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The very first Michigan Boarding Academies alumni gathering was held March 9 in Apopka in the beautiful dining hall of Florida Living Retirement Community. Tracy Morgan and Beth Wallace from Great Lakes Adventist Academy planned the event, which attracted 60 alumni of Adelphian, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge and Great Lakes Adventist academies.

WISCONSIN EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES

Linda Rosen announced her retirement effective August 1, 2019. Some of Linda's contributions as Education superintendent for the past nine years include establishing an Outdoor Education program for 5th- and 6th-graders, starting the annual Spelling Bee for 3rd- and 4th-graders, restructuring the Education Fair, and developing a Science Expo for 7th- through10th-graders.

FORMER ANDREWS ACADEMY STUDENT ON *60 MINUTES*

The May 10 broadcast featured an incredible story of courage, faith and healing. Jennelle Stephenson is one of the first to be cured of sickle cell anemia at the National Institute of Health.

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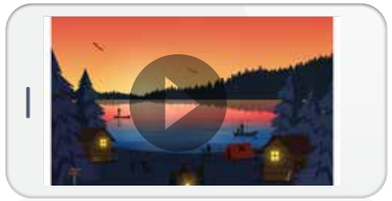

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Summer camp meetings and youth camps are not only nurturing activities, they can be evangelistic. As a reminder, there is a large canvas in the lower level committee room at the Lake Union Conference office of Indiana Youth director, Charlie Thompson, standing by a cross at the evening meeting. With him are a couple of campers who have just come forward to declare their desire to be baptized. This summer could be a life-changing, direction-changing, mission-changing experience for young and old as we gather together at these special spirit-filled opportunities. I trust the stories in this edition will inspire to that end. ▪

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You're Under Surveillance

The Bible states *we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses* (Heb 12:1 NKJV). Surrounded implies there is a host of others watching us!

▲ *Steven Poenitz*

In 2014, my wife and I visited the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the invitation of a pastor-friend who now leads the Gulf States Field in the Middle East. Our travel assignment included preaching at the Abu Dhabi church, and pastor-mentoring sessions. During our visit, we noticed security monitors in malls, hotels, grocery stores and parking garages, just like here at home.

Why were we so security/tech conscious? Just a week or so before we arrived that December, an American teacher had been stabbed to death in a UAE mall restroom. Those security monitors led investigators directly to the assailant's apartment. Oh, the eye of surveillance!

From a spiritual perspective, we're all under surveillance — by our family, neighbors, business connections, at the grocery store, hair salons, banks and work. People are watching us! Many of our neighbors and co-workers observe our family's lifestyle and know our Sabbath practices when we go to church. They see the model we portray. The begging question becomes, "Is our witness real?"

We should not be surprised that we are under surveillance. God's purpose is to use our witness to influence others for His Kingdom. *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come* (Matt. 24:14 NKJV).

The truth is, we are surrounded by many witnesses. Our world is a theater being watched, even from afar. The Apostle Paul states, . . . *for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men"* (1 Cor. 4:9 NKJV). Hebrews chapter 11 cites numerous luminaries who have died, but their legacy of faith, their witness, continues. These "ancient worthies" of faith are symbolically sitting in the heavenly grandstands, cheering us on, "You can make it!"[1]

And yet, the Bible writer acclaims there are more witnesses! Paul states . . . *time would fail me to tell* (Heb 11:32 NKJV) of all the witnesses who endured such horrific circumstances.

Still, there is One Witness we must encounter to be real. Our only option is to turn to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith (see Heb 12:1, 2). Jesus is the Faithful and True Witness (see Rev 3:14). He shed His blood for us. That's the degree to which a True Witness will go. And most of us have not yet resisted to the shedding of blood (see Heb 12:4).

What about the power of our witness? Is it Laodicean, apathetic, self-focused, or dry? Or has that authentic, vibrant, first-love remained alive in our souls? At times, like today, the early Adventist church floundered with an anemic witness. The hypocrisy at the Washington (New Hampshire) Seventh-day Adventist Church caused many youth and adults to lose interest in church. James and Ellen White along with J.N. Andrews conducted December revival meetings. As they preached Jesus and His righteousness, individual lives were transformed. Worcester Ball publicly repented for his critical treatment of Ellen White. William Farnsworth publicly confessed his hidden sins. The story goes that, "After the adults had straightened out their lives, and by prayer and confession gained the victory over their sinful habits, God could use the Whites and John Andrews to help the young people. When an appeal was made for those who would follow Jesus all the way, seventeen children and youth arose and went forward" (*Flame for the Lord,* Virgil Robinson, 1975, p. 60, 61).

We are instructed to be witnesses. We are under surveillance. Is our witness making a difference? Audrey Graham's witness did. God used Mrs. Graham's model witness at work. Serving as a public school teacher, the Holy Spirit prompted Audrey through her personal prayer life to be a witness and to connect with someone at school. One day, Helen, a substitute teacher, surprised her, "There's something different about you!" She caught Audrey off-guard. "Are you a Christian?" "What denomination?" Audrey stated, "Yes, I'm a Seventh-day Adventist Christian." The Holy Spirit inspired Audrey to invite Helen to her classroom for lunch the next time she was a substitute teacher. She made a special meal for her. Later she gave her a Christian music CD. Then she sent her friend *Message* magazine. School had almost concluded when the Spirit said, "Invite her to church when you speak in two weeks!" Later, under conviction, Helen took Bible studies and was baptized a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. You can read the complete story in the *Adventist Review,* February 2019, pp. 60, 61.

How is our witness? We are under surveillance. People are watching us; yes, they are! We are told that many are on the verge of the Kingdom, only waiting for an invitation (Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p.109). God help us to be genuine witnesses like those ancient worthies of faith, turning to Jesus for our strength. ▪

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Healing Beyond Emotional Abuse

Topics on abuse and domestic violence have become increasingly popular in the news and social media, triggering discussions about appropriate and inappropriate behaviors in relationships.

▲ *Judith Fisher*

Sexual and physical abuse can be easily detected while emotional abuse leaves no visible scars to mark its impact, but its wounds destroy the core self and often take decades to surface.

Emotional abuse, which includes verbal aggression and cyber abuse, is the systematic use of malicious manipulation through nonphysical acts, intended to directly or indirectly control someone else, manipulate, and maintain power differential. It can occur alone or with other abuses.

Data from the National Coalition against Domestic Violence suggests that men and women experience emotional violence at about the same rate. This type of abuse also is prevalent among children and teens, inflicting life-altering consequences. Forms of emotional abuse include:

Rejecting — Using harsh criticism, demeaning jokes; teasing about appearance or ability; withholding affection or attention; refusing to communicate, using the "silent treatment"

Undermining — Finishing your sentences or speaking on your behalf without your permission

Ignoring — Failing to connect or engage emotionally; consistently not acknowledging you

Threatening, Blaming and Shaming — Cursing; using verbal threats to harm, or to reveal personal and embarrassing information; making the person do things s/he doesn't want to do in order to prove his/her love

Isolating — Restricting or forcing seclusion; keeping you from friends or family support; being excessively possessive

Denying/"Gaslighting" — Making the abused second-guess his or her own reality; abuser makes you feel like you are losing your mind or memory

As with other forms of abuse, the cycle of emotional abuse includes the honeymoon phase and the tension-building phase, followed by the acute explosive phase when the abuse is most evident. This destructive cycle produces PTSD and depressive symptoms, and the abused are significantly more likely to report poor physical and mental health. Regardless of whether you've been emotionally abused as a child, teen or adult, you can experience healing. The journey to healing includes:

- Understanding what abusive relationships look and feel like
- Accepting the life story into which you were born, believing that it does not define you, and having the courage to rewrite your story
- Cultivating the courage to RESPOND to the abuse assertively and intentionally, not merely react
- Establishing healthy boundaries that could include disengaging from abusive interchanges, and limited or no contact with the abuser
- Accepting that you cannot change the abuser but you can change your response
- Accessing counseling resources and supportive friends and family

Healing statement: God created me with a purpose and with love, as a unique individual with *every*thing I need to fully function. I have immense worth as a ***Child of God*** and NO ONE has the right to treat me with disrespect or disdain. Regardless of the family or circumstances into which I was born, I was fearfully and wonderfully created to live fully and with dignity. ▪

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Beneficial Bugs

The community of microbes that lives within our gut numbers in the trillions, and the health of that community determines our health. The gut microflora (microbiome) is vital for maintaining the integrity of the intestinal lining.

The microbiome plays a vital role in energy metabolism, anti-inflammatory mechanisms and immunity. Intestinal bacteria serve as a central line of resistance to colonization by foreign microbes.

The intestinal microflora also makes important contributions to our Vitamin K, biotin and folate status. New research shows that the microbiome protects the person against chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

What we eat has a big impact on the composition and behavior of our gut microflora. The type of bacteria living there and the number of each variety plays a significant role in our health. Apart from our dietary intake, the gut microbiota is impacted by a variety of genetic and environmental factors, including stress and medications. The interaction between all these factors is complex.

Our gut microbiota thrive on fiber-rich foods such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, nuts and legumes. The fiber encourages the growth and proliferation of healthy microbes. Fiber is degraded by the microflora into short-chain fatty acids, which nourish the cells of the intestinal lining. Animal foods are devoid of fiber so those consuming a largely meat-based diet will have anaerobic bacteria as the predominant type in their gut. These bacteria are associated with an increased risk of colon cancer. Processed foods often contain added inulin, a fiber from chicory root, as a prebiotic food component to facilitate the growth of a healthy microflora.

▲ *Winston Craig*

Gut microbiome play a role in the development of obesity and diabetes. The type and diversity of microorganisms living in the gut of persons with obesity and diabetes is different from that of healthy individuals. In studies with mice, scientists have been able to reverse these health conditions by transplanting microflora from the gut of the healthy mice into the gut of mice with obesity or diabetes.

Scientists are looking at ways to alter our microbiome by dietary changes. Patients with type 2 diabetes who were given oligofructose (a sugar that stimulates the growth of certain healthy bacteria) for two years showed improved glucose control and experienced an increased weight loss compared to the control group.

Trimethylamine-N-oxide (TMAO) is a metabolite synthesized by certain gut bacteria from compounds in meat, fish, milk and eggs. TMAO is associated with speeding up the rate of atherosclerosis. By eating less animal products, TMAO levels could be decreased, thereby decreasing the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Scientists are looking into the possibility of screening one's microbiome to identify people at high risk of cancer and then to make dietary changes that would nurture bacteria that would reduce the risk of cancer.

