



CENTRAL SDA MESSENGER- "BRIEF"

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I'm Here for You ~ Let's Journey Together!

by Pastor John Abbott



Recently I heard the story of a person was using a weed-whacker in the yard when they accidentally cut off the tail of their cat who had been hiding in the bushes. Immediately, the concerned pet owner grabbed the ailing cat and told the family she was rushing off to Wal-Mart for help. "Why, mom? What can Wal-Mart do?"

"Don't you know?" the mother replied. "Wal-Mart is the nation's largest—(wait for it...) retailer!"

Okay, I know some of you are chuckling, some—groaning, while others are simply praying for me! But the story did lead me to think of a weightier, more meaningful question: What do we 'retail' as the Church? What are we known for 'producing' and 'selling' to the community and the world? What would be your answer to that? What does the community actually see from us?

Perhaps we'd hear things like: We're known for producing lots of cars on Sabbath! Or we're known for a church-sponsored school down the street. Maybe I'll hear about feeding programs or church to neighbor involvement. I have no idea what the real answers are.



But honestly, more important to me than where we've been is where God is leading us now! And that's why we're spending the beginning of ministry here looking at the Person, presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives as well as the church. And now we're turning to the topic of prayer as the way we connect with God and His Spirit. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please catch up on these messages online because we're going to build ministry from what we've been addressing!

I believe God offers so much more than Church meetings—He offers supernatural power for the Christian life, for dealing with the hard issues of this world, and for powerful, Spirit-filled ministry to others. Christianity is NOT just about going over and over our beliefs and having services—it's about learning how to live in the supernatural power God's given us to live for Him in all aspects of life from great to small. All of that supernatural living comes through prayer. I'm so excited to share that journey together with you.



As your new pastor, I'd love to get to know you! I'm excited to learn about your past, present, and future—where God has been with you and where you like to continue on with Him.

This Covid environment presents its unique challenges but let's work it out! Please let me know how I can best connect with you. I'm quite comfortable visiting in homes where we do the masks and distancing but we can visit! Or, I can do phone calls, online video, emails, texts. I'll deliver pizza if that's what it takes! Lol Please contact me at: 808-227-2620. Or: jnabbott7@gmail.com, so we can begin to foster relationships and learn how to grow together in that supernatural walk God offers!

Sometimes I'll alert you to good books or upcoming events. I'm excited about this one: The Central California Conf. is hosting a FB/Youtube event called: What's Next? A Biblical Symposium on Final Events. Oct. 23-31. Watch via: facebook.com/cccsda or youtube.com/cccsda.



Trusting God in the Midst of the Storm— By Janet Van Why

This summer was a scorcher! Not only were the outside temperatures hot but the world climate was brazen too. But through it all, God had ~ and still has our backs. In his word is found peace and hope that transcends all understanding and breaks through all our fear and doubt, shedding His warm peace in our lives as we seek Him in trust and faith. The leaves are changing and the temperatures are dropping but we can be assured that:

- *God loves you unconditionally (1 John 4:16)*
- *God will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)*
- *God will fight our battles (Exodus 14:14)*
- *God will make a way when there seems there is no way (Isaiah 43:19)*

Do you need prayer for you or a loved one? We are here for you! You can visit us online or call our 24 hour prayer line at (505) 836-1480 (you can leave a message or request a call back to pray with you)

Main Worship Service: Saturdays @ 10:50am
Please join us!! (masks required, 40% maximum in person occupancy per NM Governor's Order)

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