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Cullman Seventh-day Adventist™ Church

Weekly Update

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"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."
Psalm 34:7-8 *NIV*



Pastor's Blog

Hi everyone. I thought about adding in my weekly agenda a new item: to write down and reflect on my reading during my devotional time. It is basically journaling, and when shared to the web, pop culture calls it blogging. I have never done this before. I have written journals, but not blogging, so this is a new thing for me. With that said I just want to start this blog to put a disclaimer that views expressed here are solely mine and may not represent the views of the faith community that I belong to.

This week, I want to reflect on the passage based on the gospel of Matthew, and it centers on the last hours of Jesus here on earth. Ellen White writes:

It would be well to spend a thoughtful hour each day reviewing the life of Christ from the manger to Calvary. We should take it point by point and let the imagination vividly grasp each scene, especially the closing ones of His earthly life. By thus contemplating His teachings and sufferings, and the infinite sacrifice made by Him for the redemption of the race, *we may strengthen our faith, quicken our love, and become more deeply imbued with the spirit which sustained our Saviour. Lift Him Up, 240.* (Emphasis mine)

Matthew 26:47-49 NKJV says, “47 While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob, with swords and clubs, was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 His betrayer had given them a sign: “The One I kiss, He’s the One; arrest Him!” 49 So he went right up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

What was significant about the kiss? Have you ever thought about it? I mean, v.48 says that Judas would give them a sign, a kiss, to identify who Jesus was. I understand that during those days, if it were pitch dark without the aid of lanterns and torches, it would be impossible to recognize someone in the darkest time of the day. But this was a mob, an angry mob, which was composed of religious leaders – chief priests and elders of the people (pastors and lay members), and as noted in John 18:3, 12 some Roman soldiers were among them. So, it’s safe to assume that they came ready and prepared to arrest Jesus with huge flash lights of their time! (see John 18:3)

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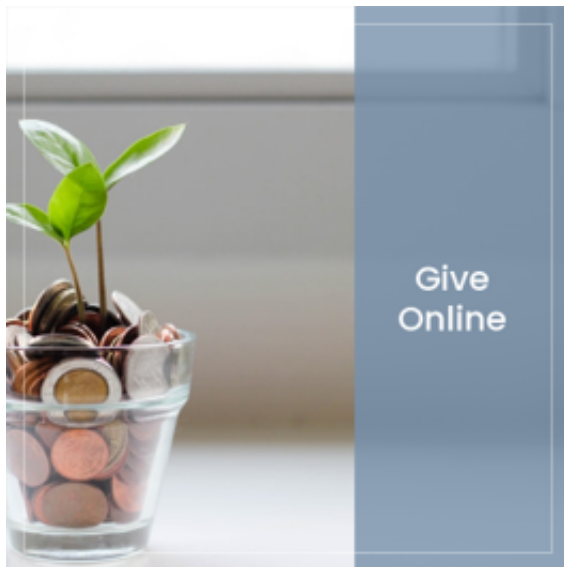
Upcoming Events

October 23 - Adventurer Meeting
Oct 31-Nov 2 - Yard Sale
November 6 - Tract Distribution
November 8 - Board Meeting
November 13 - Adventurer Meeting

Weekly:
Tuesdays, 10AM - Pray Without Ceasing
Thursdays, 6:30PM - Prayer Meeting / Arise

October 31 - November 2
8AM - 5PM

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