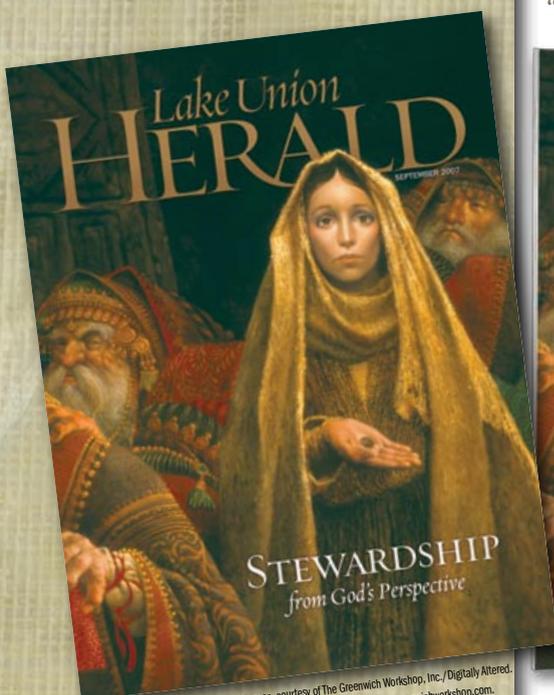


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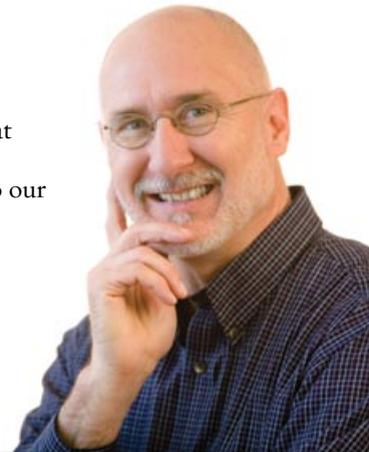
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Those who respond to the Creator's invitation to enter into a full partnership with Him experience not only real and tangible benefits as promised, but they have a sense of peace and contentment that is an anomaly in today's western culture.

The focus of this issue is on this secret of success that we hope will be a source of encouragement and help to our readers in these uncertain economic times.

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The Windows of Heaven

The young man was a fine artist, commissioned to do portraits, murals, and still life drawings by many in his home town. He had been commissioned to do a life-size oil portrait of the pastor of a very prominent church in town. The trustees gave the young man a color photo of their pastor to be used by the artist to produce the drawing.

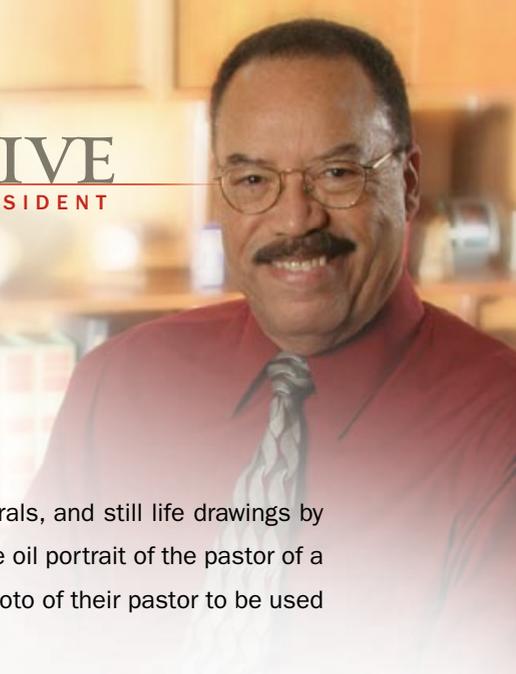
The young man lost the photo before he had an opportunity to begin his work. He was embarrassed to tell the trustees of his carelessness, and afraid it might hurt the possibility of future commissions. He told his mother of the mishap. She responded, "You have been faithful to the Lord in the stewardship of time, talent, and treasury, so you have a right to go to the Lord and ask for His help." She reminded him that he volunteered his time as the local church elder, used his musical talent to direct the large accomplished choir of their church, and that he was a faithful tithe payer.

The young man and his mother began a prayer vigil. He pleaded with God to help him find the photo, but his mother begged the Lord to restore his memory of the photo image and the countenance of the minister, whom the artist had met personally. She recited a familiar passage of Scripture: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Early the next morning, the young artist sat before his easel and bowed his head once again to pray. Then he began to draw the large circles in pencil that announced the beginning of an oil portrait. Soon, there was the faint outline of a man's head and shoulders. Later, he took palette in hand and began to mix the many colors that were to be used.

In a day and a half, he finished the oil painting, and the trustees were amazed at the likeness. When the painting was unveiled the following Sunday at the church, the members sprang to their feet in applauded approval. The pastor also smiled his approval, and the deed was done. The young artist was relieved that he was never asked to return the lost photo. I know this story to be true because the young artist was my oldest brother, Dale Monroe Wright. His mom was our mom, Willa Lee Wright. The pastor was J. Welby Brouddus of Dayton, Ohio.

