

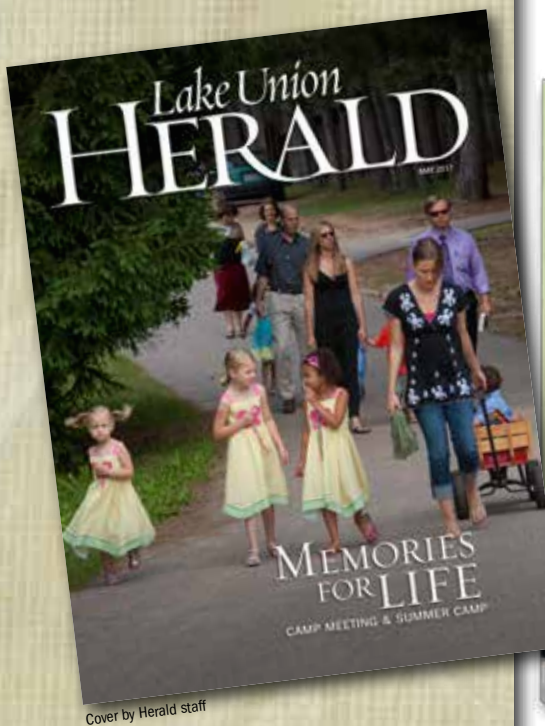
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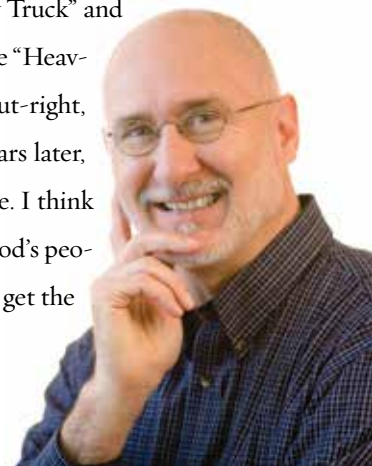
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Some of my strongest memories are of camp meeting in the Primary division. We heard Del Delker sing "Do You Know, Oh Christian, You're a Sermon in Shoes," and Eric B. Hare telling the stories like "The Big Yellow Truck" and "Pip Pip." Those were the days that we sang choruses, like "Heavenly Sunshine," and acted out as we sang "I'm in-right, out-right, up-right, down-right, happy all the time." Nearly 60 years later, those people, stories, songs and messages are still with me. I think it's because something unusual and special happens to God's people at camp meeting. Make sure the children in your life get the opportunity to make eternal memories!

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The Dangers of God's Blessings

When we teach stewardship, here's a common text: *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house (now the main focus!). Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it"* (Malachi 3:10 NIV).

This is a beautiful passage! Barbara and I have experienced this promise in many ways, like the blessing of 45 years of marriage! God's blessings are everywhere, at different levels, in different ways. It's interesting that the promise is tied to faithfulness in returning the tithes into the storehouse, but it does not state that all the blessings will be monetary.

Just as Barbara never seems to stop thinking about blessing our grandchildren with gifts, God seems to constantly think of ways to bless us — especially when our commitment to him allows room in our hearts to receive his blessings.

But, can blessings bring potential danger? I recently heard Julian Archer speak on the dangers of blessings. As a very successful businessman, he writes in his book, *Help, I've Been Blessed*, of the sinister and secret struggle, an eternal life-and-death battle, to try and stop God's blessings from becoming curses.

You may say, how can that be? Julian spoke of his successes in business endeavors, his active engagement in the church and a very strong generosity to God's Cause. But with all that success and dedication, he came to the realization that he had allowed God's blessings to turn his thoughts and attitudes toward self-reliance in his successes. That realization took him on a deep spiritual journey, brought him to his knees and closer to God. He realized he must die to self and recognized *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God* (see Mark 10:25 NIV).

But the issue here extends beyond money. Blessings often include success at work, a great family, superb reputation, and on and on. As I monitor my own leadership journey and my association with other leaders, it is all too easy for us to allow the fanfare of office, the accoutrements of leadership, and the ability to influence to seduce us into focusing on self rather than fully and constantly submitting to God.

The seduction of success can be subtle or overt, visible or hidden. It can take the form of being addicted to accolades and/or being critical of others. Success is very different from the crisis that drives us to our knees, recognizing we don't have the answers. Only God can solve the health, family, money or work problems that loom over us. It's in those times we often find time and attitude to submit to God and stop relying on personal experience and wisdom.

So, we must ask ourselves, "Have I allowed the wonderful blessings of God in any way to take my eyes off him?" It can happen quickly or slowly and in ways we don't know until we find our straying hearts in a crisis and damaged. Let us not be like Israel of old, ever taking the blessings of God for granted. Let's all resolve to always keep our eyes, our gratitude and our faith on Jesus who gives all good things.



Simple Encouragement

BY MAURICE VALENTINE

Many years ago, while still a student at Andrews Theological Seminary, I remember being asked to preach at a small congregation in Iowa. I departed before sunrise early Sabbath morning and when I arrived in Iowa, as I was trying to find the church, I turned down a street and saw two ladies dressed in white clothing getting out of their car and summarily retrieving items from their trunk. I parked just behind them and although the building didn't have signage I could see or even appear to be a church, I was confident that this was the Adventist church where I was asked to serve. Before the ladies could leave their car, I quickly greeted them stating, "I know this must be the Adventist Church because of the way you ladies are dressed this beautiful Sabbath morning." I'll never forget how one of the ladies responded. She said, "Yes, this is the Adventist Church, and we've been passing out tracts for the last 10 years in this neighborhood, but no one has come to our church as a result of our efforts."

Without thinking to say good morning, or, welcome, to a stranger she seemed to ooze defeat. Naturally, I was concerned. But of greater concern to me was that in spite of the fact that as a young person who grew up in the church, had passed out many tracts, served in virtually every department of the church, worked as a literature evangelist on the streets of New York City, had an undergraduate degree in theology, served five years as a pastor, was finishing up a two-year degree at the Seminary, even with all the experience and education I had to that time, I really didn't have an answer for her dismay.

It was after that experience, when I was invited to conduct an evangelistic effort in England, that God enlarged my understanding. The meeting I was privileged to conduct had guests coming from all parts of Europe and Africa, Scandinavia, Germany, Russia, nuns from India, and young adults from various parts of Africa. How exciting it



Maurice Valentine

was each night to look out at such a diverse audience!

Naturally, I was curious as to why the people were coming from all over the globe. I was told it was my accent. However, as I preached the precious prophecies from night to night and visited the guests by day, I asked them, "What brought you to the meetings?" The people responded over and over again, "I went to an Adventist school in Africa," or "an Adventist hospital in some city in Europe that I can no longer recall." Although not all,

over and over again, I found many had been exposed to the people and institutions of our faith at some point in their past. It was then that it clicked. Our efforts are not in vain. Through our tracts, Bible studies, educational institutions, community service, health, radio and television ministries, God had prepared these individuals to come to an Adventist meeting in an Adventist church because their previous exposure, of whatever sort it was, helped them to feel com-



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pletely comfortable with us and completely confident in the Seventh-day Adventist message!

I was later assigned at the church to which I had several months before pulled up as a seminarian. While running my first meeting there, I asked an individual, “What brought you to the meeting?” I remember her response: “I was brought to this same church 20 years ago to attend Pathfinders by my neighbors.”

While not everyone has had exposure to the Advent message, do be faithful, knowing God is fulfilling his promise that when his Word goes out, through whatever means at our disposal, it will not return void. Put simply, when we lift up the wonderful Savior, men will be drawn to Him.

Last year was a banner year for growth in Lake Union Conference. With 1,740 baptisms and 330 professions of faith, together there were 2,070 new joyful faces who are now heavenbound. This collective effort of all five conferences in the Lake Union came from a laser-like focus on church growth that caused our union to experience a 1.05 percent net growth. Most efforts were focused on reaping activities, such as the 331 Unlock Revelation events and church planting events that dotted the land.

But, before the evangelist ever spoke or the church was planted, thank God for the many saints who softened the fallow ground of many hearts by sharing their faith through GLOW tract ministry, literature evangelism, health institutions and ministries alike, benevolent ministries such as the Adventist Community Health Initiative, out-of-the-box sharing events conducted by our young adults, small group ministries, new ventures in campus and refugee ministries, and, possibly most important of all, just being available to the Lord to share our faith under the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit when he prompted us to do so.

You may feel like you are not making much of a difference where you are. But together, all ministries combined, God is growing his kingdom rapidly through faithful

witnesses, just like you. Comparing Lake Union’s 2015–2016 new member annual percent growth rate, the number of newly-disciplined adherents to our faith increased by 18.66 percent. To God be the glory for your faithfulness in serving in whatever capacity he has called you to serve! Even if you are just passing out GLOW tracts, know you are making a difference! With this in mind, let us continue to keep Jesus uppermost in our hearts and minds as we press forward in our collective journey of commission culture.

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Travel as Family Therapy

BY ALINA BALTAZAR

Think back to some of your favorite childhood memories. Chances are, some of those will include family vacations. You probably realize now that it wasn't the lavishness of the vacation you remember, but the activities and positive bonds with your family. I was blessed to have parents who valued family vacations to promote child learning, family togetherness and bonding. My parents set money aside to make sure we had a summer vacation every year. That made me realize how important our family was to them. Because of the example my parents set, my husband and I make family vacations a priority, too.

With adults having to work longer hours and taking fewer vacation days, it can be difficult to manage everybody's responsibilities, family life as well as taking care of oneself. Researchers have found that family vacations contribute to family cohesion, strengthened relationships, enhanced family functioning, increased family communication and improved emotional health. Unfortunately, because we are so busy, it is hard to make time to go on these trips. Finances also can be an issue. In the book *The Adventist Home*, author Ellen White encourages families to find time for spiritual and physical refreshment that will bring a family closer to God and one another.

