Jesus, the true vine, and finding our life and fruitfulness in him.

In John 15:5, Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Abiding in the vine is more than just belief—it's a daily intimate connection. As we choose to accept connection, His life flows through us, shaping our character and empowering our witness.

Fruitfulness isn't about trying harder, but about staying connected. The vine provides all we need—strength, peace, and joy that overflow into our daily walk with God.

Jesus invites us to make the connection daily. The choice is ours—every day and all the way.

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