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Many of you reading these words are aware that I enjoy the game of golf. Occasionally, I will play in a "Captain's Choice Tournament." These are events where each of the four players hits the ball and the best shot of the four is the one played. These tournaments are often fundraisers for worthy causes.

In May, I was invited to play in one of these tournaments that benefitted the Alzheimer's Association. The tournament also included a silent auction to raise more money for the cause. One of the auction items was titled, "Lunch and Learn." I placed a bid on this item to have lunch with Dr. Bob Rotella, one of the top sports psychologists in the world who lives in Charlottesville. The auction winner also would receive two autographed copies of his books.

I won the auction and on July 1, 2015 I enjoyed lunch with Dr. Rotella at the Glenmore Country Club Grill. In spite of all the lessons that I could learn from a sports psychologist, we talked mostly about life until he mentioned his work with the University of Kentucky basketball team. Following the meal Dr. Rotella invited me to his home to see some of the amazing Kentucky mementos that he had received these past few years.

As I was leaving, Dr. Rotella asked me, "Would you like to take a "selfie" with the Claret Jug?" I was shocked by the question and soon learned that one of his clients, Pdraig Harrington, gave him the Claret Jug when he won the British Open championship for the second time in 2008. Dr.

Rotella took this picture of me holding the Claret Jug.

I have almost moved past the feeling of what it would be like to win any golf tournament, much less the British Open and attain the Claret Jug. When I get beyond that feeling, my reflections turn to Harrington's amazing gift to Dr. Rotella. Harrington expressed his gratitude with his words and in the action of this gift. He realized the value of "Dr. Bob's" coaching.

How do we express our gratitude to those who do things for us? How do we express our gratitude to God for the love that is so generously expressed to us? We do not normally give trophies to others in appreciation? How else can we acknowledge the contribution of others?

The other side of this conversation is the impact your life has on the lives of others. Dr. Rotella has helped a lot of people and not all of them have given him a trophy to express their thanks. Did I mention the amazing Kentucky gifts that he has received?

When I pause to consider the gifts that I have received from specific individuals, I give thanks to God. I also look for ways to express that gratitude with words and actions. The gifts of a group of Christ followers called "church" can also impact the world in amazing ways. God can grow seeds that we scatter into breathtaking creations.

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I have witnessed the impact you have on our world. I have watched it in this community. I have felt it in my own life. Even though you may not get a trophy that acknowledges your contribution, know that you are making a difference in the world when you love God with all your being and when you love your neighbors as you love yourselves. I look forward to witnessing what God will continue to do through your faithfulness in the days ahead.

Blessings,

Greg

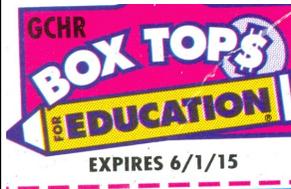


The Clothing Center is in immediate need of donations of new or gently used clothing and accessories for adults and children. It also accepts bedding, sleeping bags, backpacks, and toiletries.

In addition, it has operational needs of volunteers who will commit to two hours a week on the same day each week.

The Clothing Center hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 am -12 pm and Tuesday and Thursday, 9-11 am.

For more information, contact Carrie Kerwick at 434-906-3300.



If you use products with Box Tops for Education, please bring them by the church office. They will benefit Clark School.



### To the Belmont Baptist Church Family,

The Seventh-Day Adventist Central Hispanic Church of Charlottesville would like to express our profound gratitude to God for the privilege of using your church and its facilities. We thank you for your patience and kindness which you have demonstrated to us through all the time we've been in your church. We are grateful to God for this opportunity and time we have been sharing with you all.

We are grateful that we are able to stay at your church for our services. We are glad that you also invited to your church with open arms and with love. We have no way to express our gratitude towards you all for accepting us to use your facilities. We are looking forward and eager to work with you all to make a positive contribution to our community by spreading the word of God (Mark 16:15). As believers we know that we have a big commitment with God to continue His work here on earth. We hope and pray that God has you all in His keeping to protect you all from the enemy. We all will be facing tremendous problems, but with God's help and power, we will overcome these circumstances.