People often take probiotics (supplements) to restore their colonic microflora after taking antibiotics. The evidence suggests that the probiotics may actually delay the restoration of a person's microbiome. ▪

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Righteousness by Faith and the Third Angel's Message — 5

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree" (Gal. 3:13 NIV).

▲ *George R. Knight*

Uplifting faith in Christ as the heart of the Third Angel's message became central to Ellen White's message at the 1888 General Conference session and beyond.

Soon after the Minneapolis meeting, she made one of her most powerful statements on Revelation 14:12 and the core meaning of the 1888 message. "The third angel's message," she penned, "is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. *The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand.* I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness.

"'*The Faith of Jesus*.' It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus that belongs to the third angel's message? *Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour.* He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. And *faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus* . . .

"There is salvation for the sinner in the blood of Jesus Christ alone, which cleanest us from all sin. The man with a cultivated intellect may have vast stores of knowledge, he may engage in theological speculations, he may be great and honored of men and be considered the repository of knowledge, but unless he has a saving knowledge of Christ crucified for him, and by faith lays hold on the righteousness of Christ crucified for him, and by faith lays hold on the righteousness of Christ, he is lost. Christ *was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed* (Isaiah 53:5 KJV). 'Saved by the blood of Jesus Christ' will be our only hope for time and our song throughout eternity" (MS 24, 1888; *italics supplied*).

Are you getting the message? We need to. It is the most crucial thing that we can ever hear — that Christ died for us, and that we can be saved only through having a vital faith in His sacrifice. That is at the core of the faith of Jesus and Revelation 14:12. It is the core of what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist. And it is the core of what it means to be Christian. With only the commandments of God, we might be "Adventists" [i.e. church members], but not Christians. ■

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But, Lord, I don't see how!

Some call it a whisper. Some call it a nudge. You may have sensed it as a prompt. Whatever the definition, I'm sure you have felt it, too. It's not an audible sound, but it's as real as though it were. A familiar Scripture term is *a still, small voice*.

There's no predictable pattern; it may go like this: You're rushing around the house getting ready for the day, when a name comes to mind. It's a friend you haven't talked to for a while. Nothing to suggest there is any trouble, it's just the name — or the face — you can't shake. Is that God's whisper, saying, "Why don't you give Sally a call?" Why not assume it is, and call her? Something simple . . . "I was combing my hair this morning and your name came to mind so I thought I'd just call and tell you I prayed for you today."
Three minutes.

But what if Sally didn't need a call? Okay, but what if she did? You may never know the answer to that question. Or Sally may tell you. Either way, you've been faithful to respond to the whisper you sensed from the heart of God. He loves that.

You're sitting in a worship service as the saints are assembling. A couple comes in and sits across the aisle from you. You don't recognize them but they kind of look like they could use a friend. You think to yourself, *"I probably should speak to them after service."* Then the nudge seems to suggest, *"Maybe they need it now."* Have you just created a minor disruption during the prelude, or have you just responded to a nudge from the throne room of the universe? Have you embarrassed the guests? or have you honored them by showing love that was spontaneous and genuine? I believe God smiles when we err on the side of showing we care.

"But, brother Don, I'm too shy to do that." This isn't about you. This is about people God loves and how He searches for those who will deliver that message for Him. So you and I seek to live in a way that is sensitive to His nudge, to His whisper. It can happen often, and our goal is to walk with Him so that we sense the prompt and have the grace to respond to it. He loves that. ■

▲ *Don Jacobsen*

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"Pay what you can" café opens in Edmore

By Greg Nelson

Courtesy Daniel's Kitchen

▲ *Daniel's Kitchen, a "pay what you can" nonprofit café, opened in March in downtown Edmore.*

IMAGINE GOING INTO A RESTAURANT and setting the price of your own meal. Or, if you can't afford it, you can actually invoke that old axiom of "washing the dishes" to cover the cost.

Well, that's the basic premise behind a new non- profit café which opened last month in downtown Edmore.

Daniel's Kitchen, located in the former bank building at 401 East Main Street, will be a "pay what you can" eatery. And, for those who can't afford a meal, they can volunteer to help out at the restaurant, instead of paying.

Initially, the café will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the plans for adding evening hours later, according to Public Relations director Angela McPherson.

"We are waiting for final approval from the Health Department, but we hope to open our doors within the next few weeks," she said. "Our chef's best guess is early March."

Café manager and chef Lori Jones, previously the owner of the Morning Lori Diner & Bakery in Stanton, is the only paid employee.

"Our plan is to rely on volunteers for the rest of the functions of Daniel's Kitchen," McPherson said.

Its operation is overseen by an 11-member board of directors, chaired by Cari Haus, whose vision it was to found the eatery based on the "One World Everybody Eats" model.

"Daniel's Kitchen began in 2012, when Caril Haus read about hunger nationwide and in Montcalm County," McPherson said. "Especially troubling to her was the hunger rate as it applied to children locally. She felt a strong desire to do something."

Haus recruited a group of volunteers from local churches and the community to bring her idea to fruition.

"The project started as a monthly free community dinner," McPherson explained. "In the beginning, the meals were served at the Cedar Lake Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. There was a special emphasis on healthy eating.

"From there, Cari and the group expanded the idea to the vision for a restaurant that would serve healthy food with dignity, addressing food insecurity by following the pay what you can (or) volunteer business model."

The café will offer plant-focused, whole foods, and vegetarian or vegan-based cuisine following the Coronary Health Improvement Program pioneered by Dr. Hans Diehl, which has helped fight the rise of chronic disease for more than 30 years, according to McPherson.

Patrons will be able to choose small, medium and large portions based on what they can pay. The restaurant will use buffet or cafeteria-style serving.

Daniel's Kitchen has received contributions and assistance from a number of local businesses, civic organizations and individuals.

The last piece that helped hasten the opening was the donation of a large induction top range, valued at nearly $9,000, from the Greenville appliance manufacturer, AGA. Board chairperson Haus had contacted AGA in hopes of getting a "scratch-and-dent model" or a discounted price.

"They emailed back and said this might meet their criteria for a charitable donation," Haus explained. "As soon as they heard about the impact Daniel's Kitchen was going to make, they wanted to be part of it."

To volunteer, make a contribution or for more information about the café, call 989-427-3663 or email McPherson at danielskitchenpr@gmail.com. ■

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La gracia de Dios es irresistible

"La abnegada labor de los cristianos del pasado debería ser para nosotros una lección objetiva y una inspiración. Los miembros de la iglesia de Dios deben ser celosos de buenas obras, renunciar a las ambiciones mundanales, y caminar en los pasos de Aquel que anduvo haciendo bienes."

▲ *Carmelo Mercado*

"Con corazones llenos de simpatía y compasión, han de ministrar a los que necesitan ayuda, y comunicar a los pecadores el conocimiento del amor del Salvador... Los que se dedican a él con sinceridad de propósito verán almas ganadas al Salvador; porque la influencia que acompaña al cumplimiento práctico de la comisión divina es irresistible" (*Hechos de los Apóstoles,* p. 90).

El pastor de una iglesia en nuestra Unión me invitó para asistir a una sesión administrativa de su iglesia donde se trataría el tema de la compra de un terreno para construir una iglesia. En la reunión se propuso la visión de que el nuevo templo fuera un lugar donde además de la función de adoración y la enseñanza de la palabra de Dios fuese también un centro de servicio para la comunidad.

Ese comentario me hizo recordar la explicación de la visión de "la colmena" que Elena G. de White tuvo en 1901 en la que vio dos colmenas que representaban la obra que se necesitaba hacer en las ciudades de Oakland y San Francisco en el estado de California. En 1906 ella se maravilló de cuán activa estaba "la colmena" de San Francisco. En el libro El *Ministerio Pastoral,* p.137, ella describe una iglesia que tenía un programa multifacético para alcanzar a la comunidad. Ella menciona los quince servicios diferentes que se desempeñaban allí, algunos de los cuales eran: hospedaje para huérfanos, trabajo para los desocupados, atención médica para los enfermos, almacén de alimentos, restaurante vegetariano. Al pensar en lo que se hizo en San Francisco, me pregunté cómo y porqué llegaron a ofrecer tanta obra misionera.

Elena G. de White explica que la función de los cristianos en los tiempos de los apóstoles era no solo predicar sino también hacer obras de caridad. Es notable el ejemplo de Dorcas. Ella se esforzaba en ayudar a sus prójimos, y como consecuencia se ganaba el cariño de la gente. La Biblia hace muy claro que la iglesia del Nuevo Testamento acostumbraba a hacer el bien a los demás. A mi parecer, la razón por la cual la iglesia crecía tanto es por haber recibido y compartido la gracia de Dios.

En Mateo10:8, nuestro Señor dice: "de gracia recibisteis, dad de gracia". Esto quiere decir que la gracia (amor inmerecido) que recibimos es algo que no debemos guardar solo para nosotros, sino que debemos compartirla con entusiasmo con los demás. El cristiano verdaderamente convertido es "celoso de buenas obras." Los miembros de las iglesias del Nuevo Testamento y de la iglesia de San Francisco estaban llenos de la gracia de Dios, y como consecuencia, ganaban los corazones de las comunidades donde estaban.

Quiero animar al lector para que examine su vida y se pregunte si está compartiendo la gracia de Dios con otros. Le aseguro que si usted y los demás miembros de su iglesia comparten esa gracia verán almas ganadas para Cristo. ■

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.

▲ *Nick and Deanne Snell with their children Eden, Ezra and Salem*

Jennifer Maxwell

A Mother's Hope

By Deanne Snell

I WATCHED IN DREADED ANTICIPATION as the two women approached me in the waiting room. Today, Salem was being evaluated by his speech therapist, Maddie, and her supervisor, Susan, to see how he had progressed since starting therapy. Knowing what his original goals had been, I knew the results of his evaluation would not be good.

After the exchange of greetings, Susan explained his results. "We realized that we need to change all of Salem's goals." She kindly went on to say that they had had a hard time eliciting communication from him and, most of the time, could not get him to interact with them. She asked me if he was typically like this at home. "Yes," I said quietly, "he's basically in his own little world." They both nodded their heads in understanding. As we were saying our goodbyes, Susan observed, "See, right now, there is no Maddie in his world." I looked at Salem as Maddie enthusiastically tried to get his attention by waving, but he gazed right past her as if she wasn't there. I drove home in tears.

