

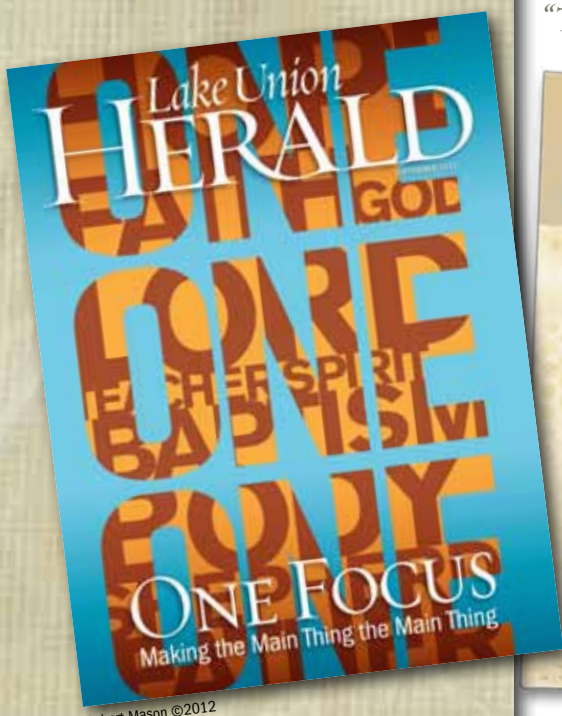
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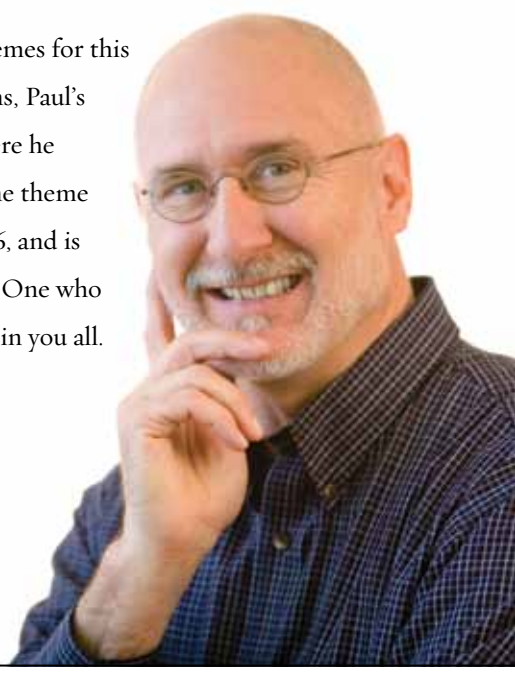
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You may have noticed that all of the themes for this year can be found in the book of Ephesians, Paul's last prison letter before his execution where he summarizes and prioritizes the gospel. The theme for this issue comes from Ephesians 4:4-6, and is designed to help us keep our focus on the One who is above all and through all, and, we trust, in you all.

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Family or All Alone?

A few years ago, I watched many of our conference educational leadership embrace the mission of making our schools as safe and functional as possible. My wife, Barbara, resonated with the idea and also took it on as an enhancement of her leadership approach for the K-10 school where she was principal.

Some of the key values of this initiative included collaboration with each other, cooperation, not using power over others, mutual respect, listening to each other, building relationships, committing to rules and procedures together, building community and one I'll expand on — no put-downs.

In a society where much of entertainment humor, political ads as well as our interactions with each other often include varying degrees of put-downs, stopping that practice can be challenging. The faculty endeavored to practice this value and were determined to hold each other accountable to it. When a teacher made a “cute” but uncomplimentary remark, several chimed in, “No put-downs here.”

Within a short period of time, this and other values enhanced the school's climate. It soon became a safer place where it was easier to belong. Even the students who were not as socially, academically or physically adept could walk the halls with heads held higher and with more confidence. Wouldn't you want to live and work in an environment like that? What about your family, church and workplace? Are they places where people — even socially challenged or awkward people — can learn to thrive?

I am reminded of a lady who came to the church where I was pastor. You may recall Pigpen, the Peanuts cartoon strip character who had a cloud of dirt following him wherever he went. Well, that would nearly describe this lady. While there was no visible cloud of dirt, there was a terrible odor around her that was overwhelming.

It turned out she had lots of cats and dogs. When I visited in her home, the ammonia from animal urine made it difficult to breathe. As she invited me to sit down, I noted a small dog drenching the leg of a nearby chair. Her house reeked, which explained the overwhelming smell that followed her to church. Yet, our members cared for her and went out of their way to let her know she belonged. They greeted her warmly and hung up her coat, which harbored most of the odor. They intentionally sat next to her and included her in the shared worship experience. Some invited her to stay for the fellowship meal. She was visited when in the hospital, and her animals were fed. The members made her feel valued, cared for and included.

In some circles, the put-downs would have come naturally, without a moment's hesitation — if not directly to her face, at least among each other. She would have sensed their dis-ease and masked guilt, making this dear, precious yet odoriferous soul feel downtrodden. But the members in that church were truly like Jesus in the way they demonstrated His love. She did not come to church just to find out she was all alone; she was part of a family.

What about your world and mine? At this critical time in Earth's history, do our lives bear evidence that we are like Jesus in the way we demonstrate His love to even the least lovable person in our midst?



Seeing a Disheveled World Through Love's Eyes

BY DEE SEIKEL

My big brother, Kyle, and I visited Nana and Papa (Betty and Jerry Reutebauch) each summer. Their Christ-centered environment offered a brief pause from our turbulent lives in Georgia. Summer visits to their Indiana home gave us weekly Sabbath observance, annual visits to camp meeting and time at Timber Ridge Camp.

Nana was concerned because I flunked kindergarten. Words like “she,” “it” and “is” were almost out of my grasp. Nana sat with a teacher-friend, Joyce Rodie, while I struggled to complete exercises in a reading workbook.

The ladies looked at each other. “She reads like my dyslexic kids at school,” Joyce hinted.

Kyle and I soon returned to our home in Atlanta. There were no house rules in Georgia. In fact, Mom added stairs going out of my bedroom window. “I’d rather you come in and out here instead of using the front door. You won’t bother me as much,” Mom explained to me. I was on my own to do laundry. Unfortunately, I didn’t know how to clean my sheets when I had accidents in the middle of the night; I often went to school smelling like the night before.

Child Protective Services periodically showed up at the house. Repeatedly, Mom’s answer was, truthfully, “Dee and Kyle are not here. They’re visiting their grandma in Indiana.” We went back and forth between the two homes.

Nana’s compassion for us fueled many impromptu trips to Georgia. Time and time again, we were preserved through the love of our Christian grandparents.



Dee Seikel

Kimberly Stotler

Our visits to Indiana continued as well. By the fifth grade, my Indiana trips often began as Papa tenderly helped me saturate my hair with olive oil and comb out lice eggs.

One day, Papa was nearby as I watched television with a group of small children. A simple word appeared on the glowing screen.

“What’s that? What did it say?” I insisted the younger children tell me.

The kids just laughed.

“Betty, we have to do something.” Papa insisted things could not stay as they were.

“How will she make it if she can’t read?”

Nana showed profuse care as she worked with me two to three hours a day after school to improve my reading.

The next school year, my teacher put me in a room with coloring books and crafts. I made all A’s on this curriculum designed for “special” kids.

Eventually, a teacher introduced me to chess. He saw that I wasn’t stupid, and helped me get caught up in the slower math class. I discovered that I loved times tables! You see, instead of using my eyes to see, I discovered that I could picture things with my mind. If I did this, the pictures and numbers would be straight.

That summer Nana helped me solidify my times tables. Nana also worked with Kyle and me to help us learn the Ten Commandments.

One summer, I excitedly announced, “Kyle, we finally get to go!”

“It’s going to be great,” Kyle agreed with me.

I was 12. Kyle and I had never spent time with our “real” dad in Oklahoma. We jumped at the chance to spend a summer with him.

One night, while in Oklahoma, one of our half-brothers got into trouble. The cops were called, and they separated us kids. I held on to a nearby person’s arm and started to sob. I remember being taken to a new location. There I took a shower and a lady clothed me in a white, see-through shirt and underwear that was way too tight and cut into me. A slow kid in the group kept pinching me in not-so-good areas, and the bed smelled like urine.

Well, this is familiar, I thought.

But no matter what happened, I knew God was always there. That was one thing I didn’t have to worry about.

Nana and Papa wanted us to live with them. God provided for our family’s needs. A lady from church worked in the Welfare Department, and she helped them work through the extensive requirements. Finally, Nana and Papa were foster parents.

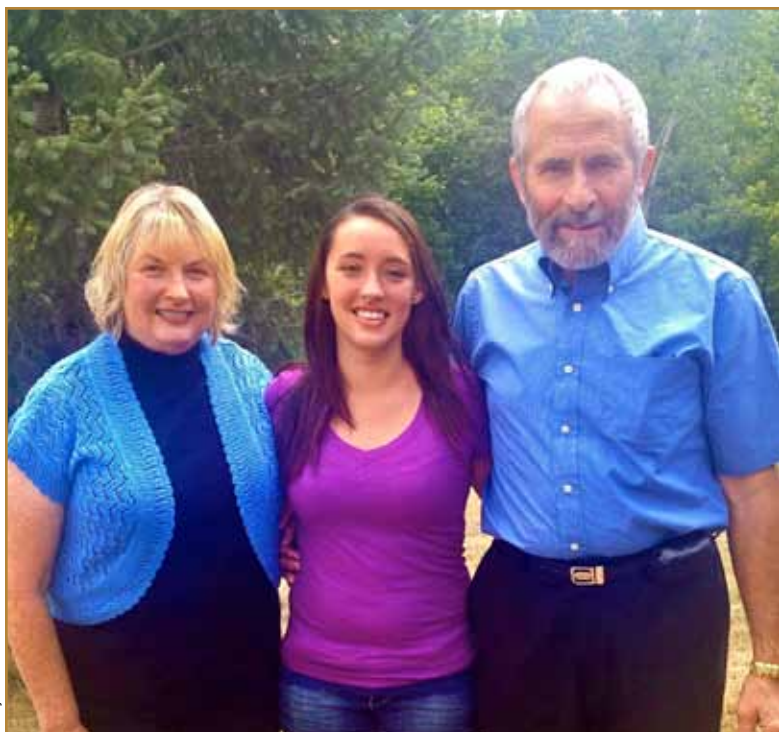
I liked the rules in my new environment. It was so nice to have a routine with school, church and Pathfinders. Having Nana actually come pick me up at school made me feel loved and valuable.

The year living in Indiana passed quickly, but then Mom insisted I return to Atlanta.

Back in Atlanta, my Social Studies teacher found out I am dyslexic. She said, “You can just go in the back and nap. You’re going to get an ‘A’ no matter what you do, so don’t try.”

Despite discouraging influences, I worked hard. That year, I received three scholastic awards. However, scores from a State test showed I would be held back.

“That’s ridiculous!” Mother was furious. “How do you make A’s and B’s and have to take the eighth grade over?” She shared her displeasure in a tirade during a phone call to Nana.



Kortnye V. Hurst

Betty Reutebauch (left) and Jerry Reutebauch (right) embrace their granddaughter, Dee Seikel.

“You think she’s mad enough she might let Dee come to the academy?” Papa asked Nana. “Maybe this is the hand of God, rather than the evil one.”

Having earlier sworn against Adventist education, my mom decided to let me attend Indiana Academy.

When I went to school at Indiana Academy, everything just seemed to settle in. I was finally in a place where believers were around me. They helped me learn, and I began to understand the ways Christ shows up in one’s life.

Despite numerous threats, Mom always let me return to Indiana Academy. Papa thinks that while Mom didn’t want to admit it, she was pleased to learn I was on the honor roll. By my senior year, I wasn’t receiving any special help.

I have a different view of my story than most people. God let me serve others because of my rugged path. As a resident assistant in the dorm, girls felt safe talking to me. Rape, divorce, whatever — girls could feel like they weren’t alone.

You will always have the choice to look at things as a curse, but I see life as a gift. I know that the rubble around us is merely a blessing in the making.