Family camp may be the ideal answer. Typically, family camp is cost effective, all-inclusive and has activities for all to enjoy. According to a recent research study, families reported the benefits they experienced were positive interactions with the camp staff, reinforcement of their parenting, and enhanced family relationships.¹ A majority of research participants (60 percent) reported the family camp experience reinforced good parenting, and a vast majority (86 percent) said it benefited their family relationships. Time



away from life's stressors also can renew your soul. Jesus encouraged his disciples, to *Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest* (Mark 6:31).

Family camp isn't for everyone, or maybe you just want to do something different. Ideally you will arrange for a trip that interests all the family members to some degree. You don't have to make

everybody happy every day and be together the whole time. It is important to take into consideration the ages and limitations of everyone in the family, which will influence their interest areas. Ask your family what they would want to do and see if there is a way to compromise and live within your time constraints and budget. It is important for family vacations to be enjoyable so that there can be good memories, however, vacation horror stories can be fun to talk about, too. The energy and money put into family vacations are worth it because those memories are priceless.

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Soy and corn products
are found all through
our food supply

ALIVE & WELL



A New Face in the Marketplace

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

The Non-GMO label has started appearing on some food packages. What does it mean? GMO stands for genetically-modified organism and refers to a food that contains ingredients that have been genetically altered. Desirable genes from one species are injected into another species to generate designer crops.

Corn, soy and canola are the three most common GM food crops. Over 90 percent of the corn and soybean crops grown in the U.S. are genetically modified. This is relevant since corn and soy are found in so many of our processed foods. These ingredients include cornstarch, corn syrup, dextrose, soy oil, soy flour, soy protein and soy lecithin.



In theory, genetic engineering is undertaken to produce crops with greater yields and insect-resistant properties, crops that have greater nutritional value, foods that stay ripe longer, and food like apples that won't brown so quickly when they are bruised. In essence, scientists want to help farmers increase food production and produce better quality food.

A 400-page report in 2016, outlining the work of 20 scientists who reviewed 900 research papers, concluded that there were no apparent health risks to using GM crops. The committee did not observe any increase in the incidence of cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, food allergies and celiac disease in North America where GM foods have been used for 20 years compared to Western Europe which restricts the use of GM foods.

While some praise the achievements of genetic engineering, others express concern regarding its safety. In the latest edition of the book *GMO Myths and Truths* [which contains 700 scientific references], the authors document many animal experiments in which organ lesions, hormonal disturbances, impaired immunity, stunted growth and increased mortality rates were observed in those animals fed GM foods. Genetically-modified soy does contain fewer

phytonutrients (isoflavones) and may have higher allergen levels. Long-term human studies are warranted to determine the long-term safety of GM foods.

Surveys show that 90 percent of Americans support mandatory labeling of GM foods. Some companies have responded to pressure from the public by voluntarily labeling the food products that don't contain GM ingredients. In addition, the Non-GMO Project Verified seal is used when a company has complied with a certification program that authorizes them to use this label on their food products.

Another way to obtain food free of GM ingredients is to purchase organic foods. An organic label ensures the food is not only free of GM ingredients but also guarantees the food wasn't treated with radiation or synthetic sprays. Some consumers want non-GMO labels so they can decide what to buy after reflecting upon the health and environmental issues involved.

We have seen that tobacco, DDT, asbestos, trans fat and leaded gasoline were all considered safe initially and widely used for many years. However, later we learned about the dangers and harm from using each of these products. In summary, while GM crops do not appear to be the panacea that some claim, they are not the Frankenstein monster that others have claimed. Perhaps caution and further research is appropriate.

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LEST WE FORGET

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

Doing Theology: The Authority of the Bible

BY GEORGE R. KNIGHT

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right (2 Timothy 3:16 NLT).

W aggoner, Jones and the Whites stood in harmony with each other on the proper way to resolve theological issues. All held that the Bible is the only determiner of Christian belief. As a result, they were united against the attempts of the traditionalists to utilize any other form of authority to settle biblical issues.

Ellen White was particularly insistent on the need for Bible study in dealing with theological disputes. In April 1887, for example, she wrote to Butler and Smith that “we want Bible evidence for every point we advance. We do not want to tide over points as Elder Canright has done with assertions” (Lt 13, 1887). In July 1888, she set forth her position with the greatest clarity when she published in the *Review* that “*the Bible is the only rule of faith and doctrine*” (RH, July 17, 1888; italics supplied).

And on August 5, 1888, she told her readers to “search the Scriptures carefully to see what is truth,” adding that “the truth can lose nothing by close investigation. Let the Word of God speak for itself, let it be its own interpreter.” “The Word of God is the great detector of error; to it we believe everything must be brought. *The Bible must be our standard for every doctrine and practice. . . . We are to receive no one’s opinion without comparing it with the Scriptures. Here is divine authority which is supreme in matters of faith. It is the word of the living God that is to decide all controversies*” (Lt 20, 1888; italics supplied).

Ellen White also drummed home that message during her last presentation at Minneapolis: “The Scriptures must be your study, then you will know that you have the truth. . . . You should not believe any doctrine simply because another says it is the truth. You should not believe it because Elder Smith, or Elder Kilgore, or Elder Van Horn, or Elder Haskell says it is truth, but because God’s voice has declared it in His living oracles” (MS 15, 1888). She could have as easily added her own name to that list, given the position that she had taken during the meetings.

Thank you, Lord, for Your Word in the Bible. Today we want to recommit our lives to the daily study of it with more persistence and energy.

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Same Direction, Different Path

BY GARY BURNS

I trust you have been blessed by Alvin VanderGriend's contributions to the "Conversations with God" column in these last 69 issues of the *Lake Union Herald*. I met Alvin at my first attendance of the Denominational Prayer Leaders Network, which he and Henry Blackaby had formed quite serendipitously. It just so happens that God had given each of them the same idea at the same time before they had even met. That was a life-changing experience for me to hear prayer leaders from about a dozen denominations across America, pray for each other that God would move in a mighty way in their denominations through prayer.

I was amazed to hear how these prayer leaders pray for each other and even confess to each other the inconsistencies, prejudices and pride that have been a source of competition, contention and arrogance in how we think and relate to one another, while at the same time affirming the reason for their existence, stating their resolve to never compromise their theology or principles for the sake of ecumenism — something that I could affirm.

As you can imagine, Alvin and I have become dear friends, have often prayed for one another, challenged each other and rejoiced together as we have seen God working in our lives and in our churches.

Last summer, Maryann and I had the privilege of visiting Alvin and his wife, Carolyn, in their home in Lynden, Washington, where they have retired. We also had the privilege of meeting the team of dedicated people at the Light of the World Prayer Center in Bellingham, Washington, who gather daily to pray for their city. They have been praying for real needs in their community and tracking the impact that prayer has been making in the reduction of crime, just to name one.

What a privilege it was to be surrounded by these servants of God as they joined so many of you who have prayed for our ministry in the Lake Union and for Maryann's health and healing. It has been a joy to report Maryann's progress and relatively good health.



Gary and Maryann with Alvin and Carolyn VanderGriend at the interdenominational Light of the World Prayer Center in Bellingham, Washington.

Alvin's biblical teachings regarding prayer have been such a blessing to me as I hope they have been to you. So, it is with mixed emotion that we announce a transition at this time.

Next month, we will begin introducing our conference prayer coordinators and tell a bit of their prayer journeys with you. Following that, each will be a regular contributor to our "Conversations with God" column as we put more focus and attention on the practical aspects of prayer and our prayer needs here in the Lake Union. I'll conclude this report by sharing a little bit of my own prayer journey.

I was born into a family that is held together by the glue of prayer. Grandad and Grandma Budd began the process when they attended a tent meeting out on the prairie of North Dakota in 1916, and embraced with great joy the encouraging message of the three angels of Revelation 14. They were soon married and started sharing the good news with others by doing literature evangelism in Bismarck. Ten children later, they settled in the Walla Walla Valley in Northwest Washington. They were committed to praying for their children and grandchildren, and their prayers are still being answered. I am proof!

Gary Burns is Communication director and Prayer coordinator of the Lake Union Conference.



The Gift of Life

BY ORIEL PAULINO

It was another Wednesday prayer meeting at Maranatha Hispanic Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, when Altagracia Cruz approached Otoniel Cabrera with a different type of message. “I will give you one of my kidneys,” Altagracia said with her charismatic, broad smile, as she gave him a card with her blood type information.

She must not be serious. This sounds crazy, Otoniel thought. There were many reasons for his unbelief. *We don’t even come from the same country. There is no family connection. We are newcomers to the area. Who would be that generous?* Otoniel reasoned with his wife, as they struggled to understand and accept this priceless and unexpected proposal.

It was only six months before this meeting that Otoniel, 79, was living in Puerto Rico. He had served for 32 years as history professor and vice president of Academic Affairs at the Antillean Adventist University where he followed his vision of “preparing young people.” Beyond that, he was active in the student life and spiritual components of Adventist education.

In the latter years of his career, the renal deficiency was progressing faster, manifesting itself in high levels of toxins in the blood, which brought on bouts of headaches and high blood pressure. One morning during a staff meeting, he received an urgent call. It was his doctor asking him to report to the hospital immediately. “I never wanted to accept sickness, but I was forced to accept the unacceptable,” he told me, referring to dialysis. Eventually, his kidneys stopped working.

For retirement, he and his wife chose Grand Rapids because they wanted to be close to their daughter and granddaughters.



Altagracia Cruz and Otoniel Cabrera recovering after their kidney transplant.

When they moved there in 2015, they also found an extended family in Christ that prayed for each other and tended to the physical and spiritual needs of all, without asking where you came from.

For four months after the prayer meeting encounter, the Cabrerases kept praying. Meanwhile, Altagracia successfully passed 20 different tests — blood, physical, diet, etc. “This is from God. There is nothing

to fear. We will accomplish this,” were the weekly words from Altagracia, 49, to Otoniel.

Last August, the double surgery was performed; it was over in less than three hours. The doctors rejoiced with the perfect functioning of the donated organ, and the sole kidney in Altagracia’s body functioned well enough to keep her blood clean.

