



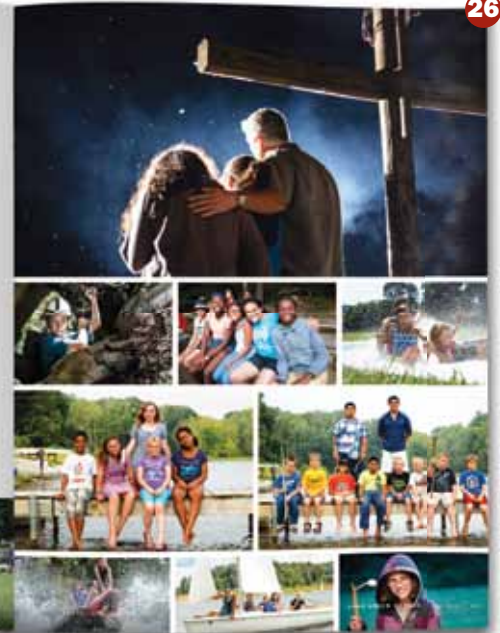
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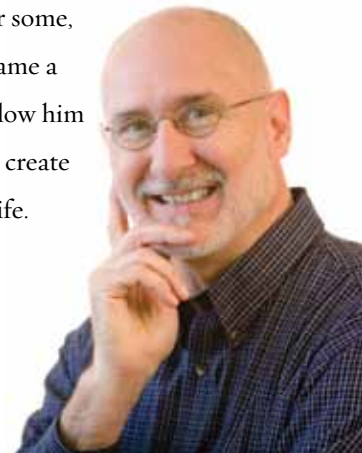
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Gary Burns, Editor



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## The Remnant and Its Mission: Part I

**T**he concept of God's special remnant people, found throughout Scripture in both the Old and New Testaments, has significant meaning to Seventh-day Adventists. We often refer to ourselves as a "movement" and the "remnant." Words like "called out," "faithful to God," "obedient" and "special" come to my mind. Others may choose "separate," "unique," "holy" and "bound for salvation" as preferred descriptors.

We believe: "The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days — a time of widespread apostasy — a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14. It coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness" (Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief No. 13).

What is the main focus of God's remnant? Two characteristics of this remnant church are that they 1) keep the commandments of God, and 2) have the testimony of Jesus Christ (see Revelation 12:17 KJV). Though much can be said about these two characteristics, the crucial point for now is that the Bible clearly teaches God will have a faithful, loyal, remnant people in the last days.

This is important because we all too often hear that beliefs and doctrine don't matter, only love, acceptance and kindness. But the great command to love is at the very foundation and core of God's character. True love not only accepts people, it leads us toward God and his will for us. To do anything else is not real love. The true concept behind the remnant of her seed (see Revelation 12:17) points to a distinct group of people whose beliefs compel them to love others in a way that is a reflection of God's character. If these characteristics weren't important, the Bible wouldn't be so specific in describing God's people.

Because our actions are a product or outcome of our beliefs, what we believe really does matter. God's remnant people do what they do because they believe what they believe. God's love for us and his will for us always go together!

Through the years, the concept of a remnant has been taught and lived well by many, and not so well by some. Ever use the term "non-Christian" or "non-Adventist?" Though I prefer "pre-Adventist," it still suggests exclusiveness. I am convinced that the Bible's use of "remnant" is more about being committed, faithful and on-mission for God, rather than framing ourselves as separate. While our Lord lived a perfectly righteous life, he sought to include everyone in his kingdom. His remnant people will be like that.

A review of Scripture, using a concordance and the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, reveals that those whom God calls his remnant are a people who are obedient, faithful, converted, proclaimers of the gospel of salvation. They are those who understand who God is and who the enemy is. They are a loving, Spirit-filled people. And, in the book of Revelation, they are a people who give voice to God's last-day message by their belief and actions: *Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus* (Revelation 14:12 KJV).

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Part II will continue next month.



## FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

# San Antonio and Beyond

WHAT HEAVEN REALLY VALUES

BY MARK A. FINLEY

**S**eventh-day Adventist Church members around the world are anticipating the upcoming General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, during the first two weeks of July.

One of the topics generating significant discussion is women's ordination. Basically, three positions have developed. There are those who oppose women's ordination and are convinced that the weight of biblical evidence is in their favor. There are those who favor women's ordination and are equally convinced that they have the weight of biblical evidence on their side. There's also a third group who, while believing that there is a pattern of male leadership in the Bible, do not understand this to be a Divine command and, along with the second group, would be willing to support women's ordination where it is deemed appropriate. However, it is not my purpose in this brief article to evaluate each of these positions.

My purpose here is to focus on a different set of questions. What values should guide the church in resolving this issue? What is most important to God? When the dust settles and the General Conference Session is over and the decision is finally made, what really matters? In this article, I will outline five values that, in my view, matter deeply to God, and every delegate to the General Conference Session and the church at large should keep these in sharp focus.



Mark A. Finley

### 1. BIBLICAL FAITHFULNESS

From our earliest beginnings, Seventh-day Adventists have been known as the "People of the Book." We are a community of faith based on the Word of God. We take seriously Jesus' statement, *Sanctify them through your word, your word is truth* (John 17:17 NKJV). We accept wholeheartedly Paul's counsel to Timothy that, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...* (2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV). Every day, thousands of Adventist evangelists, pastors and lay people appeal to their friends, neighbors and working associates to follow the teach-

ings of the Word of God, not human traditions or opinions. Our belief in creation, the Sabbath, the virgin birth, the cross, the resurrection and the second coming of Christ all are based on our unwavering faith in Scripture.

Commenting on the reformers and the need to stand firm on God's Word, Ellen White makes this telling observation, "In our time there is a wide departure from their (the Bible's) doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle, — the Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and duty" (*The Great*



*Controversy*, p. 204). The Word must guide, inform and direct each decision the church makes.

**I fully recognize that people may understand the teachings of Scripture differently on this topic. However, my prayer is that when the decision is finally made on the question of women's ordination in San Antonio, Church members around the world will sense the decision was based on the divinely-revealed truth in God's Word, not popular sentiment, because biblical faithfulness has a high priority with God.**

## 2. FAIRNESS

By fairness, I mean the willingness to openly share both sides of a challenging issue, listen sensitively and freely decide, based on the convictions of a conscience guided by the Holy Spirit and informed by the Word of God.

As the 1888 General Conference Session approached, there was tension in the air. The Adventist Church was deeply embroiled in a debate over the law in Galatians. The question was whether the law in Galatians was the moral or ceremonial law. This was of extreme importance to Seventh-day Adventists. There were those who felt if one took the position that the law in Galatians was the moral law, the Ten Commandments, that it would weaken our position on the Sabbath. G.I. Butler, then president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church (General Conference), was in this class. He published an 84-page document shortly before the Session to "prove" that the law in Galatians was the ceremonial law. E.J. Waggoner and some of his colleagues took the opposite position, and a major conflict developed.

Ellen White's counsel to G.I. Butler is insightful. She wrote these words to him, "I believe now that nothing can be done but open discussion. You circulated your pamphlet; now it is only fair that Dr. Waggoner should have just as fair a chance as you have had. I think the whole thing is not in God's order. But, brethren, we must have no unfairness. We must work as Christians" (*Letter 13*, 1887).

This insight is fascinating. Ellen's position was that it would have been better if G.I. Butler had not circulated his views and stirred up emotions before the Session; but, since he had, it was only fair to give Waggoner a hearing and listen to his position.

This wise counsel speaks volumes to the issue before us today. God values fairness. Each side must be given equal opportunity to freely share their views. The perception must not be that one side or the other is manipulating the process or controlling the flow of information. Fairness demands that both sides of a question be heard equally. When the information has been clearly presented and prayerfully considered and a decision finally made, both sides will be able to say, "The process was fair. There was open discussion, honest dialogue, and now the debate is over. We respect the decision of the corporate Body of Christ."

**I pray that, if the Lord tarries, future generations will be able to look back on this pivotal moment in Adventist history with the sense that the process was fair. And I have every confidence they will, for the integrity of the process is as equally important as the outcome in God's eyes.**

### 3. CHRIST-CENTERED RELATIONSHIPS

Jesus articulated the essence of Christianity when he declared, *By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another* (John 13:35 NKJV). John grasped the reality of this eternal truth and echoed, *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God* (1 John 4:7 NKJV). Neither Jesus nor John says, “By this shall all men know you are my disciples because you agree with one another.” Here is the fundamental question: Can we treat one another with dignity and respect even if we do not agree on the subject of women’s ordination? Will our love for one another and this Church keep us from cutting remarks, hurtful insinuations and damaging labels? If one side wins the so-called women’s ordination battle at the expense of fractured relationships and damaged friendships, the price is much too high.

During the 2014 Annual Council, the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church made a strong appeal to each delegate to freely share their convictions kindly and lovingly in the spirit of Christ. I was personally impressed and deeply moved that the discussions at Annual Council were open, honest and, at times, frank but couched in the spirit of Christian love. I have the confidence that the discussions in San Antonio will be characterized by the same Christ-centered spirit.

The ability to love — genuinely love — someone with whom you do not agree and reach out to them as a brother or sister in Christ is one of Heaven’s most important values. The One hanging on a cross with bloody hands and blood-tinged brow speaks to us from experience about loving those who oppose us and whose views are radically different than ours.

**When future generations look back at the San Antonio General Conference Session, my prayer is that they will say, “Oh! How they loved one another.”**

### 4. UNITY

While I fully recognize that a “so-called” unity does not trump biblical faithfulness, I also acknowledge that unity in the Body of Christ is one of Heaven’s highest and most cherished values. Unity occurs when we sensitively listen to one another, share our thoughts, pray together, study the Word, and decide together what is best for the Body. Unity does not occur because we all think the same but because we are willing to surrender our personal opinions, no matter how right we believe they are, to the decision of the larger body.

I am reminded of Ellen’s statement regarding the General Conference in Session, “God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 9, pp. 260–261). God has invested in the corporate decision-making process of the delegates at the General Conference Session the authority to make decisions guided by the Holy Spirit based on the Word to further the mission of the Church. Humbly accepting and submitting to those decisions fosters unity.

The fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer that, *they all may be one as you Father are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me* really matters to Heaven (John 17:21 NKJV). It is a value on which Heaven places a high priority.

What is it that unifies the church? It is the Holy Spirit bringing us into oneness in our common commitment to the living Christ. It is also a mutually-accepted set of biblically-based fundamental beliefs, a divinely-inspired Church organization that spans the globe, and a passion to share the message of Jesus’ love and truth with the world. We come from different backgrounds and cultures. We speak different languages. At times, we see things differently and vigorously debate our positions, but that which unites us is far greater than that which divides us.

**When San Antonio is all over, I long for a church that is more united, not less, so that the world may believe the reality of the gospel because they see it lived out in our attitudes and actions.**

### 5. MISSION

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been given a Divine mandate to proclaim an urgent end-time message of God’s love and grace in the context of his eternal law *to every nation, tribe, tongue and people* (Revelation 14:6–7 NKJV). Ellen could not be plainer when she said, “In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import — the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention” (*Evangelism*, pp. 119–120).

Wouldn’t it be a tragedy if the debate over women’s ordination overshadowed our commitment to mission rather



than facilitated it? There are millions in the world who do not know Christ and his last-day message for a dying planet. God is calling all of us — young and old, male and female, lay people and pastors, ordained and unordained — to participate with him in the completion of his mission. Ordination is not a qualification for proclamation; a spirit-filled life is. Whatever decision is made at the General Conference Session in San Antonio, it must foster and enhance mission.

