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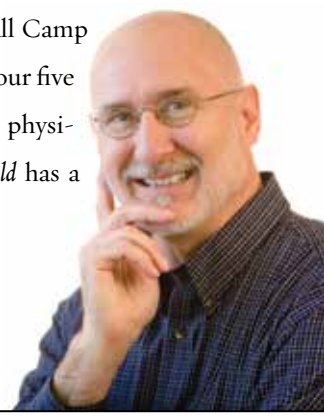
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*Gary Burns*

Gary Burns, Editor



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## Hugging God's Neck

**I**f you have the impression from past editorials that Barbara and I really like being grandparents, you are correct. We are noticing an interesting progression as our grandchildren grow older. The younger they are, the more expressive is their excitement to see us. The older they are, while still excited, the more stayed is their response.

As we looked forward to being with our family again, our youngest daughter, Stephanie, sent a short video from her iPhone of Kenzie, our youngest grandchild, sitting on the sofa, striking two sticks together and singing an anticipatory song, "See Gampa! See Gampa!" I've certainly played that video over and over. Even as I write, it plays in my mind and I smile.

Seeing and hearing Kenzie, expressing her joy to see me, just warms my heart. I can't wait to be with her in person when I can feel her little arms wrap around my neck, squeezing me tight with a big hug as she says, "Mmmmmmm!" My heart will melt as she extends that hug in a loving, relaxed mode for several wonderful moments. Now, that's good stuff!!!

So, how does our Heavenly Father feel when we express our joy in anticipation of seeing him? How do you express your love to our Heavenly Father? Do you give him the joy that Kenzie gives me when I hear her song? What could we do to express our love to our Heavenly Father that would give him the kind of hug-around-the-neck joy that this Gampa gets from Kenzie?

We often look at the fresh, enthusiastic love of a new believer with all the exuberance and expression their new encounter with the great "I AM." We can be tempted to compare all that energy with the stayed and quieter worship of those who have walked with the Lord for a long time. True, pure, childlike, unreserved and uninhibited worship has some similarities to reaching out and hugging God's neck. What would that kind of worship look like?

When we seek God in his Word, in nature, by singing praises to him or just basking and reflecting on his goodness to us; when we resolve and make a personal commitment to serve, or bow in humble repentance, share our deepest thoughts and emotions with God in prayer; when we worship him through acts of kindness to others, honor him with our faithfulness, integrity and public witness, I wonder if it feels to God like we're hugging his neck and saying, "Mmmmmmm!"

God described a form of worship to Solomon after the dedication of the temple: *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land* (II Chronicles 7:14-15 NKJV).

Did you catch the form of worship? We are to humble ourselves and pray, seek his face and turn away from sin. Our worship must go deeper than warm sentimental feelings and watery eyes. Worship is a living and active response to the working of the Holy Spirit.

While our loving God experiences great personal joy from our humble expressions of love and faith in him, I believe he is even more joyous when our response is from a deepening faith and commitment that permeates our entire lives as we share his love with others. True "neck-hugging worship" glorifies God through touching lives. A wonderful byproduct is our deepening walk with God. It's a two-way blessing!



# Understanding Our Mission and Purpose

BY ERIC FREKING

After the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect in 1863 during the Civil War, there was an exhilarating charge that went through the ranks of the Northern troops. One soldier said, “We now have a higher objective.” Prior to 1863, there was a lot of confusion among the Northern troops as to why they were hundreds of miles away from loved ones, dodging bullets, fighting disease and sleeping in undesirable conditions. But when they clearly understood the cause for which they were fighting, the tide of the war changed a few months later in Gettysburg. Knowing your mission and purpose can make a big difference in your life.

David is considered one of the great characters in the Bible. Outside of the Lord, his name is mentioned more times than any other in Scripture. David accomplished things for God that few leaders did during the history of the Old Testament. One of the main reasons I believe David excelled is that he understood God’s purpose for Israel. He understood God wanted to use Israel to be the shining light among those ancient civilizations who did not know the true God.

A great example of this is when all of Israel lay paralyzed with fear before the large Philistine giant, Goliath. When David showed up with food for his brothers, he heard the insulting rhetoric coming out of the mouth of Goliath toward Israel’s God. David knew this giant was standing in the way of God’s purpose for his people (see 1 Samuel 17:26). When David’s brother understood what David was thinking and used some derogatory words toward him, David made this interesting statement, “Is there not a cause?” What a powerful



Eric Freking

statement and rebuke to his older brother. In other words, it seems he was saying to his jealous brother, “Don’t you understand what is happening here? God’s plan for us is being thwarted by this uncircumcised Philistine, and you are missing the big picture.” David went on to inspire a nation for several years to move God’s program forward among serious opposition, largely because he knew what God wanted and acted accordingly.

Seventh-day Adventists have a vital task here in the last hour of earth’s history. My fear as I interact with some members, pastors, teachers, and particularly our youth, is that we don’t know our mission and purpose. And because we are losing our understanding of our cause, we are losing our identity and sense of mission. Well, “What is our cause? What is our mission and purpose?” you may ask. They are found in the message of the three angels of Revelation 14:6-12. This message when understood in the context of a loving God has



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a powerful transforming effect. Notice what Ellen White says about our mission and purpose: “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 . . . 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” (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 19).

The everlasting gospel, in the context of the three angels’ messages, has changed my life and given me purpose in my

family, in my community, in my church, and even when I am interacting while playing golf. My prayer for our church is that we never forget our mission and purpose, and the great commission and cause to which God has called us. To go and proclaim the everlasting gospel and make disciples of all nations (see Revelation 14:6-13 and Matthew 28:16-20).

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In February 2016, Eric Freking was appointed by the Indiana Conference executive committee to be Indiana’s conference evangelist. Freking will be holding six evangelistic meetings in Indiana each year. Additionally he will offer weekend training seminars to better equip members to win souls. Freking also is the pastor of the New Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church. He and his wife, Beatriz, have a daughter named Eden.





## FAMILY TIES

# Building Character for Time and Eternity

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

As Christian parents, we are committed to building character in our children that will be instrumental in their search for finding meaning and purpose in this life, gaining the ability to shape their own lives, learning how to interact with and contribute to others, all while keeping their eyes on Heaven.

As a result of the study, “Don’t Forget the Families,” Search Institute (2015) introduced a framework of developmental relationships, identified as close connections through which young people develop their character strengths. These relationships are characterized by five essential actions, described below from the perspective of a young person.

1) *Express care.* Show me that you like me and want the best for me by listening, paying attention when you are with me, letting me know you like being with me and expressing positive feelings toward me. Invest time and energy in doing things for and with me, making it a priority to understand who I am and what I care about, and being someone I can count on and trust.

2) *Challenge my growth.* Insist that I try to continuously improve, helping me see future possibilities for myself and making it clear you want me to live up to my potential. Recognize my thoughts and abilities, but also hold me accountable for appropriate boundaries and rules.

3) *Provide support.* Encourage me; guide me with practical assistance and feedback to help me learn; model and advocate for me.

4) *Share power.* Hear my voice and let me share in making decisions, respecting me by taking me seriously and treating me fairly. Negotiate with me, respond by understanding and adjusting to my needs, interests and abilities; and work with me to accomplish my goals and solve my problems.



5) *Expand possibility.* Expand my horizons and connect me to opportunities by exposing me to new ideas, experiences and places. Introduce me to people who can help me grow, and help me work through barriers that could stop me from achieving my goals.

Parenting adults with stronger relationships with their children were more likely to report their

children were on track in developing key character strengths including taking responsibility, managing emotions and being concerned for others. According to the research, the quality of parent-child relationships is 10 times more powerful than demographics (race, ethnicity, family composition and family income) in predicting whether children are developing the critical strengths needed for success in school and life.

Developmental relationships in families play a powerful role in children’s growth, something we must not underestimate in our homes and in our churches!

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Resource: <http://www.parentfurther.com> (Quizzes and more than 100 family activities to help families explore and strengthen developmental relationships.)

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Religious faith  
helps you  
handle stress better

## Power of Faith

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Faith in God  
quickens recovery  
from illness

Individuals who attend church regularly, pray and read the Bible often, are reported to have lower blood pressure levels and experience fewer health problems. Individuals who have a meaningful religious experience are more likely to recover faster from an illness, have better surgical outcomes and spend less time in hospital, than those with no religious inclination. Such are the findings reported in Dr. Harold Koenig's book, *The Healing Power of Faith*. Furthermore, a belief that the body is the temple of God will encourage a person to develop a healthier lifestyle, and avoid alcohol and drug abuse. They are less likely to engage in risky sexual behavior.

Religious belief also can affect health outcomes. Religious patients with hip fractures recover faster than their nonreligious counterparts. In patients recently diagnosed with HIV infection, an increased level of religious faith of the patient predicted a slower progression of the disease. In heart patients, it is observed that those who scored the lowest on a spiritual well-being questionnaire experienced the most progression of coronary blockage over four years, while those with the highest scores of spiritual well-being had the most regression of heart disease. After open heart surgery, patients who find solace in their religious faith were three times more likely to survive than patients who had no faith.

People with religious faith have stronger immune systems. People who regularly attend church had significantly lower blood levels of interleukin-6 (an inflammatory marker) which is elevated by chronic stress. High levels of interleukin-6 suggest an immune system not performing at optimal levels. Elderly people who have a deep, personal religious faith tend to have stronger marriages and a stronger sense of well-being, and a quicker recovery from illness.