For the next few days, I was lost in my thoughts of how much I wished I could draw Salem out of his little world and bring him into mine. Having him shift in and out of the two worlds is heartbreaking. While telling God how hard this was, a thought occurred to me. *"Maybe this is how God feels about me? How often am I stuck in my own little world of worries, frustrations and escape, when God is constantly trying to draw me out and into His world? How sad it must be for Him that I keep slipping back into my own self-absorbed world."* As the apostle Paul says, *The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace* (Romans 8:6 NIV).

As I've been pondering this concept, I was struck by this verse: *But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you* (Romans 8:10, 11 NIV). Why do I live as though I am dead, when I can live alive in Christ through the Spirit? How much energy have I spent on trying to achieve things before I am physically dead, while making myself more spiritually dead in the process? And, if am already alive in Christ, but because of sin and Satan, I easily fall back into my mind-world of death, how can I stay alive?

Of course, spending time with Jesus, the Life Giver, and allowing Him to slowly transform us is a given, but I think there is something else. In all of my life experience, there is nothing else I have ever done that has made me feel more alive than sharing Christ with others. Christine Cain once said, "Freed people free people. Hurting people hurt people . . . the abundant life is to be able to set other people free."

The most alive that I can become is when I live connected with Christ and choose to help free others from their lives of spiritual death. That's what Christ did for me. That's what He did for all of us. He came to the earth to do what was necessary for us all to LIVE. And if we are His followers, we are meant to go out and free others by telling them about Him. *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* (Romans 10:13-14 NIV).

One morning as I was getting ready to take Salem to therapy, I picked up a book to read while I sat in the waiting room. But something nudged my heart and told me not to read that, but to keep my eyes and heart open to those around me. I whispered, *"Lord, if there's someone who needs You, help me be ready to share."* In arriving to therapy, I noticed the woman and her son who came to therapy every Thursday morning like me. I decided to sit right next to her.

As soon as our boys were picked up by their therapists, I introduced myself and we soon began chatting like old friends. She opened up to me about moving from India, her practices as a Hindu, and how she was shaken when her seven-year-old son was diagnosed with autism. She told me how hard the journey had been and how she still couldn't find peace or resolution over the matter. Then, with an expectant heart, she asked, "How do you cope with yoI was honored to share about the hope I have in Jesus . . . that even though Salem's condition is hard to deal with now, I know it is short, and I'll get to spend eternity with him completely whole; that his condition is one of the greatest gifts I have received in my life because I actually long so much more for Jesus to come back; that God can take anything horrible in our lives and make it into the greatest blessing. I was witnessing to myself as much as I was to her. Life was filling up inside of me, and I got to see Life fill up inside of her. "Thank you so much for sharing that with me," she said. "That helps me more than you know."

Courtesy Deanne Snell

▲ *The Snells*

Salem has made progress since that day of his evaluation. Maddie and I are seeing more hints of language forming. I am grateful for all the work she has and is putting in to set Salem free from his little world. And I am forever grateful to the One who put in the hardest work ever done to set me free. I pray Jesus will help me continue to choose life in the Spirit and set others free in Him.

So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:36 NIV). ■

Andrews University alum, Deanne Snell, and her husband, Nick, are serving at the Azure Hills Church in California.

ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING

Knowing Jesus Intimately

Illinois Conference Family Camp Meeting at Camp Akita will happen from July 24–27. The theme is "Knowing Jesus Intimately." In the words of Jesus, *I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me* (John 10:14 NET). My desire is that all of us strive to know Jesus more.

Our focus this year is to follow up on last year's theme, "Presenting Jesus Irresistibly." To do so, we must know Jesus intimately. Wednesday to Friday presentations will be made by some of our own Illinois Conference pastors.

We have invited Elden Ramirez, president of the Montana Conference, to be our speaker for Friday night, Sabbath morning and evening. He and his family also will bless us with an afternoon musical concert. I invite you to come and be blessed.

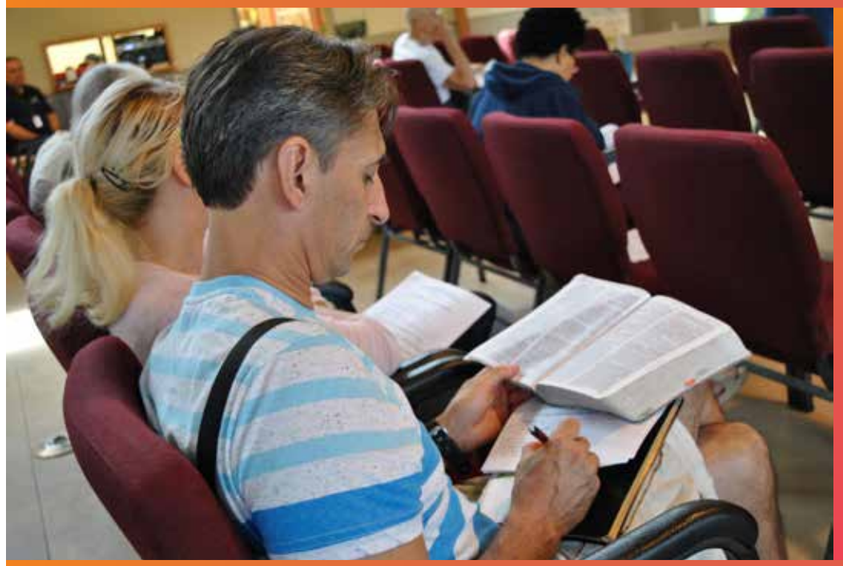
Jesus' words in Matthew 28 remind us of our mission, to *Go and Make Disciples* . . . It is my prayer that Family Camp Meeting will be a spiritual blessing to all and that we will experience Jesus intimately, which will lead to an increased desire to present Him irresistibly and share Him passionately. May we all say, *Here am I, send me* (Isaiah 6:8 KJV). ■

Ron Aguilera, Illinois Conference president

FAMILY CAMP MEETING
July 24–27
Camp Akita
1684 Knox Road 1200 North
Gilson, IL 61436

For more information, call 630-856-2850 or visit www.ilcsda.org

Elden Ramirez



INDIANA CAMP MEETINGS

Reaching Hearts

Enjoy a week of family life enriched with prayer ministry, evangelism, health messages, and enlightening thought.

Plan now to set this time aside and join Mark Finley and Eric Flickinger as we together allow the Holy Spirit to equip us for what lies ahead. Exciting new speakers, field trips, and programs are planned for your children. Make it a priority now to be a part of your Hoosier Adventist family this summer. Visit the Indiana Conference website to register and for updates: www.indysda.org ▪

Vic Van Schaik, Indiana Conference president

Mark & Ernestine Finley

Eric Flickinger

Jimmy France

Luis & Veronica Rivas

Vic Van Schaik

Garry Sudds

Ruthie Jacobsen

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Anthony Nix

Jared Nudd

Ricardo Palacio

Jack Philips

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING
June 9–15
Indiana Academy
24815 SR 19 N
Cicero, IN 46034
www.indysda.org
317.844.6201, ext. 113

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING
August 23–25
Timber Ridge Camp
1674 Timber Ridge Road
Spencer, IN 47460
317-844-6201, ext. 120

LAKE REGION CAMP MEETINGS

Fit to Serve

The Book of Genesis informs us that God created human beings whole and integrated. Adam and Eve were healthy — physically, emotionally, and spiritually — until they chose to believe Satan. As a consequence of their disobedience, ours is a broken world inhabited by flawed people victimized by diseases and dysfunctions.

Desiring to make people whole, Jesus came to earth with grace and healing in His words and actions. "Do you want to be healed?" was the message conveyed in His looks. And our Lord spent more time healing than preaching in the dusty streets of Palestine.

With health and community engagement as the focus of the Lake Region Conference this year, we will be seeking to be "Fit to Serve" during Camp Meeting 2019. This year's Camp Meeting will feature preaching and programs designed to facilitate renewal and refreshing that will inspire and motivate us for service in the church and community.

Dr. Barry Black, United States Senate chaplain, will deliver the message in the Bradford Pavilion on June 15, while Dr. Ronald Smith, president of the Southern Union Conference, will preach there on June 22. The Youth and Young Adult speaker on June 15 will be Helvis Moody, Youth and Young Adult and Prayer Ministries director of the Southwest Union Conference, and Paul Graham of the Allegheny East Conference will preach on June 22 in the Deliverance Center.

Our Hispanic Camp Meeting will take place over the Labor Day weekend (Aug. 30–Sept. 2). Tony Anobile, vice president for Multilingual Ministry in the North American Division, will be the main speaker. Abimael Escalante, assistant to the president for Hispanic Ministries in the Arizona Conference, will be the adult speaker, and Teodosio Alor, who pastors in the Allegheny East Conference, will preach for the youth and young adults.

Please join us as the rich tradition of camp meeting continues in the Lake Region Conference. The instruction and inspiration you will receive will fit you to serve with passion and purpose. ▪

R. Clifford Jones, president of the Lake Region Conferenc

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING
June 14–22
Camp Wagner
19088 Brownsville Street
Cassopolis, MI 49031
269-476-2550

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August 30–September 2
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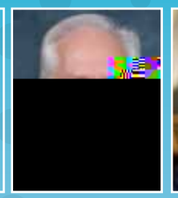
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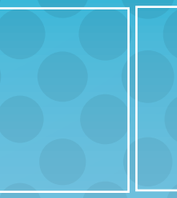
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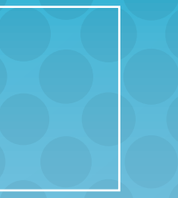

Helvis Moody

Ron Smith

ILLINOIS

CAMP AKITA

If there's one thing I regret about my childhood, it's that I didn't go to summer camp. I was always afraid I would miss my parents and my brother or wouldn't make any friends.

So, when in the summer of 2015 I got the opportunity to work at a summer camp for the first time, I took a chance and went Not to my local camp (I'm originally from Connecticut), but to Illinois and Camp Akita. I became a camp counselor and an arts and crafts instructor. As a counselor, I wanted to make sure that the kids who came didn't leave with the same fears I had when I was their age. I made it part of my mission to befriend the friendless and connect with those who seemed unconnected. It wasn't just me, either. I was surrounded by staff who did the same. For the next four summers, that was my mission. Each week, I met campers where they were and, by the grace of God, they went home better than when they came. The best thing I saw was when a camper would return the next summer with a new friend who hadn't been to camp before! The blessings multiplied.

At Camp Akita, every summer we make it our goal to build connections to campers. For many, this is the best week of their year because they can escape whatever is happening at home and meet God at camp. Campers come to Akita and find a smile and a counselor who is invested in them.