**But there is yet one major unanswered question. What will your response be if the delegates at the General Conference Session vote something contrary to your convictions? When you have godly individuals who feel passionately about both sides of this question — whether to ordain or not to ordain women, one group is going to be disappointed in the vote. Maybe there are bigger questions: Do you believe God is large enough to guide his church even if the vote is not what you think it should be? Do you have enough confidence in the message and mission of the Church that you will not be shaken by a decision for or against the ordination of women in San Antonio? Do you trust the Holy Spirit's leading on minds of the delegates, and are you willing to accept the corporate decision of the Body? Are you prepared to give your time, energy and talents to reach out to lost people for Christ's sake whatever decision is made at the General Conference Session?**

Here is my prayer for San Antonio: That together, we will make a biblically-informed decision, in the spirit of Christian love, and the result will be a unified Church more focused on mission. Some will feel this is unrealistic. Humanly speaking, it is. But if each of us surrenders our will to Jesus and the truths of his inspired Word, I am confident his Spirit will guide us. If we value unity and mission as Heaven values it, the Holy Spirit will bring us together in a united purpose to share his “eternal gospel” with the world. If we believe God still leads his church and are willing to accept the outcome of the collective Body, even if it is contrary to our personal understanding, God will do some amazing things. I will go San Antonio hopeful because the God we serve is a God of Hope.

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# Ways to Encourage and Build Your Child's Confidence

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

*Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to Him for our management of His property . . . In love, faith, and prayer let parents work for their households, until with joy they can come to God saying, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me." —The Adventist Home, p. 159*

Many years ago, Del Holbrook, then Family Life director for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, shared with me a most helpful way to look at myself and others. His view was that we could see ourselves as a three-legged stool. One leg he identified as our self-respect. He said it is who we see when we look in the mirror. Are we honest with ourselves and others? Are we appropriately proud of ourselves and our decisions? Or are we ashamed of how we treat others?

Another leg of the stool is our self-image. He identified that as how we think others see us. Do they see good in us, support us, and are we important in their lives?

The third leg is our self-worth. That's the gift God gives us. We can know we have great worth because his promises are in the Bible. Del told me that if our self-respect and our self-worth are intact when others hurt us and try to strip us of our worth and self-confidence, we can look in the mirror and see the other two legs of the stool standing strong, and we can still stand and be confident.

As parents, we can contribute greatly to our children's self-worth and self-image as they develop their own self-respect. There are many ways we can build self-confidence by the way we respond to them on a daily basis. For example, when your child seems overwhelmed, you might say, "You seem to have so much to do. In what ways can I help?" This response lets your child know you have confidence in him and are supportive of his challenges.

Other ways to build self-respect, self-image and self-worth are to focus on building, in loving ways, their character. Also, children love companionship. They yearn for sympathy and tenderness. They never should be neglected. That doesn't



mean parents should just give time and energy to amusing their children. Children need to build their own ingenuity and skills. One commitment that will reap rich rewards is to spend at least ten minutes alone with each child, doing what your child wants, every day. By your example, teach your child that promises are meant to be kept, and ask for their ideas to help you solve real problems.

Of course, our children can't be with us every minute of every day. That wouldn't be good for them or us. Children need to trust we will return to them and that they can be on their own. Consider using the same phrase each time you will be separated from your child. For example, "I am always with you even though we are apart. I am loving you and thinking of you, for I hold you in my heart."

Remember, children have goals and ambitions of their own. Ask them to share with you, and validate your child's many interests, recognizing that, with time and experience, those interests likely will change. Let that be okay. Even if an interest is short-lived, that does not negate its importance at that time. What a privilege to contribute to our children in these ways!

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Consumption of carrots  
lowers the risk  
of prostate cancer.

## Orange Crunch

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Carrots protect  
against cardiovascular  
disease.

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ou were probably told by your mother to eat your carrots because they are good for you. Why did carrots get this reputation? What health-promoting properties do they have?

Carrots originated in Afghanistan and were cultivated first in the Middle East as medicinal plants. They belong to the *Umbelliferae* family that includes anise, celery, dill, fennel and parsley. They were not always a bright orange; that was developed by Dutch growers over 400 years ago. Today, carrots have been bred to be sweet and crunchy, bright orange in color, and rich in carotenoids.

Originally, carrots were purple, red, yellow and white in color. These highly-pigmented, rainbow-colored carrots are making a comeback today. They appear in some specialty stores and farmer's markets. The red pigment is lycopene (as in tomatoes), the purple comes from anthocyanins (as in many berries), while the yellow is due to xanthophylls (as in squash). These pigments are all antioxidants that provide us with protection against cancer.

A serving of carrots (a half-cup of chopped carrots) contains only 25 calories and very little fat or sodium. Carrots contain useful amounts of vitamin K, potassium, folate, biotin, vitamin C and manganese. They contain very high levels of beta-carotene and other carotenoids, making them an excellent source of vitamin A. Carrots provide useful amounts of soluble fiber, touted for its cholesterol-lowering and blood glucose-modifying properties. Animal studies have linked eating carrots with lower rates of glaucoma and cataracts. A large Dutch study revealed daily carrot consumption associated with a 32 percent lower risk of heart disease.

Carrots contain a number of phytonutrients beyond the carotenoids. They include polyacetylenes such as falcarinol and falcarindiol. These compounds have anti-inflammatory



properties and beneficial cardiovascular properties. Cooking the carrots makes the phytonutrients more readily absorbed.

Regular consumption of carrots protects against both colorectal and prostate cancer. Their phytonutrients both kill and retard the growth of leukemia and other cancer cells. Smokers who do not consume carrots are at three times greater risk of lung cancer than those who eat carrots regularly. Foods like carrots that are rich in carotenoids, such as lutein, help maintain normal vision by preventing macular degeneration of the eye. Carotenoids also help improve immune

function.

Carrots are very versatile. They can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled or roasted, and chopped and added to soups and stews. Shredded carrots can be used in coleslaw, stir fry, salads or sandwich wraps. Because of their sweet flavor, they also can be added to cakes and muffins. Carrot sticks or baby carrots are popular as snacks and often used with hummus and other dips.

In contrast to what you may expect, larger carrots are sweeter than small ones because they have had longer time to develop sugars. Carrots should be stored away from foods like apples and potatoes that release ethylene gas, which turns the carrots bitter. While eating kale is the popular trend of today, why not try some rainbow carrots that provide a collage of color.

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# PRESENT TRUTH

*Following the Lamb wherever He goes*

## Unity With Christ

BY THE EDITORS

*In the current social climate, our world, nation, yes, even our church seems to be experiencing greater divisions to the extremes, with increasing tensions along racial, social, political and religious lines. Yet, Jesus' focus before leaving his disciples to face the cross was a prayer for their unity, and ours. If we ever needed to pray for unity, it is now! —The Editors*

“**T**o the early church had been entrusted a constantly enlarging work — that of establishing centers of light and blessing wherever there were honest souls willing to give themselves to the service of Christ. The proclamation of the gospel was to be world-wide in its extent, and the messengers of the cross could not hope to fulfill their important mission unless they should remain united in the bonds of Christian unity, and thus reveal to the world that they were one with Christ in God. Had not their divine Leader prayed to the Father, *Keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are?* And had He not declared of His disciples, *The world hath hated them, because they are not of the world?* Had He not pleaded with the Father that they might be *made perfect in one, ... that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me* (John 17:11, 14, 23, 21 KJV)? Their spiritual life and power was dependent on a close connection with the One by whom they had been commissioned to preach the gospel.

“Only as they were united with Christ could the disciples hope to have the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit and the co-operation of angels of heaven. With the help of these divine agencies they would present before the world a united front and would be victorious in the conflict they were compelled to wage unceasingly against the powers of darkness. As they should continue to labor unitedly, heavenly messengers would go before them, opening the way; hearts would be prepared for the reception of truth, and many would be won to Christ. So long as they remained united, the church would go forth *fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners* (Song of Solomon 6:10 KJV). Nothing could withstand her onward progress. The church would advance from victory to victory, gloriously fulfilling her divine mission of proclaiming the gospel to the world.

“The organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts

to the gospel. Those to whom was given the responsibility of the general oversight of the church were not to lord it over God's heritage, but, as wise shepherds, were to *feed the flock of God, ... being ensamples to the flock* (1 Peter 5:2, 3 KJV)” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p.90).

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

- Through what can we expect to have the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of angels?
- What does being *united with Christ* look like individually? Corporately?
- Can we have a united front while fostering suspicion and criticism of church leadership?

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# Prayer, Fasting and Divine Guidance

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

Most of us have a difficult time “hearing” God’s voice and getting his guidance. But there is a way to sharpen our spiritual hearing. New Testament Christians fasted and prayed, and then they heard the Holy Spirit speak.

Praying for Divine guidance was a common practice. *While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” (Acts 13:2 NIV).* Fasting and prayer not only helps us know the heart of God, it also helps us know the mind of God — in this case, his plan. God wanted the gospel to break out of its narrow boundaries and spread to the ends of the Earth. His plan involved sending men to preach the word of God. He revealed his plan to believers as they worshiped and fasted. He even included the names of those who were to be the missionaries.

This incident, though seemingly small, had a very large meaning for the expansion of Christianity.

Some time later, Paul and Barnabas’ ministry success necessitated appointing elders in the newly-planted churches. Once again, it was with fasting and prayer that they discerned God’s will and ordained his leaders of choice. Luke reports that *they appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord (Acts 14:23 NIV).*

Prayer and fasting was clearly a critical factor in Paul’s life and ministry. In describing the trials of his ministry, he includes the fact that he was *in fastings often (2 Corinthians 11:28 NIV).* Ministry for Paul was not about finding a workable human strategy or “ten new ways to grow your church.” Ministry was about fasting and praying in order to hear God’s voice and discover his plan. Ministry was more important to Paul than food or drink.

Fasting works to open our ears and make us receptive to the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Imagine

what life would be like if we acknowledged God in all our ways and he always directed our paths (see Proverbs 3:6). Imagine how many rash decisions and unwise choices would be avoided if the wisdom and understanding of the Holy Spirit were always in them.

I once heard a pastor report to his congregation that the ruling body of the church never made a decision without asking for God’s guidance and being certain it was the Lord’s will. My first reaction was a mild, “Yes, that’s a good way to go.” However, before long, I was saying to myself, “Wow! Imagine what a church could be if the Holy Spirit really directed every decision.”

What worked for the Antioch church and what worked for Paul will work for any church or any believer today. We have the same God. His ways have not changed. He is just as interested in guiding your life as he was in guiding early believers. So, if you have decisions to make and if your spiritual ears need opening, why not get his guidance the way early Christians did — by praying and fasting.

What might be the outcome if your church fasted and prayed over every major decision?

Seek God’s will through fasting when you have a major decision to make, and ask him to confirm his will in three different ways: through Scripture, circumstances and an inner conviction from the Spirit.

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## First in the Word

BY COLLENE KELLY

“**H**i, my name is Seth Freeman. I’m a first-grader at Village Adventist Elementary School. I’m going to recite Psalm 34 verse seven: *The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them.*” So began the first of the “First in the Word” radio broadcasts.

This initial recording was heard live before the Village Church family on Sabbath, February 21. The production came together from teaching, history, education and inspiration that began long before the first-graders were ever born.

