

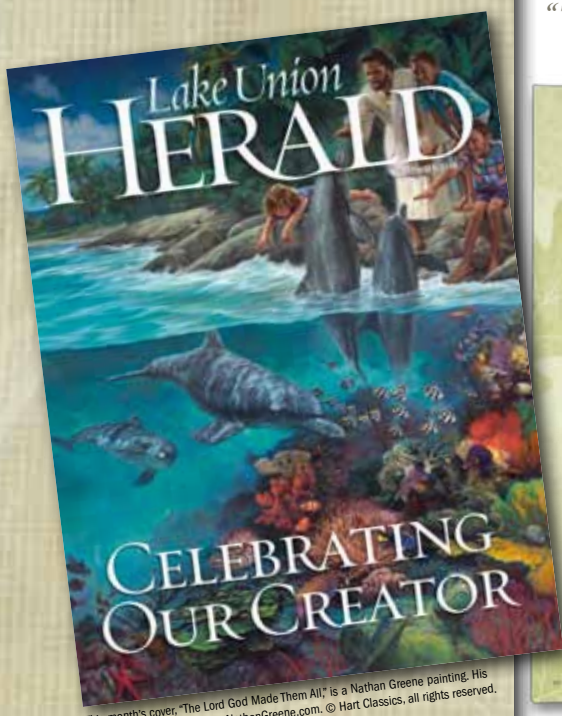


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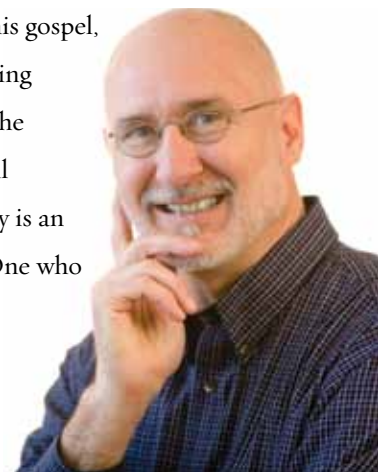
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What does the creation story teach us about who we are and who God is? To paraphrase John, at the beginning of his gospel, "The Story became flesh and dwelt among us. Everything was made by Him and He was intimately involved in the entire process!" (see John 1:14) The creation story is all about relationships, and an attack on the creation story is an attempt to alienate, separate and isolate us from the One who made us and gave Himself for us.


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Things We Say

Remember when dialing a phone meant putting your finger into one of the holes on a telephone rotary dial and spinning it around one number at a time? We now push buttons or touch key pads but still call it “dialing” a number. When composing a letter on a computer keyboard we tend to call it “typing a letter.” While writing this sentence, I love the ability of moving and restructuring ideas by cutting and pasting sentences, paragraphs or pages—anybody remember the days of cutting an article into pieces and pasting it back together?

I’ve never seen anybody prepare a milkshake by shaking the milk, ice cream and flavoring—they always mix or blend it. In Georgia, many people “mash” a button instead of pushing it. At some churches people will say, “We will now collect the offering,” while others say, “We will now lift the offering,” “take up the offering” or “receive the offering.”

We often hear the phrase, “Please bow for a word of prayer.” But the prayer always contains more than a word and usually several sentences. I smile when preparing to pray at church and someone says, “Please kneel as far as possible.” We all know they’re not asking us to kneel as far down as we can, they mean, “All who are able, please kneel.”

It’s interesting that some of the things we say have origins from long ago and no longer convey the same meaning, and other things are just a corruption of the language—enough to make an English major cringe.

Have you ever wondered what our feeble prayers sound like in the language of Heaven? Paul gives us some encouragement when he says, “...the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:26–28 NKJV).

Our sinful nature fogs our ability to communicate with God. Even what we bring to God in prayer are often not our primary needs. We tend to focus on our self-centered wants and comforts rather than the deep spiritual issues God really wants us to bring to Him. And even when we bring those really important concerns to Him, we stumble through with the most inadequate words.

Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who not only takes our words and presents them in the language of Heaven, He takes our hearts and conforms them to the will of God—leading us to cry out for the very things God wants for us.



God's Creation Recipe

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Creation—what happened, how it happened, what sequence it happened in, and what people believe about it—captivated me at my first Kindergarten flannel board.

I loved my high school and college science classes, not because I hoped to become a doctor or scientist, but because each class helped me see God more clearly.

I loved literature for the same reason, especially creation tales from around the world.

I've followed up on those classes, reading books, listening to scientists, theologians and storytellers, and asking questions. Lots of questions!

A Nez Perce Indian told me how Coyote created humans. In Alaska, a kind Yupik woman recounted the tale of how Raven brought light to Earth. A Peruvian farmer described the Inca legend of creation's dawn, and a South Sea Islander told me a great fish story.

Though interesting, each tale tells me more about the storyteller than about the origins of life.

So, I always come back to Genesis—to the story that paints God at His creative best, tracking Him through the week as He spins a new world into existence, a planet that would become His favorite retreat, the home of Love. And while He was painting roses and pouching wallabees, He was thinking of me!

One evening a campfire conversation turned to God and Creation. We talked till the coals were perfect for marshmallows, and then someone asked, "I wonder if God had a 'To-Do' list for creation?" We decided He probably



Zim Lily

did, but that it was more like a recipe.

Earth: A Creator's Recipe

Day 1: Light—The Arrival

Show up, and fill Earth's void with spectral displays far more awesome than Northern Lights or space shuttle lift-offs. Remember, we've promised to stay here, so our people can enjoy the colors of dawn and the textures of a child's face.

Day 2: Water, Air, Heaven

Split Earth's soggy surface into four layers: wet, dry, wet and empty. Fill the dry space with air—invisible, breezy and sweet—permeable enough for water to pour through, hard enough to blow away sand dunes, and perfect for hanging rainbows. Call the empty layer, "Heaven." Place the Holy Spirit there calling for humans to "look up!"

Day 3: Land, Plants

Layer the Periodic Table of Elements into an Earth cake. Leave some Au, Cu, Ag and crystallized C lying around. Form lakes, rivers and seas from the low water. For fresh water, bond two atoms of hydrogen with one of oxygen. Test for hot/steam and cold/freeze. For ocean water, add a dollop of NaCl and an elemental blend customized for coral, tuna, orcas and starfish. Check for reflective surfaces.

Begin the planting. Start at "kingdom" level and plant more "plantae" than generations of botanists can name. Design the small to support the larger and each to nurture

Dick Duerksen



Mama Lion



Liwonde Reflections

others. Empower DNA chains so that each seed will produce squillions more just like it. Scatter seeds and seedlings widely. Remember, billions of eyes will celebrate our choices of colors and innumerable palates will rejoice in the flavors of broccoli, chocolate and oranges. Listen for the sound of corn growing.

Day 4: The Big Lights

Mold a star orb using 75 percent hydrogen and 23 percent helium. Stir in a two percent concoction of heavier elements like oxygen, carbon, iron and neon. Hang it 1.496 x 10⁸ km away so the light will take exactly eight minutes and 19 seconds to travel to Earth's surface.

Ignite the hydrogen and helium into a continuous nuclear fusion that will produce enough energy to warm and light Earth to perfect Bora Bora temperature. Adjust the electromagnetic spectrum and tweak the atmosphere so the sky will be bluest at sunset, so the greens will help Adam and Eve feel peaceful, and so the ultraviolets will help bees find the sweetest flowers.

Hang the moon so the "rabbit" is always smiling at Sioux children and magnetize it to control ocean tides and human hormones. Don't forget the Milky Way.

Day 5: Feathers and Fins

Prepare to release the eagles, finches, blackbirds and parrots from the Creation Lab. Next, drop several tonnes of tuna, barracuda and sharks into the ocean. Flutter in the rest of the feathered folk, float the streams with rainbow trout, and point the salmon toward distant streams.

By evening, birds will be building nests in the cedars, fish will be schooling the waters, and our ears will be filled with a cacophony of happiness.

Day 6: Animals and Humans

Today's DNA feast features koalas, cats, puppies, elk, bears, cattle, equines and a fellow who'll be wanting a wife. Bring the animals on first, then breathe life into the clay man we've been perfecting. His eyes will flutter and

suddenly see in full 3-D color. His heart will pound with excitement, pumping our blood and plasma mix through 100,000 miles of carefully-wound tubing.

When he's up and walking, take him around the garden to hone his language skills. When he's fully mate-lonely, put him to sleep, take one of his heart-ribs, and wake him to the prize of the day! Record the moment!

Day 7: Love

After six days of planting trees, spawning salmon, enlivening the DNA of lions and tigers, pock-marking the moon, teaching eagles to soar, and forming awed humans from clay and breath, now comes the best part! On day seven, create LOVE and dedicate the whole day to celebrating a brand new set of relationships! Breathe all full of joy, and command the celebration to go on and on forever.

Earth. It's Good!

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Photos by Dick Duerksen

Double Delight



Helping Neighbors

BY CAROLYN JO ROBINSON

On Saturday, July 31, *New Revelations of Praise* (NROP) and the associated drama teams congregated at Capitol City Church to join forces in support of Neighbors Organized to Assist Humanity, Inc. (N.O.A.H.). The young people held a benefit concert entitled “Holy Spirit Rain on Us,” and held the audience spellbound with their dramatic praise, worship signing and expressions.

NROP consists of eight young girls from ages ten to 14 years. Delphia Large of the Haughville Church said, “New Revelations of Praise is an awesome group of girls that is sure to lift your spirit as they praise God.”

N.O.A.H. is a faith-based foster care program that aids in building the self-worth of young people troubled by the dysfunction of family situations. DeAnn Day, guest speaker from N.O.A.H., captivated the audience as she explained their program and told stories of the children, and she brought along a former foster youth. Janette Jackson, from the Marion Church, expressed, “I was extremely impressed with the N.O.A.H. benefit program. It was heart-wrenching to hear the young lady’s account of her experiences prior to being in foster care and of the way she beat the odds; I was almost moved to tears as she spoke.”

Capitol City’s performers included Ariesa Peters, the Stewart Sisters, the Capitol City Drama Club and violinist Carolyn Duncan who played “When the Spirit of the Lord.” *Little Butterflies of Praise*, despite the multitude of eyes staring at them, locked eyes with their teacher, Brittney Gilbert, as they performed Richard Smallwood’s “Total Praise.”

Community assistance came from Mariah Ivy, first place winner of the Poetry Contest at Black Expo 2010; pianist Nick Trinosky who shared “What About the Children”; Floyd Miles of Victory Christian Center who mimed “Praise Him in Advance”; *The Ambassadors* from Emmanuel Church and *God’s Anointed* of the Haughville Church.



New Revelation of Praise and Butterflies of Praise perform their rendition of Richard Smallwood’s “Total Praise.”

Wayne Burrell

A special community Arts Award was presented to Steven Thompson, a young person engaged in the arts who maintained a GPA of 3.0 and successfully completed a 250-word essay on how he’s made a difference in the community.