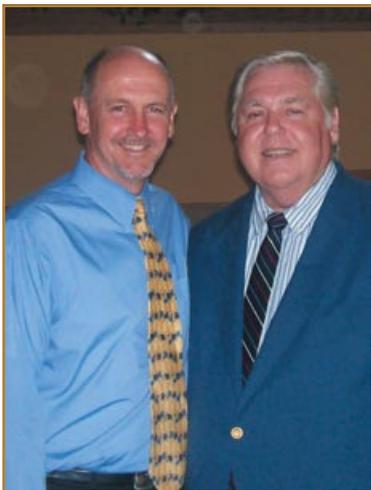
God hasn't changed a bit. He still fulfills His promise to the faithful steward today. He opens the windows of Heaven and pours out blessings that there is not room to receive them.



Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Indiana **Bob McCullough** is a big man with a tender heart. He tells the story of his journey back to Jesus with eyes swimming in tears.

Bob was raised an Adventist. At age 20, he met and married his sweetheart, Elaine. Since she was a member of another denomination, Bob converted to her religion.



From left: Responding to an invitation by Wayne Morrison, LaPorte (Indiana) Church pastor, Bob McCullough gave his heart to the Lord. At his baptism, Bob said, "This is the beginning of a new journey for me, and I want nothing to distract me."

After 43 years of marriage, his beloved Elaine was struck with a very serious form of cancer, which brought Bob to his knees. As Bob prayed for Elaine's healing, he became keenly aware of his years of unfaithfulness in honoring God with his tithe—a never-forgotten directive from God that weighed heavily on his heart for many years. Not wanting anything to hinder his prayers

for his beloved wife, he made things right. Following several extensive surgeries, Elaine was sent home where Bob lovingly cared for her until her death on February 7.

In his loneliness, after his wife's death, Bob decided to go "hang out" with his Adventist family. "But you cannot just 'hang out' with these true practicing Adventists," he said with a smile, "because they pray and worship together constantly, and you can't help but get caught up in their close relationship with God."

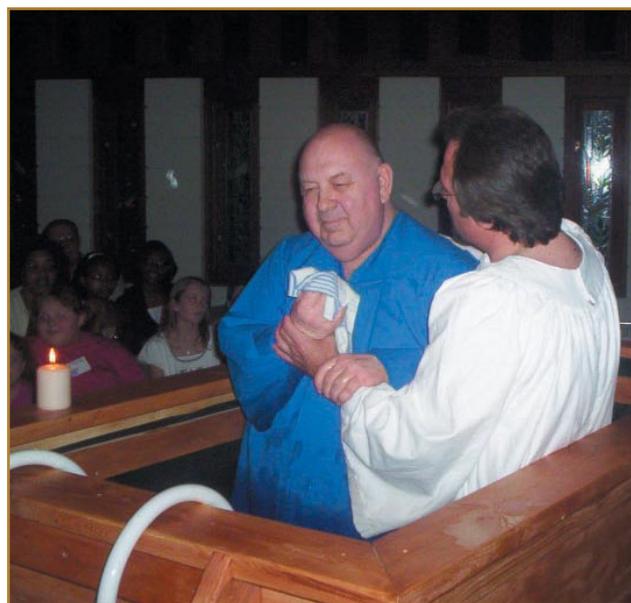
On Resurrection Sabbath, Bob attended the LaPorte Adventist church with his sister. When the pastor, Wayne Morrison, invited those present to make a commitment to Jesus, Bob went forward and gave his heart to the Lord. "I look forward to going home to Heaven with Elaine when Jesus comes," he remarked.

Bob spent the next few weeks meeting with the pastor

and studying with Dave Sanders. On Sabbath, June 23, he was baptized. "This is the beginning of a new journey for me," Bob said, "and I want nothing to distract me."

Mary Wadsworth-Cooke, LaPorte Church communication secretary

Wisconsin **Jim Stanislawski** married into an Adventist family more than 40 years ago. His earliest memory of being brought up in another faith was grounded in fear and guilt. After he reached adulthood, Jim quit attending church altogether. After marrying Lucy, a life long Adventist, he found himself listening week after week as she shared the message of a kind and loving God, as well as a wonderful and caring church family.



Jim Stanislawski was baptized at the age of 71 after finding answers to questions he had wondered about much of his life. His church family and friends rejoiced when he gave his heart to Jesus.

Still, those early fears haunted Jim. Although he was supportive of Lucy and their daughter celebrating Sabbath every week, Jim was not at all interested in attending church.

Jim's family never lost faith that one day their prayers would be answered and Jim would be baptized. About five years ago, he began to attend Northwest Church regularly. It didn't take long before the members' love and warmth began to have a major influence on him. Jim began to read and study on his own, and before long had questions that needed answers.

At that time, Ric Swaningson was holding an evangelistic series at the Southside Church. Jim faithfully attended

and found a venue where he could ask questions and receive information supporting the answers given.

Last April, at the young age of 71, Jim was baptized. And this July he was ordained as a deacon. While his family and friends rejoiced, there is no doubt that Heaven was celebrating, too. Another one of God's children had found their way back home. And I couldn't be more proud to call Jim my dad.