Higher levels of religious involvement are positively associated with indicators of better mental health and psychological well-being, such as satisfaction with life, happiness, positive outlook and higher morale, along with



a reduced likelihood of depression. The positive impact of religious faith is strongest among persons with a disability or medical illness. Among hospitalized older patients, religious attitude and spiritual experiences were associated not only with better psychological health, but also better cognitive and physical functioning, and less severe illness. Religious belief helps people cope with a medical illness or handle a major stress in their life.

Religion may be as significant a protective factor as not smoking in terms of longevity. Frequent attendance at religious services has been shown repeatedly to increase the chance of survival in the elderly. Religious attendance at least once a week was associated with a 23 percent reduced likelihood of dying during a 28-year period. Overall, those who regularly attend church live seven to eight years longer than those who never attend. People of faith are more likely to face illness, financial worries, personal conflicts and other problems with courage, an indomitable energy and a motivation to move on. Traumatic events are easier to bear when people possess a trust in God and an unshakable belief that he is in control of their future.

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# PRESENT TRUTH

*Following the Lamb wherever He goes*

## Matchless Charms of Christ

BY ELLEN WHITE

*In 1886, the fourth European Missionary Council was held in Great Grimsby England, where the workers were having great difficulties. Just before the counsel Mrs. White had encouraged the workers with a series of presentations and gave this appeal at the close of a sermon about the experience of the disciples with their resurrected Savior. —The Editors*

I do not look to the end for all the happiness; I get happiness as I go along. Notwithstanding I have trials and afflictions, I look away to Jesus. It is in the strait, hard places that he is right by our side, and we can commune with him, and lay all our burdens upon the Burden Bearer, and say, "Here, Lord, I cannot carry these burdens longer." Then he says to us, *My yoke is easy, and My burden is light* (Matthew 11:30 KJV). Do you believe it? I have tested it. I love him; I love him. I see in him matchless charms. And I want to praise him in the kingdom of God.

Will we break the stony heart? Will we travel the thorny path that Jesus trod all the way from the manger to the cross? We see the tracks of blood. Shall the pride of the world come in? Shall we seek to make the world our standard? or shall we come out from among them? The invitation is, *Come out from among them, and be ye separate, ... and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters* (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 KJV).

O, what an exaltation is this — to be members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King; to have the Saviour of the universe, the King over all kings, to know us by name, and we to be heirs of God to the immortal inheritance, the eternal substance! This is our privilege. Will we have the prize? Will we fight the battles of the Lord? Will we press the battle to the gate? Will we be victorious?...

You should search the Bible; for it tells you of Jesus. As you read the Bible, you will see the matchless charms of

Jesus. You will fall in love with the Man of Calvary, and at every step you can say to the world, "His ways are ways of pleasantness, and all his paths are peace." You are to represent Christ to the world. You may show to the world that you have a hope big with immortality. You may drink of the waters of salvation. Teach your children to love and fear God. You want the heavenly angels to be in your dwelling. You want the Sun of Righteousness shining in the darkened chambers of your mind, then your lips will speak thanksgiving to God....

We have no home here; we are only pilgrims and strangers, passing to a better country, even a heavenly. Place your mind upon these things, and while you are doing this, Christ will be right by your side. May God help us to win the precious boon of eternal life (*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, p. 292-3).

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

- What does it mean to "come out" and to "be separate" and to "not touch the unclean" in today's culture?
- What battles are you facing in your own life? Did you notice that these are "battles of the Lord?"
- Can you say that you "get happiness as you go along?" Pause to recount your positive experiences.
- Have you experienced the matchless charms of Christ? Identify the attributes of Jesus' character and life that have "charmed" you. —The Editors



## Praying to the Father

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

*This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven...." (Matthew 6:9 NIV)*

**T**he first lesson Jesus taught us about prayer was how to address God. Though we think of God as "God," that is not really his name. "God" is a title that means "strong one." Had Jesus taught us to start our prayers saying, "Our God in heaven," he would have distorted our understanding of God.

But Jesus didn't teach us to pray, "Our God in heaven." He taught us to pray, "Our Father in heaven." "Father" is not his name either. It describes his role. It is a form of address that defines a relationship — the Father-child relationship into which Jesus brings us. If God is our Father, then we are his dear children and prayer is a personal conversation with our Father. This makes all the difference in the world as we go into God's presence in prayer.

What we believe about God has a telling effect on our prayers. If we think of God as a celestial Santa Claus, our prayers will consist of asking. If we think of God as a doting grandparent, our prayers will not contain much confession. If we think of God as a stern judge, then we will want to stay far away from him and his courtroom. But, if he is truly, "Our Father," lavishing his love on us and treating us as his children (see 1 John 3:1), then prayer will always be a love relationship filled with tender affection and trust. That's what Jesus intended. As far as we know, Jesus was the first person ever to call God "Father." He often spoke of God as *his* Father. He began every one of his earthly prayers, except the prayer of agony from the cross, by addressing him as Father. He understood that his Father was very fond of him and loved him with an everlasting love. What's more, Jesus took pains to make it clear to us that we, too, can be children of God and know him personally as *our* "Father." In fact, it was Jesus who gave us *the right to become children of God* (John 1:12 NIV).

The loving Father-child relationship that is so highly important to us, is also important to the Father. As a Father, he wants to be close to us, longs to interact with us and is delighted when we talk to him. He loves us and is devoted to us. He finds joy in having an ongoing and growing love relationship with us. It's important for us to remember that the Father-child relationship into which we step when we pray "Our Father" is not a relationship of equals. He is the Father; we are the children. He is in heaven and we are on earth. He is uncontained by and greater than the universe. We are finite and limited.

It's okay and even valuable for us, when we pray, to use the other titles and names of God. But, no matter how we address God, we should never forget that he is our gracious, heavenly Father and that we are his beloved sons and daughters.

As the truest and best of fathers, our Abba is always delighted when we come to him. We can rightly say that prayer is the conversational part of the most important Father-child love relationship in our lives.

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## Camping Out with God

BY STEVE MERTINS

**A**s a high school student in Taiwan, Susan Lee spent 10 to 15 minutes every day practicing English with her foreign language teacher. When his parents came to visit, she invited them to share a typical Taiwanese breakfast; they, in turn, graciously suggested she visit them sometime in Wisconsin.

Several years later, Susan reminded her teacher of his parents' offer. Since she was one of the few students that had accepted his offer of extra help, he encouraged her to visit. That summer, Susan spent May and June with his family.

Susan's family is Buddhist so she was somewhat confused with her host family's religion. Her host mother, Carol, whom she called, «mom," told her that she needed to learn about Christianity to fully understand English because it was often referenced in literature and daily life. She gave her the 10-volume Bible Story set to read, saying she could ask questions about anything she read. "I fell in love with Jesus by the time I finished the books," said Susan. "I wanted to be baptized but 'mom' said I had to wait, that I needed to talk to my mother back home and see how I felt after my first year at my Buddhist college."

But, before she left, the family prepared to go to something called "camp meeting." They spent the better part of the day loading up the van. When Susan was sure it was so full even they wouldn't fit, somehow they all squeezed in. Her host father started the van, and they were off. Less than a mile down the road, steam and smoke started pouring out of the engine cavity. They stopped and just stared.

They quickly drove back home, wondering what to do next. Her host father checked all the hoses – none were bad, so he refilled the radiator. They all just sat. "At that point, I wanted



Susan Lee

to ask 'mom' if God could do a miracle for me," recalled Susan. "I had read about lots of miracles Jesus did for others in the Bible Story books so wondered if he still did miracles and if he would do one for me." Carol must have guessed her question, because she then prayed, "Dear Jesus, Susan so wants to go to camp meeting to learn more about You. Please heal the van, at least so we can get to camp and back. Then, if we have to, we can tow the van to the junkyard. Amen."

Susan's host father started the engine

and drove 100 miles to camp meeting with no problems. At the end of a wonderful week, they drove home with no problems.

"God performed a miracle for me that day to solidify my faith in him and his ability to take care of me in every way," said Susan. The next year, she was baptized as witness to the miracle Jesus performed in giving her a new heart to love and serve him.

The Sabbath after the family got back from that camp meeting, their family decided to go canoeing. Several miles down the road, the van stopped, filled with steam and smoke, and the road was covered with water and oil. An auto mechanic later diagnosed a blown engine. Its last trip was via tow truck to the junkyard.

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## Conéctate con compasión

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“El gran Maestro coopera en todos los esfuerzos que se hacen para aliviar a la doliente humanidad. Enseñad a los estudiantes a realizar una aplicación práctica de las lecciones que han recibido. Cuando ellos sean testigos de la humana desgracia y de la completa pobreza de aquellos a quienes tratan de ayudar, se conmoverán de compasión. Sus corazones se ablandarán y rendirán con los profundos y santos principios revelados en la Palabra de Dios. El gran Médico coopera con cada esfuerzo hecho en beneficio de la sufriente humanidad, para dar salud al cuerpo y luz y restauración al alma. ... Ahora debemos considerar qué puede hacerse para preparar a los estudiantes en una obra misionera práctica” Ministerio de bondad, p. III.

El congreso de jóvenes de la Unión del Lago, conocido como Conéctate 2016, pondrá énfasis especial este año en involucrar a los jóvenes en servicios comunitarios. Para ayudar a los jóvenes a que participen en estas actividades se decidió organizar convocatorias locales para jóvenes en cuatro ciudades, a realizarse antes del congreso.

Al leer este artículo ya habrán ocurrido dos de las convocatorias, una en Milwaukee y la otra en Chicago. La tercera convocatoria será el 7 de mayo en Indianápolis y la cuarta el 14 de mayo en la academia adventista en Battle Creek, Michigan. Luego, se concluirá el énfasis de hacer evangelismo por medio de servicios comunitarios en el congreso de jóvenes, Conéctate 2016, que se llevará a cabo del 3 al 5 de junio en la Universidad Andrews.

