

2023 Aug 5

LGASDA Church Update

Follower of..... Who?

By "Just" Dale

When Adam and Eve were created it is reasonable to see a natural inclination to follow God. Since they had never lived before and had never been human before, it makes sense that following someone would be essential. Since they were created in the image of God, He would be the sensible one to follow.

This following thing became complicated when Adam decided it would be worthwhile to follow the serpent deceiver. From this point forward humanity has had a complicated scenario with regards to following. Pride has brought about individuals recruiting followers as they themselves follow somebody they think will advance their personal cause or desires. Then empires of religions and kingdoms began to place themselves in the position of worthiness to be followed. Voluntary followers were not enough, so fear, manipulation, coercion, and force were developed to attain greater prominence. Comparison based on prideful results has thus become the norm. Who do you follow on social media, politics, religion, etc.? How many followers do you have on social media? How many attend your church? How many people show up for your parties? How many likes did we get on FB? How many views on YouTube? That person can sure draw a crowd, they should speak at camp meeting. I'm an "Arminianist". I'm a Calvinist. He's a "Fordite". She's a "Brinsmedianite". Are you a Batchelorite? They are "Lutheran". And so, it goes.

Just follow Jesus!

Paul had to address this issue in the church of Corinth. Our fallen nature makes humans tempted to follow other fallen humans and the organizations and empires they build. Here is Paul's response to the Corinthians. No further explanation is needed.

"When one of you says, 'I am a follower of Paul,' and another says, 'I follow Apollos,' aren't you acting just like people of the world?"

After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us." 1 Corinthians 3:4-5 NLT

From Our School:

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Family Assistance Needed: A family with 3 children attending our church and school need \$5400 to continue attending school starting Aug. 21. If there is anyone (or multiple people) that would like to help sponsor this family to cover the tuition that would be wonderful. Contact the pastor or school.

School Working Bees: August 20 starting at 8 am. Trying to get the school ready for the new school year. School starts August 21.

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Little Friends Preschool & Daycare: Summer session now open

Volunteers for lunches: Consider helping with Hot Lunch Wednesdays. School starts Aug. 21. Contact Alynn 541-963-6203 to be put on the schedule.

Open Registration: LGACS K-8 & Little Friends Preschool & Childcare. Know of someone looking for a Christian school with small class sizes. Classes are capped at 15 students per class. Register early to hold your spot for next school year. Applications are available in the office call for summer hours 541-963-6303.

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From Our Church:

Volunteers: Pathfinders and Adventurers are out for summer break. Consider being a volunteer this fall. Contact Rusty Hottal 541-786-6777

Community Service Center: Provides quality discounted clothing to those in need. Hours: Tuesdays 9 am to 1 pm & Thursdays 4 pm to 6 pm Located at 10103 Fruitdale Lane (off Hunter Road). Contact Carol Ann St. Clair 541-910-3609

Women's Retreat: Idaho Conference Ida-Haven Guest speaker Janet Salazar. Register online for savings on early rates www.idahoadventist.org

Current Need: Our church has a radio station, 94.3 KFLY. It reaches our local community, and we believe it to be an important part of our churches ministry. Recently the AC unit failed. Replacement of a new unit totaled \$3100. Currently \$1465 has been donated. Further donations can be placed in the Tith envelope and marked KFLY.

Church Events & Schedule

- **Aug 7-10** NAD Teacher's Convention
 - **Aug 15** Church Board Meeting at the church 6:30 pm
 - **Aug 20** School Working Bee 8 am
 - **Aug 21** LGACS First Day School
 - **Aug 27** Leadership Training 8 am at Oasis
 - **Sept 4** Labor Day No School
 - **Sept 8-10** Women's Retreat Camp Ida-Haven Idaho
 - **Sept 17** Idaho Conference Constituency Session
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Underground Oasis Events an Independent Community Ministry

307 Greenwood & Madison, La Grande

Aug 5 Pit Stop—Adult only service, food served 5:30-7 pm

Aug 8, 10, 11 Underground Oasis Group 6 pm

Aug 9 *Word Alive* Bible Study 6:30 pm Look on Facebook Live

Please contact Simona at scgrizzlygirl@gmail.com or text/call 503-749-1795, if there is something you want to be included in the update.

Sabbaths Service—Beginning 9:30

- Sabbaths Service Schedule

Aug 5 “Just” Dale/Jack
Aug 12 “Just” Dale/Simona
Aug 19 “Just” Dale/ Bill
Aug 26 Kara Ann Akers/Trevor
- Bible Classes--11 am

Prayer Requests – There are many prayer needs for our church family. If you have a request that should be in the weekly update, please text Simona at 503-749-1795.

- **Requests:** On going medical treatments for Ora and Sue Garwood; Our children and grandchildren--It’s not easy being a kid these days
- **Continued needs:** Linda, Carolyn, Frances, Darwin, Gina
- **Other:** Underground Oasis leaders and participants

Giving/Offering Update

Month-to-date: budgeted amount of \$6,826.33 July giving: \$7,909.94

Current year-to-date budgeted amount of \$81,910.00 July giving: \$7,909.94

You may give at church by putting your tithe envelope in the offering bag when passed by the deacons or, electronically on the church’s

website: <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANI8E6/envelope/start>: There is also the option of mailing your donations:

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Contacts

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Links

- Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/La-Grande-Seventh-day-Adventist-Church-94734806089>
- Church website
<https://lagrandeor.adventistchurch.org>
- Church livestream YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv_PSizu30zsUwuywnwHmjW