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Growing Closer

BY WILLIE AND ELAINE OLIVER

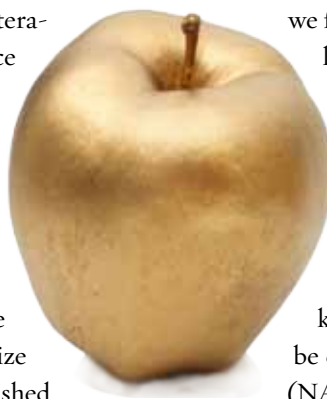
It doesn't take careful observation to realize that marriage, as an institution, has taken a big hit around the world. Everyone knows someone or is related to a couple who has experienced divorce. To be sure, most of us have lived through, either firsthand or up close, the pain of strained relationships.

A large body of marriage research literature suggests most relationships experience distress because of the lack of effective communication. If married people, and people in general, learned to communicate better, they would have much more understanding between them, and a basis for a stronger and healthier relationship.¹

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are filled with principles and counsel to optimize relationships. The fact that God established marriage as the first institution during creation week (see Genesis 1 and 2) and that Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding in Cana of Galilee (see John 2) should be a clue that God greatly regards marriage. As such, we need to go to God's Word for directions on how to maximize our marital relationships.

One of our favorite passages of Scripture states: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). From this passage, we get that God wants us to speak to each other as if giving a precious gift. Certainly, in the middle of an economic recession, everyone would appreciate receiving apples of gold in a frame of silver. If the words we speak to our spouse are as apples of gold in settings of silver, the tone and message of the words will be greatly appreciated and enhance our love and appreciation for each other.

In addition to speaking kindly to each other in marriage, an important aspect of communication is being a good listener. Most problems in marriage are compounded when



we fail to listen to our respective spouses. Failure to listen leads to lack of understanding.

In their book, *The Seven Desires of Every Heart*, authors Debra and Mark Laaser suggest we all are born with seven basic desires to feel fulfilled in life. The first desire listed is to be heard and understood.²

In James 1:19, Scripture declares: "This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (NASB). The truth is we never will be able to hear and understand another human being, particularly our spouse, if we don't apply this verse to heart. God made us with two ears and one mouth so we may listen twice as much as we speak. Invariably, we spend more time talking than listening, violating this biblical principle, and creating an adverse effect for our marriage experience.

Last, but not least, Ellen White declares: "If impatient words are spoken to you, never reply in the same spirit."³

It is our prayer you will not only read but also observe these words, and, by so doing, experience growing closer to your spouse.

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An exotic name increases the consumption of a food.



The smaller the package, the less you will eat.

The Table Landscape

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

In his book, *Mindless Eating*, Brian Wansink explains why Americans eat more than they think they do. People believe that how much they eat is determined by how hungry they are, how much they like the food, and what mood they are in. But Brian shows how the environment largely determines food intake.

We experience a variety of signals and cues that tell us when to eat, and how much. Accessibility, the size of the package or plate, words on a label, the shape of the cup, the lighting in a room, the presence of friends, and variety are all important factors. Food or beverage in a restaurant given a very classy or exotic name will greatly increase its consumption.

The bigger the package, the more we consume. People watching a movie ate more than 50 percent more popcorn from a large container compared to those given a medium-sized container. The shape of our glasses also determine how much we drink. People given a short, wide glass poured an average of 19 percent more juice or soft drink than those offered a tall, thin glass.

Big dishes and big spoons spell big trouble. People given a 34-ounce bowl and a 3-ounce scoop served themselves almost 60 percent more ice cream than those given a 17-ounce bowl and a 2-ounce scoop. Students invited to a party could serve themselves Chex Mix in Room A from two huge gallon bowls, or in Room B from four half-gallon bowls. Those in Room A ate 59 percent more food.

Increasing the variety of food also increases how much someone eats. People offered three different flavors of yogurt consumed about 25 percent more yogurt than if offered only one flavor. At a party, people ate 18 percent



more food when the food was served in 12 bowls, compared to the same food being served in three bowls. People watching a video ate 77 percent more M&M's when the bowl contained M&M's of ten colors compared to those eating from a bowl containing only seven colors of M&M's.

On average, people eat about 15 percent less food when food is placed on their plate before they start eating a meal, compared to when smaller amounts are taken, and they go back for seconds and place additional food on their plate as they eat.

The more hassle it is to eat, the less you will eat. Secretaries ate nine chocolates a day if they were placed in a dish next to them, while they ate only four a day if they were placed six feet away. People choose finger foods more readily if they don't have to shell or peel the food.

We often lose track of how much we are eating when we eat with family and friends. On average, we eat 35 percent more when we eat with another person, and twice as much if we eat with seven or more persons. The amount of pizza you eat is influenced by how much your friends are eating.

Instead of mindless eating, we should make intentional healthy choices and limit the influence of the table landscape.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

Surviving the World Crisis

THE EDITORS

In recent months, there has been a considerable amount of chatter, on the Internet and among broadcasters, regarding preparations for disaster or, more specifically, the end of the world. According to CNBC.com, you can actually purchase a luxury shelter, in Indiana, able to withstand a 50-megaton nuclear blast within a ten-mile radius, biological and chemical attacks, earthquakes and tsunamis, for \$25,000 to \$50,000.

A number of Christians who believe in the soon return of Christ have installed bomb shelters, learned to survive on edible plants, and have made attempts to live “off the grid” in remote locations since World War II.

There is a plethora of food storage plans on the Internet, many identified as Mormon. Others are non-religious and go beyond food storage, like thesurvivalistblog.net that has the wolf as their mascot; their slogan, “Join the Pack,” makes reference to more than 10,000 subscribers.

So what is the present truth for Seventh-day Adventists in light of all the frightening possibilities? We believe the counsel written in 1851 is still right on target. James and Ellen White published the following hoping “that it will comfort the saints.”

“The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves to Him and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in His work. By their liberality in making gifts and offerings, He desires them to reveal their appreciation of His blessings and their gratitude for His mercy.

“The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God

is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.

“Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every encumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property on the altar and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble and have no clogs to weigh them down.”¹

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:

- What is the difference between simplifying our lives and our dependence upon material things and making provisions for our temporal wants in a time of economic trouble?
- What is the primary focus in a survivalist lifestyle, and how does that relate to mission?
- Does Jesus’ statement, “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39 NKJV), apply to this subject?

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The Scope of Intercession

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. —1 Timothy 2:1–4 NIV

EM. Bounds said, “Prayer can do anything God can do.” That’s true because the only power in prayer is the power of God. What’s more, prayer can reach anywhere God can reach. And God is everywhere, so His power can reach to every corner of the Earth through our prayers.

Two phrases in the above verses emphasize the broad scope of prayer: “for everyone” and “all men [people].” Because God wants all people “to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth,” He urges us to pray for everyone.

In his classic book, *Prayer*, Ole Hallesby grasps the heart of Paul’s injunction: “It is our Lord’s will that we who have received access to these powers through prayer should go through this world transmitting heavenly power to every corner of the world which needs it sorely. Our lives should be ... quiet but steadily flowing streams of blessing, which through our prayers and intercessions should reach our whole environment” (p. 64).

When I sit in my favorite chair for my morning devotions, I imagine my prayers ascending to the throne room of Heaven, and I imagine God, in response, moving His hands in the places where my prayers direct. I imagine His power being released on the west coast as I pray for family members, in our nation’s capital as I pray for government officials, in foreign lands as I pray for mission enterprises, and in the homes and hearts of my neighbors as I pray for them. My prayers can release a blessing or bring change anywhere in the world without my moving from that chair. What an awesome power God has given us!

Though God would have us pray broad intercessory prayers, our prayer responsibilities start close to home. Our first responsibility is for immediate family members, then relatives and friends, then the spiritual family in which God has placed us, and then beyond that to our neighbors, community, nation and world.

If our prayers focus only on those who are nearby, we have not caught the scope of what God intends through

prayer. If they focus mainly on those far away, we may be guilty of failing to provide for our immediate families and of denying the faith (see 1 Timothy 5:4, 8).

Reflect

Imagine your prayers transmitting heavenly power and blessing to people in every corner of the world. Think of some of those people and places.

Imagine persons experiencing the joy of being saved and coming to a knowledge of the truth as a result of your prayers.

Pray

Praise God, who is everywhere present in the universe.

Confess to God your failure if your prayers have been too narrow and limited in comparison to the charge of 1 Timothy 2:1–4.

Thank God for the breadth and depth of His concern for the world.

Commit yourself to make “requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving ... for everyone,” including “kings and all those in authority.”

Pray that “all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him” (Psalm 22:27).

Act

Practice the “Bless” prayer that you learned in last month’s reading, and expand on each category as the Spirit guides you to pray for people in your circles of influence.

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Gathering Hope

BY SUSAN NATZKE-INGRAM

In fall 2011, a small group class was offered by Bill Ochs, senior pastor of the Green Bay Church in Wisconsin. After attending the seminar where the *Serendipity Bible* was used, Barbara Falish, Crystal Graham and Susan Natzke-Ingram were impressed to find a way to use what they had learned.

Barbara and Crystal both work at The Gathering Place, a drop-in/recovery center for people with severe and persistent mental illness. Although a Bible study group was already being held there, the person in charge was planning to move it to a new location. Barbara and Crystal asked Sue Mader, executive director, if they could start another Bible study. Sue gave the okay, but plans fell through and the original Bible study continued.

Sue came up with the idea to offer a prayer meeting and asked twice if Barbara and Crystal would start one, perhaps on Thursday afternoons. Barbara mentioned the idea to Susan, and soon the three met to prayerfully plan a format.

A prayer and praise basket is set out on Thursdays with index cards and pencils in it so that, throughout the day, individuals can write their requests. An average of three people attend in addition to the regular attendees. Soft instrumental music is played in the background. Using the *Serendipity Bible* each week, Barbara, Crystal and Susan rotate leadership of the prayer meeting with the goal to put a focus on wellness — emotional, spiritual and physical.

Starting with “Sweet Hour of Prayer,” two songs are sung before the prayer requests are read and prayed over. Everyone is encouraged to share their own spiritual readings or testimonies. “Jesus Loves Me” is the song sung at the



The Gathering Place in Green Bay, Wisconsin, invites clients to a Thursday afternoon prayer meeting, offered by members of the Green Bay Church. Attendees share prayer and praises, and there is a focus on wellness — emotional, spiritual and physical. Clockwise from left: Marcia Daley, Crystal Graham (co-leader), Susan Natzke-Ingram (co-leader), Laurie Rusch, Jonathan, and Barb Falish (co-leader)

Heather Davis

conclusion of each meeting, and has become very popular. People leave feeling refreshed and ready to get back to the world.

The response has been very positive. Sue says, “It is so special to me to take time out of my day and have a spiritual experience through the prayer group. It keeps me focused on the praises and the prayers of all our members’ intentions. I truly believe our prayers are answered by the Lord, and always feel His presence there. The sharing and caring is fulfilling.

At the end, I always feel rejuvenated and rewarded for the thoughtfulness and mindfulness of this powerful journey.”

One of the regulars, Laurie, commented, “I feel closer to God. The love that is there makes me feel better. I feel more attuned to Jesus.”

Others say they enjoy the small group atmosphere, and that it’s a nice starting point to get back into the church.

Each week is another chance to witness. Sometimes the topics lead to questions about God and the hope we have in Him. It is exciting to see God working in the attendees’ lives. They, too, are seeing God at work in their lives as He answers the many prayer requests that come in each week.

Susan Natzke-Ingram is a co-leader of the Bible study group at The Gathering Place in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



Somos templo del Espíritu Santo

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Los que han obtenido un conocimiento acerca de cómo comer, beber y vestirse en forma que conserve la salud, deben impartir ese conocimiento a otros. Predíquese a los pobres el evangelio de la salud desde el punto de vista práctico, para que ellos sepan cuidar debidamente del cuerpo que es templo del Espíritu Santo. — Consejos Sobre la Salud, 479

En el momento que escribo este artículo, mi esposa y yo estamos en el Campamento Timber Ridge, ubicado en la ciudad de Spencer, estado de Indiana, participando en un programa de salud de diez días llamado Fitness at the Ridge. La razón principal de nuestra participación en este programa se debe a que al hacer nuestros exámenes físicos anuales los médicos encontraron que el colesterol y los triglicéridos estaban muy elevados, y se nos recomendó que tomáramos medidas en forma inmediata para reducirlos y así evitar serios problemas de salud. Somos veinte participantes (incluyendo personas no adventistas) que hemos venido no sólo del estado de Indiana sino también de lugares más lejanos como los estados de Oregon, Idaho y Pennsylvania.