El congreso de jóvenes de este año se perfila como uno de los mejores congresos que hayamos tenido. Además de presentar lo acostumbrado (sermones inspiradores, seminarios, recreación, buena comida y la oportunidad de hacer nuevos amigos), se presentarán los informes de lo que los jóvenes de las cinco asociaciones han hecho en favor de



sus comunidades y también se hará obra misionera y servicios comunitarios en una forma masiva en las comunidades cercanas a Berrien Springs.

El blanco de desarrollar en los jóvenes el deseo de hacer servicios de caridad es para que siembren semillas que brinden interés en la iglesia local y que la comunidad pueda ver que la Iglesia Adventista la ama. Por esta razón es muy importante que

las iglesias hispanas en la Unión del Lago apoyen a los jóvenes para que puedan asistir al congreso Conéctate 2016 y regresar luego con ánimo a sus iglesias, dispuestos a trabajar para el Señor.

Si no se ha inscrito todavía hay tiempo para hacerlo. Lo puede hacer en línea en el *website* <http://www.conectateluc.org> o puede obtener la hoja de inscripción del mismo *website* y enviarla junto con un giro postal (No se aceptan cheques personales.). Pido sus oraciones para que los jóvenes de la Unión reciban un poderoso derramamiento del Espíritu Santo.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.





## A Couple Grows Up

BY LEANNE SIGVARTSEN

When my husband and I joined the Adoption and Foster Care GROW Group at Pioneer Memorial Church, we thought we would learn some new things and make some new friends. We never in our wildest dreams thought we would come away with a baby!

We have had five miscarriages. After the fifth miscarriage, we said, “That’s it. Not doing that again,” and started investigating adoption. We looked at foreign adoption, which was way out of our price range; domestic adoption, which also was very expensive and, in a lot of cases, nothing short of a scam. We even looked at adopting an older child promoted through the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange. Time after time, we just hit brick wall after brick wall.

It was around that time that we received the Pioneer Memorial Church GROW Group brochure in the mail promoting small groups that help people get to know each other and grow deeper in their relationship with God. I’ll be honest, we hadn’t had a lot of luck with GROW Groups before but, despite this, I took a peek and found they were having one on adoption and foster care. I signed us up right away without even telling my husband. When I finally told him that I had signed us up for a GROW Group on adoption and foster care, he said, “You did what?”

He really wanted to be a dad.

We went to the Adoption and Foster Care GROW Group and met two of the most amazing women, Carol and Asha Jordan — a mother and daughter team who were both local foster and adoptive parents. They were coordinating this GROW Group and knew their stuff! There are nearly 14,000 children in foster care in Michigan, with almost 400 in Berrien County. Only about half of those children would be reunited with their biological parents; the other half would require adoptive families for which the State of Michigan covers the costs for adopting a child from foster

care. We learned that the most successful route to adopting was to become the child’s foster parent first. Then, later, if it was determined that the child required adoption, the foster parents would be pretty much first in line.

We soon discovered that there was an enormous need in our community to address the needs of foster children, beyond just giving them a home. This GROW Group was about more than foster care and adoption information. We took the words of James seriously. *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress* (James 1:27 NIV).

Not everyone in that group was looking to adopt or to become foster parents, and that was not Asha and Carol’s only plan in organizing this GROW Group. They wanted a committed group of people who could help source furniture for foster families, people who could drive foster children to appointments to help out foster parents or do respite care for them. Many foster kids arrive at their foster home with just the clothes on their back and are in need of those who can find/donate/buy clothes. Foster children age out of foster care when they turn 18 and are in need of help to set up a house, making sure they have proper transportation and get Christmas presents.

This group was so much more than we had expected. We had one project that was to ensure every kid in Berrien County received a pillow when they came into foster care — something soft they can hug tightly when they are dropped off at the home of total strangers after experiencing some extremely horrific events. Another project was



*Leanne, holding adopted son Leif, along with her husband Jan, and son Thor.*

to give a Christmas stocking stuffed full of age-appropriate gifts to all of the nearly 400 children in foster care in Berrien County — and we achieved it! Carol Jordon's organization, *God's Hands for Kids*, continues this fabulous work. You can find out about what projects they are doing right now and how you can help at <http://www.gh4k.org>.

But there was one more thing we got from this GROW Group that we never expected. When people ask me where I was when I met my son for the first time, I tell them, "In the parking lot of Apple Valley." It was a Friday afternoon; my hubby and I love to talk so we were yakking to people outside of the Apple Valley Market. I remember this particular day because we had run into almost everyone we knew and had been there for nearly an hour-and-a-half. I saw Asha Jordan, our GROW Group leader, coming out of the store with a baby carrier. Now, remember I said that she was a foster mother, so I went over to say, "Hi" and meet the new foster baby she clearly had with her.

I took a look. He was six weeks old and the sweetest, most beautiful baby I had ever seen in my entire life. I fell

in love at first sight. He was the reason we became foster parents and set a new record for getting a foster care license. Not long after receiving our license, he transferred from Asha's home to ours so that if he became available for adoption in the future, we were going to do it — no questions asked. A little over one year later, it was determined that he needed to be placed for adoption.

The funny thing about this story is that during this process, my husband and I got pregnant again and, at the age of 41 (would you believe it?!), I had my first successful birth. In just one year, we had two beautiful sons come into our lives that are 10-1/2 months apart in age. When it rains, it pours! How is that for God working in mysterious ways?

I thank God for bringing our two miracle sons into our lives, and I thank Pioneer Memorial Church for having GROW Groups that truly do bring people together.

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Leanne Sigvartsen is the project manager of the global Beyond Beliefs study, which is investigating Millennial young adult attitudes toward each of the 28 Beliefs of Adventism and over 100 other social, behavioral and religious issues. An Australian, she lives with her Norwegian husband, Jan, and her two sons, Leif and Thor, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



# ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING

BY SHONA CROSS

Family Camp Meeting is for the whole family. It's a special time for spiritual refreshment and fellowship. What's happening for family camp meeting? Well, here are some things that you can do: archery, crafts, climbing wall, horseback riding, tubing, canoeing, blob, mountain biking, swimming and sports.

Don't miss this opportunity to come away from your busy lives and spend a quiet moment at Camp Aki-ta, reconnecting with God and your family. Please register through Norma Gregory at the conference office; phone: 630-856-2874.

Our very own president, Ray Pichette, will be presenting the key-

note addresses. Ray is passionate about Jesus and looks forward to sharing the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is his prayer that the Illinois Conference members will continue to learn creative ways to present Jesus irresistibly at all times!

Shona Cross, administrative secretary for the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







Pete Braman



Ray Pichette



Travis Sager



Ron Schultz

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

July 27-30

Camp Akita

1684 Knox Road 1200 N

Gilson, Illinois

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## ILLINOIS HISPANIC

September 2-4

Camp Akita

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Gilson, Illinois

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# INDIANA CAMP MEETING

BY COLLEEN KELLY

For more than a 150 years, Adventist families have gathered in the summer to spend a week together praying, learning more about God and refueling their spiritual lives. It is a time to see old friends, have your children and grandchildren play together, and grow in your knowledge and experience of Jesus' life and what it means for today's world.

Camp Meeting will be held this June 12–18 at the Indiana Academy in Cicero, Indiana, and those that attend will enjoy family life enriched with prayer ministry, evangelism, health messages and enlightening thought. Camp meeting superintendent Aaron Clark says, “You don’t want to miss Chef Mark Anthony at the 10:45 a.m. spot featuring live cooking demonstrations while sharing gospel parallels.” Pastor Aaron will be creating a mobile kitchen from which Chef Mark Anthony will operate.

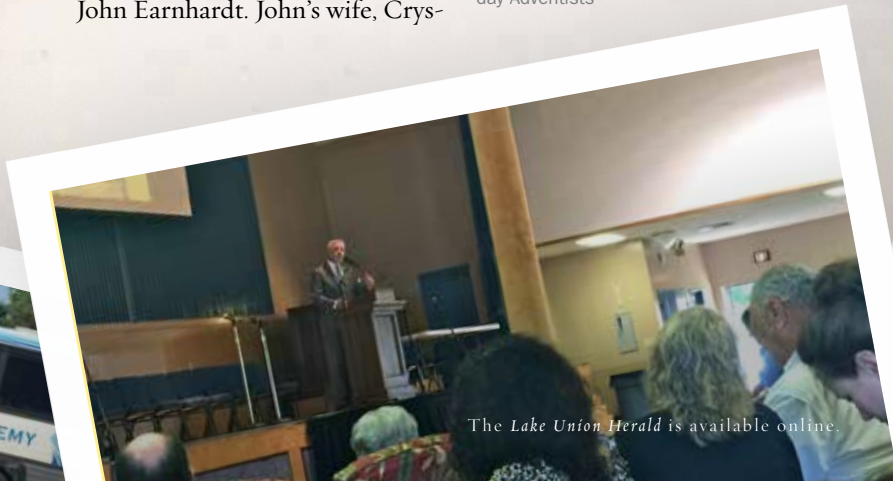
This year the theme is “The Race to Victory” and is a play on words, not only for followers of Jesus in the end times, but also the life story of our main speaker, John Earnhardt. John’s wife, Crys-

tal, wrote a book called *Race to Victory Lane*, a book dedicated to the memory of John’s cousin, Dale Earnhardt, NASCAR winner of 76 races before his tragic death on the racetrack. John and Dale were youngsters in the 1950s when their parents became involved in dirt track races in North Carolina. John has made a life career working for NASCAR in a different role than his cousin.

So, make it a priority to be a part of your Hoosier Adventist community this summer. Start your family’s annual tradition – young or old – and reserve a spot at camp meeting now.

