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Night School

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." **John 3:1,2.**

NICODEMUS

Much of the life and ministry of Jesus was public, in front of and with multitudes of people. But some of the most profound aspects of His ministry and teachings were shared with only one person. Either that person came alone to the Master, and/or Christ took the initiative and ministered one-on-one.

In Jesus' one-on-one ministry, we see that it was often uplifting, encouraging, relational, informal, conversational, and instructive. These blessings were evident as He spoke to a woman at a well, conversed with a church leader at night, and eyed a thief on a cross, to mention a few. At times, His one-on-one ministry was felt with simply the touch of His hand, and the blind saw, the deaf heard, lepers were cleansed, and high fevers cooled.



All were blessed by the Savior, who took time to meet needs individually and personally.

Late one night, a meeting occurred between Nicodemus and Jesus. We find this story to be instructive for Nicodemus and all who consider its lessons. So when Nicodemus asked his mid-management officials where Jesus was at night, their recon work soon found the spot. As he met with Jesus, he paved the way by using words skillfully and called Him Rabbi, which means teacher. Nicodemus himself was a ruler of the Jews and was considered a teacher as well. So what we have going on in the story is one teacher coming to another teacher at night. In this night school setting, we see insights into how Jesus worked one-on-one. While there are many lessons to learn from this class at night, we will consider one picture of Jesus' work for this Ruler of the Jews. In this particular appointment, we find that Nicodemus has come to use words wisely and well. He was a man who could do that.



David Bolduc

President's Perspective

Each week I ask Joy Corliss for an update on funds that have come in to build the new stations. We have eight new construction permits, and everyone wants to know when their station will be on the air.

In late summer of 2021 one of our supporters gave us the funds to purchase engineering software so that we could do our engineering scenarios. In the past, our contract engineer would charge us \$500 for "what if" studies to see our coverage if we were to locate an antenna on a particular tower. I have now run hundreds of those studies at no cost to the ministry!



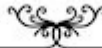
Of the eight new construction permits, Greenville, Owosso, and Port Sanilac are the closest to being fully funded. I am concentrating on those three right now.

Of those three, Greenville has presented me with the most significant challenges because we want to cover Greenville, Edmore, and Ionia. I thought I had a good but cost-effective solution for this station to run at 25,000 watts, but I was recently told by our contract engineer that we needed to be higher on the tower or reduce our power. 130 feet is the highest that we can locate our antennas on this tower. We found if we ran this station at a lower power (15,000 watts), our signal would not reach Edmore.



I have spent numerous days studying other towers that might cover all three communities and have requested information from other tower owners to find out how much they would charge. At this point, it looks like we will have less difficulty at Owosso or Port Sanilac.

I will use this portion of the newsletter to provide construction updates in the coming months. Thank you all for your support. We know the Lord is coming soon, and until then, we must be about His business.



Readers!

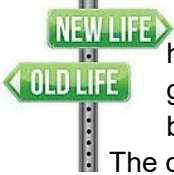
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Changed Lives



John Tompkins had been driving his Little Debbie delivery route from Petoskey to the Upper Peninsula (UP) for several years. One day in 2011, the music on the radio wasn't cutting it, so John flipped through the radio stations looking for talk

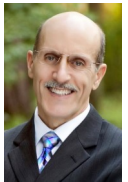


radio and stumbled upon a financial and retirement program hosted by Larry Burkett and Steven Moore. The advice and guidance of that program made a lasting impression, and he began to tune in regularly to Strong Tower Radio (STR).

The continuing commutes to the UP led to many hours of listening to sermon after sermon by great pastors and Bible answers by the likes of Joe Crews and Doug Batchelor.

John would get home from work and continue seeking out videos to understand the great truths he had heard on Strong Tower. The seed planted by STR would yield much fruit in his understanding of what the Bible teaches.

Years passed, and John was content to hold on to these precious truths in his delivery truck and to continue learning each day. But the Holy Spirit is not content when we sit on our faith! Soon Doug Batchelor was answering questions and pressing listeners to find and become part of a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church family.