En este programa se nos enseñan los principios de hacer ejercicio, disfrutar de una dieta sana basada en plantas y cómo recuperarse de algunos problemas de salud usando técnicas de hidroterapia. Las personas que enseñan las clases son muy espirituales y tienen mucha experiencia en el área de salud, y han ayudado a muchos a recuperarse de problemas como la obesidad, la hipertensión y la diabetes.

Hace ya más de nueve años mi esposa y yo participamos en un programa similar en el estado de Oklahoma. Lo que aprendimos nos ayudó mucho a cuidar nuestros cuerpos, pero al pasar los años nos descuidamos un poco en mantener la salud y con el tiempo comenzamos a sentir los efectos de ese descuido. Gracias a Dios que nuestro Señor ha sido paciente con nosotros y nos ha guiado para que regresemos a poner en práctica los principios de salud que se promueven en la Iglesia Adventista.

En estos últimos días he meditado mucho no sólo en mi propia salud sino también en la salud de las personas que nos rodean. Es una inquietante realidad saber que



Participantes y maestros del programa de salud que se tuvo en el campamento Timber Ridge.

de acuerdo a estudios científicos hechos recientemente, una de cada tres personas en este país está obesa. La obesidad trae consecuencias muy serias, entre ellas la diabetes. Y es muy alarmante saber que los hispanos en este país tienen una doble probabilidad de contraer la diabetes en comparación con

la población anglosajona y que uno de cada diez jóvenes latinos menor de veinte años padece de diabetes. Es más, el concilio nacional La Raza publicó un informe el año pasado en el que anunció que si la crisis de salud en este país continúa, uno de cada dos niños hispanos nacidos en el año 2000 contraerá diabetes.

Es mi convicción que en un ambiente de tanta enfermedad la Iglesia Adventista tiene una gran oportunidad de compartir con otros no solamente el plan de salvación sino también su plan de cómo tener una vida saludable. Pero, es claro que para compartir esto nosotros tenemos que vivirla primero. En los próximos dos meses compartiré más información acerca de cómo hacerlo.

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

ONE FOCUS

MAKING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

BY WOODROW W. WHIDDEN

“**T**he Way of Life” picture was first shown to James White by Merritt G. Kellogg sometime in the early 1870s.¹ The original artist is unknown, but James White found the picture to be such a “vivid portrayal of the plan of salvation” that he had it published as early as 1874 and advertised it in the *Review and Herald* as an “allegorical picture” showing “The Way of Life and Salvation Through Jesus Christ From Paradise Lost to Paradise Restored.”² Two years later, in October 1876, 1,000 copies of a new and improved edition, with an explanatory brochure, was published.³

What is most striking about the 1876 lithograph is the centrality of the Ten Commandments hanging from the limbs of the “law tree.” Though the cross is evident, it does not stand out as the law does. Four years later James White began planning a new picture, with a change in emphasis. He wrote to Ellen White in March of 1880:

“I have a sketch ... of the new picture, ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ This differs from ‘The Way of Life’ in these particulars: The law tree is removed. Christ

on the cross is made larger, and placed in the center. In other particulars it is about the same excepting the baptism scene and the city will be very much improved.”⁴

Throughout the remainder of 1880 and into early 1881 James worked on this new and improved edition, expanding the project to include printing the picture for other countries, publishing a book to accompany it, and enlarging the key, or explanation, already in print. He planned to title it “Christ, the Way of Life, From Paradise Lost to Paradise Restored.”

However, James White died on August 6, 1881, without completing the project. Ellen White, with the help of her



“The Way of Life, From Paradise Lost to Paradise Restored” by an unknown artist, was an early attempt to present the great controversy theme in a graphic or pictorial manner. The engraving was discovered by Merritt G. Kellogg, brother of the more famous, John Harvey Kellogg.

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sons, fulfilled her husband’s plan in 1883 when she copyrighted a new steel plate engraving. The new picture placed Christ on the Cross as the dominating center of the plan of salvation.

WHY THE CHANGE?

What was it that caused James White to move in such a cross-centered direction in this telling instance of “Adventist” art?

While there is no direct linking of their theological unfolding with “The

Way of Life” pictures in their correspondence, there were significant developments in the thinking of James and Ellen White from 1876 to 1883 that suggest a profound linkage.

Previous to 1883 Ellen White had had little to say, by way of theological emphasis, about justification by faith. While her conceptions were clear that justification was “pardon” and “forgiveness,” it was not until the 1880s that there began to appear a sharpening focus on a more “Lutheran,” by “faith alone,” understanding of justification.

In fact, the first published linking of Luther and justification came in the *Signs of the Times* of May 31, 1883. This development resulted probably from her writing of *The Spirit*



Center for Adventist Research James White liked the original “Way of Life” engraving and improved aspects of it, principally the removal of the offending eye. The rays of light formerly coming from the eye now came from the New Jerusalem. There were several other small modifications, but the overall effect was the same. He published his version in 1876.

Center for Adventist Research In 1880, James White was making definite plans to extensively modify his adapted version of “The Way of Life.” He visited with the foremost steel engraving artist in America. His efforts were cut short by his untimely death in August of that year. Two years later, Ellen White published the third version of the engraving, renamed, “Christ, the Way of Life.” How much of the change can be attributed to James or Ellen is not known. However, the fact that Ellen published this version in 1883, five years before the pivotal 1888 emphasis on righteousness by faith, shows she was ahead of most of the church in her understanding of the central role of Christ in our salvation.

of *Prophecy*, volume 4 (1884), which became the immediate fore runner of her classic, *The Great Controversy* (1888). This work deals somewhat extensively with Luther and the Reformation in her historical/providential interpretation of the issues of the “great controversy between Christ and Satan.”

In addition to her work on the Reformation, three other crucial trends in the experience and ministry of James and Ellen White during this period need to be noted.

1. In these years Ellen White had experienced some sharp confrontations with the “believe, only believe” advocates who accused Seventh-day Adventists of teaching salvation by law-keeping. Probably the most striking of such experiences took place during a voyage to Oregon from San Francisco in the summer of 1878, during which she reports overhearing a certain Elder Brown, who was claiming publicly “that it was impossible for any man to keep the law of God,” and that “no man will get to heaven by keeping the law.” He then went on to declare that “Mrs. White is all law, law; she believes that we must be saved by the law, and no one can be saved unless they keep the law. Now, I believe in Christ. He is my Saviour.”⁵

She quickly corrected the elder that his statement was a “false” representation of her position. Such challenges undoubtedly helped to sharpen her understanding and expression of what “believing” really meant. Historically there has never been any factor so efficient in calling forth theological clarification as heresy—real or perceived!

2. Ellen White also seemed to have sensed that there was unwitting legalism creeping into the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists. She was concerned that a preoccupation with obedience and the law was obscuring assurance of

acceptance in too many cases (including many Adventist preachers). Probably the most important expression of this concern was seen at the 1883 Battle Creek General Conference session. In fact, I would suggest that for Ellen White, this 1883 conference was a theological “Minneapolis” five years before Minneapolis. Note her deep concern over disturbing developments:

“I have listened to testimonies like this: ‘I have not the light that I desire; I have not the assurance of the favor of God.’ Such testimonies express only unbelief and darkness. Are you expecting that your merit will recommend you to the favor of God, and that you must be free from sin before you trust His power to save? If this is the struggle going on in your mind, I fear you will gain no strength, and will finally be come discouraged....

“Some seem to feel that they must be on probation, and must prove to the Lord that they are reformed before they can claim His blessing.... Jesus loves to have us come to Him just as we are sinful, helpless, dependent. We claim to be children of the light, not of the night nor of darkness; what right have we to be unbelieving?”⁶

3. This strong emphasis on justification at Battle Creek in 1883 was probably partially inspired by developments in James White’s thinking. The evidence, reflected in the changes he sought in “The Way of Life” picture, suggests that his experience just before his death had a rather profound effect on his wife.⁷

In early 1881 James White had begun to analyze the dangerous direction that the church seemed to be unconsciously

pursuing. He informed the readers of the *Review* of his “unutterable yearning of [the] soul for Christ” and urged the ministers to “preach Christ more.” He then went on to share his intention to refocus his message: “We feel that we have a testimony for our people at this time, relative to the exalted character of Christ, and His willingness and power to save.”⁸ That he had made good on his intentions was perceived by a prominent fellow minister who noted that “wherever he preached the past few months, he dwelt largely upon faith in Christ and the boundless love of God.”⁹



James White, circa 1879

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of the great Adventist proclamation. There seems to be a direct line of influence and development arising from the period of “The Way of Life” engravings and the great revivals anticipated by the Whites. Such a revival of Christ-centered preaching would enlighten the earth with its glory in the setting of the proclamation of the third angel’s message of Revelation 14.

The impact on Ellen White was apparent: a month after his death, she recounted in a letter to her son Willie a dream in which she reported James to say:

“We have made a mistake. We have responded to urgent invitations of our brethren to attend important meetings. We had not the heart to refuse.... We might have done a great deal for years with our pens, on subjects the people need that we have had light upon and can present before them, which others do not have.”¹⁰

Speaking to students at the General Conference Bible school in early 1890 at Battle Creek, she recalled vows taken at her husband’s deathbed to stand by her duty that involved bringing “an element in[to] this work that we have not had yet.”¹¹ That the “element” referred to justification by faith is quite clear from the context of this Bible school: It was especially convened in the aftermath of the 1888 Minneapolis General Conference session to promote a clearer understanding of justification by faith. Moreover, this particular Bible school convocation was the setting for some of her most powerful expressions of justification by faith.¹²

PROFOUND THEOLOGICAL SHIFTS

Thus, the changes incorporated into “The Way of Life” engravings were not just artistic touch ups, but were reflective of profound theological shifts in the thought and ministry of James and Ellen White. Such shifts were to have their most emphatic expressions at Minneapolis and its aftermath.

For Ellen White the uplifting of the cross and a renewed emphasis on justification by faith were not matters of mere side interest or theological curiosity, but were the very heart

It is also abundantly clear that the issues evident in “The Way of Life” pictures would eventually come to a head in the crisis of Minneapolis and its controverted aftermath: For James and Ellen White, these issues were not just concerns over failed piety and lack of charity in theological discussion. Their concerns certainly involved these matters, but they also comprehended a lack of Christ-centered emphasis in Adventist preaching and a theological misunderstanding of justification by faith which was frustrating the work of the “latter rain” and the arrival of the long anticipated “loud cry.”

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1. A “History of The Way of Life Pictures” (no author listed) is available from the Ellen G. White Estate as a shelf document. What follows in the next three paragraphs is a condensation of this document.
2. *Review and Herald*, Feb. 17, 1874.
3. According to L. E. Froom, “25,000 were engraved for distribution” (*Movement of Destiny* [Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1971], p. 183).
4. James White letter, Mar. 31, 1880.
5. *Signs of the Times*, July 18, 1878.
6. These remarks were addressed to the ministers at the General Conference and were published in the *Review*, Apr. 22, 1884.
7. For this background I am indebted to Bert Haloviak’s unpublished book-length manuscript *From Righteousness to Holy Flesh: Judgment at Minneapolis*, especially chapter 1, “Centrality of Justification.”
8. *Review and Herald*, Feb. 8, 1881.
9. *Ibid.*, Aug. 30, 1881.
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“ I have an unutterable yearning of the soul for Christ. ”

Unity of the Spirit

BY ELLEN G. WHITE

Great things are before us, and we want to call the people from their indifference to get ready. Things that are eternal crowd upon my vision day and night; the things that are temporal fade from my sight. We are not now to cast away our confidence, but are to have firm assurance, firmer than ever before. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and he will help us to the end. We will look to the monumental pillars, reminders of what the Lord has done to comfort us and to save us from the hand of the destroyer. We are to keep fresh the memory of every pain the Lord has soothed, every anxiety he has removed, every fear he has dispelled, every want he has supplied, every mercy he has bestowed. Thus we are to strengthen ourselves for the remainder of our pilgrimage. We can not but look forward to new perplexities in the coming conflict; but we may look at that which is past as well as at that which is to come, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." The trial will not exceed the strength given to bear it.

