



Back-To-School Tips

Move over summer — a new school year is coming! With the start of school, families face new organization challenges. Use these ideas to get organized now and to prepare your home and family for the busy days ahead.

Ease the family into a school year schedule. The first day of school is no time for a drastic adjustment of household sleep schedules. Ease children back into a school year routine the last two weeks of summer, by re-introducing a school year bedtime. Begin waking late sleepers earlier and earlier, closer to the hour they'll need to rise when school begins.

Create Calendar Central. Nothing calms school year chaos like a centralized site for all family calendars and schedules. Track after-school activities, school programs and volunteer work. Color-coding entries by family member helps keep busy lives straight.

Plan before you shop. August is the second-biggest sales month for clothing retailers. Take an afternoon and assess each child's clothing needs. Empty drawers and closets of outgrown or worn-out clothing, and either store or donate the discards. Develop a wardrobe needs list for each child. Similarly, ask the school for classroom supply lists before shopping for school supplies.

Gather your papers. School entry may require documentation from immunization records to report cards from the previous school year. Athletes need proof of medical examination. Call your child's school or check the school district website beforehand to find out what paperwork will be required.

Take aim on morning madness. Plan ahead to send your schoolchildren--and yourself!--out the door in a happy frame of mind. Set the breakfast table as you clear the dinner dishes, and make sure breakfast foods are easy to reach. Lay out children's clothing the night before. Scan backpacks or launch pad spaces for missing homework, projects or library books. Make sure musical instruments or sports bags are packed and ready to go.

Organize morning prep. Create a bathroom schedule for multi-child households so that everyone gets equal time before the mirror. Identify a dedicated space for every family member that includes an area for permission slips, lunch monies, and books to help get the family out the door in record time--and stay organized.



August 25, 2018
2pm—4pm

first 100 students

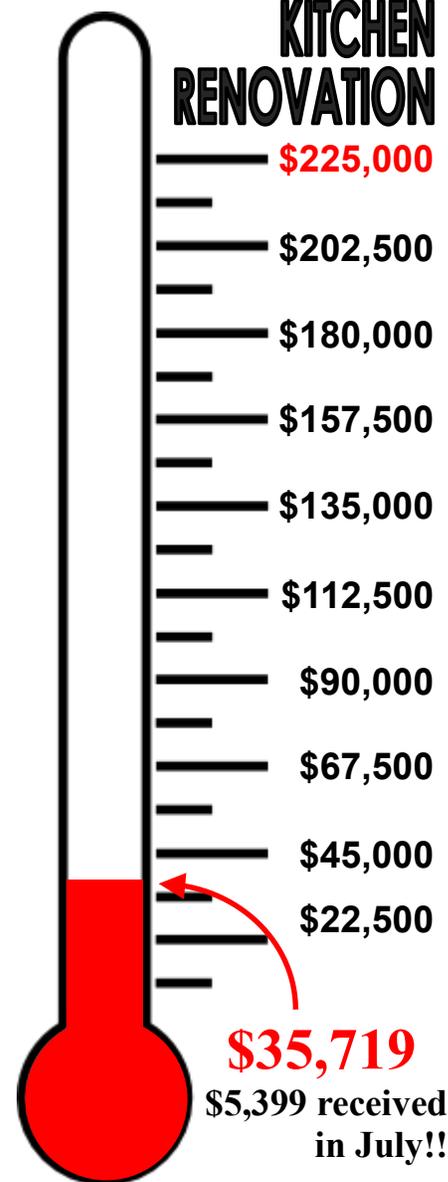
Please donate:

- 1 inch 3-ring binders
- blunt and sharp scissors
- Highlighters
- 12-inch rulers

URGENT PRAYER

- **Pastor Louis Turner and family**, death of their brother, Ronnie.
- **Tracey Family** (friends of Warners), death of beloved, Tiffany.
- **Charles Family** (friends of Warners), death of mother.
- **Janice Grigsby family**
- **Cindy Cobbs**, in hospital with pneumonia.
- **Sharon Ewers**, health
- **Sophia Schafer** (12-yr old friend of the Loiseau and Foxworth family), hospital diagnosed with Wilms cancer
- **Robert Darby**, chemo rehab

KITCHEN RENOVATION



LET'S CHAT!

with Pastor D



The Pew Research Study released on August 9, 2018, surveyed over 4,700 Americans to ask why Americans do — or do not — attend religious services. Many said that religion is still an important part in their lives. This week I am sharing with you why “they attend.”

Here are the top 10 reasons shared by those attending services at least once a month: **1.** To become closer to God—(81%). Most realized that something was missing in their lives regardless of their success or struggles. **2.** So their children will have a moral foundation—(69%). They desire to instill values in their children that will last into adulthood. **3.** To become a better person—(68%). They want their children to be helpful to society. **4.** For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow—(66%). Worship is a source of strength in times of chaos. **5.** They find the sermons valuable—(59%). The word is applicable, practical and bible based. **6.** To be part of a faith community—(57%). Have a sense of belonging and involvement. **7.** To continue their family's religious traditions—(37%). Deep rooted connection and investment to the success and support of the congregation. **8.** They feel obligated to go—(31%). A connection with family or friends or a commitment to serve. **9.** To meet new people or socialize—(19%). **10.** To please their family, spouse or partner—(16%). Especially true when one spouse is devoted to ministry.

in the loop

SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

August 18, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 19** Church Board Meeting 10:30am
- 20** Bible Study 12pm
- 22** Mid-week Study 7pm
- 25** Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 25** Community Service 2pm
- 25** School Supply Giveaway—**first 100 kids** 2pm
- 26** **Pastor's Camp—Big Lake**
- 27** **PAA Freshman First Day of School**
- 27** **Pastor's Camp—Big Lake**
- 27** Bible Study 12pm
- 28** **PAA All Students First Day of School**
- 28** **Pastor's Camp—Big Lake**
- 29** Mid-week Study 7pm
- 29** **Pastor's Camp—Big Lake**
- 1** Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 4** Pray for Our Children (private prayer) 7pm to 7:30pm
- 4** **PAES First Day of School**
- 5** Mid-week Study 7pm
- 7** **First Friday—Adventist Med Center 7:15pm**
- 8** Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 8** Social Night (place/time TBD)
- 9** Elder's Meeting 10:30am
- 10** Bible Study 12pm
- 12** Mid-week Study 7pm
- 15** Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 16** Church Board Meeting 10:30am
- 17** Bible Study 12pm
- 19** Mid-week Study 7pm

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