

RHM Testimonials

We will continue to pray for you, your family, and your ministry. You have blessed us with a whole new set of lenses through which to see God, our church, and the secular world around us. I like what I see! We are eternally grateful.—BCS

The Lord has changed my life a Great miracle in me with your prayers, listening and reading material on your website. The Lord Bless you Greatly in your Ministry, family and all your life. Maranatha! —PT

Sermon of the Month



If you take a random reading of Jesus words in Mark's Gospel (2:27) from various translations you are left with this: "Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for, on account of, to benefit humankind." That last word, to "benefit" humankind, should make us sit up and take notice. The subject of the Biblical Sabbath has too often left God looking petty, restrictive, and at best a "kill-joy." The subject of the Sabbath goes far beyond its historical change, or which 24 hour period is the Biblical Sabbath. This is a time God meant for the special "celebration" of something very specific and deeply meaningful. If you'd like to go beyond just "observing" the Sabbath, to experiencing the Spiritual fulfillment of what it means to Celebrate God's holy day, then this month's free presentation given last summer at the Iowa/Missouri camp meeting is just for you! A Forgotten Holiday—by Herb Montgomery, yours, this month, free!

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February 26-27, 2010
Lakeport SDA Church
Lakeport, CA
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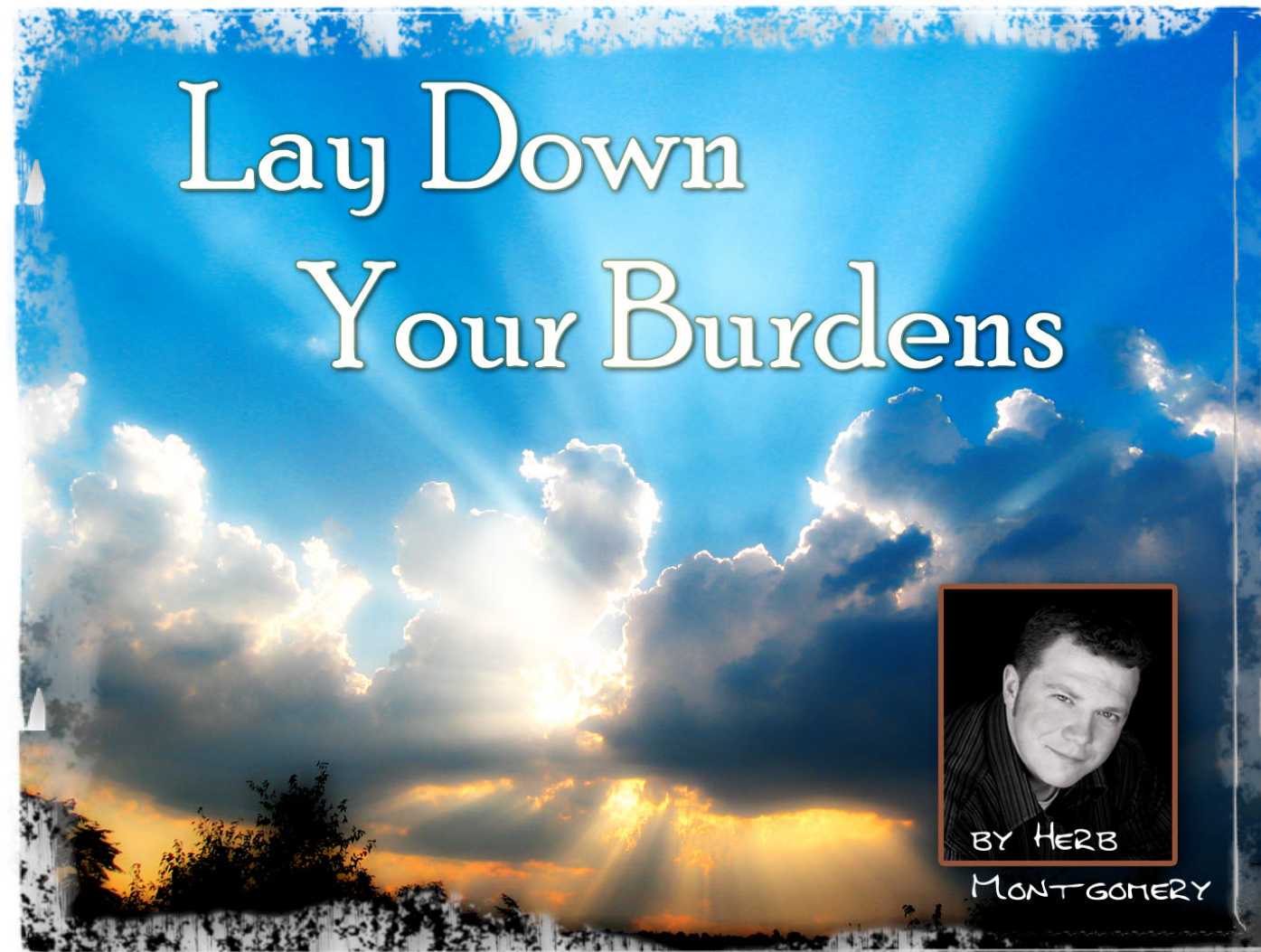
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Awakenings