ONE WITH CHRIST IN GOD

We have only a little while to wage the warfare; then Christ will come, and the conflict will close. Then our last efforts to work with Christ and advance his kingdom will have been made. Some who have stood at the forefront of the battle, zealously resisting incoming evil, fall at the post of duty; the living gaze sorrowfully at the fallen heroes, but there is no time to cease work. They must close up the ranks, seize the banner from the hand palsied by death, and with renewed energy vindicate the truth and the honor of Christ. As never before, resistance must be made against sin, against the powers of darkness. The time demands energetic and determined activity on the part of those who believe present truth. If the time seems long as we wait for our Deliverer to come; if, bowed by affliction and worn with toil, we feel impatient to receive an honorable release from the warfare, let us remember — and let the remembrance check every murmur — that we are left on earth to encounter storm and tempest, to perfect Christian character, to become better acquainted with God our Father and with Christ our elder brother, and to work for the Master

in winning many souls to Christ. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Each one should now be on his guard, studying and practicing the lessons given in the seventeenth chapter of John, and preserving a living faith in the truth for this time. We need that self-control that will enable us to bring our habits into harmony with the prayer of Christ.

The instruction given me by One of authority is that we are to learn to answer the prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. We are to make this prayer our first study. Every gospel minister, every medical missionary, is to learn the science of this prayer. My brethren and sisters, I ask you to heed these words, and to bring to your study a calm, humble, contrite spirit, and the healthy energies of a mind under the control of God. Those who fail to learn the lessons contained in this prayer are in danger of making one-sided developments which no future training will ever fully correct.

CHRIST'S INTEREST FOR HIS PEOPLE

“Neither for these only, do I pray,” Christ said, “but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they all may be one, even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou didst send me.

“And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

“Father, I desire that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee; but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me, and I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY

It is the purpose of God that his children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against himself? Will he give his people success before they sweep away the rubbish of evil-surmising and discord, before the laborers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God's sight?

Union brings strength; disunion weakness. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be “laborers together with God.” Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God. The enemy of souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future, and see the result of their disunion, they would surely be led to repent.

THE INFLUENCE OF DISUNION

The world is looking on with gratification at the disunion among Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among his people. Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days. Let us not make it possible for Satan to point to our church members, saying, “Behold how these people, standing under the banner

of Christ, hate one another. We have nothing to fear from them while they spend more strength fighting one another than in warfare with my forces.”

THE WORK OF THE APOSTLES

After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went forth to proclaim a risen Saviour, their one desire the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with saints. 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 strove to kindle this love in other hearts.

The believers were ever to cherish the love that filled the hearts of the apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They were to go forward in willing obedience to the new commandment, “As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” So closely were they to be united to Christ that they would be enabled to fulfill his requirements. The power of a Saviour who could justify them by his righteousness was to be magnified.

CRITICISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH

But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving way to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour, and of 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. His letters to the churches are filled with this thought. “Beloved, let us love one another,” he writes; “for love is of God.... God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”

DISUNION IN THE CHURCH OF TODAY

In the church of God today brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour 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.

OUR GREATEST SOURCE OF DANGER

It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most; it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster, and retards most the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening our spirituality than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of fault-finding and evil-surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Let all professed Christians work out this science, to love one another as Christ has told us (John 13:34, 35).

THE STRONGEST WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that

God has sent his Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But in order to do this we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be moulded in harmony with his character, our wills must be surrendered to his will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision (*Selected Writings*, February 2, 1904, Art. A, par. 17).

Little differences dwelt upon lead to actions that destroy Christian fellowship. Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. Let us keep drawing nearer to God and to one another. Then we shall be as trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord, and watered by the river of life. And how fruitful we shall be! Did not Christ say, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"?

GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS CHURCH

The heart of the Saviour is set upon his followers fulfilling God's purpose in all its height and depth. They are to be one in him, even though they are scattered the world over. But God can not make them one in Christ unless they are willing to give up their own way for his way.

When Christ's prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily lives of God's people, unity of action will be seen in our ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden threads of the love of Christ. The Spirit of God alone can bring about this oneness. He who sanctified himself, can sanctify his disciples. United with him, they will be united with one another in the most holy faith. When we strive for this unity as God desires us to strive for it, it will come to us.

Ellen G. White was co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This "Letter from Sanitarium," California, December 31, 1903, was published as "Courage in the Lord - Southern Tidings," February 2, 1904.

**“WHEN WE STRIVE FOR THIS
UNITY AS GOD DESIRES US
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COME TO US.”**



The new Calandra Chapel

Healing through believing

In the halls of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, one hears and sees many things. In one room, a patient is on his deathbed with family and friends gathered around; in another, a family celebrates the birth of a new baby boy. And in still another room, a doctor prays and takes a deep breath before beginning surgery. For whatever reason someone visits this hospital, it's clear that every person matters.

David Calandra believed this. A former Hinsdale resident and father of four daughters, he was much more than a doctor. He was a father, an inspiration, a man who believed in family and followed his convictions wherever they led. He battled leukemia, and eventually passed away from a rare fungal lung disease in 2008. He was 52 years old.

The hospital's new chapel was recently dedicated in David Calandra's honor, for his dedication to Jesus and his desire to further the hospital's mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ. The chapel also stands as a constant reminder of the ministry, dedication and healing service of all hospital employees. For him, the hospital's mission was more than just a statement — it was his lifestyle, whether he was overseas on a mission trip or closer to home dressed up as Santa Claus to distribute gifts to the needy.

David Calandra came to his greatest personal relationship with Christ after the birth of his four daughters. With a deepening spiritual journey that led him to the cross, he began to keep a Bible in his pocket to read and share as the Spirit called. He and his wife, Marcie Calandra, began a weekly Bible study class from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. His dedication and passion grew and, eventually, led to mission trips to places like Ghana and Ethiopia. He desired to follow Christ in all areas of his life, and it showed in his work.



David L. Crane (left), president and CEO of Adventist Midwest Health, Marcie Calandra, a nursing director at the hospital, and John Rapp (right), vice president of ministries and mission, gather at the newly-dedicated Calandra Chapel at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

"I can still see him, bent over a patient's bed, holding that patient's hands in prayer," said David L. Crane, president and chief executive officer of Adventist Midwest Health. "A hospital can be the most contentious, yet gracious place on Earth, but David Calandra could somehow see beyond the crisis and know just what to do."

Marcie, a nursing director at the hospital, often reminds her young adult children and friends: "My David had a heart for God. God shared him with us," she said. "He was always reminding us to take time to focus our minds, bodies and souls on Jesus."

He also had a passion for helping people. When told something was impossible, David Calandra would pray and begin to do the impossible. After arriving home from a mission trip in Ecuador, his first case was a man who needed open heart surgery. Many doctors believed the situation hopeless, but he had faith. He immediately went to

work performing a long and challenging surgery that saved the man's life. Days later, when he was diagnosed with leukemia, this same patient visited him in the hospital. David Calandra believed God was always with him, guiding his hands and healing his patients.

After his leukemia diagnosis in 2007, he didn't lose his focus. His resolve became ever stronger to show his faith to everyone around him. He began daily journaling on a website to share that faith. During the course of his illness, more than 100,000 people visited the site.

"David Calandra was a hero who, armed with his faith, bravely faced his illness," said Brian Foy, a close friend and fellow physician. "He was a hero, and he lives in my heart today. He would have loved this chapel so much."

Andrew Crane, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

CONEXIONES EXTRA

Que corra la voz

POR ANTONIO ROSARIO

Un evento ocurrió aquí en el territorio de nuestra Unión del Lago hace cuarenta y seis años con grandes repercusiones para el movimiento adventista, “Detroit ‘66”. Me refiero al 50º Congreso de la Asociación General celebrado en la ciudad de Detroit, en Junio de 1966, bajo el lema: “¡He Aquí, Vengo Presto!”. Con el nombramiento del Pastor Robert H Pierson como presidente de la Asociación General, comenzó una nueva etapa en la historia adventista. La visión espiritual y la pasión evangelística que caracterizaba a este líder fueron puestas al frente de los delegados del congreso. Al dirigirse a una asamblea de más de 25,000 adventistas de alrededor del mundo, los desafió a propiciar un nuevo renacer del evangelismo como la misión primaria de la iglesia.

Unos meses después, el Pastor Pierson volvió a hacer hincapié sobre la plataforma del pasado congreso al exhortar: “Dejad que la voz corra por todo el mundo... que los Adventistas del Séptimo Día no han perdido su fervor evangelístico, ni su sentido de misión... Con la ayuda de Dios inspiremos a nuestra gente con un programa de ganancia de almas bien pensado y bien saturado con oración”. (*The Ministry*, Nov. 1966, p.25).

Los historiadores hablan del “nuevo curso” que tomó el movimiento adventista después de “Detroit ‘66” Particularmente, un curso marcado por una explosión evangelística sin precedentes. Hoy podríamos ser bendecidos al contagiarnos con la misma atmósfera que permeó en el congreso, al adoptar su lema, su plataforma, su estrategia, y su fórmula para terminar la obra:

Su lema: “¡He Aquí, Vengo Presto!”. Apunta a nuestra bendita esperanza. Nuestra identidad. Nuestra herencia (Jn. 14:1-3; Tito 2:13; Apoc. 22:7, 20). Que de nuevo corra la voz y en cada iglesia de nuestra Unión se proclame con poder y con una nueva frescura el mensaje de la segunda venida. Hoy más que nunca es pertinente este mensaje.

Su plataforma: Reavivamiento y Evangelismo. Esa fue la vivencia de la iglesia primitiva. Una iglesia unida y llena del



Antonio Rosario

Espíritu. Movida por una fuerte pasión por la conversión de las almas (Hech.2:1, 4; 4:32, 33; 5:42). Esa será la única garantía para el éxito de nuestra labor misionera.

Su estrategia: Oración. La exhortación del Pastor Pierson también apuntaba a pasar la voz para inspirar a los miembros de nuestras iglesias con un programa misionero “bien pensado” y “bien saturado de oración”. Así se movió la iglesia apostólica. Con un plan y una estrategia. (Hech.4:29-32; 5:12; 2:43; 14:3; 8:6, 13).

Su fórmula: Dependencia del poder de Dios. Las últimas palabras del Pastor Pierson al concluir los trabajos del congreso fue entregarle a la asamblea una fórmula para terminar la obra. Esta fórmula apareció en la *Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1885. Dice la Sierva del Señor: “Cuando el poder divino se combine con el esfuerzo humano, la obra avanzará como el fuego en el rastrojo”.

ConeXiones EXTRA será un vehículo muy efectivo en nuestro campo para darle alas al legado de Detroit ‘66. Esa es mi oración. Que corra la voz.

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Bucad primero el reino de Dios

POR DANNIELYS TORREZ

Buscad primero el reino de Dios y su justicia, y todas estas cosas os serán añadidas. — Mateo 6:33

Crecí en la iglesia Adventista. Tuve las típicas crianzas de toda joven Adventista; pero aún así no tenía una verdadera relación con Dios. Ir a la iglesia era parte de una rutina, y poco a poco me fui alejando de las enseñanzas bíblicas. En mi búsqueda del yo, me perdí de el gran Yo Soy. Finalmente me aparté de Dios por completo.

Estando fuera de la iglesia prospere de tal forma que logre obtener un trabajo en mi área de estudios. Obtuve un apartamento bellissimo, y tuve la solvencia monetaria para amoblarlo. Tenia todo lo que había deseado y solo me faltaba un semestre para terminar mi licenciatura en Psicología. ¿Que mas podría pedir?

La noche del 13 de Junio del 2011 fui testigo del incendio que arrasó con el edificio donde vivía. Después de tener todo lo que quería, llegue a perder todo lo que poseía. No tuve la oportunidad de recuperarme del incendio, cuando la institución Atlantic Union College, donde estudiaba, notificó que cerraría sus puertas. Ahora tambien debería buscar otra universidad donde estudiar. Después de haber perdido mi hogar y mi estabilidad como estudiante, lo único que me mantenía a flote era mi trabajo. Pero inclusive allí empecé a tener problemas con mis compañeras. Ya no sabia que hacer, la situación en mi trabajo cada día se empeoraba. Estaba desesperada sin saber que hacer con mi vida.

Estando en el trabajo un sabado, prendí el televisor. Buscando pasar el tiempo me encontré con el canal Adventista 3ABN, para mi asombro estaban transmitiendo un sermón acerca como Dios nos sostiene atravez de las pruebas. Sentí que el Espíritu Santo le estaba hablando a mi corazón, y en plena sala me postre de rodillas y le pedí al Señor que me dijera que hacer. Mientras oraba oí una voz diciéndome que me fuera del estado de Massachusetts. Mentiria si dijera que en ese momento yo no dude de mi lucidez mental.



Danielys Torrez recibio su licenciatura en psicología en Mayo del 2012.