Two thousand years ago Jesus commissioned his followers, *Go into all the world and preach the gospel...* (Matthew 24:14 NIV). Eighty-seven years ago the Voice of Prophecy radio program began with H.M.S. Richards Sr. setting a precedent

for continuing Adventist radio ministry. Twenty-five years ago Beth Stevenson started teaching first grade at Village Adventist Elementary School. Fifteen years ago Memorial Hospital’s biomedical manager, Joe Stevenson, saved three very large packing crates. Twelve years ago the late Jack Iverson felt impressed to bring Christian music and teaching through the airwaves to Berrien Springs, Michigan, and WSFT 105.5 FM resulted. Ten years ago artist Jacqueline Baerwald returned from a Pathfinder Global Evangelism trip to Ghana, Africa, with several yards of native fabric.

More recently, the WSFT-LPFM Board became convinced of the need to include more community-based programming. Someone suggested incorporating students from the Village School. Beth, a board member, welcomed the idea of including her first-grade students in daily Scripture spots — first-graders sharing Scripture on the airwaves; hence the name, “First in the Word.”

The big hurdle to overcome was building the recording studio. Over the past 15 years, Joe had found a use for two of the three large packing crates from the hospital. One crate



First-graders at Village Adventist Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Michigan, read Scripture for the “First in the Word” broadcast on WSFT-LPFM.

remained, and it was just big enough for a first-grader to sit inside comfortably. Joe built the studio, complete with a door that opens and a small window, and lined it with thick, gray foam padding.

Jacqueline spent an entire week transforming the studio into an African hut. Pulling out her own fabric from Africa, she had the perfect solution to hide the door and create an authentic curtained entrance.

Joe spied some dead grasses still standing in his neighbor’s swamp. His neighbor agreed to let the Stevensons harvest as much as they wanted for the hut’s thatch roof. The studio hut fits right in with the first-grade classroom decor. Three years ago, Beth traveled to Tanzania on a mission trip, and since returning, has decorated her classroom with an African theme.

On debut day, Seth chose a memory text from Sabbath school, and the entire class joined in as a voice choir to recite the Ten Commandments.

The students will take turns recording Scripture inside the hut. Station manager Jim Knybel plans to air “First in the Word” several times daily, when children are commuting to and from school, and in the evening before their bedtimes.

Ellen White reminds us, “Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. Here children are to be instructed in the special truths for this time and in practical missionary work” (*Counsels for the Church*, page 211).

As the students share Scripture, may they lay a foundation to be always first in the Word!

Collene Kelly is a member of the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



## El ministerio de la mujer

POR ROSA DEL VALLE

*Grande es la misión de las mujeres, especialmente de las que son esposas y madres. Pueden ser una bendición para los que las rodean. Pueden ejercer una influencia poderosa para el bien si hacen brillar su luz de modo que los demás puedan ser llevados a glorificar a nuestro Padre celestial. Las mujeres pueden tener una influencia transformadora si solo están dispuestas a rendir sus caminos y su voluntad a Dios, y dejar que él controle sus mentes, afectos y ser. — Hijas de Dios, p. 149*

**E**l Ministerio de la Mujer ha desempeñado un papel importante en la obra evangelizadora. En la actualidad las mujeres componen el 52% del total de la membresía de nuestra iglesia en Norteamérica. Este énfasis nos hace reconocer la necesidad de proveer las herramientas necesarias en la preparación de mujeres al servicio del Maestro para la proclamación del evangelio de forma práctica y bajo tres enfoques principales: Alimentar, Capacitar y Alcanzar. Alimentar a cada mujer emocional y espiritualmente, así como también proveer capacitación para desarrollar líderes, para que puedan finalmente llevar el mensaje a otras mujeres por medio de actividades coordinadas para ese propósito. Reconociendo esta labor, la Iglesia Adventista ha separado varias fechas durante el año en las cuales se hará énfasis exclusivo al Ministerio de la Mujer. Las fechas son las siguientes:

**Segundo sábado de junio:** Día de Énfasis en el Ministerio de la Mujer

**Segundo sábado de julio:** Ofrenda especial para el Ministerio de la Mujer

**Cuarto sábado de agosto:** Día de Prevención contra el Abuso de la Mujer

Ante los acontecimientos que presenciamos a diario y el llamado que nos hiciera Elena G. de White al declarar que para este tiempo: "...se necesitan mujeres de firmes principios y carácter decidido, mujeres que crean que vivimos de hecho en los últimos días, y que tenemos el último mensaje de amonestación que debe darse al mundo. ..." (Servicio cristiano, p. 36) no podemos menos que presentarnos ante el Padre Celestial para ser vaciadas de lo innecesario, ser limpiadas con su justicia y luego poder ser revestidas de la gracia de Dios.

Este año la Unión del Lago celebrará el Congreso de Damas "Reconéctate nuevamente con tu Creador" con el fin de motivar, capacitar y enriquecer espiritualmente a



La Sra. Sara Bullón, oradora principal en el próximo Congreso de Damas de la Unión del Lago.

cada dama que participe del mismo. El evento se celebrará en los predios de la Universidad Andrews los días 5 y 6 de junio de 2015. Tendremos como oradora principal a la Sra. Sara Bullón quien compartirá temas de reflexión, testimonios y distintas vivencias que, sin duda alguna, serán de fortaleza espiritual para cada oyente. Además, las damas participarán de un programa variado

que incluye distintos seminarios, momentos de oración, alabanzas, confraternización, obsequios y ricos alimentos.

Para obtener más información y registrarse para este evento puede comunicarse directamente con la directora de damas de su asociación o el Departamento Hispano de la Unión. Animamos a las damas de nuestra Unión a que asistan a este evento especial para recibir una gran bendición.

Escrito por la directora de Ministerios de damas Hispanas de la Unión del Lago, Rosa Del Valle.



**CAMPAMENTO HISPANO:  
SEPTIEMBRE 4-6**

Camp Akita  
1684 Knox Road 1200 N  
Gilson, Illinois

**Registración Información**

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# ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

## CAMPAMENTO HISPANO

**POR VERONICA SOTELO**

**E**l Campamento anual hispano familiar será el fin de semana de Labor day, septiembre 4-6, 2015. Estamos muy contentos de tener al Pr. Armando Miranda como nuestro orador principal. Él es el vicepresidente de la Asociación General de los adventistas del Séptimo día. Él ha servido en la denominación por más de 40 años. Ha conducido campañas evangelísticas en Perú, Argentina, Israel, Cuba y Ucrania para mencionar unos pocos.

El tema este año será, “El Espíritu Santo, Reavivamiento y Reforma”. Queremos enfatizar la necesidad del Espíritu Santo en todo lo que hacemos. Necesitamos reforma todos los días. Estaremos congregándonos por el segundo año en el campo de la conferencia de Illinois Camp Akita en Gilson, Illinois. Estamos deseando que el tiempo llegue para salir de nuestras rutinas diarias para ir al campamento y convertirnos en uno con la naturaleza de Dios y estar en compañerismo con nuestra familia en Cristo. El domingo concluiremos los seminarios temprano para seguir con actividades que el campamento nos ofrece como pasear con caballos y el muro de escalada de roca.

Veronica Sotelo es la secretaria del departamento Ministerial y Ministerio Hispano de la Conferencia de Illinois Adventista del Séptimo día.



*Armando Miranda*



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### INDIANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING: JUNE 7–13

Indiana Academy  
24815 State Road 19  
Cicero, Indiana

#### Registration Information

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**Email:** [jloucks@indysda.org](mailto:jloucks@indysda.org)  
**Website:** <http://www.indysda.org>

### HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DAY: JUNE 13

Cicero Church  
24445 State Road 19  
Cicero, Indiana

### HISPANIC CAMP MEETING: SEPTEMBER 4–7

Timber Ridge Camp  
1674 Timber Ridge Road  
Spencer, Indiana

#### Registration Information

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# INDIANA CONFERENCE

## CAMP MEETINGS AND HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DAY

BY VAN G. HURST

**R**egardless of the work we do, at the end of the day, everyone thinks about going home. As we near the end of Earth's history and completion of our mission, our focus should be on going home, too!

The 2015 Indiana Camp Meeting theme is “Support the Mission, Finish the Work.” God must be mission-oriented for he talks about our faithfulness and how we can hasten his return.

Camp Meeting will highlight different vignettes of Christ's (and our) mission. The one thing we have been told to do is share our health message to build bridges in our communities. Jesus did this; he's sharing a plan that cannot fail.

Vic Van Schaik, Cicero Church pastor, will present our early morning devotionals. He will show how God has uniquely gifted every believer to serve. Philip Samaan of Southern Adventist University will present “Dare to Be a Daniel” weekday mornings, and his afternoon seminars are titled “The Middle East Turmoil and Last-day Events.” Jo Ann Davidson of Andrews University will speak each weekday morning, telling us “More About Jesus.” Gerald Klingbeil from the *Adventist Review* will dig into the book of Jonah at the evening meetings, and his wife, Chantal Klingbeil, will tell us “How to Read Ellen White in the 21st Century.”

Additional presenters include Jay and Chloe Sutcliffe, providing practical health training, including food demonstrations and tastings, and Heather Thompson Day, who will share how the role of women has changed drastically in the last 50 years with her series, “Rebranding Eve.”

Our weekend speaker is Gordon Bietz, president of Southern Adventist University, and we are excited to welcome back the Hinsdale Men's Chorus. Also, actor/historian Richard Garey will be with us on Sabbath afternoon as Captain Bates.

We hope you come to Camp Meeting this year and are inspired to support the mission and finish the work!

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Van G. Hurst served as president of the Indiana Conference from September 20, 2009, until his retirement on April 30, 2015.



Gordon Bietz



Jo Ann Davidson



Heather Thompson Day



Chantal and Gerald  
Klingbeil



Philip Samaan



Vic Van Schaik



Jay and Chloe Sutcliffe



Hinsdale Men's Chorus







# LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

70th Anniversary  
One-day Convocation

BY CLIFFORD JONES

**T**he Lake Region Conference is not having a camp meeting per se this year. Instead, there will be a one-day convocation to commemorate and celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Conference. The celebration will take place on the campground in Cassopolis, Michigan, on June 20, with a full day of services and events planned. It will conclude that afternoon with an ordination service, during which three pastors will be ordained to the gospel ministry.

The theme of the one-day convocation is “Still Paving the Way.” As the first regional conference voted into existence, Lake Region paved the way for the other regional conferences, which were formed in quick succession. The celebration on June 20 will bring to an end a year-long series of services and events held around the Conference to showcase the Lake Region story of challenge and triumph. Delivering the sermon for the Divine worship service on June 20 will be Carlton “Buddy” Byrd, dynamic speaker of the “Breath of Life” telecast and senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church, and Timothy Nixon, executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference, will speak for the Ordination Service.

Lake Region Conference is pleased to reflect on its journey, knowing the look back will provide strength for the journey ahead. Tracing the hand of God in the Conference’s history, provides undeniable proof God has been good to his people. God has not brought us this far to leave us here, and what God has begun in us he will surely complete. Truly, we have nothing to fear except we forget how God has led us in the past. Knowing this, Lake Region Conference is determined to continue to pave the way, relying totally on the omnipotent hand of God as we press forward.

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Clifford Jones is the president of the Lake Region Conference.

## LAKE REGION CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING: JUNE 20

Camp Wagner  
19088 Brownsville Street  
Cassopolis, Michigan

### Information

**Phone:** 773-846-2661

**Website:** <http://www.lakeregionsda.org>



Carlton Byrd



Timothy Nixon







# MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

## CAMP MEETINGS

BY JIM MICHEFF

**A**mazing and inspiring things can happen when God's people convene, from all parts of the state, to pray and study together at spiritual gatherings and camp meetings. This summer, the Michigan Conference will meet under the banner "Grow Michigan," where every phase of the evangelism process will be emphasized, ultimately to bear Conference-wide fruit in 2015 and 2016.