John didn't pay the message much attention at first. But not long after, a fourteen-year-old boy was going house to house dropping off tracts. John did not want to be bothered by this young man so didn't answer the door, but upon inspecting what he had left, John realized this was an Adventist tract. He chased the young man down the street while carrying names of Evangelists written on a piece of paper, and the boy with the tracts knew precisely who those names were. To John, this was providence that the Spirit was pushing him toward the next growth phase.



The first church visits were rough, but in 2019, John settled into the Boyne City church family, where he began to connect and grow with other like-minded believers.

"I gave it a shot, Home run!" John says with a grin. He was baptized (not sprinkled!) on November 5, 2022, at the Boyne City SDA Church and continues to grow in the Lord.



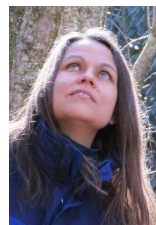
John's truck radio dial is still tuned to STR! Praise God for another life being changed by the Holy Spirit through the broadcast!

I ♥ Pudding!

The desire for something simple and sweet is at the heart of this creation. The delicate flavor of this plant-based recipe makes it a refreshing treat alternative to the heavy custard of most tapioca puddings. Reminiscent of Biko, a Filipino sweet coconut and rice dish, but less sweet. Delight your sweetheart & friends alike and serve with fresh fruit and jams or serve alone. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 1/4 heaping cup of raw whole cashews
- 1 cup water & 1/4 cup water
- 1-13.5 ounce can of coconut cream
- 2 tablespoons + 2 teaspoons Minute Tapioca
- 1/8 teaspoon pink salt
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- Fresh mango slices or fresh red raspberries



Recipe by
Jodi Ferguson

Directions:

1. Pour coconut cream into a small saucepan. Use low heat to liquefy any possible cream chunks. Warm it enough to remove any chunks as needed. Remove from heat.
2. Stir tapioca into the coconut cream, ensuring all tapioca is submerged into the liquid, and there are no lumps. Allow to stand for 5-10 minutes.
3. While the coconut cream-tapioca mixture is sitting, create the cashew milk. Finely grind the cashews using a small grinder or blender (some food processors work). Scrape cashew grindings down from the blender's sides several times until desired texture is achieved. You want cashews finely ground as any chunks will swell in the liquid. Once finely ground, add the 1/4 cup water and blend together. This will be thick. Allow to rest for a minute. Blend again until smooth consistency. (Using less water initially helps cashews grind a bit more.) Add 1 cup of water and blend cashew milk.
4. Return to the saucepan with the coconut-tapioca mixture. First, stir the mixture to prevent it from sticking to the bottom of the pan, then stir the cashew milk into the mixture.
5. Place saucepan with the mixture on low heat. Stir often using a flat-edged spoon or whisk to prevent sticking to the bottom of the pan. Once the liquid begins to warm up, stir continuously for even heat distribution and to avoid scorching. The mixture will start to thicken; however, keep stirring until it boils across the entire surface, even while you are stirring. Allow this whole surface boiling to occur for about 30 seconds before removing it from heat.
6. Remove from heat. Allow it to stop boiling, and then stir in salt. Make sure this additional ingredient is added separately from the maple syrup.

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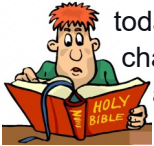
Night School (Continued from page 1)

He had many natural talents; he had authority, he was educated, wealthy, and a church scholar. In his opening comments, he said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus listens to the fancy words and is not impressed. He does not respond by matching and exchanging wit with wit. Instead, he cuts through the red tape and says, "You must be born again." Nicodemus, even with all your Abrahamic background, genealogies, pedigree, and the so-called "holy blood" running through your veins, even you must be born again.



I am glad that Jesus knows how to do and say things like that. As he works with Nicodemus one-on-one, He knows it's best on that night to just come straight to the point. In Jesus' work with individuals, He doesn't beat around the bush. He speaks clearly and does not waste His time, or the time of others. The time that Nicodemus spent with Jesus at night school changed his life.

I want to think that the same thing could happen to you and me today. So let's take time tonight and reread this story in John chapter 3 and consider its lessons. Jesus will deal with us simply and clearly if we prayerfully take in the insights. It's what happens when we come to Jesus at night, one to one.



I Pudding! (Continued from page 4)

7. Stir maple syrup into the tapioca mixture. The syrup will sink to the bottom of the pan, so make sure you stir to blend the syrup with the tapioca mixture thoroughly. Double-check yourself on this point from the center of the pan to the outer lower edges, as it "tends to be sneaky." If you think you've thoroughly blended, stir again to make sure nothing is missed. The pudding will be more almond-tan rather than white. Once thoroughly mixed, pour into four small dessert bowls. Allow to cool for 45 minutes to an hour, and then serve with fruit. Our favorite additions are mango or raspberries, choose your favorite fruit.
8. If you prefer to serve chilled later, pour into a 5-6 cup capacity container. Cover the surface as tapioca will develop a top film. Refrigerate overnight. The tapioca will be firm after being chilled. Spoon into small dessert bowls to serve. Top with fruit and garnish as desired.

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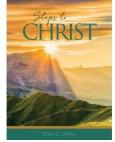
Tom Mejeur

Relationship

CPR

We are very excited about a new program, *Relationship CPR*, by Ron Price. Ron helps listeners learn to avoid relationship problems to minimize damage at work, home, and church. Ron is an experienced relationship trainer, speaker, and author.

Another new program is *Inside Steps to Christ* by Pastor Damon Snead. He shares each chapter of *Steps to Christ*, by Ellen White, with book excerpts and Bible texts, plus meaningful personal comments, experiences, and powerful stories that will foster a new appreciation for this wonderful classic.



STR Today presents the February Ministry News and profiles new programs including a discussion with Vicki Griffin on her new *Finishing Strong* seminar from the Lifestyle Matters programs, interviewing the GYC (Generation of Youth for Christ) president; and Youth ministries' summer camp plans.

STR Feature seeks to find interesting locations, events, and community organizations you may want to know about. For instance, we

attended the Kalamazoo (Bell) Ringers rehearsal, where we found that they will be hosting a regional bell symposium and BronzeFest later this year. We also spoke with a Michigan State Police officer in Grayling about their study on human trafficking.

In addition, we interviewed Habitat for Humanity (Wexford and Kent Counties) about building homes for those without one; and toured the Grand Haven Adventist Community Center.

The first *STR Variety Hour* of 2023 will be at the Ionia Seventh-day Adventist Church on February 25th, 6:00 p.m. You should plan to attend and experience at least one *Variety Hour* this year.



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Notes: Commercial nut milk can be used, but it will alter the taste and consistency of the end product. Follow the directions but reduce the milk to 2/3 cup. The pudding will follow more of the flavor of the chosen nut milk and will remain thin rather than a firm set when chilled. The color will also be more tan. If using sweetened nut milk, reduce the amount of maple syrup accordingly.

Yield: Approximately four 1/2 cup servings.



Kam Ferguson

The Treasures of the Snow

While you and I may have varied opinions on the value of ice and snow, God tells us through His conversation with Job that ice and snow are treasures.

[1] Ponder that a moment, then let's explore. How are ice and snow treasures? Water is stamped with God's glory.



When water freezes into ice, it becomes less dense and floats. All other liquids that transform to a solid increase in density; this doesn't "happen by chance"; no, God designed it this way.

Instead of lakes becoming solid ice blocks in winter, the ice floats on the lake top as an insular layer for fish and other water animals to thrive during the winter cold.

Snow on the ground insulates plants from cold winter winds that could otherwise cause more significant freeze damage. Snow and ice also remind us of time, as seasons continue through regular cycles, just as Jesus promised us they would.



[2] Time is a blessing, and as this month's changed life testimony affirms, some need more time than others, to act upon the Holy Spirit's convicting them.

What if Strong Tower Radio hadn't been broadcasting for the past 11 years?! That listener wouldn't have heard the precious truth of God's Word on his radio! Thanks to your faithful prayers and financial support of this ministry through the years, he instead listened to the everlasting gospel and, after much time, moved forward in faith.

We praise God and thank you for the treasure of time to broadcast the everlasting gospel in more places, from more signals to more listeners, and all because you give!

Glory to God; you are storing up treasure in heaven: not ice and snow, but gems, souls for eternity! Hallelujah!!

[1] **Job 38:22** [2] **Gen 8:22**

This world is not my home,



He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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STR Engagements:

2/11	9:15 a.m.	David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
2/18	10:50 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church
2/25	6:00 p.m.	Variety Hour	Ionia Seventh-day Adventist Church

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