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You know that He appeared in order to take away sins... John 3.5 death in me through what is good" (Romans 7:13). Sin carries death in it intrinsically.

John tells us repeatedly that one of the primary purposes for God appearing to us "in the flesh" was to take away our sins. Matthew (1:21) tells us that He came to "save" us "from" them. After all, the wage that "sin pays" is death (Romans 6:23), because when sin is "full grown" it "produces" death (James 1:15). Paul asks the question in his letter to the Romans: "Did that which is good produce death in me?" No, it was "sin producing

Yet, the good news still remains: The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"— John 1.29 (emphasis supplied) And Paul tells us how he did it: When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our

[CONTINUED FROM FRONT] transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. — Colossians 2:13, 14

He forgave us for all of our sins. He canceled all we owed Him, “took it away” and nailed it to the cross.

There is not the slightest reason why every person on planet Earth should not be saved. Why anyone would choose death is a mystery even for God. If any person is lost at last, it will not be because they didn't do enough for God to save them -- it will be because they held onto the guilt of their sins, which, in God's eyes, had already been taken away and cast into the depths of the sea.

Do you have something that plagues you today? Something hidden deep within your past but is still troubling you in the present? He loves you, you know? He took away whatever that was long, long ago on a hill far, far away. He bought you with a price, just the way you are. He LOVES you! Won't you let Him have whatever it is that plagues you and finally stand in peace of His love? Why don't you take a moment right now to tell Him about it.

I wish you His best this month. [END]



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John 1.29

MINISTRY

Central SDA Church : Oahu, HI

As many of you know already, my family does not enjoy traveling with me when I do a long series. But for some strange reason (wink, wink), last October they made an exception. I had been invited to conduct a weekend series in Oahu. For those who have been to any of the Hawaiian Islands, you well know I could go on and on describing their natural beauty. But honestly, what struck me most about the whole trip was the genuine and overwhelming kindness of the people we met in the church there. We are told, “The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian” (White, The Ministry of Healing, p. 470). Jesus himself said, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13.35). Well, this church has it down! I was so impressed.

Four presentations were given and hearts were stirred as we moved in close to the heart of God. Many of us say the “correct” thing about God when in our hearts we are holding misunderstandings and misperceptions of His heart toward us. This weekend, lives were changed for time and for eternity as long-held misconceptions were dispelled by the truth of His character. Light shone in the darkness and heart-level healing took place.

Suffice it to say, as much as we loved the islands we visited, we loved the people there even more. I wish you God's best, Oahu church. And thank you, sincerely, for the love that you have shown to us.