The Cedar Lake Camp Meeting takes place on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy with nine days of Bible-based speakers, inspirational evangelism stories, practical seminars, great music and superb children's programs.

The Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting at Camp Sagola and the Hispanic Camp Meeting at Camp Au Sable will be three-day week-end gatherings where God's people will experience similar programming. We look forward to seeing all of you who are able to join us this summer!

Jim Micheff is the executive secretary of the Michigan Conference.



John Bradshaw



Jay Gallimore



Michael Oxentenko



Randy Skeete

### HISPANIC CAMP MEETING: MAY 22-24

Camp Au Sable  
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive  
Grayling, Michigan  
Phone: 989-348-5491

#### Registration Information

Contact: Eric del Valle  
Email: edelvalle@misda.org

### CEDAR LAKE CAMP MEETING: JUNE 12-20

Great Lakes Adventist Academy  
7477 Academy Road  
Cedar Lake, Michigan  
Emergency Contact at Information Booth:  
989-427-2468

#### Registration Information

Contact: Jody Murphy  
Phone: 517-316-1512  
Email: jmurphy@misda.org  
Website: <http://www.misda.org>

### UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING: JULY 30-AUGUST 1

Camp Sagola  
2885 SR-M69  
Sagola, Michigan  
Camp Manager, Jim Nephew: 906-250-2980

#### Registration Information

Email: campsagola@gmail.org











### **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING: JUNE 12–20**

Camp Wakonda  
W8368 County Road E  
Oxford, Wisconsin  
**Camp Phone:** 608-296-2126

#### **Registration Information**

**Online Registration:** <http://wi.adventist.org>  
**Voicemail:** 920-484-6555, ext. 316

#### **Camp Meeting Locating Team**

[campmeeting@wi.adventist.org](mailto:campmeeting@wi.adventist.org)

### **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE HISPANIC CAMP MEETING: AUGUST 5–9**

Camp Wakonda  
W8368 County Road E  
Oxford, Wisconsin  
**Camp Phone:** 608-296-2126

#### **Registration Information**

**Phone:** 414-446-5964  
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### **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE HMONG CAMP MEETING**

*Time and place to be announced. Watch the Hmong Ministries page of the Wisconsin Conference website: <http://wi.adventist.org>.*

#### **Registration Information**

**Phone:** 608-772-1248  
**Email:** [pkxaelee@gmail.com](mailto:pkxaelee@gmail.com)

# **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE**

## **CAMP MEETING**

**BY MIKE EDGE**

One of my favorite songs growing up was “This Little Light of Mine.” With finger raised, my light went around the neighborhood, not under a bushel. From early childhood, our church has shared the commission that Jesus gives each of us — shine ‘til I come again.

Our Wisconsin Conference Camp Meeting theme this year is “Shine.” As Seventh-day Adventists, we are called to let our lights shine so others, in our neighborhoods, work places and homes, will see the light of Jesus and be drawn to him in preparation for his soon coming.

Our first weekend speaker this year is John Bradshaw, speaker of the television program “It Is Written.” Gary Thurber, executive secretary of the Lake Union, is our evening speaker during the week. Then, Karl Haffner, senior pastor of Kettering Adventist Church in Ohio, will preach the final weekend.

Other speakers include Jennifer-Jill Schwirzer, licensed mental health counselor and author, and Lowell Cooper, vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church. The afternoon schedule throughout the week offers attendees practical seminars dealing with how to witness to Muslims, grief, whole-person wellness, church planting, seeking the lost, and much more.

Additional features include a Sabbath afternoon concert by Emmanuel Quartet, coronary health screening, meetings and activities specific for all ages, a 5K Hallelujah Hustle fun run, a special baptism June 20 on “World Baptism Sabbath” and, of course, a great deal of family fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

I invite you to come be part of our special week of spiritual growth, celebration and renewal.

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Mike Edge is the president of the Wisconsin Conference.



John Bradshaw



Lowell Cooper



Karl Haffner



Jennifer Jill Schwirzer



Gary Thurber



The Emmanuel Quartet



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### CAMP AKITA DATES

**Cub Camp:** June 14–21, *Ages 7–9*

**Junior Camp I:** June 21–28, *Ages 10–12*

**Junior Camp II:** June 28–July 5, *Ages 10–12*

**Teen Camp I:** July 5–12, *Ages 13–17*

**Teen Camp II:** July 12–19, *Ages 13–17*

**Akita Family Camp:** July 19–26, *All Ages!*  
(New!)

**Adventure Outpost Camp:** July 26–August 2,  
*Ages 13–17*

### Location

1684 Knox Road 1200 N  
Gilson, Illinois  
**Phone:** 630-856-2857  
**Fax:** 630-856-8290

### Registration Information

**Phone:** 630-856-2857  
**Email:** [youth@illinoisadventist.org](mailto:youth@illinoisadventist.org)  
**Website:** <http://www.campakita.com>

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

# CAMP AKITA

BY MANNY OJEDA

**W**hen was the last time you heard the absence of roaring traffic, beeping phones, noisy sirens and stressed-out people? Have you ever heard the wind blowing through the trees or the sound of water splashing? Have you ever heard the gentle silence of nature? This summer, we want to invite you to a sensory experience where cold turns to warmth, water turns to fun, time slows down to take a breath, and the only sound you will hear is the still, small voice of God.

Come, join us at Camp Akita this summer! The beauty of camp is that we come from all walks of life, gather in one place, and become campers! This summer, we invite you back! If this is your first time coming to summer camp, we welcome you with open arms.

This summer, our mission at Camp Akita is to challenge our campers to “Go!” Our mission is to take Jesus’ words to heart and not keep our faith hidden, but fulfill his command in Matthew 28 to go to the entire world!

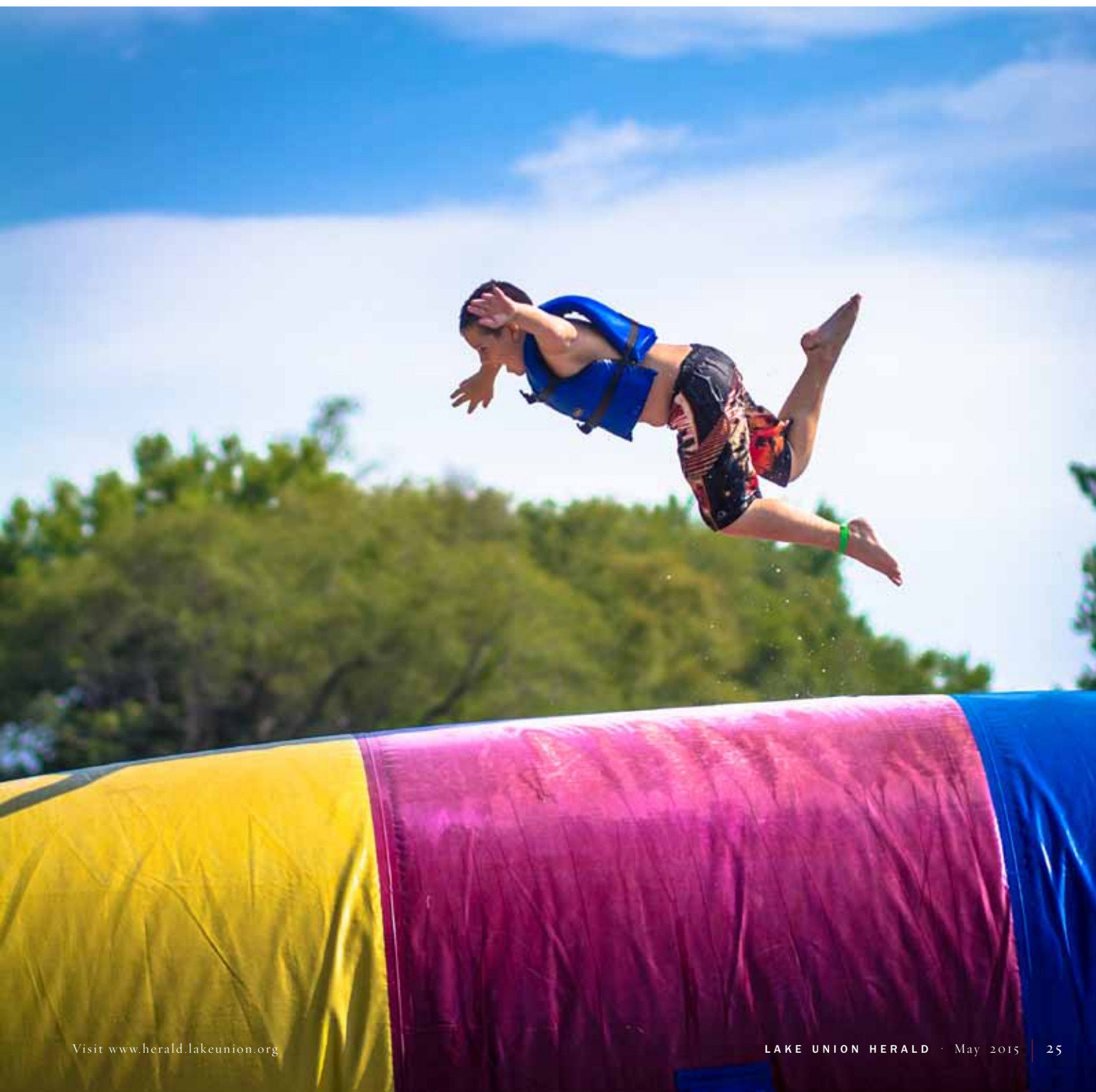
New at Camp Akita this year is our week-long Family Camp. Come, reconnect with Jesus as a family. See you at camp!

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Manny Ojeda is the youth director of the Illinois Conference.



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## INDIANA CONFERENCE

# TIMBER RIDGE CAMP

BY CHARLIE THOMPSON

### TIMBER RIDGE CAMP DATES

**Single Mom's Camp:** June 18–21, *All ages*  
*To register, call Indiana Conference*  
*Women's Ministries Department at*  
*317-844-6201.*

**Blind Camp:** June 21–28, *Ages 9+*

**Cub Camp:** June 28–July 5, *Ages 7–10*

**Junior Camp:** July 5–12, *Ages 10–13*

**Tween Camp:** July 12–19, *Ages 13–15*

**Teen Camp:** July 19–26, *Ages 15–17*

**Family Camp:** July 26–August 2, *All ages*

**Brown County Blowout:** October 9–11, *Ages 13+*

### Location

1674 Timber Ridge Road  
 Spencer, Indiana  
**Phone:** 812-829-2507

### Registration Information

**Contact:** Trish Thompson  
**Email:** [youth@indysda.org](mailto:youth@indysda.org)  
**Phone:** 317-844-6201  
**Phone:** 812-829-2507 (after June 13)  
**Address:** Youth Department, P.O. Box  
 5000, Westfield, IN 46074  
**Website:** <http://www.trccamp.org>  
 (register online)

**T**imber Ridge camper! This is your week!  
 Your week begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday with meeting the nurse, picking out a cabin and, best of all, choosing your favorite counselor! After you settle in to your bunk and enjoy your supper, you get to play Capture the Chicken, a TRC tradition!

