



# Welcome to the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Church of Monroe

February 24, 2007

Prayer Circle.....	9:15am
Wake-up Call.....	9:30am
Study Classes.....	10:00am
Worship Hour.....	11:00am
Buffet Luncheon.....	12:30pm

## Order of Service

Praise in Song.....	Praise Singers
Welcome.....	George Mills
Announcements.....	Michele Iglesias
Offering.....	Tom Mills
Children's Story.....	Tam Adams
Praise Time.....	William Brower
Scripture.....	Natasha Pemberton-Todd
Special Music.....	Sam Ryan
Morning Prayer.....	George Mills
Sermon.....	George Mills

## Upcoming Events

February 24.....	Sabbath School Council
March 10.....	Social - Movie Night

*Thank you for coming to visit us today.*

Come back again soon!

## Announcements

- **Buffet Lunch Today**—Our buffet lunch today is Mexican. Please stay by after the service to enjoy this meal with us.
- **Sabbath School Council Meeting**—All Sabbath School leaders, coordinators and teachers are asked to stay by after buffet today for a planning meeting. See Deanette Mills for more information.
- **“Shorely Blessed”** —Join the Men’s Ministries at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. This is a time to come together for fellowship and draw closer to God. Discover what God’s word says about being better husbands, fathers and Christians. There will be no charge for this event—a donation of any size to the SDA Church of Monroe Men’s Ministry would be appreciated. More details to follow... **RSVP by Feb. 24 to Jeff Hagler, 704-841-2764 or 980-722-1038**
- **Elder’s Retreat**—The annual Elder’s Retreat is scheduled for April 27 & 28 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. The retreat is free, except the cost of gas to and from the camp.
- **Know of a Need?**—If you know of a member or a visitor who is sick, in the hospital, or is having surgery please notify the pastor at (704) 979-0782 or by e-mail villegasjd@hotmail.com “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him. . .” James 5:14.
- **Remember the Church Budget**—Your contribution is greatly needed and appreciated!
- **Sunset Schedule**—  
Sabbath Ends:  
*6:15 PM February 24, 2007*  
Sabbath Starts:  
*6:21 PM March 2, 2007*
- **One Year Bible**—Want to read the Bible through in a year? Here’s a suggested schedule for the next two weeks. More to come.  
**Week 9**—Num. 4:11-16:40, Mk. 8:11-12:17, Ps. 42:1-47:9, Pro. 10:17-10:25  
**Week 10**—Num. 16:41-28:15, Mk. 12:18-15:47, Ps. 48:1-54:7, Pro. 10:26-11:6
- **On the Web**—The new church directory is now on the website. You must log in to view it. Check it out!
- **Junaluska Camp Meeting**—Camp Meeting at Lake Junaluska is just around the corner. Make plans today! Visit [www.carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org) for more information.

Announcements or schedule changes?  
Please give them to Becky Carpenter no later than Thursday.  
[rmcarpenter@earthlink.net](mailto:rmcarpenter@earthlink.net) or 704-219-4660

## God and the Spider

During the War, a US marine was separated from his unit. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the hills, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, “Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen.”

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, “Well, I guess the Lord isn’t going to help me out of this one..” Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave.

“Ha,” he thought. “What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor.”

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while. “Lord, forgive me,” prayed the young man. “I had forgotten that in you a spider’s web is stronger than a brick wall.”

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. As the great leader, Nehemiah, reminded the people of Israel when they faced the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, “In God we will have success!” [Nehemiah 2:20]

Whatever is happening in your life, with God, a mere spider’s web can become a brick wall of protection. Believe He is with you always. Just speak His name through Jesus His son, and you will see His great power and love in your life.