Life Unlimited Auburn SDA Church : Auburn, CA

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.” Acts 13:46-48

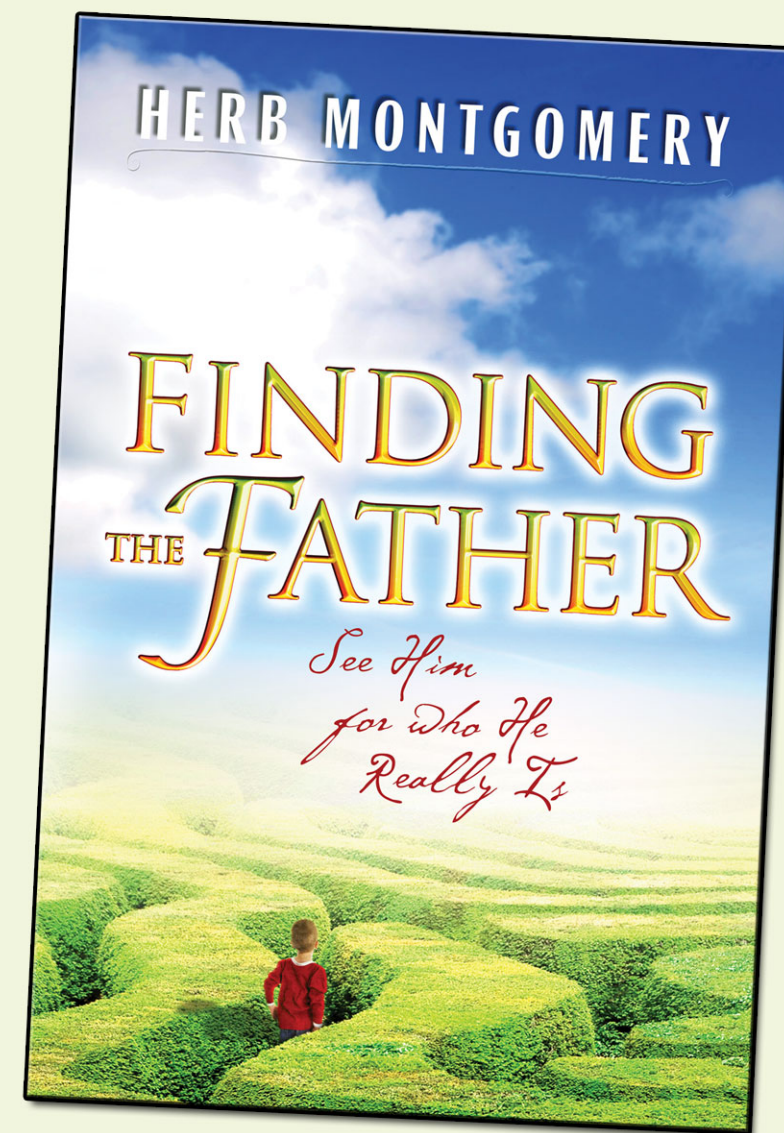
It is always a privilege to give presentations for those who are from the communities surrounding our churches. They bring such fresh perspectives, and the dialogues are always

very fulfilling to me. And Auburn this past fall was no exception, even down to the simple things. One lady came up to me and thanked me for wearing jeans, of all things. This was the first casual evangelistic series I've ever given, but we may see more of them, as the community responded a lot more warmly to the casual attire vs. the suits. I know church folk never like it when I say that, but corporate America has been humored long enough. (I am smiling as I write this.) Thank you, Auburn, for another truly great series. The blessings were mutual. May the relationships we built with those who attended during this week last for eternity.

Southwest SDA Church : Orland Park, IL

I love it when Adventists begin to see and perceive the things we teach in light of the everlasting Gospel of our Heavenly Father's character of Love. To actually see and perceive God's love through the lens of some of our most unique doctrinal teachings is a truly remarkable experience. It's also odd that I would say that about this series in particular, since it was an effort to share with the community rather than the church. And yes, the community did attend, but what struck me most about this series was the profound impact that it had on the members as well. This was a ten-day series that ended last weekend and was a product of the combined efforts between award-winning Christian songwriter and musician Michael Card and myself (doing the presentations). On a side note, I had never met Michael before and am not as familiar with his music as some others might be, but I can honestly say that it is a rarity that I meet someone who exhibits what I consider to be genuine Christianity. Michael is one of these people, a truly outstanding individual even outside of his remarkable gifts and talents. A Sabbatarian himself, we shared an excellent exchange following one of my presentations, and I was deeply blessed by the crossing of our paths for this one weekend in November. In regards to the church itself, keep the eyes focused on what is in our Heavenly Father's heart for you. Not only will your understanding of our teaching take on a radically new light and dimension, but your entire life will as well. Thank you for the invitation to come and share. Both time and eternity will bear witness to the deep heart Awakenings that transpired. [END]

UPDATE



Announcing Finding The Father by Herb Montgomery.

Finding the Father is a revolutionary new book like none other. As each page is traversed you will truly begin to experience the truth of our God's character of love, as it unfolds for you right before your heart. Within these pages Herb addresses topics ranging from the atonement, the “why” of human suffering, as well as misunderstandings regarding God's forgiveness and the final fate of the lost. Each subject is approached from a refreshingly practical perspective, making sense intellectually, but also moving you deeply at your heart level as well, making this volume truly like none before it. Discover a new God's love as you've rarely encountered it before. We feel deeply grateful to be able to offer this volume for your advancement in your own spiritual journey and know you will be genuinely blessed.