

March 28, 2020 - Sabbath Services Canceled Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

A Pastor's Call – Pastor Riva Robinson

All this week I have been sick like a dog with the stomach flu, but I received a call every day and immediately I started to feel better. It was a testimony to the love and prayers collaborating with the Creator. I hope, in this down time, you are getting loving calls and texts. They really boost your spirits and immune system. Even if you haven't received a daily call, call somebody. They need you. There is enough to go around. We are still a church.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Remember Jesus' words, "Low, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Blessings on you and your house.

Count Your Blessings

“When upon Life's billows you are tempest tossed
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

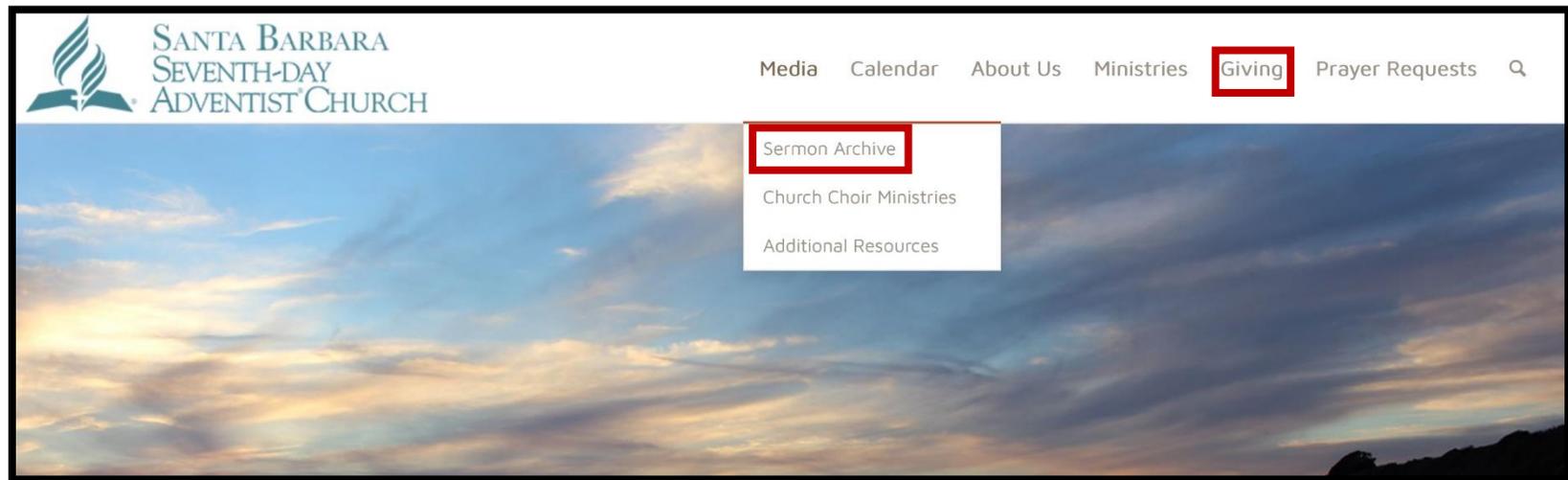
So, amid the conflict, whether great or small
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Count your blessings, Name them one by one
Count your blessing see what God has done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings see what God has done.”

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are not able to attend church and worship together, there are (2) ways to take care of your tithes and offerings:

1. Mail your contributions to the church
 - Santa Barbara Seventh-Day Adventist Church
425 Arroyo Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
2. Online through church website (Adventist Giving)
 - www.knowjesusfully.com



Announcements

- **Welcome:** Nothing seems quite right when Sabbath comes and I don't attend church. I'm sure you feel similar feelings. We miss the feeling of togetherness that being at church brings. Perhaps we can nurture that feeling from home. We can all pray for each other and I've noticed how much I value a phone call these days. Reach out to a few people each day just to let them know you are thinking of them.
- **Sermon Reminder:** Prior church services, can be found in the [Sermon Archive](#) on the church website.

- **Sermon:** The conference sent out additional information about church usage during this time; no individuals are to gather at the church. Unfortunately, this direction applies to the team that planned to assist with live streaming the service. Pastor Robinson will be unable to record sermons for us. He regrets the loss of this source of communication.
- **A Note:** On Facebook this week I saw a group from our church walking on the beach (with proper social distancing). Nice to see them out enjoying nature!
- **Connect Campout Canceled:** The annual collegiate campout between the Santa Barbara SDA Church and Lancaster SDA Church at El Capitan State Beach has been canceled for this year.
- **Prayer:** More than any other time before, we need prayer now. While we aren't meeting for church it is easy to feel isolated. Let's make sure to pray for each other; especially for those among us who are sick, discouraged or lonely. Perhaps we can have a special time of prayer for each other, when we would usually be at church; all of us praying together on Sabbath morning.

Remember to be vigilant and pray for each other as we experience these signs of the times!

Matthew 24:4-8

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows.