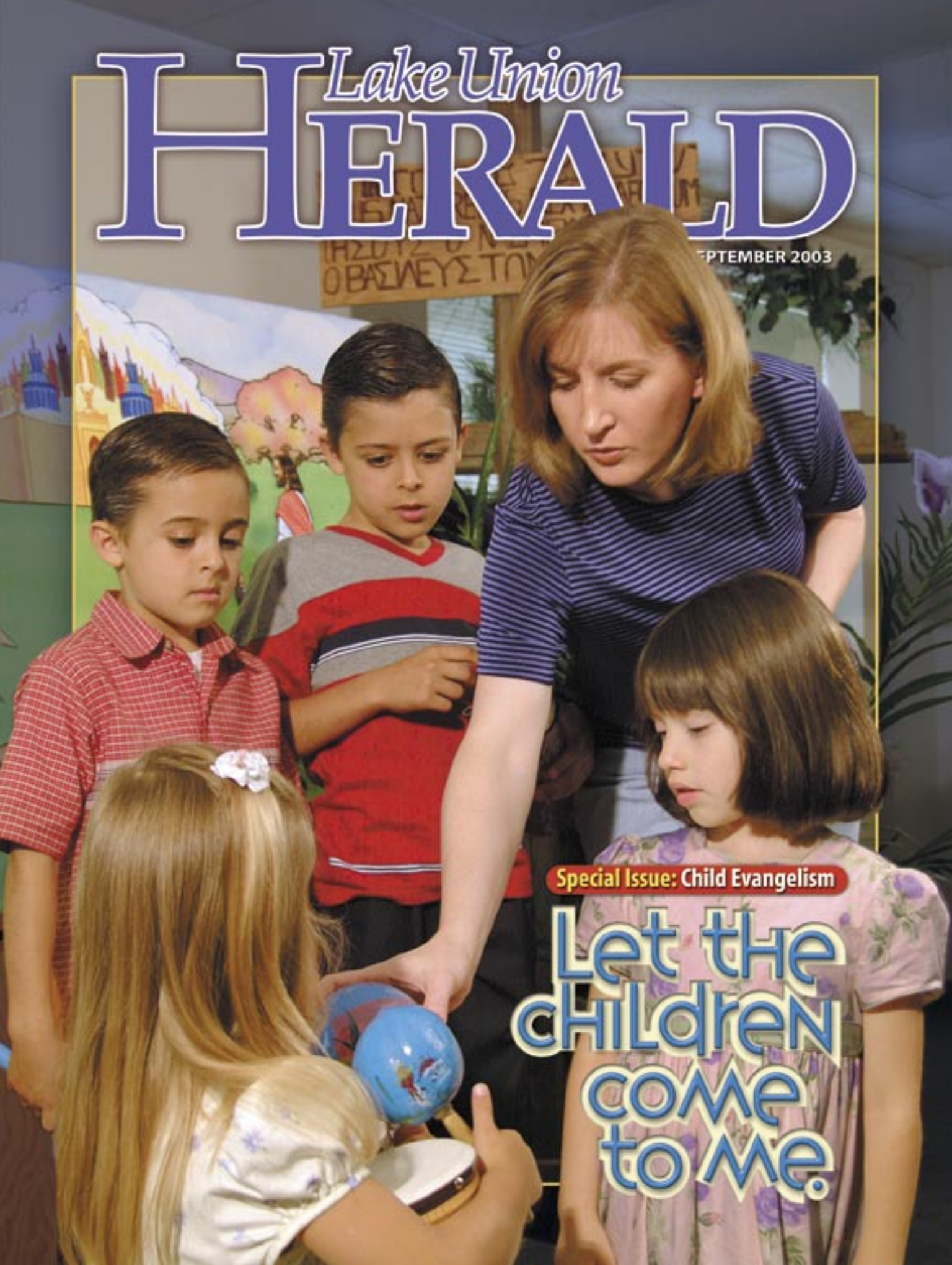


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Herald Photo. The children of Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) pictured on the cover receive lots of love and special attention from their Sabbath school leader, Lisa Goolsby. She and other leaders and volunteers are part of PMC's long-time commitment of making PMC child-friendly. Recently they completed a major building project to serve the needs of their younger members. The children pictured clockwise from lower right are Zoey Caballero, Bayley Schalk, Daniel and Andre Azevedo.

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Lord, Renew My Witness!

Do you remember the first and last statements that Jesus made to His disciples? "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). His first and last words were related to witnessing. Since there is no question that we are called to a life of witnessing, may our prayer be, "Lord, renew my witness!"

I believe that the Lord has called us to be a penetrating power in this world. The church exists for this purpose. Apart from it we have no reason to exist. "Renew my witness" is a prayer we can pray that God will surely answer.

If we are to renew our witness, we must do two things. First, we must redefine our witnessing. It is not just ringing doorbells in our communities or handing out pieces of truth-filled literature. Neither is it just asking an individual if he knows the Lord or quoting customary soul-winning passages of scripture. Witnessing is what 1 John 1:3 talks about: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." Witnessing is telling something that comes from our own experience, something we know. Witnessing is sharing what Christ has done in our lives. It is knowing Jesus personally, and telling the lost about Him and His power.

Secondly, we must recover the New Testament way of witnessing. I believe there has been a shift in methods from the first century to the twenty-first. I see it as a shift from personal to impersonal evangelism. Most of our evangelism today is the mass type that is largely impersonal. That is why *Hope for the Homeland* was so effective last year. It was personal. And *Hope for Our Day* will follow the same pattern of personal evangelism in 2004. Now I am not suggesting that we discard mass evangelism, but rather that we make sure not to substitute it for the basic New Testament model.

There has been a shift from people-centered to church-centered evangelism. It seems we have gone from "going to tell" to "coming to hear." When we fail to seek out the lost, we miss so many who will not come to church. If we do not pursue this work, we need not worry about churches filled with empty pews, but pews filled with empty people.

Don't miss the special *Hope for Our Day* Training Convention coming October 24–26 at the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana. "Lord, renew my witness!"

Lake Union Makes the Wright Choice

BY GARY BURNS

Walter L. Wright is the newly elected Lake Union Conference (LUC) president. After Gordon Retzer, our former president, announced that he had accepted a call to be the president of the Southern Union Conference, Don Schneider, North America Division president, met with LUC officers and conference presidents to pray and give input regarding a replacement.



Walter and Jackie Wright

On Thursday, July 10, Schneider met with the LUC Executive Committee which is responsible for electing a president between constituency sessions. After a time of prayer, members of the committee submitted names of

potential candidates suggested by constituents and employees throughout the union. From a list of 20 names, committee members selected seven candidates, after Schneider gave a biographical outline for each followed by another season of prayer.

After several sessions of prayer, biographical descriptions, and more rounds of voting, the field narrowed to four. Through the whole process, it became evident to all that Walter Wright was consistently the person of choice, and a motion was made and unanimously passed to ask him to be our next president.

Wright first came into the ministry as a lay pastor in Germantown, Ohio. He soon became a full-time pastor, having attended the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He then received the bachelor of arts degree in social and behavioral science from Ohio State University. While working as a pastor and evangelist in the Allegheny West Conference, he completed his doctorate in counseling psychology from International Bible Schools and Seminary. Wright then served as church ministries director and vice president of the Southwestern Union Conference. In 1997, he came to our union to serve as executive secretary, ministerial director,



Walter Wright and his wife Jackie recently received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Adventist Family Conference held in July at Andrews University. From left: Willie Oliver, North American Division family ministries director; Jackie and Walter Wright; and Elaine Oliver.

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) and family ministries director.

He has been married to Jacqueline "Jackie" (Cook), whom he affectionately calls "Fudge," for the past 49 years. Jackie joined Walter in developing their Family Maintenance Seminar which they have presented all over the world. She currently serves as administrative assistant/receptionist at the Lake Union Conference office.

Wright is a certified family life educator (CFLE), certified by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) and Andrews University. The Wrights are members of the Association of Adventist Family Life Professionals (AAFLP), and recently received the Distinguished Service Award from that organization. The couple has three sons and one daughter, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

We look forward with confidence in God's leading to the future of the Lake Union Conference under the leadership of Walter Wright.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director and the Lake Union Herald editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Alex Mason always dreamed of playing football in the National Football League (NFL), but somehow that dream seemed to be fading away. He was a tight-end football star in high school, but his first year at Alma College found him sitting on the bench. His next year was showing much more promise when a broken collarbone took his dream to a new low.

Although Alex was reared United Methodist, his parents never required him to attend church every Sunday. He could remember praying as a child, but not like he found himself praying last fall when his NFL dream seemed to be shattered on the football field. Alex prayed that the Lord would reveal what His plan is for his life.

That is when the Lord sent Josh Drumm* into Alex's life. Josh had recently returned to his childhood Adventist faith, and even though he

was on the football team, he did not play on Saturdays.

One evening Josh invited Alex to come to his college dormitory room to fix his computer. As Alex was waiting for the computer software to reload, he spotted Josh's Bible and out of curiosity opened it. Providentially, it opened to Exodus 20 and the Ten Commandments. As Alex read the fourth commandment, he again questioned, as he had as a child, which day was really the Sabbath. As he was contemplating that thought, Josh returned to his room and found Alex reading his Bible. Now Alex smiles as he remembers being embarrassed and wanting to hide the Bible.

Alex and Josh studied what the Bible says about the Sabbath until around 4:30 a.m. the next morning. By dawn, Alex felt he understood the seventh-day Sabbath, how it was changed, and who changed it. Over the weeks that followed, he and Josh continued to spend time

in Bible studies. Alex also came to realize that he must observe the Bible Sabbath as a holy day, and soon he decided not to attend football games on Saturdays.

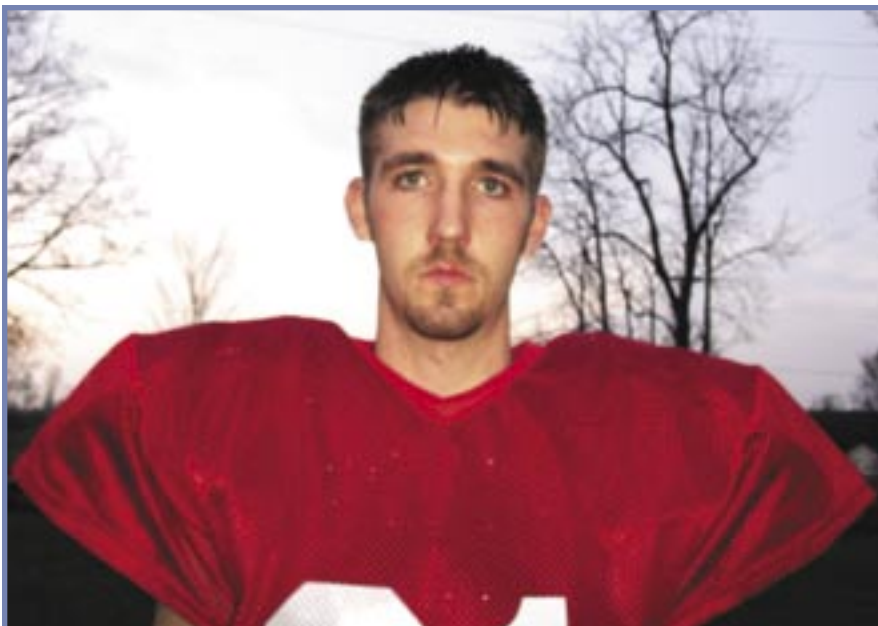
November 30, 2002, was Thanksgiving Sabbath at the Otter Lake (Michigan) Church when Alex and his girlfriend, Shanon, visited for the first time. After church services, they met with the church pastor, Jeff Jorgensen. Alex shared with him that he would be moving back home to Otisville the following semester to attend Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan.

When he moved home, Alex continued his Bible studies with Pastor Jorgensen and made his decision to be baptized. On February 22, 2003, many of Alex's friends—including students from Mott College—and family members attended his baptismal service and experienced the fervor of his new-found faith. Each day as Alex drives the thirty minutes it takes to reach college, he prays that God will give him opportunities to witness; and God has been doing just that! Now when he comes to Bible studies with Pastor Jorgensen, he invites others to come with him.

Alex still loves to play football and played with the semi-pro Michigan Admirals based in Flint this summer. But his goals have changed. Now more than ever his goal is to serve God with all his heart and soul and to see how many others he can introduce to Christ. During an interview at the June Michigan Conference camp meeting, Alex announced that He has decided to dedicate his life to the gospel ministry.

**See the March 2003 issue for Joshua Drumm's conversion story.*

Jeff Jorgensen, Otter Lake Church pastor, and Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent



Alex Mason dreamed of playing football in the National Football League. Now his greatest goal is to serve God and witness for Him.

EVANGELISM IN THE FIJI ISLANDS

Two Indiana Families Take a Mission Vacation

BY KATHY GRIFFIN

Have you ever thought of taking your family on a mission trip? We never thought it possible to take our sons, ages 6 and 10, until they were much older. But this past February and March my family and our friends, the Carlsons, traveled to the South Pacific where we spent three weeks as volunteer missionaries in Fiji.



Photos by Kathy Griffin

Nicholas Griffin and Marissa Carlson made friends with faculty children at Vatuvonu School.

The Islands of Fiji, known for their friendly, hospitable people, are home to some of the happiest Seventh-day Adventist Christians in the world. We enjoyed their gracious treatment during our stay at Buca Bay, on the island of Vanua Levu, location of the Vatuvonu School and Clinic managed by the Dream Machine Foundation.¹ The clinic is a small, volunteer-staffed facility, providing medical and dental care to the surrounding villages and smaller islands where medical care is scarce. Unfortunately, the clinic is only open to the people when there are doctors and nurses available.

Indianapolis doctors DuWayne Carlson, an orthopedic trauma surgeon, and Randy Griffin, a dentist, were put to work immediately upon arrival. They began work at 8:00 a.m. and didn't leave until the last patient was seen. Patients arrived early in the morning and waited outside until their names were called.

Sometimes the wait was long, so during this time Karen Carlson and I, along with our children, took the opportunity to tell the story of salvation to the waiting patients. We used felts and crafts that coordinated with each story from creation to the crucifixion.



Kari Lynn Carlson assists Indianapolis dentist Randy Griffin at the Vatuvonu Clinic.

This trip was a unique experience for the children in both of our families, ages 6 through 11. In this rural part of Fiji where there isn't any electricity, the clinic is run by a generator. When it is off, there is no power at the school or clinic. We found that the Fijian people do not need it! They rise and go to bed with the sun. Our children quickly acclimated to this schedule and



Mitchell Griffin and Brad Carlson pose with Pastor Li.

were soon playing volleyball and baseball Fijian style and exploring with their new friends. Our kids were amazed to find that children don't need computer games, bicycles, swimming pools, or televisions to have fun.

We cherish the memories of the dedicated school staff; Kata, the cook who took special care of us; the district pastor who oversees 15 churches; the patients who traveled to the clinic on foot, by bus, boat, or dug-out canoe; women washing their laundry in a stream; a man cutting up a 100-pound fish on the dock and sharing it with those around him; and the Fijians' beautiful *a capella* singing.

This mission trip was one of the most rewarding events in our families' lives. The medical needs are so great in Fiji that we left wishing we could have done more. But with the help of many volunteers and the grace of God, the need can be met—one hand, one mouth, and one soul at a time.

¹ *The Dream Machine Foundation, under the direction of Stephen Arrington, is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families in Fiji with medical, dental, educational, and farming programs to improve their quality of life. To learn more about this organization, go to www.dreammachinefoundation.com; phone (530) 872-4884; or e-mail steve@drugsbite.com.*

Kathy Griffin is a member of the Cicero (Indiana) Church.

creating a family-friendly church

BY NOELENE JOHNSON
AND WILLIE OLIVER



Wildebeest, also known as gnu or African antelope, mate and give birth to their young during their annual migration to the Serengeti plains in Tanzania, East Africa. Hyenas also roam the Serengeti, stalking the wildebeest calves. Aware of these predators, a mother wildebeest immediately upon giving birth begins nudging the weak newborn to its feet. It is not uncommon to see hyenas stalk the helpless young within minutes of birth. In an effort to protect her calf, the mother will counterattack. But the hyenas, working as a pack, often keep the mother distracted until a lone predator can get the calf.

Observers tell us that thousands of wildebeest graze nearby, raising their heads to watch this drama as it unfolds. If they acted together, they could easily outnumber the hyenas. But not one wildebeest makes a move to help mother or calf.

The wildebeest herd typifies a dysfunctional church—quite the opposite of a family-friendly church that makes ministry family-centered and church-supported. Family-friendly churches recognize that parents have the primary responsibility for the spiritual nurture of the child. But at the same time the church stands ready to assist and support the ministry of the home.

Three ways family-friendly churches offer support are by: _____

1. Making church child-friendly.
2. Making church a safe place for children to accept Jesus.
3. Supporting and training parents for discipleship of the child.

A Case Study _____

The Kuna Seventh-day Adventist Church, near Boise, Idaho, is a family-friendly church. "Our style of doing church is informal and can appear disorganized," confesses Aileen Sox, one of Kuna's church elders. "We'll probably always run a little late, a little long, and a whole lot casual on Sabbath morning. But for Kuna that is small stuff. With the big stuff, we get it right. We pay attention to kids."

Kuna's first Vacation Bible School in a number of years attracted 100 children and more than 50 volunteers!

Generous members subsidize part of the tuition (in some cases all of it) for a number of Kuna children to attend church school. Nobody complains about spending money for Sabbath school furniture or supplies for Vacation Bible School.

Kuna members applaud kids and involve them every week in church services. Children sometimes read the morning's

Scripture passage, sing or play special music, and sing with the children's praise team. Junior deacons and deaconesses have assignments whenever their adult mentors do. Kids greet at the front door along with their parents or older siblings.

The church applauds children's achievements—honor roll, graduation, community awards—during praise or announcement time. Kids' prayer requests are taken to God's throne just as seriously as are adults' requests. The children's offering may not be the biggest cash offering each Sabbath morning, but it could be the bulkiest. Nobody can resist the children, each carrying a basket to be filled.



When prayer requests are expressed, Ryan Wick asks the congregation to join him in praying for his mother, who faces surgery.



Kuna kids enjoy their "baby fishy" booster seats. The seats help kids see more than the back of people's heads during church.

At Kuna they don't mind the noise generated by children during a worship service, which they hold before Sabbath school so children will endure it better. The church provides "busy" bags for each child under age 10, and has booster seats to help kids ages 1–5 see what is going on up front during the service. And Kuna gives parents wireless headsets from the sound system so they can listen to the sermon while walking their restless toddlers.

At Christmas, Kuna kids each receive a book from Pacific Press or the Review and Herald; at their dedications, babies receive a toddler's worship book; and at baptisms, candidates receive a Bible. When a baby is born, the pastor visits the hospital with a copy of Kay Kuzma's book *Preparing for Your Baby's Dedication: A Guide for Parents*. "Kuna wants parents to know right from the beginning their church will participate in their child's spiritual life," Aileen says.

Not surprisingly, Kuna has experienced amazing growth, from 20 families to 85—most of it in the past six years.¹

Childhood's Window of Opportunity

Bill Hybels, one of America's best-known pastors, says, "The single remaining common interest or entrance point for nonchurched people into the life of the church is children. ... We have a wide-

open door to almost every family in every community worldwide when we love and serve their kids."² Parents want their children involved in outstanding programs. And if the kids love being there, parents will keep bringing them back. Eventually the whole family will stay for church.

Barna Research Group, in November 1999, reported their findings that childhood is the most important time for deciding for Christ. A century ago Ellen White wrote: "It is in these early years that the affections are the most ardent, the heart most susceptible of improvement."³

if childhood is evangelism's window of opportunity, should we not be more intentional about allocating budgets and evangelistic efforts where they will be most productive, rather than to an audience that is six to eight times less open?

Barna's nationwide survey showed the probability of people accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior in relation to their age. Children from 5 to 13 have a 32 percent probability of accepting Jesus; ages 14 to 18, only 4 percent; 19 and older, 6 percent. This data flies in the face of the way we do church.

If childhood is evangelism's window of opportunity, should we not be more intentional about allocating budgets and evangelistic efforts where they will be most productive, rather than to an audience that is six to eight times less open?



Child-friendly churches find creative ways to illustrate Scripture texts and sermon topics that children understand and remember.

Making Church Safe for Children

If we would make our churches family-friendly, we must ensure that both the church facility and church family are safe for children. When children are molested, they do not suffer alone; the whole family grieves. When the perpetrator is a church member and denies what happened, the whole church can take sides—everyone hurts, and ministry is derailed.

Family-friendly churches plan ahead to make church a safe place for children to come to know Jesus. A few simple rules can protect both children and the church's ministry:

1. Have those who hold positions of trust in the church fill out volunteer screening forms.
2. Wait six months before giving new and previously unknown members a church office.
3. Avoid having adults working one on one with a child, but if they must, leave the classroom door open so that anyone can look in.

Supporting Parents, Teaching Discipleship

Family is the place where children learn and experience love, affection, values, and God. In the home, children learn to be connected to or disconnected from each other, not only by what parents and guardians say, but also by what the children experience.

Families who experience high rates of cohesion, connectedness, and spiritual and relational health

Great Resources for Family-centered Ministry

www.churchchairs4kids.com. Visit this Web site to learn more about toddler-friendly booster seats.

Erwin, Pamela J., *The Family Powered Church*. Loveland, Colo.: Group Publishing, 2000.

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Family Ministries Handbook—The Complete How-to Guide for Local Church Leaders. Lincoln, Neb.: AdventSource, 2003.

Flowers, Ron and Karen. *It Takes a Family: Discipling Children and Teens for Christ*. Lincoln, Neb.: AdventSource, 2002.

For more information about making churches safe, go to: www.childmin.com/Resources/Volunteer_Screening.htm.

To learn more about Kids in Discipleship, contact Don MacLafferty at: kidcenter@southern.edu; (423) 396-2134; or www.thekidcenter.org

Colorful Children's Sabbath program guides, posters, postcards, and buttons are available from AdventSource. To order your **FREE Children's Sabbath kit**, call (800) 328-0525; www.adventsource.org; or visit www.childmin.com/ChildrensSabbath



Children's Sabbath gives children the opportunity to stand before their congregations as worship leaders.

intentionally connect with each other every day. Family worship not only connects family members at the beginning of each day, but also builds spirituality and relationships. Recently Barna Research reported that nine out of 10 parents of children under the age of 13 believe they are responsible for communicating their values and religious beliefs to their children. Yet in a typical week, most parents don't spend any time discussing religious matters or sharing religious materials with their children.⁴



Childhood is the most important time for deciding for Christ.

Unfortunately, many families in the congregation do not understand the importance of family worship, and even if they do, they don't know how to go about it. This is where churches can help. Parenting seminars and tips from the pulpit can support parents and show them what to do.

A new children's discipleship opportunity is opening up for churches. A Kids in Discipleship

Center, under the leadership of Don MacLafferty, has been launched as a pilot project at the Collegedale Church in Tennessee. Sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Southern Union, and the North American Division, the project goal is to create a child discipleship plan at the local church level to systematically integrate each child into the heart of worship, ministry, and mission.

"*Footprints in the Sand, Part I*, the first set of 12 lessons, helps parents, in a small group setting, become committed disciples," Don explains. "*Footprints, Part II*, brings together the parents and children, working as families to study through a series of 32 lessons." This series gets children into a personal relationship with Jesus, develops habits of personal and family devotions, and encourages service and witnessing. Eventually some of these families will become involved in mentoring other families in the discipleship process.

We all want our kids and grandkids to grow up to be responsible members of society at large. And we surely want them to love and serve God as they grow older. This doesn't happen by chance, or by providing random, sporadic attempts at communicating our religious and cultural values. We need to be deliberate in how we communicate our faith to our kids. It's our responsibility to them—and to Jesus.

¹ They now have 120 kids under the age of 18!

² David Staal, "Take the Challenge: Lead Up," *Children's Ministry*, January/February 2003, p. 51.

³ Ellen G. White, in *Review and Herald*, Dec. 17, 1889.

⁴ Barna Research Online, May 6, 2003.

Noelene Johnsson is the North American Division (NAD) children's ministries director, and Willie Oliver is the NAD's family ministries director.

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Bringing the Church Home

BY DAVID YEAGLEY

The Lansing (Michigan) Church believes it is time to bring the church home. Rather than asking families to involve themselves in what the church is about, we are committed to involving ourselves in what families are about. This home-centered, church-supported model of ministry goes beyond mere programs—it involves a new way of thinking about and doing ministry.

Family-friendly Schedule

A family-based church is built from the ground up. Even the most basic decisions that a church makes have a profound impact on families. The church schedule is no exception. Rather than overburden our families with meetings and time commitments, we have scheduled two nights a week for church meetings. On Monday nights we hold all our committee meetings. Wednesday night is reserved for Pathfinders, Adventurers, and other classes and family events. On all other nights, the church is closed. We encourage families to choose one night a week for a family fun night.

Intergenerational Worship

“From generation to generation we will recount your praise.” Psalm 79:13 calls the church to intergenerational worship. The Lansing Church believes that worship is for everyone—young

and old alike. A family-friendly service involves more than just a children’s story. It is the creation of an experience that allows the entire congregation to worship together. This experience is created in many different ways—by use of music for all ages, through object lessons, through hands-on activities, through the use of digital media, through drama, and through multi-sensory experiences.



Church Family Nights

During the school year, Wednesday nights are a special time for the whole family to be at church. On the first and third Wednesdays, our Pathfinders and Adventurers meet. We also provide specialized classes on various family topics for the parents. On the third and fourth Wednesdays, the church plans an activity, worship event, or service project that involves the whole church family.

Church Community

The Lansing church believes that the church body should function as a family of families. We have endeavored to create this atmosphere by providing opportunities for the church to have fun together. During *Hope for the Homeland* we had a different social function each Saturday night after the meeting. We are also in the process of developing a mentoring program that will strengthen the connection between individuals and families and support those that have special needs.

Family-based Evangelism

Evangelism isn’t just for the man or woman across the street, but for the children across the hall. The Lansing Church believes its young people are its greatest mission field. Every other year we conduct an evangelistic event for young people and their families. In January of 2002, the church held its first child evangelistic series, giving parents the opportunity to lead their children to Jesus. Twelve young people were baptized as a result. This fall we will be holding a service-based evangelistic event designed for youth and their families.

The process of developing a family-based ministry takes time and focused effort. At the start of this journey we are already seeing lives changed. For the first time parents have been given the opportunity of leading their children to Jesus. And young people are finding their place in the church family.

David Yeagley is the Lansing Church pastor.

Puppet Bus Ministry Is on the Move!

BY DEBBIE YOUNG

On Sabbath, June 21, the Lake Region children's ministries Puppet Bus was dedicated during the Lake Region Conference camp meeting. The bus—filled with kids ages 7–12, a few adults, and puppets—made its debut at the main pavilion at Camp Wagner (Cassopolis, Michigan) with a preview of programs that will be shared throughout the conference territory.

The purpose of the Puppet Bus ministry is to take the gospel message into inner-city neighborhoods and provide a means for our children to minister to other children. The ministry is interactive to encourage audience participation. During the Lake Region camp meeting, the children did community outreach in the evenings, having the puppets sing songs and tell stories.



A preview of the puppet program was given for the camp meeting attendees.

The Puppet Bus, originally owned by Ann Arbor, Michigan,



The Lake Region Conference dedicated its new Puppet Bus for ministry at Camp Wagner during the June 2003 camp meeting.

public schools, was painted red; then half of the seats were removed and windows were fixed to “hide” the children who work the puppets. The bus is available to any Lake Region Conference church that has completed their volunteer screening forms and submitted them to the Lake Region Conference children's ministries office, prepared their young people for street ministry, submitted a request, and has a qualified bus driver (CDL license).

Although the program focus is entirely up to the congregation, the Lake Region children's ministries department will offer assistance. Training classes were offered during camp meeting in puppet and clown ministry. They were also offered in Spanish during the Hispanic camp meeting Labor Day weekend, August 28 – September 1.

The bus was purchased with funds from the North American Division (NAD) children's ministries department. Noelene Johnsson, NAD children's ministries director, identified inner-city outreach as a priority concern. Lake Region submitted the only funding proposal for inner-city outreach.

Lake Region leads the way for affiliation with the NAD Adventist Children's Ministries

Association (ACMA), which serves as a support network for the encouragement and growth of those whom God has called to minister to children within the Adventist Church. Funds may be available for local chapters who submit a request for funds to support children's outreach programs.

A chapter is established when it has at least 10 members, submits an application to the NAD ACMA, and is officially endorsed. Lake Region's Detroit Metro area currently has the largest chapter with 35 members and was the first local conference to be voted in by NAD



A lasting reminder that Jesus loves and values children is displayed on the back of the Puppet Bus.

ACMA. They have also recently been approved for funding to do a program in inner-city Detroit. Three other Lake Region Conference territories—Chicagoland, Illiana, and Michiana—are in the process of establishing chapters.

Lake Region's Puppet Bus ministry is on the move—reaching children for Jesus. Phyllis Washington, Lake Region children's ministries director, recently exclaimed, “My problem now is going to be scheduling ... we have five states, 105 churches, and one bus!”

Debbie Young is a Lake Region Conference communication staff volunteer.

Photos by Debbie Young

Such a Small Thing

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

BY CHARLOTTE ISHKANIAN

Why would we want to use mission offerings to build a new water treatment plant at a school that already has water? It seems like such a small thing.

The Adventist Church is proud of the University of Eastern Africa at Baraton, Kenya. It began with a miracle in 1978 and has been blessed by God throughout its 25-year history. It was the first privately owned school in Kenya to receive government accreditation, and today 1,200 students of all faiths and from many countries throughout Africa and around the world study there.

The school was not without its critics. The dominant church in the region objected to the Adventist presence in “their” region. One critic was especially vocal in objecting to the Adventist presence. But when his children enrolled in the elementary school and he saw the difference in their lives, he became a friend and a strong supporter of the Adventist education program.



This is on the bank of the current river water source just upstream from the school. Animals drink from it, women wash clothes in it, and children bathe in it. Then people drink it.

Neighborhood Evangelism

Students and staff use their newly acquired skills to help community members. Agriculture students teach neighboring farmers how to improve their harvests. Students in medical programs hold free health clinics. The school also provides clean water to people living nearby. Because of the school’s outreach programs, several small churches have sprung up in neighboring communities.

In addition to community outreach, students spend their Sabbaths ministering in the nearby churches and visiting secondary schools up to 100 miles away. Many of these government schools have Adventist students who cannot attend church off campus. When Baraton’s students come to worship with them, other students come to listen. As many as 600 of these students from non-Adventist homes have been baptized each year as a result of this outreach.

Water of Life

So how can a new water-treatment system be a mission project? Director of development Judith Musvosvi explains:

“For the past 25 years we have gotten our water from the nearby river. But increased population means increased use, and the river has become polluted. Our aging water treatment plant is desperately inadequate, and the water simply is no longer safe to drink.



The school water-treatment plant is outdated and inadequate for the school and community’s needs. This is the water tower for the current aging water system.

“However, a small stream on our property could provide enough pure water for current and future needs. We need to divert that water and build a new filtration system, so that we can continue to provide safe water to our campus and the community. People rely on us for their drinking water. When we provide them safe water, they will listen when we tell them about Jesus, the Water of Life. It is a simple thing, but it is mission at the root level.”

Other Projects

In addition to the water-treatment plant at the University of Eastern Africa in Kenya, our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help provide classrooms and dormitory space at Tanzania Adventist College, and men’s dormitories for Solusi University in Zimbabwe.

Charlotte Ishkanian is editor of Mission.





CREATIVE PARENTING

Living in a Divided World

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Even in the best divorces, kids live divided lives in which they struggle to understand their parents' behaviors, negotiate tangled family systems, and develop values and beliefs," says Elizabeth Marquardt, a scholar and researcher with the Institute for American Values. These children also are more apt to struggle with loss, isolation, loneliness, and suffering.

More than one million children experience the divorce of their parents every year. While most adults feel guilty and attempt to make life easier for their children, most children do not fare well. Marquardt found that children of divorced parents are more apt than those living in intact families to feel divided between two homes with different values. They are asked to keep secrets about the different households and are left without clear guidance on what is right and what is wrong. They turn, instead, to friends and siblings.

These children go from living in one world that seemed safe to them, to going back and forth between two homes that often feel like polar

opposites. The kids must do what their parents would have done for them: develop a clear view of what to think, what to believe, and how to behave, especially in the moral and spiritual realms. Marquardt suggests it becomes the child's job to synthesize these two worlds. Unfortunately, many suffer emotional scars that last a lifetime and have trouble with their own intimate relationships as adults.

Marquardt's findings parallel the concerns of long-time researcher Judith Wallerstein.

She says, "These children have a sense of living in two different worlds. They grow up with a difficulty in feeling whole." It's not to say that all children don't experience stress and loss. In intact families, parents are ill, they die, they are alcoholic, they have emotional problems, they move, they lose jobs, they are poor. But that doesn't diminish the pain children feel when their parents get divorced.

So how can adults ease the pain? One suggestion is to not silence the hurt. Be a listening ear to a child. As they tell their story, listen and accept. Children will reveal themselves differently at different stages. Just because an eight-year-old shared his pain at eight, it doesn't mean he doesn't need to talk to someone when he is 10 years old. Once is not enough! Let them know that you will always be in their life. Find a text or an inspirational thought that you can share to help sustain them. Make a poster or a bookmark with the text or thought on it and give it to them. Remind them of this hope whenever you talk with them.

If you are a divorced or divorcing parent, recognize that your own pain and guilt can cloud your thoughts, and that your child may be suffering more than you realize. If your child is living in a divided world, have some guidelines that both parents follow. This is easier said than done, but it is possible! Don't ask your child to be a messenger between the two households, and don't ask your child to be a reporter. Find other peers to share your pain with—do not put that responsibility on your child. Remember that when you say critical things about your child's other parent, it is like an arrow in your child's heart.

Keep in mind that your child is trustworthy, intelligent, and more able to succeed in this divided world if you find healing for yourself and put your trust in a God who can sustain each of you.





Healthy Choices

Don't Cheat Yourself

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Too many Americans are shortchanging themselves on sleep to spend more time at work, at play, or chatting on the Internet. On an average week day, Americans get six to seven hours of sleep per night, while research suggests we need at least eight hours. Lack of sleep affects our ability to judge accurately, and puts at risk our productivity, safety, and health.

Lack of sleep can have disastrous consequences on the health of children. Sleep-deprived kids often develop emotional problems. Their academic achievements may also suffer. Deep sleep triggers the release of growth hormone which stimulates bone and muscle development. Hence, a lack of sleep can impair the proper growth of a child. Children with chronic sleep deficits often have a shortened attention span and are irritable and impatient. Such kids may have a hard time making friends.

Tips for getting adequate rest:

- 1. Have regular hours for bedtime each night.*
- 2. Don't allow computers, TV, and food in the bedroom.*
- 3. Make the bedroom a quiet, dark place conducive to sound sleeping.*
- 4. Avoid late evening meals and intense mental work just before retiring to bed.*
- 5. Recharge your batteries with an annual family vacation to some favorite destination.*

Research shows that sleep-deprived people increase their caloric consumption by as much as 15 percent, while their performance on certain tests is significantly worse than after one to two alcoholic drinks. Chronic loss of sleep may increase the risk of diabetes, since the insulin secretion can be impaired by up to 30 percent. Sleep deprivation also contributes to mental depression, increases the risk of colds and infections, and decreases the ability to handle stress. Sleep debt has a harmful effect on hormone function similar to that seen in normal aging.

Sleep resettles us emotionally, cognitively, and immunologically. Sleep is a time of renewal and restoration. Christ suggested we need adequate periods of rest (Mark 6:31) which are essential to the health of body and mind (Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 247).

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AHSMR Participates in Medical Mission to Philippines

A trip to the Philippines grew into a spiritual/medical mission for some members of the Adventist Health System Midwest Region (AHSMR) and the Chicago Filipino-American Adventist Church. The mission team—organized by Chaplain Ron Yabut of La Grange Memorial Hospital, a member of the AHSMR—consisted of health-care

professionals and their families who brought health care, spiritual recovery, encouragement, inspiration, and nightly gospel messages to more than 800 participants. Their journey took them to San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines, Apr. 19 through May 4.

Yabut said planning the trip was scary in a time that included war with Iraq and a SARS epidemic. “We prayed hard that God would protect us and guide us,” he said.

“We were excited to go on the mission trip, but the events in the world created emotional tension for us as we traveled,” noted Glenn Staana, a behavioral health counselor at GlenOaks Hospital. Members of the mission team raised their own airfare and expenses. AHSMR sent T-shirts, pens, bookmarks, and books, as well as vitamins and antibiotics.



Members of the Adventist Health System Midwest Region and the Chicago Fil-Am Church participated in a mission trip to the Philippines.

Thousands of Filipinos heard Yabut’s nightly gospel messages at the Adventist Academy San Roque, San Jose. Lita Dimalibot, a Hinsdale Hospital nurse, coordinated the children’s ministry—leading singing, praying



Lita Dimalibot (right), a Hinsdale Hospital nurse, helps in the clinic. She also conducted the nightly children’s programs.

with and telling stories to the children. “It was a very good experience to draw people nearer to God’s kingdom. The children were hungry for Bible stories and were so much fun to work with,” Dimalibot said. She also participated in the health fair, offering blood pressure screening.



Children enjoyed singing and listening to Bible stories at the nightly meetings for them.

Staana was in charge of youth and church elders’ seminars entitled “Moral Recovery Workshop.” He was amazed by the response from the young adults who really seemed to appreciate the program explaining the “hows” and “whys” of principles people can use to create a moral recovery in their communities.

“The people were so receptive to our services. It was amazing to see the building so packed with people,” said Yabut. The South Central Luzon Conference, the local Adventist headquarters for that territory, gave the mission team and the AHSMR a certificate of appreciation for their participation in this joint mission trip. More than 350 people were baptized into Christ toward the end of the two-week mission.

Approximately 700 people received free dental, medical, or optical exams and were referred to the local hospital for follow-up treatment. The medical team performed circumcisions and cyst surgery during the daylong medical mission event opener.

Staana said he appreciates his hospital’s administration more as a result of this trip. “We have much to be thankful for here where we can ask for supplies and get them,” he says. He hopes to participate in future mission trips and would encourage others to share their gifts with people in other parts of the world.

*Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region
Lake Union Herald correspondent*

More than 350 people were baptized as a result of the gospel meetings and medical clinics held in the Philippines.



Paving the Way

The newly-renovated Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University officially opened in October 2001. While the inside of the building serves as a place where men and women of God are trained to do His work, the outside serves as an opportunity to pay special tribute to family members, friends, and favorite pastors or professors. The seminary entrance terrace, a beautiful commemorative walkway of bricks and pavers, is located near the south doors.



The seminary entrance terrace is a beautiful commemorative walkway of bricks and pavers.

Ray and Marilyn Lounsberry of Nevada, Ia., chose to buy a brick for their son, Frank (B.A. '78, M.A. '82), a seminary graduate, after his death in 1999. Frank participated in an archaeological dig with Siegfried Horn, former Andrews University professor of archaeology, during the summer of 1976, which sparked his interest in artifacts and biblical history. The Lounsberrys said: "We were so happy to be able to remember our son in such a tangible and meaningful way."

To date, 195 single, double, and paver bricks have been sold and engraved. Your name, or the name of someone you would like to honor, can be engraved on one of these stones that will become a lasting legacy. If you are interested in purchasing a brick to be engraved, single bricks (4 x 8 in.) are \$125, double bricks (8 x 8 in.) are \$250, and pavers (12 x 12 in.) are \$1,000. For more information or to order, call the Andrews University development office at (269) 471-3592.

Join the hundreds of alumni and friends who are paving the way for our future church leaders through this investment.

Katie Shaw, University Relations news writer

"Hey, what about our story?" a student called out as Leon Hauck, assistant professor of computer information systems, was letting the students in his project management class leave early for a change, but had forgotten that he had promised to tell a story to illustrate one of the points he had made in class. The student made sure he wouldn't get away with it.

Hauck's students appreciate the way he relates classroom theory to real life experiences from his approximately 20 years of work in hospital information technology. "I don't often get the question, 'Why do I have to learn this?'" said Hauck.

The professor sees preparing students to be effective workers in the information technology area of a business as his main objective.

"Many times when I was responsible for hiring people, I knew what I was looking for in that position," said Hauck who, from his experience in the IT world, now seeks to equip students to be as marketable as possible to future employers. He is full of good, practical advice. One word of counsel that Hauck gives to students itching to graduate and find the dream job is, "Don't set your heights too high too soon, and don't be afraid to spend a little time in the trenches." He also encourages his students to see the bigger picture of how their future work will fit into the operations of a large organization.

But life is more than just work. "I enjoy biking. Most of the time I use my road bike," said Hauck. Aside from the outdoors, Hauck and his wife Christina, are musical. She plays the piano and sings, and he plays both the trombone and the piano. Before coming to Andrews, the couple used to visit churches and perform musical numbers. Here at Andrews, Hauck plays in the trombone ensemble. He lives a well-rounded life because he believes in balance.

As Hauck prepares students for a profession that can pay very well yet require exorbitant amounts of time, he sticks to his principles. "Money isn't everything," he says with a smile.

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer



Leon Hauck

Baptisms Highlight Special Children's Sabbath

Indiana — Kid's church, Pathfinder investiture, and three baptisms—for the Bloomington Church, April 26 was a Sabbath to remember.



Photos by: Terry Self

Bloomington young people enjoyed the quarterly kid's church program, featuring the story of Daniel and his three friends, the fiery furnace, and King Nebuchadnezzar's throne room.

Bloomington Navigators Pathfinder Club director, Teresa Mathis, organizes kid's church once every quarter. With help from volunteers like Dan and Tammy Hays, Jill Riley, and many others, this is a wonderful outreach to the young people in our congregation. Aluminum foil and gold spray paint turned one end of the school's gymnasium into King Nebuchadnezzar's throne room as the kids put on a play about the three Hebrews and the fiery furnace.



Charlie Thompson, Indiana Conference youth director, presents baptismal candidates Christopher Mathis (16), Michael Morrow (11), and Steven Self (10), to the congregation for baptism.

After lunch the Bloomington Navigators Pathfinder Club held an investiture service, at which three Pathfinders who had made the decision to give their lives to Jesus were baptized.

Terry Self, Bloomington Church communication leader



VBS Float Entered in 4th of July Parade

Illinois — The Elmhurst Church entered a float in the Elmhurst 4th of July parade to promote the Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (SCUBA) Vacation Bible School (VBS) program and increase the church's neighborhood presence. Members handed out hundreds of special bubble toys with invitations attached. The float was decorated with whales, dolphins, and characters from this year's SCUBA theme VBS program. Three members wore diving suits, while David Sitler, Elmhurst Church pastor, was Chadder, the SCUBA mascot.



David Sitler, Elmhurst Church pastor, in the VBS mascot suit.



The Elmhurst Church float advertised the VBS program to thousands of Elmhurst residents.

VBS attendance this year was almost double of what it was last year. After two nights, we had 70 kids, about half of them from the community.

Christian Prohaska, Elmhurst Church communication leader

Cicero Church Nurtures Their Young for Jesus

Indiana — Elwin Shull, affectionately known by Cicero (Ind.) young people as “the candy man,” weekly focuses on each child leaving church with a warm smile, friendly greeting, handshake, and a small piece of candy. Shull’s ministry is just one example of how a church family works together to love their children into its fold. In Cicero, the young people know they are special at church, and that older members care about their future with Jesus.



Photo by: Ramona Trubey

Ron Kelly, Cicero Church senior pastor, reviews the Adventist Church beliefs with four baptismal candidates prior to their baptism. From left: Danielle Duvall, Phillip Somers, Alex Smith, and Karilyn Carlson.

The junior Sabbath school class, with leaders Greg and Melody Hoover and Keith and Shelly Hannah, is filled with children each week before the bell rings to begin class and sometimes long after it is over because it is a fun place to be, drawing the children to church with their parents.

This year the leaders have made it a priority to work along with the Cicero Church pastors to prepare their young people for baptism, giving them a baptismal study guide to complete. Children worked on the study guide at home and during Sabbath school classes. When each page was completed, they were given two stickers. These stickers were accumulated until they reached a certain goal, and then they received a small prize. One young man was so motivated that he stayed up most of the night to complete extra pages before coming to Sabbath school.

In addition to the preparation for baptism provided in the Sabbath school program, Ernie Peckham, a Cicero Church pastor, visited the Cicero Elementary

School twice weekly for a twelve-week period. He studied the same lessons with students in grades four through eight.

As a result of this combined effort, six young people have been baptized so far. Three more are making plans for a baptism in the near future. These young people are on fire for God and serve the church in many capacities—as deacons, song leaders, musicians, and video camera technicians.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication leader

Indiana Academy Students Discover a Home Away from Home

Indiana — As students enter Indiana Academy (IA) this fall, they will find the local church congregation welcoming them with open arms.

Established about 10 years ago, the Cicero Church academy-church relations committee works to involve the students in the life of their church, insuring that students feel at home while away from home.

Scheduling about a half dozen activities each



Cicero Church members take homemade treats to the dormitory students at Indiana Academy.

school year, the Cicero Church members interact with IA students during joint potlucks, open gym nights, mini-golf outings, and at-home Sabbath dinners. The church members have also brought home-made treats

to the students and have gone to each of the dorms caroling during the Christmas season.

Karen Peckham, chair of this year's committee, states its purpose is to “foster relations between the church and the academy members, and to help make the students a part of our church and create activities where staff, students, and church members can interact.”

We are glad to have the Cicero Church nearby to help provide a home away from home for our students.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations correspondent

Adventists Respond to Illinois Tornado Disaster

Indiana — When a tornado devastated the community of South Pekin, Ill., nearly all the residents came forward with donations—deposited at Perkin’s Faith Tabernacle Church—to help the storm victims. Soon the church was so full of donated clothing and household items that a semi-trailer was stationed outside for the overflow.



Upon arriving in South Pekin, Ill., the team surveyed the donations they would help organize and distribute.

FEMA workers were there to evaluate our plan and thank us for coming to help. A television crew arrived and interviewed me, since I was the appointed spokesperson. Adventists were highly praised in the FEMA reports. To help others is what our mission is all about.

Katheryn Ratliff, Indiana Conference Adventist disaster response coordinator

Korean Church Members Reach out to Their Community

Illinois — The Westmont Korean Church members, since it is an immigrant church, felt that their sense of responsibility to the community had been especially weak, so they began to actively look for ways to become involved in their community.



Westmont Korean Church members reach out to their community through their ministry to the homeless.

The initial inspiration for more community outreach came from the members of the Bagel Choir, whom they first met through a Lake Union *No One But You* video



Photos by: Katheryn Ratliff

Indiana Adventist disaster response team assists in South Pekin, Ill. From left: Russell and Barbara Hainey, Judy Clippinger, Dennis Gann, and Clarence Ratliff. Katheryn Ratliff (not pictured) helped coordinate their efforts.

Susan Jensen, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regional voluntary agency coordinator, learned of the church’s dilemma and called Royce Snyman, Lake Union Conference disaster response director, to acquire the services of Adventist disaster response teams, skilled in sorting and distributing donated goods in disaster situations.

When Snyman made the request for Indiana to assist with the Illinois tornado disaster, it didn’t take long for a response team to jump into action. The next day six volunteers drove to South Pekin where we joined with a Michigan disaster response team. Upon our arrival, we found mounds of clothing, household goods, and toys.

Our first task was to sort, bag, and label all the items, which were then transported to other local agencies. Having disaster training makes all the difference in being able to step in and know what to do in emergency situations.

and then invited to give a concert at their church. After the choir's visit and under the vision and leadership of Jeremy Kwon, their church pastor, many members began to reach out to the community. The youth began spending their entire Sabbath afternoons in ministry, and people in the community began to respond because they felt their needs were being met.

A "feeding the homeless ministry" began when the church took their youth to Chicago to observe the Bagel Choir minister to the homeless one Sabbath afternoon. Afterwards, the young people went out as a group to feed the homeless under the leadership of local elder and youth leader Daniel Kim. Giving the menu an Asian flavor, they included hot ramen noodle soup and home-baked breads. As the church members became better acquainted with the people they were serving, they also began to distribute coats and warm clothing during the winter months. Later, they added grooming kits with toothpaste, a toothbrush, and soap. This homeless ministry became a total church activity with participants ranging in age from 13 to 75 years.

As Koreans, the church members also wanted to reach out to the community's Korean population. Since health topics are an important concern among Koreans, the church provided health seminars and cooking schools. Through the friendships formed, many people were invited to the *Hope for the Homeland* series, and there was a good response. Some of these people now support the outreach programs with clothing and monetary donations.

Lorenzo Kim, seminary student youth-ministry volunteer, with Bruce Babienco, volunteer Herald correspondent

New Carmel Hope Fellowship

Indiana — For 10 years, members of Cicero, Noblesville, Glendale, and other nearby Adventist churches anticipated the time when they could plant a new church in Carmel, located on the northern edge of Indianapolis. With a population of about 32,000, Carmel is a thriving business community.



Indiana Academy student Zachary Widing provided a sermonette at a recent worship service at the Carmel Hope Fellowship.

Then in late summer of 2002, plans for a *Hope for the Homeland* series in Carmel began to take shape. Noblesville Church members, under the pastoral leadership of Scott Hakes, envisioned acquiring a place in Carmel where new members could gather near their home neighborhoods. As the meeting plans developed, members from the other nearby churches who desired to see the dream fulfilled were drawn into the planning, and Carmel Hope Fellowship was born.

Under the sponsorship of the Noblesville Church, a branch Sabbath school began meeting in October 2002, in a storefront building on Rangeline Road. About 23 lay members began meeting in Carmel as if they were already a fully functioning church, with weekly Sabbath school and church services. Meetings continued in the storefront for about two months before they were moved to the Community Center on Main Street.

Under the direction and counsel of the Indiana Conference, Carmel Hope Fellowship was organized into an official "company" in February of 2003. The members' goal is to make a visible impact on Carmel residents. Plans are currently in place for a *Steps to Christ* outreach, a welcome packet for new residents, and possibly a campaign for door-to-door introductions in the neighborhoods. Literature evangelists will also canvass the Carmel area to introduce Adventist literature and seek out persons interested in Bible studies.

We ask for your prayers of support that this ministry run by lay men and women will develop and grow to be everything that God intends it to be.

Lee Trendt, Carmel Hope Fellowship correspondent



Members of the Indiana Academy Impact drama team joined Carmel Hope Fellowship members for a worship service recently and shared God's Word through creative skits.

Photos by: Larry Wilbey

Sharing Our Hope

Here in the Lake Union, we want to build on the New Testament model of every member, every disciple participating in the process of advancing God's kingdom. We witnessed the positive results of following this principle last year with *Hope for the Homeland*. Now we are excited about our next step with *Hope for Our Day/Esperanza para Nuestros Dias*.

Continuing our quest to equip and train members for evangelism, Robert Quillin, Saginaw/St. Charles (Michigan) district pastor, shares his positive experience:

During the past two years, the Saginaw Church leadership has been seeking new methods to empower its members in active ministry that results in adding members to God's kingdom. When Steve and Connie Vail, one of Michigan Conference's four full-time evangelistic teams, were scheduled to hold an evangelistic series in our city, the church provided organizational and training meetings for its members.

In preparation for the "Amazing Discoveries" lecture series at the Sheraton Four Stars Hotel, members were trained to lead small-group activities. People who came to the all-day Sabbath and Sunday seminars were asked to pre-register for lectures, group activities, and a catered vegetarian meal. Meetings continued each Tuesday, and people were given a choice of afternoon or evening 90-minute sessions.

Vail instructed the people on how to study the Bible using a concordance and other Bible study tools. He then spoke about 20 minutes on a biblical topic. Time was then given for interactive Bible study. Each small group sat



Evangelist Steve Vail (left) stands with newly baptized members John Galovics, Cynthia Stafford, Lovera Woods, Debra Brown, and Pastor Robert Quillin (right) as living proof that this new evangelistic approach brings soul-winning success.

at a round table with their trained leader, who helped them find texts and write answers to questions in the prepared lesson guides. These leaders befriended and bonded with their small-group members.

Following the group study time, Vail spoke on a new biblical topic for another 20 minutes, and again the groups met to personally review the main points in his presentation and complete the prepared lesson. Small-group members were also given homework for additional Bible study outside the seminars. This routine continued for about three months, and then the seminars were moved to the church where they completed the remaining subjects and materials.

This creative approach involves the church members in doing the work of evangelism as they interact with people in their small groups.

Consider these advantages:

- ▶ Members are given an opportunity to use their spiritual gifts in sharing the hope they have in Jesus to God's glory.
- ▶ Mentors are spiritually blessed as they study with new friends and build new relationships.
- ▶ Mentors are responsible to fully

prepare each of their candidates to accept their vows of baptism and to present them to the church for membership.

- ▶ Members become spiritual guardians of new church members.
- ▶ New members are not unduly attached to either the evangelist or the pastor, but are bonded to the church members who will continue to nurture them within the church family.
- ▶ Pastors are able to fulfill their clarion call "... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ..." (Ephesians 4:12, NIV).

Ministry innovations such as this will be presented at the *Hope for Our Day/Esperanza para Nuestros Dias* Training Convention in South Bend, Indiana, October 24-26. I would like to personally invite you to join me for this very special training event. Register now for an assured place.

Walter L. Wright, Lake Union president, with Robert Quillin, Saginaw/St. Charles (Michigan) district pastor

HOPE FOR OUR DAY—ESPERANZA PARA NUESTROS DIAS 2004

“Hope for the Homeland” was a tremendous success in the Lake Union. Once again we are gearing up for an all-out evangelistic sweep of our territory. Would you like to participate in specialized training to be part of the great march of laymen in 2004? Well here is your chance. We’re hosting a training convention for the 2004 “Hope for Our Day—Esperanza para Nuestros Dias” campaign. Now you can prepare to be active in the next big Lake Union evangelistic effort. Just look at what will be served up!

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For More Information: Contact Jackie Wright at 269-473-8200.

www.HopeForOurDay.org www.EsperanzaParaNuestrosDias.org

Creative Assembly and Packaging Helps Adventist Community Centers Support ADRA

Indiana — In 2002, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) shipped 22 million pounds of clothing that helped over 10 million beneficiaries. Adventist churches in North America contributed to this humanitarian program in 2001 by shipping 7,687 bales of clothing to ADRA sites. In 2002, the number of bales was increased to 13,064. This endeavor was possible because of a work relationship between Creative Assembly and Packaging and Adventist Community Services centers.



Indiana Academy student Conrad Reichert III and employees Roberta Otto and Audrey Bokov unpack clothing boxes received at the center and sort them for baling.

Creative Assembly and Packaging, an Adventist-owned and managed company in Cicero, Ind., is one of two collection sites for clothing from conferences throughout the North American Division. Community centers ship boxes of clothing to the Cicero company, where clothes are then sorted and baled by Indiana Academy students and other employees.

At the present time, ADRA has requests for 35 containers of clothing, and reports there is a desperate need for children's and men's clothing. The majority of these shipments will be made to the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States, former Soviet Union) since the State Department provides free shipping. Specific needs include: winter clothing, coats, sweatshirts, pants, new socks, sweaters, and men's suits.



Conrad Reichert III and Audrey Bokov compress and package clothing at the baling machine.

The Lake Union Conference is one of the strongest contributors to the ADRA clothing program. In an effort to support the requests received by ADRA, we encourage members to continue to donate quality clothing to the Adventist Community Services center nearest you.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

Twenty-four Baptized at Camp Meeting

Wisconsin — Townspeople would come every evening on the prairies—it was a combination of entertainment, spectacle, and gospel preaching that spiritually revived agricultural America. It was *camp meeting!*

Camp meeting was a combination of revival and evangelism that led many a person to make a lifelong commitment to Jesus. Characterized by fervent preaching, heartfelt appeals, and intense Bible study, camp meetings were a phenomenon of the Old West. Ellen White wrote of the camp meeting:

"We called on those who desired to be baptized, and those who were keeping the Sabbath for the first time, to come forward. Twenty-five responded. These bore excellent testimonies, and before the close of the camp meeting 22 received baptism" (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, p. 300).



Pastor Steve Aust baptizes Carley Flood of Columbus, Wis., at Wisconsin camp meeting.

How does this compare with camp meeting as we operate it today?

In Wisconsin, camp meeting is like a fruitful evangelistic meeting. In 2002, there were 32 people baptized on the last Sabbath of camp meeting. In 2003, 24 were baptized. In fact, there *was* fervent preaching, heartfelt appeals, and intense Bible study! Could it be that we are fulfilling God's purposes in coming to camp meeting?

- ▶ We gain inspiration to revitalize our own souls.
- ▶ We gain training to prepare us for service.
- ▶ We make decisions for Jesus for eternity.

Camp meeting remains one of God's instrumentalities for saving souls!

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

Richmond Church Celebrates 50 Years of Service



Evelyn Rogers, who has been a Richmond Church member for over 60 years, was honored with a medallion.

Indiana— About 100 years ago, the Richmond Church was planted in a private home. Over the next 50 years, the church moved from a home, to a storefront, to the Roda Temple, and to a small church on Northwest 5th Street. The 137-member church family has been worshipping at the current location, 1001 W. Main Street, for the past 50 years.

Richmond members welcomed many former

pastors, teachers, and members to its 50th anniversary celebration the first week of July. Over 100 participants came for the event.

The weekend began Friday, July 4, with an open house, meal, and sundown worship in the church. "We mostly welcomed guests and shared memories over a light supper," says Barbara Fisher, a 30-year Richmond Church member who coordinated the event with Marilyn Summitt, a 40-year member. The entire church, inside and out, was redecorated by Jeannie Thomas, a six-year member.



Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president, preached for the Richmond Church's 50th anniversary celebration.



Photos by: William Fisher

Barbara Fisher holds samples of the medallions given to the honored members at the 50th anniversary celebration. The medallions were suspended on red, white, and blue ribbon with a photo of the Richmond Church on the front and Rev. 3:11 written on the back, "Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown."

The high Sabbath included a PowerPoint presentation created by William Fisher, 30-year member, featuring camp outs, baptisms, weddings, and many other church memories. An honors presentation paid tribute to many individuals, including Jane Floyd, Evelyn Rogers, and Jean Farlow who have each been members for over 50 years.

"Richmond's 50th anniversary is one of the biggest blessings that the church has experienced in the past several years," says Michael Stough, current church pastor. "It really has brought the church members closer together, showing the congregation that there are still many things we can accomplish if we will continue to work together."

Tamara Wolcott Fisher, guest correspondent

Fireside Lodge Building Project



Wisconsin— In October of 2002, the Wisconsin Conference constituency voted a new capital project—the Fireside Lodge (cafeteria/ministry center) to be constructed at Camp Wakonda. This \$800,000 project was ambitiously scheduled to begin in August of 2003 and finished in time for 2004 camp meeting. The only difficulty was money—there was only \$100,000 available from a matured trust to begin the construction.

During camp meeting, 2003, conference leaders provided detailed information about the new project, and fund-raising was launched on Sabbath morning, June 21. Ray Hubbartt, a retired Adventist preacher, gave the offering appeal that Sabbath morning and made a wonderful announcement. A Wisconsin Conference donor was prepared to match any donation or pledge that was made that day at the *(cont...)*

Wisconsin camp meeting! Hubbartt then delivered a stirring appeal.

When the treasury staff tabulated the totals, over \$270,000 had been donated or pledged that Sabbath. With the additional matching funds, over \$540,000 had been committed to this important project. Brian Hamilton, Wisconsin Conference secretary/treasurer, reports, "The Wisconsin Conference members' generosity has put this project on schedule. We sensed God leading in this project, but until camp meeting, we didn't see how He would bless."

The Fireside Lodge will house a new cafeteria/kitchen and so much more. Its space will be available for seminars, convocations, and local church functions. With seating for over 200, Camp Wakonda's 200+ acre campground will be available for year-round use.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

New Landmark Company

Indiana — A group of believers has joined together to form the new Landmark Company in Indianapolis. Meeting together since 1998 in members' homes and rented churches, last year they were able to purchase the building where they currently hold services at 3429 Graceland.



Landmark Company members join together to impact their community in Indianapolis.

Conference officials were present on June 28, as members signed the official charter. These and others not present, who have also indicated their intent to join the Landmark Company, total 29. Memberships will be transferred to the conference church until a later date when they officially become an organized church. Those transferring membership originate from Indiana Conference churches, Lake Region Conference churches, Africa, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president, speaking at the official consecration service, encouraged the new company to remember how big their God is as they face the challenges of becoming a church.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

Blind Member's Talents Enrich Church



In spite of her blindness, Carla Ward uses her musical and speaking talents for God at the Seymour (Ind.) Church.

Indiana — Can Christians with disabilities publicly serve Christ and His church? The challenges may be different for them, but the resounding answer is *yes!*

Carla Ward, a twin whose other twin died six hours after birth, was born three months premature at her home and was then transferred to the neonatal intensive care unit in the local hospital. Baby blue-eyed Carla was three years old when her parents realized she was totally blind.

At four, Carla began her education at the Indiana School for the Blind, where she learned to read Braille. When she was nine, she exhibited an above-average talent for music as she spent many hours listening to her radio and composing simple songs. When she was ten, Louisville radio station WDJX invited her to come and record her music at their studios. At the station, Gary Major, an employee, spent personal time teaching her the basic fundamentals of music.

Carla became acquainted with the biblical teachings of Seventh-day Adventists and was baptized seven years ago. Today she attends the 45-member Seymour (Ind.) Church with church member Elsie Spurgeon, who provides her weekly transportation. Her pastor, Michael Robertson, has had the wisdom to involve her talents in several ways.

Carla teaches a weekly youth Sabbath school class, plays the piano or organ to accompany her vocal solos, sometimes plays solos on her clarinet, and participates in the adult Sabbath school, vespers, and youth meetings. She also blesses the congregation with the Sabbath morning sermon once a month.

Although totally blind, Carla relates well to people. She believes God has asked her to use her talents to glorify His name.

Michael Robertson, Seymour Church pastor, with Bruce Babienko, volunteer Herald correspondent

MILEPOSTS

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BIRTHDAYS



WALTER DAVIS celebrated his 100th birthday on Wed., Feb. 19, 2003, by a special dinner at County Table

in White Pigeon, Mich. He has been a member of the Three Rivers (Mich.) Church for 35 years.

Walter was married to the late Vivian Robinson.

Walter has been a contract painter and paper hanger, retiring in 1980. He worked with his dad in remodeling the Mendon (Mich.) Church. He also helped in raising the Mendon Church for a new basement.

Walter has two children: Glenn and Jean Davis of Battle Creek, Mich.; Alyn and Shirley Davis of Mendon, Mich.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES



FRED C. AND ELOISE BOOTHBY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10, 2002, by an open house with renewal of vows at the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Jr. Academy gym. They have been members of the Kalamazoo Church for 30 years.

Fred C. Boothby and Eloise Gerard were married Nov. 1,

1953, in Lansing, Mich., by Elders Robert Boothby and A. A. Douglas. Fred has been a nursing home administrator until retiring in 1987. Eloise has been a music teacher and nursing home administrator until retiring in 1987.

The Boothby family includes Carla Boothby of Gobles, Mich.; Fred D. and Sandra Boothby of Gobles; Ron L. and Janelle Boothby of Gobles; Lon V. and Jody Boothby of Spokane, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.



JAMES AND JEAN GALBRAITH celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 30, 2002, by an open house for family and friends at Gourley Township Hall, Wilson, Mich. They have been members of the Wilson Church for 30 years.

James Galbraith and Jean Hammel were married Nov. 21, 1942, in Detroit, Mich., by Dan Vendon. James has been a carpenter, builder, and teacher, retiring in 1986. Jean has been a licensed practical nurse, retiring in 1986.

The Galbraith family includes Sue and Jim Pierce of Wilson; Jan and Herb Rau of Cedar River, Mich.; Judy and Gordon Buhler of Silver Dale, Wash.; Larry and Carla Galbraith of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Sylvia Effner of Escanaba, Mich.; Lauren and

Jerry Bauer of Menominee, Mich.; Dohn and Cindi Galbraith of Sitka, Alaska; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



JAMES AND JOAN KEENEY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28, 2002, by renewing their vows at the East Lansing (Mich.) University Church and a reception afterwards at the Marriott Hotel in East Lansing. They have been members of the University Church for 47 years.

Jim Keeney and Joan Marsh were married Dec. 21, 1952, in South Bend, Ind., by Elder William P. Ortner. Jim has been an independent masonary and construction worker. Joan has been an office worker and a homemaker.

The Keeneys have three children: Gary L. Keeney of Rochester, Minn.; James D. and Daphne Keeney of Fairbanks, Alaska; Marsha Ann and Lou Brandon of Laingsburg, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.



MARION AND MARY LOU KIDDER celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 11, 2002, by a reception/open house given by their children that included a short concert by their children, a renewal of vows, and a light lunch at Chan Shun Hall on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church,

Berrien Springs, for eight years.

Marion Kidder and Mary Lou Cole were married Aug. 17, 1952, in Hillsdale, Mich., by Elder O. J. Mills. Marion has been a pastor and college teacher before retiring in 1995. Mary Lou has been an administrative assistant to the Atlantic Union College academic dean.

The Kidder family includes Marcia Desilets of South Lancaster, Mass.; Chris and Leon Hauck of St. Joseph, Mich.; Lawrence and Melissa Kidder of Loma Linda, Calif.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



ROBERT L. AND LEBERTA PAYNE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Apr. 5, 2003, by a reception held in the Park Pavillion at Wildwood Park and Zoo at Marshfield, Wis. They have been members of the Bethel (Wis.) Church for 36 years.

Robert L. Payne and Leberta Howe were married Apr. 8, 1953, in Prattville, Mich., by Pastor J. B. Church. Robert has been a farmer and worked at St. Joseph's Hospital as an aide for 34 years. Leberta has been a teacher for 14 years and had an adult foster care home.

The Payne family includes Rodney and Keri Payne of Pittsville, Wis.; Lynetta and Paul Zimmerman of Spencer, Wis.; Barbara and Thomas Piesz of Aurora, Ill.; Bonnie Payne of Stevens Point, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

WALLACE AND JOHNNANA SEARS celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Apr. 25, 2003, by enjoying the many well-wishes from family and

friends who love them dearly. They have been members of the Portland (Mich.) Church for 46 years and are charter members.

Wallace Sears and John-Anna Bartus were married Apr. 25, 1943, in Hazel Park, Mich., by Elder B. L. Post. Wallace has been an employee of Motor Wheel in Lansing until his retirement in 1978. JohnAnna has been a homemaker and mother, and worked with Drs. Ochs and Badgely in Lansing until her retirement.

The Sears family includes John and Linda Sears of Battle Creek, Mich.; Loren and Cathy Sears of Hastings, Mich.; the late Raymond and the late Cathy Sears; the late Charlene Patterson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

GEORGE AND JANE TAYLOR celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1, 2002, by an anniversary dinner held by their children and shared by relatives and friends at Thetford Township Hall in Clio, Mich. They have been members of the Otter Lake (Mich.) Church for 35 years.

George Taylor and Jane Lerche were married Dec. 12, 1952, in South Bend, Ind., by Elder William Ortner. George has been an employee of the City of Flint Department of Public Works until his retirement in July 1991. Jane has been a housewife and mother.

The Taylor family includes Harold Taylor of Atlanta, Ga.; Ruth and David Hittle of Rossville, Ga.; Michael Taylor of Clio, Mich.; Kathleen Taylor of Caro, Mich.; Leonard Taylor of Kingston, Mich.; Mary Austin of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.; Eric Taylor of Caro; Maurice Taylor of Dalton, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

ELIZABETH A. CARTE AND ADAM R. GOHN were married Dec. 14, 2002, in West Lafayette, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Throstr Thorardson.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Ron and Sheryl Carte of Lafayette, Ind., and Adam is the son of Robert and Kay Gohn of Lafayette.

The Gohns are making their home in Lafayette.

SHARON D. WALKER AND WILLIAM E. JAMISON were married July 7, 2002, in Gary, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jerome L. Davis.

Sharon is the daughter of Robert and the late Rosetta Walker of Gary, and William is the son of the late William and Edna Jamison of Gary.

The Jamisons are making their home in Gary.

VERA PRICE AND DONALD JOHNSON were married Dec. 14, 2002, in Madison, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor William J. Ochs.

Vera is the daughter of Climmie L. and Hurley L. Price Sr. of Madison, and Donald is the son of Donald Johnson Sr. and Ineva Perkins of Chicago, and Monroe Holloway of Chicago.

The Johnsons are making their home in Madison.

TRACY ENERSON AND MATTHEW A. J. KING were married Dec. 15, 2002, in Madison, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor William J. Ochs.

Tracy is the daughter of Daniel and Cheryl LaBelle of Madison, and Matthew is the son of John and Ruth Lungren of Madison.

The Kings are making their home in Madison.

OBITUARIES

BAUMEISTER, NELSON G., age 61; born Nov. 16, 1941, in Detroit, Mich.; died Apr. 13, 2003, in Watervliet, Mich. He was a member of the Coloma (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eva (Goyer); sons, Nelson, Steven, and Richard; daughters, Thresa Hubbard and Julie Peterson; father, Nelson; brother, Thomas; sister, Ellen Hagenbarth; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Rachor, and interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Watervliet.

BOSTON, RAYMOND W., age 89; born June 23, 1913, in Otsego, Mich.; died Mar. 30, 2003, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a member of the Linden (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alice M. (Osborne); daughters, Mavis E. Medlin and Velma L. Wood; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Charles Danforth and Robert Benardo, and interment was in Cedar Lake (Mich.) Cemetery.

BROWN, NELLIE JOE (HOUGH), age 88; born Jan. 31, 1915, in Spencer, Mich.; died Apr. 26, 2003, in Ft. Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Belgreen (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Lennda and Glenna.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Spencer Mills Cemetery, Gowen, Mich.

COUNCELL, ELDON K., age 81; born Apr. 24, 1921, in Gladwin, Mich.; died Feb. 11, 2003, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Corinne B. (Harmon); sons, Gary R. and Byron E.; daughter, Linda S. Bauer; half brothers, Robert and William Councill; sisters, Vera A. Parker and Carmen I. Olin; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Riggs, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

DELAPORTE, ERNEST P., age 78; born Mar. 5, 1924, in Gael, Brittany, France; died Nov. 20, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly J. (Taylor); son, Eric D.; and sister, Marie-Therese Nouvel.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Skip McCarty; Elders David Rand, Edwin Buck, and Richard Leshner; elder Wolfgang Kunze, Eric Delaporte, and Allen Waterhouse, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

EHRHART, LUCILE R. (KELLER), age 91; born Sept. 15, 1911, in Bourbon, Ind.; died Feb. 25, 2003, in Phoenix, Ariz. She was a member of the Indianapolis Glendale Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Marty Huber and Carol Klontz; sister, JoAnn Fox; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don English, and interment was in Washington Park North Cemetery, Indianapolis.

FIEBELKORN, FRANK W., age 85; born Dec. 10, 1917, in Burr Oak, Mich.; died Apr. 27, 2003, in Marianna, Fla. He was a member of the Burlington (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Winona M. (West); son, David F.; daughter, Frances

L. Stone; brothers, Lester and Lawrence; sisters, Neva Mitchell and Keitha Post; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Charles Woods, with private inurnment.

FIELD, LOLA M. (MCCARN) HOXIE, age 90; born Oct. 2, 1912, in Evart, Mich.; died Nov. 24, 2002, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was a member of the Riverdale (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Vernon Hoxie; stepsons, Robert, Bruce, and Alan Field; daughters, Coral Staines, Norma Hoxie, and Sondra Bowser; stepdaughters, Joyce Linton and Janice Bailey; and numerous grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Jim Micheff Sr. and Don Williams, and Franklin Horne, and interment was in Fulton Center Cemetery, Perrington, Mich.

FINN, LUCILE (FENNER), age 77; born Jan. 29, 1926, in Adams, Wis.; died Feb. 8, 2003, in Fort Atkinson, Wis. She was a member of the Oakland (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Woody.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors William J. Ochs and Richard Habenicht, and elder Dale Bossenberry, and interment was in New Chester Cemetery, Adams.

GARRETT, LEO A., age 91; born July 24, 1911, in St. Anthony, Iowa; died Feb. 26, 2003, in Vance Creek Twp., Wis. He was a member of the Clear Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Harold; daughter, Shirley Meitzler; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Vassili Khrapov and Elder Norm Britain, and inurnment was in Sumner City (Wash.) Cemetery.

HAYNE, LEON A., age 92; born Oct. 20, 1910, in Butler, Mich.; died Apr. 25, 2003, in Colon, Mich. He was a member of the Centreville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lenora (Taylor); son, Kent; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harry C. Hartmann, and interment was in Toledo (Ohio) Memorial Park Cemetery.

HOFFMAN, LEONA M. (WOLF), age 100; born Dec. 16, 1901, in Prattville, Mich.; died Oct. 11, 2002, in Tipton, Mich. She was a member of the Prattville Church.

Survivors include her son, Lewis; daughter, Vivian Stein; brother, Rex Wolf; sister, Thelma Laser; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Don Siewert and Pastor Monte Landis, and interment was in Prattville Cemetery.

JOHNSON, ROBERT B., age 72; born Jan. 2, 1931, in New York Mills, Minn.; died Mar. 20, 2003, in Cookeville, Tenn. He was a member of the Ithaca (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Shaver); sons, Ronald and Donald; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Virgil Covell, and interment was in Ithaca Cemetery.

KING, GERTRUDE A. (DYER), age 91; born Dec. 2, 1911, in Evart, Mich.; died Feb. 14, 2003, in Lansing, Mich. She was a member of the East Lansing University Church.

Survivors include her sister, Eva Collins.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Yeagley, and interment was in Evart (Mich.) Forest Hill Cemetery.

LILLIE, RUBY (PAYSON), age 88; born Mar. 12, 1914, in Richardson, Wis.; died Jan. 26, 2003, in Spooner, Wis. She was a member of the Clear Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Sherman; daughters, Shirley Mikkelsen, Shelby Urbanski, Sharon Sandahl, and Sheila Dunbar; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Vassili Khrapov, and interment was in Clear Lake Cemetery.

MCCLELLAN, RHODA (PHELPS), age 96; born Oct. 17, 1906, in Holton, Mich.; died Feb. 12, 2003, in Grand Haven, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Haven Church.

Survivors include her son, Dan; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Lewis Anderson and Elder Paul Penno, with private inurnment.

MAY, REBECCA S. (KEELER) SHAW, age 41; born Jan. 9, 1961, in St. Joseph, Mich.; died Dec. 27, 2002, in Eau Claire, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas L.; son, Kyle Shaw; daughters, Christina Shaw and Sarah May; father, Charles Keeler; mother, Barbara Keeler; brother, John Keeler; and sister, Betsy Glenn.

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

MILLER, HAROLD E., age 83; born May 7, 1919, in Putnam County, Ind.; died Dec. 29, 2002, in Crawfordsville, Ind. He was a member of the Brownsburg (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Viola (O'Hare); sons, Harold Jr. and Edwin; sister, Helen E. Sutherlin; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jerry Lastine, and interment was in Ladoga (Ind.) Cemetery.

OLIVER, JAMES T., age 90; born Mar. 2, 1913, in Gilmer County, Ga.; died May 10, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly (Freeman); sons, James K. and Richard W.; daughters, Mary L. Segura and Patricia S. Hinman; brothers, Charles E. and Ernest J.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Larry Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

OSBORN, MARY E. (THOMPSON), age 67; born Sept. 21, 1935, in Bass Lake, Ind.; died Feb. 17, 2003, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Dowagiac (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Les L.; sons, Stephen and John; daughter, Beth Stevenson; brother, Benjamin Thompson; and sisters, Pauline Mendenhall, Bonnie Planck, Marilyn Drang, Shirley Williams, and Laura Stone.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Milo Sawvel, and interment was in South Union Cemetery, Berrien Center.

POLEDNA, JOSEPH M. JR., age 76; born Feb. 8, 1927, in Chicago, Ill.; died Feb. 28, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Jean A. Kendall; and sister, Dolores Poledna.

Funeral services were conducted by elder Delcy Kuhlman, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

SAYEN, LUCILLE (CLAUSEN), age 88; born Mar. 14, 1915, in Osier, Mich.; died May 13, 2003, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Riverside Church, Rapid River, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Alberta Havens; brothers, Robert and Clifton Clausen; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Labor Day weekend in Rapid River.

SCHROEDER, HAROLD O., age 80; born Jan. 31, 1923, in Watertown, Wis.; died Apr. 28, 2003, in Cambridge, Wis. He was a member of the Oakland (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie (Costairson); sons, Roger, Ronald, and Harold; daughter, Joanne Johnson; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by elder Dale Bossenberry, and interment was in Oakland (Wis.) Adventist Cemetery.

SEARS, JOHNNANNA (BARTUS), age 78; born Oct. 4, 1924, in Vaughns Mill, Ky.; died May 14, 2003, in Portland, Mich. She was a charter member of the Portland Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace; sons, John and Loren; half sister, Edith Costie; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Sheldon Seltzer, William Cowin, and Christopher James, and interment was in East Sebewa Cemetery, Portland.

SIAS, RUTH L. (BISHOP), age 79; born Aug. 28, 1923, in Kalamazoo, Mich.; died Feb. 15, 2003, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Vesper C.; sons, Doug C., John R., David M., and Bob S.; daughter, Mary Lou Pride; brother, Robert S.

Bishop; sister, L. Cheni Wise; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Mickey Mallory, Jim Danforth, and Mike Wise, and interment was in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

STRUNTZ, THEODORE K., age 84; born Apr. 30, 1918, in Karlsbad, Czech Republic; died July 16, 2002, in Port Charlotte, Fla. He was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Emma (Krupke); sons, Y. H. Ted and Wolfgang D. J.; daughter, Susanna A. M. Massengill; brother, Josef; sister, Hermine Vondracek; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Ernest Stevenson and Y. H. Ted Struntz, with private interment.

TAYLOR, FLORA B. (HARRISON), age 78; born Nov. 7, 1924, in Huntington, W.Va.; died Mar. 7, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Glendale Church.

Survivors include her son, Leslie; daughter, Carolyn J. Smith; brother, Charles Harrison; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Fred Troxell and Frank Haynes, and interment was in Indianapolis Memorial Park Cemetery.

THAGER, MELVIN F., age 88; born Sept. 19, 1914, in Lupton, Mich.; died Mar. 26, 2003, in Lupton. He was a member of the Long Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances May (Short); brothers, Cecil, Daniel, Leo, Hillman, and Louis; sisters, Hazel and Alice Arntz, Goldie Humphrey, Virginia Goodrow, and Vola Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Charles Mackintosh, and interment

was in Oak Grove Cemetery, South Branch, Mich.

THUNDER, CLARENCE G., age 91; born Dec. 24, 1911, in Marshall, Mich.; died May 3, 2003, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of the Battle Creek Urdandale Church.

Survivors include his stepson, Dexter Beary; brother, Walter; sister, Norma Carlstrom; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jason Seiber, and interment was in Pennfield Twp. Hicks Cemetery, Battle Creek.

TOTH, RUTH (PIEHL), age 58; born Sept. 8, 1943, in Gaylord, Mich.; died Jan. 21, 2002, in Gaylord. She was a member of the Gaylord Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; sons, Jeff, Rodney, and Tony; brothers, John, Richard, and Dave Piehl; sisters, Marie Clear, Melody Hopkins, Susan Perrin, and Elaine Warde; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Terry Nelson, and interment was in Otsego Lake Twp. Cemetery, Gaylord.

TOWNSEND, MARGARET (BREISE), age 93; born Aug. 2, 1909, in Michigan City, Ind.; died Apr. 29, 2003, in Michigan City. She was a member of the Michigan City Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Wayne Morrison, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City.

VREDENBURG, MARIAN (SMITH), age 90; born Apr. 27, 1912, in Danville, Ill.; died Dec. 30, 2002, in Danville. She was a member of the Danville Church.

Survivors include her sons, William K. and Robert J.; sister, Roberta Faust; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ed Pierce, and interment was in Sunset Cemetery, Danville.

WIEMERSLAGE, HAZEL M. (ERICKSON), age 93; born Sept. 10, 1909, in Commonwealth, Florence County, Wis.; died Feb. 15, 2003, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet M. Olson; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Private inurnment was in Shanghai Cemetery, Eau Claire, Mich.

WONDERLY, AIMEE S. (THACKWELL), age 97; born Aug. 20, 1905, in Sullivan, Ill.; died May 1, 2003, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Delton (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Robert A.; daughter, Sally Caudill; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Tami McGrew, and interment was in Montecito Memorial Park Cemetery, Loma Linda, Calif.

ZAPPIA, FRANK SR., age 84; born Feb. 23, 1919, in Chicago, Ill.; died Apr. 20, 2003, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Abruzino); son Frank Jr.; daughter, Dorothy Johnson; brother, Sam; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bruce Hayward and Kenneth Scribner, and interment was in Mission Hill Memorial Garden Cemetery, Niles, Mich.

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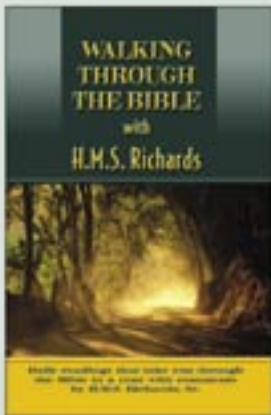
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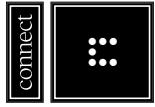
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3575, ext. 245; or e-mail: iaalumni@nlci.com.

INDIANA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT, Oct. 31–Nov. 2, at Abe Martin Lodge in Nashville, Ind. Enjoy keynote speaker Jan Yakush, singing group Message of Mercy, and Heather Neal, presenting "The Joy of Wellness" seminar. For more information, contact Marjorie Driscoll at (812) 526-5856; or e-mail: driscoll@iquest.net.

LAKE UNION

OFFERINGS: **Sept. 6**—Local church budget; **13**—Fall mission appeal; **20**—Local church budget; **27**—Local conference advance; **13th Sabbath:** East-Central Africa Division; **Oct. 4**—Local church budget.

SPECIAL DAYS: **Sept. 6**—Men's Day of Prayer; **7–13**—Nurture Periodicals; **14–20**—Family Togetherness Week; **21–27**—Hispanic Heritage Week; **Oct. 4**—Children's Sabbath.

MICHIGAN

JEWISH AWARENESS SEMINAR designed to help Adventists witness to their Jewish neighbors and friends will be conducted by Robert C. Quillin and Hisanori Hasegawa, **Oct. 3–4**, in the Saginaw Church fellowship hall, 2755 North Center Rd. Topics include: The Origin and Common Ground; Romans 9–11: Broken Branches; Jewish vs. Non-Jewish Thinking; Reducing Obstacles; and Ideas and Resources for Witnessing. This seminar is designed for Adventists and believers with Jewish ancestry but is open to anyone. For information call: (989) 249-6768.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 29th session of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Cedar Lake Church, in Cedar Lake, Mich., **Sept. 28, 2003**, with the first meeting called at 9:30 a.m. Reports of the previous five years

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26 Sabbaths ending June 30, 2003, compared to 26 Sabbaths ending June 30, 2002

Number of Members:		Conference	Average Increase/Decrease		% Inc.–Decr.	Average Tithes Per Member		
03/31/03	03/31/02		2003	2002		2003	2002	
12,296	11,982	Illinois	4,559,861	4,410,096	149,765	3.40%	370.84	368.06
6,589	6,520	Indiana	2,993,202	2,996,668	-3,466	-0.12%	454.27	459.61
26,331	25,302	Lake Region	5,424,968	4,622,744	802,225	17.35%	206.03	182.70
24,426	24,186	Michigan	12,537,499	12,553,920	-16,420	-0.13%	513.28	519.06
6,630	6,449	Wisconsin	2,728,164	2,596,272	131,892	5.08%	411.49	402.59
76,272	74,439	Totals	\$28,243,694	\$27,179,700	\$1,063,995	3.91%	370.30	365.13
Average Weekly Tithes:			\$1,086,296	\$1,045,373	\$40,923	3.91%		

Sunset Calendar

	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:15	8:03	7:50	7:38	7:26	7:14
Chicago	7:20	7:08	6:56	6:43	6:31	6:19
Detroit	8:02	7:50	7:37	7:25	7:12	7:00
Indianapolis	7:12	7:01	6:49	6:38	6:26	6:14
La Crosse, Wis.	7:36	7:23	7:11	6:58	6:44	6:32
Lansing, Mich.	8:08	7:56	7:44	7:31	7:18	7:06
Madison, Wis.	7:28	7:16	7:03	6:50	6:37	6:25
Springfield, Ill.	7:26	7:14	7:03	6:52	6:40	6:28

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NORTH AMERICAN DIV.

BARRE-MONTPELIER CHURCH CENTENNIAL: Join us on **Sept. 27** at 10:00 a.m. with Sabbath school, worship service, fellowship dinner, and afternoon program. Taking place at the church: 297 Vine Street-Berlin, Barre, Vt. For more information, call Ginny Eckson: (802) 433-5881; or Barbara Rolland: (802) 223-6454.

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Love that Transforms

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Your assignment for today has three parts:

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 12:10–21.
2. Then read the following “love stories” and grade them (1–5) according to God’s love scale. (1= Loving as God loves. 5= Not at all as God loves.)

Love Story #1: Mark’s Request

Everything was awful for teenagers Mark and Karen. And for their daughter Melody, although she didn’t know it!

Melody had been born on Wednesday, and had gone home with her unmarried parents Friday morning. All seemed well, for a little while. Then Karen’s C-section

incision began to bleed profusely. They dashed back to the hospital where Karen was immediately taken into surgery.

That left Mark alone with baby Melody. Not

knowing what to do, and terribly worried, he wandered off to the hospital receptionist and asked for advice.

“Mrs. Smith,” Mark began, “I need some help. I don’t know anything about caring for babies, and Karen and I have decided we’d like to get married. We’d like to have a pastor marry us, but our folks say churches don’t like unmarried parents. Can you help me?”

Mrs. Smith assured Mark that God loved and accepted them—even though they were not married—and called Pastor Martin (who happened to be in the hospital).

A few moments later Pastor Martin arrived, listened, and added his assurances to those of Mrs. Smith.

“God loves you just as you are, Mark. No reservations.”

Before the evening was over, Mark and his new Adventist pastor friend had begun arrangements for a wedding for Mark and Karen, and a dedication service for Melody.

And, by the way, Melody and Mark had gone home with Mrs. Smith.

Love Story #2: Kelly’s Terror

Gramma was a stickler for rules, especially when it came to her cherished china plates and vases. Whenever the grandkids came to visit, she would take them to the kitchen, show them the big china cabinet,

and remind them, “You can play anywhere in the house, but please stay away from the china cabinet. Gramma doesn’t want any of these things to be broken.”

So Kelly disobeyed.

It took two chairs and a lot of stretching, but she finally reached the shelf with the white porcelain vase. She grabbed the vase, held on, and then watched in terror as it slipped through her fingers to the distant tile floor.

Gramma came running to meet the crash. Without even a second’s hesitation, she dashed across the porcelain pieces and embraced sobbing Kelly.

“I forgive you, Kelly. Now, let’s get a broom.”

Love Story #3: Jim’s Mistakes

Jim made more mistakes than anyone else. No matter what he did, he did it wrong—and got caught!

And that made Grandmother very sad.

But Grandmother didn’t scold Jim, or hit him, or even shout at him, “Just wait till your Grandpa gets home.” Instead, she walked quietly to the shelf where she kept photographs of all her children and grandchildren and turned Jim’s picture around to face the wall.

Sometimes it took a couple hours. Sometimes it took days. But, finally, Jim would come to Grandmother, apologize, and ask to be let back into the family.

The older Jim got, the longer the picture stayed facing the wall.

Assignment part 3:

3. Read Romans 12:2, “Fix your attention on Christ, and you’ll be changed from the inside out,” (The Message) and discuss how God’s “transforming love” is working in your family.

To see more of Dick Duerksen’s outstanding nature photography, visit www.devotionography.com

Profiles of Youth

Amber Nicole Jameka Lee, 18, is a 2003 graduate of Indiana Academy (IA) where she made outstanding contributions as senior class secretary, junior class student association representative, girls' club president, girls' dorm resident assistant (R.A.), and as a member of the Choralanas and Keynotes musical groups. She was a National Honor Society member and received awards from Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Roll, National Leadership Merit, National Achievement, and U.S. Achievement Academy. She was also the recipient of scholarships from Judy Jordan Memorial and McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow.



Amber Lee

"Amber is very reliable and trustworthy," says IA girls' dean Peggy Fisher. "She was very good at working with the girls. She made my job easier."

Speaking of her academy experience, Amber advises, "Don't be afraid to be yourself. Good friends come few and far between—so when you get them, hold onto them." Amber says her most memorable academy experiences were getting closer to God and leaning on Him when she had no one else, and learning to make decisions for herself.

Amber is the daughter of Katherine and Jerry Lee of Indianapolis. She plans to become a psychologist.



Nicholas Griffin

Nicholas Lee Griffin, 19, worked hard at his studies, despite learning disabilities, during his Indiana Academy experience. Overcoming obstacles has been one of Nick's strong traits. In addition to being his senior class student association representative, Nick was a National Honor Society member, an All-American Scholar, and a recipient of the U.S. Achievement Academy Award, Congressional Student Leadership Award, and the National Leadership Merit Award.

A national amateur award-winning wakeboarder, Nick has also been a member of the gymnastics team and ski club.

"He was very determined about his work, always asking questions and wanting to learn," says John Taylor, technology teacher. "Nick was super-helpful and willing to be flexible in learning situations."

When asked what the most important thing he learned in academy was, Nick replied: "Never stop asking teachers questions, and always have a goal."

The son of Doug and Susan Griffin of Cicero, Ind., Nick plans to own his own business.

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