Joni Arthurs, Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Church communication secretary

Wisconsin On Sabbath, June 30, there must have been much joy in Heaven, and Superior Seventh-day Adventist Church members felt the same joy! **Dale Hunter** and **Alice Hunter**, and their son, **Johnny Hunter**, were baptized as their relatives and new church family surrounded them and watched the ceremony held at a public swimming pool.

The Hunters' journey is a real miracle. About six months ago, Renee Kinler, a member of the Superior Church, called her pastor, Mihail Baciu, to make a request: "Pastor, will you please visit my father in the hospital?" Mihail went to the hospital as soon as possible. He was escorted to the Intensive Care Unit where he found Dale. On a life support machine, Dale breathed heavily. The nurse who cared for Dale asked Mihail to keep his visit short because her patient was in very bad condition. The family feared Dale was experiencing the last few hours of life.

Mihail assured Dale that Jesus loved him, and that God had a wonderful future for him. But all the time, Dale's eyes remained closed, and there was no indication he heard the pastor's words. Before Mihail left the room, he asked God to keep Dale alive. Mihail believed Dale needed to make a decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He continued praying that same prayer as he left the hospital.

The next day Renee called Mihail again, and asked, "Pastor, could you visit my father again?" Mihail expected to hear bad news, but her voice did not sound sad. Instead, she told Mihail that her father had gotten out of bed that morning. When a nurse entered his room, Dale asked, "Where is my breakfast? I am hungry!" That very afternoon Dale was discharged from the hospital. The family believes God performed a miracle and healed Dale.

When Mihail later visited Dale in his home, Alice and Johnny were rejoicing about Dale's sudden improvement. They praised God for His love for Dale. Mihail invited Dale to begin Bible studies with him, and his response was a hardy, "Yes!" Then Alice added, "I want Bible studies,

too," and Johnny asked, "Can I join with you?"

Three months later, before the pastor left to attend Camp Meeting, they all asked, "When are you going to baptize us? We love Jesus and are ready to make a public confession of our faith and love for Him."



There was much joy in the Superior Seventh-day Adventist Church family on June 30 when the Hunter family was baptized. Pictured: Dale Hunter (front), Alice Hunter (right), Johnny Hunter (left), and Mihail Baciu, pastor (back)

Today, the Hunters continue to be blessed by a weekly Bible study. Other members of their big family expressed a desire to study the Bible, and they join them at home to study the Word of God.

Mihail Baciu, Superior Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, as told to Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Share the Good News!

Do you know of someone who recently made a decision for Christ? We're always on the lookout for inspiring stories of how people have come into the church. Contact the *Lake Union Herald* staff by sending an email to herald@luc.adventist.org.

An Angel Speaks in Fort Wayne!

BY BRETT MCALLISTER

When Angel Phillips' mother passed away, her father George Phillips was left to raise his daughter alone. Realizing her son needed help, Helen Puterbaugh moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana. When she arrived, Helen asked George to drive her to church on Sabbath. George dutifully drove his mother to church and slowly but surely discovered a place where he could grow in Christ. It wasn't long before George was baptized and became an active disciple of Jesus. Led to Christ by his mother, it was only natural for George to lead his daughter Angel to Jesus as well. About a year later, Angel was baptized into the family of God.

In a discipleship class, their pastor challenged Angel, George, and Helen to do something for Jesus. So they attended a ShareHim training seminar presented by trainer Ben Kochenower, and Indiana Conference ministerial secretary, Peter Neri. Ben asked for volunteers to come forward to experience what it was like to be a speaker. Angel went forward, and under Ben's guidance she tried out a sermon while sifting through the assorted slides and presentation

materials required of each speaker. Initially tentative, yet willing to be a servant that God could use, Angel proceeded as many looked on and admired her courage and willingness to be a vessel shaped by God.

Angel was molded into a powerful witness for Jesus. In a stunning act of faith, Angel completed her first evangelistic series about the same time she finished the fifth grade at the Aboite Adventist Elementary School in Fort Wayne. Angel spoke on a variety of topics centered on Jesus during five weekends in May and June at the Fort Wayne Church.

Angel said, "I asked God to help me because when God helps you, you really see it. You may make a few mistakes



Angel Phillips attended a ShareHim training workshop, and then volunteered to present a series of meetings at her church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Ramon Ulganca, Fort Wayne Church pastor, said, "When I think of angels, I think of the messengers of God. That's what Angel [Phillips] became when she answered God's call to be a witness for Him."

here and there, but He still helps you." All in all, she held 15 meetings with an average attendance of 25 people, and quite a few were first-time visitors. Angel said about her preaching in the ShareHim program, "I hope that some other people may get interested. I really would like that. My dad told me that we all know that the time is really short (before Jesus will come again)."