Sashana Gordon, choreographer for NROP, and Davoy Murray, drama director for the skit, “Till

You Believe,” contributed many hours for the success of the evening. Aaron Kirkland creatively prepared the stage with two stained glass windows depicting the church. After the program, a reception was hosted by Chef Sherilyn Mason as a “thank-you” for community involvement.

Jasmine Robinson of NROP says, “Not only do I appreciate what we did for N.O.A.H., but I appreciate what N.O.A.H. does for foster kids.”

Elliana Byrd, also of NROP, commented, “In preparation for the concert, I was just so excited to perform and do a solo; then during the performance listening to the women talk about N.O.A.H., it was as if my whole outlook had changed. I was more so concentrating on how much God has blessed me and being able to share my gift.”

The concert plus outside funding helped NROP make considerable strides toward their \$5,000 fundraising goal for N.O.A.H.

Carolyn Jo Robinson is director of drama ministry at Capitol City Church in Indianapolis. Additional photos of the event are available at <http://www.facebook.com/CapitolCitySDAChurch>.



Offering Hope

BY DIANE THURBER

In October, Phillip Willis Jr., pastor of the Altgeld Gardens (Illinois) and Brunswick Heights (Indiana) Churches, responded to an invitation to share God's Word in Chile to a community impacted by a devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake earlier this year. Hesitant to go at first, Phillip and his wife, Vivian, petitioned God. She told Phillip that if the Lord called him, he should go ... and so he did.

A youth pastor in Chile, Pablo Quinterosm, wanted to use Phillip's two-time survival experience in Iraq as an entry point to members and the community. The week was dedicated to the theme of maintaining spirituality and hope in



Phillip Willis Jr. met many people receptive to God's Word in Chile.

the midst of a world full of crisis and challenge. All this happened while the 33 Chilean miners were still trapped deep inside the earth and tremors continued. Phillip says, "I was determined through personal account and biblical examples to speak about how God deals with those in pain, those in crisis, and how He can sustain, save and strengthen them with the worst life has to offer."

Phillip preached twice daily for eight days. In the morning, he spoke to the young people at the academy and in the evening to the adults. Phillip held the young people's attention when he talked about the hidden messages in music and movies. He says, "They wanted to know if some of their favorite groups had these hidden symbols and satanic influences. They also wondered if they didn't understand English lyrics whether the musical beats and rhythms impacted them in a seductive and negative way." Several later shared how they deleted some secular songs off their phones and iPods.

As the week progressed, the attendance swelled. By Sabbath morning, the church was filled beyond capacity. In the afternoon, Phillip says, "I had the privilege of baptizing eight individuals who dedicated their lives to the Lord."

All of the meetings were broadcast live to 400 churches in Chile, and the nightly topics were viewed on the Internet by individuals from Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Bolivia who wrote in to share their reactions and questions.

On the last day of his trip, Phillip lectured at the University of Bernardo O'Higgins in Santiago, Chile, before history and journalism students. He spoke on biblical history and archeology in Iraq, and then answered their questions about his personal journey as a two-time veteran chaplain.

Phillip is still in contact with some he met in Chile and God continues to bless his time there. "One of the goals of this week was to produce a spiritual revival among our youth. And as a direct result of the Week of Prayer, our youngsters have taken the initiative of getting together in small groups each week for prayer and Bible study. We have no doubts that God has blessed our church through this event as we prayed and asked God for revival. It was the first time, and it will certainly not be the last," shared Pablo.

"I want you to know I was so blessed by being there. The people were so receptive to hearing God's Word. There are believers in Chile that want to go to heaven too!" Phillip said.



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A Christmas Bargain?

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

We sometimes wish dollars grew on trees—especially at Christmas! Some clever soul decided to name their bargain store, “Dollar Tree.” There is a Dollar Tree store near me, and it has a huge inventory with nothing priced at more than one dollar! Chances are there’s a dollar store in your neighborhood too. Maybe you have Family Dollar or Dollar General (or one of many other smaller chains). Combined, these three chains offer us shopping in 19,400 stores where people spent a whopping \$24.4 billion in 2009.

A dollar seems like such a bargain these days! And in most cases it is, *but ...* a dollar here and a dollar there adds up! A few days before Easter last spring I was in the Dollar Tree, and the couple ahead of me purchased more than \$60 worth of Easter basket goodies! As the man doled out the cash from his billfold, I could see the tension between them. She shopped, he paid—and the kids likely got lots of “stuff” they didn’t even know they wanted!

I like to think of the dollar store phenomenon as a metaphor of Christmas shopping. Yes, the bargains may be great; but how easy it is to spend too much—thus defeating our purpose.

With Christmas around the corner, Americans project they will spend some \$700–\$750 on Christmas gifts this season. I invite you to keep several things in mind as you finish your holiday shopping this year.

First, ask yourself, “Why am I buying this?” Then ask yourself if the person you are buying for really needs or even wants the gift, even if it’s a bargain from a dollar store.

Second, set a limit on the total you will spend on gifts, decorations and holiday accessories. This doesn’t match our romantic notions of gift-gifting, but it is an honest approach.

Americans tend to go overboard for the holidays. We want to show our love and affection for family and friends. Also, we are marketed to spend. I encourage you to determine not to be “guilted” into spending because of what others are or may be spending on you! Ellen White suggests that gifts be “a token of affectionate remembrance.” She says, “It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love.



It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer.”¹

If you need to spend less, think of ways to give less expensive gifts. How about a gift of spending time with a loved one in a way that isn’t customary? If you want to spend more on Christmas gifts, cut back on eating out, order less pizzas and/or lattes, cut cell phone use and TV channel options, for example.

Third, if you don’t have the cash—don’t buy. Credit card bills aren’t any fun after the holidays! Don’t be fooled by no-interest plans. When the fervor of the season is over, or you have unexpected financial challenges in the future, you will suffer the consequences.

While layaway plans were developed to provide a helpful service to customers, experts say their time has passed and they can be expensive. For example, there will be a layaway fee and a cancellation fee if you decide not to continue the purchase. If the article goes on sale, you likely won’t be able to get it at the lower cost. Besides, when you go back into the store every week to make a layaway payment, it’s much easier to buy more!

Fourth, if you didn’t have a plan for this year, make a plan for giving for 2011! One family I know decided to also give a monetary contribution equal to what they spend this year on gift-gifting to a favorite charity. That takes a plan!

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Fatigue increases the risk of making errors in thought and actions.



To avoid fatigue, change your lifestyle.

Fighting Fatigue

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Do you feel tired, overly tired? Are you weary, exhausted or lacking energy? Do you feel a struggle to stay motivated, or even stay awake during the day? Do you have trouble remembering things? Maybe you are fatigued, really fatigued. About 20 percent of Americans claim to have fatigue intense enough to interfere with their normal life.

The first step toward relief is to take a self-inventory. Chances are you need to make one or two lifestyle changes. Maybe you are working too hard, getting too little sleep, overly anxious, getting too little exercise, not drinking enough water, or having strained personal or work relationships. Overloaded circuits have a habit of blowing a fuse.

Fatigue is also a symptom of psychological problems, such as anxiety, grief or chronic stress. Depression and dealing with chronic pain can also lead to fatigue. Constant exhaustion may be a sign of a medical condition, such as anemia, chronic fatigue syndrome, thyroid problem or sleep apnea.

Certain medications may also cause drowsiness or fatigue, including antihistamines, blood pressure medicines, cough and cold remedies, prescription pain medications and some antidepressants. The use and abuse of alcohol or caffeine can cause fatigue.

Fatigue limits our ability to think clearly, make accurate judgments, engage in critical thinking, be creative and plan effectively. People experiencing fatigue are more likely to express negative attitudes, and are more prone to anxiety and depression.

We function best with regular cycles of work and rest. Any system of the human body that is overworked or excessively stressed without appropriate rest soon fatigues. An over-



worked muscle will cramp and lose function. The constantly working brain that is not given proper rest and sleep will fatigue and dysfunction just as a computer crashes when the batteries become fully discharged.

Fatigue decreases your efficiency and productivity, and increases your risk of making errors. During World War II, factories in Britain stepped up to a work schedule of 74 hours a week. However, factory workers were not properly rested, and

accidents increased. The factory owners decided to reduce work to 48 hours a week with one day off per week. To their surprise, production went up 15 percent even though they worked less hours. In addition, morale improved, absenteeism dropped, spoiled work decreased and there were fewer accidents. Eliminating fatigue made the difference.

God instituted a weekly time out (the Sabbath) to help us slow down and spend meaningful time with Him, to regain our focus, reflect on the direction of our life and spend quality time with our family. In our stressful, busy lives we need to experience some downtime. The weekly rhythm enables us to take a regular break. Christ also called a time out to get rest from a hectic schedule (see Mark 6:31). A regular period of rest and relaxation ensures freshness and vitality. Making some lifestyle changes may put vitality back into your life.

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EXTREME GRACE

God Showed Up

BY DICK DUERKSEN

In the beginning everything was nothing. Then God showed up ... and the universe gasped in awe and expectation. Being “light,” His arrival immediately gave texture to the formless and dimension to the void. Shadows appeared, flitting from thin to solid and back to thin again as He walked through what would become meadows, plains, oceans and gardens.

Without His light? Nothing.
With His light? Everything.

Creation’s First Day is key to everything we do. That’s when God “showed up” and promised to stay.

The best photographs are taken within 90 minutes of dawn or sunset. That’s when the light is low, rich and warm—when God smiles directly into the lens. That’s when a shaft of orange light caresses a family of dancing aspens. When dew drops become carnival house mirrors. When reflections are brighter than the real. When clouds and pelicans thunder together. When snow-clad mountains become ice cream cones ready for licking. When young kudus glow Krueger gold.

In Matthew 5:16, Jesus says we’re here “to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world” (*The Message*). Some think that means we’re to be “reflectors of His image,” like the Fourth Day moon reflects the sun. However, God’s First Day light appears to fit much better with Christ’s words.

Since “Grace” is simply “Jesus in me the hope of Glory” (see Colossians 1:27), then when I accept Christ’s offer to



Golden Gate Aspens



Havana Beach

come into my life, He fills me up with Himself—and then places me on the tip top of a hill where His light can shine through me, “bringing out the God-colors in the world.”

He does this all by Himself, so then none of us can boast at our personal glowability! Then, through me, He smiles directly into a thousand faces and delivers the light that lights the life of every woman, man, girl, boy, grandpa and grandma from Sheboygan to Vanuatu and back again.

When you’re kind, I see the Creator in you. When you’re patient, I see the Creator in you. When I’m gentle, you see the Creator in me. When Uncle Harvey forgives his grandkids for tracking mud into the living

room, they see Jesus in him.

God’s Transforming Grace is simply the Creator’s First Day light glowing in us! He “showed up,” and has kept His promise to stay. And that’s good. *Very good!*

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Dear God...

BY DON JACOBSEN

Dear God,
I want to thank You for clearing up something I've had on my mind. We get into these highbrow discussions about all kinds of issues, and I have a hunch You must sometimes find them humorous. I was thinking about creation. I have no idea the uncounted hours the righteous have spent debating where we came from—and when. It occurs to me You may have included that story in Your Book for a reason.

I got to thinking about a statement I read a long time ago by a man named Whittaker Chambers. It seems that one morning while eating breakfast he found himself looking at his infant daughter; and although he was not a believer, he wrote, “My eye came to rest on the delicate convolutions of her ear—those intricate, perfect ears. The thought passed through my mind: ‘No, those ears were not created by any chance coming together of atoms in nature. ... They could have been created only by immense design.’”¹

This brilliant mind, influenced by a lifetime of atheistic thought, looked at his little girl's ear (her ear!), and saw Your handiwork. At that moment, he recognized that this effective design could not have come about accidentally, even given long periods of time.

I thought about all the other irrefutable evidence. What about the little girl's eye? A lens that can focus on objects far and near, an iris that allows in the appropriate amount of light, the cones inside that see color, a lid that periodically wipes the surface to keep it moist... Accident? And two of them in just the right place on the front instead of one big one in the middle? Who can reasonably conclude that natural selection fooled around for eons and came up with this great idea?

A long time ago someone showed me a statement

Charles Darwin made in his landmark book, *The Origin of Species*. Darwin wrote, “To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.”² This is not to suggest that Darwin ever became a creationist, but it's an interesting admission.

But I think it was the approach of Christmas that got me pursuing these thoughts, Lord. Your perfect world, the product of Your infinite hand, spun into uncontrolled chaos and You couldn't find it in Your great heart to let it go on its mindless way. So Love came down at Christmas. Not to rescue an accident. Not to save the result of natural selection, but to redeem the renegades who had come forth from Your creative hand and then had intentionally revolted against their very Creator. What a story. It changed everything, and forever settled the debate about where we came from.

At this time of year I find myself often humming the great song by my friend, Phil Cross, which describes what happened when Jesus came:

*Hope has hands; Freedom has feet.
Truth will stand; The Word will speak.
The holy and lowly will finally embrace,
For Love has a heartbeat, and Grace has a face.*³

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Giving Away the Gospel

BY JUDITH YEOMAN

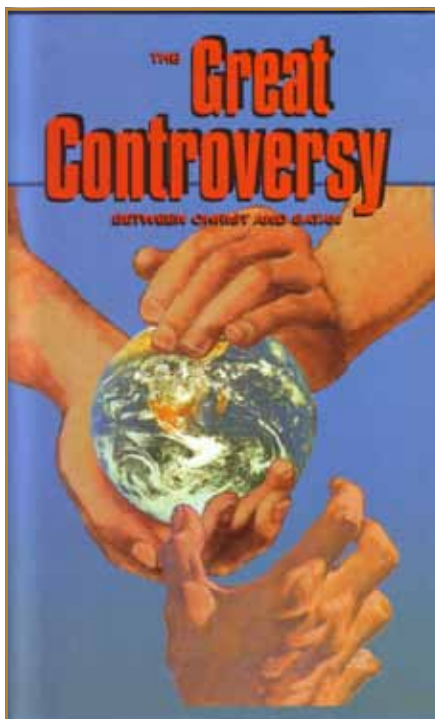
Last May, Bob Tate, an active member of the Richmond Church in eastern Indiana, began a ministry that he refers to as “*The Great Controversy Project*.” By sacrificing, Bob and his wife, Shirley, are purchasing lovely hardcover editions of the book, *The Great Controversy*, which contain more than 200 colorful illustrations plus extra historical background information. Many say it is the most beautiful edition of *The Great Controversy* they have ever seen. “While less expensive editions are good, they do not have the appeal and impact that a book of this nature can have,” explains Bob.

The Tates are not selling the books, but giving them as a gift to anyone who promises to read it. They are finding their gifts open doors to share more about God’s love through His Word. “Just this week, after leaving a book with a family, I received an invitation to return for Bible studies,” Bob says. “They specifically wanted to learn more about the Sabbath.”

Bob shared his project idea in various Adventist churches throughout Indiana, and “the approach seems to be resonating with our members,” he says. “The number of those who are interested in this project is increasing exponentially. People are buying and sharing these books by the case.

“This summer one couple purchased 60 books and delivered them, along with a bag of home-grown sweet corn, to every farmer in the surrounding area where they live. They feel a personal responsibility to see that their friends and neighbors have the opportunity to receive the light of this book.”

Bob smiles as he tells about this same couple mailing a copy of *The Great Controversy* to Glenn Beck, host of FOX News Channel’s “Glenn Beck” program, after they heard



*Bob and Shirley Tate find that when they give away the beautiful, hardcover edition of *The Great Controversy*, God opens doors for them to share more of His love through His Word.*

Glenn say something on his television show that strongly supported what is written in the book. “I don’t know if they sent Beck a bag of corn or not,” Bob says. “Their approach is direct and straightforward. A bit corny perhaps, but hey, whatever works!”

If you would like to develop your own personal ministry by participating in this project, you may contact Bob directly at retoutreach@yahoo.com. He will help you obtain the best price on the books, and will put your name on the mailing list to receive the newsletter that continues to provide ideas on presentations and opportunities.

“I put a Voice of Prophecy Bible enrollment card in each book,” Bob explains. “The Apostle Paul, through his trade as a tent-maker, worked with the ultimate purpose of enabling himself to *give* the gospel to others.

Those who have invested their own money in the purchase and distribution of these beautiful books are following in the footsteps of Paul. I’m hoping that with God’s blessing, many will continue in this ministry until Jesus comes!”

Judith Yeoman is the Indiana Conference correspondent.



RESCATE—NUESTRA GRAN RESPONSABILIDAD

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Al hombre se le ha dado el exaltado privilegio de revelar el carácter divino por medio de una dedicación desinteresada para rescatar al hombre de las profundidades de la perdición donde ha sido arrojado. Todo ser humano que permita ser iluminado por el Espíritu Santo será usado para el cumplimiento de este propósito divino” (You Shall Receive Power, p. 166).

Este artículo fue escrito mientras daba una campaña evangelística en San Clemente, un simpático pueblo en el hermoso país de Chile. Me habían acompañado dos médicos, Manuel y Ester Alva, quienes enseñaron clases de salud, y vino también con nosotros Reg Mattson, presidente de la Asociación ASI de la Unión del Lago.

No fue ésta nuestra primera visita a San Clemente. El año pasado habíamos venido con más de 50 personas con el propósito de construir un nuevo templo para los hermanos adventistas allí, enseñar inglés a los niños que asistían a una escuela adventista en la ciudad de Talca, dar clases de salud para la comunidad y auspiciar una campaña evangelística. Con la bendición de Dios se completó la construcción de la iglesia y pudimos bautizar a



Miembros de iglesia y visitas asisten a nuestra campaña evangelística en San Clemente, Chile

más de quince personas. Al concluir la campaña, sentimos la fuerte impresión de que deberíamos volver a San Clemente y realizar un segundo esfuerzo evangelístico para así dar apoyo a la iglesia en su misión de ganar almas para Cristo.

Mientras daba esta segunda campaña se llevó a cabo el impresionante rescate de los 33 mineros que habían estado atrapados durante 69 días en la mina “San José” cerca de la ciudad de Copiapó. Pude apreciar, muy de cerca, el tremendo esfuerzo que realizaban quienes estaban involucrados en el rescate. Todos allí habían puesto su confianza y esperanza en el rescate y salvación de los mineros atrapados, pues sabían que la situación era de vida o muerte. Cuando se

comenzó a sacarlos de ese abismo me impactó mucho observar la emoción de todos.

Al observar este drama, pensé que nuestra campaña evangelística en Chile era también un tipo de rescate – un rescate en el que nosotros como adventistas debíamos hacer mayores esfuerzos. No hay la menor duda que estamos viviendo en un momento en la historia en el que se ven con más claridad las señales del fin. Hay almas atrapadas en un

profundo abismo, y muchos no se dan cuenta del peligro en que se encuentran. Debemos hacer todo lo que está de nuestra parte para traer a estas almas a Cristo.

Amigo lector, estamos involucrados en un drama de vida o muerte. Quizá conozcas a alguna persona que necesita que alguien le extienda la mano. Quiero animarte a que mires la cruz y veas el esfuerzo que Cristo ha hecho por ti, que sigas su ejemplo y que hagas todo lo posible para rescatar a esa alma para el reino de Dios.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



ADAM'S FAITH

A CASE FOR GOOD SCIENCE

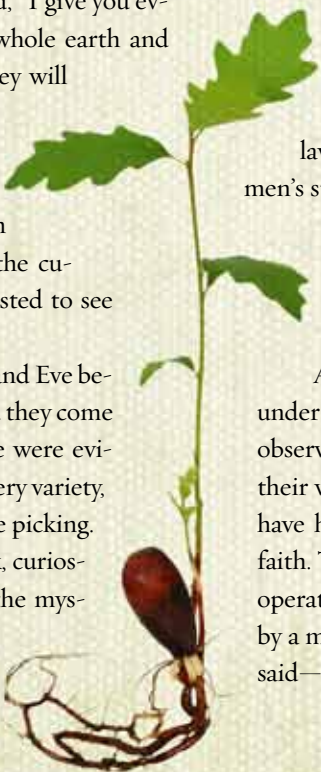
BY GARY BURNS

What did Adam and Eve eat for supper Friday evening, the sixth day of creation? I suppose it may have been a banquet of fruits and nuts along with some fresh-baked *what-is-it* (manna?) dripping with honey, all set before them by their loving and generous Creator-host. I can't imagine Him missing the opportunity to share a feast with His new companions as they welcomed the Sabbath together.

And breakfast the next morning? God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food" (Genesis 1:29 NIV). So, they must have sampled new varieties of unimaginable description, aroma and flavor as they explored this land "flowing with milk and honey" for themselves. Imagine the culinary pleasures they experienced as they tasted to see that their Lord was so good to them.

Now, here's another question: Did Adam and Eve believe in a six-day creation? And if so, how did they come to believe it? Everywhere they looked there were evidences of mature life—trees and plants of every variety, loaded with succulent ripe fruit ready for the picking.

As they explored the Creator's handiwork, curiosity would have driven them to investigate the mystery of life and the intricate, complex, complete systems designed by their Creator.



"The mysteries of the visible universe—the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge' [Job 37:16] afforded them an exhaustless source of instruction and delight. The laws and operations of nature, which have engaged men's study for six thousand years, were opened to their minds by the infinite Framer and Upholder of all. They held converse with leaf and flower and tree, gathering from each the secrets of its life" (*Christian Education*, p. 207).

Adam and Eve studied nature in the presence and under the direct guidance of their Creator. What they observed in God's creation would have indicated that their world was more than a few days old. They would have had to accept the truth of a six-day creation by faith. They would have to believe that their world, now operating under God's laws, was brought into existence by a miracle in response to His spoken word just as He said—by faith, not by scientific validation.

EVERY DISCOVERY INTO GOD'S INTRICATE LAWS ONLY MAKES HIS ACT OF CREATION THAT MUCH MORE FANTASTIC. THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BIGGER AND GREATER OUR CREATOR-GOD APPEARS. WE CAN STUDY GOD'S LAWS, HOW THEY WORK, THEIR EFFECTS AND THEIR POTENTIAL—BUT WE CANNOT STUDY CREATION ITSELF.

But accepting God's word by faith would not have changed their science. Science cannot explain creation. It cannot explain a miracle any more than it can explain God Himself. The more the new couple learned about their world and its surrounding universe, the more accurate scientific evidence there would be to disbelieve the creation narrative. At the same time, they would have more marvelous evidence that God alone is Designer, Creator and Sustainer. God and Adam and Eve seemed to be okay with that.

I can imagine a conversation something like this: "Eve, Adam, here's a lesson from the acorn. Deep inside each cell of this acorn I placed the genetic code that carries all the instructions for the life of the oak tree—like the one over there. All the instructions for a tree like that are in this little acorn. When it falls to the ground and finds a home in the earth, my instructions cause it to germinate, to send up a shoot to gather light from the sun, to do photosynthesis, to send roots down into the earth to gather moisture and nutrients so that the seedling becomes turgid and stands erect. And after about 100 years, it will look like that tree over there. Oh, and by the way, that tree over there ... I spoke that tree into existence last week, just a few days before I created you."

God does not change what is observable to accommodate the true story of creation. He does not adjust His own physical laws to validate His creative power. He taught Adam the truth—in physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and even geology. The truth about science did not threaten the truth about creation. Adam and Eve accepted the truth of science by their observation and experimentation. They accepted the truth of creation by faith.

Can we practice good science under God's laws—laws that would indicate much more than a six-day creation without threatening our belief and faith in our Creator's narrative? Can we believe that God spoke our world into existence approximately 6,000 years ago, and that He did it over a process of six days without that being a threat to the study of nature? Adam did, why can't we?

Every discovery into God's intricate laws only makes His act of creation that much more fantastic. The more we know, the bigger and greater our Creator-God appears. We can study God's laws, how they work, their effects and their potential—but we cannot study creation itself.

What business do we have trying to explain origins scientifically? When we try to explain creation, God says to us as He said to Job, "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand" (Job 38:2–4 NIV).

And like Job we have to say, "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know" (Job 40:4; 42:3 NIV).

Yet, we should pursue every opportunity to learn about our world, our galaxy, our universe, because "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1 NIV).

Gary Burns is the communication director of the Lake Union Conference.



Statement on Creation

THE BIBLE'S WORLDVIEW

The Seventh-day Adventist Church affirms its belief in the biblical account of creation in contrast to an evolutionary explanation for the origin of living organisms and the relationship of humans to other life forms. Seventh-day Adventists note with great interest the increasing discussion of intelligent design in nature and the evidence that supports this view. In the light of considerable public interest in this topic the Church takes this opportunity to express its confidence in the biblical record.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that God is the Creator of all life and that the Bible reveals a reliable account of His creative activity. Further, we believe that the biblical events recorded in Genesis 1–11, including the special creation of human beings, are historical and recent, that the seven days of creation were literal 24-hour days forming a literal week, and that the Flood was global in nature.

Belief in creation is foundational for Seventh-day Adventist understanding concerning much more than the question of origins. The purposes and mission of God described in the Bible, human responsibility for stewardship of the environment, the institution of marriage and the sacred meaning of the Sabbath all find their meaning in the doctrine of creation.

Seventh-day Adventists recognize that the biblical record of creation does not answer all questions that can be asked concerning origins. Our comprehension of such

mysteries is limited. We anticipate that continued study of both the Bible and nature will deepen our understanding of God's power and strengthen our faith in His Word and the creation account it contains.

This statement is supported by numerous Bible passages including: Psalm 19:1; Colossians 1:16, 17; Genesis 1–11; Psalm 139:14; Exodus 20:8–11; Mark 2:27; Romans 8:20, 21.

This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Ted N. C. Wilson, on June 23, 2010, and released at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010.

The Environment

Seventh-day Adventists believe that humankind was created in the image of God, thus representing God as His stewards, to rule the natural environment in a faithful and fruitful way.

Unfortunately, corruption and exploitation have been brought into the management of the human domain of responsibility. Increasingly, men and women have been involved in a megalomaniacal destruction of the Earth's resources, resulting in widespread suffering, environmental disarray and the threat of climate change. While scientific research needs to continue, it is clear from the accumulated evidence that the increasing emission of destructive gasses, the depletion of the protective mantle of ozone, the massive destruction of the American forests, and the so-called "Greenhouse Effect" are all threatening the Earth's ecosystem.

These problems are largely due to human selfishness and the egocentric pursuit of getting more and more through ever-increasing production, unlimited consumption and depletion of nonrenewable resources. The ecological crisis is rooted in humankind's greed and refusal to practice good and faithful stewardship within the divine boundaries of creation.

Seventh-day Adventists advocate a simple, wholesome lifestyle, where people do not step on the treadmill of unbridled consumerism, goods-getting and production of waste. We call for respect of creation, restraint in the use of the world's resources, reevaluation of one's needs and reaffirmation of the dignity of created life.

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference Session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995.

Celebration of Creation

Design and Beauty in the Universe

The Psalmist wrote, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands” (Psalm 19:1 NIV). After 20 years of the Hubble Space telescope, can believers still make the same exciting statements?

Consider the great nebula in Orion. David would have seen it as a slightly fuzzy star. In an early vision, Ellen White saw this region of the sky as an open space “whence came the voice of God.” The Hubble telescope images this nebula as a colorful place of intense beauty, immense dimensions and intense star formation. The more astronomers study the cosmos, the greater our appreciation for God’s care and

design becomes when read through the eyes of faith. As the scientific data accumulates, it becomes increasingly difficult to imagine that this vast universe, unexpectedly suitable for complex life, could possibly be the product of random and chaotic forces. Surely a great and powerful God is responsible for all that exists!

Mickey Kutzner, Ph.D., is professor of physics at Andrews University.

Design Genius

It is a fact that even those who deny the existence of God look at life and see genius at work in both design and beauty. Biologists and engineers comb through nature’s designs to find creative solutions for us. Biomimetic scientists love the elegance of nature’s designs, not to mention nature’s non-polluting methods of manufacturing.

My pleasant task is to report on just a few drops of the expansive ocean of creative genius. Will this recounting in any way scientifically prove that my Creator God is, in fact, the source of the genius? No. Because if God were to render Himself testable such that we could scientifically prove that He is God, then all would be forced to believe in Him.

God does not coerce. God does not force my belief. Oh, He certainly provides abundant evidence that He exists. Paul makes this clear in Romans 1:20: “For since the cre-

ation of the world, God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse” (NIV). The evidence, however, does not rise to the level of scientific proof. In the end, faith is required. Either way. Believing in Him or not believing in Him—both positions require faith. I simply choose to believe in God.

David Steen, Ph.D., is a professor of biology at Andrews University.



Andrews University

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY STATEMENT

The Department of Biology provides transformational education in the biological sciences for a diverse student population, set in the context of a Seventh-day Adventist Christian world view. To achieve this mission we:

Seek knowledge and develop skills for life-long learning through rigorous research, teaching and learning in the biological sciences;

Affirm faith, engender integrity and honor the Creator through personal mentoring, intentional study of life as God's creation and the ethical practice of science; and

Change the world by active service, promoting responsible living as stewards of creation and preparing students for meaningful careers in church and society.

Only Good

The text of the creation story in Genesis 1 testifies that there was no evil in the original creation as exemplified in the following evidences:

The name *Elohim* ("God") is the word in the first verse that receives the strongest accent. When the text is sung in the Massoretic chanting, the word *Elohim*, which marks exactly the middle of the verse, is sustained a long time in order to emphasize the presence of God. This means that God is the central cause, the most important agent, of this creation. And this is confirmed by the verb *bara* ("create") that appears right before *Elohim*. This verb is used in the Bible with only God as a subject. For only God is the subject of creation, and therefore creation was only good.

The Hebrew word for "good," *tov*, which marks the rhythm of the creation story—it appears seven times—means "good" in different ways: efficient, right, beautiful and enjoyable. Each time it occurs in the creation story, it conveys all these meanings together. Creation was good in every sense of the term.

The last and perhaps most important evidence that there was no evil in the original creation is the biblical testimony to the future re-creation, which will have no evil and no death in it. We can believe that original creation was only good because it will be only good, just as we can hope that it will be good because it was originally good. Our faith in creation is based on our hope in re-creation, just as our hope in re-creation is based on our faith in creation.

Jacques Doukhan Ph.D., Th.D., is professor of Hebrew and OT Exegesis in the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Faith's Vantage Point

WHY DOES A BIBLICAL CREATION WORLDVIEW MATTER?

Among the many biblical lines of evidence that could be noted, we uplift five basic reasons which show why belief in a recent historical Creation (protology), the Fall and the Flood is important.

Biblical Hermeneutics. According to both historical-critical scholars and conservative evangelicals, the best exegetical interpretation of the Hebrew text supports a recent historical, six-day Creation, Fall and a global Flood.

The Character of God. The Lord God who creates by His word is “merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6). However, the alternative model of origins known as theistic evolution, which combines Genesis 1 and 2 with evolutionary theory, creates intractable problems of theodicy regarding the loving character of the Creator who, allegedly, creates through the warring of nature, famine and death. Philosopher of science David Hull explains how this worldview impacts fatally upon the character of God: “The process [of evolution] is rife with happenstance, contingency, incredible waste, death, pain and horror. ... The god implied by evolutionary theory and the data of natural history ... is not a loving God who cares about His productions. He is ... careless, indifferent, almost diabolical. He is certainly not the sort of God to whom anyone would be inclined to pray.”¹ These telling remarks can deepen the conviction that surely the infinitely loving Creator would not create by means of a phenomenon which He abhors, and that He died on the cross to eradicate, namely, death, which is the last enemy (2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:26). Such considerations show how a correct understanding of the biblical teaching about origins safeguards the truth about the goodness and love of God, which we believe is the foundational truth of all Scripture (Deuteronomy 32:3, 4; 1 John 4:8).

Salvation through Christ. Faith in the blood of Jesus is the heart of the gospel (Romans 3:25). In opposition to this, the evolutionary worldview affirms death before sin by rejecting a historical, literal Fall, a global Flood, and a historical Adam and Eve through whom sin and its consequences passed to Creation, including the lower creatures. This consequence undermines the biblical truth that sin causes death, thereby ulti-

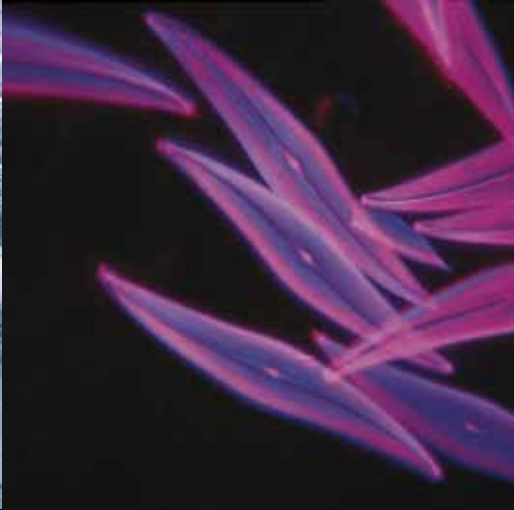
mately denying the need for Jesus to redeem humanity through His historical life and His death on the cross (Genesis 2:9, 17; Romans 5:12, 14; 6:23; 8:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:26). Thus, the true biblical doctrines of Creation and a global Flood safeguard the doctrine of the substitutionary atonement.

The Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for humans (Mark 2:27). When and for what reason? As indicated in this document, the first chapter of Genesis teaches that during the week of Creation, the seventh day was established as the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of the completion of God’s creative work (Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11). If life forms have emerged slowly on Earth over millions of years, clearly this foundational biblical reason for the establishment of the Sabbath is fatally compromised.

Eschatology. The same Creator who said “For in six days the Lord made heaven and the earth” (Exodus 20:11) also said “Let not your heart be troubled ... I will come again.” (John 14:1-3). The Christian’s hope is grounded in these latter words of Jesus. However, if science falsifies Christ’s protological statement, what confidence can the believer place in His eschatological promise of a glorious Second Coming (2 Peter 3)? This shows the importance of the historical truth of the biblical doctrine of Creation. In summary, these five reasons join together to form powerful evidence showing why a recent, six-day Creation worldview matters so deeply to the Christian message. Because Adventists concur that God’s Creation still reveals His glory, though imperfectly, and needs to be cared for, we conclude with a reflection about the stewardship of Creation.

This document is an excerpt from “A Statement on the Biblical Doctrine of Creation,” by the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

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Hospitals earn coveted accreditation as chest pain centers

Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals have been accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers. This recognition ensures that patients receive specialized care during the critical early stages of a heart attack when treatments are most effective and are monitored throughout their stay to ensure proper care. Such observation helps ensure that a patient is neither sent home too early nor needlessly admitted.

The hospitals were accredited with PCI (percutaneous coronary interventions) status, also referred to as Cycle II accreditation, because both offer coronary angioplasty. PCI is among the most advanced treatments available to open blocked arteries in the heart.

“Seeking accreditation gave us the opportunity to refine our process in such a way that we not only meet the current industry standards, but exceed them in most cases,” said Paul Ryan, M.D., medical director of cardiology at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

One of the measurements used to evaluate success in treating heart attacks with angioplasty and similar

treatments—known collectively as percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)—is the so-called “door-to-balloon time.” This refers to the interval between a patient’s arrival at the hospital and the inflation of a tiny balloon in the patient’s artery. The industry standard door-to-balloon time is 90 minutes. At Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, 100 percent of patients received primary PCI within 90 minutes; at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, 92 percent of patients received primary PCI within 90 minutes, according to the most recent data reported to the Joint Commission.

A patient complaining of chest pain sets off a series of immediate responses at Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals. The patient is immediately assessed and, in some cases, rapidly transferred to the cardiac catheterization lab for evaluation. Outlining the steps for providing care helps clinicians manage chest pain patients quickly and appropriately.

“We follow the ‘time is muscle’ philosophy,” said Edgar Carell, M.D., medical director of the chest pain center at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, referring to a saying among cardiologists that sums up the importance of prompt treatment when heart muscle is dying. “Improving heart care starts with improved processes that encompass timely treatment, continuing education, and application of best practices along the entire heart care chain.”

Both Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals offer the experience of interventional cardiologists, electrophysiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and interventional radiologists in a convenient location. Patients with life-threatening heart blockages or those who need pacemakers or implantable defibrillators can be treated close to home.

“Being accredited as a chest pain center underscores our commitment to quality and high performance standards,” said David L. Crane, president/chief executive officer of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. “Accreditation acknowledges that we are following best practices in improving the care of every acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patient.”

Rick Wright, chief executive officer of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, called the accreditation achievement “a team effort.”

“Excellent care requires close collaboration and teamwork involving the community, emergency medical services, the emergency department, nursing, cardiology and, of course, each individual patient,” Wright said.

To earn accreditation, Chest Pain Centers must demonstrate their expertise and commitment to quality patient care by meeting or exceeding a wide set of stringent criteria and completing on-site evaluations by a review team from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Key areas in which a Chest Pain Center must demonstrate expertise include: Integrating the emergency department with the local emergency medical system; assessing, diagnosing and treating patients quickly; effectively treating patients with low risk for acute coronary syndrome and no assignable cause for their symptoms; continually seeking to improve processes and procedures; ensuring Chest Pain Center personnel competency and training; maintaining organizational structure and commitment; having a functional design that promotes optimal patient care; and supporting community outreach programs that educate the public to promptly seek medical care if they display symptoms of a possible heart attack.

Lisa Parro, senior public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

Griggs ownership transferred to Andrews

At the October meeting of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, the Board voted to accept the transfer of ownership of Griggs University/Griggs International Academy from its current owners, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The transfer of administration was effective Nov. 1.

“In essence,” said Niels-Erik Andreassen, Andrews University president, “Andrews University is the new owner of Griggs as a corporation; much like Andrews owns WAUS Broadcasting, the Center for Youth Evangelism, etc.”

For more than a century, Griggs (formerly known as Home Study International) has provided distance education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Alayne Thorpe, who previously served as vice president for education at Griggs, is now interim president of Griggs. She will work closely with Andrews University and the University provost, Andrea Luxton, on planning for the future of Griggs. The tentative plan for the physical relocation of Griggs is to move to Andrews sometime in 2011, possibly during the summer months, to occupy space at the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists building.

The General Conference will provide approximately \$700,000 in annual rent and operation subsidy to Andrews for Griggs, and cover any personnel costs for current Griggs employees who either retire or choose not to move from Maryland to Michigan. Andrews University will cover the cost of setting up Griggs here with funds provided for that purpose. The General Conference also agreed to a \$1 million, four-year appropriation for program development to be paid out annually in increments of \$250,000.

“This new alliance between Andrews University and Griggs University will position the University to be on the

cutting-edge of opportunities in distance education and become a model for the world church,” remarked Luxton.

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Andrews student named 2010 American Chemical Society Scholar

Andrews University sophomore Luis Garibay is a 2010 American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholar. The scholarship was announced in August and carries an award of \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable through Garibay's fourth year of college.

Garibay, a double major in chemistry and mathematics, is from Colorado but grew up in Chiapas, Mexico. This semester he is taking the classic sophomore chemistry major crush: Organic Chemistry, Quantitative Analysis, and Physics for Scientists & Engineers, along with Calculus III. Garibay also serves as the pastor of the Chemistry Club.

David Nowack, chair of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, says, “This ACS Scholarship verifies the

quality and diversity of students who are attracted to our chemistry and biochemistry program. We are proud of Luis for his outstanding commitment to academic excellence and grateful to God for Luis' talents that will ultimately be used for the uplifting of humanity.”

ACS scholarships are awarded to historically under-represented ethnicities in the chemical sciences on the basis of academic record, career objective, financial need, leadership ability, participation in school activities and community service. In 2010, 133 ACS scholars were selected by a committee of 19 professional chemists from a variety of academic institutions and industries. This year's list of ACS scholars includes students from leading universities including Harvard, Columbia, MIT, Cal Tech, Berkeley, Stanford, University of Michigan and University of Chicago. This year only two ACS scholars were selected from the state of Michigan: one from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and the other from Andrews University.

Garibay is the second Andrews student to receive this prestigious scholarship. In 2007, Nuvia Salcedo became the first Andrews University student to receive it. After her 2009 graduation from Andrews, Salcedo pursued graduate studies at the University of California, Riverside.

Garibay, who was humbled by receiving the scholarship, says, “Since I decided to come to Andrews, I knew that this institution was a great place to prepare me for a career in chemistry and for growing in my faith. This scholarship is an answer to my prayer for two things: money to afford attending Andrews since I do not have my parents' support; and secondly, that I would have an opportunity to help the Andrews University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry become better known to other students and institutions around the world.”

Dave Randall, associate professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Calvin Center School students study creation

Lake Region—“For in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them” (Genesis 20:11). As part of their spiritual growth plan, students at the Calvin Center School in Cassopolis, Mich., are reading the book, *Steps to Christ*. Ellen G. White mentions that although sin marred God’s creation, God’s love is still revealed through nature and we can appreciate the handiwork of God.

Some of the students at Calvin Center School were asked the question, “What is your favorite day of creation and why?”

Kayla Bynum chose Day 6: “I love animals because they are so diverse. They come in all kinds of shapes and sizes and some can make great companions.”

“I love all the different types of animals that God created. When I think of animals I think of Heaven and how one day I will be able to pet wild animals without fear of being attacked,” said Karielle Talbert, who chose Day 6, also.

Denzell Williams chose Day 5: “I like to look at fish, watch them swim and jump in the air. I also like to do birdwatching with my binoculars. I enjoy listening to the cheerful songs of birds and observing how the mother bird cares for her babies.”

“If we didn’t have light, none of us could see and be able to enjoy all of what God has created,” remarked Brandon Talbert as he told of his favorite day of creation, Day 1.

Danielle Williams’ favorite day is Day 4: “I enjoy gazing at the sky on a starry night. When I look at the stars it amazes me how God made all of the different designs, and I am reminded of the beauty God gave to us. I also enjoy looking at the Moon for it reminds me of Jesus who is our light.

“I love to take in deep breaths of



A focus on creation by teachers at Calvin Center School caused students to be more aware of God’s creations, like the colorful marigolds the students planted near the school sign.



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fresh air. Sometimes I have difficulty breathing because of asthma; I have to use a breathing machine and an inhaler. When Jesus comes again, I will breathe freely forever and ever,” said E’scandre Williams about Day 2, his favorite day.

Alana Walls chose Day 7: “At the end of creation week God rested. I enjoy His holy Sabbath day. I can worship God at church and rest from all of my work. I especially like to listen to ‘Your Story Hour.’”

The students expressed in various ways that although we live on a planet

marred by sin, the fingerprint of God still remains on all creation. It draws us to have and enjoy a closer walk with Him who placed the stars in the sky and knows them each by name. When we breathe the fresh air, see the animals of many sorts and rest on the Sabbath, it is difficult to separate ourselves from the One who created us all and will recreate His masterpiece in its perfection once again.

Annamaria Miller, communications department, Calvin Center School



Teacher Shirley Fuquay enjoys making johnnycakes with her third- and fourth-grade class while teaching about pioneers.

Pioneer studies enlighten, prepare young minds

Lake Region—When thinking about pioneers, it is common to think of people traversing rugged land in covered wagons. When thinking about pioneers, it is normal to visualize people who struggle in unknown territory and who “prepare the way” for those who will come after them. Most of us see people from long ago. For Americans, we picture people like George Washington, or Lewis and Clark. For Adventists, we see individuals such as Ellen White. Whether we realize it or not, pioneers exist all around us today. At Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA), in Inkster, Mich., students are embracing the pioneers of yesterday and working to become the pioneers of today.

To begin, the third- and fourth-grade class has learned about the pioneers of yesterday. In their Language Arts class, taught by Shirley Fuquay, students worked with an entire unit

on pioneers as part of the Pathways curriculum. The unit involved reading the book, *The Cabin Faced West*, by Jean Fritz, as well as doing research on a popular pioneer dish, “johnnycakes” (a cornmeal flatbread). Students used the Internet to answer questions about this dish; and later, they had the opportunity to prepare it as part of a class project. Fuquay enjoyed this experience with her students. It gave them the opportunity to learn about the hardships that early pioneers faced in order for future generations to have a great life.

While students are constantly reminded of the sacrifice and determination of yesterday’s pioneers, they are also learning how to be the pioneers of today. For instance, in Journalism class, students are required to constantly report on news articles either from the newspaper or the Internet. Reading about these events gives students an awareness of the end days in which they are living. Some see the challenge that lies ahead and the task of further preparing the way

and finishing the work that has been given to God’s people. Cory Newman, a junior at PWA, wrote, “What can I be sure of? Well, the Bible of course! As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, I do believe in this Word, and not just because I was raised this way, but because people have been persecuted and slaughtered for this Word. And in these End Times, our faith will be tested even more! Now here’s your question: How strong is your faith?” Like Cory, students recognize the times in which they are living and how they can be pioneers and prepare themselves and others for when the True Way [Jesus] returns.

And so, being a pioneer is not just about people from decades ago, but also about people here and now. Pioneers are those who, as Webster defines it, “go before, preparing the way for others.” At PWA, classes like Fuquay’s are discovering what it meant to be a pioneer of yesterday, and others are determining what it means to be a pioneer of today. What makes someone a pioneer, whether it was years ago or in the present, is whether they answer the call to go and travel the terrain set before them.

Elizabeth Harsany, English teacher, Peterson-Warren Academy



Journalism student Cory Newman is learning to recognize the times in which he is living and how he can be a pioneer and prepare himself and others for when Jesus returns.



Jennifer Costie puts the final touches on the silhouette representing Christian service.

Battle Creek Academy witnesses with wall silhouettes

Michigan—Several years ago Battle Creek Academy’s K-1 teacher, Nicole Mattson, saw artwork in the basement of a friend’s house. It consisted of silhouettes of the family’s children painted on the wall. She was intrigued with the idea and thought it might work on the walls outside her classroom. One of the walls currently had a mural painted on it, so she mentally set the idea aside. Three years later, she and Phyllis Essex, second and third grade teacher at Battle Creek Academy, decided the hallway needed a fresh look. Mattson knew it was time to try the silhouettes.

The two teachers solicited the help of Pat Mullen, a member of the Battle

Creek Tabernacle. Mullen immediately went to work to make the idea a reality. The teachers wanted the artwork to be special—something that would catch the attention of both children and parents—and represent the mission of Christian education. They decided to depict the three areas of Christian development—spiritual, physical and mental. They added two more categories—service and taking the gospel to the world.

From there, they took pictures of children involved in activities that represented the five categories—studying, praying, delivering food to a family, playing, and surrounding Jesus and the globe. Working from the pictures, Mullen outlined silhouettes of each participant. He then enlarged them to scale ten times on brown butcher paper.

Mullen, Essex and Mattson spent hours cutting out the figures, taping them to the walls and then penciling around them. Realizing the project was too big for the three of them, they recruited volunteers to help paint. Several volunteers went to work painting the figures, using industrial-strength navy blue paint to match the tile floors. Even with the heavy-duty paint, two coats were needed, and the project took weeks to complete.

“Our goal was to convey a positive spiritual message along the K-3 walls to start the new school year,” says Essex. The finished project is striking. The walls attract the attention of students, parents, grandparents and others who visit the K-3 classrooms. Many stop to admire the silhouettes and discuss the activities represented. A student’s grandmother was very impressed with the paintings. As she walked through the area, she said, “I just love this school.”

“This is all we had hoped it would be,” says Mattson. “Great artwork and a wonderful message.”

Adds Essex, “We want to teach our children more than math and reading. We want them to learn to take the gospel of Jesus to the world.”

Charlotte Erickson, director of communication, Battle Creek Tabernacle



This silhouette represents physical development.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Pat and Bill Barnes were recently recognized as “Good Neighbors” by their community.

Logansport couple selected as ‘Good Neighbors’

Indiana—Matthew 25:35, 36 reads, “For I was hungry and you gave me

something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (NIV).

Because Bill and Pat Barnes took these words of Jesus to heart, they were recently selected as “Good Neighbors” by their local newspaper, the *Pharos-Tribune*. The paper selected 12 couples during a four-day period, and the Barnes recognition was published in the Sunday edition, along with two other couples.

Since Pat’s retirement three years ago, she and Bill have volunteered at the Chase Center (a nursing and rehab facility) every Tuesday, assisting with a variety of activities. Pat cleans the bird

cage in the common area, does fingernails for the residents and visits during one-on-one times. She also sings gospel music with the residents. Bill visits the residents, helps transport them for activities within the center and talks to the male residents to encourage them to become involved in activities.

Bill and Pat do more than help out at the Chase Center though. They also offer their services at Southern Care Hospice in Kokomo. In her spare time, Pat serves the Logansport Church as treasurer and fills the position of church leader, assisting the elder. Bill serves the church as a deacon. They certainly qualify as “Good Neighbors!”

Blake Hall, pastor, Kokomo, Logansport and Monticello districts



Pictured from left are Bob Olsen, Alberto Santana, Suahilee Valdez, Abigail Skerritt, Petra Pisula and Rich Pisula.

Elmhurst Church welcomes new members to the family

Illinois—On Sabbath, Aug. 28, if you were not at the Elmhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church, you missed a great event: six baptisms in one day! Six new believers made a public declaration of their decision to follow Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through baptism.

They came from different backgrounds, different beliefs and different goals. Nevertheless, God was pursuing each one of them. They began to thirst for God's Word. As they started looking for a church home, they found the Elmhurst Church. They found something special about its people. They liked how warmly they were welcomed and how they were included in church activities.

Not long after their visits, they decided to stay. Within a very short time, they began making friends. These new friends became more than just friends, they became family. After visiting other churches, Abigail Skerritt realized the Elmhurst Church was where she belonged. After a few months she asked to be baptized.

Some became part of the Sabbath afternoon study group that meets after lunch at church. This group started small with only a few people, including Alberto Santana and Suahilee Valdez. As the weeks went by, more people were invited to stay and study. Bob Olsen, and Petra and Rich Pisula joined the group, as well as many others. Some Sabbaths 12 or 15 people stayed after lunch to study the Bible.

During one study session, we talked about the subject of baptism. Santana, Valdez, the Pisulas and Olsen said that it would be a great thing if they all were baptized the same day.

A few weeks went by before setting a date for their baptisms. One Sabbath Valdez announced she had chosen a date for her baptism. As the others heard this, they each said, "I want to get baptized that day, too." On Aug. 28, all were baptized by Glenn Hill, pastor.

Today, these new brothers and sisters in Christ have a burning desire to share their love for the Lord. One example is

Petra. She is making plans to go back to her native Germany to share her joy of discovering new Bible truths with her mother.

The new members were assigned "spiritual mentors" to help them in their Christian walk for their first year. These mentors help the new members grow in their spiritual experience, associate with and develop relationships with other members, and become assimilated into the commission-culture of the church.

Among the special guests was Muriel Hrbek, Bible School coordinator for It Is Written. Hrbek has been giving Bible studies to some 25 people in the Chicagoland area following the "Amazing Discoveries Reveal The Future" seminar lead by Mark Finley, former speaker/director of It Is Written.

The church is growing thanks to God's grace. He is calling His people and they are listening. Each Sabbath as you gather together to worship our Father in Heaven, look around to see if there is somebody who is "just visiting" and welcome them. Encourage them to join you for lunch. Invite them to participate in a Bible study. Experience the joy of participating in the wonderful transformation that knowing God brings to people's lives.

Judy Case, communications secretary,
Elmhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

Adult Sabbath school teachers recognized

Indiana—"Service to Others" is the motto of the Cicero Church. In reflecting on this, the Sabbath school superintendents realized they sometimes failed to identify and show appreciation for the many services that are required to build a good Sabbath school program each week. To help correct this, on Aug. 7 they honored their adult Sabbath school teachers.

The Sabbath school superintendent-of-the-day expressed much thanks and recognition to the teachers of all the adult classes saying that each week the teachers do a great service for their



Adult Sabbath school teachers were honored in a special Sabbath morning program. Pictured from left (back row) are Bob Bartlett, Steve Arany, Gerald Hille, Gerald Reutebuch, Larry Zirkle, John Moore; (front row): Dick Odenthal, Aaron Clark, Ingrid Jacobs and Stonard Nkata.

fellow Sabbath school members by faithfully preparing and leading out in the lesson. Wanda Ingold, a member of the Cicero Sabbath school, said, "I think it was good to spotlight our teachers and acknowledge them in this way."

Randy Griffin, a Cicero Church

elder, led out in a prayer of dedication and thanksgiving for each teacher. Turning the tables on the teachers, the superintendent then asked the teachers questions about the lesson! Aaron Clark, Cicero Church assistant pastor, affirmed, "I liked the way the teachers were quizzed!"

As the teachers answered the questions, they were given a loaf of nut bread as a small token of the Sabbath school members' appreciation for the hours of preparation they spend each week in order to successfully lead out in the discussion of their class each Sabbath morning.

Ramona Trubey, communication leader,
Cicero Church

Michiana Fil-Am Church celebrates completion of Education Wing

Michigan—Sabbath, Sept. 11, was a day of somber reflection for our country. It began with gray clouds swirling and rain falling, but inside the Michiana Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Church the walls resonated with praises sung to God with thankful enthusiasm. The gratitude was in celebration of the 4,000 sq. ft. Education Wing housing a church office, two Sabbath school classrooms, a youth room and a conference room that was completed just days before.

The open house weekend celebration for the new Education Wing began with a Friday evening vespers given by the Andrews Filipino International Association (AFIA), a club on the campus of Andrews University. A fellowship lunch and ministry fair followed the Sabbath worship services. During the Divine Worship Service, Ron du Preez, former pastor of the church and now communication director for the Michigan Conference, challenged the church members to “Build on Eternity” by having an attitude of gratitude for everything God has done through people to build the new facility. He encouraged focusing on the Father as this is God’s church, not just that of the members, and facing the future faithfully by letting God work through the church so others can see Jesus.

“The whole experience of visiting the Michiana Fil-Am Church reminded me so much of my home church, which is also predominantly Filipino. The vespers and Sabbath service were a true blessing,” said Earl Ron Quiba, co-religious vice president for AFIA.

Revival, a singing group that represented three Adventist Filipino churches in the Chicago area, presented an afternoon concert. The performance was followed by a slide show celebrating the Michiana Fil-Am



The new Education Wing added to the back of the Michiana Fil-Am Church houses a church office, two Sabbath school classrooms, a youth room and a conference room.



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Church’s history and a fun home video of a 1995 youth service held at the Andrews University Science Complex (the former church meeting place). The afternoon program ended with special musical selections given by *Rondalla*, an instrumental group from the Kalamazoo Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Company, and by Eden Santiago from Chicago. In true Filipino style, the day concluded with more fellowship and food.

“Visiting the Fil-Am Church for the first time during the open house was a positive experience,” said Jody Villwock, a visitor from the local Adventist community. “Everyone was very friendly and helpful. Our two children enjoyed the Cradle Roll Sabbath school as well.”

Visitors came from area Adventist churches, the Berrien Springs community and sister Filipino churches in Michigan and Illinois, and even as far away as Ontario, Canada, to help the Michiana Fil-Am Church celebrate the grand opening of the new wing.

Ben and Evelyn Regoso, visiting from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, understand the vision of the Michiana Fil-Am Church: “The new addition is beautiful. Also, it expresses the church’s generous desire to be of service to its congregation (need of more space and rooms). With the added facility in place, the church will surely be a blessing to the community.”

Heidi Magesa, communication secretary,
Michiana Fil-Am Church

[WORLD CHURCH NEWS]



Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., is Oakwood University's new president.

Pollard named Oakwood University's 13th president

On Nov. 1, the Oakwood University Board of Trustees named Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., the 13th president of Oakwood University. University provost Mervyn Warren, Ph.D., has served as interim president since August 1.

During the past couple of months, the Presidential Search Committee worked diligently with the Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting Firm to meticulously review 24 confirmed applications that were under consideration since the search team officially began its work. The committee was comprised of representatives from Oakwood's Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and students. It hosted four separate campus forums the week prior to the selection of Pollard to allow students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and members of the local community to pose questions directly to the final three candidates.

The Board met with the final three candidates on the afternoon of Nov. 1 in the Cooper Complex Board Room on Oakwood's campus, as part of the concluding session for its regularly scheduled fall meeting. Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church and interim chair of the Oakwood University Board of Trustees, made the official announcement as the Board concluded its fall session.

Pollard was one of three final candidates for the presidential seat, vacated in July when former president Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D., resigned the position to serve as one of nine general vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. Pollard assumes his new position as the 13th president of Oakwood University on Jan. 3, 2011.

Pollard's commitment to excellence is seen in his drive for education. He earned a B.A. degree from Oakwood University and a M.Div. degree from the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He earned the D.Min. degree in Preaching and Worship from Claremont School of Theology. Seeking higher-level fiscal and administrative development, Pollard earned an M.B.A. degree in Organization Management from La Sierra University School of Business. To culminate his academic pursuits, Pollard graduated from Andrews University with the Ph.D. degree in New Testament Language and Literature, with specialization in apocalyptic literature.

Pollard's 32 years of leadership reflect local, national and international service. He has served as a senior pastor, a youth pastor, a university chaplain, a healthcare program administrator and an educational administrator at Loma Linda University. As a clergyman, Pollard functioned as an evangelist, professor, ministerial educator and leadership development facilitator to the General Conference family. He regularly leads denominational and non-denominational leadership and mission conferences all over the world.

Pollard's orientation to fiscal lead-

ership emerges from his experience as senior pastor of major congregations, from administering university budgets and grants, and from his graduate business education. Pollard views chief-executive leadership as a team-based collaboration between executive team members. For him, servant leadership accomplishes both the missional and financial goals of the organization, through the careful placement of committed people, the diligent monitoring of organizational processes, and the implementation of data-driven initiatives and strategies. Leadership development of his colleagues is an active passion, and Pollard's commitment to racial, cultural and gender inclusiveness has been internationally received and affirmed.

Pollard, 54, remains a prolific writer, speaker and engaged scholar, on the subjects of leadership, cultural competence and mission. He has been married to the former Prudence LaBeach for 31 years. They are the parents of two daughters, who are graduates of Oakwood University.

Michele Solomon, director of public relations, Oakwood University (adapted from a Nov. 1, 2010 press release)

Arminianism and Adventist Symposium held at the Seminary

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a comparatively unique doctrine of salvation, but where did those beliefs come from? To explore the answer to that question, the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary hosted an Arminianism and Adventism Symposium October 14-16.

Theologians from all around the world converged at Andrews to trace the development of Protestant soteriological theology (the theology of salvation), recognize the 400th anniversary of the Remonstrance of 1610 and present their papers. The symposium



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Andrews University faculty in costume portrayed major theologians at the Opening Reception and Opening Remarks portion of the Symposium. Stan Patterson, associate professor and chair of Christian ministry, portrayed Jacobus Arminius; John Calvin was portrayed by Skip Bell, professor of Christian ministry and director of the D.Min. program; Walt Williams, associate professor of Christian ministry, dressed as Martin Luther; Peter van Bemmelen, professor emeritus, appeared as John Wesley; and Jo Ann Davidson, professor of theology, portrayed Ellen G. White.

was particularly important, according to Gary Land, retired professor and plenary speaker, because, “It attempts to place Adventism within a theological context. Although there have been exceptions, Adventist scholars have tended to examine their denomination in isolation from the larger Christian community. A conference such as this helps us explore those connections between our specific religious traditions and the wider church of which it is a part.”

The symposium began with a selection of Renaissance-era music, performed by a sextet dressed in period costumes. During the opening reception, Andrews University faculty in costumes portraying major theologians mingled in the crowd. Stan Patterson, associate professor and chair of Christian ministry, portrayed Jacobus Arminius; John Calvin was portrayed by Skip Bell, professor of Christian ministry and director of the D.Min. program; Walt Williams, associate professor of Christian ministry, dressed as Martin Luther; Peter van Bemmelen, professor emeritus, appeared as John Wesley; and Jo Ann Davidson, professor of theology, portrayed Ellen G. White. The symposium began with opening remarks and a presentation of the underlying rationale.

Denis Fortin, dean and professor of theology at the Theological Seminary, welcomed participants to the weekend,

and the presentation of papers began. Denis Fortin presented his paper, “The Place of Seventh-day Adventism in the Calvinist-Arminian Debate: Historical and Theological Perspectives on The Remonstrance.” Fortin traced the history of Arminianism, and outlined its basic beliefs. Arminianism is at its core a rejection of the Calvinist doctrine of predestination. In 1610, a group of Dutch theologians published a statement known as the “Remonstrance,” in which they denounced the teachings of Arminius as heretical. Following the Remonstrance, those dissatisfied with the Calvinist theory of predestination came to rally around the teachings of Jacob Arminius and became known as “Arminians. Early Seventh-day Adventism grew out of the context of eighteenth-century Methodism, which championed Arminian thought.

Fortin identified five elements of Arminius’s position that resonate with Adventism, as outlined by Land. “First, both Arminians and Adventists believe that the individual needs to believe in Christ in order to be saved. Second, Arminius found repugnant the idea that God would predestine some people to eternal damnation before they came into existence. Third, human beings have freedom of the will. Fourth, God’s creation is good, something that is incompatible with the Calvinistic

understanding that nearly everyone is predestined to damnation. Finally, sin is cause of damnation, a fact that again does not fit with Calvinistic supralapsarianism.”

Thirty-one speakers presented their papers at the conference in a variety of breakout sessions and discussions. The nine plenary speakers were: Denis Fortin, dean of the Seminary; Hans K. LaRondelle, professor emeritus; George Knight, professor emeritus; Roger Olson, professor of theology at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University; Barry Callen, professor emeritus of Christian Studies at Anderson University; Keith Stanglin, assistant professor of Historical Theology at Harding University; Woodrow Whidden, professor at the Seminary of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies; Gary Land, professor emeritus and assistant dean of graduate programs for the College of Arts & Sciences; and Angel Rodriguez, director in the Biblical Research Institute.

The plenary speakers presented papers on topics ranging from LaRondelle’s “Seventh-day Adventist Perspectives on Predestination,” to Whidden’s “Investigative Judgment and Assurance of Salvation” and Keith Stanglin’s “Assurance of Salvation: An Arminian Account.” Additional papers presented focused upon themes and history interacting with Arminianism such as Jacques Doukhan’s “Fate or Destiny: The Issue of Predestination and Free Will in Hebrew and Jewish Thought.”

Land closed the symposium with his reflections, which reviewed the basic thoughts and ideas presented in each of the plenary papers. “Whatever our theological positions, they are part of conversations and debates that have long predated us,” said Land. “It behooves us to know that history and have it inform our participation in contemporary theological discussion both within our church and with those of other Christian traditions.”

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Weddings

Susan K. Wagner and Kevin W. Pfeifle were married June 27, 2010, in West Lafayette, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Throstr Thordarson.

Susan is the daughter of John and Claudia Wagner of Indianapolis, Ind., and Kevin is the son of the late David Hess, and Rebecca and Richard Pfeifle of Lafayette, Ind.

The Pfeifles are making their home in Lafayette.

Anniversaries

Dwight and Ruth Rhodes celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Mar. 21, 2010, at home in Springfield, Mo., with their daughters, niece and family. They have been members of the Berrien Springs and Holly Churches in Mich., and the Hinsdale and Broadview Churches in Ill.

Dwight Rhodes and Ruth Noble were married Mar. 21, 1948, in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, by Pastor J.W. Hurden. Dwight has been an academy music teacher at Broadview, Adelphian (Holly), Buchanan and Maplewood (Hutchinson, Minn.). Ruth has been an IBM key punch at Flint, Mich., Andrews University, Honolulu (Hawaii) and Broadview.

The Rhodes family includes Karen Rhodes of Springfield; and Lynette Rhodes of Berrien Springs.



Charles and Janet Schlunt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19 and 20, 2010, by a hymn sing of praise and thanksgiving the evening of the 19th, and an open house for family and friends on the 20th at their home in Seelyville, Ind. They have been members of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Church for five years.

Charles Schlunt and Janet Wildman were married June 19, 1960, in Battle Creek, Mich., by Pastor James H. Rhoads. Charles has been an academy teacher in Colo., Mich., N.M. and Ill. He has also taught at Andrews University, Pacific Union College, Newbold College and several community colleges. He is also a certified public accountant. Charles retired in 2005 from Broadview Academy where he was the business manager. Since retiring, he has been a substitute teacher and currently teaches for Indiana State University and Ivy Tech Community College in State and Federal prisons. Janet has been an elementary school teacher and secretary, retiring in 2003 from the Ellen G. White Seventh-day Adventist Research Center in Europe where she was a research assistant. The Schlunts have also spent time in the Trans-Africa, Inter-American and Trans-European Divisions.

The Schlunt family includes Sylvia and Glen Middaugh of Marshall, Ill.; Raewyn and David Cheng of Leesburg, Fla.; Norman Schlunt of Ontario, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Obituaries

ALJETS, Wilfred F., age 76; born May 15, 1934, in Alton, Ill.; died Sept. 2, 2010, in Alton. He was a member of the Greater Alton Church.

Survivors include his sister, Elfrieda Ludwig.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale Barnhurst, and interment was in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Bethalto, Ill.