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Colleen Kelly, communications and marketing specialist, Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







John Earnhardt



Mark Anthony

## INDIANA CONFERENCE

June 12-18

Indiana Academy  
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Cicero, Indiana

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## HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DAY

June 17

Cicero Church  
24445 State Road 19  
Cicero, Indiana

## INDIANA HISPANIC

September 1-4

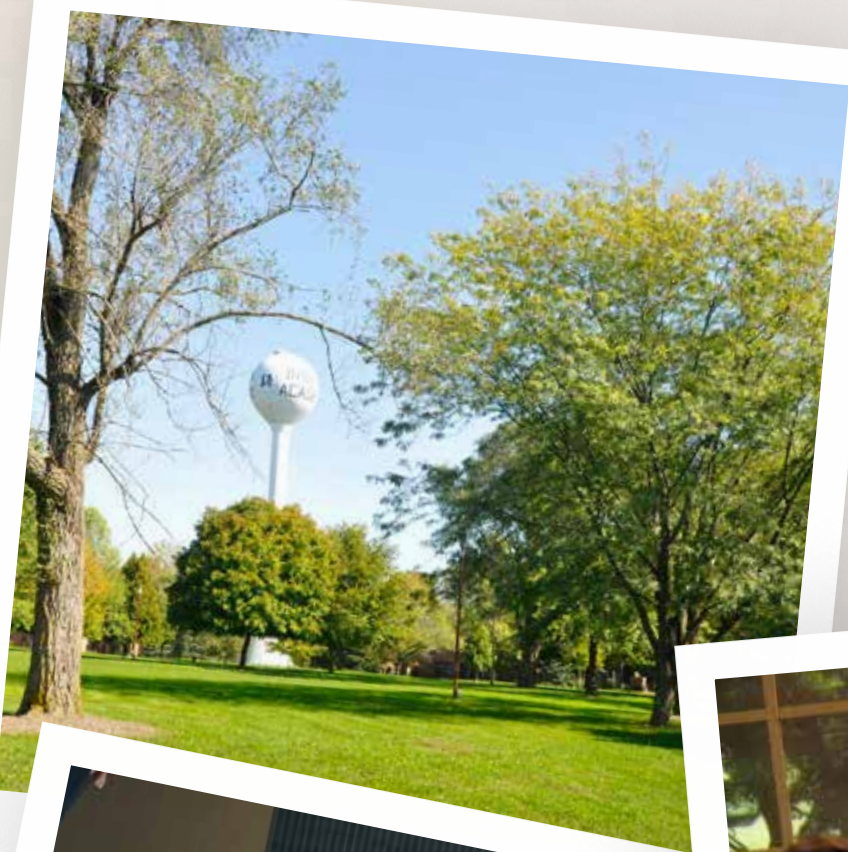
Timber Ridge Camp  
1674 Timber Ridge Road  
Spencer, Indiana

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# LAKE REGION CAMP MEETINGS

BY R. CLIFFORD JONES

With “Christ Alone” as its theme, Camp Meeting 2016 will be a time of instruction and inspiration intended to motivate and prepare members for mission and ministry. Because Lake Region Conference has declared that 2016 is the Year of Evangelism, we are planning for the services and events of camp meeting to reignite a passion within our pastors and members for sharing Christ. Seminars and workshops will focus on strengthening soul-winning skills as well as engendering growth in community awareness and outreach, and a community fair is among the outreach activities planned for the city of Cassopolis.

Dr. Donnett Black, a pastor in the Northeastern Conference, will deliver the divine worship sermon on June 18, and Debleaire Snell, pastor of the First SDA Church in Huntsville, Alabama, will preach on June 25. Carmelo Mercado, vice president for Multicultural Ministries for the Lake Union Conference, will deliver the homily for the ordination and commissioning service on Sabbath, June 25. Spiritual revitalization is the goal of preaching at camp meeting this year.

An assortment of activities and services are planned for our youth and young adults. The divine worship speaker on Sabbath, June 18, is Earl Baldwin, pastor of the Muskegon Heights/Idlewild district, and the

divine worship speaker on Sabbath, June 25, is Taurus Montgomery, pastor of the Harbor of Hope SDA Church in Benton Harbor, Mich.. Under the leadership of conference youth director, Jason North, the theme for the Youth Camp Meeting is “Awaken A Generation, which speaks for itself.

Our Spanish Camp Meeting takes place over the Labor Day weekend, September 2–5, with Alan Marchado and Rafael Escobar preaching to the adults and youth respectively.

We hope you’re planning to join us for Camp Meeting 2016. Welcome!!

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R. Clifford Jones, president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







Earl Baldwin



Donnette Blake



Rafael Escobar



R. Clifford Jones



Allan Machado



Taurus Montgomery



Carmelo Mercado



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## LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

June 17-25

Camp Wagner

19088 Brownsville St.,

Cassapolis, Michigan

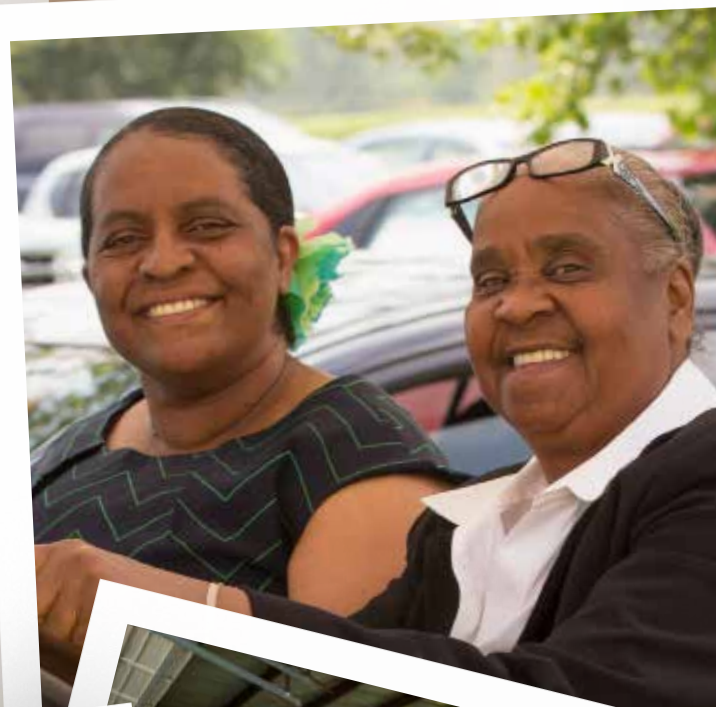
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## LAKE REGION HISPANIC

September 2-5





# MICHIGAN CAMP MEETINGS

BY JIM MICHEFF, JR.

Amazing things can happen when God's people convene from all parts of the state to pray and study together. The Michigan Conference camp meetings will be meeting under the banner of "Grow Michigan," offering an opportunity to inspire, train and prepare to join in giving a message of hope and warning to this earth.

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 (Campestre

Hispano) at Camp Au Sable will be three-day weekend 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, Jr., executive secretary of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







Doug Batchelor



Shawn Boonstra



Kameron DeVasher



Jay Gallimore



R. Clifford Jones



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## MICHIGAN HISPANIC

May 27-29

Camp Au Sable  
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive  
Grayling, Michigan

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## CEDAR LAKE CAMPMEETING

June 10-18

Great Lakes Adventist Academy  
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Cedar Lake, Michigan  
Emergency Contact at Information Booth  
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## UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING

September 1-5

Camp Sagola  
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Sagola, Michigan

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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# WISCONSIN CAMP MEETINGS

BY MIKE EDGE

Why is it that we as Christians pray so little “when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse?” (Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 94) Our theme for camp meeting this year is “Prayer.”

Our first Friday night and Sabbath speaker will be Jerry Page, ministerial director for the General Conference. Sunday night, Mike Edge, conference president, will speak. Monday through Thursday Maurice Valentine, executive secretary for the Lake Union Conference, will present four messages. Our final weekend’s speaker will be Mike Tucker, speaker/director for Faith For Today.

Other speakers through the week will include Sung Kwon, director of Adventist Community Services, and Barbara O’Neill, director of Misty Mountain Health Retreat in Australia. Our afternoon seminars will present a potpourri of classes and presenters sharing on health,

children’s ministries, soul-winning, prayer, Bible study, baptismal preparation, church planting, etc.

Other features include a special musical concert by Steve Martin on the first Sabbath afternoon, a special seminar on the Loma Linda Health Study, an education focus meeting, the annual Hallelujah Hustle and, on the final Sabbath, a grand time of baptisms.

Camp meeting is for the entire family. Special meetings and activities are planned for campers of all ages.

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

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Mike Edge, president of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







Sung Kwon



Barbara O'Neal



Jerry Page



Mike Tucker



Maurice Valentine

## WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

June 17-25

Camp Wakonda

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Oxford, Wisconsin

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## WISCONSIN HISPANIC

August 10-13

Camp Wakonda

W8368 County Road E

Oxford, Wisconsin

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## HMONG CAMP MEETING

Time and place to be announced.