Monday through Thursday, you will enjoy so many new, exciting adventures! There isn't enough room on this page to list them all! So, here are just a few: zipline, horses, archery, the shark, water slide...

Every evening will be your favorite time of the day: campfire! There are songs, spiritual skits and sundown worship with the pastor. On Wednesday night, your whole cabin has cabin campfire complete with s'mores. Friday night, you are invited to give your heart to Jesus. Your week is made complete on Sabbath evening, when you may decide to be baptized in the lake. Without a doubt, your week at TRC will be your favorite week of the year!

Family Camp is unforgettable as memories are made together. Your children will want to return each year!

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Charlie Thompson is the youth director of the Indiana Conference.



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### CAMP WAGNER DATES

July 19–26, Ages 8–16

### Location

19088 Brownsville Street  
Cassopolis, Michigan

**Phone:** 269-476-2550

**Fax:** 269-476-9904

### Registration Information

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**Phone:** 773-846-2662, ext. 206

**Email:** [jessex@lakeregionsda.org](mailto:jessex@lakeregionsda.org)

**Website:** <http://www.lrcyouth.com>

**Online Registration:** [http://lrcyouth.com/?page\\_id=28](http://lrcyouth.com/?page_id=28) downloadable forms

## LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

# CAMP WAGNER

BY JASON C. NORTH

Summer is almost upon us. We are looking to take Junior Camp to new heights, first spiritually and then socially, with new leadership. Camp Wagner is a place where young people have the opportunity to get out of the urban centers and come learn of God through his word and nature, establish a relationship with Jesus, and depart ready to serve. There also are a number of activities such as swimming, sports, climbing wall, scavenger hunts, go-carts, arts and crafts, and much more.

Our camp staff provides quality Christian supervision while instructing the campers daily in areas of personal care, social graces, and positive life values. We look forward to serving young people at Camp Wagner this summer, so they might have an experience that will change their lives and last a lifetime.

The Youth Department is seeking to raise \$50,000 toward scholarships for campers, and to update Junior Camp activities and equipment, both indoor and outdoor. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/improvecampwagner>.

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Jason C. North is youth director of the Lake Region Conference.









## MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

# CAMPS AU SABLE AND SAGOLA

### CAMP AU SABLE DATES

**Adventurer/Jr. Junior Camp:** June 14–21, *Ages 7–10*

**Junior Camp:** June 21–28, *Ages 10–12*

**Tween Camp:** June 28–July 5, *Ages 12–14*

**Teen/High School Camp:** July 5–12, *Grades 9–12*

**Specialty Camp:** July 12–17, *Ages 10–17*

**Father/Son Canoe Outpost:** June 14–18

**Father/Son Backpacking Outpost:** July 12–16

**Father/Son Canoe Outpost:** July 12–16

**Family Camp 1:** July 19–26, *Children 7–17*

**Family Camp 2:** July 26–August 2, *Children 7–17*

**Family Camp 3:** August 2–9, *Children 7–17*

### Location

2590 Camp Au Sable Drive  
Grayling, Michigan

### Registration Information

Registration opened March 4 at <http://www.campausable.org>, or call 517-316-1570.

**Contact:** Alanna Knapp

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**Email:** [campausable@misda.org](mailto:campausable@misda.org)

### CAMP SAGOLA DATES

**Teen Camp:** July 12–19, *Ages 13–17*

**Junior Camp:** July 19–26, *Ages 8–12*

### Location

2885 SR-M69  
Crystal Falls, Michigan

### Registration Information

**Email:** [campsgagola@gmail.com](mailto:campsgagola@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 517-316-1570

BY KEN MICHEFF

An unforgettable memory for every child is his or her summer vacation experience. Rather than waste away in front of screens and buttons, a valuable investment in the spiritual welfare of our precious children is summer camp! Church boards, school faculty members, parents, grandparents, relatives and guardians of all categories should get our young people into nature, among a godly group of role models, with a Spirit-led organized program that promotes Bible values.

Activities include horseback riding, rock climbing walls, low ropes courses, canoes, skis, wake-boarding, swimming, archery, crafts, go-carts, mountain biking, soccer, fishing and many more! A new highlight of camp is a Bible class taught by the camp pastor each week, teamed by the camp evangelist. Campers will learn creative ways to study the Bible!

The power of a Seventh-day Adventist camp is the combination of high-adventure, caring and responsible counselors, dedicated time to think and pray without distractions, and a chance to be known and loved — all in the beauty of Camps Au Sable and Sagola. Your children also will build lifelong friendships with their cabinmates where they can try new things, ask important questions about life and God, and learn of Christ's love for them, all while also discovering their purpose and passions! Either by camper alone, with his or her friends, or with the family together, experience Jesus at camp!

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Ken Micheff is the youth director of the Michigan Conference.









## CAMP WAKONDA DATES

**Blind Camp:** June 24–28, *All ages*

**Junior Camp:** June 28–July 5, *Ages 7–10*

**Tween Camp:** July 5–12, *Ages 10–12*

**Teen Camp:** July 12–19, *Ages 13–17*

**Family Camp 1:** July 19–26, *All ages*

**Family Camp 2:** July 26–August 2, *All ages*

## Location

W8368 County Road E  
Oxford, Wisconsin

## Registration Information

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# WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

# CAMP WAKONDA

BY GREG TAYLOR

There is just nothing else like summer camp! Summer camp provides an opportunity for campers of all ages to come and experience recreation, Christian fellowship and, most importantly, Jesus Christ. As the summer camp director, it is a blessing not only to see campers draw closer to Christ, but also to see the summer camp staff fall in love with service and ministry. I never have been a part of any other ministry where young adults make it their goal to unite together prayerfully toward such an amazing opportunity to share Jesus with others!

Some of the activities at camp include archery, horseback riding, waterskiing, crafts, RC cars, swimming, canoeing and much, much more. Every summer at Camp Wakonda, we invite campers to unplug from media, experience God through nature, and accept Jesus as their personal Savior. This is something we pray about as a summer camp staff from day one until well after camp is over!

If you are still making plans for summer, please don't miss the amazing opportunity to send your children for a week of incredible fun and spiritual renewal! We sure hope to see you and your children there!

Greg Taylor is the youth director of the Wisconsin Conference.









# SUMMER CAMP EVANGELISM

BY GREG TAYLOR

God is working in incredible ways at our summer camps! Camp Wakonda is blessed with a unique situation with our family camps. Around 10 years ago, we had a group of Polish family campers come to family camp in Wisconsin. They fell in love with the atmosphere, activities and, especially, the Christian family environment. The following summer, many of these families decided that this could be an incredible form of evangelism. They believed that if they could invite their community friends to this amazing family experience, it would provide them an opportunity to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Ten years later, this amazing initiative is still growing in incredible ways, and this past summer was no different. While spending time with one family camper, she explained to me that she was the neighbor of a friend of a friend who had attended Camp Wakonda. She continued to explain that she did not know that Camp Wakonda was a Christian camp



when she first arrived, but was so thankful for the experience and became convicted to get to know Jesus better.

Many of our Polish family campers come from strong religious roots but, somehow, the nonthreatening approach to evangelism that the camp provides is contagious. What do I mean? They have paid to be a part of this experience, and they are not nervous about their environment. Family campers have the option to not attend worships (though they always do), and they have constant access to the evangelist (the camp pastor). Family camp provides an opportunity not only to hear the beautiful teachings of the Bible but to see and experience what a life dedicated to Christ looks like.

After finishing a Bible study with a young camper who had decided to be baptized, we prayed and made plans

for our following time together. I then returned to my office. Before I could sit down, I looked outside to see our camp pastor, Michael Ehm, surrounded by 15–20 family campers who were taking advantage of rest period to ask questions. They asked about anything from family values to state of the dead. It almost brought me to tears to see how much they de-

sired to know about Jesus and God's Word. As a result of this unplanned time of questions and answers, there were multiple commitments made for Bible study and even baptism.

It is truly an honor to be a part of summer camp evangelism. My prayer is that our congregations will realize just how life-changing these summer ministry efforts are. I challenge Lake Union members not only to financially support summer camp ministry and campers who want to attend this summer but, also, to offer their services to volunteer as a camp nurse, kitchen staff, office support and much, much more. God is working in incredible ways at our summer camps!

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Greg Taylor is the youth director of the Wisconsin Conference and director of the summer camp program at Camp Wakonda in Oxford, Wisconsin.





Donald May

Aaron Moushon, director of the Explore Andrews program, meets with a student in Don May's office, located in Nethery Hall. May is assistant provost for Undergraduate Initiatives and Andrews Core Experience. He and Moushon co-developed and instituted the Explore Andrews program.

## Explore Andrews: New program helps freshmen solidify their path

National research from *Forbes* magazine now indicates that a person can expect to have 15–20 different jobs during his or her working years. So how realistic is it to ask a first-year student to immediately decide on a career choice when registering for classes during their freshmen year of college?

This research suggests the importance of students not narrowing their decisions about majors and career options too early in the process of getting an education. Changing out of those options could be costly in time and tuition dollars. Also, in many instances, a student is apprehensive that lack of a clear plan to a career goal is perceived as fickle, indecisive, non goal-oriented.

“The new Explore Andrews program takes into consideration that freshmen students are bound to grow in their understanding of life’s path, as they enjoy the first years of

college,” says Donald May, assistant provost for Undergraduate Initiatives and Andrews Core Experience. This new program has been developed and instituted by May and Aaron Moushon, director of Personal and Career Development, Explore program director.

The Explore Andrews program embraces the opportunity that Andrews University has to strengthen and create essential tools to help inspire students to better define and achieve their life goals. God has a specific calling for each student’s life, and this process of helping each student understand that calling in every life dimension is one of the most important opportunities available as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian university.

“The goal of Explore Andrews is to better understand each of our students and their aspirations, and to use that knowledge to find an appropriate academic plan,” says Moushon. “We’re fully committed to the process of helping students make the connections between God’s calling and the right major choice so they can better envision their future.”

Primarily, the Explore Andrews program will provide focused support for students during their first year of study at Andrews University. In that year, each student will participate in one-on-one counseling, academic coursework and co-curricular activities designed to help them better understand their strengths and abilities, and recognize God’s calling in their life.

The term “Explore Andrews” is designed to serve the specific purpose of defining a journey with each student — perhaps beginning while students are still in high school and are starting to explore college, major and career choices, and then working alongside these students as they apply and then enroll at Andrews University.

“The new Explore Andrews program will bring together various components of the academic experience, creating an exciting, dynamic, exploratory environment for a student to explore the difference between majors, career, job and calling. We’re anxious to bring the student’s family into the exploration process also, as a partner in this journey,” says May.

To find out more about the Explore Andrews program visit <http://andrews.edu/exploreandrews>.

Stephen Payne, vice president, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



Aaron Moushon is the director of the Explore Andrews program and Personal and Career Development.



## Adventist GlenOaks Hospital renovation features new chapel

"In Christ you are a new creation." These words, prominently displayed in the front of the new chapel at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital in Glendale Heights, Ill., do more than welcome visitors, they summarize a message that is part of the fabric of the hospital.

The new worship space is a crowning example of improvements made during an ongoing, extensive hospital renovation that began in January 2013. The new chapel was dedicated in September 2014.

"One of our top priorities in planning our renovation was to move the chapel to our hospital's main entrance," said Bruce C. Christian, the hospital's chief executive officer. "It is visible from the parking lot and is easily seen as people approach the hospital. It is one way of showing others that we are a place where God's love is present and apparent in everything we do."

Hospital officials were firm in the belief that the new chapel hold a special place in the hospital's new design.