They go to their activities and find staff members who are invested and excited in seeing them succeed. They go to meals and find kitchen staff invested in making good food (and it actually is good food!). They go to worship and find staff invested in showing them God. More importantly, all week long they find a God who is personally invested in each one of them, so much more than any staff can ever be. It's a tradition to sing, "All Day Long I've Been With Jesus," at the end of each day or week.

"All day long I've been with Jesus,
and it has been a wonderful day.
I have climbed up one step higher
in the good old gospel way.
I have spoken words of kindness and,
Lord, You know where I've gone wrong.
I must go and make it right,
so I can testify tonight,
I've been with Jesus all day long."

I may regret not going to camp as a child, but I'll never regret becoming a camp staff member in the hills of Camp Akita. ■

Renae Cross is a recent graduate of Union College with major in Music Education and Music. Currently serving as the Girls' director, this will be her fifth summer at Camp Akita.

CAMP AKITA DATES

Cubs camp (ages 7–9): June 16–23
Junior camp (ages 10–12): June 23–30
Tween camp (ages 11–14): June 30–July 7
Teen I (ages 14–17): July 7–14
Teen II & Specialty Camp (ages 14–17): July 14–21
Family Camp (all ages): July 28–August 4

LOCATION

1684 Knox Road 1200 N
Gilson, IL 61436

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Phone: 630-856-2857
Email: youth@ilcsda.org
Website: http://www.campakita.com

INDIANA

CAMP TIMBER RIDGE

As you read this article, the weather is warming, and we are a short time away from our summer season at Timber Ridge Camp! Below is a list of reasons why a week at camp is a good choice for you this summer. (There are more . . ., but too many to list).

Banana Boat
High dive
Low dive
The Rope Swing into the lake
Swimming (lessons as well!)
Canoeing
Indian village—Visit with our very own Chief Red Cloud
Archery
Fort building
Fishing
Petting zoo
Nature Center
Ceramics
Rockets
Crafts
Mountain biking
Zip line
Rock wall
Paintball
Horses! (Trail rides and equestrian classes)
Camp game (Capture the Chicken!)
Camp store (Great camp gear!)
Learn to sail!
Evening campfire with praise songs, stories and a nightly drama
A very happy Sabbath experience!
Great counselors who love Jesus and campers
Friday night dedication service (you won't want to miss this!)
Old friends
New friends

The most important part of camp is Jesus! We work hard to make sure our staff love Jesus, love our church, and love being Christian role models for our campers. All our worships, campfires and especially Sabbaths, are opportunities to show campers the joys of serving our risen Savior, Jesus.

At the end of the week, our goal is to send campers home as individuals who have decided to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives. We want our campers to go home singing songs and telling stories about Jesus. ▪

Charlie Thompson, Indiana Youth director

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP DATES

National Camps for the Blind (Ages: 9–65): June 16–23
Single Moms Camp (single moms and kids): June 20–23
Cub Camp (ages 7–10): June 23–30
Junior Camp (ages 10–13): June 30–July 7
Tween Camp (ages 13–15): July 7–14
Teen Camp (ages 15–17): July 14–21
Family Camp (all ages!): July 21–28

LOCATION

1674 Timber Ridge Road
Spencer, IN 47460

REGISTER ONLINE

Phone: 317-844-6201
Website: www.trcamp.org

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird Discount
$10 If paid in full one month in advance of your week of camp

Sibling Discount
$5 per sibling when more than one sibling registers for camp (no matter what week they attend)

International Pathfinder Camporee Discount
Bring proof of registration (a letter from your Pathfinder leader or photocopy of your ticket) to TRC registration and receive $15 camp store voucher. This is a nonrefundable/transferable voucher. If you don't spend this money in the store, you cannot receive it in cash at the end of the week.

LAKE REGION

CAMP WAGNER

This year, Camp Wagner will not have a summer camp program; rather, the funds will be diverted to provide support at the International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In the summer of 2020, we will return with two weeks of camp for ages 8–15.

Camp Wagner is a place where young people have the opportunity to get out of the urban centers and come to learn of God through His Word and nature, establish a relationship with Jesus, meet lifelong friends, and depart on fire for Jesus. There also are a number of activities, such as swimming, sports, climbing wall, scavenger hunts, go-carts, arts and crafts, and much more.

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

Jason North, Lake Region Youth director

MICHIGAN

CAMP AU SABLE & SAGOLA

I was in my early teens as we drove down the long pine-lined driveway at Camp Au Sable. After years of hearing my friends and family tell stories of the amazing times they had at camp, I finally mustered the courage to see for myself.

Scared, shy and friendless, I unpacked my duffle bags and tearfully waved goodbye to my family. But it didn't take long for camp to feel like home and my cabinmates like sisters. After a week filled with immeasurable amounts of laughter and adventures, I was left with memories I'll cherish forever and a deeper relationship with God. After watching the replication of the life of Christ during the Friday night play, I was overwhelmed with the realization of the love and sacrifice Jesus made for me personally while on this earth. I remember praying, *"Jesus, I want more people to know how much You love them."*

Six years after that Friday night play, I find myself a counselor surrounded by my campers, stargazing and reminiscing about our week of adventures. We've shared memories of pure joy while canoeing, climbing, swimming and growing closer to Jesus together. I've had the privilege of watching these campers grow and change throughout the week. These aren't the same campers that showed up — like someone else I know — shy, scared and friendless on the first day. They've been changed because they met and experienced God and His love throughout the week. They've made lifelong friends and have memories they'll cherish forever. All I can pray is, *"Jesus, thank you for helping them understand how much You love them."*

It's my honor and privilege to serve at Camp Au Sable and see the lives God changes in the beautiful nature and spiritually rich environment in northern Michigan. God changes lives. ▪

Raegen Dent, a Nursing major, has served at Camp Au Sable as counselor and instructor; this summer, she is serving God as Girls' Village director.

CAMP AU SABLE DATES

Adventure Camp (ages 7–10): June 9-16
Junior Camp (ages 10–12): June 16–23
Tween Camp (ages 12–14): June 23–30
Teen Camp (high school): June 30–July 7
Family Camp I: July 7–14
Family Camp II: July 14–21
Family Camp III: July 21–28
Father-Son Backpacking Trip: July 14–21
Father-Son Canoe Trip: June 30–July 4

LOCATION
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, MI 49738

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Contact: Jordan Grove
Phone: 989-348-5491
Email: jgrove@misda.org
Website: http://www.campausable.org

CAMP SAGOLA DATES

Junior Camp (ages 8–12): July 14–21
Teen Camp (ages 13–17): July 21–28

LOCATION:
2885 State Hwy. M 69
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Email: campsagola@gmail.com
Phone: 906-282-9639

WISCONSIN

CAMP WAKONDA

When I first attended Camp Wakonda as a tween camper, it was my first time going to a camp for a week.

I remember all of the emotions running through my mind — excited, scared and nervous, all at the same time, for what the week would hold. My fears soon disappeared as the week progressed because I made so many friends that are still friends to this very day.

The activities were a blast, especially banana boating and horseback riding! Fun in the sun was also one of the highlights of my week. I had an awesome counselor who made the week even better. I remember at nighttime, when all of us campers were in bed, she would go around to each bed and pray with us — that was my favorite part of the day.

The first time I had a real experience with Jesus was the Friday night play when Jesus was crucified. Seeing Him being persecuted and nailed to that cross made me sad and made me think of how my own sins put Him there. As the night continued, our pastor for the week told us that Jesus' dying wasn't the end; if we wanted that free gift of eternal life, all we had to do was accept it. Soon after that, cards were passed around to all of us campers. One of the questions asked if we wanted to take Bible studies and be baptized. I knew right then and there that I wanted to learn more about Jesus and eventually be baptized.

Every summer after that, I kept going back to camp. It was what I looked forward to all year. God's love and that family atmosphere that I experienced there was magnetic and drew me back. I knew when I was old enough, I wanted to work at camp.

My second summer working at Camp Wakonda, I became a Girls' counselor, one of the hardest, but most rewarding jobs. The last four summers working at camp, I have seen kids' lives transformed in such powerful ways. I watched them get closer to God, form lasting friendships, and make decisions to be baptized.

I also have grown as a person and have learned to lean on God more. I am so grateful that God is in charge and it is He Who does this work. That makes me confident that, no matter what happens, God will continue to do His work this summer at Camp Wakonda and all of the other camps around the Lake Union. ▪

Alona Jackson, Camp Wakonda Girls' Director

CAMP WAKONDA DATES

Camp Meeting: June 14–23
Equestrian Camp: June 25–30
Blind Camp: June 26–30
Junior Camp (ages 7–11): June 30–July 7
Tween Camp (ages 11–13): July 7–July 14
Teen Camp: (ages 13–17) July 14–21
Family 1: July 21–28
Family 2: July 28–August 4
Spanish Camp Meeting: August 4–10

LOCATION

W8368 County Hwy E
Oxford, WI 53952
Phone: 608-296-2126

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Email: Shanna Chavez, schavez@wi.adventist.org
Website: www.wakonda.org

Jim Svelha

▲ *Christina Lobraco*

Faith journey leads employee to spiritual care position

Christina Lobraco's faith journey began in 2008. After being a stay-at-home mom for 18 years and newly divorced, Lobraco went back to work. She was hired as a registrar in the Emergency Department (ED) at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale. At work, she overheard a co-worker talking about a devotional and asked what it was. Her friend showed her the book.

"The devotionals brought an awareness to me of other people living everyday life, like me, and how God responded," said Lobraco.

Lobraco and her co-worker took a few minutes during quiet time in the ED to read the devotional and accompanying Scriptures. Soon, others from the medical center joined them.

"I was curious about Him, Jesus, God. God was so amazing and consistent throughout all the stories, all the Scriptures, all the books, over and over again. I just could not ignore my feelings to want to get to know Him," she said.

As her faith continued to grow, Lobraco visited churches in search of the right one for her. In 2013, she had some clarity and decided to get baptized. She was growing spiritually and getting to know God and Jesus.

"I had been praying for a friend to come to Jesus and, in my sorrow, pain and suffering knowing that that was not happening, I realized that it was me that God was after all along," Lobraco said. "In a moment of clarity, I knew I wanted – needed – to be dunked in the water and washed clean of all my past mistakes, shame, guilt and anger, and be born again as a child of the King."

Years later, Lobraco was recommended by a former supervisor for a new job at AMITA Health. The position was with a newly formed Clinical Mission Integration team, whose goal was to provide spiritual support, ministry of presence and promotion of whole-person care to outpatient associates and physicians. After training at AdventHealth in Florida, Lobraco joined the department as a Clinical Mission Integration specialist. She said she still marvels at the path that led her to her new position.