Once again with profound gratitude, we would like to say thank you so much for accepting us to be part of your family.

If there are any suggestions, please do not hesitate to notify us.

We also appreciate the provisions that you have given us to use for our worship services.

May God bless you all and your ministries.

Pr. Josue Gabriel &

The Seventh-Day Adventist Central Hispanic Church of Charlottesville Members

Comcast Channel 13 will resume the Re-broadcast the Worship Service during September 13 at 7:00





Summer is ending and fall is fast approaching. Children are back in school and it is time to gear up to begin the process of packing the food bags for Clark School. For anyone who is not familiar with this process, our church provides food every weekend for needy children who may not have anything to eat. These are pre-school students who attend Clark School and are provided meals during the school week. It was observed that these children returned to school Monday morning hungry. Currently there are some very dedicated teachers canvassing homes in the

school district to determine which families are in need.

Please pray about how you might help with this mission. Contributions of food are needed. We will soon know how many bags we will be filling each week. If you are lead to contribute food we will need between 20 and 25 of each item.

On another note, we are looking for families for our laundry. If you are aware of a family who may be in need of a laundry facility, please let me or Barbara Lowry know.

Thanks for all you do for the Lord.

Cheryl and the Deacon Board



Dear friends at Belmont,

I wonder what happened to summer. It went by so fast. I cannot believe we have students back to school now and we are all busier than ever.

Did you ever notice that when you get so busy how hard it feels sometimes to get through the day and keep up? We grumble when we get stuck in traffic, and we often complain about all the things we have to do. When I get tied up in my own

world in times like this, I find it frustrating. That is when I try to think back to when I moved my mother in with us many years ago.

My mother was blind, had COPD and mobility issues. She would sit at home all day and wish she could still drive her car, fix dinner or sort the laundry. She would wait all day for the kids and me to come home from school and Jim to come home from work.

There are so many people who would love to be in my busy shoes. I try on those days to take a moment and pray for them and suddenly life seems a bit easier. I look at all of my troubles and, as I was dragging through the day a few Sundays ago, I talked with many friends. Before the day was over I talked with three other people who were dealing with a stress almost identical to mine. I think that connection to those folks on that particular day was God's way of showing me we are not alone. That gave me a connection to friends and a reminder He is here. As I prayed with others and in quiet time, I felt more at peace. I have not learned how to give it all up to God

as I am a work in progress, but I try a bit each day to do so. God is good.

With Ann seeking new adventures in life I want to take this time to give you an update on how we will keep our transition smooth at the keyboard on Sunday mornings. We have two wonderful ladies who will fill in until at least the end of October to see if we hire a full time person. Susan Nothnagle is a retired band director and an accomplished piano player and organist. She worked many years at both Burley M.S. and Monticello H.S. She has accompanied choirs and musicians around the world. Susan will play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Phyllis Fagan is a retired choir director and accomplished pianist. She has conducted choirs at Henley M.S. and accompanied local choirs and churches throughout her carrier. Phyllis will play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. I have had the pleasure of working with both of these ladies in the past, and we are blessed to have them with us.

Our third blessing in all of this is our very own Ann who will be with us on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and on some holidays. She should have known we would not let her get away that easy. Ann always keeps things fresh, and I am so glad I can continue to work with her.

Please remember that there is always a place in the choir and the hand bells for each of you. How cool would it be to have the music of God just fill our church.

Blessings,  
Peggy

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## **Belmont's 66th Anniversary Celebration**

**September 20, 2015**

Sunday School at 9:30 am

David Johnson will lead Worship at 11:00 am

The Fellowship Meal will follow the morning worship service. Bring your favorite side dishes, casseroles, salads, or desserts to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.