

Events Schedule

- **June 3-4**
Florida Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(407)644-5000
- **June 3-5**
Weimar College Graduation, CA
Herb Montgomery—☎(530)637-4111
- **June 10-11**
Penticton SDA Church, BC, Canada
James Rafferty—☎(250)492-3135
- **June 10-18**
Arizona Conference Camp Meeting
Herb Montgomery—☎(480)991-6777
- **June 17-20**
Washington Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(425)481-7171
- **June 24-25**
New York Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(315)469-6921
- **June 29–July 9**
GC Session—St. Louis, MO
- **July 12-16**
Light Bearers Ministry Camp Meeting
☎(509)779-4444 • lbm.org
- **July 25-30**
LBM East Coast Camp Meeting
Helen—☎(423)236-2908 •
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- **August 3-6**
ASI, Sacramento, CA
- **August 4-6**
SOULS Graduation/Retreat
Herb Montgomery—☎(404)538-9545

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Light Bearers is a non-profit ministry based in the beautiful northeastern mountains of Washington State. Our purpose is to help proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.



WESTERN OPTION:

July 12-16, here at *Light Bearers in Malo, Washington*. Tent camping, motor home hookups, a few local hotels. Contact 509-779-4444 or lbm.org for information and registration.

In addition to our featured speakers—Steve Wohlberg, Dr. David DeRose, Gordon Pifher (II a.m. Sabbath), James Rafferty, Ty Gibson and Herb Montgomery—join us for a vocal concert by Vonda Beerman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, and again at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, July 16. Calvin and Cheryl Hartman (Adventist Frontier Missions) will be with us to share a special front-line missionary report at 5:30 p.m. on Sabbath afternoon.

EASTERN OPTION:

July 25-30, at the *College Church on the Southern Adventist University campus in Collegedale, Tennessee*. Some campus housing available, local hotels, local campgrounds. Contact 877-585-1111 or lbm.org for general information and registration. For housing information contact Helen at 423-236-2908 or hbledsoe@southern.edu.

In addition to our featured speakers—Herbert Douglass, Skip MacCarty, Herry Mhando, Risë Rafferty, Ty Gibson and James Rafferty—join us for a vocal concert by Michael Harris at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 25, and specials throughout the week.

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

The Infinite, Intimate Love of God

By Ty Gibson

Jesus shouts for all to hear: “For God so loved the WORLD . . .” (John 3:16).

But He also whispers to each heart: “Yes, I have loved *you* with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3, NKJV).

Don’t let the big idea of God’s love for ALL diminish the personal idea of God’s love for *you*. It is not a generic, sweeping kind of love, but a specific, focused love.

Think of it like this: God’s love is a circle, the center of which is everywhere and its circumference is nowhere. In other words, while God’s love is centered on you, it is also centered on me—and on every other person in this vast world. While it is infinite in its scope, taking in ALL, it is intimate in its application, wholly devoted to EACH.

Because God is omniscient and omnipresent, He is totally conscious of and present with every individual. And because “God is love” (1 John 4:8), He is keenly sensitive to every experience that touches every life. “Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father’s heart” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 356). This very moment, and every moment, you are loved with all of His heart, as if you were the only person in all the universe—as am I. God’s love is not a divisible quantity, but rather an exponential reality. No matter how many people there are, each one has God’s full, undivided attention. No one is ever lost in the crowd. When you wake in the morning and open your eyes, He is gazing upon your face. When

you speak your thoughts throughout the day, He listens intently to each one. If you shed a single tear, He is pierced with empathy. When you crack a smile and laugh, He is elated. When the cry “God help me!” is on your lips, He immediately dispatches an angel to assist you.

If you will believe what you have just read and cultivate it as the core of your faith, you will excel in happiness—come what may into your life. All that this world throws at you will not disturb your inner peace. You will come through all of it more than okay. You will be blessed, and you will be a blessing. Knowing, really knowing, that God loves you will enable you to love others. You will become the kind of person you believe God to be.

COOL QUOTES

It is the heart that is not yet sure of its God, that is afraid to laugh in His presence.

George MacDonald, *Sir Gibbie*, chap. XXIII

It is a waste of time to look for a jellyfish with a metal detector or to give a pregnancy test to a man. Likewise, it is useless to look for God with your intellect alone. He will be undetectable. You must search for Him with your heart as well as your mind.

Anonymous

The experimental knowledge of God and of Christ transforms man into the image of God. It gives man the mastery of himself, bringing every impulse and passion of the lower nature under the control of the higher powers of the mind. It makes its possessor a son of God and an heir of heaven. It brings him into communion with the mind of the Infinite, and opens to him the rich treasures of the universe.

Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, Vol. 4, p. 428

If we try to prove to God how much we love Him, it is a sure sign that we really don't love Him. The evidence of our love for Him is the absolute spontaneity of our love, which flows naturally from His nature within us.