"The chapel is one of the most important areas of our hospital," said John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission. "It represents and promotes our mission of 'Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ.'"

"The new chapel's very large windows provide a seamless transition to nature and God's creation outside," Rapp said. "The chapel's colors are soothing and tranquil, the seating is comfortable and, on the whole, it provides a very peaceful environment."

The previous chapel was very small and didn't allow for group worship. The new chapel can accommodate more than 35 people and is open at all times.

"Patients love the chapel. They can go in there at any time for prayer and reflection," said Alyssa Foll, chaplain.



The words "In Christ you are a new creation" not only welcome visitors to the new chapel at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, they summarize a message that is part of the fabric of the hospital.



Executives at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital celebrate the chapel dedication. From left are John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission; Bruce C. Christian, CEO; and David Crane, president and CEO, Adventist Midwest Health.

"A hospital visit can sometimes be a time of worry and anxiety. Our new chapel gives our patients and their guests a peaceful place to pray or just enjoy the quiet and solitude. We know it helps them with their journey to healing."

Services are held at the chapel on holidays and on special occasions. The chaplains are available to minister to people of all faiths, as well as to those with no church affiliation.

The chapel also serves employees. Every weekday at 9:00 a.m., a group of

40 or so staff leaders use the chapel for their meeting on patient safety.

"We gather in the chapel and start each meeting with a prayer," Foll said. "It's a wonderful place to gather. We're here because of God. Being able to join together in our beautiful new chapel helps us to connect that much more to God, reminding us of our mission to extend his healing ministry here at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital."

Erin Gerber, administrative director of hospital services, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital



## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

## Andrews University hosts forum on Adventist regional conferences

On March 7, Andrews University Student Association, Andrews University Adventist Peace Fellowship and Black Student Christian Forum, along with 13 other campus clubs, hosted a forum to discuss church organization based on race in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The two-hour event was well attended.

“Our hope is to create a space here where we can share our feelings and opinions,” said AUSA president Olivia Ruiz-Knott, “while accepting the possibility that we might be wrong.”

Ruiz-Knott, along with Adrian Marston, president of BSCF, and students Shastri Lloyd, Lukasz Krzywon and Merlique Blackwood led the event. Each stated their personal bias regarding the issue, while acknowledging that the purpose of the forum was to educate and that their personal opinions might change.

The audience was given a number for texting questions to panel members and a hashtag (#TwoChurchDoors) to use for comments on social media.

Blackwood shared the history, beginning in 1889 with Charles Kinney, the first ordained African-American minister, a subsequent vote in 1907 by one African American church to sever ties with the denomination, followed by the establishment of the North American Negro Division of the General Conference soon after. The turning point for the creation of separate African American conferences occurred in 1943 with the death of an African-American woman after being turned away from Washington Adventist Hospital. These events and others led to the decision to establish regional conferences with the goal to achieve greater soul winning among



Melodie Roschman, editor of the *Student Movement* at Andrews University, speaks during a panel discussion on Adventist regional conferences. The event was held on Andrews' campus in March, and was organized by student clubs who saw a need to discuss the important issues relating to the existence of these conferences.

African Americans, the first being the Lake Region Conference in 1945.

Panel participants included Shastri Lloyd, *Student Movement* columnist; Nicholas Miller, professor of church history at the Seminary; Taurus Montgomery, pastor of Harbor of Hope Church (Benton Harbor, Mich.); Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church; Timothy Nixon, executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference; Michael Polite, associate chaplain at Andrews; and Melodie Roschman, *Student Movement* editor-in-chief. Marston and Ruiz-Knott served as forum moderators.

Nelson stated that he believes the church should be organized on the basis of unity. Nixon added that our structure should always reflect Jesus and facilitate fulfilling the mission he gave us. Roschman challenged the claim that “all are one” since there are still divisions in the Church.

Questions directed at the panelists included concerns, such as the continuation of racism and anti-Black policies after a reconstruction and whether people should be expected to forfeit their differences or should we learn to appreciate them. Nelson said

he believes that in order for change to happen, there needs to be an official apology from the General Conference.

Montgomery said he wants to see a conversation between younger and older generations of pastors and also a willingness to forgive. “We have to learn to forgive people even when they don’t say they’re sorry,” he said.

Roschman pointed out that not everyone sees everything the same way. “God loves us in our divisions and in our diversity, and because we are unique,” she said. “But if we lose sight of the fact that we are all here because we worship the same God, then what are we going to do?”

At the end of the discussion, the forum leaders made a request of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church: Either restructure the current system or clarify why the system is the way it is. Each request included a timeframe.

To read the request and watch the forum, visit <http://weareausa.org/march-7-request>.

Jenna Neil, student news writer, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University

## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

### Helen Fox, 95, impacts Kalamazoo youth for a half-century

**Lake Region**—A Kalamazoo woman just turned 95 years old, but she's not letting age keep her from impacting the lives of local families.

Helen Fox, known to many as "Mrs. Fox" or "Sister Fox," has been a fixture in the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek areas for about 60 years.

Fox spends anywhere from two to eight hours a day walking around various neighborhoods and meeting with residents. She offers a friendly hello, an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on or a word of prayer.

"To me, the work that I do is very important," Fox tells News Channel 3 (see story at <http://bit.ly/HelenFox>).

Fox says her "work" is to show people that someone cares by sharing their joys and even their struggles.

Not surprisingly, the woman who's nurtured so many was once a school-teacher although, these days, the streets have since become her favorite classroom.

"There is not a spot in Kalamazoo, no stone that has not been turned," says



*Helen Fox walks two to eight hours daily in neighborhoods to offer encouragement and prayer.*

granddaughter Desirae McDaniel. "We would always say, if my grandmother got two sidewalk tiles ahead of you, you might as well get your bus fare because she's gone!"

Fox is an active member of Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kalamazoo, but says her greatest work is done outside the church walls.

"It's alright to be in the church but it's a good thing to get out there!" explains Fox. "Then you get to know people. You get to realize what this thing's all about in life."

Fox says she's always ready to roll through any part of town that needs a little motherly love. And she isn't planning on slowing down any time soon.

"Lord spare me and keep me, I'm gonna be out here if I get to 100. And I'm closer to it now!" she laughs. "Somebody has to be there to help these people."

"Some of these people haven't had hugs in years," adds McDaniel. "What comes from the heart reaches the heart, and she has touched lives. She has been a foot soldier, and I believe that's what has made the difference."

Fox turned 95 on March 2.

As for her secret to long life, Fox says she's very health conscious, always reads the ingredients on food labels and, of course, does a lot of walking.

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## [WOMEN'S NEWS]

### Raymond Church hosts Women's Brunch

**Wisconsin**—Sunday morning, Feb. 22, dawned bright and chilly, but inside the Friends and Family Community Center in Franksville, the world was a blur of activity. The day marked the fourth year the ladies of the Raymond Church have offered their annual Women's Brunch, an event in which the primary focus is to invite as many girlfriends, coworkers and



*From left: Carrie Hilt, Jordann Kohls, Kristie Braun, Anna Townes enjoy the fourth annual Women's Brunch hosted by the Raymond (Wis.) Church.*





Guest speaker Jenniffer Ogden, associate pastor of the Hinsdale Church in Illinois, enjoys the delicious meal prepared for the Women's Brunch attendees, held Feb. 22 at the Friends and Family Community Center in Franksville, Wis.

relatives alike to bring them together for a spiritually-elevating time.

This year, Jenniffer Ogden, associate pastor of the Hinsdale Church in Illinois, brought a message of joy in the Lord and in his presence. Ogden said, "Happiness is tied to circumstances. But joy... That is something that never leaves. Joy stays in your heart throughout difficult circumstances, and our purpose in this life is to introduce people to the joy of knowing and loving Jesus."

The ladies enjoyed a most lively fellowship with each other, and made new friends.

Two newcomers expressed: "This is fabulous! Well done, and we loved the

food. When women can get together and speak from the heart, it's refreshing."

Additional comments about the program were positive: "Well organized, well thought out, and beautifully executed" shared one.

"A lovely camaraderie between the ladies, good food... What more can you ask for? And, thank goodness, no men!" said another.

"Uplifting fellowship; it was great. Always a fabulous time rejoicing in the Lord," a third remarked.

Alina Ancheta, member of the marketing team, Raymond Church

## [UNION NEWS]

### Lake Union Pathfinders qualify to attend Division-level PBE

"According to Matthew 27:51, what three things happened after Jesus yielded up his spirit?" This question, plus 90 others, were included in the Lake Union Pathfinder Bible Experience that took place March 21 on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Nineteen Lake Union Pathfinder teams participated in the Union-level PBE this year. The five Conference youth directors congratulate the 16 teams that qualified to represent the Lake Union at the North American Division PBE level which, at this writing, is scheduled to take place on the Southwestern Adventist University campus in Keene, Texas, April 17-18.

The teams that advanced are from the following conferences: **Indiana** — Cicero Cherokees and Southeastern Soldiers; **Lake Region** — Hyde Park Constellations, Bethlehem French Les Messagers I, and Shiloh Trailblazers; **Michigan** — Belgreen Beavers, Cedar Chips, Centreville Sentinels, Eau Claire Critters, Berrien Springs Golden Eagles Team I, Lansing Capitals, Pinedale Sylvaneers, PMC Evergreen Sequoia, and Wyoming Wranglers; **Wisconsin** — Madison Mustangs and Monroe Trail Blazers.

Pathfinder teams began to study and memorize the book of Matthew this past fall, knowing they would be tested at potentially four different levels. The first PBE level, "Area," is regional within each conference. Those Pathfinders who answered the most correct questions within 90 percent of the top score then qualified to go to

the next PBE, the "Conference" level. Pathfinder teams that qualified at the Conference PBE were invited to participate in the Lake Union PBE. The grand finale is the Division-level PBE.

Over 400 Lake Union Pathfinders studied the book of Matthew this year. While some made it to the Division-level PBE, others did not. One thing is sure: There are no PBE losers. Anyone who committed Scripture to memory is a winner. It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will bless each of these young people as they apply the principles of God's kingdom in their daily life.

Craig Harris, coordinator, Lake Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Experience

The answers to the Scripture question above are 1) Veil of the temple tore, 2) Earth quaked, and 3) Rocks split. To learn which Lake Union teams receive a first place finish, visit the Michigan Pathfinders or Craig Harris Facebook pages.



At the Lake Union Pathfinder Bible Experience, March 21, 19 teams from throughout the Great Lakes region answered questions from the book of Matthew, which many began studying and memorizing this past fall. "Anyone who committed Scripture to memory is a winner," said Craig Harris, coordinator of Lake Union PBE.



Daniel R. Jackson

## President addresses the SDA Church family in North America

I want to ask for a moment of silence. Not in remembrance of someone who is lost, but so that as a Church we can take a deep breath and think about Who we serve. Jesus Christ is the Head of our Church and we all serve him. We must also remember that if this is truly his Church, then he is in charge and we must trust him to lead, for it is his Church.

Lately, there have been a lot of voices talking about the many “problems” with the Church. Things like style of worship, who is called to ministry, the education that our pastors receive at our institutions of higher education, even simple things like the outreach methods that are undertaken. As a Church, we will always have disagreements. It’s a fact of life that is magnified when you have such a diverse body as our World Church. Our Church is like a family.

Actually, it is a family, one that has God as its Head. Our Church family.