Altagracia’s answer to everyone who wonders why she donated an organ is that, “When the Holy Spirit tells you to do something, do it. You will not regret it. Now my life is full of joy and happiness.”

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Setenta y Cinco Años Proclamando el Evangelio

POR CARMELO MERCADO Y ÁNGEL RODRÍGUEZ MEDINA

En el año 1942, cuando el mundo estaba inmerso en la guerra más devastadora de la historia, Dios escogió al pastor Braulio Pérez Marcio para comenzar y dirigir un ministerio radial que primeramente se llamó La Voz de la Profecía y que a partir del año 1954 se conocería como *La Voz de la Esperanza*.

El programa ofrecía música ennoblecida interpretada por el cuarteto Los Heraldos del Rey y la solista Del Delker, cursos bíblicos que constituyeron un fundamento sólido para la formación de una de las primeras escuelas bíblicas por correspondencia y, por supuesto, el mensaje de paz, seguridad y amor que transmitía el pastor Braulio Pérez Marcio. Con el transcurso de los años La Voz de la Esperanza se extendió a todos los países hispanohablantes.

En el año 1971 el pastor Milton Peverini García se integró al ministerio, primero como director y orador asociado y en 1974 como su director y orador. Fue precisamente el pastor Milton Peverini que escribió la excelente obra literaria *Vida de Braulio Pérez Marcio*.

Veinticuatro años más tarde apareció en el escenario el pastor Frank González, que tomó la iniciativa de establecer el ministerio en la pantalla pequeña a través del programa de televisión Descubra. Además, el pastor González agregó al programa una variedad musical que incluía al violinista internacional Jaime Jorge, al solista Junior Kelly Marchena y al conocido cuarteto Los Heraldos de Esperanza.

En el mes de febrero de 2013, La Voz de la Esperanza recibió a dos directores--al pastor Omar Grieve como director y a su esposa Nessy Pittau como directora asociada. Ellos, aparte de la radio y la televisión, decidieron compartir La Voz de la Esperanza con las iglesias de las Américas y la zona del Caribe por medio de campañas de evangelismo,



graduaciones de los cursos bíblicos y otros eventos especiales. Se unió a ellos el pastor y evangelista Ángel Rodríguez Medina que de inmediato se sumó a la empresa evangelizadora.

Actualmente estamos celebrando el septuagésimo-quinto aniversario con campañas evangelizadoras, caravanas de evangelismo, graduaciones y seminarios. En marzo fuimos a Cuba, donde se condujeron cincuenta

campañas simultáneas. Además, participamos en la caravana de evangelismo visitando diecisiete ciudades, graduando a veintidós mil alumnos y bautizando a aproximadamente mil ochocientas almas para gloria del Dios.

Durante el año 2017 celebraremos este aniversario con la presencia del equipo de La Voz de la Esperanza en las nueve uniones de la División Norteamericana. De manera muy especial queremos invitar a los hermanos a asistir a la celebración del aniversario en nuestra Unión que se llevará a cabo el sábado 10 de junio a las 4:00 de la tarde en la Iglesia Central de Chicago, situada en 2840 W. Logan Blvd.

Es nuestra oración fervorosa que Dios aumente nuestra fe, nos dé más energía y más ingresos para continuar anunciando su palabra con poder de manera que por medio de La Voz de la Esperanza miles de hispanos acepten al Señor Jesucristo como Salvador personal y se unan al pueblo que espera ansiosamente su regreso glorioso.

Carmelo Mercado, vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago y Ángel Rodríguez Medina, Evangelista de La Voz de la Esperanza



Lessons I Learned from My Wife's Cancer

BY MARK EATON

A little more than three years ago, my wife, Betty, went in for a routine colonoscopy. Neither of us thought much about it. She was due for one. Insurance would pay 100 percent. The worst part was drinking the brew they prescribe to “clean you out.” The actual procedure was entirely painless and uneventful.

A week later, we went to the doctor to hear the results. He called me into his office. “Mr. Eaton, I have bad news. Your wife has cancer.”

It was a deer-in-the-headlight moment. I couldn't speak; I couldn't move; I couldn't think. The doctor, sensing my shock and disbelief, pointed to the scan of the 2.5 cm tumor. “She will need radiation, chemotherapy and surgery.”

To me, it was the worst news possible as I had seen what those therapies had done to others. In a moment, my whole world collapsed.

Thus began a three-year journey of hope and high expectations followed by tears and despair. It did not end as we had hoped and prayed for; nevertheless, both of us held fast to the promise of healing in the resurrection.

When passing through such valleys of life, I believe one learns lessons that one would not learn otherwise. It was true in my case. Please allow me to share a few of them.

Church Matters. Betty was born to devout Seventh-day Adventist parents. Both were deaf and severely handicapped in speech. Consequently, the State determined that they were unable to fulfill their responsibilities as parents. She was placed in a Seventh-day Adventist home in Battle Ground, Washington. While this was a very gracious act on the part of the adoptive parents, she, nevertheless, felt unloved by them. The members of the



Mark Eaton

Adventist Church in Battle Ground sensed Betty's need for love and support and abundantly supplied it. She often told me that the church became her real family.

The lack of family love left an emotional scar that Betty carried with her the rest of her life. She continually sought to fill her emotional and social needs with loving relationships in church. Sometimes she was successful, sometimes not.

When Betty and I moved to Indiana five years ago, we joined the Cicero Church. Betty immediately sensed the same love and caring that she had grown up with in Meadowglade. In her struggle with cancer, the blessing of that love cannot be overstated. She told me many times, “Mark, I love this church. They love me. I never want to leave it.” She died in the arms of a loving, caring and compassionate church family.

Our Witness Matters. We little realize our influence upon others. I have a sister who, with her husband, enjoyed very successful careers in the federal government. She chose early in life not to join my journey of faith. However, she has watched Betty and me and our life of service to the church over the years. Nothing seemed to change her attitude until Betty was diagnosed with cancer. She observed closely how we dealt with this tragedy. And what she saw profoundly impressed her. “Mark,” she commented time and time again, “it is your faith that has sustained you through this.”

She also was deeply impressed by the love and support we received from the Cicero Church. She attended the funeral service and observed, “Mark, you have tremendous support from your church.”

It has changed her attitude toward my Adventist faith from one of disdain and indifference to one of profound respect. The lesson here for me is that we witness in much more profound ways in tragedy than we do in normal times.

Our Words Matter. Betty was a teacher, and she loved teaching. A number of years ago, Betty was teaching in a church school, using peanuts in her class as an illustration in arithmetic. Unknown to her, one of the students had a severe allergy to peanuts. When Betty discovered this, she apologized profusely to the parents. No harm came to the student. The parents accepted the apology and all seemed well.

Some church members, however, learned of the mistake, posted it on social media and portrayed it as a deliberate attempt to harm the student. It received so much exposure that Betty was deeply humiliated. At that particular time, I had an invitation to accept the position of secretary-treasurer in another conference. She begged me to accept it. I did.

Several years later, a physician friend of mine commented, “Mark, it was that experience that probably caused your wife’s cancer.”

Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the power of tongue.” This experience reminded me of the profound impact my words have on the well-being of others.

Faith Matters. This is my first close-up experience with death. I was with Betty in the hospital room when she died. I was at the gravesite when they lowered the casket into the ground. Watching her die overwhelmed me with a sense of finality. I felt like this was the end — that I would never see her again.

But faith looks beyond the appearance. It grasps the promise that Jesus will return and restore our dead to life. This was the faith of Job when he declared, *For I know that my Redeemer lives. And He shall stand at last on the earth. And after my skin is destroyed this I know. That in my flesh I shall see God. Whom I shall see for myself. And my eyes shall behold and not another* (Job 19:25–27 KJV).

Betty had that living faith. Just a couple of months before she died, she told me, “Mark, I just hope I feel better in the morning.” Then she paused and added, “Or maybe that grand morning.”

Betty died on Thursday, January 5, at 5:38 p.m. The night before, I sensed that her end was near. I cried almost all night. At midnight, I couldn’t sleep. I was thinking of our life experiences together and I felt compelled to write out my feelings.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

Mark Eaton is the treasurer and executive secretary of the Indiana



Luz Quiles

This experience reminded me of the profound impact my words have on the well-being of others.

By Ron Aguilera

Illinois

CAMP MEETINGS

"Jesus said, When I am lifted up...I will draw everyone to me" (John 12:32 CEB).

The theme for Illinois Conference Family Camp Meeting is "Presenting Jesus Irresistibly." What a privilege we have to lift up Jesus and to invite others to come to him!

You are invited to join us for Illinois Conference Family Camp Meeting this year. The dates are July 26–29. Our main speaker will be Maurice R. Valentine II who serves as the executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference. He will be sharing three timely messages on "Presenting Jesus Irresistibly" through the lens of the Three Angels' messages of Revelation 14. He will be speaking Friday night, July 28, and Sabbath, July 29.

On Thursday and Friday, Leonardo Oliveira will be presenting a seminar, "The Value and Importance of Small Groups in

the Local Church." Our morning and evening devotional speakers will be José Medina and Kent Rufo.

Activities for individuals of all ages will be available. Activities include: zip line, archery, horses, climbing wall, swimming, tubing . . . and more. The events and activities will be extra special if you are with us to enjoy them. Plan now to attend.

May God bless you and keep you.

Ron Aguilera, vice president for Administration, Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



José Medina



Leonardo Oliveira



Kent Rufo



Maurice Valentine



ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

July 26–29

Camp Akita
1684 Knox Road 1200 N
Gilson, Illinois

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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ILLINOIS HISPANIC

August 30–September 3

Camp Akita
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Gilson, Illinois

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By Steven Poenitz

Indiana

CAMP MEETINGS

When you think camp meeting, what pops into your mind? I recall pounding tent stakes, hauling stacks of folding chairs, and a pre-week of work assignments away from my district churches. Amidst mundane memories, I also have positive memories like fellowship with friends, book sales at the ABC, pastors' ordinations, delicious, homemade veggie burgers, and the King's Heralds Quartet singing before HMS Richards Sr. preaching Christ-centered messages. I still remember attending those early morning preaching and prayer services with mom in my younger days. Some camp meeting memories have faded, but anticipation for spiritual fuel for my soul remains. What musings do you have of camp meeting?