Al siguiente día le comente a mi mama acerca de la voz que había escuchado. Ella se ofreció a ayudarme y me invito a a la iglesia el Miércoles de esa misma semana. El tema de la noche estaba basado en Mateo 6: 25-34 donde Jesús aconseja que no nos preocupemos por que comer o que vestir, pero mas bien que busquemos Su reino y Su justicia, y todo lo demás nos será dado. Al llegar el momento de la oración pedí a Dios que me dijera donde El quería que yo fuera. Fue allí donde la misma voz que había escuchado antes me dijo que me

fuera a la Universidad Andrews. Esa misma noche empaque las pocas cosas que había obtenido después del incendio. Sin haber aplicado o recibido una carta de aceptación emprendí el viaje de 19 horas hacia el estado de Michigan.

Durante el viaje me entere que las clases de otoño comenzaban el día Lunes, así que solo tenia el día del Viernes y el Domingo para aplicar y ser aceptada a la universidad. Llegue a Andrews a las 11:45 a.m del día Viernes, con solo 15 minutos para que cerraran las oficinas de admisiones. Al llegar una de las trabajadoras me llamo por nombre y me dijo, “Danielys no te preocupes ya llegaste. Todo lo demás va a salir bien.” Me tomo de la mano y me dio una tarjeta de comida por 7 días, y estadía en un hotel por tres noches sin ningún costo. Los siguientes 6 días Dios me mostro que para El no hay nada imposible.

Durante ese ultimo año escolar vi como el Señor me sostuvo y me dio la capacidad de pasar todas mis clases, de cubrir todos mis gastos y finalmente el día 6 de Mayo del

2012 me dio la oportunidad de graduarme como licenciada en Psicología. Dios me restauró, me bendijo, y me dio la oportunidad de re-hacer mi vida con El atravez del bautismo el día 10 de Junio durante le congreso bilingüe de jóvenes Conéctate de la unión del Lago.

Mi trayectoria de regreso a la iglesia ha sido marcada por eventos traumáticos, pero al final me siento llena de la paz

divina pues se que mis pecados me fueron perdonados. No conozco tu historia pero querido lector lo que si se es que si tu buscas primero el reino de Dios y su justicia, todo lo que necesites se te dará

Dannielys Torrez es licenciada en psicología, graduada de Andrews University.

Noticias

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Se organiza la Iglesia Hispana Norte en Indianapolis, Indiana

En junio de 2010 hermanos de dos grupos pequeños en Indianapolis, Indiana, sintieron el deseo de buscar un lugar más amplio donde pudieran



Miembros de la Iglesia Norte de Indianapolis

reunirse los viernes por la noche. Al orar y consultar con los ancianos y el pastor Antonio Rosario, decidieron que era el deseo de Dios que se abriera una nueva iglesia. Como resultado formaron una comisión para analizar la posibilidad de encontrar un lugar para rentar para reunirse los sábados. Gracias a las oraciones, en poco tiempo consiguieron rentar el templo de la iglesia Bautista Kessler Krest y se empezaron a reunir los hermanos pioneros de esta nueva congregación.

En octubre de 2010 se llegó a organizar la congregación como compañía y el 23 de junio de este año la congregación de 82 miembros se organizó como iglesia. Los hermanos también

están agradecidos por la generosidad de Paul y Aurora Hufnagel, de quienes consiguieron una propiedad donde planean construir su nuevo templo. Dios verdaderamente ha bendecido la asociación de Indiana, que empezó su auge de crecimiento Hispano en 1992 con una sola congregación y en unos veinte años cuenta con diecisiete congregaciones con más de mil miembros.

Gran Campaña evangelística toma lugar en Grand Rapids, Michigan

Al comenzar el año los pastores de las iglesias hispanas en Grand Rapids y los coordinadores Hispanos de la Asociación Regional y la Asociación de Michigan, decidieron unir sus esfuerzos para tener una gran campaña evangelística. Con el apoyo y dirección del Departamento Hispano de la Unión del Lago, se empezó a organizar. El resultado un programa evangelístico muy distinto presentado en la ciudad de Grand Rapids, al tener tres campañas evangelísticas en la escuela Central High School para tres audiencias diferentes.

El invitado especial fue el renombrado evangelista, Alejandro Bullón. Gracias a Dios cientos de personas vinieron cada noche para escuchar la palabra de Dios en el auditorio principal de la escuela. También cada noche hubo en un cuarto grande de la escuela un programa evangelístico para los niños, en el cual predicó el conocido evangelista "El Abuelito Jim". Más de 100 niños asistieron cada noche

y gozaron de las presentaciones hechas especialmente para ellos. También tuvimos un programa especial para los adolescentes y jóvenes, dirigido por ministros de jóvenes que venían cada noche de la Universidad Andrews. Para la gloria de Dios más de 100 personas tomaron sus decisiones para bautizarse y otros más están tomando estudios bíblicos.

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

Anuncios

POR CARMELO MERCADO

El programa para jóvenes, "Changed", se transmitirá vía Esperanza TV

La División Norteamericana, en cooperación con Esperanza TV, transmitirá vía satélite desde Orlando, Florida, una semana de predicaciones para jóvenes tituladas "Changed". Esta serie será presentada durante toda una semana, desde el 13 hasta el 20 de octubre y contará con la presencia de renombrados predicadores tales como Carlos Acosta, José Cortés, Yami Bazán, Willie Ramos, Carlos Camacho y José Vicente Rojas. Animamos a los jóvenes de nuestra Unión a planear ver esta serie de predicaciones, y ser grandemente bendecidos.



Campaña evangelística bilingüe con el Pastor Kenneth Cox

La Iglesia Central Hispana de Chicago será la sede de una campaña evangelística presentada por el renombrado evangelista Kenneth Cox. Esta serie será presentada en inglés con interpretación en español. En la misma, se presentarán con claridad las profecías de Daniel y Apocalipsis. La campaña tendrá lugar desde el 19 de octubre hasta el 27 del mismo mes y será transmitida por 3ABN Latino. Animamos a los hermanos a que aprovechen esta oportunidad y asistan a este evento o vean las transmisiones e inviten a otros a participar del mismo.

Recursos disponibles para venta

El departamento Hispano de la Unión tiene los siguientes recursos para la venta:

- Videos del Pastor Alejandro Bullón en Grand Rapids, Michigan (7 sermones): \$30 más envío
 - Videos de Conéctate 2012 con Elizabeth Talbot (4 presentaciones): \$22 más envío
 - Videos de Conéctate 2010 con José Vicente Rojas (4 presentaciones): \$22 más envío
 - Biblia Bilingüe (Inglés y Español) – Versión Nueva Internacional: \$20 más envío
- Para más información y para hacer su orden llame al 269-473-8200.

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

Proximos eventos de las Federaciones de Jóvenes

POR CARMELO MERCADO

14 hasta el 16 de septiembre

La Federación de Jóvenes de la Asociación de *Michigan* tendrá su Campamento Rústico en Camp Michawana. Para más información escriba a Mayrel Narvaez a mayrel_n@hotmail.com.

16 de septiembre

La Federación de Jóvenes de la Asociación de *Illinois* y la Federación de la *Asociación Regional* tendrán un torneo de fútbol en el Lisle Community Park de 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Todos están invitados.

31 de agosto hasta el 2 de septiembre

La Federación de Jóvenes Adventistas de *Wisconsin* (JAHWI) tendrá su retiro espiritual en Camp Wakonda en Wisconsin

13 de octubre

FEJA - Mega Sabado Joven en la Iglesia Central de Indianapolis.

21 de octubre

Torneo de voleibol de la Federación de Jóvenes de la

Asociación de *Illinois* en Leyden Township Community Center, de las 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

27 de octubre

Gran Bautismo de Cosecha.

2 hasta el 4 de noviembre

Conquistadores: Fin de Semana Liderazgo en el campamento Timber Ridge.

16 hasta el 18 de noviembre

Retiro de Ancianos y Pastores en el campamento Timber Ridge.

18 de noviembre

ICTLAI - Graduacion en la Iglesia Central de Indianapolis.

18 de noviembre

Torneo de baloncesto de la Federación de Jóvenes de la Asociación de *Illinois* en Leyden Township Community Center, de las 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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



Darren Heslop

Deborah Weithers

Weithers named associate dean

Following an extensive search of both internal and external candidates, Deborah Weithers has been named the new associate dean for Student Life. She replaces Paul Buckley, who left Andrews in October 2011 to accept a position at Dartmouth College. Weithers' first day in her new position was July 2.

"I am thrilled Deborah has accepted

our invitation to join the Student Life team. She has extraordinary experience and service in higher education, and has already strong established relationships at Andrews University. In addition to her exceptional management and programming skills, Deborah has a deep passion for Andrews University and the students we serve," says Frances Faehner, vice president for the Division of Student Life.

Most recently, Weithers was a senior development officer for the Office of Development. Prior to that, she served eight years as manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. At the Howard, Weithers was responsible for programming, and frequently interfaced with various entities of Student Life and student clubs hosting events. "These skills will serve Deborah quite well in her role as associate dean as the position has major programming responsibilities, including University Forum," says Faehner. As associate dean, Weithers also will serve as chair of the Black History Committee

and the Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Committee. Weithers has served on the Black History Committee for three years.

Previously, Weithers also worked as an associate financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors in St. Joseph, Mich. She is an alum of both Andrews University and Andrews Academy.

"I am confident my previous experience, especially my work at the Howard Center, along with my personal desire to make a difference in the lives of my colleagues and the students at Andrews University, will enable me to have an immediate and positive impact in the Division of Student Life and at Andrews University," says Weithers. "I am passionate about Andrews and the influence it has not only on its graduates but, through them, our wider global community. What a wonderful opportunity in Student Life to help shape the student experience."

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



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A 1966 Learjet 23 has been added to the Department of Aviation's fleet of training planes.

Learjet 23 donated to Department of Aviation

The Andrews University Department of Aviation recently added a 1966 Learjet 23 to its fleet of training planes. Randall J. Latona, of the AJM Airline Company in Smyrna, Tenn., donated the plane after receiving a request from Verlyn Benson, assistant to the president and provost, Center for Innovation.

In need of an aircraft that would provide students with practical training on the more complex twin turbine engine-powered jet, the Department used the FAA registry of business jets to send

queries to see if any owners would be willing to donate an aircraft that would potentially fit their needs.

Several replies were received, including one from Latona. The 6- to 8-seat business jet was missing its engines and needed a few structural repairs, but otherwise was in good condition. A group was sent to collect the plane from its ramp in Smyrna and bring it back to Andrews University.

"Everyone who helped us retrieve the aircraft treated the Andrews team of workers with great respect and helpfulness, commenting that the plane would be going to a good home where students will be able to learn more about the profession they all love," says Benson.

The plane will be used for both maintenance and ground instruction. Since the plane possesses advanced hydraulic, electrical, fuel, communication and navigation systems, it will be used to give students the opportunity to work directly with these features. Once engines are installed, the aircraft also will be used for

instruction in turbine engine installation, removal, servicing and component replacement. The plane requires two running GE CJ610-4 or -6 engines with accessories before it can be used for turbine operation instruction. Additionally, the plane will offer the opportunity for additional flight training, specifically that of using turbine engines and taxiing of larger aircraft.

"We truly appreciate the generosity of the individuals who have made donations to our department," says Dina Simmons, chair of the Department of Aviation and Airpark manager. "Currently, our greatest need is for financial donations, which can be turned into tangible upgrades to costly class/lab training aids and aircraft. With the ongoing reality of budget limitations, we are always looking for creative options to attempt to meet our department's needs as we continue to grow."

Ashley Meyer, student news writer, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



God's Timing Is Perfect

BY STEVE MERTINS

The call came over my camp meeting security radio, and it stopped me dead in my tracks. There was a two-year-old boy missing, and his name was "Ezra." We get missing children calls somewhat regularly on security, but this one was personal. I have a two-year-old grandson, and his name is Ezra.

By the time I got to the far end of camp, where my son's family was staying, the word had already gone out; hundreds of people were mobilized in the search. His mother had gone to Bathroom No. 2, leaving Ezra and his older brothers and sister in the care of other adult family members. It seems trite to say, but one minute he was there and the next he was gone.

I wasn't even sure where to start looking. Everywhere I went, I met others already searching there. My wife and I went to the waterfront, but others were there. We started looking in the crawl space and under the cabins, while others did the same. After 20 minutes of fruitless searching, Ezra was still missing.

