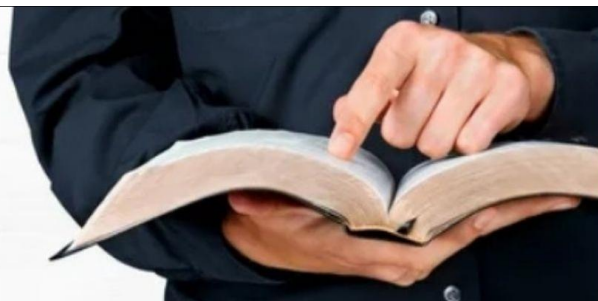


ADVENTIST CHURCH TRANSFORMATION

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Groundhog Day

One curious tradition that takes place each February is something known as Groundhog day. This year, that takes place on February 2, the halfway point between the winter solstice and spring equinox. According to tradition, a groundhog that comes out of his hole on that day, if he sees his shadow and returns to his burrow—there will be six extra weeks of winter. If not, spring will come early.

The most famous of these groundhogs, is named Punxsutawney Phil, from Western Pennsylvania. His antics are streamed live every year to great fanfare. Sadly, his forecasting accuracy is only 40%!

Fortunately the Bible gives a more reliable way to predict the future. The long list of endtime events we see in our news headlines these days are all indicators that the return of Christ is near. So this month, we want to emphasize the importance of personal preparation.

Yes, Jesus is returning soon. Regardless of whether Phil sees his shadow or not. So let's all make our calling and election sure!



Free Class: The Dating Game

We commonly say the second biggest decision we will ever make is who we marry. And that's largely shaped by who and how we date. This class explores powerful biblical keys to dating successfully.

To share this class with others, or to sign up yourself, please visit the link below. Help get out the word this month while the class is free!

<http://fast.st/act/dating>

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Survival Kit plus

This month we're offering something new at FAST. Namely, a "teacher's edition" of our popular Survival Kit study guides. These lessons are the perfect tool for introducing a small group to Bible memorization. And now this class is the perfect way to become more skilled at using these popular lessons.

Enrollment opens in just a few days, and will only be open for a short time—so don't miss out. If you've been thinking about teaching Bible memory to others, check out this link:

<http://fast.st/skplus>

Testimonies

Our classes generate fresh testimonies every day, because they are intentionally designed to teach the nuts and bolts of practical discipleship, as opposed to just theory. Here are some fresh examples from last month's class on Spiritual Gifts:

Vermont, USA

The Spiritual Gifts class really quickened my spirit and reformed my thinking. The teaching was simple and profound showing the three categories of gifts and how they come together in the body of Christ FOR Ministry! Thank you and God bless all your efforts to share this with others.

Sweden

This class gave me new insights into understanding spiritual gifts. Finally something that really makes sense and also works practically. I think this approach of the personality, position and power gifts is a something everyone can understand.

News from the Front

Our Unleashed Ministry class is now launched, and together with some 40 intrepid ministry leaders, we'll be working side by side in building exciting new ministries, and/or revitalizing existing ministries in local churches around the world. But ministry is hard. So please keep these leaders in your prayers!

Revival School continues to steam roll along, with participants now well into module four of this training—and enthusiasm has hardly slowed a bit. We're currently learning how to spark revivals in local churches through prayer, study, exhortation, and evangelism. The enemy is clearly not happy with this training, and several members are reporting very real attacks. Prayer needed here as well.

Upcoming Events

Want an ACT sneak peek at what's coming up? Here's a short list. Contact us for early promotional materials:

Advanced Discipleship. For those wanting to continue on after Revival School, we'll be running a special advanced discipleship track, starting late March. This class digs deeper into each of the four discipleship spokes. March, 2023. <http://fast.st/ad>.

For Such A Time. Our featured class for March will be our electrifying For Such a Time series. Discover the importance of memorization to empowering God's endtime people. March, 2023. <http://fast.st/fsat>

Breakout Memory Challenge. As usual, this flagship memory course runs in April, and we'll be promoting it in March. If there's one class you want to promote at FAST, it's this one. Start planning early! March, 2023. <http://fast.st/breakout>

Want even more information about upcoming training events at FAST? We've published a tentative calendar for the entire year—including several new courses such as a Lay Pastor Track, Prophecy School, and Healing the Heart (biblical counseling). Check it out for all our current details, at <http://fast.st/live>.