To prepare a spiritual feast at camp meeting, a theme, musicians, presenters and schedules must be settled in advance. Indiana Camp Meeting 2017 has been evolving for over a year. Our evening speaker, Robert Folkenberg Jr., agreed to come when we were at the General Conference 2015 Session in San Antonio. Robert and his wife, Audrey, will be with us from Hong Kong and the China Union Mission. You will want to hear the story of God's working across China. Also, each evening Jim Nix (of the White Estate) will feature Adventist pioneer stories.

Like in 2016, our early morning speakers will be our newest Indiana pastors presenting on the life and ministry of the Apostle Peter. The later morning speakers include our own Mark Eaton, secretary-treasurer of Indiana Conference, with Revelation's messages on Bible prophecy and Islam, and Wes Peppers, Lansing (Michigan) Church senior pastor, giving revival messages.

Indiana's own Chris Holland, *It Is Written* speaker for Canada and formerly of Lafayette, will be our Sabbath morning speaker. Sabbath afternoon we will again celebrate a festival of evangelism with special music from across the conference, a baptismal service and pastors' ordination. Don't miss 2017 Indiana Camp Meeting!

You also will appreciate the afternoon seminars by Brian Strayer on Adventist history, Daniel and Nerida

McKibben on healthy lifestyles, Jerry Johns with professional nature photography, and Jim Hoffer, sharing research from his OT sanctuary studies.

What else is planned for 2017? Our young people's meetings will feature staff from Timber Ridge Camp but also special presenters for each division, including Eric Paddock, AU Gymnics Coach, in the youth department. Incidentally, this year, our Indiana Camp Meeting Committee will construct five new cabins for campers. Right now, plans include A/C installation in the Indiana Academy gymnasium. Our three-phase master plan includes updating the RV sites. Please keep these projects in your prayers and we extend our thanks for your generous offerings toward Indiana Advance to support the modernization of our campgrounds.

As you would expect, these meetings aren't just planned to fill your schedule this summer, but they have been structured "to fan the flame" of spiritual revival. I pray that we are personally fanning the flame for our walk with Jesus everyday. Our priority is to prepare for Jesus' soon return. Why not plan your vacation at camp meeting this year. Let's fan the flame together!

Steven Poenitz, president of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



John Baxter



Mark Eaton



Robert Folkenberg Jr.



James Hoffer



Jerry Johns



Nicholas Miller



James Nix



Eric Paddock



Brian Strayer

INDIANA CONFERENCE

June 11–17

Indiana Academy
24815 State Road 19
Cicero, Indiana

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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By R. Clifford Jones

Lake Region

CAMP MEETINGS

Camp meetings are significant occasions for the members of the Lake Region Conference, who view the annual convocation as an opportunity for renewal and revitalization, not just as a retreat from the hustle and bustle of life. With 2017 being the Year of Adventist Education in the Lake Region Conference, our Camp Meeting 2017 theme, “In His Footsteps . . . Together,” grew out of the following statement: “There is no education to be gained higher than that given to the early disciples, and which is revealed to us through the Word of God. To gain the higher education means to follow this Word implicitly; it means to walk *in the footsteps of Christ*, to practice His virtues. It means to give up selfishness and to devote the life to the service of God” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students* p. 11, 12; italics supplied).

The aim of Camp Meeting 2017 is to recapture the commitment of early Adventists to education, understood to mean much more than church schools. Following in the footsteps of Jesus reflects true education as well as genuine discipleship, and we should strive not only to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, but to do so together. The image of a band of Christians closely following Jesus is refreshing and compelling, and illustrates the essence of Christianity.

The president of Oakwood University, Leslie Pollard, will preach in the Bradford Pavilion on Sabbath, June 17, while the senior pastor of Patmos Chapel in Orlando, Florida, James Doggette, will preach in the Bradford Pavilion on Sabbath, June 24. Speaking for our youth and young

adults in the Deliverance Center on June 17, will be Abraham Henry of the Central States Conference, with Laurent Groves-nor of the South Central Conference speaking on June 24. Our very own Tricia Wynn-Payne will speak on June 17 for the Young Adult service. The theme for the Youth and Young Adult Camp Meeting is #iamthechurch.

Roger Hernandez is the speaker for the Hispanic Camp Meeting, which takes place over the Labor Day weekend, September 1–4. The youth speaker is Vanessa Hernandez.

Thank you for planning to join us for Camp Meeting 2017 as we strive to follow in our Lord’s footsteps . . . *together!*

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



James Doggette



Laurent Grovesnor



Abraham Henry



Roger Hernandez



Vanessa Hernandez



Leslie Pollard



Trisha Wynn-Payne

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

June 16–24

Camp Wagner

19088 Brownsville Street

Cassopolis, Michigan

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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LAKE REGION HISPANIC

August 31–September 4

Camp Wagner

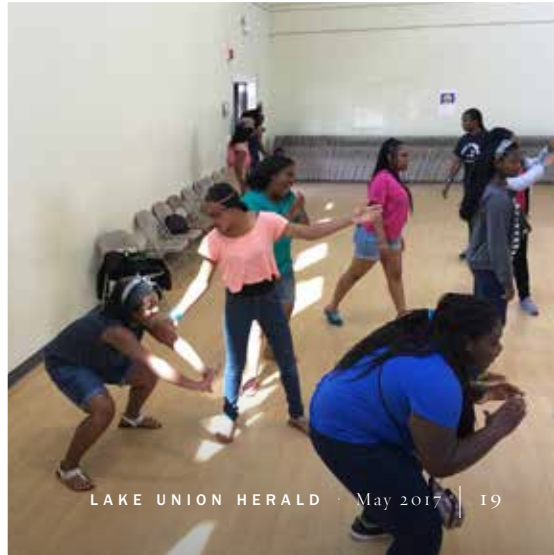
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By Jay Gallimore

Michigan

CAMP MEETINGS

We are excited for the yearly round of camp meetings across the state of Michigan. The theme for this year's camp meeting is "Grow Michigan," and attendees will have opportunities to be inspired, trained and equipped to share our wonderful message with the world.

The Cedar Lake Camp Meeting takes place at Great Lakes Adventist Academy with nine days of powerful preaching, inspiring testimonies, practical seminars, superb music and children's programs, intent on grounding our young in the Word of God.

The Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting will take place at Camp Sagola and the Hispanic

Camp Meeting at Camp Au Sable with similar programming.

We look forward to seeing all of you who can join us this summer!

Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president of Seventh-day Adventists



Stephen Bohr

Stephen Bohr was born of missionary parents and has dedicated decades in ministry and theological research. He is the president of Secrets Unsealed, headquartered in Fresno, California.



Clinton Wahlen

Clinton Wahlen is an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute (BRI) at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Before coming to the BRI in 2008, he taught and also pastored in Northern California, where he was converted from atheism.



John Bradshaw

John Bradshaw is the speaker/director of It Is Written, an international media evangelism ministry. As a teacher of Bible prophecy, his presentations have blessed thousands of people around the world.



Wes Peppers

Wes Peppers currently serves as senior pastor of the Lansing Church and previously as an evangelist at Amazing Facts. As a two-type cancer survivor while in his 20s, he has a powerful testimony of God's goodness and a renewed passion for his message.



MICHIGAN HISPANIC

May 26–28

Camp Au Sable
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, Michigan

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CEDAR LAKE CAMP MEETING

June 16–24

Great Lakes Adventist Academy
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Cedar Lake, Michigan
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UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING

August 31–September 4

Camp Sagola
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Sagola, Michigan

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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By Mike Edge

Wisconsin

CAMP MEETINGS

Adventists from Alaska to Florida and across our Badger State undertake the yearly trek to experience camp meeting in Wisconsin. More than a place in the woods, Wisconsin Camp Meeting is a place of connection — connecting with God, connecting with friends, and connecting with nature. New friends are made and old friendships renewed beneath the pines of Camp Wakonda. This year's theme will be "Going Home" which bids us to look and prepare for that soon reunion with Christ at his second coming. Our evening adult speakers will be Mike Edge, conference president; Gordon Bietz, recently retired president of Southern Adventist University; Ivan Williams, ministerial director of the North American Division; and Bill Knott, editor of the *Adventist Review*. Denis Fortin, professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and Peter Neri, pastor of the Paradise Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, will speak each morning during the week.

The week will be filled with meetings for all ages as well as special seminars and features that include our annual Hallelujah Hustle, an ordination to the gospel ministry, and a grand Sabbath afternoon of baptisms.

We look forward to seeing all of you who are able to join us this summer for a special time of spiritual growth, celebration and renewal.

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



Gordon Bietz



Mike Edge



Denis Fortin



Peter Neri



Ivan Williams



Bill Knott



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

June 16–24

Camp Wakonda

W8368 County Road E

Oxford, Wisconsin

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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WISCONSIN HISPANIC

August 16–21

Camp Wakonda

W8368 County Road E

Oxford, Wisconsin

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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HONG KONG CAMP MEETING

Time and place to be announced. Watch the

Hmong Ministries page of the Wisconsin

Conference website: <http://wi.adventist.org>

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ILLINOIS

Summer CAMP

CAMP AKITA

By Michael Campos

As we gear up for another great summer, you and your children are on our minds! Our camp is located on a beautiful, 637-acre property, two hours and forty-five minutes southwest of Chicago. It's truly a hidden gem of the great state of Illinois.

Our staff strives to make each camper's experience a life-changing one, sending them home with treasured memories, lasting friendships and an uplifted spirit. This summer's spiritual emphasis is to make God our "Rock Solid" foundation. Our life is a lot like a building – whether we realize it or not, we are all building our lives on something.

Jesus says, *"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation.*

When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins" (Luke 6:46–49 NLT).