"My prayer to God for many years has been for Him to guide me to a place where I can best serve Him. From my prayer, an entire department is created and positions opened, and, miraculously, the job finds me. Only God could make that happen," she said.

In the hospital, chaplains and spiritual care are available to patients. The goal of this program is to support the spirituality of associates and providers in the outpatient setting. This aligns with AdventHealth's mission of whole person care and extending the healing ministry of Christ. The department also instituted a spiritual wholeness screening during which clinicians ask patients questions, such as: "Do you have a source of joy in your life?" Jesus talked about all three indicators – love, joy and peace.

"Christina is just lovely, joyful and spiritual – a perfect person to work in this department," said Heather Hoffman, regional director, Clinical Mission Integration. "Every step led her here. She's a 'people person' on fire for Jesus who encourages individuals through Scripture, prayer and friendship in our Christian organization. We are so blessed to have her work with us."

For Lobraco, the joy comes from being part of a team with an important mission.

"Something sacred happens when my prayers or simply my presence offers the slightest speck of hope in another human being," she said. "Honored doesn't even seem like a special enough word. It is a blessing to do this work. His work." ▪

Katie Lesch, Communications manager

School of Business Administration students partner with local nonprofit

In 2015, when Berrien Springs residents saw community students in need of school supplies, they created Backpacks for Berrien (B4B), collecting over 200 backpacks to distribute at the start of the 2015–2016 school year.

In January 2018, Andrews University students in the School of Business Administration's chapter of Enactus (an international organization that brings together student, academic and business leaders in community projects) connected with B4B.

B4B has now expanded to include another major initiative: weekend meals for students on the free lunch program in addition to providing school supplies and a backpack. Each week, several Enactus members fill plastic grocery bags with individually packed food items that children can easily serve themselves. These bags are delivered to schools on Thursdays for students to pick up on Fridays.

Sixty-eight percent of K–12 students need food assistance during the school day in Berrien Springs public schools. Students notify school counselors if they need help, and counselors encourage parents to approve their child to receive B4B benefits.

"We know the need is greater," says Kimberly Pichot, associate professor of Marketing and Enactus sponsor. "A year-and-a-half ago, B4B served only 25 kids. Now it serves 81 at five different schools, and it's estimated the need is at least double what we're currently serving."

The cost to feed a child each weekend for a year is about $300. This fact has impacted the students working on the project. Shannon Huang, a junior Informatics major and Enactus member, says, "I grew up with the privilege of having plenty of food at home. I wanted to work on this project specifically because there are kids who don't have the necessities — things that allow them to learn well. I just hang out with my friends and listen to music for two hours every week to pack bags, and it helps get food to kids who need it."

"It's a huge responsibility and not something we can take lightly," says Pichot. "The Andrews students who are really involved, they *know* they're making a grassroots impact. A child went to bed with a full tummy and they had something to do with that."

Dhillon Gurpreet Singh is a junior Marketing major who connected with the project through his e-marketing class, which has created multiple social media accounts for B4B. "Marketing a nonprofit organization is not easy," he says. "You can't just sell your faith and expect people to believe in your faith. You have to show what the group is doing and give people something to believe."

He continues, "I come from a family where my father and all my uncles are businessmen and very financially conscious, but I've learned something new. The motivation behind marketing nonprofit is about more than making money — it's about making others feel better."

Andrews students also assist B4B in other ways: creating a new promotional video, the process of incorporating B4B to have official 501c3 (not-for-profit status), and writing grants.

"My hope is that as a community, as a university, we can address long-term solutions to child hunger because it's very real in our own backyard," says Pichot. "We can't do it alone — it has to be a community effort." ▪

Laura Fierce, University Communication student writer, Andrews University

Darren Heslop

▲ *Dhillon Gurpreet Singh and Shannon Huang*

Courtesy Jason North

▲ *Lake Region Hispanic youth assemble care packages for Chicago law enforcement personnel.*

Global Youth Day continues to expand across the Lake Union

Sabbath, March 16, millions of Adventist youth from around the world united to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Among that number were several hundred youth from our area who mobilized to minister to their local communities.

One of the projects, sharing God's love with the local fire and police departments, was led out by Lake Region FEHJA, the Hispanic Ministries Youth Federation. They began the day at Lake Shore Hispanic Church, where over 100 young people gathered to assemble and give care packages to the public safety personnel serving in the Chicago area. The idea was to show local entities that their service is not overlooked but is greatly appreciated and respected.

These officers and firemen were very appreciative, especially during a time when community law enforcement relations are very volatile in Chicago.

In Benton Harbor, Mich., the Young Adults of the Highland Avenue Church adopted Blossom Acres apartment community and produced an afternoon ministry program for its children. This project, which began in February and has continued monthly, fits neatly with the GYD theme. The church has a desire to know those who live in close proximity, as well as share the good news of Jesus with the children in the community. The children aren't the only ones who benefit from the Christ-centered activities. Parents are thrilled that these young people would come spend time with their children. It also gives them a break for a few hours.

In fulfilling the theme of "Adopt," the youth selected ministry projects that would continue beyond Global Youth Day.

Another project was overseen by Michigan Conference's Youth director, Chad Bernard, who took a group of young people to the downtown Detroit area where they fed the homeless at eight different locations. Bernard planned for a group of 140 registrants but 250 traveled from different parts of Michigan to join in the activity. The Michigan youth passed out granola bars, fruit, soup, sandwiches, personal hygiene kits, blankets, coats, hats, scarves and more. "It was a wonderful day," he said. After the youth returned in the evening, they worshiped together and played dodge ball in the gymnasium.

Global Youth Day also was celebrated with enthusiasm among Hispanic youth of the Wisconsin Conference. The leaders of the youth federation (Jahwi) planned in advance for all of them to meet at a hotel in Milwaukee and depart from there Saturday morning to visit hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, supermarkets, pick up trash in parks, and visit door-to-door, praying in homes and offering spiritual help to residents.

Participants expressed their happiness to have the opportunity to thank hospital nurses and give them a flower as a token of appreciation for their work, as well as praying and singing in nursing homes and centers of rehabilitation.

Global Youth Day was first launched March 13, 2013, with support of General Conference administration, the 13 Division Youth directors, Middle East and North Africa Union Mission, and the Israel field. According to the Global Youth Day website, the aim is to "recapture the reality of Adventist youth as a global movement mobilized for service, contributing to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel and ushering in the second coming of Jesus Christ." ■

Jason C. North, Lake Region Youth director, Highland Avenue Church pastor and Global Youth Day coordinator for the Lake Union Conference.

Courtesy Evelio Miranda

▲ *Wisconsin's Hispanic Youth visited a hospital and showed their appreciation to the staff.*

Courtesy Chad Bernard

▲ *Food packages were assembled by Michigan Conference youth for distribution in downtown Chicago.*

Jessica Condon

▲ *At the "Rise Up Against Abuse" rally where the Project Safe Church initiative was launched, two panel discussions took place in the Pioneer Church Youth Chapel. The hosts were Ty Gibson and Tacyana Nixon. From left to right: Melissa Ponce-Rodas, Andrews University assistant professor of Pyschology; Latoya Yandia-Wright, graduate student; Alina Baltazar, Andrews University associate professor of Social Work; unidentified male; Tanya Asim Cooper, Pepperdine University, assistant clinical professor of Law; Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, author, musician, counselor; Torben Bergland, associate Health Ministries director, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.*

Lake Union launches plan to prevent and confront abuse in the church

The Lake Union and its associated conferences have recently committed to participate in a ground-breaking initiative to deter, detect and hold accountable sexual and physical abuse that impacts the church. They are partnering with Abide Counseling, an Adventist network of counseling experts, to implement "Project Safe Church."

The Project will involve training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained Concerned Care Practitioners. These helpers will support victims and assist them in telling their stories to appropriate civil and/or church leaders.

The program also involves training panels of impartial, investigative decision-makers who can resolve various allegations, as well as make recommendations for resolution of disputes. These arrangements will bring a new level of sensitivity, impartiality and fairness to the way abuse victims and allegations are treated. It also will maintain a system of process and fairness for those accused of misconduct.

In commenting on the new program, abuse recovery expert, Sarah McDugal, said, "I'm so proud of my church . . . of the Lake Union and its conferences . . . in bringing abuse education, awareness and policy implementation to the ground level . . . They are bringing momentous, pioneering steps to make churches a safer place. I'm so proud that this part of my church is sitting silent no longer."

The process will be applicable to claims of abuse and misconduct made against church employees as well as official volunteers, which would include local church officers, including elders, deacons and other board members. These efforts will help implement existing NAD policies on these matters at the local level.

Project Safe Church is being coordinated with Abide Counseling, which is overseen by Jennifer Jill-Schwirzer, Adventist mental health and abuse counselor, as well as Christian recording artist. Her team includes Nicole Parker, an expert in biblical counseling who teaches in the Religion Department at Southern Adventist University; Sarah McDugal, who runs a network supporting and counseling women and wives who are victims of clergy abuse; and Paul Coneff, an Adventist pastor, a licensed marriage and family therapist.

The reporting website is already up and available at https://www.projectsafechurch.org/. Training for those interested in learning more about this program, or supporting it as a Concerned Care Practitioner or Ethics Panel member, will be made available in various forums over the coming year, including camp meetings, pastors' meetings, weekend conferences, and even online. Check with the Project Safe website or your local conference office for more information about this program and getting involved. ■

Nicholas P. Miller is legal counsel for the Lake Union Conference.

Former *Herald* managing editor receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Society of Adventist Communicators

After 42 years of dedicated service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, former *Lake Union Herald* managing editor, Martin Butler, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Adventist Communicators.

Destined for a career in public relations, Martin Butler developed an early skill for writing from his parents who were both English teachers. During his senior year at Cedar Lake Academy, Martin's father gave him weekly assignments to write news articles for the *Lake Union Herald* to publicize the school in a positive light. Martin did not realize that, 15 years later, he would become the managing editor of that very publication.

Lee Bennett

▲ *Martin Butler received the Society of Adventist Communicators' Lifetime Achievement Award.*

In the early years of his career, Martin worked for the General Conference Risk Management Services (GCRMS) in Riverside, California. Martin kept his hands in communication by editing an employee newsletter and becoming the office complaint specialist for dissatisfied customers.