There was a prayer group, in the young adult tent, asking God for help. Many prayed as we walked and called Ezra's name. His other grandfather, Ron, got in his car and started driving all around the campgrounds. Soon, I met up with my other two sons, Jacob and Luke, who had received the news of their missing nephew from Grandpa Ron.



When Steve Mertins' grandson, Ezra, could not be found at Wisconsin Camp Meeting, hundreds of people were mobilized in a search. Steve now realizes God's timing was perfect in a chain of events that led to Ezra's rescue from danger.

Finally, the call was raised, "They found him; Ezra is found!" I was so happy and grateful, I thought I would start crying. He was found at the pavilion with his dump truck. At this point, I thought the story had ended happily. Little did I realize how much happier it was to be.

We later found out where Ezra took his dump truck for a drive — not to the pavilion, but out to the county highway in front of camp. As he merrily drove to deadly danger, I believe God had Ko Saelee, a pastor, walk by — God's timing was perfect. Ko was not looking for Ezra; however, seeing a two-year-old pushing a truck toward a road with cars traveling 55 mph, he knew that was

wrong. Racing to the road, Ko stopped cars in his effort to protect Ezra. He then picked up Ezra and carried him back to the camp and safety. Soon, Ezra was reunited with his mother and family. But this is not the end of the story either.

The battery in my radio died, so my wife and I walked back to our campsite to put the radio on the charger. It

was a long walk. As we walked, we talked about God's graciousness. The stress of the past 30 minutes was forgotten.

We were only back at the campsite for a short while when Jacob arrived. He was concerned because, during his search for Ezra, he came upon two 12-year-old boys digging a tunnel in the sand into the side of a hill. He told them that was a very dangerous thing to do, but they refused to stop digging.

And this is the second occasion where God's timing was perfect — my radio was



dead, but God had Bob, my security boss, drive by just at that moment. I flagged him down, relayed the problem, and he raced off to put a stop to the excavation. By the time he arrived, the boys had already dug six feet into the side of the hill. The sand had not yet collapsed, and two more boys were saved.

The chain of events might seem like coincidence to some, but I believe coincidence is just God's perfect timing.

Steve Mertins is a member of the Lake Hills Mission Group in Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

I Want What Those Women Have

BY RACHEL SKAIFE

Two years ago, John Strehle, then pastor of Southside Adventist Fellowship, in Greendale, Wisconsin, began studying the Bible regularly with Dottie Almaroad. Dottie shared an apartment with her daughter, Terri Zamitalo.

Knowing when John was scheduled to come, Terri tried to not be around. She wanted nothing to do with the Bible study. Sometimes, when he arrived, Terri found herself at home. From the other room, she could hear the Bible study.

After a period of time, Terri sensed a growing interest in what her mother and John were studying, especially after witnessing her mom's baptism. Terri recalls looking around at the women in the church. They looked so content. She thought, *I want what these women have.* Now she wanted to study. Looking back, Terri says, "I know now what those women had — it was the love of Jesus in their heart."

John began studying the Bible with Terri. Soon, however, he told her he was moving. Nate Skaife, the new



Terri Zamitalo

pastor, would soon arrive and continue studying with her. Terri did not welcome this news. She continued the studies, determined not to like Nate. In spite of her resolution, however, Terri finally decided Nate was all right.

Terri was baptized on Dec. 17, 2010. "I haven't been happier in my whole life," declared Terri about her baptismal day. "It was beautiful. It was everything I expected, and so much more! I don't think I have smiled that much in my entire life."

Looking back, Terri can see how the Holy Spirit has worked on her heart. Terri is currently enjoying ongoing Bible studies and sharing how God is working in her life.

Rachel Skaife is a member and the pastor's wife at Southside Adventist Fellowship in Greendale, Wisconsin.

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Farm animals purchased with pennies

Michigan—Parents were surprised when Greater Lansing Adventist School announced it had set a goal to purchase a cow. What would a city school do with a cow? Would they have it graze on the ball field so they would no longer need to mow? Would they sell milk for a fundraiser? Just what was the school thinking?

Of course, the students were excited about getting the animal. They knew their cow would live in Vietnam with a blind person. The cow project was one of the school's mission projects for the year, and the students were quite excited to be able to help a family in a faraway land. The GLAS cow would provide a family with milk to drink and sell, fertilizer to improve the fields, and an animal to help with farming chores. The students worked with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency on this project.

Students immediately began asking family and friends for coins to put in the cow fund collection jars.

The school needed to raise \$400 to purchase one cow. The goal was to raise this amount in only two weeks. To help keep everyone focused and aware of what money had been brought in, a giant outline of a cow graced the wall of the school's hall. For every ten percent (\$40) of the total amount needed, a puzzle piece of ten percent of the cow was glued to the outlined cow. After a week, the students groaned upon learning they still had not reached half of their goal. During the weekend, they tried even harder to find money for their cow.

When the second Monday's donations were counted, the cow gained three more puzzle pieces. Now the school was only 30 percent away from being able to purchase their cow. Classrooms competed against each other to see who could contribute the most.



One day Greater Lansing Adventist School students will learn how God used the animals they purchased to improve lives on this Earth. During a two-week mission project fundraising event, \$1,230 was collected to purchase farm animals for underprivileged families in countries overseas.

By the end of the second week, success! The outline of the cow in the hall was covered! GLAS could purchase a cow. At chapel that Friday, the students voted on a name for their cow. A very appropriate name was selected. Since the cow would be paid for with a lot of pennies, the students voted to name their cow "Penny."

After Penny's name was announced at chapel, the students learned the rest of the story. Not only had they raised enough money to buy a cow, but their energetic fundraising had provided money for a second cow plus five goats, ten hens and a rooster! During the GLAS two-week mission project fundraising event, \$1,230 was collected.

The second cow would help another blind person and their family in Vietnam. The GLAS goats would help five poor families in the Philippines where goats are known as the "poor man's cow." The ten hens and rooster will be given to an orphan caregiver in Tanzania.

During the next few weeks, the students insisted on naming the rest of the animals. The other cow was given the name "Daisy;" the goats were named "GLAS Star," "Yuri," "Dakota," "Faith" and "Billy;" even the hens and rooster were given names.

Soon paper cutouts of the second cow, the five goats, ten hens and the rooster also found places on the school's long hallway, each labeled with its name. The students were encouraged to pray for each animal by name and for the families who would benefit from these creatures. The large animal cutouts stayed on the hall wall for the remainder of the school year.

The GLAS family experienced a tremendous blessing in seeing what God can do with only a few pennies and hearts full of giving.

One day, we will learn more about the GLAS farm and how God used animals to improve lives on this Earth. For now, students, staff and families at GLAS will continue to look for ways to be of service for Him, both near and far.

Judy L. Shull, principal Greater Lansing Adventist School



Photos by Judith L. Shull

GLAS students' art published in newspaper

Michigan—During the 2011–2012 school year, the students at Greater Lansing Adventist School created art that was printed in the *Lansing State Journal*.

There is a column titled “Kids Corner” in a section of the paper near the weather news. Area students are invited to submit pictures that depict weather conditions. The students at GLAS participated, and 13 of their pictures were printed. The artists included Emma Ringstaff, Sydney Jensen, Alyssa Rivas, Jason Tyler, Aliah Lounds, Dorcas Choti, Delaney Meese and Jane Ontiri. Some of the students had more than one picture printed.

GLAS parents and supporters are proud of the young artists. With each printing, the GLAS school name is included, which increases community awareness of the school.

Penny Ance, communication director, Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church



First-grader Allah Lounds drew this rainy, spring day picture. It was published May 2.



Fourth-grader Sydney Jensen drew this snowy day picture. It was published Dec. 15, 2011.



Kindergartner Dorcas Choti drew this picture of a girl walking in the rain on a spring day. It was published March 20.



Third-grader Dominic McCreary drew this sunny day picture. It was published June 26.

Dedicated teacher receives special recognition

Lake Region—Alice Strawbridge, a member of the Burns Church in Detroit, retired this summer from more than 25 years of teaching music at Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, Mich. A humble servant who often shies away from accolades or public recognition, Strawbridge shared that throughout the years she has prayed, “Lord, help me stay behind the cross, not in front as that is Your place.” However, at the Sept. 16–18, 2011, PWA Alumni Weekend, she received special recognition from students, faculty and friends who have appreciated her many contributions to enhance



At the 2011 Peterson-Warren Academy Alumni Weekend, Alice Strawbridge (left) received special recognition for her many years of devoted service at the school where she taught music. She is pictured with Juanita Martin, PWA principal.

the music program at the school and impact students' lives.

Strawbridge was born and raised in Detroit, the seventh of nine children. At an early age, her mother gave each of the children piano lessons; however, Strawbridge recalls being the only child who seemed to have a desire for the music her mother taught. Learning to play the piano came easily for her. As a child, Strawbridge recalls sneaking downstairs at night, looking through the banisters and listening to her mother play the piano. From that time on, she wanted to play like her mother.

She was taught by several piano teachers in her childhood. Before long, Strawbridge realized that God had given her a special gift to learn music. She desired to be a concert pianist and play classical music. Strawbridge recalls

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mastering Tchaikovsky's "Concerto No. 1" for piano when she only 14 years old.

Because Strawbridge grew up during a time of virulent racial prejudice and with a lack of resources, she did not have the privilege of attending some of the esteemed music schools she so desired. She recounts that it was very hard for African Americans to secure academic scholarships. "There was no one that could support me financially," she recalls. But this didn't keep her from challenging herself to higher goals, and she prayed, "Lord, Jesus, I can't do what I want to do or what I'm really good at, so if I ever get a chance to play at school or be a teacher, help me to do my best."

After high school, Strawbridge assumed her husband's former role at Davison Adventist School where he was janitor until he became sick and had to retire. One day, the principal remarked, "I have heard that you play the piano."

Strawbridge replied, "I play some." She says she never "put herself out there as being a master pianist."

The principal invited Strawbridge to teach music at the school. She thought, *Here is my chance to do something with my musical ability.* She fondly remembers this position and says, "To hear the different sounds come through, and hear little children singing did me a world of good, and I thought it was fun, too." She taught the children songs and music theory with an aim to "get the children to understand why they are doing what they are doing."

Strawbridge taught at Davison Adventist School for three years. She received a phone call from Inez Shelton

at PWA inviting her to teach. She declined the invitation several times. Having overheard a conversation, her husband asked, "Why did you say to the principal, 'No'?" He reminded her how her love for music had been an integral part of her life, and that she should pray for guidance in the matter before giving her final answer. So, the couple got down on their knees and prayed, asking God for His will to be done in her life.

God made it clear to Strawbridge that He would like her to teach at PWA. She responded, "Yes, Lord, I will and can go to Peterson-Warren Academy, but I need your help in this new role as I feel inadequate to teach at this school." These feelings of insecurity she attributes to growing up in an era where people of color were constantly reminded of not being good enough.

At PWA, she found teaching grades K-12 more challenging than teaching K-6 at Davison Adventist School. It was her first time teaching older students, so she prayed for the Lord to show her each day what He wanted her to do.

Strawbridge desired to form a school band because she loved the sounds of the different instruments. Her proposal to do so was, at first, turned down. She recalls a note she placed in her Bible, "Dear Jesus, I want to start a band. I need these instruments. Tell me how to get the funds to purchase these instruments." She believes God responded to her faith and helped her realize this dream. She developed a relationship with a music store owner, who allowed her to establish credit to purchase

instruments over time to equip her students with the music instruments they needed to form the band. She attributes this to the Lord hearing her prayer.

She was a caring, yet firm teacher who inspired many students. Strawbridge realized that her students had many more advantages than she did, so she expected more of them so they would realize their music potential. She says, "Being able to play music is a God-given gift." Many have returned to PWA after graduating to thank Strawbridge for her guidance in their lives. Each time, she says, "Praise the Lord!"

When Strawbridge retired from PWA, she prayed, "Lord, I did what you [asked] me to do. And if I did not meet your expectations, forgive me." Her aim was to "teach others a love for music, a love for God, a love for nature and a love for the Trinity." She says tears well up in her eyes as she plays because of what God has done for her. "This awesome gift that He has given me is something that I cannot explain. Receiving accolades, certificates, honors, etc., is wonderful (Strawbridge was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Faith Baptist College and Seminary in 1996.), and I appreciate them all very much. But these transient things and everything earthly are one day going to be burnt up." So, for Strawbridge, the greatest accolade will be to hear from her Savior, "Well done, good and faithful servant; ... enter into the joy of thy Lord" (see Matthew 25:23).