BUSH, Elaine A. (Caeser) Mulholland, age 94; born Apr. 17, 1916, in Middleton, Mich.; died Aug. 12, 2010, in Corunna, Mich. She was a member of the Owosso (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Wesley Bush; daughters, Ann E. Stoltz and Kathleen L. Kolmodin; sister, Shirley Allen; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Ilko Tchakarov and Stanley Cottrell, with private inurnment.

COOK, LaRue L., age 90; born Jan. 23, 1920, in Bolivar, N.Y.; died Sept. 19, 2010, in Columbus, Miss. He was a member of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tabernacle.

Survivors include his wife, Erma Jane (Ellis); son, Timothy; daughters, Nancy-Jane Skiwski and Diane Sturges; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Bruce Moore, with private inurnment in Maple Twp., Nashville, Mich.

CURRENT, Charles E., age 86; born July 8, 1924, in Owosso, Mich.; died Sept. 12, 2010, in Commerce Twp., Mich. He was a member of the Owosso Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beth; son, Dan; stepson, Gary Hiiter; daughters, Marietta and Teresa Current; stepdaughters, Judy Anderson, Linda Davis and Pamela Gray; sister, Ruby Cole; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gene Hall, and interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Owosso.

DAVIS, June I., age 78; born June 21, 1931, in Fulton Cty., Ind.; died June 9, 2010, in Kokomo, Ind. She was a member of the Kokomo Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ken and Terry Davis; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Blake Hall and Ron Kelly, and interment was in Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport, Ind.

HOUSAND, Silver D., age 76; born Dec. 23, 1933, in Mishawaka, Ind.; died Aug. 10, 2010, in Mishawaka. He was a member of the South Bend (Ind.) First Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene (Schrader); sons, Mark, Chuck and James; sister, Hope Gill; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Throstr Thordarson, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Osceola, Ind.

JACKSON, Ed, age 65; born Oct. 26, 1944, in Birmingham, Ala.; died Sept. 9, 2010, in Buchanan, Mich. He was a member of the Buchanan Church.

Survivors include his wife, Karen (Shan-

dor); and sisters, Virginia and Geraldine Jackson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Tenold and Sheldon Seltzer, and interment was in Whitehall (Penn.) Cemetery.

JACKSON, Florentine D. (Webb), age 81; born Aug. 29, 1928, in Kansas City, Mo.; died Aug. 8, 2010, in Gary, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Jackson; daughter, Brenda Bivens; stepdaughters, Cheryl Johnson, Donna Donnaville and Daria Jackson; sister, Irma Bolden; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dwayne Duncombe, with private inurnment, Gary.

JOHNSON, M. Phyllis (Tumulty), age 83; born Feb. 9, 1927, in Anderson, Ind.; died Sept. 4, 2010, in Anderson. She was a member of the Anderson Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Joyce A. Reutebuch and Marsha L. McKnight; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Terry Nennich, and interment was in Anderson Memorial Park Mausoleum.

LODER, Alva "Al," age 86; born July 26, 1923, in Barry Cty., Mich.; died Apr. 10, 2010, in Owosso, Mich. He was a member of the Owosso Church.

Survivors include his brother, Bob; and sister, Caroline Sullivan.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Walworth, and interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Owosso.

RHODES, Ruth A. (Noble), age 82; born Sept. 17, 1927, in Stoneham, Mass.; died May 20, 2010, in Springfield, Mo. She has been a member of the Berrien Springs and Holly Churches in Mich., and the Hinsdale and Broadview Churches in Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight Rhodes; and daughters, Karen and Lynette Rhodes.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Hiram Rester, and interment was in Missouri Veteran's Cemetery, Springfield.

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School Notes

BY HELEN
BERECZ
CARSON

Fourteen! That little slice in time when all things are possible. I was feeling that way one day in August 1965, staring dreamily out the car window as my mom drove me to Wisconsin Academy (WA). I was hired by Marley Soper to work in the library, and he requested I come two weeks before the school year began for orientation.

I knew all about WA, having visited many times when two of my uncles attended there. It was a magical place. The miles slid by, and it wasn't long until my mom pulled up in front of the girls dorm. We arrived just as the "summer kids" were leaving for shopping and ice cream. Somebody told me I should go, too. Quickly throwing my stuff into my assigned room and hugging my mom a hasty good-bye, I climbed onto the bus.

Twenty or so pairs of eyes were turned on me. I was immediately aware I was wearing white bobby socks and saddle shoes while every other girl on that bus was wearing nylons and flats. Surely, I had made the fashion *faux pas* of the century and would go down in WA history as "that girl with the funny socks and shoes." Panic filled my throat. No one said a word. They just stared. I didn't know where to sit, and then a beautiful black-haired girl caught my eye and smiled. She said, "Hi! My name's Linda. Come sit with me."

Linda Mayer Hartman was my first friend at WA and she remains, along with many others, still a dear friend 40-plus years later. Her sweet gesture began what became the most magical journey of my entire life.

Helen Berez Carson, Class of '69, lives in southern California. This story was submitted by Aileen King. (Adapted)

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Indiana

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All-Night Prayer Meeting will be held **Jan. 8, 2011**, at the Indiana Conference office beginning at 10:00 p.m. If you would like to gather together for prayer as did the early Christians in the book of Acts, please pre-register by calling Van G. Hurst's office at 317-844-6201, or by e-mailing prescorner@yahoo.com. The conference can accommodate about 21 persons for this special prayer meeting, so pre-registration is important. If you have a prayer request but cannot attend the prayer meeting, the phone lines (317-844-6201) will be open for one hour beginning at 11:00 p.m.

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Indianapolis, Ind.	5:20	5:20	5:22	5:25	5:29	5:35
La Crosse, Wis.	4:29	4:28	4:29	4:32	4:37	4:43
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD At the Jordan



Deep in the interior of Guyana, I was surprised to look up and see my former conference president. But I think he was even more surprised to see me. The last conversation we had was some 35 years ago. "Gary, if this is your decision, you'll never get a call for ministry again."

A number of things led us to turn down his call to pastoral ministry, not the least of which was the constant opposition to what we thought it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. How we expressed our love for Him had not always been welcomed. Me, my friends and our "harps and lyres" were kicked out of some of our churches, and we felt the flame of the 1970 revival was being doused by the naysayers.

As the two of us walked the jungle path he said, "Gary, on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I want to apologize. We weren't ready for your generation. Based on what I know now, I would have done things much differently."

God's Spirit appears to be moving, and I believe we are at the Jordan once again. Like Caleb, I feel as excited and strong in my faith now as I was in 1970 (see Joshua 14). This may be our last opportunity. Can we fully cooperate with God this time and affirm the work He is doing with this new generation of God-seekers, learning from them and allowing the change He's longing to produce in His people?

Gary Burns is the communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

I No Longer Wonder

BY CHELSEA BOND

Have you ever wondered whether God is truly leading or whether He really has a plan for you? A few years ago, I wanted evidence of His guidance but wasn't really putting forth any effort to seek Him. I prayed prayers like, "God, if You're really there...." and wondered whether He really was.

Last February, my older sister and I were invited to attend a North American Division prayer conference in North Carolina. We were two of six youth attending, along with a large group of adults. Our group was there to prepare for an upcoming teen prayer conference at Ozark Adventist Academy. At first, I wasn't really sure I wanted to be involved. But by the time the conference was over, my heart was on fire.

Over the summer that fire started to die out. It disappeared altogether once I got busy with school. With so many things hanging over my head, I really didn't want to go at all. By the time I arrived at Ozark for pre-conference training in October, I was grumpy and unprepared for any sort of blessing. It seemed like the other 69 youth who arrived with me felt the same way.

After a brief introduction, the adults stood back and told us the pre-conference "training" was up to us. In fact, the entire conference was placed solely in our hands. More than 300 more youth would be arriving in two days, and it was up to us to conduct the conference as we saw fit.

After a few moments of shock, we began to pray, share and cry together until late into the night. We shared testimonies, convictions, fears, weaknesses and Bible passages that were particularly meaningful to us. We started to "hear" the Holy Spirit speak to us in a very clear way.



The fire was rekindled, and we asked God to help us share that same fire with the other youth who would soon arrive.

Late on Friday afternoon, the other 300 youth flooded onto the Ozark campus, and we started to get scared. What if they didn't respond like we hoped they would? What if they simply didn't "get it?"

We decided to do for them exactly what the adults had done for us—step back and let go of our own agendas. It worked! During each of the five meetings, the youth freely got up and shared testimonies, convictions, prayers, songs and whatever else the Holy Spirit moved them to share.

On the last night of the conference, we laid ourselves down before God, praying for the Holy Spirit. No baptism had been planned, but the tank was full. First one girl asked for baptism, then a few more ... and a few more. By 2 a.m., 49 youth and one pastor's wife had been baptized or re-baptized. We gathered around the baptistry, singing and celebrating until almost 3 a.m. We were all amazed at what God had done with our small fragments of faith.

I no longer question whether God is leading me. I asked for a small sign, and He gave me an entire billboard. I'm convinced that His plans for me are bigger than anything I could possibly imagine.

Chelsea Bond is a senior at Chisholm Trail Academy in Keene, Texas.

Joshua “Josh” Guerrero, 16, is a junior home school student. He is the son of David and Jacqueline Guerrero of Plover, Wisconsin, and a Stevens Point Church member.

Josh loves the Lord and eagerly serves Him. He is currently training to be a Bible worker at his church. “It’s great,” says Josh, “I’m part of a group Bible study right now, and in a few weeks will be going door-to-door and giving individual Bible studies. I’m both excited and nervous about it.”

Last year, Josh went on a mission trip to Mexico. He says, “We held a vacation Bible school and built a church. Wow! I came away realizing a person’s stuff has little to do with being happy. They had so little and were so content! ... I think everyone should go on a trip like that.”

Josh enjoys reading, hiking, history and playing guitar. He also enjoys playing basketball at the YMCA each week. He says, “It’s a great way to make friends and share Jesus.” His favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 21:31: “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord” (NIV).

Josh has learned to be diligent and to apply himself. He says, “God wants me to do my best at everything.”

After graduating from high school, Josh hopes to attend Andrews University or Southern Adventist University and take aviation and biblical studies, focusing on creation science.



Joshua Guerrero



Franchezka Lopez

Franchezka “Frenchy” Lopez, 17, is a senior at Slinger High School. She is the daughter of Joel and Maria Lopez of Allenton, Wisconsin, and a Milwaukee Central Church member.

Frenchy was home schooled for the past six years, but she says, “Last year, I heard God calling me to be more of a witness, so I enrolled as a senior at our local high school. It has been hard, but good. I’m involved in Spanish Club, Volunteer Club, and Human Rights and Diversity Club. I don’t push my way of doing things, but when others ask it gives me a chance to tell them what I believe. I realize how important it is to let God guide me so I can stay on track.”

At church, Frenchy helps with the children’s programs. A recent highlight for her was preaching two nights during the “Share the Hope in Wisconsin” at her church. She says, “It was a big moment in my life to share the signs of Christ’s Second Coming!”

Frenchy’s favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31: “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (NIV).

After graduation, Frenchy hopes to be a student missionary in Africa, and then train to be a social worker.

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