Such wise words! Jesus is saying to us that everyone puts their hope and faith in something, and that in which we put our hope and faith ultimately becomes our foundation for life. While some may choose to build their lives on money, popularity, looks, possessions or any other number of things that are temporary, as children of God, we choose to put our hope and faith in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our "Rock Solid" foundation.

This summer we'll discover how to do just that! We think Camp Akita is a remarkable place, but come find out for yourself! We can't wait to meet you and help you discover and experience Jesus in a special way!

Michael Campos is the Illinois Conference youth director.



CAMP AKITA DATES

Cub Camp: June 18–25 (*Ages 7–9*)

Junior Camp: June 25–July 2 (*Ages 10–12*)

Tween Camp: July 2–9 (*Ages 12–14*)

Teen Camp I: July 9–16 (*Ages 14–17*)

Teen Camp II: July 16–23 (*Ages 14–17*)

Family Camp: July 26–29

Adventure Outpost Horse Camp: July 30–August 6 (*Ages 13–17*)

Adventure Outpost Extreme Camp: July 30–August 6 (*Ages 13–17*)

LOCATION

1684 Knox Road 1200 N

Gilson, Illinois

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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INDIANA

Summer CAMP

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP

By Charlie Thompson

Timber Ridge Camp is a great place for your summer vacation! We have activities to beat summer boredom: Horses, mountain biking, paint marking (new this year!), sailing, fishing, swimming, banana boat rides, rock wall, zip line, Indian village experience, and so much more!

Here are two more reasons to attend Timber Ridge Camp: We want you to fall in love with Jesus and give your heart to him! All our campfire programs teach us about our best friend, Jesus. On Friday night you can dedicate your life to him forever! We hire young adults who love Jesus and kids! Add this up and you have a week your kids will cherish for years

to come. Our camp staff dedicate themselves each summer to help all our guests see Jesus in all they do! Come to Timber Ridge Camp this summer for the fun, but leave here taking your best friend Jesus with you!

Charlie Thompson is the Indiana Conference youth director.





TIMBER RIDGE CAMP DATES

Single Moms' Camp: June 15–18
Blind Camp: June 18–25 (*Ages 7 and up*)
Cub Camp: June 25–July 2 (*Ages 7–10*)
Junior Camp: July 2–9 (*Ages 10–13*)
Tween Camp: July 9–16 (*Ages 13–15*)
Teen Camp: July 16–23 (*Ages 15–17*)
Family Camp: July 23–30

LOCATION

1674 Timber Ridge Road, Spencer, Indiana

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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LAKE REGION

Summer CAMP

CAMP WAGNER

By Jason North

Summer is almost upon us. Camp Wagner is a place where young people have the opportunity to get out of the urban centers, come learn of God through his Word and nature, establish a relationship with Jesus, meet lifelong friends, and depart on fire for Jesus. Our camp staff provides quality Christian supervision while instructing the campers daily in areas of personal care, social graces and positive life values. There also are a number of activities such as swimming, sports, climbing wall, scavenger hunts, go-carts, arts and crafts, and much more.

We look forward to serving young people, ages 8–15, at Camp Wagner this summer to help them have an

experience that will change their lives and last a lifetime.

Jason North is the Lake Region Conference youth director.





CAMP WAGNER DATES

Week 1: July 9–16 (Ages 8–15)

Week 2: July 16–23 (Ages 8–15)

LOCATION

19088 Brownsville Street, Cassopolis, Michigan

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Online Registration: http://lrcyouth.com/?page_id=28
(downloadable forms)

MICHIGAN

Summer CAMP

CAMPS AU SABLE & SAGOLA

By Jordan Skinner

It was almost time for bed in Cabin 5A, my and my assistant's, Liz Paddock, humble home for the summer. Our ten little campers had just showered off all of the dirt and sweat after an eventful day at camp, brushed their teeth, changed into their pajamas and were very obviously ready for bed. We had a tradition in my cabin that when the main light was turned off and the "worship lights" came on (which were really just Christmas lights strung around the cabin, but they were special), it was time for them to be tucked into bed, with their heads on their pillows, and ready to listen to bedtime worship.

I began worship that night with, "Tonight, I want to talk about Noah and the great flood!" I had hardly finished my sentence before one of my sweet little campers timidly raised her hand. I giggled because this was so typical of my campers that week, always anxious to be heard and let their voice be known. But, this time, something was different. My camper (I'll call her "Morgan") quietly asked me, "Miss Jordan, who is Noah?"

I was shocked. How could sweet little Morgan not know who this foundational Bible character was? After all, I grew up on stories such as this. But, instead of probing further, I

launched into an in-depth, detailed recalling of the story of Noah, complete with animal sound effects and all. I tried my best to tell the story like the whole cabin had never heard it before. (Try telling some of those fundamental stories to someone who has never heard it before — it's not as easy as it sounds! Maybe we should be reviewing them more often!)

After my dynamic rendition of Noah, it was time for prayer. As was our custom, Liz and I split the cabin in half and prayed with our girls, five each. I remember praying with Morgan and loving the excitement I saw in her eyes about the story she had



CAMP AU SABLE DATES

Adventure Camp: June 11–18 (Ages 7–10)

Junior Camp: June 18–25 (Ages 10–12)

Tween Camp: June 25–July 2 (Ages 12–14)

Teen Camp: July 2–9 (High School)

Father/Son Canoe Trip A: July 9–13

Father/Son Canoe Trip B: July 16–20

Father/Son Backpacking Trip: July 16–23

Family Camp 1: July 9–16

Family Camp 2: July 16–23

Family Camp 3: July 23–30

LOCATION

2590 Camp Au Sable Drive, Grayling, Michigan

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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CAMP SAGOLA DATES

Junior Camp: July 16–23 (Ages 7–12)

Teen Camp: July 23–30 (Ages 13–17)

LOCATION

2885 SR-M69, Crystal Falls, Michigan

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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just heard. She told me her prayer requests, and I prayed with her and hugged her good-night. That night, as I finally laid down and was praying for my campers, I prayed that God would lead her to the right staff members and campers that week who could show her Jesus and his love in a real way.

After that night, I fell even more in love with camp ministry and all that it stands for. Now, almost two years later, I am going on year four of being involved with camp ministry! My only regret is not getting involved in it sooner! Our goal at Camp Au Sable is to be workers for Christ; it

is our privilege to work with your campers and show them how much Jesus loves them. Stories like Morgan's, as well as countless others, are experienced every summer. Camp's blessings are twofold because the staff are hired to be a blessing to the campers but, most of the time, the campers end up being just as much of a blessing to the staff. Camp ministry has changed my life personally. I count it a joy and a privilege to work in this mission field. Without it, I wouldn't be who I am today.

Jordan Skinner, Camp Au Sable girls director

WISCONSIN

Summer CAMP

CAMP WAKONDA

By Eric Chavez

The most common description of summer I hear from young people is to hang out, watch TV and play video games. Is this what you want your summer to look like? I, on the other hand, want to be outside, getting dirty, meeting new friends, and making memories that will change my life, give me a new view of Jesus and bring me one step closer to Heaven!

With an ever-rising ability to stream virtually anything from the web, we have an even greater need to share a stream of something new and spiritual with the young people in our church and community. As a church, it is our job to help our young people disconnect from the world and reconnect to our amazing Jesus!

At Camp Wakonda our mission is “Your Part, God’s Power, Change the World.” We believe 100 percent that the Lord will pour out his spirit on every young person that wants to know him more. We are praying — and expecting — every person to leave here closer to Jesus.

We are offering a wide variety of experiences this year for our young

people such as archery, crafts, ceramics, nitro cars, helicopters, kayak, canoe, paddle board, blob, wakeboard, water skiing, gymnastics and so much more! Each experience will be a time never forgotten but, more than that, Jesus will be in the center of all that these young people encounter. Each day will offer a new variety of activities and will end with a story of a young man who is discovering Jesus for the first time every day. You won’t want to miss it! We have an exciting line-up of camp pastors, an amazing camp staff, and plenty of food, fun and sun! Come join us this summer at Camp Wakonda!

Eric Chavez is the Wisconsin Conference youth director.



CAMP WAKONDA DATES

Blind Camp: June 28–July 2 (*All Ages*)

Junior Camp: July 2–9 (*Ages 7–10*)

Tween Camp: July 9–16 (*Ages 11–13*)

Teen Camp: July 16–23 (*Ages 13–17*)

Family Camp 1: July 23–30 (*All Ages*)

Family Camp 2: July 30–August 6 (*All Ages*)

LOCATION

W8368 County Road E, Oxford, Wisconsin

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Staff photographer

Dr. Rada and his assistant with patient Annmarie

Special care: supporting dental patients with special needs

Dr. Robert Rada, a dentist whose private practice is in La Grange, primarily devotes his time to the oral health needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Because many of these individuals have complex needs or are significantly behavior challenged, they frequently require general anesthesia for their dental treatment. As a result, these individuals are often underserved and their families and caregivers can spend countless hours searching for caring and capable health care providers.

Adventist Medical Center La Grange has partnered with Dr. Rada to treat this

group, allowing access to its facilities and providing the support of the hospital's perioperative and surgical teams. In many cases, Dr. Rada has worked cooperatively with other practitioners on staff so that much needed medical services also can be provided while the individual is in the hospital and under anesthesia for their oral care.

"The team at La Grange has cared for these challenging individuals better than any other facility where I have worked," said Dr. Rada. "The nurses in the day surgery area are very patient and understanding. They spend the extra time needed to communicate with these patients and the day surgery setup is very comfortable, with private rooms that reduce irritation and distractions."

Diane Janes, nurse manager for the recovery room and gastroenterology lab at Adventist Medical Center La Grange,

has been working with Dr. Rada for eight years. "I know that the day surgery nurses and the nurses in the recovery room all love taking care of these patients," said Janes. "It's a different type of nursing care from the everyday. Some of these patients can be challenging, while others are quiet and loving."