Watch the Hmong Ministries page

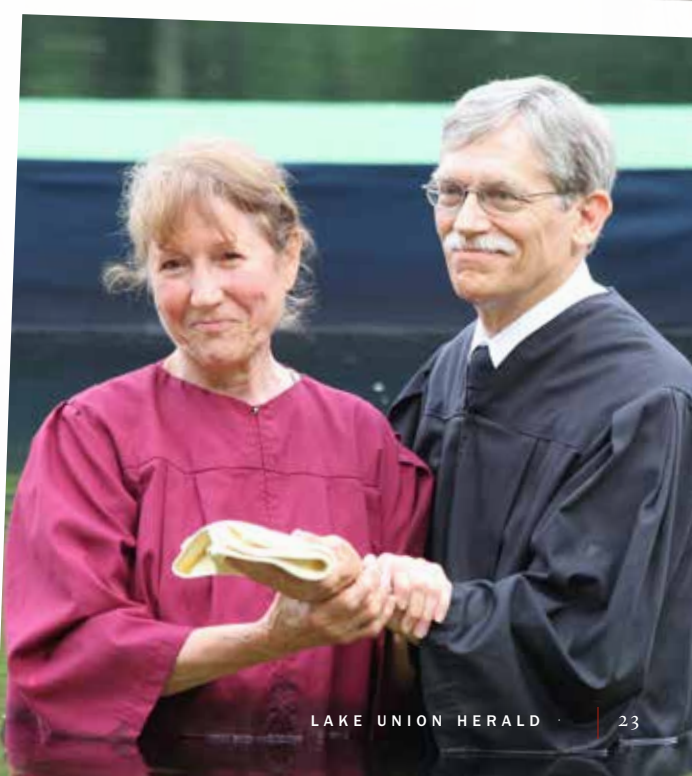
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# ILLINOIS

# CAMP

# AKITA

BY MANNY OJEDA

**L**ocated two hours and forty-five minutes southwest of Chicago is a hidden gem not known by many. Packed into 637 acres is a place where childhood memories are made for children 0–99 years of age and beyond. No matter your age, Camp Akita is the place where everyone is welcome to come and discover Jesus Christ.

Every year our Advent movement comes to life as a group of young adults are recruited, empowered and deployed to a field where families send their precious children for camp fun.

Last year at Camp Akita we shared, then gave the Great Commission to our campers from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures!

This summer we plan on following up on that journey and in the true spirit of mentoring, join our campers in that spiritual journey through the power-packed, fun-filled, friendship-creating, activity-filled camp experience.

The day at Camp Akita begins with line call at the flagpole in front of the main lodge. After sharing their daily Bible power-passages,

our campers get to enjoy a healthy and delicious breakfast. Soon after, we commit our day to God with our morning camp council which is filled with uplifting camp songs, and a devotional that invites us to bring Jesus with us throughout the day.

The rest of the day is filled with every fun and wholesome activity that Camp Akita has to offer – activities such as horseback riding, archery, rock climbing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, photography, arts and crafts, Bible studies, and new this year, music classes.

So, on behalf of our loving and committed Camp Staff, we invite you to the best summer of your life at Camp Akita! See you at Camp!

Manny Ojeda, youth director of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







## CAMP AKITA DATES

Cub Camp: June 19–26 (Ages 7–9)

Junior Camp: June 26–July 3 (Ages 10–12)

Tween Camp: July 3–10 (Ages 12–14)

Teen Camp I: July 10–17 (Ages 14–17)

Teen Camp II: July 17–24 (Ages 14–17)

Akita Family Camp: July 27–31

Adventure Outpost Camp: July 31–August 7 (Ages 13–17)

## LOCATION

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Gilson, Illinois

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## INDIANA

# CAMP

## TIMBER RIDGE

BY CHARLIE THOMPSON

I'll never forget the first time I met Colin. It was at our single moms' retreat at Timber Ridge Camp. His mom, Stacey, had brought the love of her life. Colin was a tiny, physically handicapped, non-responsive baby. He required constant care and had too many physical challenges to name. His mom had been told he would never walk, talk or develop beyond the stage he was in. You could tell Stacey was totally devoted to this tiny boy and that she would do anything to give him the best chance of living a quality life.

I remember thinking to myself: what dedication, to love a child like that. Each year, Stacey and Colin returned to camp and, each year, Colin began to show signs of improvement. At first, his eyes began to focus on people in the room. Then, he began to smile. Later on, with the help of braces on his legs, Colin took a few steps.

The last year they were at camp, Colin was talking and very aware of everything around him. Slowly, but surely, God was working miracles in this young man's life. The biggest miracle of all happened at our Friday night campfire. We gave all of our campers the invitation to give their hearts to Jesus. Believe it or not,

Colin was the first to come forward. He walked on his own two feet. He heard the urgings of the Holy Spirit, and came to stand before God and campers to proclaim his love for Jesus.

Timber Ridge Camp is only a small part of Colin's life, but it is the place he heard God's voice. It is the place each year we could mark the miracles of God's healing. Recently I received a message from Stacey. Once again, the doctors are saying that things don't look good for Colin. I know that God has his hand on this young man's life and, one day, Colin will be leaping all over heaven and looking into the eyes of Jesus.

Charlie Thompson, youth director of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







## CAMP TIMBER RIDGE DATES

Single Moms' Camp: June 23–26

Blind Camp: June 26–July 3

Cub Camp: July 3–10 (Ages 7–10)

Junior Camp: July 10–17 (Ages 10–13)

Tween Camp: July 17–24 (Ages 13–15)

Teen Camp: July 24–31 (Ages 15–17)

Family Camp: July 31–August 7

## LOCATION

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## LAKE REGION

# CAMP WAGNER

BY JASON NORTH

Summer is almost upon us. Last summer, 66 campers attended a one-week summer camp experience. This year there will be three weeks of camp for ages 8–15. 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, meet lifelong friends and depart on fire for Jesus. 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.

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Jason North, youth director of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







## CAMP WAGNER DATES

Week 1: July 10–17 (Ages 8–15)

Week 2: July 17–24 (Ages 8–15)

Week 3: July 24–31 (Ages 8–15)

## LOCATION

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(downloadable forms)





MICHIGAN

# CAMP

## AU SABLE & SAGOLA

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 under the craft section. These classes will be taught by the camp pastor each week and tag-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 cabin mates where they can try new things, ask important questions about life and God, and learn of Christ's love for them, all while discovering their purpose and passions! Either by camper alone, with his or her friends, or with the family together, experience Jesus together at camp!

Ken Micheff, youth director of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







## CAMP AU SABLE DATES

Adventure/Jr. Junior Camp: June 12–19 (Ages 7–10)

Junior Camp: June 19–26 (Ages 10–12)

Tween Camp: June 26–July 3 (Ages 12–14)

Teen/High School Camp: July 3–10 (Grades 9–12)

Specialty: July 10–15 (Ages 10–17)

Father/Son Backpacking Outpost: July 10–14

Father/Son Canoe Outpost: July 10–14

Family Camp 1: July 17–24 (Children 7–17)

Family Camp 2: July 24–31 (Children 7–17)

Family Camp 3: July 31–August 7 (Children 7–17)

## LOCATION

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## CAMP SAGOLA DATES

Teen Camp: July 10–17 (Ages 13–17)

Junior Camp: July 17–24 (Ages 8–12)

## LOCATION

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WISCONSIN

# CAMP

## WAKONDA

BY GREG TAYLOR

Summer camp provides an unbelievable opportunity to experience God in new ways. Campers are given the opportunity to learn new skills such as archery, horseback riding, ceramics, crafts and much, much more. Camp also provides a time in which we can unplug from our busy schedules and to-do lists, and plug into the power of God's Word.

Each day campers are given a spiritual challenge from our camp pastor and, in the evenings, the camp staff participate in skits and plays that provide a unique, effective method of sharing God's love. As the campers are getting ready for bed, the counselors take time to play with

them and dialogue about the message of that night's program. Then, at the end of the week, we make an appeal for our campers to make a decision for Jesus Christ!

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Greg Taylor, youth director of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists







## CAMP WAKONDA DATES

Blind Camp: June 29–July 3 (All Ages)

Junior Camp: July 3–10 (Ages 7–10)

Tween Camp: July 10–17 (Ages 11–13)

Teen Camp: July 17–24 (Ages 13–17)

Family Camp 1: July 24–31 (All Ages)

Family Camp 2: July 31–August 7 (All Ages)

## LOCATION

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Chaplain Aleksandra Tanurdzic (center) receives her award. From left: Don Livesay, Lake Union president; Mike Goebel, CEO, AMITA Health La Grange and Hinsdale; Don Jernigan, president/CEO, Adventist Health System; and John Rapp, AMITA Health Sr. VP and Chief Mission Officer.

## Chaplain embodies Christ's ministry through creativity and collaboration

It is not unusual for Aleksandra Tanurdzic, manager of pastoral care at Adventist Medical Center La Grange, to begin a new program and then take it a step further.

After publishing a book about nursing stories in 2014, she and fellow colleague, Sue Kett, organized the Healing Hearts project for nursing staff, allowing clinicians to paint on canvas in a soothing environment. Tanurdzic then turned those paintings into a boxed set of greeting cards, used them as gifts during Nurses Week, and now they sell on Amazon.

Her Spiritual Ambassadors, who visit medical units to say prayers and offer support, helped open and collect clothing through the Clean Shirt Ministry, started for patients who need clean clothes at discharge.

She also brought the No One Dies Alone program to Adventist Health System hospitals in La Grange and Hinsdale, where specially-trained volunteers sit with patients who are dying and have no family or close friends to support them.

"Our projects reflect the great integration we have between pastoral care and the hospital's culture of spirituality," Tanurdzic said. "I really

love God and I love Jesus. I want to lead and bring this love to other people."

For these accomplishments and others, Tanurdzic is the recipient of the Christian Service Award presented by Adventist Health System at a national conference last month in Florida. Tanurdzic has worked at Adventist Medical Center La Grange for nearly three years.

"Aleks came to a solid program in La Grange and took it to a whole new level of excellence," said John Rapp, AMITA Health senior vice president and chief mission integration officer. "She is not only out-of-the-box creative, she gets it done. She is widely respected, loved by her staff and very well known in the community. She is a great administrator with a chaplain's heart. Aleks honors God through her work, and lives our mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus."

