

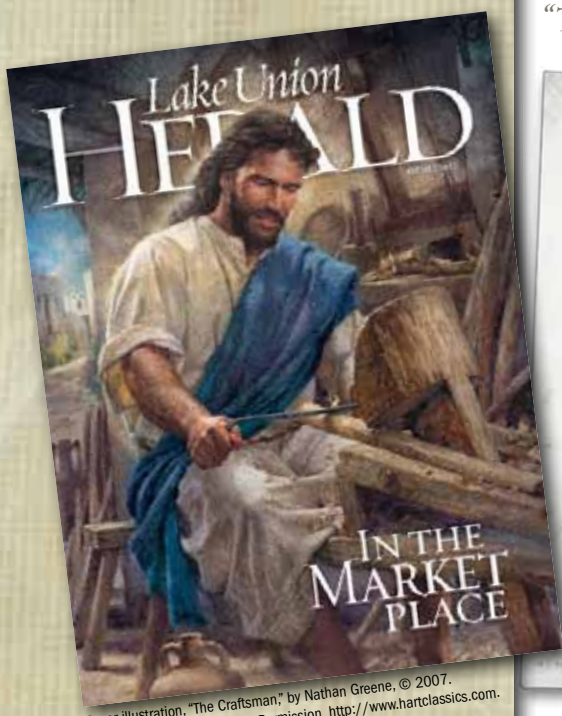
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The cover image by Nathan Greene depicts Jesus in the workforce as One who learned a trade and dealt with the issues of maintenance and marketing, purchase orders and profit margins, in addition to the execution of His craft.

Jesus excelled as a businessman and laborer, but also demonstrated how to live near God while completing his humble duties of life.

Whether you're a business or ministry owner, a manager or an employee, we hope there is something in this edition that will help you to become more like Jesus in your marketplace.



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He Knows Me

Our two daughters and three grandchildren have consistently blessed my wife, Barbara, and me through the years, and Mother's Day and Father's Day have been special reminders of the blessings of parenthood.

Several years ago for Father's Day, I received a DVD of the sonogram of our first grandchild. I had seen a number of sonogram images before — those wedge-shaped printouts of the supposed shape of a baby somewhere amongst those blurry lights and shadows. I could never make out where the baby was. This, however, was a 3-D video sonogram. You could actually see the baby move. Its little arms, legs and hands were clearly definable, even the shape of the face and mouth. I cried most of the way through the DVD. This was *our* baby's baby.

Since that wonderful experience, Barbara and I have enjoyed seeing the amazing pre-birth images of our next two grandchildren. It is a powerful reminder that in the womb, even very early in the pregnancy, is a little life forming and moving, sucking its thumb, and whatever else goes on in there. This is not some almost life-form, but a child of God to be protected and nurtured.

When those little babies were born, we got to touch them, hold them and smell their fresh baby newness. But we already had a little head start, through technology. In a sense, we knew our grandchildren, just a little bit, before they were born.

Scripture reminds us that God has been watching each stage of our lives, even when we were babies in gestation. "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:13, 14 NIV). Before I was born, He knew me!

All through our lives, God has watched, guided, finessed and even dramatically steered our lives, all because He wants the very best for us here on Earth and for eternity. Those who talk about conspiracy theories of the government spying on citizens, knowing too much about us and manipulating our lives, always seem to get a following because they prey upon our fears, often motivated by personal gain. How's that for a conspiracy theory?

But God's characteristics of being omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent — all knowing, always present and all powerful — is a good thing. He applies those traits to His relationship with us so we need not fear. All of His power, knowledge and abilities are being employed for our good — our security and salvation in this life and the life to come.

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!" (Psalm 139:1-6 NLT)

He knows me!



FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus in the Workplace

BY DICK DUERKSEN

The following is a collection of quotes that give us opportunity to reflect on our personal witness in the marketplace. —The Editors

“Smile when you work. Yours should be the happiest business on Earth. An honest smile connected to a firm handshake represents Christ well.”

“I am a physician, a board-certified heart surgeon. More importantly, I am a Christian who knows his patients and their families by name, loves them, prays with them, cries with them, and cares for each one individually. I think that’s the way Jesus served His patients, and every day I ask Him to guide my heart, mind and hands so the people with whom I meet will think about Jesus.”



“Before we even signed the papers to purchase our dream house on the side of the hill, we went to all our neighbors and introduced ourselves. We wanted them to know who we are and what we believe, even before we officially became neighbors. That was probably one of the best investments we’ve ever made. Not the house, the neighbors! A couple of those families have become our best friends; and, far more than we ever would have predicted, we’ve come to care for each other, pray together for our children and listen. My, how they’ve taught us to listen!”

“Sell people stuff in ways that’ll make ‘em want to know your God.”



“Best advice this old contractor got from Jesus? That’s easy. ‘Never build on sand.’ Yep, Jesus taught me to build only on rock. Make the house so it will last, so that the great-great-great-grandkids of the owners will still talk about the contractor who made this house! Never build on sand!”



“Never, ever, do shoddy work. Jesus would never allow shoddy work.”



There is no question in my mind at all, this town is a better place because Marlyn, a Seventh-day Adventist contractor, along with his sons, Terry and Bruce, have given themselves to the people of this city. They've taught all of us what an honest, caring business looks like.”



“Ever wonder why some people still drive halfway across town to buy tomatoes from Uncle Charlie's market, even though they've got a new grocery store just down the road? It's not just because Uncle Charlie always sold Grandmom the finest tomatoes at the best price; it's because Uncle Charlie is a good friend. Honest friendships make it easy to stay loyal.”



“I've always wondered where Jesus bought His sandals. Did He have a special sandal-maker in Capernaem, or did Matthew introduce Him to the publicans' sandal-maker? One thing I know for certain: Jesus knew the man who made His sandals, and knew him well. He laughed with him as He tried on a couple pairs and joked about how all the walking was giving Him flat feet. He also expected the sandal-maker to make Him the finest sandals in Canaan, and then paid him well for the product. If you stopped Jesus on the road and asked where He got the sandals, He would tell you, but also would tell you a story about the sandal-maker's son or grandson or prize sheep. He would know all that, and more. He would have liked the guy!”



Photos by Dick Duerksen

“What advice would Jesus have if He wrote a column in *Fortune* magazine? Learn to say ‘Thank you’ often. Treat the baggage handler as if he was God's big brother. Go out and talk with the elderly woman who walks her poodle past your house every morning. When you walk into a store, look for the security person and greet them with a smile. Be different. Notice the little people. Make them feel big. Always pay a bit more than necessary, and people will return the favor. Be kind to dogs. Most of them have owners who will notice.”

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Be on Guard

BY GAIL MICHEFF

One Sabbath, after the sermon, I headed to the school for potluck. In the lobby was a coat rack, just outside the gym door. Seeing other purses up on the rack, I thought it would be safe to leave mine.

After eating, I went out to get my things. My purse was down on a table, under the coat rack. I thought it had just fallen off. On further inspection, I saw the inside zipper was undone, and my wallet was half sticking out. I still didn't think anything of it until I took a closer look. I can't tell you the emotions I experienced as I realized my credit card was gone. *How could someone steal at church?* I thought I was in a safe place, and hadn't given a second thought to the safety of my valuables.

It reminds me of a story Jesus told in Matthew 24:43, 44 about a house that was broken into because the "man of the house" was not on guard and watching for the thief who came to steal and destroy. I believe Jesus gave that warning for this very time in Earth's history when we have the greatest technology ever known. The Internet has connected us with the world, and, in the process, it is stealing the innocent minds of our children.

One of the latest obsessions sweeping the country are fantasy games. These are video games where substance abuse, torture, gambling, and risky, sexual behaviors are glorified. Teens feel mesmerized as they command armies, shoot enemies and wreak havoc on a virtual world with no real-life consequences. One fantasy game, "World of Warcraft" or "WoW," has 10 million registered players. With most fantasy games, a person feels enticed to get to the highest levels. Getting to a higher level often takes hundreds of hours of playtime. Some kids are so addicted to their computers that they neglect even their most basic



needs: food, sleep and even personal hygiene. Vital time is wasted that should be used for schoolwork, family and daily tasks. Nearly one in ten children and teens who play video games show behavioral signs indicating an addiction. (See May 2007, *Journal of the Psychological Science*.) With these alarming statistics, what can we do to make sure the thief isn't stealing from our homes?

One way is to spend quality time with our kids. Make family time a priority. Encourage your children to stay active in healthy recreation, outreach and church-related activities, such as Pathfinders and youth group. Use family worships to teach biblical principles that will help them make good choices when on the Internet. Before allowing computer use, make sure schoolwork and household chores are done. Keep the computer in a busy area of the house where you can monitor content and time spent.

Let's be wise and faithful guardians of the "valuables" the Lord has entrusted to us, and make our homes secure.

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Health benefits are lost when healthy traditions are forsaken.



Eating many vegetables and fruits produces better health.

Staying Power

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

It can be a struggle to maintain healthy lifestyle habits when one is constantly bombarded with messages that promote a different eating pattern or lifestyle. However, faithfully maintaining good health habits and a healthy lifestyle over time will produce lasting benefits. There is real value in staying the course. We find that many sporting events are lost from a lack of vigilance and focus in the last segment of play.

Okinawa, Japan, boasts the longest disability-free life expectancy in the world. Heart disease rates are low. There are 80 percent fewer heart attacks in Okinawa than among Americans. Breast and prostate cancers are very rare among the older population. Obesity is equally rare. Even at age 100, the residents of Okinawa are healthy. And they are very active. They garden, they walk, and most practice traditional Okinawan dance.

The average citizen consumes at least seven servings of vegetables daily and an equal number of grains, mostly whole grains. In addition, two to four servings of fruit, plus tofu, seaweed and fish are consumed. Meat, poultry and eggs account for very little (only three percent) of their diet.

However, Okinawa may soon lose its Blue Zone* status. Why? The modern generation of Okinawans is turning away from the traditional lifestyle and eating habits of their forefathers. The result? The younger generation of Okinawans are showing up with obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes, and they are dying much younger than their parents. The reason? Big Macs and fries are now the staple meal, replacing the typical meal of tofu and a plate of greens. Fast food is a fast track to losing your health.

In the 1960s, it was reported that the inhabitants of Crete, the most southern of the Greek islands, had death rates from heart disease that were less than five percent of



the rates seen in the United States and Western Europe.

The low disease rates and longevity of Cretans was associated with their traditional diet — rich in wild greens, grains, beans, fruits, nuts, spices and olive oil, along with lots of hard, physical work.