In 1976, Martin left his job to pursue a master's degree in Communication at Andrews University. During his time there, Martin co-edited the school yearbook, directed a Paul Johnson musical, and produced the second album on the Chapel Records label for his vocal trio, Forever Yours. Martin also created a Sacred Arts Series that was later featured in the *Lake Union Herald* which, to this day, is still hosted alongside other blended music in the Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University.

Martin saw the summer as an opportunity to learn practical skills in his field, so he interned for the Voice of Prophecy in Glendale, California. There, he met his future bride, Lisa Walden, an employee in the Public Relations office. After graduating, Martin began a two-year General Conference Communication internship. Two years quickly turned into five, when Martin was placed in charge of fundraising for the radio ministry.

Martin began another five-year stint at the Lake Union Conference in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He hit the ground running, laying out more than 100 issues of the *Lake Union Herald* during the days when this arduous task was accomplished by cutting and pasting every piece. The Union paper was published twice each month. Between deadlines, Martin traveled, captured photos and produced *No One But You* slide/tape programs, which rotated quarterly to Lake Union churches in the same manner as *Mission Spotlight.*

Afterwards, Martin moved on to working for the Southern Union Conference in Decatur, Georgia, and then to the Florida Conference where he undertook countless projects, and from where he retired.

Martin responded to the Lifetime Achievement Award given at the SAC Conference in Columbia, Maryland, with: "As I reflect on the past 42 years, I can honestly say I wouldn't change a single stop on my journey, because I feel each was Spirit-led. Looking back, I can see how the Lord was faithful to His promise to never leave me or forsake me . . .

"Now, as I watch from the sidelines, I'll cheer *you* on as we anticipate hearing the words of our Life Coach, *Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!* (Matthew 25:23 KJV)." ■

Debbie Michel, associate director of Communication, Lake Union Conference

Lake Union provides incentives for new evangelism initiatives

During the March 6 Lake Union Conference executive committee meeting, administrators gave reports. Here are some of the highlights:

President Maurice Valentine opened with a message about mission, saying, "That's what we are here for, to bring those outside into the church."

In the Secretariat report, presented by the executive secretary, Stephen Poenitz said the net growth of membership was only 125 in 2018. He explained one of the reasons for the "dismal growth" was a result of migration from the Midwest to south and western states. Census bureau figures showed 1.3 million people left the Midwest between 2010 and 2017.

Glynn Scott, Lake Union Conference treasurer, introduced an incentive for evangelism. The Lake Union Conference will provide $15,000 more per conference for proclamation evangelism, and an additional $10,000 for discipleship training.

Carmelo Mercado, vice president and Multicultural Ministry director, said that evangelism remains a focal point, driving the mission of the Union. Two thousand packets of books written by Alexandro Bullon were ordered and distributed to aid small groups. In April, Bullon will conduct a unique evangelistic series, where people in these small groups will watch Bullon preaching from a small group setting.

Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is expected to hold an evangelistic meeting in Indianapolis in June 2020, ahead of the GC2020 Session.

Also in advance of the GC Session, the Union is coordinating a Prayer and Holy Spirit Conference early next year.

Education director Linda Swanson Fuchs reported on the recent trip to the Micronesian island of Kosrae, which our Union has adopted as part of a North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists initiative. There are 50 students at the Kosrae Seventh-day Adventist School, of which only eight are Adventists. She remarked, "The opportunity to witness is huge!"

Felicia Tonga

▲ *Lake Union Conference administrators, left to right: Carmelo Mercado, vice president; Steven Poenitz, executive secretary; Maurice Valentine, president; and Glynn Scott, treasurer*

Michigan Conference's report included the following highlights:

James Micheff, Michigan's president, said there were two praises he wanted to share: One, the new 32,000 sq. ft. building they now occupy; second, an agreement has been signed for the sale of the old building.

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director Kameron DeVasher spoke on a new initiative to help local church members carry out their functions and win souls for Christ.

Wes Peppers, associate Ministerial director and Evangelism coordinator, said the conference is set to launch in September a new evangelism series, "Jesus on Prophecy," emphasizing Christ-centered, righteousness by faith messages.

Micheff closed by saying, "We are reminding ourselves and our constituents that message drives mission. The more clearly you understand your message, the more clearly you will understand the mission. We have decided that decisions will be made through the lens of that message, which is the Three Angels' Message."

Andrews University president, Andrea Luxton, highlighted in her report several facts of interest to the executive committee, including:

- The percentage of growth last year was three percent first semester and five percent second semester;
- 5,500 students were served last year;
- New programs were offered such as Data Science, a masters in Public Health, and a doctorate in Missiology, among others.
- "First Tuesday" is an initiative encouraging prayer and fasting each first Tuesday of the month.

Andrews University is a General Conference (GC), North American Division (NAD) and Lake Union school, with the GC helping to fund graduate programs, the NAD responsible for the Seminary, while the Lake Union supports the undergraduate programs. ■

Debbie Michel, associate director of Communication, Lake Union Conference

Felicia Tonga

▲ *Michigan Conference's Kameron DeVasher*

Rise Up Against Abuse Rally held at Andrews University

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich.—The first-ever Rise Up Against Abuse Rally was held on the campus of Andrews University March 7–10. Sponsored by the offices of University Wellness and Diversity & Inclusion, this rally was the official launch of the new Rise Up Against Abuse initiative, designed to help people use awareness, education, intervention and prevention to take decisive actions against all forms of abuse. More than 225 people registered for the three-day rally, which featured numerous abuse survivors, advocates and inspirational presenters, including two-time Grammy nominee Sarah Kelly and Emmy-winning writer and filmmaker Chris Silber. There were workshops, trainings, presentations and expert panels, as well as a concert, Zumba party, photo exhibition and a Solidarity Wall project.

The rally began Thursday at University Forum in the Howard Performing Arts Center with Sarah Kelly. Following Kelly's poignant presentation and mini-concert, attendees were invited to visit the Solidarity Wall, a temporary wall erected outside of the Campus Center for people to write messages of empowerment and support. This was the first time the Solidarity Wall, founded by Ty Gibson, has been brought to an Adventist campus.

On Thursday evening, a photo exhibition premiere and reception were held for "Unredacted," a violence against women photo exhibition created by Clarissa Carbungco, senior Photography major at Andrews University.

The rally continued Friday, March 8, International Women's Day, with a number of presentations. Jennifer J. Schwirzer, a private counselor, writer, TV program host and presenter from Orlando, began a topic which mirrored the goals of the overall rally — to educate, listen, prevent and confront.

Clarissa Carbungco

▲ *The Rise Up Against Abuse Rally was held March 7–10 on the campus of Andrews University. Lead organizers were Dominique Gummelt, director for University Wellness, and Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion.*

Sarah McDugal, Andrews alum, author, speaker and co-founder of Bucket Brigade Against Abuse and WILD (Women in Leadership Development), stressed the importance of being equipped with knowledge and truth in her presentation, "Truths About Abusers." She emphasized that abuse is not a set of isolated mistakes but rather a systemic pattern of beliefs and actions. "You can believe some of what they say and everything they do," she stated.

The Psalm 82 Initiative, a ministry team helping churches identify and deal with abuse for more than 15 years, shared about patterns of abuse. The goal was to equip people to recognize abuse patterns and offer help. Judith Fisher, director of the Counseling and Testing Center at Andrews University, and Nicole Parker, bestselling children's author and biblical counselor, talked about recognizing abuse, focusing specifically on emotional and sexual abuse. Following their presentation, Tanya Asim-Cooper, director of the Restoration and Justice Clinic and assistant clinical professor of law at the Pepperdine School of Law, used true stories and statistics to address interpretations of the Christian Bible as it applies to intimate partner violence (IPV).

The second day of the rally ended Friday evening at Proximity Vespers in Pioneer Memorial Church. Sarah Kelly performed and also shared more of her story. She invited the audience to understand the power of worship and how it can help someone going through the pain of abuse. "Worship is an awesome place to find the rest of your life," she said.

After a moving song service, Latoya Wright, an MDiv student at the Seminary, read the story of Tamar in 2 Samuel 13, and discussed how the ugliness of that story still happens today. She told her story of being a victim of sexual abuse and how that impacted her life for years. In her poignant, raw testimony, Wright explained what she calls "the power of the ugly," stating, "When God's power overrides the ugly, that's when it becomes the power of the ugly." She implored the audience to let God take the ugly out of their lives and let Him write their stories.

On Sabbath morning, Sarah McDugal spoke at One Place in Newbold Auditorium while Ty Gibson spoke at Pioneer Memorial Church. Then, Saturday afternoon, Ty Gibson and Tacyana Nixon, assistant to the vice president for Campus & Student Life at Andrews University, hosted a discussion panel in the PMC Youth Chapel. Part 1 of the panel dealt with questions and concerns related to the church's involvement with abuse. Part 2 addressed the effects of abuse. Some of the questions raised included how to talk to children about abuse and how to minimize their chances of being abused. ▪

For the full article, please visit: www.andrews.edu/agenda/52531/.

Hannah Gallant, University Communication student writer (with contributions from Nehemiah Sitler and Laura Fierce)

MAY

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

GENERAL EVENTS

May 3, 8 p.m.: *Graduation — Consecration, PMC*

May 4, 9 and 11:45 a.m.: *Graduation — Baccalaureate Services, PMC*

May 4, 8 p.m.: *Graduation — Vespers, PMC*

May 5, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.: *Graduation — Spring Commencements, PMC*

May 17–18: *SABOR Camp meeting*

May 22–25: *Andrews Research Conference 2019: Early Career Researchers and Creative Scholars in the Arts and Humanities*

May 24–26: *Andrews Academy Graduation Weekend*

May 30: *Ruth Murdoch Elementary School 8th-grade Graduation*

Happy Mother's Day

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENTS

For more information on the following events and to purchase tickets, call 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560, or visit howard.andrews.edu.