My concern is that recently the many voices have become very loud. Not just in volume, but in intensity. When families have arguments, things tend to get nasty and heated. That is when bad things happen. Police officers will tell you the one thing they hate to deal with are domestic disturbances or family fights. They never end well, people get hurt and bad things happen. But our Family Ministry directors will tell you that when a home has Jesus Christ serving as the Head of the house, these conflicts are minimized and end up getting resolved. Why? Because when we focus on Jesus and not on ourselves, the conflicts are truly shown for what they are. Not major conflicts, but misunderstandings that can be resolved through prayerful communication.

What does this have to do with the Seventh-day Adventist Church? If we believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of our Church, then we need to let him lead. We need to stop our talking, stop trying to run the Church our way and just pray for his leading. This is the only way we will survive as a church family. It is the only way to discuss our differences. We also must accept each other for who we are, not for what we aren’t. If we believe that all are called to be servants of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4–9), then we must trust him to lead in our lives.

I truly believe that God is using each one of us to serve him. So when we ridicule the efforts of others within our Church, we are actually ridiculing God for he put those people in the positions they are in. He called them to a life of service. We must trust him to lead the Church. We don’t lead the Church; he does.

For many Seventh-day Adventists, the Great Controversy is a pivotal part of our doctrinal DNA. It helps to explain all of the things that have happened in this world’s history and gives us a glimpse of what is to come. Some people are uncomfortable with it, but when we truly understand the battle between good and evil that is taking

place all around us, it gives us hope in the future.

But today, many of our members have taken it upon themselves to create their own Great Controversy. They are quick to judge others, condemning them as heretics for what they believe or teach. Voices are quick to proclaim that their way of reading the Bible is better, that they are the “true Adventists.” They even proclaim that the Church will split and their brothers and sisters in Christ will be lost. Their voices have become very loud lately, and it pains me greatly. I also know that Jesus Christ is in pain when He hears them as well.

If we truly believe that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, then we must stop the voices and let him lead. Let Jesus resolve our conflict and heal our family. Let’s put aside our differences and support each other. This is the only way that we, as a Church, can move forward. If we focus on Jesus and not ourselves or each other, then he will lead us forward.

There is a whole world out there waiting to hear of Jesus and his love. Let’s stop being selfish and focus on them and not what are perceived wrongs within our Church. Let Jesus heal the Church. Let’s focus on the Mission that he has given all of us. Let’s do it as a family. Together.

Daniel R. Jackson, president, Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America

This article, “The Church Family,” was originally published in NAD NewsPoints, March 19.







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

## Illinois

**Adventist Israel Tour:** Join Jim Gilley, Danny Shelton and the 3ABN team for an unforgettable Bible Enrichment Tour. Fantastic buffets, fellowship and guides. Affordable. Two departure dates: **Nov. 15-23** or **Nov. 18-29**, 2015. For more information, contact Jennifer at Maranatha Tours, 602-788-8864, or Jill at 3ABN, 618-627-4651.

## Lake Union

### Offerings

**May 2** Local Church Budget  
**May 9** Disaster & Famine Relief  
**May 16** Local Church Budget  
**May 23** Local Conference Advance  
**May 30** NAD Evangelism

### Special Days

**May 2** Community Services Sabbath  
**May 9** Youth Sabbath  
**May 16** Single Adults Sabbath

**Attention Church Clerks:** If there are young adults in your membership records who no longer live at their family home, please secure their current address to update your records so they will receive the *Lake Union Herald*. If records are not updated, these young people may feel disconnected from their Church, and miss out on the blessing of hearing how God is working in the lives of his people in the Lake Union territory.

**Congreso de damas 2015:** Reconéctate nuevamente con tu Creador! El **5 y 6 de junio** tendremos una vez más el congreso de damas de la Unión del Lago. Este evento será en la Universidad Andrews. Nuestra oradora principal será la señora: Sara Bullón. Costos de registración: \$45.00 hasta el 15 de mayo. Después del 15 de mayo la registración será \$50.00. Habrá diferentes seminarios para escoger. Será un evento de mucha bendición. No te lo pierdas!

## Michigan

**Jaime Jorge Benefit Concert:** Jaime Jorge will perform and speak at the

Saginaw Church on Sat., **May 9**, 6:30 p.m., for a benefit concert for Tri-City Seventh-day Adventist School. Jorge has played in a multitude of settings from high school auditoriums to Carnegie Hall as well as six continents and over 40 countries. Come and listen to Jorge's marvelous music and captivating personal story of how God has led him. All are invited to this event. Admission is free. For more information, contact Carol Garcia at 989-964-8446.

**Adelphian Academy Alumni Reunion** will be held **June 25-26**. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to be held at Holly Church on Fish Lake Rd. Sabbath, 9:15 a.m., at Academy chapel. Potluck dinner after church, at church school gymnasium. Afternoon program, 3:30 p.m., at Holly Church. For more information, contact Peggy Hoffmire at 248-634-4749.

**What: 2015 Fall Health Professionals Retreat & AMEN Regional: Midwest. Speaker:** Dr. Phil Mills. **When: Sept. 18-20. Where:** Camp Au Sable. **Contact:** [schistie@misda.org](mailto:schistie@misda.org) or 517-316-1527. Do you have a passion for medical evangelism? Do you wish you knew how to share Christ with your patients? Come, bring your family and be inspired by spiritual presentations, blessed by personal testimonies, and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship with medical, dental and other health professionals. Please consider inviting another health professional to attend with you. Dr. Mills is a dermatologist, speaker and writer from Blue Ridge, Ga. He is past president of AMEN.

**Grand Rapids Adventist Academy Homecoming 2015** will be held Sabbath, **Oct. 17**. This will be the ten-year reunion for the class of 2005, the first senior class. Sabbath school begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information, "Like" the school on Facebook or call the office at 616-446-2313.

## North American Division

**Madison College Alumni Association** wants to include any graduates, attendees or friends who may not already be on its mailing list, to receive the quarterly newsletter and any other communications. Write to P.O. Box 1735, Madison, TN 37116, or email [madisoncollegealumni@gmail.com](mailto:madisoncollegealumni@gmail.com).

**Join the Society of Adventist Communicators** in Washington, D.C., **Oct. 15-17**, for its annual convention for communication professionals and university students. The convention provides networking, learning and spiritual renewal opportunities. Attendees include professional communicators employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church; media professionals who work outside of the church structure either within a corporate setting or as freelancers; and university students who hope to become communication professionals also attend and see the convention as an avenue to gain professional mentoring and future contacts. For more information about this event, visit website <http://www.adventistcomunicator.org>.

## Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Academy graduation weekend** is **May 22-24** on the campus of Wisconsin Academy, located at N2355 Du Borg Rd., Columbus, Wis. All are welcome. Watch for details on the website at <http://wisacad.org>, or call the school at 920-623-3300.

## World Division

**Collonges Alumni and friends**, will you be in San Antonio, Texas, during the GC Session in July 2015? The "Campus adventiste du Salève" delegates invite you to an alumni dinner meeting on Friday, **July 10**, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the HILTON - Palacio del rio, next to the Convention Center, to reunite old friends and reminisce about "the good old times!" in Collonges. It will be great to have you there. Tell your friends! A bientôt!

**The 2015 ASI International Convention** will be held **Aug. 5-8** in the Spokane (Wash.) Convention Center. Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries is a cooperative network of lay individuals, professionals, business owners, and ministries who collectively support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each year, ASI members, supporters and friends gather at the ASI International Convention to encourage one another and exchange ideas vital to their lay-driven ministry goals. The focus for this year's convention, "Lift Him Up," will be carried over into the seminars. For more information about this event, visit website <http://www.asiministries.org/convention>.

**Save the date! Greater New York Academy 95th Anniversary** will be held **Oct. 9-11**. Honor classes end in 0 and 5. Friday night: vespers and welcome table; Sabbath: worship service, lunch, "Music and Memories;" Sunday: breakfast and basketball. Send your name and contact info to [alumni@gnyacademy.org](mailto:alumni@gnyacademy.org) or "Friend" us on Facebook at Greater Nya. For more information, write GNY Academy, 41-32 58th St., Woodside, NY 11377, or call 718-639-1752.

# Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	Jun 5
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:43	8:50	8:58	9:05	9:11	9:16
Chicago, Ill.	7:48	7:55	8:03	8:10	8:16	8:21
Detroit, Mich.	8:31	8:38	8:46	8:53	8:59	9:05
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:38	8:45	8:51	8:58	9:04	9:09
La Crosse, Wis.	8:06	8:15	8:22	8:30	8:37	8:42
Lansing, Mich.	8:37	8:45	8:53	9:00	9:06	9:12
Madison, Wis.	7:57	8:05	8:13	8:20	8:27	8:32
Springfield, Ill.	7:52	7:59	8:05	8:12	8:18	8:23

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## Weddings

**Karla Kissingner and Justin Neu** were married Dec. 7, 2014, in Kalamazoo, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Nick Snell.

Karla is the daughter of Len and Darla Kissingner of Bridgman, Mich., and Justin is the son of Clark and Melissa Neu of Hudsonville, Mich.

The Neus are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

## Obituaries

**ATKINS, Mary L. (Richardson)**, age 93; born Oct. 18, 1921, in Montgomery, Ala.; died Jan. 11, 2015, in Gary, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include her sons, Charles, Alphanza and Reginald; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dwayne Duncombe, and interment was in Fern Oaks Cemetery, Gary.

**FLOWERS, Barbara (Bood)**, age 66; born May 28, 1948, in Belize City, Belize; died March 10, 2015, in East Chicago, Ind. She was a member of the Brunswick Heights Church, Gary, Ind.

Survivors include her daughters, Denise Barnett, Yvette Flowers and Tanya Robinson; brother, Errol Cattouse; sisters, Dorothy Bood-Thompson, Janice Hertular and Elizabeth Bood-Ferguson; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

**HOLT, Jack F.**, age 96; born June 25, 1918, in Salem, Ill.; died March 8, 2015, in Salem. He was a member of the Salem Church.

Survivors include his sons, Ronald, Luther and Mark.

Funeral services were conducted by John Dinzey, Hal and Mollie Steenson, and Larry Clonch, with interment in Rabbit Grove Cemetery, Iuka, Ill.

**JACKSON, Johnny B.**, age 87; born June 14, 1927, in Gary, Ind.; died Feb. 12, 2015, in

Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include his daughters, Bonita Henderson, Brenda Bivins, Donna Donaville, Cheryl Brown and Daria Jackson; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Philip Willis Jr. and Dwayne Duncombe, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Hobart, Ind.

**KERR, Nancy A. (Sinn) Cutsinger**, age 82; born Sept. 23, 1932, in Bloomington, Ind.; died March 20, 2015, in Bloomington. She was a member of the Bloomington Church.

Survivors include her husband, Johnnie G.; daughter, Teresa (Cutsinger) Kerr; brother, Bob Sinn; sister, Carol Kinser; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Charles Thompson, with private inurnment.

**LEHMANN, Werner W.**, age 81; born Feb. 4, 1934, in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Feb. 26, 2015, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Eau Claire (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley M. (Oetman); son, Kevin; daughters, Leandra Block, Jennifer Wittum and Karyn Owen; sister, Ellen Thunstrom; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Richard Davidson, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Hamilton, Mich.

**LIGMAN, Harley K.**, age 82; born Jan. 4, 1932, in Rhinelander, Wis.; died July 29, 2014, in Janesville, Wis. He was a member of the Woodland Community Church, Janesville.

Survivors include his wife, Marlen; sons, Scott, Bryan and Todd Ligman; daughter, Margo Ballew; stepdaughters, Beth (Antidel) Skinner, Susan (Antidel) Wendt and Sheri (Antidel) Goodbear; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by James Van Arsdale, with interment with Military Rites in Milton (Wis.) Cemetery.