Dr. Rada was particularly impressed that the medical center was willing to allow dental students to participate in the care of these patients. Through an affiliation agreement with the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Dr. Rada and the day surgery team have been able to expose young dentists to the most challenging aspects of special care dentistry.

"The hospital staff, led by Dr. Robert Husfield, chairman of the hospital's Department of Anesthesia, has generously shared their knowledge of hospital protocol and anesthesia concepts with my students," said Dr. Rada. "Several of those attending these hospital experiences have gone on to advanced training programs so that they may serve special needs patients in their practices."

Julie Busch, AMITA Health Associate Vice President of Communications



Staff photographer

Dr. Rada and team during Annmarie's procedure.



Atkins helps a young gymnast test another for tightness during a Gymnics event.

Strength to persevere

"I was born with a heart condition that left me with an extremely unlikely but still present risk of dying if my heart rate rose above a certain point. Because of this, I didn't participate in sports or athletics. I was a 'shrimpy' kid who wanted to be not little, so I tried martial arts and gymnastics."

This was the beginning of Ryan Atkins' love of fitness. Just before college, Atkins volunteered at a summer camp in Canada and became friends with the gymnastics class teacher.

"He taught me how to do a cartwheel and then told me to sign up for Gymnics when I got to Andrews," says Atkins. "I did, and I enjoyed it, so I kept doing it."

Today, Atkins has been involved with Gymnics for a total of seven years. Now, in addition to studying for his master's degree in English at Andrews, Atkins also serves as its assistant coach.

"My job is to minimize injury risk for the team," he says. "There's one of me and 40 of them, so I'm pretty busy."

Atkins is the details guy who makes sure everything happens safely. Part of this is done with skills he learned with Function Movement Screening (FMS).

"The original intent of FMS was to help schools with no budget find a way to minimize athlete injuries," Atkins explains.

FMS requires very basic tools: wooden boards, a stick and a rubber band. It checks for asymmetry, injury and imbalance in an attempt to catch things before they become a problem.

One of the biggest events for Gymnics is Acrofest, an annual gathering of acrobatics teams. In November 2016, Andrews University hosted the 25th anniversary event, where over 800 high school and university students participated in intense training, skill building and a joint performance.

"Acrofest is kind of a family reunion where you show off your skills to your friends," says Atkins. "It's not a 'we have to win and you have to lose' thing, though. We all know how much went into what we're seeing on the mats, so

we're each other's best audience. You really couldn't ask for better friends to push you toward your best."

Aside from the personal aspect, Acrofest focuses on fitness, skills and collaboration. Professional clinicians join the teams at various training stations, teaching and offering performance tips.

"Exercise helped me develop into someone I wanted to be," says Atkins. "Not necessarily physically, although that happened, too, but more in that it showed me I could triumph over difficulties and become stronger in the process."

Atkins recalls that Teddy Roosevelt, president of the United States from 1901–1909, was a "sickly child" who used exercise to temper his body, mind and spirit, becoming "a truly remarkable person."

"Physical training and exercise are important for a lot of reasons," says Atkins. "It's a transformative experience — you get to struggle against something and improve, and that spirals out into more areas of your life. It makes you ready to face whatever you need to. And I love being able to share that passion with the team."

Read more stories about real people at Andrews University at <http://wandrews.edu/stories>.

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Andrews University



Atkins, age 4, and his sister pose with their gymnastics coaches.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Wisconsin introduces Lay Seminary program

Wisconsin—In February, the Wisconsin Conference became the first conference in the North American Division to provide the Adventist Lay Seminary program to their English-speaking members, graduating more than 25 English-speaking lay people. At the same time, 60-plus Wisconsin Hispanic members also graduated — a first for the Wisconsin Hispanics.

This program, offered through Andrews University and co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference, involves approximately 40 hours of training over seven months. It is designed to equip lay members to join full-time pastoral forces in disseminating the Adventist message. The Andrews University Institute of Hispanic Ministry was founded in 2005, under the direction of Ricardo Norton, for the Hispanic community. Now this seven-certificate program is available to the English-speaking community as well.

“People loved it,” said Nate Skaife, English coordinator for the Adventist Lay Seminary and Personal Ministries in the Wisconsin Conference. “They appreciated the biblical depth of the information they received. The teachers, all required to have a doctorate degree, really challenged and stretched them in their understanding. Every month they had homework assignments, which included using the information they were learning by holding Bible studies and sharing what they were learning. Some were nervous about it, but they were glad they did it.”



Over 60 Hispanic students from the Adventist Lay Seminary program graduated and were recognized at a Feb. 19 ceremony at the Milwaukee Central Hispanic Church.



Graduates in the English co-hort at the Waukesha Church.

This first-year English certification covered Bible worker training. It helped people learn how to study the Bible and how to effectively share the things they find in the Scriptures. The second year of English certification, which begins during Wisconsin camp meeting in June 2017, will focus on small groups.

“We believe in the ministry of our lay people,” said Mike Edge, Wisconsin Conference president. “Together with our pastors and teachers, our members are our greatest resource.”

This program will help both our English- and Spanish-speaking members be more effective for Jesus.”

To learn more about this program in Wisconsin and how to be involved, contact Nate Skaife for the English program at pastornateskaife@wi.adventist.org or 414-897-4306, and Evelio Miranda for the Spanish program at eveliomiranda@msn.com or 414-446-5965.

Juanita Edge is communication director for the Wisconsin Conference.



Kathy Griffin

José had a toothache and received dental care.

Indiana Health Expo impacts family of four-year-old boy

Indiana—Blaine Fults, pastor of the Brownsburg and Chapel West churches in Indianapolis, met a family that was seeking dental care for their four-year-old boy who had a toothache. It was getting late in the day, but it was clear that little José was in excruciating pain. One of the clinic dentists easily took care of his problem, making him and his mother much happier.

At a health event sponsored by the Southside Church in Indianapolis and Adventist Community Health Initiative (ACHI), José was one of over 150 people received medical help, many of whom have gone a long time without these services.

“Outside of governmental agencies, it is a rarity to find free medical services,

and free dental care is even scarcer, yet so desperately needed,” said Randy Griffin, director of the Adventist Community Health Initiative. “Serving God through health is a vital component of the church’s mission, and sharing God’s love with the people we serve is natural.”

People also are looking for help with their lifestyles. As disease abounds all around, fear can take hold, forcing many to seek a better way of life. As a result, the eight laws of health ministry at the health expo also were very well received.

The chiropractor and massage therapist were kept busy on both days. Blood pressure, health counseling, health age, cooking classes and the children’s expo were just a few of the other booths staffed with volunteers.

Michelle Brown, Expo coordinator, said, “What a blessing! It was such a joy to see so many people going through the health booths and learning NEW START principles. It makes the long hours of preparation and, sometimes, even the frustrations, all worth it!”

Meanwhile, Fults offered support throughout the dental procedure for little José. “I pray that we can see it all the way through to help little José get the additional dental care he needs,” said Fults who developed a bond with the family and was able to offer follow up support.

Fults later reported that José and his family visited the church and they remain in contact.

Despite your background, where you were born or how many needs you might have, ACHI will serve you at the dental/health expos, which have been providing free dental and medical services for over a year across the Lake Union.

Kathy Griffin is a volunteer for the Adventist Community Health Initiative.



Kathy Griffin



Services Provided at the Southside Church:

Exams - 158
X-rays - 165
Cleanings - 78
Extractions - 80
Fillings - 53

Approximate total value: \$73,000



At the Pathfinder Leadership Retreat each Master Guide track session, taught by Indianapolis Second Hispanic Church member Boris Pizaro, was translated into English. Pizaro is pictured kneeling.

Janet Estrada



Pathfinders enjoy lunch after leadership training. Charlie Thompson, Indiana youth director says that, "We believe that is important to acknowledge and respect each culture. In our desire to follow Jesus and lead our youth to Jesus, we must work together."

Janet Estrada

Indiana Pathfinder leadership embrace the beauty of diversity

Indiana—In a move toward greater inclusiveness among the various ethnic groups, the Indiana Conference Master Guide track was taught entirely in Spanish at the annual fall Leadership weekend held last November at Timber Ridge Camp.

"As a Pathfinder organization here in Indiana, our Pathfinder council and our Pathfinder leaders feel the need to emphasize our diversity as well as our common goal of serving Jesus and his children," said Charlie Thompson, youth director of the Indiana Conference.

"While it is obvious that our Indiana conference has many different ethnic cultures, we believe that the gospel should unite us. We believe that it is important to acknowledge and respect each culture. We also believe that in our desire to follow Jesus and to lead our youth to Jesus, we must work together!"

Thompson continued, "The core concept is that instead of meeting and doing things separately to achieve our goal of sharing the gospel, we need to find ways of overcoming language and culture differences for the greater good of our youth. We acknowledge that this will not be easy but, we believe if we make the effort, our Pathfinder organization will be stronger. Satan seeks to divide and separate. It is

the mission of the church to unite and bring together."

At the Pathfinder Leadership Retreat, each Master Guide track session, taught by Indianapolis Second Hispanic Church member Boris Pizaro, was translated into English. Thompson said that the result was that the English-speaking Pathfinder leaders heard brand new ideas on serving a different culture. "They were excited about what they heard!" said Thompson. "I sat in a one-hour session on camping and was so excited that I told my wife I was ready to go camping — in November!"

Below are ways in which the programs emphasizing the shared mission will operate:

At all Pathfinder leadership events, both Spanish and English presenters will conduct seminars. Each seminar will be translated into the other language with the intent of blending together the best of both worlds.

The leadership will find the best translators and establish guidelines for presenters with the goal of making it easier for those who are translating.

All general sessions will be translated through a low power FM radio station so everyone can understand.

The Pathfinder counsel has a good mixture of Hispanic and English council members and emphasis will be placed on keeping this group balanced.

For Adventurer family weekends, Pathfinder Fair, Pathfinder Camporee and all other Pathfinder events, allowances will be made for and, if possible, translation radios provided for those who need them.