May 7, 7 p.m.: *Andrews Academy Vocal and Orchestra Spring Concert*

May 9, 7 p.m.: *Andrews Academy Band and Bells Spring Concert*

May 12, 4 p.m.: *Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra*

May 14, 7 p.m.: *Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Band and Bells Spring Concert*

May 16, 7 p.m.: *Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Vocal and Orchestra Spring Concert*

May 20, 7 p.m.: *Berrien Springs High School and Middle School Concert*

ILLINOIS

May 1, 4 and 5: *"The Music Man," Hinsdale Adventist Academy*

May 3–5: *Pathfinder Spring Camporee, Camp Akita*

May 10–21: *Young Adult Mission Trip with ShareHim to Cuba*

May 23-26: *Hinsdale Academy Graduation Weekend*

INDIANA

May 3–5*: Pathfinder Fair, Timber Ridge Camp*

May 17–19: *Adventurer Family Weekend, Timber Ridge Camp*

May 24-25: *Indiana Academy Graduation Weekend*

LAKE REGION

May 3–5: *Illiana Youth Federation, Capitol City Church, Indianapolis*

May 4: *Touch 10K Challenge, Capitol City Church, Indianapolis*

May 4–5: *Impact Kids for Ministry, Capitol City Church, Indianapolis*

May 17–19: *Michiana Youth Federation, Camp Wagner*

May 31–June 3: *Adventurer Fun Escape, Camp Wagner*

MICHIGAN

May 3–5: *Jesus on Prophecy UP Rally/ Training, Camp Sagola*

May 17–19: *Pathfinder Fair, Camp Au Sable*

May 24–26: *Great Lakes Adventist Academy Graduation Weekend*

May 24–26: Hispanic Camp Meeting, Camp Au Sable

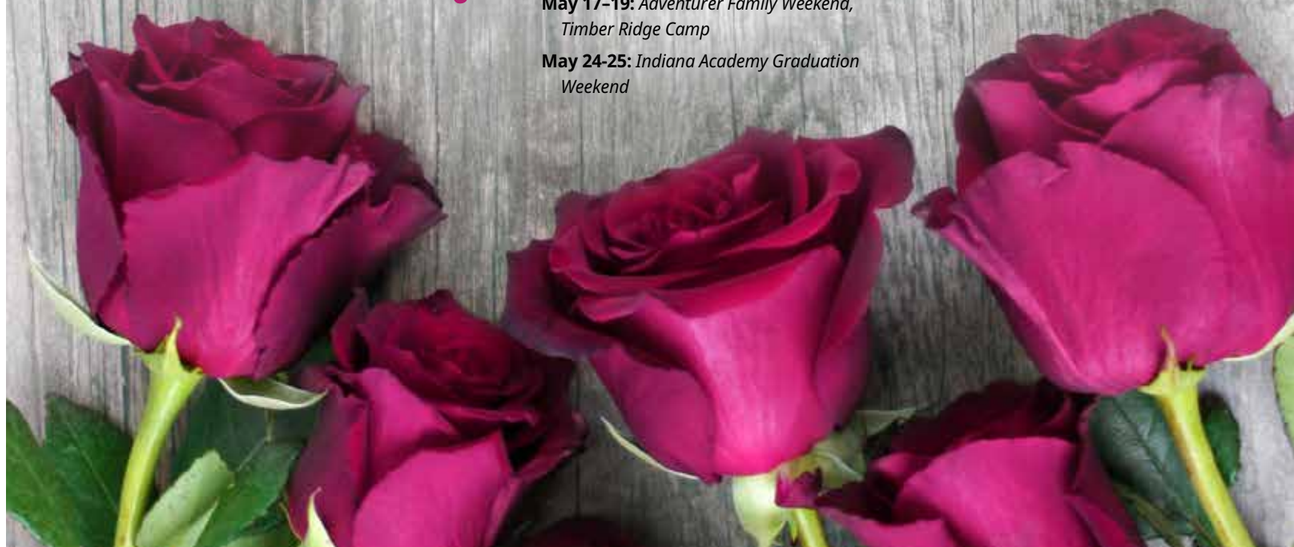
WISCONSIN

May 5: Adventurer Fun, Camp Wakonda

May 11: Hispanic Brotherhood, Milwaukee School Gymnasium

May 17–24: Pathfinder Fair, Camp Wakonda

May 24–26: Wisconsin Academy Graduation Weekend



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ANNIVERSARIES

STAN AND GAIL MATTINGLY celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Dec. 15, 2018, with a family dinner, an acknowledgment from the London (Michigan) Church and a special announcement from Channel 4 WDIV-Sunshine Awards at Ypsilanti, Mich. They have been members of the London Church for 29 years.

Stan Mattingly and Gail Gore were married on Dec. 15, 1967, in Ypsilanti, by S.L. Roberson. Stan is a carpenter and Gail a bus driver. The Mattingly family includes Shawn and Krysta Mattingly of Lansing, Mich.; Yaneka Mattingly of Ypsilanti; Josiah Mattingly of Ypsilanti; Jairis Mattingly of Ypsilanti; and two grandchildren.

RAYMOND "SHORTY" AND SHARON MUNDT celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2019. They have been members of the Tomahawk Church for 39 years.

Raymond Mundt and Sharon Layman were married on April 11, 1953, in the pastor's parsonage in the town of Corning, Wis. Raymond worked for several different companies and retired from Davey Tree Company about 21 years ago. Sharon worked as a domestic engineer and retired a few years before her husband. The Mundt family includes Candee and Darrell Kuhn. Raymond and Sharon enjoy volunteering at their church camp, Camp Wakonda. They also have a dog, Buddy, who loves it at camp as well.

BIRTHDAY

ARTHUR COVELL celebrated his 100th birthday on Feb. 23, 2019, with a special service at the Traverse City (Mich.) Church. He has been a member of the Traverse City Church for 34 years.

Arthur was married to Mary Elizabeth Fink. Arthur has been a pastor in Coldwater, Jackson, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Lansing. Pastor Art continues to minister at 100 by contributing to the Sabbath School lesson and his support of the Bible-in-a-Year program, which points to the importance of the study of God's Word.

Arthur has three children: Douglas Covell of Florida; Dennis and Ann Covell of Traverse City; Debra Covell (deceased); six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

BROWN, Alma M. (Cummings), age 96; born March 5, 1922, in Danville, Ill.; died Nov. 1, 2018, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. Survivors include her daughters, Cyndi Leffler, Vicki Doss, and Cheryl Doss; sister, Betty Philips; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Dwight K. Nelson; interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

FISHELL, Inez "Irene" (Bolenbaugh), age 90; born Feb. 22, 1928, in Allegan, Mich.; died Oct. 28, 2018, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Survivors include her sons, Randy Fishell and David Fishell; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by John Glass; interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

FITZGERALD, Florence (Wilson), age 89; born March 21, 1959, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Feb. 19, 2019, in Glenview, Ill. She was a member of the Green Bay Church in Green Bay. Survivors include her son, Ray Jr. "Toby" FitzGerald; daughters, Mary (Steve) Martin and Amy (Allen) Maranan; brother, Gregg (Marilyn) Wilson; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steve Aust with private inurnment.

GALLAY, Virginia E. (Syson), age 85; born Sept. 5, 1933, in Cass County, Mich.; died Feb. 8, 2019, in Mishawaka, Ind. She was a member of the South Bend First Church in South Bend, Ind. Survivors include her daughters, Becky Matlock and Barbara Young; and brother, Horbert Syson. Memorial and inurnment took place in Fort Custer Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

HAHN, Wendell C., age 78; born Jan. 16, 1941, in Escanaba, Mich.; died Feb. 8, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Lowell Riverside Fellowship Church in Lowell, Mich. Survivors include his wife, Vicki (Swanson) Hahn; stepdaughter Jennifer (Lindsay) Rasmussen; and five grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Jay Gallimore at Thornapple Community Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

MANNING, Bonitta (Rowe), age 81; born Dec. 30, 1936, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died Oct. 21, 2018, in Carson City, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church, Cedar Lake, Mich. Survivors include her husband, Daniel Manning; sons, Mike and Rick Manning; daughters, Kathleen Walter and Karen Block; sister, Arla Jean Homer; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Jacob Gibbs; interment was in North Shore Memory Gardens Cemetery, Coloma, Mich.

McMILLEN, Henrietta F. (Caldwell), age 96; born Feb. 7, 1923, in Rolling Fork, Miss.; died March 7, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church in Grand Rapids. Survivors include sons, Nathan Hale, Milton Hale, and Phillip Hale; daughter, Valerie Hale; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Bob Stewart; interment was at Garfield Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

MEYER, Helen C., age 84; born June 25, 1934, in Ottawa, Ill.; died June 10, 2018, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church, Battle Creek. Survivors include her husband, William H. Meyer; daughters, Rebecca Easton and Sallie Meyer; sister, Arlene Mertel; and one grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Austin; interment was in Oakwood Memorial Park Chapel Cemetery, Ottawa.

MOSHER, Laura Maxine (Stevenson), age 102; born June 2, 1916, in Ashley, Mich.; died Sept. 7, 2018, in St. Johns, Mich. She was a member of the St. Johns Church, St. Johns. Survivors include her sons, Robert Carl and David Michael; daughter, Sharon Rose Mosher; foster children, Kelly Donaldson Hohlen and Donald Barrett; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Dan Towar and Monte Landis; private inurnment.

SMITH, Eva M., age 94; born Oct. 17, 1923, in Gas City, Ind.; died Oct. 5, 2018, in Portland, Ore.; She was a member of the Anderson Church in Anderson, Ind. Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl Wright; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Private inurnment.

SMITH, Rosalie (Kitchen), age 90; born June 10, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio; died Sept. 15, 2018, in Holland, Mich. She was a member of the Otsego Church in Otsego, Mich. Survivors include her son, David M. Grant; daughters, Denise W. Ames-Fritz, and Dayna L. Scheerenberg; brothers, Gaylord Kitchen, Michael Kitchen, and David Kitchen; 12 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Michael Taylor at Otsego Church; private inurnment.

WATKINSON-WILKINS, Esther Frances (Beck), age 83; born Nov. 8, 1934, in Carnegie, Penn.; died Sept. 10, 2018, in Stevensville, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Survivors include her daughter, Jacquelyn Hilderbrandt; and sister, Patricia Budd. Memorial services were conducted by Carolyn Strzyzykowski; inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

WOJCIK, Emma A. (Fruhwirth), age 97; born Sept. 18, 1921, in Chicago, Ill.; died Dec. 19, 2018, in Evergreen Park, Ill. She was a member of the Burbank Church in Burbank, Ill. Survivors include her son, John Wojcik; daughter, Charlene Partlo; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Samuel Indreiu; interment was at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, Ill.