Angel's pastor, Ramon Ulganca, remarked, "When I think of angels, I think of the messengers of God. That's what Angel became when she answered God's call to be a witness for Him. She lived up to her name and became a messenger for God. And what a powerful messenger she is! She showed us that when you are connected with Jesus, all things are possible in His strength. I pray that God will continue to bless her, and her father and grandmother, as they continue to fulfill the Gospel Com-

mission our Lord gave us to do."

Angel and her family plan to continue to serve the Lord by preaching and teaching the greatest message ever given by God to the world.

Brett McAllister is the Fort Wayne Seventh-day Adventist Church communication secretary.





Music and Majesty

BY PHILIP E. GIDDINGS III

Ultimate Praise is a group of students from the Berrien Springs community who love music and its ability to touch lives in a positive way. The participants range in age from grade six to college. This multi-talented group has been invited to schools, churches, funerals, a wedding, and events in the local area and surrounding states. We were not expecting the next invitation: "Please bring your young people to our island and share your music and testimonies with our children."

A group of 12, which included students, parents, teachers, and a physician, were united for the single purpose of lifting up God's name. The team gave up spring vacation to embark on this great adventure.

On the island of St. Vincent, in the West Indies, *Ultimate Praise* provided a week of prayer for an academy and elementary school. To present to more than 300 students daily was a mountaintop experience. Afterward, a multitude of children clung to the hands and arms of our team. Many high school and primary students sacrificed their lunch period to ask questions, exchange e-mail addresses, and request autographs.

"One of the most memorable things to me was helping the team conduct song service and my heart being warmed by the excitement of the singers. I have not heard children sing like that in a long time," remembers James Williams, vocalist.

On our last day, the students were invited to give their hearts to Jesus. Nine students from both schools requested baptism. Sarah Smith, lead guitar player, said, "One little girl came up to me crying hysterically, saying that she didn't know what to do because she loved Jesus and really wanted to get baptized, but her parents had left the church some time ago and they wouldn't let her. It touched my heart to



Three students (left), of Mountain View Academy in St. Vincent, West Indies, sang with James Williams (front), Ultimate Praise vocalist, and other members of the group at a week of prayer.



From left: Steven Lee and Phil Giddings IV were greeted after a service by children who were not anxious to say good-bye. Many asked the Ultimate Praise members for photographs, autographs, and e-mail addresses.

see someone so young be so in love with Christ yet be frightened to show it because her parents had given up on God."

"The young people seemed as if they were just waiting for someone to come and invite them to Jesus," added Phil Giddings IV, violinist.

Our team also participated in an island-wide crusade, where we sang to crowds of more than 7,000 people on two weekends.

"I made loads of new friends and still keep in touch online! I loved being a part of this trip and truly hope that my group's presence there was as much of a blessing for those people as it was for me," said Emily Kutzner, violinist and djembe player.

"We here in the States feel like we know so much and that we are so close to God because

we have the information and the resources. But I believe that in reality we haven't even come close to scratching the surface on faith," expressed Steven Lee, keyboard/piano player.

This trip allowed us to experience the majesty of music, the dignity of love, and the awesome splendor and reward of sharing Him. To God be the glory.

Philip E. Giddings III teaches Bible, French, language arts, and outreach at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and is the *Ultimate Praise* coordinator.





Balance or Harmony?

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Most every family struggles to juggle family and work responsibilities. For many years “balance” has been the predominant work-family metaphor, says P. Jeffrey Hill, a professor at Brigham Young University. He suggests that “harmony” might more richly capture what we need to do to manage the demands of our work and families effectively.

“If we think of ourselves as composers, lyricists, orchestrators, and performers of our lives, perhaps we can bring together many challenging aspects of our lives into a great symphony of life,” says Hill. Using the metaphor of “harmony,” work and family questions are not necessarily, “How can I limit my work time so that I can balance my family life?” or “How can I get out of the house more so I can have more time at work?”

Hill suggests practical ideas to harmonize work and family life:

Create energy—crescendo with vigor. It’s the depletion of energy as much as the time spent at work that explains the dissonance between work and family. When you feel your job is sapping your energy, you have little left for family. Whatever you can do that energizes you and helps you go home without worrying about work will help you carry more energy home with you.

Carpe Diem—seize quality time. All time is not created equal. Commit to finding quality time with each family member, depending on your family needs and interests. Bedtime can be high-quality time with children, for example.

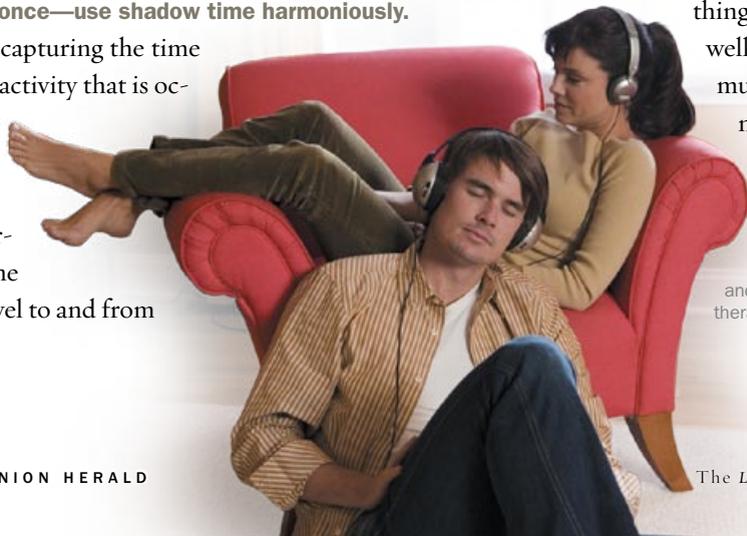
Do two things at once—use shadow time harmoniously. Shadow time means capturing the time spent in a secondary activity that is occurring with a primary activity. How about taking a child with you to run errands, to connect one on one while you travel to and from your destination?