The Conference also has Mizo, Chin and Zomi congregations from Burma and India and, as these new cultures join the Pathfinder organization, ways will be sought to communicate and include them.

Lake Union Herald staff

[UNION NEWS]

Union Pathfinder teams advanced to the national level

Pathfinders all around the great Lake Union gathered together for the Lake Union Level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE)!

For some who may not know, Pathfinder Bible Experience is the current edition of what used to be called Pathfinder Bible Achievement and, before that, Pathfinder Bible Bowl.

PBE is a fun, spiritual and Bible-based testing “experience” for Pathfinder clubs that want to participate. Clubs can have as many teams sign up as they wish. There are four levels of testing: Area, Conference, Union and Division. Teams that answer 90 percent of the questions qualify to go to the next level. The beauty of PBE is that every team has the potential to be a first place team and move on to the next level.

The Lake Union Pathfinder Bible Experience was held March 18 at the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. The day began with an

interactive Sabbath school led by the Illinois Youth director, Michael Campos. The worship service was a powerful message on Jonah by Eric Chavez, Wisconsin Conference Youth director.

“We are so proud of each of the 11 teams from our union who qualified for this level of testing,” said Craig Harris, associate youth director for the Michigan Conference.

They were tested on Paul’s letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians and Timothy. As with all levels of PBE, there are no losers when it comes to the testing. Each team is recognized for their level of knowledge. Anytime young people put Scripture to memory, they are winners.

The following are the teams and how they placed in this year’s Union Bible Experience:

Illinois Conference

- Downers Grove Detectives – 3rd place
- Hinsdale Fil-Am Challengers – 2nd place

Indiana Conference

- Carmel Conquerors – 1st place

Lake Region Conference

- Hyde Park Constellations – 3rd place
- Shiloh Trailblazers – 2nd place

Michigan Conference

- Centreville Sentinels – 1st place
- Eau Claire Critters – 1st place
- Lansing Capitals (team A) – 1st place
- Lansing Capitals (team B) – 1st place
- Pioneer Memorial Church Evergreens – 1st place

Wisconsin Conference

- Monroe Trail Blazers – 1st place

The clubs finishing with a first place at our Lake Union Level were invited to participate in the North American Division level, held April 22 in Chicago. The Lake Union was honored to be the host Union for the Division PBE this year!

A big thank you goes to the Pathfinder directors and the PBE coaches who donated so much time, love and ministry into discipling these Pathfinders for God’s kingdom.

Please continue to pray for all of our young people in the Pathfinder program around our great Union. Pray that they will see Jesus in their studies, activities and their leaders.

Just a reminder: The Lake Union is Pathfinder Strong!

Craig Harris is the associate youth director for the Michigan Conference.



Eleven teams from the Lake Union qualified for the union-level testing. First place finishers were invited to participate in the Division level.

Jonathan Logan

Announcements

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* website at <http://www.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>.

Andrews University

Chaplaincy Summer Intensive

Courses: The Christian Ministry Department at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary on the campus of Andrews University introduces two intensive courses in Chaplaincy — CHMN 516, "Death & Grief in Contemporary Society," taught by Paul Anderson, **June 5-9**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-Th) and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (F); and CHMN 549, "Philosophy & Ethics in Healthcare," taught by Ivan Williams, **May 29-June 2**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-Th) and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (F). For more information, email jward@andrews.edu. To sign up, email sylvie@andrews.edu.

Six-day Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy Workshop

to be held **Aug. 6-11** at Andrews University. For more details, visit <http://Andrews.edu/go/nrhw>, email janinec@andrews.edu, or call 269-471-3541.

Howard Performing Arts Center

Events: For more information on the following events and to purchase tickets, contact HPAC Box Office by phone: 888-467-6442 toll-free or 269-471-3560, by email: hpac@andrews.edu, or on its website: <https://howard.andrews.edu/events/>. Please verify dates and times of programs as these events are subject to change.

May 7, 4:00 p.m.: Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra (Tickets required.)

May 9, 7:00 p.m.: Andrews Academy Choir & Strings Spring Concert

May 11, 7:00 p.m.: Andrews Academy Band & Bells Spring Concert

May 16, 7:00 p.m.: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Instrumental Spring Concert

May 17, 7:00 p.m.: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Vocal Spring Concert

May 23, 7:00 p.m.: Village SDA School Spring Concert

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Offerings

May 6 Local Church Budget

May 13 World Budget (emphasis Disaster & Famine Relief)

May 20 Local Church Budget

May 27 Local Conference Advance

Special Days

May 6 Community Services Sabbath

May 13 Youth Sabbath

May 20 Single Adults Sabbath

May 27 Deaf Ministries

North American Division

Festival of the Laity SEEDS Conference 2017: This convention, to be

held **Oct. 13-15**, is designed to help prepare people to serve effectively in their churches in the areas of Personal Ministries, Prison Ministries, Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries.

Featured speakers include: J. Alfred Johnson II, NAD Adult Ministries director, NADEI SEEDS representative; Mark Finley, Karina Sheldon and G. Earl Knight, president, Atlantic Union. The convention will be held in Stamford, Conn. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=437&page=1>.

Society of Adventist Communicators

This year's convention will be held **Oct. 19-21** in Portland, Oregon. Attendees include media/communication professionals who are employed in any corporate setting, non-profit, freelance, higher education or communication employees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (primarily in North America). 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 employment. Those who serve as communication leaders at the local church or school level also are invited to attend. You will hear from experts in the fields

of corporate communication, public relations, graphic design, photography, video production and journalism. Find convention details online and register at <http://www.adventistcommunicator.org>.

World Division

ASI International Convention: 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 will be held **Aug. 2-5** at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.asiministries.org/convention>.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	Jun 2	Jun 9
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:48	8:55	9:02	9:09	9:15	9:19
Chicago, Ill.	7:53	8:00	8:07	8:14	8:19	8:24
Detroit, Mich.	8:36	8:43	8:51	8:57	9:03	9:08
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:42	8:49	8:56	9:02	9:07	9:11
La Crosse, Wis.	8:12	8:20	8:27	8:34	8:40	8:45
Lansing, Mich.	8:42	8:50	8:57	9:04	9:10	9:15
Madison, Wis.	8:02	8:10	8:18	8:25	8:30	8:35
Springfield, Ill.	7:56	8:03	8:09	8:16	8:21	8:25

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

Obituaries

COPSEY, Marjorie G. (Bascom), age 87; born March 10, 1929, in Lincoln, Neb.; died Feb. 26, 2017, in Lenexa, Kansas. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Mark; daughter, Gail Smith; brother, Maurice Bascom; sister, Gwendolyn Glaser; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Gary Thurber and Lawrence Francis, and interment was in Leavenworth (Kansas) National Cemetery.

FREDERICK, Dorothy (Deininger) Preston, age 78; born March 13, 1938, in Savanah, Ill.; died Feb. 26, 2017, in La Crosse, Wis. She was a member of the La Crosse Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ken and Brad Frederick; stepsons, Larry and Russ Frederick; brother, Paul Deininger; one grandchild; and 10 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Michael Ehm, and interment was in Onalaska (Wis.) Cemetery.

HALLINGSTAD, Dorothy Eva (Bernetti), age 94; born Feb. 6, 1922, in Sparta, Wis.; died Sept. 23, 2016, in La Crosse, Wis. She was a member of the La Crosse Church.

Survivors include her son, Dennis; daughter, Marta Ziems; brother, Dale Bernetti; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Michael Ehm, and interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Sparta.

IRISH, Florence A. (Haudenschild), age 92; born Sept. 26, 1924, in Dubuque, Iowa; died March 11, 2017, in Dubuque. She was a member of the Lancaster (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Gary; and daughter, Susan Gilbertson.

Funeral services were conducted by Samuel Garbi, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Lancaster.

MACKLIN, Kathryn L. (Thompson), age 89; born June 16, 1927, in Monterey, Ind.; died Feb. 13, 2017, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Donald; daughter, Patricia Parker; brother, James Thompson; sister, Margaret Miles; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Harvey Burnett, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Garden Cemetery, Niles, Mich.

MIRON, Lillian (Stephenson) Sauer, age 89; born Dec. 16, 1927, in Arpin, Wis.; died Feb. 17, 2017, in Fond du Lac, Wis. She was a member of the Fond du Lac Church.

Survivors include her sons, Mason and Lennell; brothers, Clyde and David Stephenson; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Chilton, Wis., and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Chilton.

PYLES, Dwayne L., age 89; born Oct. 9, 1927, in Muncie, Ind.; died Jan. 21, 2017, in Waterford, Mich. He was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church.

Survivors include his son, Steven; stepson, William Wilcox; daughters, Sandra Grignon and Lisa Miller; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Michael Nickless, and interment was in Crescent Hills Cemetery, Waterford.

REED, Kathryn G. (Reising) Grossman, age 63; born Oct. 3, 1953, in St. Louis, Mo.; died March 9, 2017, in St. Louis. She was a member of the Greater Alton (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Michael; son, Shawn Grossman; stepsons, Theodore and Matthew Reed; brother, Elmer Reising; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dale Barnhurst, and interment was in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, St. Louis.

SHULER, Mary E. (Sloderbeck), age 95; born Oct. 28, 1921, in Marion, Ind.; died Nov. 23, 2016, in Greenfield, Ind. She was a member of the Carmel (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen (Anderson) McKinney; stepdaughter, Miriam H. (Shuler) Dailey; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David M. Tenold in Greenfield, and interment was in Southland Memorial Gardens, West Columbia, S.C.

TITUS, James, age 58; born Sept. 27, 1958, in Lansing, Mich.; died March 17,

2017, in Lansing. He was a member of the Lansing Church.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; son, William; and daughters, Olivia, Abigail and Grace Titus.

Funeral services were conducted by Wes Peppers, and interment was in Deepdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Lansing.

UCCI, Melinda (Vera), age 96; born Oct. 28, 1920, in Chicago, Ill.; died March 4, 2017, in Amboy, Ill. She was a member of the Sauk Valley Church, Dixon, Ill.