Julie Busch, assistant vice president for communications, AMITA Health.



Hospital administrators said Agnes Sadurski went above and beyond in providing care to a distressed family.

## Nurse's compassion helps family cope with loss

Agnes Sadurski was on duty in the emergency department at Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook when the staff received an Emergency Management System call – a mother had delivered a baby at home and the baby wasn't breathing.

The staff quickly prepared two critical care rooms, one for the mother and one for the baby.

The baby boy was born after just 20 weeks gestation. Despite efforts to resuscitate him, he did not survive. The mother, a diabetic, was transferred to intensive care.

"The mother was very sick, and she didn't have a chance to see the baby before going to the intensive care unit (ICU)," Sadurski said. "I dressed the baby and kept him warm. Then I took him to the ICU room. The husband was there with other members of the family. They cried."

Sadurski does not think that her actions were special.

"It was my job, and I love my job," she said.

But the tasks required quite a bit of quick thinking. Sadurski realized the family needed a chance to see their baby and sprang into action. She got permission from the coroner's office to take the baby to the ICU room before he was released to the morgue. She reached out to labor and delivery for items in which to dress and swaddle the baby. Then she got her manager's consent to take the baby to the ICU room.

"The family thanked me; they were grateful," Sadurski said. "I'm glad that I did it. I think that it gave the family peace."

While Sadurski downplays her caring and taking the extra steps to help a grieving family, others saw her work as above and beyond regular duties.

"The compassion and empathy Agnes exhibited in caring for the baby and the family is what nursing – and our organization – is all about," said Connie Perry, manager of the emergency department. "I am so very encouraged by Agnes' compassionate care. It was truly something humbling to witness in the busy world of emergency care."

Julie Busch, assistant vice president for communications, AMITA Health.



## Have faith and show up

### One woman's search for meaningful life

"Any change, improvement or step outside of your comfort zone will change you in ways you couldn't imagine. We imagine fear, embarrassment, judgment. And sometimes what we imagine comes true. But if you want something, you should be willing to do all of those things to work toward your goals," said Ilean Harris, a 2008 psychology and Spanish studies graduate of Andrews University and self-employed online business coach the women's residence hall deans invited to offer a week of inspiration to Andrews women earlier this year.

"Women have unique challenges in life, and I want them to shine," says Harris. "They were given talents and they can succeed, as long as they're willing to work for it."

Harris teaches her clients in over 20 countries how to grow their brand and business online utilizing e-courses and social media. She began her own business when it occurred to her that her job was killing her spirit and wasn't allowing her to live life to the fullest.

"I'm not the typical entrepreneur," she says. "My pain was not the 9-to-5 rat race; it was what I was doing. I suddenly realized I wanted to make a living serving others."

Harris quit her job and began exploring other options. After a long search for meaningful employment, she found that the most success would come from owning her own business.

"I was willing to be a nanny, clean floors, or whatever," she says. "Nothing is beneath me, as long as it's legal, ethical and hard work, I'll do it. I just wanted to work, to be able to keep the Sabbath, to have time with my husband and to do something good for others."

Sharing her own stories, Harris spoke to the residence hall women



*Andrews University alum Ilean Harris told Lamson Hall residents to be prepared to walk away from everything holding them back.*

about facing their fears, eliminating self-doubt, developing goals and plans to reach them, and working hard – even now – for what they want in the future.

"I learned that you have to have a lot of faith and you have to show up," she says. "I did everything I could and he did everything I could not. But it wasn't until I walked away from everything holding me back that he could do that."

In addition to presenting several times throughout her week on campus, Harris also did one-on-one sessions with the young women, providing faith-based help, guidance and inspiration

and the opportunity for them to ask questions.

"We've come to a place in history where women are really ready to step into something more aligned with who they are, not just what tradition and history has set up for them," says Harris. "I can see these women scheming while I talk. They've been given permission to look outside the box and they're ready to make changes."

Becky St. Claire, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

### Just one more stop

Michigan—In the midst of an ordinary day for Battle Creek Academy (BCA) students, collecting supplies for the city of Flint and passing out flyers to the Unlock Revelation evangelistic series, one student had an unusual run-in with a city bus driver.

Shad Grentz, a junior, and Alana Knapp, English teacher, decided to put flyers on cars. As Knapp waited in the van for Grentz to finish putting flyers on the windshields of the cars, she heard a bus behind her honking. Moving aside to allow the bus more room on the road, she noticed the driver waving. Grentz eventually went over to the bus driver. Apparently the bus driver had seen the flyers on the cars and didn't want to be left out. He, too, wanted a flyer. But the driver knew the only way to get a flyer was to make one more stop and get



Battle Creek Academy students gather for community outreach.

the attention of our group. Grentz was able to share an Unlock Revelation flyer with the bus driver.

We never know exactly how the Word of God will be spread. Sometimes, even the way we plan it changes on us. We can never ignore the divine opportunities God set up for us. For

those who are willing, God will open those doors. We are excited to have this opportunity at BCA and we pray that the flyers will continue to reach those who are willing to seek God.

Jacquelyn Khoe is director of development for Battle Creek Academy.

## [ CONFERENCE NEWS ]



Motor City Area Pathfinders distribute water to Flint residents.

### Learning to take action

Lake Region—Motor City Area (MCA) Pathfinders demonstrated the commandment, *love your neighbor as yourself*, as they reached out to their Flint neighbors in February. When Flint Eternal Life Seventh-day Adventist Church announced its Pathfinder Day, each club was asked to bring a case of water to help alleviate the water crisis in that city. Initially, the MCA Pathfinders were going to add to the

water already stored at the Eternal Life Church. After speaking with the area directors, they decided that distributing water in the community would be a better idea.

Four clubs collected and distributed a truckload of water to one neighborhood in the vicinity of Eternal Life Church. The group then went door-to-door passing out water. The weather was in the single digits and everyone advised the group to be out for no longer than 20 minutes.

The MCA Pathfinders were motivated and really excited to help others. As they walked through the neighborhood, people started coming out of their homes, wondering what the Pathfinders were doing. When they realized the group was passing out cases of water, the residents became excited. The Pathfinders showed their gratitude by helping others who were unable to carry the water into their homes.

One young man approached the group and stated that his family lived on the street they were on. With

teary eyes, he thanked the group. He then helped carry water into homes. There was a group of men on another block who engaged the Pathfinders in conversation. One said he felt as if the government had forgotten them. They, too, expressed their gratitude. There was yet another young man who joined the group and decided to help, carrying water to elderly persons and those disabled.

The Pathfinder group ended up covering four blocks, giving each home two cases of water. Many in the group said that it felt really good to show God's love to people in need, especially since, too often, many people only pray and leave it at that. These Pathfinders learned to take action and give to those in need.

Weata Powell is Motor City Area Pathfinder coordinator.





Kailyn (far right) and her new friends

## Courage to stand up

**Lake Region**—When Lake Region Conference teen, Kailyn Williams, boarded a plane in February for the cross-country flight to Ontario, California, a city just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, she never imagined she would soar to new heights in her relationship with Christ.

Williams, the self-described shy high school senior from Sterling Heights, Mich., attended the youth prayer rally, Just Claim It, and found herself among strangers who quickly became a close-knit group of friends.

“It’s amazing how you can bring a group of teens together from different states, then see them grow as a team,” said Williams.

Williams says she was inspired to share her own testimony with the small group that was placed together to discuss difficult situations teens often face. The Conant Gardens church member said she felt bold enough to share with the group her struggles of dealing with bullies and feeling hopeless, something that empowered her like never before. The newfound friends hugged and cried with her, telling her, “No matter what happens, do not forget your worth.

You’re much more than you think you are,” she recalled.

Just Claim It is an initiative of the North American Division Youth Department and is in its fifth year. According to the ministry’s website, the purpose is to rally high school students to unite together and encourage them to seek a personal relationship with Christ. This is done through prayer, the preached word, praise and worship, seminars and community outreach. The event culminates with an anointing service where teens and adults can request personal prayer from a Seventh-day Adventist pastor.

Though it’s several months after the event, Williams feels courageous and is still basking in feeling the “presence of God.”

“This experience taught me that every young person can make a difference that can change the world,” she said. “We have the power to spread the gospel. We have the power to shine happiness on those around us, just by being kind and helping. We have the power to spread a message to all teens around the world that they are worth it.”

Debbie Michel is the associate director of communication for the Lake Union Conference.

## New Michigan Conference communication director

**Michigan**—Andy Im was elected to serve as communication director for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, replacing Justin Kim who accepted a position at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Md. Im also will continue serving as associate director for the CAMPUS Department.

Before coming to the Michigan Conference office, Im served as co-chair of the Religion Department at Weimar College, pastored for several years



Andy Im

in New Jersey and also at the Living Springs Fellowship Church in Berrien

Springs, Mich. He holds a degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and a Master’s in Religion from Southern Adventist University. Before his studies at Southern Adventist University, he attended the Theological Seminary at Andrews University for three semesters. He lives in Grand Ledge, Mich., and his interests include photography, cooking, traveling, theology, pickleball and spending time with his wife, Laura, Human Resources director for the Michigan Conference, and their 19-month old daughter, Olivia. He can be reached at: [aim@misda.org](mailto:aim@misda.org).

Debbie Michel is the associate director of communication for the Lake Union Conference.



Pastor Craig Harris says, "There are never any losers in the Pathfinder Bible Experience."