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*, April 30

It is our ignorance of God that causes the problem. Because we do not know Him, we naturally get all sorts of wrong ideas about Him. We think He is an angry Judge who is on the watch for our slightest faults or a harsh Taskmaster determined to exact from us the uttermost service.

We imagine Him as a self-absorbed Deity, demanding His full measure of honor and glory or as far-off Sovereign concerned only with His own affairs and indifferent to our welfare. Who can wonder that such a God can neither be loved nor trusted? And who could expect Christians with such ideas concerning Him to be anything but full of discomfort and misery?

It is impossible for anyone who truly knows God to have any such uncomfortable thoughts about Him.

Hannah Whitall Smith, *The God of All Comfort*, pp. 9-10

When we consider in what false colors Satan has painted the character of God, can we wonder that our merciful Creator is feared, dreaded and even hated? The appalling views of God which have spread over the world from the teachings of the pulpit have made thousands, yes, millions of skeptics and infidels.

Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 536

MISSION UPDATE



READ & RUN

BY HERB MONTGOMERY

This past year I've been reading through the Scriptures in the chronological order in which they were written. (Actually I cheated a bit and started with the New Testament.) In Jeremiah in the Old Testament, I was moved by the urgent concerns that surge in God's heart. One that jumped out is His desire that the revelations He gives be "written down":

"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.'¹ And again, "Take a scroll and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you concerning Israel . . . Judah, and . . . all the nations, from the first day I spoke to you."²

God even commissioned Jeremiah, through the scribe Baruch, to rewrite the words destroyed by the king of Judah:

"Take again another scroll and write on it all the former words that were on the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned."³

From Moses (who "wrote down all the words of the Lord"⁴) to John on the Isle of Patmos ("Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches."⁵), God seeks to record His messages to this world so they might spread abroad—far, fast and freely.

Yet one particular passage conveys His heart cry to communicate with us through the printed page:

"And the Lord . . . said: 'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables: that

he may run that readeth it.'"⁶

Make it simple!

"Then the Lord . . . said: 'Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily.'"⁷

Make it clear!

"Then Yahweh . . . said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read.'"⁸

Make it readable in the language of the people!

"Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else.'"⁹

Make it easy to share with everyone!

In answer to these passages, Light Bearers Ministry is committed to reaching out with printed material to spread God's message of love to people in their own tongue. And God has blessed the efforts of this small ministry, above means and experience, time and time again.

Recently Steven Grabiner of Riverside Farms, emailed an exciting update on the literature we sent for their work in Zambia, Africa, this past September—over 1,200,000 pieces of literature and 700 books. This is what happened:

"Although many Bible workers and evangelistic programs benefited from

Light Bearers' literature this year, two of them stand out. The first evangelistic series was held by Meiring Pretorius, a farm manager for Riverside. He and his wife took our School of Evangelism students, as well as students from the Lifestyle Educator course, to the remote town of Masuku. Meiring took along literature and Bible studies printed by Light Bearers and distributed them to the 600 people that came to the meetings.

Those attending were divided into small Bible study groups, reviewing the evening meetings, as well as going through literature and Bible lessons. Each night a number of people in the darkness outside the perimeter of the meeting place were listening, while drinking locally brewed beer. During one of the meetings Meiring made an appeal to those in the darkness. One man came into the meeting, quite drunk. Meiring prayed with him afterward, and the elders continued to minister to him. Two months after the meetings ended, this man had completed a series of Bible lessons (also received from Light Bearers) and was baptized. In total, 240 people made decisions for Christ.

Riverside was also privileged to distribute Light Bearers' literature to the conference president for the evangelistic

series he was conducting. He also divided those listening into small groups for afternoon studies (using the Bible lessons and tracts). This reinforced his teaching in the evenings. The president expressed his gratitude and sincere appreciation for the literature, as over 300 people made decisions as a result of the meetings."

Steven went on to express his own appreciation, "It's our privilege here at Riverside to be working together with the Light Bearers' team. We greatly appreciate all the help and prayers!"

And we here at Light Bearers thank YOU once again for your continued support. Surely the Lord, who loves this world so much He gave His life for us, is coming quickly. Thank you for enabling Light Bearers to write down the message of God's love in many different languages and send it all over this globe. May those who read it be liberated to run freely in God's boundless grace.

¹ Jeremiah 30:2 (Updated New American Standard)

² Jeremiah 36:2 (Updated NAS)

³ Jeremiah 36:28 (Updated NAS)

⁴ Exodus 24:4 (Updated NAS)

⁵ Revelation 1:11 (Updated NAS)

⁶ Habakkuk 2:2 (The Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition)

⁷ Habakkuk 2:2 (New American Bible)

⁸ Habakkuk 2:2 (New Jerusalem Bible)

⁹ Habakkuk 2:2 (New Living Translation)