

God's Purpose for the Husband and Wife—God made from the man a woman, to be a companion and helpmeet for him, to be one with him, to cheer, encourage, and bless him, he in his turn to be her strong helper. All who enter into matrimonial relations with a holy purpose—the husband to obtain the pure affections of a woman's heart, the wife to soften and improve her husband's character and give it completeness—fulfill God's purpose for them. Christ came not to destroy this institution, but to restore it to its original sanctity and elevation. He came to restore the moral image of God in man, and He began His work by sanctioning the marriage relation. 1 He who gave Eve to Adam as a helpmeet performed His first miracle at a marriage festival. In the festal hall where friends and kindred rejoiced together, Christ began His public ministry. Thus He sanctioned marriage, recognizing it as an institution that He Himself had established. He ordained that men and women should be united in holy wedlock, to rear families whose members, crowned with honor, should be recognized as members of the family above. 2 Jesus Wants Happy Marriages—The divine love emanating from Christ never destroys human love, but includes it. By it human love is refined and purified, elevated and ennobled. Human love can never bear its precious fruit until it is

## Sabbath School

Superintendent.....Pat Grimm  
Lesson Study.....Peter Baldwin  
Lesson 1.....“Preamble to Deuteronomy”

Memory text: *1 John 4:8*  
**“HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT**

**KNOW GOD, FOR GOD IS LOVE.”**

## Worship Service

Prelude  
Welcome.....Nancy Judson  
Praise Time.....Praise Team  
1. Hymn 656.....O Perfect Love  
2. Hymn 652.....Love at Home  
3. Hymn 655.....Happy the Home

Prayer.....Nancy Judson  
Scripture.....Genesis 2: 18-25

Special Music.....Giovanita Lugo  
**SERMON.....Alex Roesler**  
**“Marriage and the Family”**

Closing Hymn.....Hymn 579  
“Tis Love that makes us Happy”

Postlude

Sundown tonight is 6:37

### Announcements

WELCOME: TO THE RICHLAND CENTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

Whether you attend in person or virtually we welcome you.

Speakers:

October 2.....Alex Roesler  
”Marriage and Family”  
October 9.....Pastor Garbi  
“Christian Behavior”

### Treasurer's Report:

Income last Sabbath \$334.  
New eave troughs to be installed within the next month.  
Cost is \$2000. Thank for your faithfulness.  
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[Adventist Home](#). pp 99-100

## Marriage and the Family

Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship. For the Christian a marriage commitment is to God as well as to the spouse, and should be entered into only between a man and a woman who share a common faith. Mutual love, honor, respect, and responsibility are the fabric of this relationship, which is to reflect the love, sanctity, closeness, and permanence of the relationship between Christ and His church. Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery. Although some family relationships may fall short of the ideal, a man and a woman who fully commit themselves to each other in Christ through marriage may achieve loving unity through the guidance of the Spirit and the nurture of the church. God blesses the family and intends that its members shall assist each other toward complete maturity. Increasing family closeness is one of the earmarks of the final gospel message. Parents are to bring up their children to love and obey the Lord. By their example and their words they are to teach them that Christ is a loving, tender, and caring guide who wants them to become members of His body, the family of God which embraces both single and married persons. (Gen. 2:18-25; Exod. 20:12; Deut. 6:5-9; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 4:5, 6; Matt. 5:31, 32; 19:3-9, 12; Mark 10:11, 12; John 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 7:7, 10, 11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4.)

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