Cretans consumed three times as many vegetables as other Europeans, and up to six times more fruit than Northern Europeans. Cucumbers, tomatoes, spinach, beans, leeks, carrots, eggplant, oranges and grapes are all grown locally on the island. The mountainous living of many

Cretans means they get a mini-workout every time they leave home. Unfortunately, we find their healthy dietary habits are changing. More and more, Cretans are regularly eating a lot more meat and fewer vegetables. Like the Okinawans, they, too, are losing their significant health advantages.

Today, we have so much evidence of how simple health habits support a quality lifestyle and extended longevity. Unfortunately, we have seen changes in commitment to the Adventist lifestyle in recent years with a greater usage of meat, wine, caffeine beverages and calorie-rich fast foods high in saturated fat, sugar and salt. Such changes will diminish the health advantages of Adventists.

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* Blue Zone status is given to those communities which share nine common characteristics that promote and result in longevity. See <http://www.bluezones.com/live-longer/>.



PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

Unifying Love

THE EDITORS

Following Pentecost, the disciples proclaimed a risen Savior with the salvation of souls as their one desire. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with one another. They were tender, thoughtful, self-denying, willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. In their daily association with one another, they revealed the love that Christ had commanded them to reveal. By unselfish words and deeds, they made every attempt to kindle this love in the hearts of others.

The new believers were to ever cherish this new love that filled the hearts of the apostles, and it was their opportunity to go forward in willing obedience to the new commandment: "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34 KJV). They were to be so closely united to Christ that they would be enabled to fulfill His requirements. The power of a Savior who could justify them by His righteousness was to be magnified.

But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving place to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Savior and the great love He had revealed for sinners. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory of the faith, more severe in their criticisms. In their zeal to condemn others, they forgot their own errors. They forgot the lesson of brotherly love that Christ had taught. And, saddest of all, they were unconscious of their loss. They did not realize that happiness and joy were going out of their lives and that soon they would walk in darkness, having shut the love of God out of their hearts.

The apostle John realized that brotherly love was waning in the church, and he dwelt particularly upon this point. Up to the day of his death, he urged upon believers the constant exercise of love for one another.

In God's church today, brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Savior neglect to

love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family — all children of the same heavenly Father — with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together. The people of the world are watching us to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence upon our hearts. They are quick to discern every defect in our lives, every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith.*

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in a prayerful response to these thoughts:

- How did love for one another first manifest itself in the early church as described in Acts 1–6?
- Read John's three letters to the churches with the understanding that, when written, he was the last living of the 12.
- Read the letter to the church at Ephesus, the first of the seven letters to the churches in Revelation 2:1–7. To what extent is the message of that letter a present truth for the church today?

The Lake Union Herald editors

*Ellen White, *The Southern Watchman*, February 2, 1904, adapted. Read the original online in the August 2012 issue: <http://lakeunionherald.org>.

God Seeks Intercessors

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

*I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land [of Israel] so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord. —Ezekiel 22:30–31 NIV**

Several years ago, I was making a determined effort to become a better intercessor. I tried to give it more time, cover more needs, and pray with greater intensity. For a while, things went well. Soon, however, I found myself skipping these extended prayer times when it wasn't convenient. But it bothered me that I could skip prayer so easily.

When I asked the Lord for insight on this, He helped me see that my problem was that I didn't really believe intercession changed anything. It seemed that life went on normally around me whether I prayed or not.

Then God brought me to Ezekiel 22. He showed me that intercessors, who by means of their prayers "build up the wall and stand ... in the gap," are absolutely crucial to His government of the world. I asked the question, "Would the history of Israel have been different if God had found an intercessor?" I had to answer, "yes." I asked a further question, "Does the history of my family, church or neighborhood depend on my intercession?" The answer, again, was "yes."

God seeks intercessors not because He lacks the wisdom or power to govern the world without them but because He, in His sovereign good pleasure, has chosen to govern the world through the prayers of His people. Intercession is not optional. It is a necessary and important part of God's way of working.

Things will happen when we pray that wouldn't have happened if we hadn't prayed. And things will not happen if we do not pray that would have happened if we had prayed.

In the New Testament era, God the Father always finds an intercessor to "build up the wall and stand before [Him] in the gap." The One He finds is Jesus Christ, who ever lives to make intercession. But Christ does not pray alone. Our intercessory prayers are coupled with His. And He, by means of His Spirit, prays through us.

No wonder the kingdom is advancing and the Gospel is spreading to every nation in the world. It's because of prayer. Are your prayers contributing to this worldwide thrust?

Reflect

Try to imagine God determining what will happen in your family, on your block, in your church or in your nation on the basis of your prayers. How does that make you feel?

What does this suggest about the importance of your role as an intercessor?

Pray

Praise God for the greatness of His power and the wisdom of His choice to govern the world through the prayers of His people.

Confess any failure at intercession that you are now aware of.

Thank God for the awesome privilege of ruling the world with God through your prayers of intercession.

Ask for grace to be a faithful intercessor.

Act

Think of the five letters of the word, "bless," to help you remember five important ways to intercede for family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Body: health, protection, energy, fitness

Labor: work, income, security, skills

Emotional: joy, peace, grief, anxiety, anger

Social: love, marriage, family, friends

Spiritual: salvation, grace, faith, hope

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*Note: For background to this passage, read Ezekiel 22:23–30.



Can You Come for Dinner?

BY MADLYN HAMBLIN

My mother impressed on my heart the importance of hospitality. I fondly recall all the meals prepared in our home for others. God has given us social gifts, and Bible stories recount the importance of entertaining strangers. The apostle Paul urges us to practice hospitality in Romans 12:13. The Bible also tells us “some have unwittingly entertained angels” (see Hebrews 13:2).

Social evangelism is vital to the church in our generation. Many families have little occasion to be with their own loved ones. Others travel, and are often lonely and bored on weekends. There are those in your own congregation who yearn for attention or a simple visit.

A Sabbath dinner ministry can mean the difference between a person finding fellowship in a church or dropping out because they perceive nobody cares. In my church in Jackson, Michigan, a lovely little lady, Arlene Bliesath, has organized a Sabbath dinner ministry for years. Every Sabbath, she ensures one family is scheduled to invite visitors home for dinner that day. And when Arlene can't find enough host families, she often hosts people herself three or four weeks in a row.

Arlene scans the church for those who look like they're not quite sure where to go and what to do. She makes certain they have a place to go for dinner. What a blessing this is to a church! A ministry such as this will give your church the reputation for being friendly. We know of at least a couple of baptisms that have occurred because Arlene cared enough to invite people home for dinner.

My family has been going on vacation to Port St. Lucie, Florida, for more than 40 years, and two lovely ladies have hosted Sabbath dinners for at least that long. They do not live in a mega-mansion or large home but, on any



Arlene Bliesath and guests enjoy a Sabbath lunch together.

Cindy Scott

given Sabbath, you will find 10–40 people eating together with Bette Hudson and Bette Wall. They give of themselves in a most hospitable way by inviting us to Sabbath dinner when we are in the area. One year, it was eight Sabbaths in a row. The food is simple, yet delicious. After dinner, people sit around the card tables set up in the living and dining rooms and visit, sometimes until early evening.

People on the “fringes” are included, and most are put on the ladies’ prayer lists. I dare say, most people forget the sermon given by the pastor within a couple of days, but they never forget the meal and fellowship shared.

Perhaps you don't feel you can give a Bible study, preach a sermon or lead out in a seminar. But you could probably invite someone home for Sabbath dinner! Those who are involved in this ministry express the great joy and spiritual satisfaction experienced as they contribute to God's work in this way.

Won't you consider reaching out and extending your friendship this way? We know you will certainly make someone happy, and perhaps you might even entertain an angel, unawares!

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El Evento que Cambió Mi Vida

POR CARMELO MERCADO

A continuación, Mayrel Narváez, una de las organizadoras del congreso de jóvenes Conéctate 2012, nos da un informe y sus impresiones del evento.

Conéctate 2012 fue un evento que no solamente cambió mi vida sino que también cambió la vida de muchas personas. Al prepararme para las actividades de ese fin de semana, me sentía ansiosa. Quería asegurarme de que todo saliera como lo habíamos planeado. Cuando llegué a la Universidad Andrews, sentí muy de cerca la presencia de Dios. Me acordé del versículo que se encuentra en Isaías 41:10. “No temas, porque yo estoy contigo; no desmayes, porque yo soy tu Dios que te esfuerzo; siempre te ayudaré...”

El presidente de Conéctate 2012, Sabas Salgado, nos dice: “Nosotros (el comité) oramos durante todo el proceso, y trabajamos muy duro durante todos los meses de preparación para que este evento fuese de gran bendición. A las 6:00 de la tarde del día del comienzo del programa le entregamos las llaves a Dios para que Él llevara el control del programa”.



Algunos de los líderes y presentadores de Conéctate 2012

Comenzamos cada culto con un servicio de alabanza y adoración conducido por el grupo Calls of Worship. La oradora, Elizabeth Talbot, cautivó la atención de los jóvenes con la pregunta: “¿Alguna vez has sido discriminado en la iglesia?” ¡Qué pregunta poderosa para comenzar un evento tal! En sus presentaciones, la doctora Talbot nos habló acerca de las diferentes tónicas que representan las diferentes etapas de nuestras vidas.

Los seminarios y los servicios a la comunidad fueron de gran alcance. Las personas que se inscribieron podían escoger seis de los diez seminarios que se ofrecían y participar en uno de los tres servicios que se ofrecían a la comunidad. En los seminarios se presentaron los siguientes temas: “Los secretos de Jesús”, “Adoración Épica”, “El Steve Jobs Moderno”, “Las Reglas vs. la Gracia”, “El Joven Soltero”, “La Joven Soltera”, “Viviendo un Cristianismo Real”, “Un Sábado Joven del Siglo XXI”, “Cómo Alcanzar el Máximo Potencial” y “Cada Uno Gana Uno”.

El primer proyecto de servicio a la comunidad fue “El Ministerio de Arte en la Pared”, en el se pintó un graffiti que exhortaba a los jóvenes a que se mantuvieran libres de pecado. Es interesante que algunas personas les preguntaran a los jóvenes si ellos habían tenido que pintar en la pared porque habían cometido algún crimen. “La Oración en la Carretera” fue el segundo

proyecto de servicio a la comunidad en el que pudimos orar con muchas personas. Nuestro último servicio a la comunidad fue “Impacto Joven”, en el cual un grupo de jóvenes caminaba por la comunidad tocando puertas para compartir su fe con las personas que se encontraban. Para la conclusión de Conéctate 2012 cuatro personas le entregaron sus vidas a Jesús por medio del bautismo y se celebró una boda.

Conéctate 2012 cambió mi vida porque me enamoré de Jesús una vez más. Puse este evento en sus manos, dejé que Él lo dirigiera y así lo hizo. Dios siempre tiene algo para mí, tiene una solución para cada problema, una luz para cada oscuridad, un consuelo para cada pena y un plan para cada mañana. ¡Aunque no estemos haciendo nada, Dios está haciendo algo! ¡Lo único que tienes que hacer es confiar en Él!

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



World Class Integrity

BY DON JACOBSEN

The phone rang at the canal-side home of our neighbors, Tom and Elaine, late on a warm Tuesday afternoon several years ago. Recently retired as vice president of the Casting Division of Ford Motor Company, Tom reflected how it was almost a welcome sound to have the phone ring again.

But this call was not about Fords. A few months before, Tom and Elaine purchased a cabin cruiser from a company by the name of S2 Yachts in Holland, Michigan. It was their pride and joy. It had great lines, was well engineered, and the attention to detail on the boat was meticulous.

The phone call, though, was a little disquieting. It seems the engineers at S2 Yachts had discovered that a problem could possibly develop with the way the fuel lines had been routed from the tanks to the engine. There had been no incident with any S2 boats, but there *might* be and the company would take no chances. The purpose of the phone call was to advise Tom that a technician would fly from Michigan to Florida and, totally at company expense, make the necessary changes on the boat. “Would it be okay if the tech showed up on Thursday of next week?”

Arrangements made, Tom and Elaine sat on their back patio and talked about the phone call. One of the reasons they bought the boat from this company was because of its reputation. They had done their due diligence before writing the check. They knew Leon Slikkers founded the company in 1955 and that, a corporate north star from the beginning, this would be a no-shortcuts company — every product sold would be built as well as it was possible to build it. As part of a company that manufactured and sold expensive items to the public himself, Tom knew what a challenge it was to keep that promise. They were convinced

Leon was a Christian, a man of his word, so they bought the boat.

An interim event in the company’s history that Tom and Elaine didn’t know about would have further deepened their respect for Leon and his faith. In 1969, after much heart-searching, the Slikkers family sold their company to a large manufacturing conglomerate from New York. The new owners were sufficiently impressed with Leon’s management skills that they prevailed on him to stay on as president. Leon agreed, but not many months passed before he began to sense the new owners did not plan on using the same quality materials or the same careful craftsmanship as had made the company famous. Leon tried feverishly to instill his company’s culture into its new owners, but soon discovered this was an impossible assignment. Rather than be forced to be less than his best, Leon left the company. The next year, 1974, he started over with a brand new company, S2 Yachts.

The name “Leon Slikkers” was still magic in the boat manufacturing community, and the new company went well. Dealers across North America and in Europe were eager to market a product with his name on it and his integrity behind it. Styling was superb, engineering was state-of-the-art, and customer service was unmatched in the industry.

And that’s why the phone call. The next Thursday, right after breakfast, Edwin, an experienced technician from the



S2 Yachts, rang Tom and Elaine's doorbell. He briefly explained what he would be doing and why, and that it would probably take a couple of days to make the upgrades to the fuel system. Edwin hauled an impressive array of tools and non-descript parts out to the boat and went to work.

That evening, Edwin reported to Tom that the project had gone well and he was just about on schedule. The next morning, at 7:45, he reappeared. Tom checked in later in the day and learned there had been a couple of unanticipated glitches; finishing on schedule was beginning to look a bit tentative.

By late afternoon, it became evident the boat was not going to be ready for its re-christening by quitting time. There was more left to do than time to do it. At that point, the conversation with Edwin began to become a bit confusing to Tom. He assumed Edwin would simply stay by until the next morning, Saturday, and complete the job. Five days was a normal work week for a technician, and a little overtime would be less costly than for Edwin to make the trip to Michigan and return for just a few hours of work on Monday morning. Edwin surprised him with his reply. He stated simply that he would leave and fly home to Holland, Michigan, and return as early as possible on Monday. Edwin thought he could be finished by noon on Monday.

Tom attempted to persuade him that he would be welcome to come the next morning and finish the job, even

though it was a weekend. But Edwin gently assured him that it was not a point for discussion. "You see," he explained, "Mr. Slikkers is a Seventh-day Adventist and, therefore, his company does not work on the Bible Sabbath, from sunset Friday evening to sunset Saturday evening."

"But," Tom attempted to remind him, "that will cost the company hundreds of dollars extra for this job, and it wouldn't take all that long just to finish it."

"I know," Edwin explained, "but Sabbath observance is a deeply-held part of Mr. Slikkers' Christian faith, and there is no amount of money that could tempt him to compromise it."

Tom was silent. He thought about his business training. He knew firsthand about travel costs and overtime, about profit and loss, about overhead and the bottom line. But now the Christian faith of a man he had never met was pushing him places he had never gone, forcing him to think thoughts that were foreign to the world in which he had spent his career.

After a long time he spoke, reflective now. "You know, Edwin, I would trust my life to people with that kind of integrity."

"Me, too," Edwin replied, "and to the God they serve."

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Divine Appointments

BY LUCAS PATTERSON

If it's possible that poor dental hygiene can be divinely appointed, I firmly believe such was the case with my father. Were it not for his woeful brushing habits — and forget about flossing, who knows where one young couple and their children (and now grandchildren) might have ended up. No, Harry and Brenda Patterson's crossing paths with dentist Kenneth Wynn and his wife, Ruth, was anything but accidental, and my family's life has been eternally changed as a result of their workplace witnessing.

In the early 1970s, my parents were a young married couple with three small children and no particular religious bent. Though both were raised Baptist, their courtship, marriage and early parenting years lacked any meaningful, spiritual direction. They were college-educated, kind people living the American dream on a generous portion

of country acreage and in a new house built to their design. But like so many others trapped in middle-class prosperity, they didn't recognize the abundance of blessings being left on the table.

And when people don't know they need something, it's hard to convince them otherwise, isn't it? At least, that

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often seems the case when using traditional witnessing techniques loaded with questions designed to trap the non-believer into an uncomfortable situation where answers laced with lukewarm acceptance are the quickest way out.

Thankfully, the Wynns opted for more of a show-and-tell approach to sharing their faith.

“While I was sitting in his dental chair, Dr. Wynn would talk to me about upcoming evangelistic meetings and hand me a brochure regarding them or a missionary book,” Mom said. “But I don’t recall him ever asking questions about my beliefs or doctrines. It seems he was always, from the very beginning, witnessing about his church and his God, primarily through his kindness and lifestyle.”

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“Harry and I were pretty much on the same page when it came to our feelings about the Wynns, so it was easy to agree to go [when invited to the meetings],” Mom said. “We thought so much of them and their perseverance to see us at their church that we wanted to go to support their efforts, if for no other reason.”

The first meetings my parents attended were led by Harold Metcalf in the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium in South Carolina. And while they weren't turned off, the emotional light switch didn't turn on either. Two years later, they again accepted the Wynns' invitation and listened intently as Dick Pollard talked plainly about prophecy in the National Guard Armory. It was there that my parents decided to commit to a new way of thinking and changed almost everything about their lifestyle as they followed the call to Christ and the mentoring path laid out before them by the Wynns. Wedding jewelry? Gone. Sold to raise money for the church's building fund. Diet? Changed forever. Saturday afternoon antiquing? A thing of the past as they, instead, began investing in their family's future.

My brother, Travis, the middle child, was only two at the time. But he remembers very specifically when one Friday things began to change at home.

“They had special music playing, and we sang Bible songs for kids,” Travis said. “We had our baths done, clothes ready, and I recall watching the sun go down that night for what very well might have been the beginning of my first Sabbath.”

These are the kinds of experiences we all wish were tucked away in our memory. These are the kinds of experiences that led Travis to grow up active in the church, attend Southern Adventist University, become a missionary in the South Pacific, and then a pastor in Texas. These are the kinds of experiences that can be traced directly back to the Wynns' workplace witnessing efforts.

Effective Model

For my sister, Ashley, the oldest child, it's probably for the best that first impressions aren't always lasting ones. If that was the case, she might be terrified of the Wynns. One of the very first memories Ashley has from childhood is of Mom and Dad being led away by a stranger in a black robe and, subsequently, seeing both parents pushed under water by that same man. Though it wasn't Kenneth or Ruth performing the baptisms in 1974, it was a scary day for Ashley nonetheless. After all, the dentist and his wife, the office manager, were the ones who made all this happen!

Today, Ashley is a physical therapist married to an Adventist pastor in North Carolina. She traces some of her earliest spiritual roots back to the soft Christian music and Uncle Arthur books in the lobby of the Wynns' office. If not that, then perhaps it was the visits Kenneth and Ruth made to our childhood home, bearing Christmas goodies (gifts and sinfully good sweets) that taught her so very early on about the Divine value of such uncommon kindness.

It was clearly more than candy that left an impression. In her shepherdess roll as a pastor's wife for the past 20 years, Ashley has met countless saintly people. And yet, none have inspired her as much as her parents' spiritual mentors.

“The Wynns' example of church leadership helped direct me as a child, and their constant love through the years continues to point me toward Jesus,” Ashley said. “They have taken every opportunity to care for each member of



When Harry (not pictured) and Brenda Patterson (seated, right) committed their lives to Jesus, their lives and lifestyles changed. Their three children all give witness to lessons learned and passed along. Their seven grandchildren hold promise of the same. It will be a joyful reunion when Jesus comes and they are reunited with Harry. The Pattersons' three children are standing with their spouses in the back row. Also pictured is Ashley's father-in-law, Fred Gibbs.

our family through job losses, weddings, baby dedications, my father's death and, of course, Christmas!"

As a pastor, Travis has a similar point of reference and also has trouble finding comparable examples of people living out the Great Commission in such an effective way at work.

"In every church I lead, I come across someone who has won someone over to the Lord through their friendship. But not as many can say they took it to the next level and have converted a patient or customer," Travis said. "These are joy-filled Christians who do this. Something about being used by God ignites them for service, and they are never the same!"

Being in the ministry, Travis clearly enjoys spreading the Good Word. But it's how he most enjoys going about this that bears the distinct signature of a friendly dentist who was great at small talk.

"I learned a lot from the Wynns about trying to find as many avenues as possible for sharing Jesus. My wife laughs sometimes when we are on planes, because I will start talking with the people next to me, and she knows where the conversation is headed!"

Gift of Presence

The Wynns are a living testimony to Colossians 3:23: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not

to men" (KJV). This is the kind of excellence that draws others in. It attracted a young family and, 40 years later, still keeps Mom connected to the church and the God she loves. "Their friendship is beyond inspirational; it keeps me from being discouraged and links me to the truths of our church."

But more than doctrinal window dressing, the godly wisdom Kenneth and Ruth shared with my parents has been manifest in how they learned to better love each other, neighbors and coworkers in a manner more befitting of how Christ loves us. Their three children give witness to lessons learned and passed along. Their seven grandchildren hold promise of the same.

Perhaps if more Christians followed the Wynns' friendship evangelism example, workplace witnessing wouldn't seem such a scary proposition, successful examples would be more commonplace, and God's work on Earth could be completed sooner rather than later.

Lucas Patterson is the youngest child of Harry and Brenda Patterson. He works as editorial manager at Southern Adventist University and credits most of his favorite, church-related memories — practicing special music with his whole family around the piano on Friday night, seeing his dad asleep on Saturday afternoons with a big, red book on his chest, and watching his mom teach Sabbath school to his twin boys — in large portion to the Wynns.

Partners in Ministry

BY DIANE THURBER

My dad, now retired, started his dental practice 50 years ago in South Carolina. From the beginning, he and Mom, his bookkeeper and later office manager, weren't afraid to share their faith with their patients. Dad said, "It was the natural thing to do. Often, there was an opportunity to talk to patients about some problem, and it was just a natural thing to turn the problem over to Jesus." As a daughter who often assisted Dad during the summers, I admired the ease with which he could slip into spiritual conversations as he chatted with each patient before their procedure began. He let his light shine whenever God gave him the opportunity.

In addition to sharing his faith with patients, Dad and Mom placed children's books like *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* and *My Bible Friends* in the waiting room. Inspirational books from the Adventist Book Center and vegetarian cookbooks or magazines were placed in the operatories for the adults. Instead of playing popular radio tunes of the day, they invested in new, Christian music each year, at camp meeting, to fill the rooms of the dental practice.

When patients asked to schedule appointments on Saturday, Dad says, "It was no problem to tell them why, and even



Ruth and Kenneth Wynn are partners in life and in ministry. This photo was taken in their dental office in the 1980s.

invite them to visit us at church. I would tell them they wouldn't even have to miss their own service because we met on a different day."

Dad was always inviting people to church, and lost count of how many invitations were extended. "I don't think I could put a number on this. Whenever we had an evangelistic meeting or a special program at the church, we tried to invite those

we could. We also placed posters advertising the meetings in the waiting room. Many times through the years, we wrote letters to each patient, inviting them to a series of meetings."

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Sometimes those patients responded by attending the meetings or a special concert.

At Christmas, Dad always shared a special Christmas poem he had written about Jesus with the patients as they checked out. He hoped to focus their attention on the gift of Jesus instead of Santa Claus. The patients looked forward to receiving these poems each year, and they often opened doors for conversation about our Savior.

My parents' ministry to their patients went beyond the walls of the dental office. When patients were sick or in the hospital, they would visit them. Dad says, "We tried to bring comfort, knowing that Jesus knew their problems and He was always in control of circumstances." They usually carried with them something to bring encouragement, a book perhaps or CD. He said, "Almost without fail, each one was happy when we took an interest in them, and would thank us for the visit." They attended funeral services, too, and encouraged hurting family members.

The Patterson family came to Dad's practice for dental care for years. "The Pattersons were always a special family: Harry, Brenda and their three little children — Travis, Ashley and Lucas. Of course, we got acquainted with them in the office as patients. But they also responded to our invitation to attend a series of meetings and were later baptized at the Spartanburg Church. We have often fellowshiped with them on Sabbath at the lunch table, made homemade ice cream together, etc. This allowed for deeper friendships to develop and, hopefully, we encouraged them in their faith journey.

"The Pattersons lived in Woodruff, a little town about 16 miles from the church in Spartanburg. They felt a strong desire to have a little church in Woodruff. So, later, they were able to rent a church there. However, renting a church

facility was just not the same, and they really wanted to have a Seventh-day Adventist church of their own.

"So, this became a lifetime passion of the Pattersons. They were able to purchase a nice piece of land on one of the streets in Woodruff and, with help from the Carolina Conference, began a church building program. It was a dream come true when they were able to have the first service in their very own church building!"

"When Harry passed away after a severe heart attack, Brenda carried on as a strong leader in that little Woodruff church. Their three children are grown now, and all work for the Adventist church. Ashley is the wife of Arthur Gibbs, an Adventist pastor, and partners with him in ministry in Columbus, North Carolina. Travis is a pastor of two churches near College Station, Texas. Lucas works at Southern Adventist University where he is editorial manager and editor of *Columns*, the school's official magazine."

To Dad and Mom's knowledge, the Pattersons are the only former patients who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of their gentle encouragement years ago. Dad says, "There will be many more brought to Jesus from their witness."

Looking back, Dad wishes he had been more diligent in inviting patients to come to Jesus with all their problems and needs. He says, "Seeing someone come to know and love Jesus as a result of your efforts and aided by the Holy Spirit is the most rewarding part of practice. So I would recommend that everyone in practice, or any kind of work that involves contact with others, always listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and say a word for Jesus whenever there is opportunity!"

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Sharing Christ

THE REASON WE LIVE

BY DEBBIE YOUNG

Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries is an organization of Seventh-day Adventist laypeople who operate a ministry or business. Its motto, "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace," is the mantra by which ASI members live and work. They come from every walk of life — non-profit, for-profit, minimum-wage, millionaire, home-schooled, university educated; you name it, you can find them involved in ASI. The one thing all have in common is a passion to share Christ in the marketplace. Evangelism is the glue that makes the relationships work, drives the collaborative efforts, and gives focus and success to evangelistic and outreach initiatives.

My ASI friends are driven to do above the "required" so others can learn about Jesus. Wendell and Linda Lawrence, of the Troy Church in Michigan, are examples. They own Wendell D. Lawrence and Associates, a dental practice in Troy. I have yet to hear Wendell refer to his business as a dental practice; he always refers to it as a ministry. For the last ten years, their practice has been a "front" for introducing people to the Savior. Wendell says this is the primary reason he became a dentist, to be involved in ministry to others.



Wendell Lawrence always refers to his dental practice as a ministry. In fact, he says this is the primary reason he became a dentist, to be involved in ministry to others.

About eight years ago, I attended one of Wendell's weekly Wednesday food and fellowship lectures held in a beautiful health club in Troy. Following a healthy, beautifully-prepared vegan meal, Mary Bernt, a health advocate and vegan restaurant owner, presented a health lecture. The 40-plus attendees included friends and church members, but mostly Wendell's patients.

Wendell later became burdened with a desire to meet the needs of the increasing number of poor, unemployed and uninsured in the Detroit Metro area. He approached a few physicians, pastors and church members with his vision. A team was soon assembled and, in 2010, Wendell's team upgraded the food and fellowship lectures to focus on an array of health and biblical topics. Today, under the banner theme, "Health, Healing and Hope for These Trying Times," meetings are offered on Monday and Thursday evenings. There is also a Monday morning session, which gives opportunity for one-on-one counseling and health presentations.

"Attending the annual ASI conventions really helped me see the larger group of professionals who were involved in

marketplace ministry and how God was blessing. ... It gave me the encouragement to move forward," Wendell said.

In addition to team members volunteering their time, there are other expenses: meals, supplies, resources. With all the normal expenses of the practice, how are the additional ministry expenses met? "The Lord provides," Wendell exclaims. "There were times

I cut my hours short to plan for the meetings. Those were the months when my collections were the largest! The Lord blesses so much, and supplies the increase. He does it all the time."

Wendell's patients readily accept invitations to various church programs. When they sit in the Sabbath school class Wendell teaches and see other team members, they feel right at home. Familiar with biblical teachings, accepting key Bible truths, and comfortable with new friends, Wendell finds, "It's second nature [for my patients] to accept the invitation to be baptized." A former Adventist has been rebaptized. Another attendee is currently studying and preparing for baptism, and his family is enthusiastically following the same path.

No matter the business definition, we should all be in the business of sharing Christ in the marketplace — "tent-makers" with a greater purpose. This is the reason we live: to join in partnership with Jesus to save those for whom He died.

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See http://youtube.com/watch?v=2B1TibZtdC8&feature=player_detailpage for an inspirational video clip about the health team's initiatives.

Full Circle

BY WAYNE BURRELL

In Mark 4:10–20, we find the parable of the sower. In this story, a sower dropped seed on the path, on rocky ground and among thorns, and the seed was lost. But when seed fell on good earth, it grew, yielding 30-, 60-, and 100-fold. This parable illustrates the process of evangelism in which each Christian is a sower in God's vineyard. For some, sown seed could take years to spring forth.

For Bobbie Harley, the seed was planted many years ago. Bobbie moved from Dayton, Tennessee, to Indianapolis at the age of ten. This mother of two sons and two grandchildren was recently baptized on February 11 by William J. Lee, pastor, marking the triumphant moment in a life that truly has come full circle.

In the 1980s, Bobbie's now deceased aunt, Maxine "Aunt Mac" McElroy, was a member of the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis. Living across the street from each other, Maxine studied the Scriptures with Bobbie on many occasions, planting the seeds of truth in her heart. Bobbie frequently called her aunt for prayer. Bobbie shares, "She counseled me. She was just my angel." Maxine also shared her knowledge of health and herbs. Bobbie later went into the herbal health business some 30 years ago. That is when she met two of her now good friends from the Capitol City Church, Henry Sherrod, a deacon, and his wife, Birdie.

In 2011, Bobbie, now a home health specialist, looked for another job. Someone she knew worked for Beverly Johnson, a manager at Loving and Caring Homes. Bobbie didn't realize Beverly was Henry and Birdie's niece. Her first assignment with the new agency was to take care of Birdie.



From left: Charlie Waddell, Bobbie Harley, William Lee (pastor) and Henry Sherrod

Wayne Burrell

Henry asked Bobbie to come in an hour earlier on Wednesdays so they could study prior to his leaving for prayer meeting. Bobbie describes herself as having been an open-minded person when it came to learning about God. She says, "It was just the right time for me [to take] those studies. I learned so much through the studies that I had never been taught [before]."

The Holy Spirit began to germinate those seeds planted many years ago, and convicted Bobbie to make a change.

"By learning more about Him, it's made me draw closer to Him. ... There are so many people out there like me, that just don't know. It's not a lot of big things, just small things that were left out either through tradition or denomination. I have been around various denominations, but there was something different about the way I was being taught in the Adventist church, especially [with] the enthusiasm behind Pastor Lee's teaching. There's a lot of preaching [in other denominations], but not as much teaching," Bobbie remarked.

Capitol City Church made its first impressions count with its members' friendliness. Bobbie tells of one of her very first experiences at visiting the church when a parking lot attendant helped her out of her car and offered

valet service. Then another attendant helped her across the street. “I had never seen that before. The people at Capitol City are so friendly and make you feel welcome. Whether they know you or not, they’re going to smile and interact with you, which is different from my previous church experiences,” she said.

“Since I’ve been baptized, I come to Sabbath school every week. I learn something new that I always share with my friends and family,” Bobbie says. She now studies and prepares prior to going to Sabbath school so she can participate. “I’ve never prepared like that before,” Bobbie says, drawing a stark contrast between Sabbath school and the Sunday schools she’s experienced in the past.

“The Lord is blessing me on every side, and He is truly making a way; things have changed.” Bobbie now works with the Bible workers and her mentor, Charlie Waddell. “I am excited about being in the Adventist faith. I am glad for the change that has happened in my life.”

Evangelism calls for us always to be farmers, always sowing the seed of Christ. Don’t be discouraged if you don’t see results in your timetable; keep watering the seed and let God do His work. He can perfect the work done in that individual’s life and bring them full circle to the glory and honor of His name.

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Invitation from God

BY ROXANNE BEST

As a child, God didn’t mean much to Cedrick Simmons. It seemed to him Christianity was reserved for times in church. After his parents separated, Cedrick found himself shuffling between their homes, and he was constantly transferring schools. “During those years, my relationships with family and friends suffered,” says Cedrick. “Soon, I got involved in gangs and selling drugs.”

While incarcerated for setting fire to someone’s home, Cedrick realized there was no one to turn to, and he contemplated suicide. A fellow inmate invited him to attend church services. Cedrick began to pray and read his Bible. He realized God could be a constant companion, and felt convicted to change his way of life. Cedrick married the mother of his two children and, together, they agreed to dedicate their lives to the Lord.

Out of jail, Cedrick felt the pull of his previous life. He quit going to church and returned to drugs and alcohol. His marriage began to disintegrate. When his son began asking questions about the end of the world, Cedrick was not sure how to answer him.

One day, Cedrick received an interesting flier in the mail, announcing a series of Bible prophecy meetings. He decided to check them out to see if he could find answers for his son’s questions.



Cedrick Simmons

“I learned so much,” says Cedrick. “I learned about the Sabbath, the benefits of healthy living and about the end of the world.” He agreed to weekly Bible studies and, again, was convicted that he needed to surrender his addictions to God.

On October 29, 2011, Cedrick was baptized and became a member of the Chippewa Valley Church. “I praise God for His continued work in my life,” says Cedrick. “I found out later that I was the only person on my block to receive a flier about the prophecy meetings,” said Cedrick. “I believe it was the Lord who sent it.”

Cedrick now enjoys witnessing to former friends and sharing his new faith in Jesus.

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Erin Gerber

Hugo Portal is a chaplain at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

Faith can improve health

Many of us possibly have lived most of our lives without even realizing we make use of faith for almost all our decisions. Our daily life requires the exercise of faith and hope; without it, our existence would be very chaotic. We exercise our faith in small decisions like drinking tap water in our homes, trusting it is not contaminated; putting our kids in a school bus with a driver we don't know; buying a home with the confidence we will be able to pay the mortgage; and so on. All our life is a display of faith but, when we face affliction and illness, our faith is even more crucial if we are going to successfully overcome them.

Faith and hope make a big difference. We chaplains are a part of a therapeutic team. Very often, a doctor, nurse or social worker will make a referral for us to visit a patient who is discouraged, anxious or even losing his or her zest for life. It is very comforting to see that, many times, when confronted with despair and affliction, a patient will grasp the resources of faith to come up and return to joy, to dreams, to hope and to fight for life.

Based on many years of compelling data, medicine now supports the role that faith plays in both the prevention of and recovery from illness. Today, an increasing number of scientific authorities acknowledge that spiritual practices — including prayer, worship and service to others — influence our health in a positive way.

I work as a chaplain at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, in Glendale Heights, Ill., which is a part of Adventist Midwest Health. Here, we believe God intended us to enjoy whole-person health as stated in the Bible in the third epistle of John, verse two: “Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers” (KJV). Among the eight principles that promote whole health (represented in the acronym C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N.), upon which our organization builds its medical philosophy, trust and faith in God occupy a prominent place.

When people face a serious illness or a crisis situation, they often experience how faith and trust in God becomes extremely important. I humbly offer the following tips to strengthen our faith in God and improve our health:

Take time to develop a relationship with God. A relationship of trust with someone is achieved especially through spending time together.

Find a quiet place inside your house or outside in nature where you can spend that time with God.

Read the Bible; the best place to find God is in the Bible. Just like reading the letters from our loved ones helps us develop more love and confidence in them, the Bible helps us to strengthen our trust in God.

Take time to pray. The best definition I can find about prayer is “to talk with God as with a friend.” It requires no elaborate or poetic words; just open your heart to God.

Hang out with people who also seek to be close to God; this produces a two-way spiritual enrichment.

Our whole life is a display of faith. Let's use it so that in our most difficult moments, when sickness and affliction hit at our door, faith may become a tool of healing.

Hugo Portal, chaplain, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital

Griggs University & International Academy: One year later

In June 2012, Griggs University & International Academy faculty and staff celebrated one year in their new location on the campus of Andrews University. Now that all the boxes are unpacked and the dust has settled, the Griggs staff acknowledged this milestone and took a look back at the year's activity and accomplishments.

After a series of successful reaccreditations, Griggs International Academy (GIA) began expanding its courses and developing new programs to supplement those already provided. LaRonda Forsey, associate dean for K-12, and her team have been finding new ways to offer students the opportunity to interact and converse with a teacher once a week. Forsey and her team also are working to add a Spanish language option to their interactive online course offerings. Additionally, GIA has signed a contract with JobCorps, a high-school program that provides education for low-income students seeking a GED or high school diploma.

"Our top priority is curriculum development," says Alayne Thorpe, dean of the School of Distance Education.

Forsey agrees: "We're doing our best to show others that we're here to serve other schools as well, not just homeschoolers. One of our main goals is to continue to make distance education less distant."

As part of ongoing efforts to make GIA more student- and user-friendly, they've moved to a new student information system "that will give parents, teachers and students a portal, and be more communication-friendly," says Forsey. Griggs also has added a new Office of Student Services, headed by Glynis Bradfield, to enhance customer service. For example, students now can listen online to a weekly chapel and chat with a chaplain when needed.

One of GIA's newest international programs is Action America for Teens, an



On Monday, July 2, Griggs staff celebrated their first year at their new location on the campus of Andrews University. Alayne Thorpe, dean of the School of Distance Education, reminisced about the journey Griggs has been on, then everyone enjoyed food, fellowship and some outdoor fun.

English-language program offered during the month of July. Twenty-four teens from mainland China, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan spent a month on the campus of Andrews University taking intensive classes in language arts, SAT prep, conversational English and being exposed to American culture. These students have been working toward a United States high school diploma, and all their classes have been taught in English. Their time at Andrews gave them a chance not only to experience American culture but to visit other area universities and attractions. "We're also hoping to introduce the foreign students to the inspirational aspects of Christianity," says Stephen Rivers, associate director of affiliations K-12, as many of the students come from non-Christian backgrounds.

At the college level, Griggs and the Andrews University School of Distance Education are creating cohort-based classes (groups of students who meet with a teacher). For the past year, Janine Lim, associate dean for higher education, has been working to update Griggs curriculum and ensure as many classes as possible are web-enhanced, if not completely online.

Griggs also has continued their international emphasis. "We've expanded it in some ways," says Thorpe. "The university has a number of off-campus programs and a large international footprint," says

Thorpe. "The School of Distance Education is monitoring those programs, and we've hired a compliance officer to make sure everything is up to federal regulations." Additionally, Griggs has signed a number of international partnerships within the past year, most notably in Brazil. "It's the first K-12 partnership in South America," says Thorpe.

"We're really trying to do what we can to improve all our services across the board," says Thorpe. "We used the move to Andrews not just as a relocation of the same operation, but as a way to analyze everything we've done. ... The response has been very encouraging. I think all of us would agree we've built a very cohesive team here."

Beginning in 2015, Griggs University will be incorporated into the new School of Distance Education, although GIA will continue to operate independently. The Andrews/Griggs partnership will result in expanded and streamlined online course offerings for both institutions. "We want to help the University expand its online offerings," says Thorpe, "and the next few years will see a continued integration of Griggs and Andrews."

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[EDUCATION NEWS]

Library name honors Lizzie Mae Strange

Lake Region— On May 17, the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist School in Indianapolis, together with the school’s parent-teacher organization, renamed the school’s library, “The Lizzie Mae Strange Library.”

Strange, a member of the Capitol City Church led by William J. Lee, pastor, is more than deserving of special recognition for her hard work, selfless giving and dedication to Christian education and, specifically, to Capitol City School. Through the years, Strange’s efforts have made it possible for many children to receive a Christian education who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

The dedication of the Capitol City School library in Strange’s honor is an effort to show full appreciation and gratitude for all she has done. Strange also was honored with special messages from Capitol City School alumni, pastors, teachers, school board members, and the Lake Region Conference president and staff. She also received a plaque and a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her tireless efforts for Christian education. A picture of Strange with the school’s new library name was placed on display in the library.

Strange has devoted what seems like her entire life to education. She



On May 17, the Capitol City School library was named “The Lizzie Mae Strange Library” in recognition of the many contributions she made to Christian education at the school. From left: Latoria Lee, home and school leader; Nicolette Jones, school board chair; Norris Ncube, principal; Lizzie Mae Strange, honoree; William Lee, pastor

began her teaching career serving in church schools in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Gary, Ind. The majority of her professional career was spent in the Indianapolis Public School system where she taught and served as principal for more than 35 years. Strange’s love for working with children led her to greater educational pursuits at Butler College (now Butler University) where she earned a Master of Arts degree as a reading specialist. This interest led to the development of the current library at the Capitol City School.

After formal retirement, in 1988, Strange returned to the Capitol City School for about five years to fill a need

because of limited funds. Her ultimate retirement came after 50 years serving in public and private education. She has retired but, as many know, she still continues to support Christian education.

Born to Thomas R. and Loueva Longware, on June 7, 1922, Strange’s early school years were spent in Shreveport, La., and Dallas, Texas. She attended Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, and Oakwood Jr. College in Huntsville, Ala. While teaching, she met and married Ralph Strange.

Latoria Lee, Home and School leader,
Capitol City School

Indiana Academy graduates spiritually-driven class

Indiana— On Sunday, May 27, at Indiana Academy’s Commencement, 23 new graduates recognized “What we are is God’s gift to us; what we become is our gift to God,” the 2012 senior class motto. Many students in this spiritually-driven class viewed graduation as a springboard moment, launching

them like loaded cannons filled with God’s love into their communities.

“The most important thing that going to IA provided is that it presented opportunities for me to grow spiritually. ... They’ve modeled for us to be excited about service, and we were given many opportunities to develop our abilities to serve,” said Gati Wankyo, class president and a four-year senior from Massachusetts.

Wankyo depicted memories of mission trips abroad and favorite

memories from Project 58, IA’s new service initiative inspired by Isaiah 58. When asked, “Why does all this effort in service to others matter?” Wankyo responded, “How else will they know we really care?”

Like Daniel and his three comrades in a strange land, devotion to spiritual things has proved rewarding.

In the last five years, Andrews University has admitted 96 percent of Indiana Academy graduates. Digging deeper, the enrollment office at

Andrews University reports heightened admissions standards for incoming freshman. Enhanced criteria benchmarked a four-year trend with more selective acceptance rates. The number of vying applicants actually admitted to Andrews University fell from 57 percent in 2008 to 36 percent for the 2011 school year. Meanwhile, the number of admitted students from IA has remained constant.

“Indiana Academy graduates have consistently achieved at a very high academic level,” said Aaron Moushon, Undergraduate Admissions coordinator at Andrews University’s Office of Enrollment Management. “This is a direct result of a strong four-year curriculum and excellent faculty and staff support. The students from Indiana Academy come to Andrews University with all the tools necessary to be successful in their chosen field of study.”

Andrews University has offered more than \$1 million in scholarships to IA students in the past two years.

“I believe we must be doing the Lord’s business in His schools. That is the goal and purpose of Indiana Academy — following God’s ultimate plan



Indiana Academy graduates and families celebrate academic and spiritual triumph.

for Adventist education as found in Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy,” stated Jeremy Hall, principal.

Bible electives are woven into the IA curriculum. They include hands-on training in various areas, including: how to teach a Bible study, how to lead a song service, how to preach, how to deal with being a Christian in today’s society, effective communication and more.

IA’s commitment to develop students into servant leaders was

mirrored by the graduating senior class’s scripture, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1 KJV).

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

Lake Union alumni reunite

California—Approximately 70 alumni from the various Lake Union academies attended the 23rd Annual Lake Union Academies Reunion potluck on Sabbath, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., at the Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Each of the present and former Lake Union boarding academies was represented by at least one alumnus.

Arlene Leavitt, assistant director of development/alumni/recruiting at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, presented a PowerPoint slide show featuring student activities. She said, “I treasure the opportunity to make visits in homes, have dinners, and attend two other younger reunions out in California, in addition to this one. It offers an opportunity to thank donors personally for their



Broadview Academy: John Schleifer '52; Thelma (Ortner) Knutson '48; Robert Knutson '47, honor class member; and Dorothy (Collins) Wedel (att.)



EMCA/Andrews Academy: Salim Serrano '89; Marilyn (Jackson) Cochran (att.); Marilyn (Murdoch) Herrmann '61; Dorothy (Collins) Wedel (att.); Steve Fuller '63



Indiana Academy: Marilyn (Jackson) Cochran, honor class member; Marilyn (Biggs) Sykes '54



Battle Creek Academy: Barbara (Hastings) Willard '44; Clarence Huckaby (visitor); Norma (Hastings) Huckaby '42, honor class member; Ivan Sykes '42, honor class member

Kortnye V. Hurst

Photos by Clarence Brummett



Cedar Lake Academy: Dorothy (Collins) Wedel '52, honor class member; Dale Wilber (att.); Orville Wedel '53; Sylvia (Nelson) Clarke '61; Cheryl (Fraser) Moser '61; Mary (Fraser) Bielas '60; Elden Keeney '52, honor class member; Esther (Ruf) Brummett '53

support to the academy. The attendees love seeing pictures and hearing reports. I have been able to take a current student with me several times, and that's a highlight for both the alumni and student. I look forward to this trip, and enjoy the friendships I've been able to nurture during these 11 years coming to the California reunion."

Robert Knutson gave a short update on Wisconsin Academy, having recently attended its alumni homecoming weekend. He and his wife, Thelma, were on the WA staff for many years, and he also was principal there.

Planners of the event were Duane and Charlene (Clevenger) Wacker, Marilyn and Clifford Herrmann, Dorothy and Henry Vaden, and Clarence and Esther Brummett.

The Lake Union academies have met for many years in Florida and Tennessee as well as California. The Florida reunion hasn't happened the last two years due to schedule conflicts with camp meeting there, but the Tennessee reunion is growing. The reunions were started by the local people and have really done well. "Skip Hann, director of development/alumni/recruiting at



Wisconsin Academy, Bethel Academy: (back row) Eileen Bilbro Peisert '71; Allen Bilbro '70; Robert Knutson (WA staff/Bethel att.); Thelma (Ortner) Knutson (WA staff); Penny (Gustafson) Miller '58; Dorothea (Ruf) Schleifer (Bethel) '47, honor class member; Roy Larsen (Bethel) '48; (front row) Audry (Kaatz) Williams (Bethel) '48; Edie (Squire) Fillner (Bethel) '47, honor class member



Other, non-Lake Union academies: Tom Williams (Endeavor HS); Donna Bilbro (visitor); Michael and Marilyn Folkes (visitors); Jody (Erhard) Wright (CLA '77), not available for CLA photo, honor class member; and Wil Clarke (CLA '59)



Great Lakes Adventist Academy: Steven Coy '01; Michelle (Roderick) Coy '07; Bethany Leavitt '11; Ryan Williams '07; Arlene (Williams) Leavitt (staff)

Great Lakes Adventist Academy, attends the Florida and Tennessee reunions. He always comes back pretty excited, with pictures and stories of what's happening in the lives of our alumni. We love



Adelphian Academy: (back row) Clarence Brummett '55; Sandra (Mead) Delany (att.); B. Pett (visitor); Clifford Herrmann '57, honor class member; Duane Wacker '58; Henry Vaden '65; (middle row) Pauline Parker '54; Jeanette (Hoar) Keith '55; Helga (Betat) Folkes '59; Bobbie (Clevenger) Vaden '64; Kay (Zdun) Fuller '63; Barbara (Jandreau) Yanez '52, honor class member; Rosemary "Kay" (Peterson) Maehre '53; (front row) Rolene (Steadman) Hanson '49; Charlene (Clevenger) Wacker '58; Maxine (Snyder) Richards '43; Esther Key '64



Grand Ledge Academy: Dale Wilber '65

sharing about the many people we've seen," Leavitt said.

Plan to join the Tennessee reunion on March 23, 2013, at the Standifer Gap Church, 8310 Standifer Gap Rd., in Chattanooga. The Florida reunion date hasn't been finalized. For additional information, call Skip Hann at 989-427-5181 or email jshann44@yahoo.com.

The Loma Linda reunion will be May 4, 2013. Come, fellowship with your friends. For additional information, call 909-748-5178 or 909-810-0753.

Esther Brummett, planner, Loma Linda area Lake Union Academies Reunion, with Arlene Leavitt, assistant development/alumni/recruiting director, Great Lakes Adventist Academy

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Bags of Love bring hope to children

Michigan—Jackson Church members Almeda March and Connie Blackerby (in conjunction with the church's women's ministries group) have recently spearheaded the organization of "Bags

of Love," an ongoing project. Approximately 12 ladies make duffel bags, then fill and deliver them to the City's Department of Human Services. These bags are given to children who have been taken away from their homes (some even taken from school) with nothing of their own.

"The Bags of Love program was brought to our attention by Marion

Hart, a former Jackson Church member," Blackerby said. Each bag contains a fleece throw, toys, games, books appropriate for age and gender, socks, mittens and a stuffed animal (with its head sticking out of the top of the bag!) A pocket is sewn on the front to hold personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb and brush and hair ornaments for the girls, and deodorant for



Madlyn Hamblin

Connie Blackerby (middle) and Charlene Hile (right) deliver Bags of Love to Jessica Deering, Community Resource coordinator for the City of Jackson. The Department of Human Resources gives the bags to children removed from their homes.

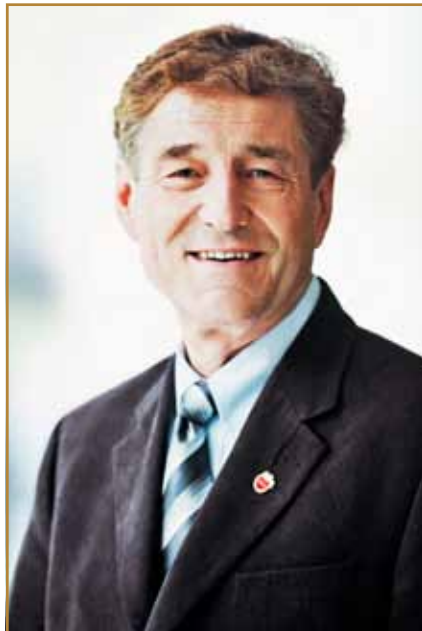
teens. One women's ministry member belongs to the Jackson Kiwanis Club. This community group donates \$500 to the project and will continue to donate on an ongoing basis.

A letter is also placed in the pocket of the bag that reads, "This bag of love is given to you by a community of people who truly care about you and pray that your life will improve as time goes by. We hope these items provide some small measure of comfort to you. We hope

and pray that when you grow up, you will look back on this Bag of Love and, in your own way, remember to offer a loving kindness to another child. With love and sincerity, Jackson Seventh-day Adventist Women's Ministries."

Anyone who wants more information may contact Connie Blackerby at 517-782-5080, or email cmlblackerby@comcast.net.

Madlyn Hamblin, member, Jackson Church



Hans Diehl, M.D., CHIP founder, will present at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church, Sept. 8-9.

CHIP founder to present at Hinsdale Church

Illinois—"Going to the hospital was a real eye-opener," explains Dan Maletin, a Hinsdale CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) alumnus who knows the priceless benefits of complete health. "My blood pressure was dangerously high after only a few days on lower medication. I knew I had to do something different." CHIP promotes that simple lifestyle changes can prevent, arrest or even reverse many chronic diseases. CHIP's



Dan Maletin's health turnaround from CHIP gives him the energy to bike 50-100 miles each week.

founder, Hans Diehl, M.D., will be in Hinsdale, Sept. 8-9, to promote this healthy lifestyle program.

On Sabbath, Sept. 8, Diehl will be at the Hinsdale Church. At 9:30 a.m., he will present the mission story titled "From Cripple to Champion." At 5:30 p.m., the documentary, "Forks Over Knives," will be shown followed by his presentation, "Eat More, Weigh Less." He will also speak at the Hinsdale Community House following the documentary on Sept. 9 at 2:30 p.m. Participants can sign up for the next CHIP program which begins Sept. 23.

The Hinsdale CHIP chapter has had 36 graduates, under the leadership

of Deborah Ward, a registered dietitian and health ministry director at the Hinsdale Church. Most participants lose weight and reduce their cholesterol an average of 20 percent. Dan Maletin re-entered the CHIP program after the scare of his life.

One early morning, Dan awoke to excruciating chest pains. Fearful he might be having a heart attack, his son, Nick Maletin, rushed Dan to the local hospital emergency room. When the nursing staff found him to be hypoxic (oxygen deficient) with an elevated blood pressure of 225/163, Dan was admitted for further testing.

"I was so confused," explained Dan. "Just a week earlier, my cardiologist had determined my blood pressure medication was too strong and reduced it because I had been experiencing dizzy spells and fainting. I had attended the CHIP program once where I learned that a lot of my blood pressure-related symptoms could be eliminated with a change of lifestyle. However, I was stubborn and not ready to change my habits.

"In 2010, my knees became very sore, and I was advised to stop playing basketball. I became sedentary and lethargic. When the next CHIP program was scheduled, I signed up immediately. This time, it was not only my outer self but my inner self that wanted to see a change."

Comparing results from repeating the program, in one year Dan decreased cholesterol by 32 percent, ratio

of total cholesterol/HDL cholesterol by 45 percent, and blood pressure by 12 percent. So far, Dan has dropped 30 pounds and says he has another 30 to lose.

Today, Dan feels better physically than he has in many years. His knee problems are gone, and he exercises daily playing basketball, walking, bicycling or working out at the gym. Weekly, Dan rides 50–100 miles, and plans to participate in the local

multiple sclerosis ride, 175 miles in two days. Last year, Dan cycled to Indianapolis and back, more than 400 miles in two days.

Dan is a testament to the difference the CHIP program can make to one's health.

Diehl is director of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute of Loma Linda, Calif. His pioneering efforts have shown conclusively that many of today's diseases are truly reversible. In fact,

80 percent of Western diseases, like diabetes and heart disease, are linked to lifestyle choices like diet and exercise.

To learn more about the upcoming Hinsdale CHIP programs, go to <http://www.HinsdaleCHIP.hsdac.org>, or contact Deborah Ward by phone at 630-403-8095, or email hinsdalechip@gmail.com.

Dorothy Deer, communication director, with Deborah Ward, health ministry director, Hinsdale Church

Terre Haute member makes lasting impact on men's lives

Indiana—Charles Schlunt received the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award from the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute, Ind.

Upon retirement from denominational employment in 2005, Schlunt and his wife, Janet, moved to Indiana and became members of the Terre Haute Church.

Schlunt made his intentions plain: "I won't be one of those retirees who sits around and does nothing." Just as he stated, Schlunt generously gives of his time and many talents to the Terre Haute Church and the Terre Haute Adventist School.

In addition to serving as church officers, the Schlunts use their gift of hospitality by frequently welcoming visitors and, on many occasions, hosting the entire church in their home.

Schlunt's involvement in prison ministry began by assisting other Terre Haute Church volunteers in conducting morning and afternoon chapel services each Sabbath at the medium security Federal Correctional Institution, within the Complex.

He soon became aware of more opportunities to be of service, and, during the last five years, has volunteered in several other capacities at the prison.

At the maximum security United States Penitentiary, Schlunt served as a mentor for the Life Connections program, which aims to reduce recidivism

and bring reconciliation to victims, communities and inmates. Participants who voluntarily apply and are approved for the program are matched with volunteer mentors of their faith or philosophy. These mentors visit monthly and are an integral part of the program's success.

Schlunt also served as a non-paid instructor for Indiana State University at both facilities in the Complex.

At the Volunteers Appreciation Banquet, on April 12, Charles Locket and John Oliver, wardens, presented a plaque to Schlunt, naming him the "2012 Volunteer of the Year" in recognition of his efforts as a supportive volunteer and an instrumental part of the Life Connections program, having a lasting effect on many men's lives.

Laura Wheeler, Reentry Affairs coordinator and Selective Placement program manager for the Complex, further affirmed Schlunt by stating: "He has already been active in recruiting the next generation of volunteers. His daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Sylvia, Glen and Benjamin Middaugh, have just finished volunteer training."

About 100 Terre Haute-area volunteers serve in various programs within the prison complex where more than 3,000 inmates are incarcerated.

"I was in prison and you came to Me" (Matthew 25:36 NASB).

Karen Peckham, communication leader, Terre Haute Church



Charles Locket (right) and John Oliver (left), wardens, present a plaque to Chuck Schlunt, naming him the "2012 Volunteer of the Year."

Karen Peckham

Glendale Church celebrates 50 years of ministry

Indiana—The weekend of May 18–19, the Glendale Church in Indianapolis celebrated 50 years as a church family.

“I saw excitement in their faces and in what they were saying to me as they entered,” said Paulette Taylor, Glendale’s women’s ministries coordinator and a greeter that morning. “Our members were in the lobby, eagerly awaiting friends and visitors from the community, and other Adventist churches.”

High worship enveloped the Sabbath experience as an organ blast, played by Herbert Harris, flooded the sanctuary.

“To God be the glory...,” the church sang.

“In ancient Israel, every 50th year was referred to as the ‘Year of Jubilee,’” shared Steven Jencks, Glendale’s senior pastor.

Glendale dedicated part of the celebration to honoring public servants. Plaques were presented to Gregory A. Ballard, City of Indianapolis mayor, and representatives from the Indianapolis Metropolitan police and fire departments.

Taylor led a roll call for members, present and past. “But we cannot forget those of our family who are laid to rest,” she said, and initiated a moment of silence for missing loved ones. A sober reality struck the audience. Some eyes filled with tears. “We have this great Hope!” Taylor said as she linked the stark reality of absent family with the advent this church labors to bring another day nearer. “Praise God for an eternal family! Will you meet me on the Sea of Glass for our 100th anniversary?” she challenged.

Outstretched hands were visible above the crowd as if to say, “I’ll be there.” This visual pledge appropriately paralleled the biblical Year of Jubilee, which, according to Jencks, can



C.D. Brooks (center) was the keynote speaker for the Glendale Church 50-year celebration, May 19. His message was titled “A Half-Century of Hope.” Also pictured: Steven Jencks (far right), senior pastor, and guests

be summed up in three words: “rest, redemption and return.”

Programming was filled with praise and reflection. According to Barbara Bryant, church historian, “The Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church originated as a little group of believers in 1888. They became known as the North Side Church, the first Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis.” Under the leadership of Norman Johnson, pastor, and Building Committee chairman, Fred Newby, a new church was completed on a 15-acre piece of property. The first worship service was held in the new facility on

August 19, 1961. In 1962, a building for the church’s ten-grade school (now known as Indianapolis Junior Academy) was completed on the church’s campus.

The pinnacle of the worship service was delivered by C.D. Brooks. His message was “A Half-Century of Hope.”

“As Glendale celebrates a spiritual jubilee, with thankful hearts, we shout for joy for the opportunity of having witnessed to others of the rest, redemption and return that is found only in Jesus Christ,” Jencks said.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

Announcements

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* website at www.LakeUnionHerald.org and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at www.LakeUnionHerald.org.

Andrews University

Alumni Homecoming 2012 will be held **Sept. 27-30** with honor classes including: 1942, '52, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92 and 2002. We hope to see you then. Contact the Office of Alumni Services for more information at 269-471-3591; visit <http://www.alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming>; or email alumni@andrews.edu.

Illinois

CHIP founder comes to Hinsdale: Hans Diehl, founder of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), will be in Hinsdale, **Sept. 8-9**, to share information and encourage participation in the CHIP program. He will give a mission story, "From Crippled to Champion," on Sabbath, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hinsdale Church, 201 North Oak St. At 5:30 p.m., he will show the documentary, "Forks Over Knives," followed by a light supper, and then his own presentation, "Eat More, Weigh Less." On Sun., Sept. 9, at 2:30 p.m., the same program will be repeated at the Hinsdale Community House, 415 West 8th St. For more information, go to <http://www.HinsdaleCHIPhsdac.org> or contact Debbie Ward at 630-403-8095.

Indiana

Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that a regular Quadrennial Session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church at 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana, 46034, on Sun. **Sept. 30**, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Duly accredited delegates and delegates-at-large will be authorized to receive reports; elect a conference president, secretary-treasurer, departmental directors, a Conference Executive Committee, a K-12 Board of Education, a Standing Nominating Committee, and a Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee;

to enact, amend, or repeal Bylaws and vote recommended changes to the constitution for the Indiana Conference and Indiana Academy; and to issue credentials and licenses for the ensuing four years. Delegates will transact such other business as may properly come before the delegation. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. The organizing committee will meet the same day, Sun., Sept. 30, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church at 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana, 46034. Van G. Hurst, president
Mark Eaton, secretary-treasurer

Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that a regular Quadrennial Session of the members of the Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., a corporation, will be held in connection with the Quadrennial Session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church at 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana, 46034, on Sun., **Sept. 30**, 2012. The first meeting of the Association will be called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of directors for the ensuing quadrennial term, to restate and amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates of the Quadrennial Session of the

Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are likewise delegates to the Association meeting.
Van G. Hurst, president
Gary Case, secretary

Lake Union

Offerings

- Aug 4** Local Church Budget
- Aug 11** Oakwood, Andrews and Loma Linda Universities
- Aug 18** Local Church Budget
- Aug 25** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

- Aug 25** Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day

North American Division

Oak Park Academy Alumni Weekend: All alumni and former faculty and staff are invited to this special reunion weekend, **Sept. 28-29**. Honor classes: 1937, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77. Location: Gates Hall, 825 15th St., Nevada, Iowa. Make plans to attend! For more information, contact Mary Dassenko Schwantes by phone, 636-527-0955 or email, maryschwantes@sbcglobal.net. We need your email — postage is too expensive. Contact Warren Woledge at warrenw2u@gmail.com or 402-570-0346.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend will be held **Oct. 4-7**. Honor classes are 1947, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, 2002 and 2007. Activities begin Thurs. evening with the Silver Showcase Banquet and continue on Friday with a Career Day. The Sabbath speaker is Mike Ryan, class of 1967, former Sunnydale Academy Boys Dean and current General Conference Vice President. Sunday is the Alumni Golf Tournament. For additional information, call 573-682-2164 or visit www.sunnydale.org.

Feature Update

In the feature article, "The Bible that Wouldn't Burn," *Lake Union Herald*, Vol. 102-03, March 2010, the author stated that Melchior Steiner was an Austrian Jew who emigrated from Vienna in 1882, and that he was "non-religious" based on family oral history, census reports and research of the Steiner name. Subsequent to publication, another descendant of Melchior Steiner took issue with the story, and those points specifically, and produced historical documents that indicated Melchior, born Sept. 22, 1860, was baptized in Pordersdorf, Austria (25 miles from Vienna), Sept. 23, 1860; the passenger list for the S.S. *Leipzig*, showing a "Melichar Sterin" arriving in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25, 1881; a certificate of marriage for Melchior and Maria (Mary Eger) at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul, Minn.; and a certificate of baptism for a daughter, Rosalia, from the Church of St. Bernard's, also in St. Paul.

Another descendant reported that when Joseph Steiner's body was taken back to the family in 1914, the priest refused the family's request for a church burial, which may have been a factor in producing changes in the family's religious life. Although Melchior Steiner died in 1929, the Epiphany Parish (serving the area around Watford City, N. Dakota, since 1816) has no church death records for Melchior Steiner. He was buried in Schafer Cemetery just outside Watford City. Additional descendants of Josie and Rosalia Steiner have affirmed the accuracy of the story of the Bible as portrayed in the article. You can read the story online at <http://lakeunionherald.org/102/3>. —*Lake Union Herald* editors

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:01	8:53	8:43	8:32	8:21	8:11
Chicago, Ill.	8:08	7:59	7:49	7:38	7:27	7:16
Detroit, Mich.	8:50	8:41	8:32	8:21	8:09	7:58
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:56	8:49	8:40	8:29	8:19	8:08
La Crosse, Wis.	8:27	8:17	8:07	7:56	7:44	7:32
Lansing, Mich.	8:58	8:49	8:38	8:28	8:16	8:05
Madison, Wis.	8:17	8:08	7:58	7:47	7:35	7:25
Springfield, Ill.	8:11	8:02	7:53	7:43	7:33	7:23

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at www.LakeUnionHerald.org. Conference addresses and phone numbers are listed in the masthead on the inside back cover.

Weddings

Carley Anger and Brian Davis were married June 2, 2012, in Springfield, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Arthur Nelson.

Carley is the daughter of Stephen and Susan Anger of Edinburg, Ill., and Brian is the son of David and Michelle Davis of Edinburg.

The Davises are making their home in Taylorville, Ill.

Shanell Laursen and Carl Norris Jr. were married June 3, 2012, in Clear Lake, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Ken Michieff.

Shanell is the daughter of Deland and Cheryl Laursen of Clear Lake, and Carl is the son of Carl Sr. and Debbie Norris of Harbor Springs, Mich.

The Norrises are making their home in Duluth, Minn.

Anniversaries



James and Patricia Anderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2012. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., for 16 years.

James L. Anderson and Patricia A. Laferty were married June 15, 1952, in Berrien Springs, by A.K. Phillips. James has been a teacher and administrator in elementary, middle and high schools, retiring in 1996. Patricia has been an accountant, administrative secretary and teacher of accounting, retiring in 1996. Twenty-eight of their work experience years were spent in boarding academies (Grand Ledge and Cedar Lake in Michigan; Ozark in Arkansas.; Sunnydale in Missouri). Three of those years were spent in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, to bring Maxwell Academy up to a 12-grade school.

The Anderson family includes the late James and Linda (Lohr) Anderson; Penny Smikle of St. Joseph, Mich.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

BUELL, Lois "Beverly" (Wier), age 80; born Sept. 9, 1931, in Sheridan, Ill.; died April 28, 2012, in Holland, Mich. She was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include her sons, Harold, Lloyd, David and Brent; daughter, Jeannie Logan; sister, Betty Wright; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Gene Hall, and interment was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Holland.

ELMENDORF II, Edward N., age 91; born April 2, 1921, in St. Clair Shores, Mich.; died May 13, 2012, in Saginaw, Mich. He was a member of the Vassar (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marijane (Tupes); sons, Edward N. III and David L.; daughters, Mary K. Becker and Bobbie Sue Wohlers; brother, Stanley R.; one grandchild; one step-grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Tom Lemon and Richard Bullock, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Tuscola Twp., Mich.

ELSTROM, George R., age 91; born May 27, 1921, in Lincoln, Neb.; died June 4, 2012, in College Place, Wash. George pastored many churches in Michigan, from 1944-1955, ending with the Midland/Gladwin/Edenville/Estey Churches.

Survivors include his wife, Twila V. (Bird); son, Thomas M.; sister, Bette Westfall; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Walikonis, and interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, College Place.

JENKINS, Shellie A., age 86; born Oct. 13, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died March 19, 2012, in Milwaukee. He was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia (London); sons, Keith P. and Kaig A.; stepsons, Hosea D. and Desmond J. London; daughters, Rita K. Byrant and Karyn Folden; stepdaughters, Ingrid M. and Clemmie T. London; brothers, Nathaniel, Samuel, Phillip and James; sisters, Mable Talbert and Yvonne Jenkins; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Phillip Jenkins, and interment was in South Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove, Wis.

McWILLIAMS, Naon (Reed), age 89; born June 7, 1922, in Minneapolis, Minn.; died March 22, 2012, in Wauwatosa, Wis. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Survivors include her son, Mandrake Rogers; daughters, Vicky Thompson and Janice Hammett; brother, Clarence Abdulah; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Eric Bell, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

MATTHEWS, Wilbur E., age 94; born July 15, 1917, in Los Angeles, Calif.; died May 27, 2012, in Whittier, Calif. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his stepsons, Phil and Don Giddings; daughter, Myrna Haynes; stepdaughter, Cynthia Giddings; one grandchild; and two step-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted Sept. 1, 2012, at Glendale City Church, Calif., with private interment.

NASH, Ruth A. (Clark) Windover, age 94; born Aug. 23, 1917, in Midland Cty., Mich.; died May 29, 2012, in Midland, Mich. She was a member of the Midland Church.

Survivors include her sons, Joseph and James R. Windover; daughters, Lois (Windover) McPherson and Martha (Windover) Ferris; brother, Manley Clark; nine grand-

children; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Norman Moll, and interment was in Homer Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

NELSON, Douglas R., age 93; born Aug. 7, 1918, in Clear Lake, Wis.; died Jan. 12, 2012, in Sebring, Fla. He was a member of the Clear Lake Church.

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Memorial services were conducted by Curtis Denney, with private interment, Clear Lake.

PANK, Russell G., age 89; born Nov. 11, 1922, in Superior, Wis.; died Dec. 25, 2011, in Hermitage, Tenn. He was a member of the Midland (Mich.) Church.

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Slaves and Masters

BY GARY BURNS



The apostle Paul wrote some things that have gotten people riled up for centuries. One is found in Ephesians 6:5, where he wrote that slaves should obey their masters. This text and others were used by preachers all across the South to justify slavery, secession from the Union, and, ultimately, the deaths of more than a quarter of a million sons and fathers throughout the South. So, how do you read your Bible?

"It was not the apostle's [Paul's] work to overturn arbitrarily or suddenly the established order of society. To attempt this would be to prevent the success of the gospel. But he taught principles which struck at the very foundation of slavery and which, if carried into effect, would surely undermine the whole system. 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,' he declared. 2 Corinthians 3:17" (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 459).

In a number of ways, slavery still exists. What are the principles of Christ that "if carried into effect" would "undermine the whole system?"

Look at how the church started. "They all joined together constantly in prayer. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together" (Acts 1:14; 2:42, 44, 46 NIV).

If we partnered with God by partnering with each other, would it undermine our whole caste system and produce a spirit of liberty?

What? You don't think we have a caste system?

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

What if I Gave God All?

BY M. DAVID CARNERO

Have you ever wondered what exchange takes place when you give God all? It's no exchange on our part; we have nothing to lose but only much to gain. What we have to give is "[a] sin-polluted heart for Jesus to purify, to cleanse by His own blood and to save by His matchless love" (*Steps to Christ*, p. 46).

When we give God all, He takes our heart and begins the process of transformation; the best part of it all is that it's free! What we leave behind are only those things "that would bring suffering and disappointment, that would close to us the door of happiness and heaven" (*Ibid*).

Whatever your decision, it will have an impact on others. Oxford Dictionaries online define the word "influence" as "the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something, or the effect itself."

Every one of us has an atmosphere of influence and, consequently, we affect those around us. As I think back on my own life, I realize that the decisions I've made were mostly, if not entirely, the result of the influence of others. It comes as no surprise to me to read Jesus' words, "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32 NIV). Lot's choice to settle near Sodom and Gomorrah had a profound and devastating impact on his family. The poet, John Donne, is right. "No man is an island, entire of itself."

The effect that parents have on their children, especially when they're young, can influence decisions made throughout the rest of their lives. "Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life" (Proverbs 22:6 GNT).

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of impacting others for a life of eternity with Him.

What if you gave God all? What would that exchange look like? What would be the positive outcome in your life and in the lives of others? I encourage you to give God your all. Jesus said, "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it" (Luke 17:33 NIV). We were created in the image of God for a life of joy and peace that delights in selfless love and service toward others. What would keep you from choosing today to give God everything?

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A Mission to Fulfill

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Alex Bell enjoys helping people in need. The high-school freshman took part in many service projects last year when she was an eighth-grader at Hillside Christian School in Wausau, Wisconsin.



Alex Bell

The school is very passionate about teaching their students to serve. Every month, Alex and her classmates volunteered at the local Salvation Army during school hours. There they prepared meals and served food at the soup kitchen.

“It was really fun and a good way to tell people, ‘God bless you,’” says Alex. “I felt bad for those who didn’t have food at their home, so I really tried to help out as much as I could there.”

The students also volunteered at a local assisted living center. Alex would talk to the residents there and make cards or paint with them. She liked getting to know them better and listening to their stories.

Alex’s favorite service project, however, was helping kids through the Head Start program. (Head Start is a federal program that assists young children from low-income families.) Every month, Alex volunteered at a local daycare/preschool where she and her classmates were assigned to groups of toddlers. They spent time reading children’s stories to them and playing with the kids.

“Usually, we read to the two- and three-year-olds,” says Alex. “They were always so fun to be with, and they made up funny things for the stories. It was so cute!”

Hillside Christian students are also involved at their church. Students occasionally play chimes during worship services and participate in several church and school fundraisers every year. Alex agrees that the service opportunities are important for spreading the word about Christ.

“We need to serve other people because God gave us a mission to fulfill: Tell other people about Jesus,” she says.

Being at the school also has helped Alex in her personal walk with Christ. Since becoming a Christian nearly three years ago, she claims that practically her whole world has changed.

“I learned Jesus is always with me and that He always answers my prayers,” she says.

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