## Eight Lake Union teams advance to final Pathfinder Bible Experience

Fifteen teams from Indiana, Illinois, Lake Region, Michigan and Wisconsin participated in this year's Lake Union Level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) held on Saturday, March 19, at the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. They were tested on the entire book of Exodus and the introduction of Exodus in the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*.

Each team was asked 90 questions; the teams answering the most correct answers within 90% of the top score

attained a first place, and qualified to go to the North American Division level. The following teams qualified to go to Prescott, Ariz., in mid-April for the NAD level: Centreville Sentinels, Eau Claire Critters Team 1, Eau Claire Critters Team 2, Lansing Capitals, PMC Evergreen Team 1, Wyoming Wranglers Team B, Cicero Cherokees, Downers Grove Detectives

There are never any losers in the Pathfinder Bible Experience. Even though Pathfinders love to finish in first place, the power of the program is actually the experience of studying Scripture and working together as a team.

Next year's PBE will focus on the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians and 1 and 2 Timothy.

Here are the teams that participated in the Lake Union Bible Experience: Illinois — Downers Grove Detectives, Fairmont City Cahokians Team 2, North Aurora Ambassadors; Indiana — New Albany Southeastern Soldiers, Cicero Cherokees; Lake Region — Hyde Park Constellations, Shiloh Trailblazers; Michigan — Centreville Sentinels, Eau Claire Critters Team 1, Eau Claire Critters Team 2, Lansing Capitals, PMC Evergreen Team 1, Wyoming Wranglers Team B; Wisconsin — Lena Wildcats, Monroe Trailblazers.

Craig Harris, coordinator, Lake Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Experience

## Making history in Michigan Youth Ministry

Michigan—On Sabbath, March 26, a Youth Leadership Summit was held for youth leaders across Michigan. There were almost 140 delegates from churches across the state representing about 40 local churches. This special event marked the culmination of years of prayer and planning by the Michigan Youth Department, for which the primary goal was to provide training and resources to inspire new ideas and ministry plans.

A few years ago, the Michigan Youth Department had a vision to create a structure within the department that would result in direct impact of the local church for youth ministry.



District coordinators elected to network, coordinate and inspire youth ministry

God confirmed this plan in February when the conference executive committee voted in District Youth Coordinators (DYC) for each of the twelve districts in Michigan. Similar to how each district has a pastor designated as the District Superintendent, each district now has individuals who have

been elected to network, coordinate and inspire youth ministry in each local congregation. They will work closely in conjunction with the Youth Department as part of the Michigan team.

Andy Im is communication director for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.





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## Andrews University

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**May 1, 4:00 p.m.:** The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra joins the SMSO side-by-side for two of Brahms's most beloved Hungarian Dances — Nos. 5 and 6. Wagner's beautiful and intimate "*Siegfried Idyll*" begins this concert, which ends in blazing glory with "*Bruckner's Seventh Symphony*." (Tickets required.)

**May 3, 7:00 p.m.:** Andrews Academy Choral & Orchestra Spring Concert

**May 5, 7:00 p.m.:** Ruth Murdoch Elementary Instrumental Concert

**May 8, 4:00 p.m.:** Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra Spring Concert

**May 10, 7:00 p.m.:** Ruth Murdoch Elementary Choral Spring Concert

**Wes Youngberg at WIN! Wellness Comprehensive Health & Family Ministry Conference,** Andrews University, **May 27-30.** Youngberg, author of *Goodbye Diabetes and Hello Healthy*, will be lead presenter at the WIN! Wellness Conference, Memorial Day weekend, presenting fresh research: "Reaching Your Genetic Potential"; "Preventing/Reversing Heart Disease, Diabetes, Cancer Risk, Cognitive Decline — the Natural Way." Two goals: 1. Soul-winning by Family and Wellness small groups; 2. Vibrant health/family for you. Twenty-two hours instruction, 6:30 p.m. Friday to Monday noon. WIN! certification offered. Includes Sharing Jesus Training 2:00-5:45 p.m. Sabbath using book *Jesus — Who Is He?* To register, call PlusLine at 800-732-7587.

### Sharing Jesus Leadership Training: May 28

at Andrews University Towers Chapel in Berrien Springs, 2:00-9:00 p.m. Training provides an opportunity to learn how to share Jesus in many ways. Each receives book *Jesus — Who Is He?* Participants experience the value of a study group. Training methods are an example of what can be done in districts, conferences and unions. Individuals receiving the training can expand it in various ways, including being part of an evangelistic series, pre-evangelism or post-evangelism, and it can be used globally in group ministry. To register, call PlusLine at 800-732-7587.

## Indiana

**Reserve your spot at Camp Meeting** to be held **June 12-18** at Indiana Academy in Cicero. Enjoy a week of family life enriched with prayer ministry, evangelism, health messages and enlightening thought. The theme is "The Race to Victory" and is a play on words not only for followers of Jesus in the end times, but the life story of our main speaker, John Earnhardt. John's wife, Crystal, wrote a book called *Race to Victory Lane*, dedicated to the memory of John's cousin, Dale Earnhardt, NASCAR winner of 76 races before his tragic death on the racetrack. John has made a life career working for NASCAR in a different role than his cousin. To register, call the conference office at 317-844-6201 or visit <http://www.indysda.org>.

## Lake Region

**Calling All Pathfinder Directors, Staff and Pathfinders!!!** Please join us for our 12th Annual Pathfinder Honors Retreat, to be held **May 13-15**. The London Swordbearer Pathfinder Club is the sponsor for this event. This year's theme is "In His Presence — Jesus!" There will be a variety of honors offered this year: Archery, Drilling &

Marching, Amphibians, Nutrition, Communications, Waterfalls and much, much more. The location for this event is the conference campgrounds — Camp Wagner, Cassopolis, Mich., which is just south of Kalamazoo. For more information about the event and the fee, please call Teresa Rodgers at 313-283-7775 or Robert Jackson Jr. at 248-877-8300 or email [gardner.angeline@yahoo.com](mailto:gardner.angeline@yahoo.com).

## Lake Union

### Offerings

**May 7** Local Church Budget

**May 14** World Budget (Disaster & Famine Relief)

**May 21** Local Church Budget

**May 28** Local Conference Advance

### Special Days

**May 7** Community Services Sabbath

**May 14** Youth Sabbath

**May 21** Single Adults Sabbath

**May 28** Deaf Ministries Sabbath

## Michigan

**The Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association** will host watermelon feeds on both Sabbath afternoons of Camp Meeting, **June 11 and 18**, at 3:00 p.m., in front of the GLAA cafeteria. Alumni from Adelphian, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge and Great Lakes Adventist Academies are invited to come by for some watermelon and visiting.

**The Michigan Boarding Academies Annual Alumni Golf Tournament** will be held **June 17**. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with tee-off at 9:00 a.m. Come join us for a great day of golf and support the GLAA Worthy Student Fund. For more information, contact Skip Hann at 989-427-2460 or Arlene Leavitt at [aleavitt@glaa.net](mailto:aleavitt@glaa.net) or call 989-427-2420.

**Adelphian Academy Alumni gathering** will be held the weekend of **June 24-25**. Friday evening vespers will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Holly Church on Fish Lake Rd. Sabbath school will start at 9:15 a.m. Sabbath morning followed by the church service in the old Adelphian Academy chapel. Dinner will follow in

the church school gymnasium. There will be a musical program at 3:00 p.m. in the Holly Church. Honor classes: 50-year class of 1966 and 40-year class of 1976. There will be a meeting of the 65-year class of 1951. For more information, contact Peggy Hoffmeir at 248-467-0985.

## North American Division

**Madison College Alumni Homecoming** is **June 24-26** on the Madison Academy Campus. All graduates, attendees and friends are invited. For more information, contact Jim Culpepper, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, at 615-415-1925.

**Join the Society of Adventist Communicators** in Denver Colorado from **Oct. 13-15** for its annual convention for communication professionals and university students. The convention provides networking, learning and spiritual renewal opportunities. Find convention details online and register at [www.adventistcommunicator.org](http://www.adventistcommunicator.org).

## Wisconsin

**Join Wisconsin Academy** as they celebrate their 2016 graduates the weekend of **May 27-20**. Learn more at [www.wisacad.org](http://www.wisacad.org).

## World Division

**ASI International Convention 2016:** 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 annual convention is an energetic, inspiring affair where networks are formed and plans are made that one individual or institution could never accomplish alone. Those who attend the convention return to their local churches inspired and equipped to start lay outreach efforts in their own workplaces and communities. Best of all, eternal friendships are formed. This year's convention is being held **Aug. 3-6** at the Phoenix Convention Center. For more information, visit <http://www.asiministries.org/convention>.

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## Obituaries

**BIGFORD, Bertha A. (Brown)**, age 84; born Jan. 2, 1932, in Tell City, Ind.; died Feb. 15, 2016, in Naperville, Ill. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Victor; sons, Bradley and Bruce; daughters, Terrie Fitzgerald and Robyn Bigford-Ozelis; sisters, Dorothy Hinton, Lavon Siador, Delores Pena and Carole Munoz; six grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Ron Kelly, with private inurnment, Wakefield, Mich.

**BROWN, Vivian M. (Hensley) Manley**, age 89; born Aug. 18, 1926, in Wood River, Ill.; died March 7, 2016, in Alton, Ill. She was a member of the Oakhill Church, Caseyville, Ill.

Survivors include her son, John W. II; daughters, Carol Johns, Penny McCormick and Sandra Gallson; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dale Barnhurst, and interment was in Woodland Hill Cemetery, East Alton, Ill.