Focus on one thing—unison. There are times we need to set boundaries and not let work overpower us. Keeping the Sabbath day holy is one key to harmony. Family vacation can be another time to put work on hold. With technology, it can be tempting to try to work and play simultaneously. If you are playing in unison with the family, they need your full attention.

Strive for flexibility. Those with some flexibility and control over when and where they do their work are better able to find harmony between work and family. Negotiate with your employer if you have ideas for work schedule flexibility.

Make your sleep peaceful. What you do the last 30 minutes before retiring often determines how restful your sleep will be and how you will feel in the morning. Going to bed when you are utterly exhausted, having worked on a project until the late hours of the night, will not bring harmony to your life.

Simplify your life—compose a modest melody. Voluntary simplicity is deliberately choosing to accumulate fewer possessions and engage in fewer activities—a key to finding harmony in a busy life. We live in a materialistic world where we easily acquire many gadgets and toys, but these things have a high cost in time as well as money. When we have too much and do too much, the harmony will elude us.



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Berries protect you against cancer and heart disease.



Anthocyanins may protect you against age-related dementia.

Berry Boost

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Berries are now added to everything from smoothies and yogurt to hair shampoo. The dark red, blue, and purple color of berries and other fruits and vegetables identifies the presence of anthocyanins, phytochemicals that belong to the flavonoid family. Altogether, there are over 500 known anthocyanin pigments. The deeper the red, blue, or purple color, the higher the level of anthocyanins.

Foods that are loaded with anthocyanins include cherries, blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackcurrants, huckleberries, red grapes, cranberries, plums, red and black beans, and red cabbage. Raisins and prunes, as well as the skins of red delicious and other red apples, are also rich in anthocyanin pigments.

Conventional colored fruits and vegetables in America often have purple cousins in other parts of the world. For example, purple potatoes are common in Peru. Purple asparagus was developed by the Italians long ago, and currently scientists are crossbreeding tomatoes with a wild South American species to produce a purple-colored tomato.

Consuming the dark red, blue, and purple fruits when they are fully ripe maximizes the health benefits of these fruits since the content of anthocyanin pigments increase as the fruit ripens. For example, the pigment level increases from 2 ppm in small green strawberries to about 400 ppm in fully ripe strawberries.

Since the anthocyanins are polyphenolics, they provide strong antioxidant protection and anti-inflammatory effects. The consumption of Bing sweet cherries produces anti-inflammatory effects and may prove to be beneficial for the management and prevention of inflammatory diseases. Ongoing brain research has shown that the pigments in blueberries, strawberries, and red grapes reverse the short-term memory loss that comes with aging.

The anthocyanin pigments in the berries protect us against cancer. Cyanidin-3-glucoside, the anthocyanin in blackberries, inhibits tumor cell growth. Blackberry, black raspberry, blueberry, cranberry, red raspberry, and strawberry extracts have shown the ability to inhibit the growth of human colon cancer cells and stimulate apoptosis, the programmed death of cancer cells. In addition, pterostilbene found in blueberries is reported to suppress the proliferation of colon cancer cells. Anthocyanin pigments also provide sunscreen protection against solar UV radiation damage.

Anthocyanins also play a role in promoting cardiovascular health. These pigments improve vascular endothelial function by regulating the production of nitric oxide, a vasorelaxant. Dutch researchers also found that anthocyanins inhibit blood clots. The anti-thrombotic properties of red grapes and their juice are also well known to protect against cardiovascular disease.

Providing a collage of color for your dinner plate guarantees protection for your health. By having berries for dessert you boost your intake of anthocyanins. You can also add fresh or frozen berries to your homemade beverages, breakfast cereal, and muffins. In addition to anthocyanins, berries also provide a rich source of vitamin C, fiber, plant sterols, potassium, folic acid, flavonoids, and magnesium.



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EXTREME GRACE

The Red Fire Truck

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Wilma Miller didn't want to go to the Paris air show, not since her husband's heart had failed him and left her life a cavern of loneliness. But her son urged her on, and now she sat beside him in a taxi outside the Paris airport.

"We need to go, Mom," he had urged. "Dad had looked forward to this trip, and even though he's not here, he would have wanted you to go."

Doctor Miller flew for 40 years, often leading mission trips and fly-in clinics around Mexico. After retiring from medical practice, he and his wife Wilma continued their mission trips, spending much of their retirement working in Southeast Asia.