**MANZELLA, Anthony**, age 21; born Jan. 20, 1993, in Downers Grove, Ill.; died Nov. 27, 2014, in Naperville, Ill. He was a member of the Bolingbrook (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his father, Barry; mother, Clarissa (Maksimowich); sister, Olivia Manzella; and grandparents, Richard and Laura Manzella, and Roger Wolfe.

Funeral services were conducted by José St. Phard, with private inurnment, Bolingbrook.

**MEDFORD, Lester**, age 86; born Aug. 14, 1928, in Lake View, Mich.; died Jan. 10, 2015, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was a member of the Ironwood (Mich.) Church. Lester was a physician in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and also in Loma Linda.

Survivors include his son; six daughters; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

No service was conducted, with private inurnment.

**MELVIN, Donald L.**, age 83; born July 10, 1931, in Mitchell, Ind.; died Feb. 16, 2015, in Beech Grove, Ind. He was a member of the Southside Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Funeral services were conducted by Brian Yensho.

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Survivors include her sisters, Carolyn Wagner, Anna Mae Stegeman and Alice Jean Sipperley.

Private funeral services were held, with private inurnment.

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Memorial services were conducted by Rodney Davis, with private inurnment, Ithaca.

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Funeral services were conducted by Dwayne Duncombe, and interment was in Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

**WEISNER, Robert J.**, age 91; born July 19, 1923, in Beard Village, Minn.; died Jan. 14, 2015, in Noblesville, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church. Robert was a literature evangelist at one time in Indiana.

Survivors include his daughters, Macy Jean Anderson and Roberta Otto; sisters, Norma D. Scott and Marion L. Holte; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Cicero Church on May 2, with private inurnment.

**WHITFIELD, Ida M. (Smith)**, age 94; born April 11, 1920, in Amory, Miss.; died March 8, 2015, in Lake Station, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary, Ind.

Survivors include her son, Tyrone Clark; daughters, Dorothy Jackson, G. Jeanne Jackson and Shirley Campbell; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

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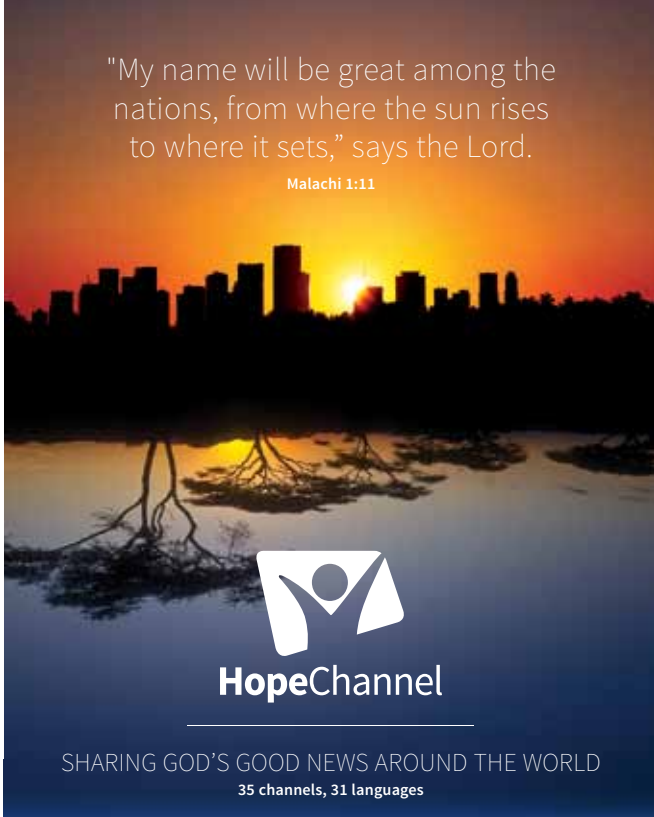
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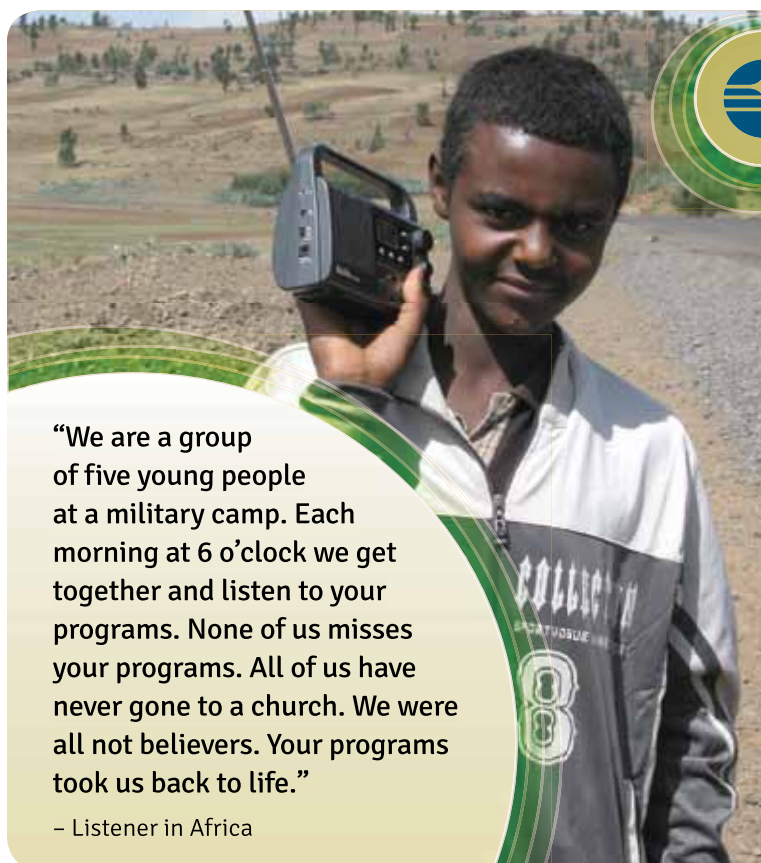
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## PARTNERSHIP with GOD

### Birds of a Feather

BY GARY BURNS



Summer youth camps, family camps and conference camp meetings present opportunities to gather together. Yet, as I thought of these gatherings in light of current racial tensions, I also was reminded that we gather separately. That old saying, "Birds of a feather flock together," comes to mind.

Segregation is not about flocking together — it's about exclusion. I'm all about celebrating culture, giftedness, uniqueness and diversity. I like flocking with birds of another feather. In fact, I need to flock with birds of another feather.

When I was a youth pastor and chaplain at Andrews Academy, Carol Turk, student advocate, art teacher and my associate in ministry, assisted me at a chapel service for the students by creating an intensely-colorful painting

as I spoke about our giftedness, uniqueness and differences. As we shifted to those who would want us all to be the same — to dress the same, walk the same, talk the same, even think the same, Carol began to blend the colors with her hands across the canvas. By the time we were finished, all the brilliant colors became a muddy non-descript blur. I don't think our Creator made us that way.

I challenge you to choose to flock together with birds of a different feather this summer. Attend a camp or camp meeting, church service or community event of a different culture. Make new friends. Learn to understand and appreciate our divergent experiences in partnership with God.

Gary Burns is communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

## Are We There Yet?

BY ANDREW HOSFORD

Bouncing along a paved but rugged countryside road, we passed mile after mile of rice paddies, palm trees, grass huts on stilts, and watermelon fields. Trucks overloaded with people and supplies rumbled down the two-lane road. Every mountain was covered with Buddhist *stupas* (commemorative monuments). Our bus driver darted in and out, passing motorbikes and trucks, narrowly missing oncoming traffic. We plowed through little villages at speeds much faster than I was used to, sometimes barely missing bicyclists and cattle that were crossing the road.

I thought back to my childhood. On what seemed like eternally long trips, I would ask, “Are we there yet?” Only on this trip, my unexpressed “Are we there yet?” question came from “If we don’t get there soon, we might not make it alive!”

After traveling through the vast Myanmar countryside for several hours, our Burmese friend commented, during the four hours of driving at highway speeds, that there were no Christians. No Christian church of any denomination. No house churches. No companies of believers. No Christian schools. No Christian influence, whatsoever. Most live and die without seeing a Christian or hearing the name of Jesus in their entire life.

Our family was on our first mission trip to Southeast Asia, and I was trying to wrap my mind around the immensity of the work yet to be done. In America, we have stacks of Christian literature, lots of Bibles, many Christian churches in every city. True, there is still a lot to be done, but nothing like where I was now.

I sat stunned. As I pondered what he had said, we passed another gold-covered *stupa*, then traveled on past Buddhist monks, ox-driven carts and farmers with their pointed bamboo hats.

I thought Jesus’ coming was closer than this! The signs all around indicate that the world is on the brink of disas-



Andrew Hosford

ter. It seems like political unrest and suffering is everywhere — Jesus needs to come soon!

But Joshua Project gives these sad facts: Over 200,000,000 people have no Bible or Christian media in their primary language, and over 2,000,000,000 people have very few, if any, believers in their people-group.<sup>1</sup>

That’s two out of every seven people in the world! Will they be ready for the soon coming of Jesus? With that many that haven’t heard the name of Jesus, how can he come now? We still have *lots* of work to do before he can come.

Jesus said that *this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come* (Matthew 24:14 NKJV). That’s the real sign to look for.

Let’s earnestly pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and focus our energy on the work that still needs to be accomplished, and remember that it’s “*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit*” says the Lord of Hosts (Zechariah 4:6 NKJV).

Jesus has promised to come soon, but we aren’t there yet.

Andrew Hosford, 16, enjoys photography and videography. He is a member of the Fairplain Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Andrew and his family went on the Adventist Southeast Asia Projects mission trip in February 2015.

1. See [http://joshuaproject.net/global\\_statistics](http://joshuaproject.net/global_statistics) (retrieved March 30, 2015).



## Trust God's Lead

BY ALEXI DECKER

Megan Reed found herself clinging to a broken bridge, suspended 30 feet above clear water below. "Next thing we know, one of the cables holding up the bridge snaps, and three people fall into the water. ... All of us were in shock."



Megan Reed

Megan didn't intend for her fun excursion into Belize's picturesque natural world to take a terrifying turn. The Andrews University senior went on the University's spring mission trip because she wanted to do something that would "be centered in Christ" and deepen her "understanding of him in the world."

She and the rest of the group from Andrews finished building an Adventist high school in a Mayan village near San Antonio during the day. In the evening, they held an evangelistic series as well as a vacation Bible school. Megan got to know several of the kids. "Their hearts are so open and full of love. ... Spending time with the children and understanding life from their eyes was really powerful."

The culture also impacted her takeaway from the trip. Due to Belize's cultural emphasis on family and relationships, "I am trying to be more aware of others as I gain a deeper understanding of what it means to truly love my neighbor," Megan says.

Fortunately, her broken-bridge experience didn't end in tragedy for anyone. "The water below was deep enough and there were no rocks, so those who fell in were safe. And everyone still on the bridge got off safely. Looking back on that experience," Megan says, "I like to think that our guardian angels were really working to make sure we were safe."

After graduating as a marketing major this spring, Megan plans to continue trusting God for the future. Her experience in Belize helped her realize the "gravity of God's word and his message, and how he really works when you make yourself available."

Megan remains sure that God will use her in the future just as he has in the past. In her words, "I am fully trusting God in wherever he would have me go, and I'm excited for whatever he has in store."

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