

**LET'S  
CHAT!**

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Christ reminds us in John 15:7, "if you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." This text reminds us that having a connection with Christ is vitally important.

One freezing winter morning, my car would not start. In frustration, I solicited the help of a tow company. The driver tried to boost the car, but even then there was not a sound from the engine. He suggested that the alternator or starter needed to be changed.

I had the car towed to my local mechanic, who had the car running in a few minutes. The mechanic simply checked the battery port and realized that corrosion had caused a disconnection, and the car could not get power to start.

Sometimes we allow for our relationship with Christ to corrode, and lose the connection that we vitally need. However, it is only through Christ we can have the power to overcome certain challenges. I urge you to Connect with Him again in our Connect 2 Christ Rally next weekend. Beginning with vespers on Friday evening and all through the day on Sabbath, the events will give you the necessary tools to charge your Christian battery.

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SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

February 3, 2018

## SHARON CHURCH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9, 2018 7PM

*Youth Vespers*

PRAISE SINGING GROUP CHALLENGE

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

YOUTH RALLY WEEKEND KICKOFF | COME AND BE BLESSED

WEST COAST YOUTH CONGRESS

**C2C**  
CONNECT 2 CHRIST  
**RALLY**

FEBRUARY 10, 2018  
SHARON SDA CHURCH

**11AM** WORSHIP SERVICE with  
PASTOR TERRANCE TAYLOR

**1PM** FELLOWSHIP LUNCH (after church)

**4PM** BREAKOUT SESSIONS (after lunch)

**5PM** WORSHIP SERVICE | C2C RALLY

**8PM** GYM NIGHT AT PAES & PIZZA

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 3 **WWU Black History Service\*** 11:45am
- 5 Bible Study 12pm
- 7 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 8 LEV Planning Conf Call 7pm
- 9 Youth Vespers 7pm
- 10 Pastor Terrance Taylor 11am
- 10 Baptism 11am
- 10 Fellowship Lunch (after church) 1pm
- 10 Breakout Sessions (after lunch) 4pm
- 10 Sundown Service | Youth Rally 5pm
- 10 Gym Night at PAES & Pizza 8pm
- 12 Bible Study 12pm
- 14 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 17 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am

\* These are partner activities held at other locations, see Sharon bulletin board for details.

## God's Place in Black History

*Abridged article by Bishop Charles E. Blake, see full article at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2016/february-web-only/gods-place-in-black-history.html>. February 12, 2016.*

In 1976 President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling upon America to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

As I look at the genesis of the African American and note our heroic journey traveled as a people—through enslavement, oppression, rejection and segregation—the greatest constant, on the path to the freedoms enjoyed today, was the presence of God-loving, God-fearing, and God-worshiping men and women.

Churches played a pivotal role in the movement. Churchgoers relied on God's guidance as they fought racism, hatred, discrimination, and injustice. [Sabbath and] Sunday morning pulpits became soapboxes to co-mingle God's Word with inspiration and information regarding civil rights initiatives. Similarly, marches took on the characteristics of church services with prayers, sermonettes, and songs.

Black lives have always mattered to God. However, as black history shows, it's not by power nor by might but by the spirit of God—the wisdom, authority, power, and presence of the Most High God—that freedom, equality, and justice will come.

## URGENT PRAYER

Harvey Rice and Family of Trudy Rice  
Cindy Cobbs, in hospital  
Oris Wesby, health concern  
Marie Crane, in hospice  
Yafette Dande, health concern  
Ruth Collier, health concern  
Raymond Baker and Family, cousin's death  
Shelly Larry Family, brother-in-law's death  
Pastor Royal Harrison, sister's death

## SAVE THE DATE

FEB 25  
TO MAR 3

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