Survivors include her son, Anthony Jr.; daughter, Sanita Booth; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by John Lewis and Don Lewis, and interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Lee Center, Ill.

WEAVER, Natalie J. (Wheeler), age 92; born Oct. 13, 1924, in Detroit, Mich.; died Feb. 7, 2017, in Plymouth, Mich. She was a member of the Plymouth Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur; sons, Donald and Robert; daughters, Sharon Pittman and Susan Higgins; 17 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Darryl Bentley, Jim Micheff Jr. and Christien Hodet, with private interment.

ZEISMER, Clifford, age 84; born Feb. 15, 1932, in Lena, Wis.; died Dec. 23, 2016, in Wausau, Wis. He was a member of The Shepherd's House Church, Wausau.

Survivors include his wife, Carole (Habeck); son, Clint; daughters, Carla Bube and Celeste Droz; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Bob Sachse, with private interment.

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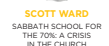
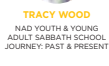
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INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cup black licorice beads, rinsed and soaked overnight
- 2 medium lemons, pitted and cut into chunks
- 1 clove garlic, pitted and chopped
- 2 Tbsp rohani paste
- 2 Tbsp cold-pressed olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp sea salt

DIRECTIONS

Soak beads for 6-8 hours in plenty of water. Drain and rinse washed beads, draining, and add water to a bowl in medium amounts. Bring beads to medium-low, cover, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until all water is absorbed.

Blend beads and lemon on low until smooth in a food processor.

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BY CAROL LEWIS

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LETTING GOD WORK

Over 30 years ago, I began a Spirit-led venture into a new walk with Jesus by journaling my prayers. It changed my life. In December of 2009, my husband and I began a Spirit-led journey into mission that has taken my conversations with Jesus to a whole new level. It has changed my mission.

As a small child I read the stories and dreamed of being a missionary nurse, but life circumstances never aligned for us to go overseas for more than an occasional furlough relief. When we received the call to Lake County, California, there was no denying that this was mission in its truest sense — a county shackled by addictions, abuse, poverty, disease and homelessness. In retrospect, we should have attended the Mission Institute to prepare us. Our county is at the bottom of the state for health, substance abuse, physical abuse and socioeconomic markers. It is a damaged culture. Yet I've never been in a place where people routinely walk off the street into our church saying, "I want Jesus." "I'm looking for a church." But seeing lives change is a long process. The enemy doesn't give up his territory easily. We deal with people who have been damaged to the core and do not know how to relate to a "Father" who loves them.

One of my personal challenges is overcoming the desire to "fix" or "save." I can't! I can lead them to the Water, but they are free to choose. I am forced to watch the two steps forward and one or more steps back that I pray will progress to a true, abiding and sustainable walk of faith with Jesus.

I answer a call for help at midnight. I pray for my friend who swings between clean and sober and slipping back into addiction. Time and again there are situations that no human can see how to maneuver. My conversations with God are on a whole new level and I'm finally

beginning to understand what it means to "surrender" and am experiencing miracles as a result.

The very real "bullseye" on our backs motivates us to walk every day with Jesus. He's my Best Friend, Savior, Protector and Defender in a very real and practical way. I cannot do life without Him.

I have come to a point in my life where I can honestly say that I don't worry about the future or circumstances beyond the first 24 hours when I may "go to the mat" with Jesus over some concern. I have a permanent prayer list, but once a name or situation is on it with "ENVELOPE" written after, that means I have put everything related to the situation in God's hands and am willing to accept whatever he thinks is best and try to stay out of his way. Those who know me understand this is a challenge for me.

Our God is the same God of the Old Testament who defeated armies with swarms of bees (see Isaiah 7:18). He's very creative and willing. I just have to get myself out of the way and give him the opportunity.

Currently, we are working with a group of like-minded people to establish a free and sustainable community health program with dental, eye and medical screening, and helping to feed the homeless. My desire is to introduce people to a real and saving friendship with Jesus — teaching them to hear his voice in his Word and apply what they hear to their lives.

The experience here has been unexpected and unique. I now know that God wasn't just calling us to bring quality medical care to the women of this county — he had lessons for us to learn too. He's like that and I praise him for it!

Carol Lewis is a good neighbor whom God called from Berrien Springs, Michigan, to Lake County, California, to expand her faith.

Moving Forward

BY CHRISTIAN VAN SCHAIK

Everything changed for me in the space of half-a-year. It was the second time I had ever moved in my life, and the hardest. The first time I moved was from Iowa to St. Louis, but I was younger and it didn't affect me as much. This time, however, was much harder. St. Louis had become my home, the place I would always hold close to my heart. Friendships had blossomed during my time there and I didn't want to leave the people to whom I had become so close.

I was in the middle of my freshman year when my dad received a call to become a pastor in Indiana. As a family, we went to check it out. The change was not something I initially agreed with but, at the end of the school year, I consented that it was the right decision for our family.

The time finally came, and I found myself enrolled as a student at Indiana Academy. It was all suddenly becoming real. I no longer lived in a large city, but was now living in a town that had one stoplight. At the beginning of the school year, I really didn't want to be here. I missed my friends, my life, and my home back in St. Louis. As school began, I tried to move on with my new life and even made some new friends, but it was difficult.

I still wasn't completely convinced and had a negative attitude about having to move. It was difficult for me to fully enjoy life here because I was thinking about the life I could have had. I started to harbor these thoughts in my head, which developed into hard feelings towards my parents and God for putting me into this situation. I started to do things I shouldn't, even though I knew they were wrong, but I continued

down this path of bad choices. Finally, it all blew up in my face at the end of my sophomore year. It was at this time that God started to work a miracle in my life.

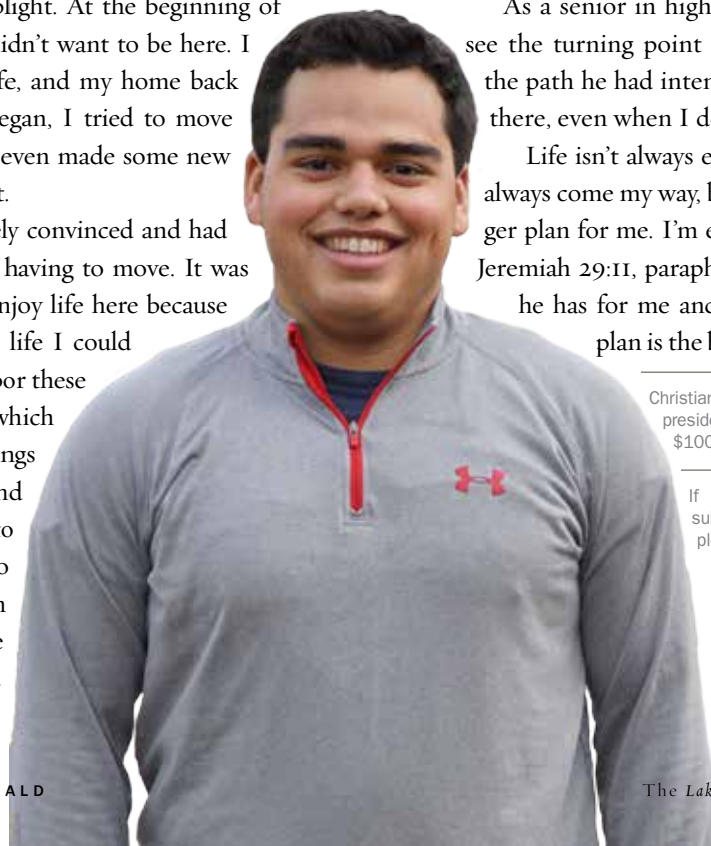
God restored my relationship with my parents, showed me how to learn from my mistakes, and helped me to appreciate where I was and enjoy the new people in my life. He helped me to become a leader at my school, which is something that has enabled me to grow these past two years.

As a senior in high school, I can look back and see the turning point where God put me back on the path he had intended all along. He was always there, even when I doubted him.

Life isn't always easy and I know struggles will always come my way, but I know that there is a bigger plan for me. I'm encouraged by the message of Jeremiah 29:11, paraphrased, "God knows the plans he has for me and for you." I learned that his plan is the best way. You can do the same.

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Mishap to Mission

BY FELECIA DATUS

“Tony is a pure blessing from God for this mission,” says Beatriz Rodriguez, founder of Africa Mission for Jesus. She tells of how Tony Pontorio Jr., sophomore Theology student at Andrews University, keeps the New Jersey-based mission going.



Tony Pontorio Jr.

At the age of 19, Tony sustained an injury during training in the Marines. Although he pleaded with God to heal his shoulders, the prayer went seemingly unanswered and he was discharged. Tony, angered, turned his back on God and the little he knew of him. He had not heard much mention of Jesus until he ended up working as an electrician and became the helper of a man named Paul who taught him about God and his Word. Soon after, Tony gave his life to the Lord and began serving at his local church as a Sabbath school teacher and deacon. However, he craved greater service. “I wanted to do more for the Lord because he did so much for me.”

One Sabbath, Beatriz received a letter from Ghana requesting used books that could be distributed to teach people about God. Tony began to help Beatriz. He collected clothing, shoes, books and other materials from church members and anyone else willing to donate. He would take them to Beatriz who then shipped them to Africa. His regular financial contributions purchased Bibles in Twi Asante, one of the common dialects of the people. Eventually, he visited Ghana with Beatriz and attended the dedication of the school founded as a result of their work. “Africa changed my whole perspective on what it is to be a Christian, practically,” Tony says of the experience.

“It amazes me that he is so involved in mission,” Beatriz says, marveling at the young man’s willingness to serve so unselfishly. Beatriz suffered a terrible car accident years ago that left her unable to read or write and, as she gets older, serving has become more difficult. Knowing this, Tony handles the tasks that involves writing and reading, including receiving emails from the mission workers in Ghana and reading them to Beatriz. Because of his steadfast dedication, over 1,000 persons surrendered their lives to Christ in Ghana and the school established caters now to more than 400 students.

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