"The years in the Cambodian refugee camps were the best," Wilma remembered. "We dispensed medicines, set bones, distributed food, and hugged children. Most of the kids were orphans, and we wanted to give every one a loving home."

"Dad always carried peppermint candies in his pockets, and the kids followed him like the Pied Piper. There was one family especially, a thin girl and her even-smaller brother, who caught our hearts. Dad repaired her fractured leg, and her little brother slept under her cot while she was in the hospital. One day, Dad gave the boy a small red fire truck—a simple gift that came with armloads of love."

Wilma's Cambodian memories had guided this morning's choice of Paris taxis.

"Dad would have wanted an Asian driver," Wilma told her son, pointing to a young Asian standing beside a taxi.

"Where were you raised?" Wilma asked once they were in the cab.

"Cambodia," the driver answered.

"Were you in one of the refugee camps?" she pressed.

"Yes, my older sister was adopted by a French family, but my other sister and I were lost in the camps for several years till she found us. We're with her in France now."

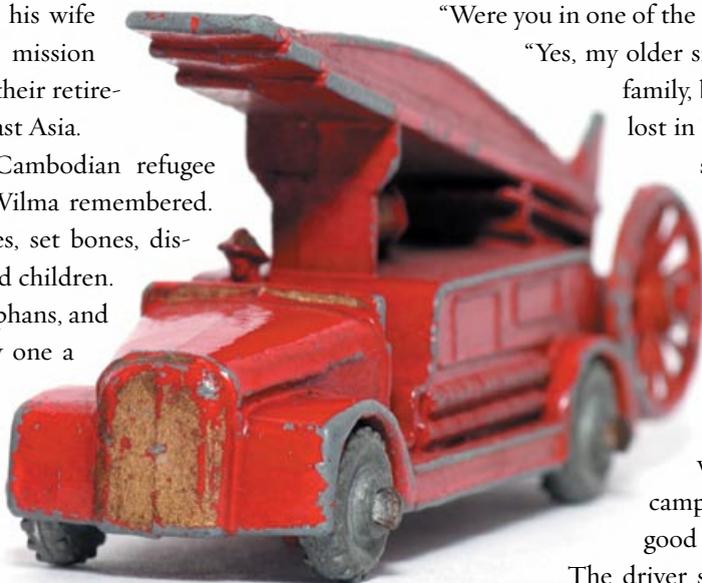
Wilma dug deep in her purse, found a wrinkled photo, and pushed it eagerly toward the driver.

"Did you ever meet this man? He's my husband, and we worked together in the camps. He was a doctor. A very good doctor!"

The driver slowed, guided his taxi to the curb, stopped, and pulled a small package from deep beneath his seat.

"Yes, I knew Doctor Miller," he said, holding the package for Wilma to see. "Doctor Miller was my friend, and he gave me hope."

In the driver's hands was a small, well-worn red fire truck.



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Faithful Stewards

BY GARY BURNS

The book of beginnings establishes our unique relationship to our Creator and our relationship to the rest of His creation. The very act of creation sets humans apart from the animal and plant kingdoms. God’s method of creating Adam and Eve was special and personal. It was prefaced with the cooperative action phrases, “Let us make” and “in our likeness.” The plurality of this special creation speaks volumes to the nature and attributes of God, evidenced in the unique dimensions of man and woman.

The biblical record further describes the roles of Adam and Eve as progenitors and caretakers of the entire creation. Rather than “giving” the earth to Adam and Eve, God entrusted the earth and its inhabitants to their guardianship and care. There is an implied accountability for its use or misuse.

Unlike the nature-centered beliefs of ancient and modern idolatry, and the popular egocentric beliefs of hedonism and humanism, God exalts humankind in relationship as His personal stewards. Flora and fauna are placed in their proper perspective as precious resources to be used responsibly rather than to be served, exploited, or worshiped.

The Garden of Eden must have been breathtakingly beautiful as it came forth by the word of the Creator. Yet, it was not complete or static. God invited Adam and Eve to enter into partnership with Him in His creative role as Sustainer by giving them the responsibility to care for and tend The Garden. They were employed as creation stewards.

There is much political debate these days about energy, global warming, recycling, preservation, and protection. Regardless of one’s political affiliation or preference, it appears we all have a God-given responsibility to care for His creation as faithful stewards. Some would argue that the original garden is no longer with us and what remains will soon be destroyed.



In Psalm 24:1, David declares, “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (NIV). Seventh-day Adventists see in the Sabbath a call to experience God in His creation, and to see in His handiwork expressions of His love and insights into His character.

The Apocalypse is filled with contrasts between those loyal to

God and those who are opposed to Him. This contrast is referenced in Revelation 11:18, where it speaks of God’s judgment in rewarding His chosen ones—those who honor and respect Him—and destroying those who destroy the earth.