Oliver Page, communication leader,
Burns Church

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Vibrant church offers health to community

Indiana—The Glendale Church in Indianapolis hosted 66 Health Beginnings (formerly CHIP Express) students twice a week in April. This public service accumulated a small

waiting list and was estimated to have 25 percent community-based attendance.

"My feet got neuropathy six months ago. They became like flippers. When I walked, the flopping motion made noises and made me sound like a seal." Dwayne Bolejack, an event attendee, describes the paralysis that set in six months ago as a result of his 15-year battle with Type 2 diabetes.

"Through the program, my glucose went from 227 to 94, and it's just stayed there. My feet don't 'flap' anymore. I have more energy than I did when I was 30." Bolejack has stopped taking his medicines, which cost \$200 each month.

"I began to sleep through the night. That was the first sign it was working," Steve Green recounts. "[This change] needs to be a team effort for



Kortnye V. Hurst

Dwayne Bolejack (left) and Steve Green (middle) attended the Healthy Beginnings classes in April at the Glendale Church. Each saw marked improvement in their health. Also pictured: Michelle Green

it to work. Here we have the support of friends and the resources to make it happen.” Also an event attendee, Green lowered his glucose levels from a prediabetic 138 to 98.

Ten Glendale members were certified as Healthy Beginnings workshop leaders in March.

“We are blessed with doctors, nurses and a nutritionist, all of whom are excited to share this program with the community,” said Shakeela Bennett, Glendale’s Healthy Beginnings director. “We’ve come to the conclusion that offering this program was providential.”

Knowing the program reached a felt need, Glendale’s Healthy Beginnings staff has a sense of urgency to regroup and hold classes again, likely in October. Among the staff are Bill Ward, a physician; L.T. Gates, a physician; Carolyn Smith, Pat Ward, Debbie Lund, all nurses; Mimi Sauza, a nutritionist; and Roxanne Gonzalez, Gloria Bolejack, Clara Gyasi and Charles Pea.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

Boyne City Church honors ‘super seniors’

Michigan—The Boyne City Church recently honored the “super seniors” in their congregation. The church service was dedicated to those members age 80 or older, and they were recognized for their contributions to the community and church. The special Sabbath highlighted each individual’s years of involvement, demonstrated by the many church offices they had held and the wonderful witness they had been in the Boyne City area.

The “super seniors” were interviewed prior to the event, and their favorite hymns and most treasured texts were integrated into the worship service. Each one also shared their best advice to younger members of the church, providing the congregation with many memorable quotes of inspiration. The honorees were presented with a framed certificate as a memento of the occasion.

Following the worship hour, a potluck dinner provided an opportunity for members to visit with the seniors and thank them, individually, for their years of faithfulness. When the seniors entered the church’s Community Service Center to attend the potluck, they were greeted with a bulletin board covered with their photos. The tables were decorated with a plant for each to take



Danella Sherwood

The Boyne City Church “super seniors” were recently honored by the congregation during a worship service. They were recognized for their contributions to the community and church. From left to right: Leonard Brooks, Vera Brooks, Lucille Shively, Paul Shively, Charlotte Mapes and Mabel Knapp

home. Family members of the honorees had been contacted, and many joined the Boyne City Church congregation to salute the fine example set by the church’s oldest members.

The honorees were Charlotte Mapes, Mabel Knapp, Vera and Leonard

Brooks, Paul and Lucille Shively, and Irene Brannon, three of which were between the ages of 90 and 97.

Danella Sherwood, communication director, Boyne City Church

Hispanic ministry grows and adds new church

Indiana—Seventy-five founding members of the North Indianapolis Hispanic Church celebrated their first Sabbath with new church status. This milestone was reached less than two years after becoming a company, which was formed by combining two small groups. The company started with 45–50 people in August 2010.

“We will grow at an even faster rate when we build our church,” Louis Beltre, church pastor, said, referring to six acres Paul Hufnagel sold to the church for \$15,000. “We currently rent our facility; however, plans to build a sanctuary for 300 will allow us to meet all through the week,” Beltre said.

Hufnagel sold the property to the church for the same amount he purchased it for 40 years ago. He then donated the proceeds to the Indiana Academy Hispanic Worthy Student Fund.



Founding members of the North Indianapolis Hispanic Church gather with Conference and Union leaders on the platform to celebrate their first Sabbath as an official church. This milestone was marked less than two years after becoming a company of believers.

Kortnye V. Hurst

The North Indianapolis Hispanic Church has two small groups. Each person is supposed to bring one new person to their group, resulting in 12–15 visitors at their church each week.

Every two months, the church holds a celebration Sabbath to nurture small group accountability.

“Groups, including visitors, march from the back of the church to the pulpit. They take turns praising God and reporting how well their group’s ministry is going,” Beltre explained.

Hispanic work in Indianapolis was birthed in 1992 with 12 people. Since

then, it has exploded to include three Hispanic churches in the city and 14 congregations throughout the Conference.

“Keep focusing on the mission and Jesus Christ,” encourages Carmelo Mercado, Lake Union Conference vice president. “The Lord has blessed because the members have kept their focus on His commission. As they continue to focus on that, He will continue to bless.”

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference



Addison Romanian Church members commit themselves to personally share *The Great Controversy* with friends and acquaintances during the coming year.

Romanian Church commits to reach community who needs Jesus

Illinois—Sabbath, June 23, was a special day for the Romanian Church in Addison. In a moving scene, Samuel Negrea, pastor, held a dedication service for *The Great Controversy* project

promoted by the General Conference. Six hundred copies of the book, *The Great Controversy*, were placed on a table in the front of the church that Sabbath, waiting for God’s blessing on a project that will span a one-year period.

Earlier, John Raceala, the personal ministries leader, had been inspired by the General Conference initiative. He presented to the church the need to get involved. Members were challenged to offer themselves to the Lord and to prepare to enter His service. When the appeal was made at the close of the meeting, 28 people came forward, pledging to serve those around them as Negrea prayed for them.

The books will be distributed in four versions (some even in the Romanian language) and will be shared with friends, neighbors and coworkers. They also will be promoted in newspaper ads or social media.

It’s a big challenge for the Addison Romanian Church, as a Romanian-speaking Church, but they are sure God can do more than their words. The good part about books is that they can do the work in people’s homes for years to come. That’s something the members cannot do.

“It is a great blessing to have lay members supporting their pastor in evangelism,” said Negrea. “It’s the only way we can fulfill our mission and bring close the return of Jesus Christ.”

The entire project will be supervised by Olga Spranceana, the incoming personal ministry leader at the Addison Romanian Church.

John Raceala, personal ministries leader, Addison Church, with Glenn Hill, former director of communication, Illinois Conference

[NAD NEWS]



Heidi Martello

The Society of Adventist Communicators provides continuing education opportunities in broadcast media, communication education, graphic arts, public relations, radio, web-social media and writing. Pictured in foreground: Norma Gregory (left), Illinois Conference webmaster, and Juanita Edge, Wisconsin Conference communication director.

SAC: It's not for professionals only

It seems like a sort of vicious cycle: I'm not employable without experience, but I can't get experience without employment.

As a communication student, I understand the dire need for experience before I can get a job, but finding opportunities to obtain experience or a job can be a challenge. So what's a person to do? The Society of Adventist Communicators is the answer.

Created by Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals from all across North America, in 1988, SAC is not just comprised of established professionals. This organization was created for the purpose of nurturing the spiritual, social and professional growth of its members. A major part of SAC is providing mentorships to students interested in a communication career.

As if that isn't enough, SAC holds an annual convention in which upwards of 200 individuals — even some from outside North America — attend presentations, workshops and seminars to foster growth and professionalism within their field.

Workshops are presented by some of the brightest and best communication professionals working for the worldwide church and outside the church structure in corporate and freelance settings.

This atmosphere is prime for university students to learn the nuances of their fields, and to finally get those much-needed contacts. The convention provides access to otherwise unreachable internships, job opportunities and professional mentoring relationships.

For all communication professionals and aspiring students, being a part of SAC provides fellowship and mentorship

that can only be attained by associating with like-minded individuals, seeking to excel in their fields and spread the gospel wherever they go.

This year, the convention will be held at Hotel Albuquerque Old Town, in Albuquerque, N. Mex., from Thurs., Oct. 18, through Sat., Oct. 20. While all meetings and exhibits will be held at the hotel, many attractions are within walking distance.

The theme for the 2012 convention is "Soaring to New Heights," and challenges communicators to "stretch" themselves and reach new heights with the skills they may learn at the convention.

There is a lot more to be said about SAC and its benefits, but the only way to know for sure is to find out for yourself, especially if you are a student. Consider this your formal invitation to Albuquerque this October, and seize the opportunity to network and get that internship or job you need.

Pablo Colindres, a junior communication major, Union College, Lincoln, Neb., and former summer student intern, Communication Department, Southwestern Union Conference, Burleson, Texas



Cerry Chudleigh

The Society of Adventist Communicators is comprised of established professionals working for the church and in their communities, and students beginning their careers. Many students appreciate the mentoring and networking opportunities available to them at the SAC convention held each fall.

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 <http://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 <http://www.LakeUnionHerald.org>.

Andrews University

Howard Performing Arts Center Concerts: Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560. More information can also be found on our website at <http://howard.andrews.edu>. Ask about our Flex Series tickets.

Sat., Sept. 22, 8:30 p.m.: Highly-acclaimed soloists, chamber musicians and professors come together to create The American Piano Quintet. Spend an evening with this talented ensemble — featuring violin, viola, cello and piano — as they perform pieces by Johannes Brahms and Antonín Dvorák.

Sun., Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.: The first Christian concert of the season will feature Dove Award-winning group Gungor, led by husband and wife duo, Michael and Lisa. The Denver-based group writes music as an honest response of seeing the world as a beautifully complicated place.

Sun., Oct. 28, 4:00 p.m.: This year's reigning champion of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Barkada Quartet, will perform.

Sat., Nov. 3, 8:00 p.m.: Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of violin and piano pieces, masterfully synchronized by musicians, Carla Trynchuk and Chi Yong Yun.

Sun., Nov. 18, 4:00 p.m.: Violinist Jennifer Koh brings a sensational performance you won't want to miss. In her recital, she explores the history of solo violin repertoire from Bach's six sonatas and partitas to modern-day composers.

Sat., Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.: HPAC commences the holiday season with Dailey & Vincent: "A Bluegrass Christmas." Headed by Jamie Dailey and Darin Vincent, this Grammy-nominated band's lineup includes the banjo,

guitar, mandolin and fiddle. Their brand-new Christmas repertoire will include original Dailey & Vincent music along with traditional Christmas carols with a bluegrass twist.

Andrews University will celebrate Alumni Homecoming 2012 on Sept. 27-30. Honor reunion classes include: 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://alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming>; or email alumni@andrews.edu.

Indiana

Cicero SDA Church Youth Sabbath: All are invited to attend the special youth-focused and youth-led Sabbath, **Sept. 22**, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Cicero Church, 24445 SR 19. Ron Whitehead will speak directly to our younger generation, sharing with them his love and experience with Jesus. Our mission is to reach a generation that is hungry for a real relationship with the one, true God. There will be lunch for the youth in the Indiana Academy cafeteria and, weather permitting, an afternoon hike. For more information, contact Aaron Clark by phone at 317-428-7666, or email him at pastor.clark@sdachurch.com; or call Kandi Jamieson by phone at 317-540-7557, or email her at freelaven@sdachurch.com.

derlove@hotmail.com. We can't wait to see you on Sept. 22!

Indiana Academy welcomes alumnus Tom Sanford, founder of Project PATCH, as a speaker for Alumni Weekend, **Oct. 12-13**. For more information on IA's alumni weekend, call the academy office at 317-984-3575.

Lake Union

Offerings

- Sept. 1** Local Church Budget
- Sept. 8** Fall Mission Appeal
- Sept. 15** Local Church Budget
- Sept. 22** Local Conference Advance
- Sept. 29** **Illinois:** Illinois Local Church Budget;
- Indiana:** Indiana Academy;
- Lake Region:** Camp Wagner Development;
- Michigan:** Good News Market and Farm;
- Wisconsin:** Wisconsin Evangelism

Special Days

- Sept. 1** Men's Day of Prayer
- Sept. 2-8** Nurture Periodicals (*Adventist Review*, *Insight*, *Guide*, *Primary Treasure*, *Little Friend*)
- Sept. 9-15** Family Togetherness Week
- Sept. 16-22** Hispanic Heritage Week
- 13th Sabbath Offering**
- Sept. 29** Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

"JESUS. All or Nothing" is the theme of the 2013 Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress to be held **Feb. 8-10, 2013**, in Chicago, Ill. Interactive, practical training for ages 16-35. For more information, email PastorRon@andrews.edu or call 269-471-8380.