**CHAMPION, Raymond E.**, age 89; born June 20, 1926, in Marinette, Wis.; died Feb. 15, 2016, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the Wilson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; sons, James and Tom; daughters, Donna Duffy and Linda Hosford; brother, LeRoy; sister, Sandy Peterson; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

**CRESS, Paul F.**, age 89; born April 9, 1926, in Whetstone Township, Crawford County, Ohio; died Jan. 31, 2016, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his son, Daniel; daughter, Gely Stiles; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ron Gane, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**GILLIAM, Richard E.**, age 69; born Nov. 25, 1946, in Gary, Ind.; died Feb. 24, 2016, in Merrillville, Ind. He was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include his wife, Laura (Smith); sons, Rodney, Reginald and Richard; daughter, Renee Hall; brothers, Leander and Marvin; sister, Denise Gilliam; and 15 grandchildren.

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

**HAMEL, Warren**, age 86; born July 16, 1929, in Maple Hurst, Wis.; died Feb. 18, 2016, in Blanchard, Okla. He was a member of the Watertown (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Anneliese (Madeia); sons, Benjamin A. and Gregory A.; daughters, Christine A. Thomas and Maureen A. Craig; brother, Leon; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be conducted by the family, with private inurnment, Beersheba Springs, Tenn.

**HARE, Esther L. (Borrowdale)**, age 94; born May 14, 1921, in Mussoorie, India; died Jan. 14, 2016, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet Tkachuck.

Memorial services were conducted by Deborah Eisele, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**LITTLE, Anna R. (Hollingsworth)**, age 88; born May 2, 1927, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died March 2, 2016, in South Bend, Ind. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Bob; daughters, Nancy Andersen and Judy Gephart; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Indianapolis.

**MARTIN, Betty S. (Johnston)**, age 84; born June 22, 1931, in Bangor, Northern Ireland; died Jan. 7, 2016, in Kingston Springs, Tenn. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Tim, Tedd and Drew; daughter, Merri-Lynn Miller; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dwight K. Nelson and Don Dronen in Mich., and Mike Foraker in Tenn., with private inurnment, Ireland.

**PARKER, Kathryn B. "K.B." (Durgin) Myers**, age 97; born March 15, 1918, in Enosburg Falls, Vt.; died Feb. 3, 2016, in Greenville, Tenn. Kathryn was Andrews University's head cashier 1961-81, and author of many published children's Sabbath school songs as well as several adult songs. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Richard Jr., Frederick J. and Jonathan; daughter, Martha Myers; sister, Martha Warden; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Woodrow Whidden and William Fagal, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**SCHWICHTENBERG, Nancy M. (Schultz)**, age 79; born Feb. 26, 1936, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died June 20, 2015, in Kendall, Wis. She was a member of the Tomah (Wis.) Church and former member of the Waukesha (Wis.) and Milwaukee Central churches.

Survivors include her sons, Barney A., John B., Gerard H., Alex J. and Roger A.; daughters, Josephine M. Becker and Lydia G. Brautigam; brother, Carl P. Schultz; sisters, Norma J. Eiche, Jeanette A. Lynch and Jane L. Vesely; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Nate Skaife, and interment was in Wisconsin Memorial Park Mausoleum, Brookfield, Wis.

**SLAVUJEVIC, Jovanka (Lorencin)**, age 82; born Nov. 10, 1933, in Belgrade, Serbia (former Yugoslavia); died Jan. 20, 2016, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She attended the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, Vladimir; daughter, Nevena Slavujevic; brother, Jovan Slavujevic; sister, Jelena Ordanoski; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ranko Stefanovic and Ante Jeronic, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**THIEDE, Julie (Morauske) Ondrejka**, age 93; born Feb. 7, 1922, in Phillips, Wis.; died Oct. 8, 2015, in Columbus, Wis. She was a member of the Columbus Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dave, Dennis, Dallas and Dale Ondrejka; daughter, Leona Wenzel; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Aust, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Columbus.

**ZACHARIAS, Samuel E.**, age 72; born Dec. 11, 1943, in DeQueen, Ark.; died Feb. 23, 2016, in Arcadia, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Y. (Steele); son, David; daughter, Diane Reynolds; brothers, Calvin, Jacob, Harold and Daniel; sisters, Eola Cross and Edna Goff; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Vic VanSchaik and Aaron Clark, with private inurnment.

## Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:49	8:56	9:03	9:10	9:15	9:20
Chicago, Ill.	7:54	8:01	8:08	8:15	8:20	8:25
Detroit, Mich.	8:37	8:45	8:52	8:58	9:04	9:08
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:43	8:50	8:57	9:03	9:08	9:12
La Crosse, Wis.	8:13	8:21	8:29	8:36	8:41	8:46
Lansing, Mich.	8:44	8:51	8:59	9:05	9:11	9:15
Madison, Wis.	8:04	8:12	8:19	8:26	8:31	8:36
Springfield, Ill.	7:57	8:04	8:11	8:17	8:22	8:26



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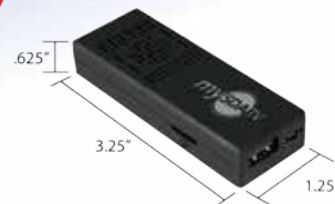
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**COMMISSION  
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## RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM

BY GARY BURNS

**A**re we all in this Great Commission thing together? The first-century church had a healthy sense of community, participation, accountability and obligation. One saw one's self as part of a whole rather than an autonomous, isolated individual. It's still that way in many cultures around the world, especially tribal cultures.

We have departed from that old-world view and have become a culture of individuals — “rugged individuals.” That was a deliberate focus of President Herbert Hoover in post-WWI America. “Rugged individualism” and “self-reliance” were common phrases he, a self-made millionaire, used during his presidency. Although his focus was on reducing the size of government, his basic philosophy sounded a lot like “every man for himself,” and “pull yourself up by your own bootstraps.”

Compare your personal philosophy, practice, politics and culture with that of the fledgling New Testament church. *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:44-47 NIV).*

Our commission is an every-day commission. Although we are individually accountable, we are to work together as a harmonious whole. How can we influence our local church to want to become more of a commission-culture church — like the one in the book of Acts?

Gary Burns is prayer coordinator for the Lake Union Conference.

# Dose of Reality

BY SHANNON KELLY

In the fall of 2013, I thought my life was over. After being seizure-free for nine years, the medication that had controlled my epilepsy so well began to fail. My seizure activity returned just as I was about to leave home for my first year of college. Things got worse and worse every day, and because I had reached the maximum dose of my medicine, I could not increase it. My doctors decided to try adding new medications onto my current one in hopes of regaining control of my seizures as they began to interfere with my ability to function. Unfortunately, my seizures remained out of control and I suffered brutal side effects from the new medications. I was constantly nauseous; I pushed through severe vertigo and splitting headaches every day. The drugs ravaged my body until I was drained of all energy and motivation. After a third medication failed and I developed severe anxiety, I was so sick that I had to withdraw from school and went home to recover.

While we searched frantically for a treatment to get my seizures back under control, I had nothing but time to process what was happening to me . . . and wonder why. In an attempt to understand and keep courage, I turned to my Bible for comfort. Despite bouts of bitterness and questioning, I drew great strength from the story of Job. He was someone to whom I could relate. Even a person with the greatest faith in God sometimes questions his will and feels abandoned.

My cries and misery echoed Job's: *How I long for the months gone by, for the days when God watched over me... I cry out to you, God, but you do not answer; I stand up, but you merely look at me. You turn on me ruthlessly; with the might of your hand you attack me. You snatch me up and drive me before the wind; you toss me about in the storm* (Job 29:2; 30:20–22 NIV). Then, I read two simple passages that changed my entire outlook: *You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and*



Shannon Kelly

*not trouble? . . . But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold* (Job 2:10; 23:10 NIV).

Through my ordeal, I learned to cling to God, for there was nothing else I could do. I found myself filled with a sense of peace and assurance that I would eventually be delivered as Job was, whether on this earth, or at the glorious second coming. Finally, I received deliverance in the form of a medical diet: the Ketogenic Diet for epilepsy. It took the greater part of a year before my seizures got under control but, as of recently, I have been seizure-free for a full year. I am back at college, and am succeeding. I refused to let Satan conquer me, and God honored my faith as he did Job's. Great is his faithfulness!

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## The Wrong Turn

BY DEBBIE MICHEL

John Weiss was one of 500 participants involved in Andrews University's recent Passion Play presented as a gift to the community. His role was to play the part of Jesus, along with six others.



John Weiss

After one of the resurrection scenes, John took a wrong turn and ended up outside Johnson Gym where the resurrection scene was staged. To his left was a young family with two small girls. Realizing that he was still dressed like Jesus, he approached them, and asked the youngest girl if she would like a blessing. She might have been too young to understand the question, so he rephrased it as, "What would you like more of in your life?"

She thought about it, then told John, "Arby's!" So he smiled, gave her a blessing, and then asked her older sister if there was a blessing she would like to receive.

Squinting her eyes, she got very thoughtful, and then looked troubled. "I'm afraid of death," she explained to John. "I don't want to die."

"Have you ever invited Jesus into your heart?" he asked.

"No, I haven't."

John explained to her that Jesus died for our sins so that we don't have to, and that if she invited Jesus into her heart, she would never need to fear death again. When John asked her if she would like to invite Jesus into her heart, she said, "Yes."

John then held out his hand and asked if she would like to hold his hand as they prayed. He noticed that she paused when she saw his painted "scar" from the nail on the cross, but made the choice to hold his hand anyway.

As they prayed, John heard the girl sincerely repent of her sins and invite Jesus to be the Lord of her life. When the prayer was over, John was filled with joy as he noticed her young face shine. He could sense that her fear was gone.

As the unseen angels in heaven rejoiced, he gave her a hug and then headed back inside, searching for the right door. Then he realized, he hadn't made a wrong turn after all.

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