When considering the subject of stewardship, two biblical heroes come to mind: Joseph and Daniel. Each was a political alien to the regime in which he served. Each was true in his faith and obedience to God. Each was above reproach in how he managed the assets entrusted to his care. Each was a force of influence of goodwill, providing tangible benefits for all—even those beyond the purview of the kingdom. Each was honored for his faithfulness by God and man, yet not without facing extreme opposition. The principle held true for both: they proved faithful with few things and were given responsibility for much.

May we prove to be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to us.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Rays of Hope

BY CORY JACKSON

There are those in the Brightmoor community, located in inner city Detroit, who believe no good will come to them since they are constantly surrounded by crime and death. This is where *The Lazarus Project* comes into play. Just as Jesus was on His way to raise Lazarus, so has *The Lazarus Project* come at “such a time as this” to bring life to the Brightmoor community, known as the second most at-risk precinct in Detroit.

The Lazarus Project began as a thought when the men of the Detroit Northwest Church were having a “Men’s Night Out.” They wanted to do more than just eat out socially, so they began to think of the challenges facing the males in the Brightmoor community. Although Brightmoor receives the highest rate of assistance from the State of Michigan, the men decided that they wanted to personally do something about the situation. Approximately two out of three males do not graduate from high school, three out of four children are born out of wedlock, nearly half of the children live in poverty, two-thirds of the homes are headed by females, half of the population are children under 18 years of age, and Brightmoor has the highest unemployment rate. The men of Detroit Northwest Church felt a burning desire to create an avenue of relief for this community, and they knew Jesus was the only solution to its problems.

The men began to meet on a regular basis, and the Lord gave them the name *The Lazarus Project*. The mothers of the community (Mary and Martha) are crying over the young males (Lazarus), and the only One who can raise them back to life is Jesus. *The Lazarus Project* targets “at risk” males ages ten to 17 and



The Lazarus Project is determined to bring life and hope to young men in the Brightmoor community. Here, several of the founders help mark out a garden spot. This is their first outreach venture. From left: Owen Grizzel, Johanan Larsosa, Damon Robinson, Vincent Murray, and Joseph Robinson place the first stake.

has three levels. The first level is education, which includes life skills, mentoring, group and one-on-one Bible studies, rites of passage, Pathfinders, carpentry, and a young dad’s program. The second level is social recreation, which includes taking the young men hiking, camping, bike riding, and on other special trips. The third level is Project ROCK (Restoring Our Community with Kids), which includes a lawn program with a community garden.

The men of *The Lazarus Project* met with Michigan Conference officials and the Executive Committee. As a result of their overwhelming support, a request was made to Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) for special projects. An allotment of \$5,000 was voted for the community garden. Praise the Lord!

There are a lot of people who believe *The Lazarus Project* in Brightmoor will live, and it is our prayer that others will support this initiative with their prayers, time, and donations.

The kids in Brightmoor had no hope. This is the first ray of hope they have seen in a long time. We want to let the youth know life is worth living. We value our children, and we want these “at risk” youth to know we value them, too.

Cory Jackson is the pastor of the Detroit Northwest and Farmington Churches.





LA EDUCACIÓN QUE VALE LA PENA

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Dios ha comprado el alma de cada niño. Desea que la preciosa vida que Jesucristo redimió sea formada y moldeada semejante a un palacio, de manera que Cristo pueda ser entronizado como el rey del alma” (Manuscript Releases, Vol. 8, p. 66).

En el pasado mes de junio mi esposa y yo junto con varios jóvenes de nuestra Unión del Lago pasamos dos semanas en Perú, dando campañas evangelísticas en distintas iglesias de la ciudad de Lima.

Yo tuve el gran privilegio de dar mi campaña en la iglesia de Miraflores. Esa iglesia es la iglesia adventista más grande de la ciudad y se distingue por contar con el nombrado Colegio Adventista de Miraflores. Además de predicar en la noche a los adultos, cada mañana tuve la oportunidad de hablar a más de 250 niños, de los cuales un 40% no son adventistas. Un día



Algunos alumnos de la escuela de Miraflores en Lima, Perú

hice un llamado para el bautismo. Más de 20 niños tomaron su decisión. Luego, el pastor asociado de la iglesia y yo nos sentamos con ellos, individualmente, para evaluar su preparación para el bautismo. Lo que más me impresionó fue que a la mayoría de ellos, a pesar de no tener padres adventistas, les gustaba la enseñanza de la Biblia en la escuela y dijeron que amaban a Jesús.

Una niña de unos once años me impactó de una manera especial. Me explicó con mucha claridad las razones por las cuales ella quería ser bautizada. También me explicó que su mamá no iba a ninguna iglesia pero que deseaba que fuera con ella a la iglesia adventista los sábados. Luego, me dijo lo

siguiente: “Mi deseo más grande es que mi mamá se bautice conmigo”.

En verdad, no sé cómo es que la niña llegó a inscribirse en esa escuela. Pero al escuchar sus palabras pude ver en forma viva el beneficio principal de la educación cristiana. No hay duda que nuestras escuelas adventistas deben dar una educación excelente para

preparar a sus alumnos para vivir en este mundo. Pero en sí, lo más importante y lo que se debe tener siempre como prioridad es que nuestras escuelas tengan como propósito principal presentar a Cristo como el Salvador del mundo. Como resultado de ser alumna en esa escuela, esa niña recibió a Cristo como su Salvador. No tengo duda que con el tiempo su mamá la acompañará. Esto me dice que vale la pena hacer cualquier sacrificio para que nuestros niños asistan a nuestras escuelas.