Michigan

St. Charles Church celebrates 150 years!

Come join us as we celebrate 150 years of witnessing for the Lord in St. Charles. The celebration takes place **Sept. 15** at the church, 125 Marcy St. Guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service is Don Livesay, Lake Union Conference president. Lunch will be served, and will be followed by an afternoon activity and evening vesper. We invite all former members and friends to come worship with us. For more information, call Don Schlager at 989-245-9022.

North American Division

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 '07. Activities begin Thursday 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 <http://www.sunnydale.org>.

Sheyenne River Academy/Dakota Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend will be held **Oct. 5-7** at Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, N.D. Come and renew your friendships! Honor Classes: 1938, '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, '73, '83, '88, '93, 2003 and '08. For more information, call 701-258-9000, ext. 236, or visit our website: <http://www.dakotaadventistacademy.org/alumni/weekend>.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:11	7:59	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:10
Chicago, Ill.	7:16	7:04	6:52	6:40	6:27	6:16
Detroit, Mich.	7:58	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:08	6:57
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:08	7:57	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:11
La Crosse, Wis.	7:32	7:20	7:07	6:54	6:40	6:28
Lansing, Mich.	8:05	7:52	7:40	7:28	7:14	7:02
Madison, Wis.	7:25	7:12	6:59	6:47	6:34	6:22
Springfield, Ill.	7:23	7:11	6:59	6:48	6:36	6:25

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Weddings

Jenny Densmore and Jon Bessler were married June 13, 2012, in Battle Creek, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Charles Hanlon.

Jenny is the daughter of Todd and Janitza Densmore of Mansfield, Mo., and Jon is the son of Paul and Kim Bessler of Battle Creek.

The Besslers are making their home in Battle Creek.

Sarah Beth Manning and Keith Hannah III were married June 9, 2012, in Battle Creek, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Charlie Thompson.

Sarah Beth is the daughter of David and Mary Jo Manning of Battle Creek, and Keith is the son of Keith and Shelli Hannah Jr. of Tipton, Ind.

The Hannahs are making their home in Tipton.

Kallie Bessler and Jeff Machan were married July 1, 2012, in Marshall, Mich. The ceremony was performed by David Good.

Kallie is the daughter of Paul and Kim Bessler of Climax, Mich., and Jeff is the son of Elsworth and Karen Machan of Climax.

The Machans are making their home in Big Rapids, Mich.

Obituaries

BEYREIS, Charles, age 81; born Jan. 23, 1931, in Meteor Twp., Wis.; died March 25, 2012, in Chetek, Wis. He was a member of the Rice Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Johanna (Walter); sons, Michael, Patrick and Gordon; daughters, Susan Bellman and Tammy Beyreis-Heim; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Wis.

BRIGGS, Irene E. (Hale), age 102; born Jan. 19, 1910, in Saginaw Cty., Mich.; died July 21, 2012, in Clio, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Merilyn S. Austin and Cheryn L. Briggs; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Leonard Kitson, and interment was in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint.

BRININGSTOOL, Dylan R., age 20; born Jan. 28, 1992, in Jackson, Mich.; died March 25, 2012, in Jackson. He was a member of the Williamston Church, Williamston, Mich.

Survivors include his father, Theodore; mother, Kathey (Rysdorp); and brothers, Aaron and Andrew.

Funeral services were conducted by Pat Milligan, with private inurnment.

CANADA-NEAL, Alma B. (Hosier), age 94; born Aug. 26, 1917, in Muncie, Ind.; died June 23, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, Byron Canada; stepdaughter, Marilyn Bender; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in Elm Ridge Memorial Park Cemetery, Muncie.

COLLARD, Betty L. (Scanlon), age 83; born July 17, 1928, in Neenah, Wis.; died March 7, 2012, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, William G. and Robert S.; daughter, Zoe A. Giles; brother, William Scanlon; sister, Janeth M. Peterson; two grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by W. Richard Leshner and Bruce Hayward, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

COTTRELL, Dorothy (Henke), age 96; born Aug. 13, 1915, in New Chester Twp., Adams Cty., Wis.; died June 6, 2012, in

Portage, Wis. She was a member of the Oxford (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Calvin, Evan and Stanley; daughter, Muriel Perry; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Wendell Springer, Stanley Cottrell and Christian Ronalds, and private burial was in Poyssippi (Wis.) Cemetery.

COVELL, Mary Elizabeth (Fink), age 90; born Dec. 3, 1921, in Trenton, N.J.; died June 12, 2012, in Traverse City, Mich. She was a member of the Traverse City Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur; sons, Douglas and Dennis; sister, Harriet Eib; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ben Boggess and Wes Peppers, and interment was in Barnum Cemetery, Kingsley, Mich.

FIGGINS, Barbara L. (Hoffman), age 60; born March 24, 1952, in Eddy County, N.D.; died June 27, 2012, in Stewardson, Ill. She was a member of the Stewardson Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell; son, Matthew; daughter, Amber Gass; mother, Mabel C. (Lehmann) Hoffman; brothers, Norman and Kimber; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Tom Ferguson, Joe Arner and Larry Clonch, and inurnment was in Lower Ash Grove Cemetery, Strasburg, Ill.

HERR, Arleen V. (Vande Vere), age 86; born Feb. 19, 1926, in Lincoln, Neb.; died June 18, 2012, in Keene, Texas. She and her husband pastored churches in Anderson, Cicero and South Bend, Ind.

Survivors include her husband, John; son, Gary; daughter, Deanna Herr; sister, Verla VanArsdale; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Harvey Byram and Isaac Heath, and interment was in Keene Memorial Park Cemetery.

SCHLAGER, Margaret A. (Remainder), age 94; born Oct. 15, 1917, in St. Charles, Mich.; died April 8, 2012, in St. Charles. She was a member of the St. Charles Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; son, Terry; daughters, Cheryl Crook, Kathy Wright and Lori Marsh; sister, Evelyn McClure; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Ben Garcia, and interment was in St. Charles Twp. Cemetery.

SCHUTZ, Ethel E. (Jarvinen), age 69; born Feb. 18, 1942, in Barron, Wis.; died Feb. 7, 2012, in Barron. She was a member of the Rice Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, David; son, Bobby; daughter, Beverly Vergin; brother, Larry Jarvinen; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Curtis Denny, and interment was in Bethany Cemetery, Turtle Lake, Wis.

SOAPPAMAN, Leona May (Wise), age 86; born Sept. 15, 1925, in Lansing, Mich.; died May 3, 2012, in Muscatine, Iowa. She was a member of the Traverse City (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dennis and Eric; daughters, Brenda and Heidi Soappaman, and Janet Barko; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by James A. Christen, and inurnment was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Traverse City.

SPENCER, Frederick M., age 94; born April 3, 1918, in Deckerville, Mich.; died July 3, 2012, in Oxford, Mich. He was a member of the Manistique (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Deborah L. Seibly and Patricia Earl; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Todd Olsen, and interment was in Downing Cemetery, Deckerville.

WILSON, Ruby J., age 60; born Jan. 11, 1952, in Montrose, Mich.; died July 2, 2012, in Davison, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert Wilson and Omar Baker; brother, Monty; sister, Dorothy; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Craig Morgan, with private interment.

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'HERE I AM'

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BY GARY BURNS



Recently, I had the privilege to spend some extended quality time with a dear friend, my senior and mentor. Ours is a special relationship, based on mutual trust and respect. For years, we have prayed together and encouraged one another in ministry.

As the debate about the ordination of women has become more intense, we discovered we have very different perspectives on the subject, including differences in some identified and acknowledged presuppositions.

During our time together, we openly shared and sought to understand each other's concerns, values, principles of interpretation and applications. We listened to each other's observations and stories of experience. It was a sweet, enlightening time in God's presence that I will never forget. At no time did either

of us have the sense the other had an agenda or was trying to win the other to their way of thinking. Both of us grew in our understanding and had a greater appreciation for the other's perspectives in answer to our prayer, adapted from Psalm 25:4, 5: "Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For you are the God of our salvation, and our hope is always and only in You."

As we concluded our time together, in a season of prayer for one another and for our church, my friend said, "I wish everyone in our church could have this experience."

I think it's possible if Christ is our unifying factor in partnership with God.

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

Impossible Game of Hide-and-Seek

BY SARAH MORAVETZ

Happiness is found so close to us that we overlook it in our search of things that are supposed to give us happiness. I found happiness camping in a horse pasture a few hundred yards from my house. Not a very exciting place for a spring break when you compare it to Florida's sunny beaches or the Caribbean's peaceful cruises. Of course, my brother decided to join me in this adventure. We loaded up our backpacks and hiked up into the northern-most section of our pasture. As the sun was setting, we pitched our tent; then I settled back to watch my brother build a fire.

As the flames leaped and danced, I started thinking about spring break, the human race and happiness. It occurred to me that spring break is a time where many make it their game to see how late they can stay up, how many parties they can attend, how much tanner they can get, how much money they can spend or how far away from home they can travel. Then, when everyone returns to Great Lakes Adventist Academy, they compare stories to determine who had the best spring break. Maybe it was a cruise, a trip to the Philippines or even just being a beach bum in Florida. Whatever the case, people don't seem happy unless they do something new, wild or exciting. It's like a perpetual game of hide-and-seek with happiness, and most discover it almost impossible to find. No one would even think of looking in the most obvious place: right where you are.

I turned my gaze to the sky. There was not a cloud in the sky, and the stars lay flung out across the heavens like little pinpoints of light on a vast ocean of inky blackness. Breathless and overtaken by the immense beauty, I



wondered, *Since when does happiness depend on where you are? Why do you have to be basking on a beach to say, "I choose to be happy"?* Being content has nothing to do with where you are, but what you choose to be. When you are on a cruise and the waiter messes up your order, you can choose to be unhappy even though you are in the middle of the Caribbean where everything is supposed to be perfect. Just the same, you can choose to be happy to go home to camp in a horse pasture, eat oatmeal cooked over the fire and watch God paint the sunrise in the east. Wherever you are, you will find what you are

looking for. You don't have to go searching for contentment. It's where you choose to find it.

The next morning, as I sat on a rock and ate oatmeal that had been cooked in a pot suspended over the fire, I felt supremely happy. I had everything I needed, plus a whole lot more.

Sarah Moravetz is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. She is working this summer at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan.

Power for Palawan

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim His praise in the islands. — Isaiah 42:12 NIV

Caleb Maccarone loves witnessing and doing mission work. In 2008, the Great Lakes Adventist Academy graduate went on his first long-term mission trip. Though only 18 at the time, Caleb became a student missionary for Adventist Frontier Missions, and was sent to the island of Palawan in the Philippines where he spent the year teaching classes to eighth graders and maintaining the village's hydroelectric plant.



Caleb Maccarone (left) and a Palawan friend

Caleb didn't know what to expect when he arrived on the island. The village was very remote and nearly two hours into the jungle and up the mountains. Only in the last ten years had the people been exposed to electric power, solar energy and, most importantly, Christ.

"I had never seen anything like it before," recalls Caleb. "The people lived so simply. It was just so different."

As Caleb taught classes and became friends with the villagers, he learned of their beliefs and struggles with "the spirits." His faith was tested many times by the spiritualistic influences, and more than once he found himself praying fervently for God's protection and guidance.

When Caleb returned to the United States, he looked for ways to "do something more" and "act on God's principles," he says. While taking classes at Weimar College, Caleb tried canvassing and has since become very active in colporteur ministry and Bible work.

In the spring of 2012, while finishing up his last semester at Souls West Outreach Leadership School (approximately 30 minutes from Phoenix, Arizona), Caleb began his most recent mission: The Palawan Energy Project. The project, which aims to raise \$30,000, has two main goals: translate the Bible into the local Palawan dialect and fund electricity needed for the island's medical clinic.

"Electricity is crucial for the Palawan Energy Project," says Caleb. "Our goal is to not only fix the problem now, but to equip the local people with the resources so they can continue sustaining it in the following years."

Caleb and several team members recently returned to Palawan to work on the hydroelectric plant and replace the solar panels. They have prepared a video about the project that you can view by visiting <http://Video.PalawanEnergyProject.com>.

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