WEESNER, Marilyn, age 85; born Aug. 12, 1933, in Converse, Ind.; died Jan. 12, 2019, in North Manchester, Ind. She was a member of the Cicero Church in Cicero, Ind. Survivors include sisters, Barbara Wazdatskey, Shirley Tucker, and Nova Weesner. Memorial services were conducted by Aaron Clark; private inurnment.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:45	8:52	9:00	9:07	9:13	9:18
Chicago, Ill.	7:51	7:58	8:06	8:12	8:18	8:23
Detroit, Mich.	8:33	8:41	8:48	8:55	9:01	9:06
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:41	8:47	8:54	9:00	9:06	9:10
La Crosse, Wis.	8:10	8:18	8:26	8:33	8:39	8:44
Lansing, Mich.	8:39	8:47	8:55	9:02	9:08	9:13
Madison, Wis.	8:01	8:09	8:16	8:23	8:29	8:34
Springfield, Ill.	7:55	8:01	8:08	8:14	8:20	824

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GRAND RAPIDS ADVENTIST ACADEMY staff and students would like you to join them in the **retirement celebration of Debra Barr**, teacher and former GRAA principal, on Sunday, **May 5**, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., in the Grand Rapids Adventist Academy Commons, 1151 Oakleigh Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-3716. For questions, please call 616-791-9797.

THE HOLLY CHAPTER OF ADELPHIAN ACADEMY ALUMNI is meeting in Holly, **June 28 and 29**. Honor classes: 1969 and 1959. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Hoffmeyer, 248-467-0985.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LANSING CHURCH, 5400 West St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing, Mich.; starting **May 31** at 7 p.m. and concluding June 1. For more information, call 517-321-1963 or visit: www.lansingadventist.org

CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS 2019

May 4	Local Church Budget
May 11	World Budget *(Emphasis: Disaster and Famine Relief)*
May 18	Local Church Budget
May 25	Local Conference Advance

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

Focus for the Month – ***Community Services***

May 4	Community Services Sabbath
May 11	Youth Sabbath
May 18	Single Adults Sabbath
May 25	Deaf Ministries

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MISCELLANEOUS

UCHEE PINES INSTITUTE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY, JUNE 23–29. Speakers include Mark Finley and John Bradshaw. Visit ucheepines.org or 877-UCHEEPINES.

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The Most Powerful Thing

By Caitlin Jankiewicz

Anthony Isensee

▲ *Caitlin Jankiewicz*

WHEN I SIGNED UP TO WORK AT CAMP WAKONDA, I couldn't have imagined the experiences I'd have, perhaps fortunately, for if I had, I never in my wildest dreams would have agreed to be a counselor.

In the weeks leading up to kids' camps, I and 18 other counselors were given fair warning: counseling was likely going to be the hardest three weeks of our lives. Already exhausted from a month of staff training and camp meeting, I began to question whether I could actually do it. However, upon meeting my adorable junior campers, who named our cabin "Caitlin's Cute Kittens" and made paper ears to match, I began to relax. Despite scraped knees and forgotten shoes, unior week passed without calamity. Then arrived the tween campers. Gone were the little girls who refused to take showers. These 11 to 14-year-olds left me, only 19 myself, thinking "ugh, teenagers."

One of my tween campers in particular made a lasting impact on me. I'll refer to her as "D," age 12. D came with the attitude of "everything is boring, I don't want to do anything." From the comments she made, I gathered she had had some pretty rough experiences growing up, leaving her hesitant to get close to me, emotionally or physically. The first time I gave her a hug, her response was an indifferent, ". . . you're touching me." However, I noticed that, for a few seconds here and there, her apathetic attitude would fall away and I could see she was actually having a lot of fun. It was almost as if her tough girl shell hadn't hardened and occasionally cracked. Once I realized this, I determined I would try to draw out her true self. This was challenging, as her attitude remained the same, despite my efforts to connect with her.

However, halfway through the week, something happened. Our cabin went to camp out overnight at a run-down, bug-infested bungalow in the middle of the woods. When I refused to take the girls back to our cabin, D threw a tantrum. She was sent back to the main part of camp and slept elsewhere.

The next day, I briefly admonished D for the previous night's behavior, and then went back to showing her as much love as I possibly could. It was almost as if she needed to see I would love her regardless of her behavior before she let herself trust me, because from that time on, D's tough girl shell fell away and her spunky, impish, ridiculous personality came out. D became the girl who loved me the most that week, a major change from the beginning. She started hanging back from the rest of the group to walk with me, even putting her arm around my waist and pulling my arm around her shoulders. On my roughest day, she organized the other girls to make cards telling me how amazing I was, even locking me out of our room so it would be a surprise. By the end of the week, D was a completely different person. The only thing I did was to love her, regardless of her behavior.

I think that, as Christians, we often try to reach people by telling them what they need to change. We try so hard to be a light for God that we become a blinding glare, driving people away, rather than a warm glow that draws people to Jesus. Because God is love, the only way to show God is to show love. Love changes people. It changed D, and it changed me. ■

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Caitlin received a $100 scholarship for her story. If you're a youth or young adult interested in submitting a story for consideration, please email: herald@lakeunion.org

Passing the Torch

By Malissa Martin

Jean-Irès Michel

▲ *Joe'Ona and Jae'Bel Middleton*

Sixteen-year-old Chicago-area twins, Jae'O'na and Jae'Bel Middleton, grew up attending camp meetings with their parents, Jeff and Donna, and noticed something striking happen over the years. Each year, they noticed fewer and fewer of their peers attending. "There used to be a time at camp meeting where it wasn't just workers going up [front to minister]," says Jae'Bel who remembers the wide cross-section of people she saw participating. "Now a lot of who are going up are workers or pastors' kids."

However, instead of griping about the lack of youth involvement, the Hyde Park Church members decided to do something. Jae'O'na talked to the Lake Region Conference (LRC) Youth director, Jason North, and asked if she and her sister could host a forum for the youth and LRC leadership team, to which he agreed. "We kind of just started talking about how we as youth felt as though we're left out, but we understand what's going on and we'd love to be a part of our churches and be more involved," Jae'O'na said.

Youth between 10- to 30-years-old attended the meeting to voice their opinions. That meeting birthed the Youth Council, a 10-member group passionate about giving the LRC youth a voice to ensure that camp meeting reflects their interests.

Most council members are from the Black churches, but a few are from the Hispanic and Ghanaian churches; despite having their own separate camp meetings. The group started strong, meeting once a month from June to September 2018. They worked on the "Sweet 16 and Elite 8 Super Youth Weekend," as well as youth rallies held this spring in the Chicagoland, Illiana, Michiana, Motor City and the Hispanic FEHJA areas.

In addition to camp meeting speaker recommendations, they also have plans for possible outdoor activities (volleyball courts, basketball courts, swimming pool), and new activities for camp meeting.

Since many of the members are in high school or college (the twins are homeschooled), the group hasn't been able to collectively and consistently meet monthly. Nevertheless, the team remains in contact and all are still trying to make sure they are included when planning youth events for camp meeting.

The Youth Council is accepting new members; youth can be as young as 10. For more information on how to join the council or to contact the Middleton twins, email: youth.contact@lrcsda.com. ■

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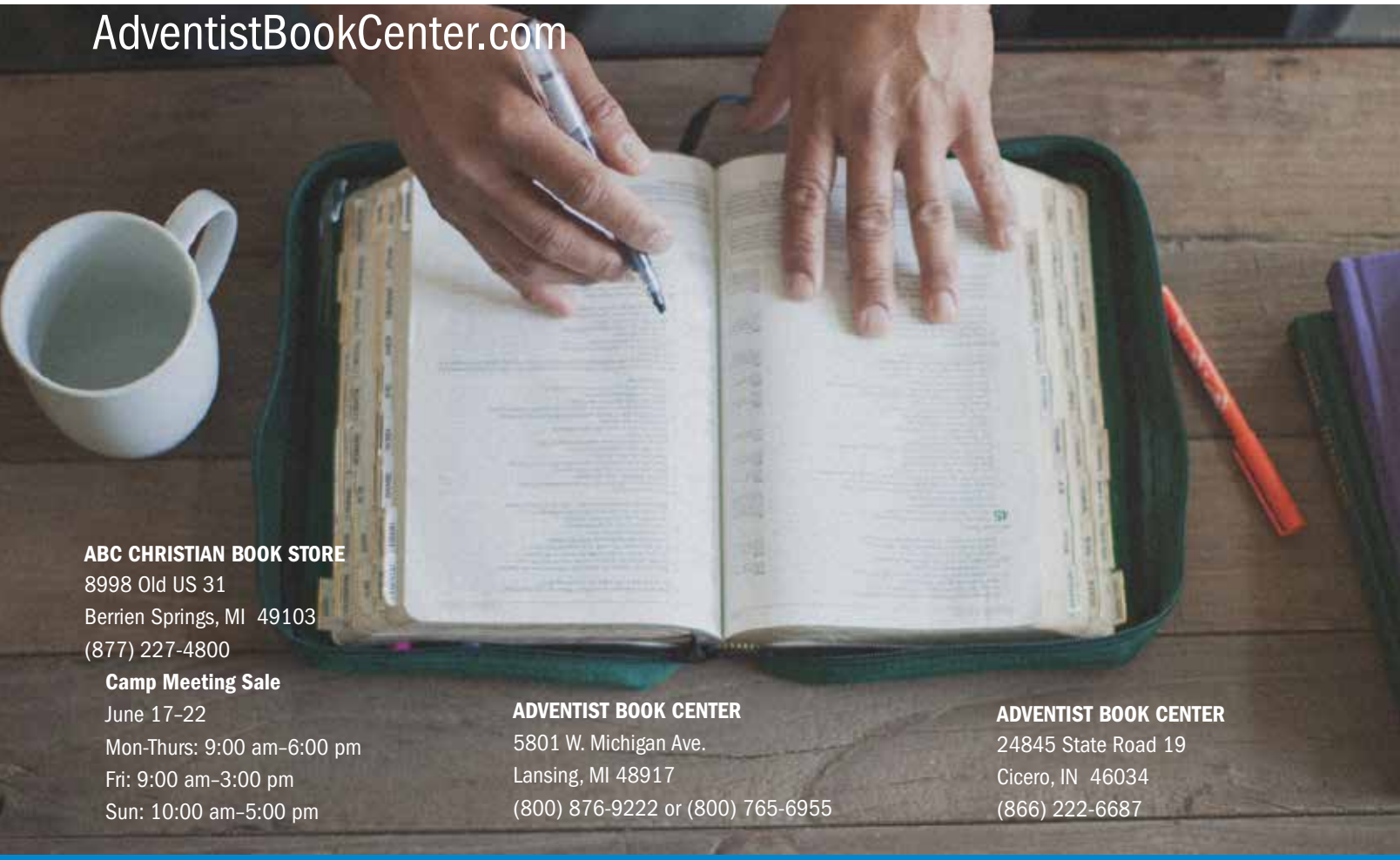

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