Mi pregunta principal a los padres es: “¿Reciben sus niños la educación que vale la pena?”

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente general de la Unión del Lago.



Blessings Overflowing

BY KAREN OLSON

Married at 19 years old, I went straight from my parents' home right into marriage. Before long, I was suddenly single with two children to raise. There was so much I didn't know. I didn't know how to balance a checkbook or how to make the gasoline go into the car, let alone how to change a tire, check the oil, etc. And I didn't know how to light the furnace. That first summer, when the heating unit on the house needed to be turned over to the cooling unit, rather than bother Dad or anyone, I tried to "clean" the squirrel cage on the cooler, which was on top of the house, by squirting water on it and scrubbing the calcium deposits off the fan blades. The water which I squirted went directly into the house. What a mess! I sure wished I'd asked for help!

Of all the challenges, finances were especially hard. Having been a two-income family, there was less than half the income that had been there. I had a house payment, car payment, insurance, two children to feed and clothe—and put through church schools—all on \$554 twice a month and another \$250 a month child support. There was no financial help when funds ran low. I would not ask my parents, and I would not ask for help from the church.

I knew so little about the cost of running a household. I believed in God's promises though. "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts, "if I will not pour you out a blessing such as there will not be room enough to receive it." Another place in the Bible promised that our needs would be met. So, I set my priorities. Every time money came in, the first check I wrote was the check to the church for my tithe and offering. Next, I paid the church school bill, followed by the mortgage, car payment, and insurance. Then food and clothes—there was very little left over.

And the blessings poured in!

I remember one time, when my daughter Tonya wore shoes with big holes in them. There was no money to purchase new ones for at least two weeks. Although she didn't complain, I knew it was hard on her—on me, too. But I didn't say anything to anyone. My parents must have figured it out because one day, when they kept the children after school, they took Tonya shopping and bought the much-needed shoes.

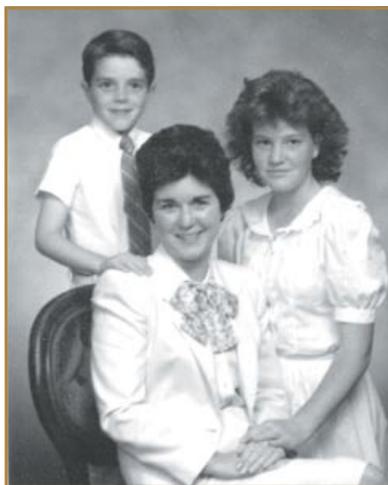
Another time, there was so little food in the house. I didn't tell the children because I didn't want them to worry. But it was serious. I kept a prayer in my heart, and reminded God of the promise He'd made. When I went to pick up the children from

my parents' home that Friday afternoon, Mom and Dad told how they had been to a Trico dinner and meeting—a meeting about the electricity at the family cabin. There had been door prizes, and they won a \$50 gift certificate to Lucky Grocery, which they shared with us.

One day, the refrigerator went out. I called a man from church I knew was in that line of work. He and his wife came over that day. He got the refrigerator going again, and would not take a penny for his evening's work. He said it was his gift—his way of thanking God for the blessings God had given him. He fixed that old refrigerator twice, and kept it going until I could afford a newer one.

One day, a friend at church handed me a bag. It was full of brand new shoes, just my size. Her sister collected shoes and, hearing about me, found that we wore the same size. I've never had so many new shoes at one time—ever! I had never even met the woman who gave them to me.

Then there was the time that my son was so sick. Jonathan had asthma as a child. I took him to an Adventist doctor who we could call on whenever needed. He was such a blessing so many times! Somehow, the way the insurance was, the children were covered, but I had to spend about \$200 before insurance would kick in for me. It might as well have been \$2,000. One time, when I took Jonathan for a check-up, the doctor realized I was sick, too. He gave us samples, and some of the samples were especially for me. He was such a blessing. I could call him in the middle of the night when Jonathan would have an asthma attack. He would meet us at the office



Karen Olson (center) was a single mother for eight years. She and her children, Jonathan and Tonya, saw how God provided for their needs during this challenging time.



Karen Olson is now a teacher at Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Indiana. The children in her classroom are just a few of the blessings she believes God has showered her with.



Karen Olson said, "As a child, I had dreamed of marrying a farmer and living in the country." Her husband, Jim, is the manager of the Indiana Academy Farm in Cicero, Indiana. The cows he raises and the miniature horses she raises can be seen from her back window.

and give the necessary shots so that Jonathan could breathe. And he never complained, like it was something that was just a part of life to get out of bed and drive to the office at 2 a.m. Come to think of it, it probably was!

How I was able to get and keep the children in church school and academy still seems like a miracle to me. There were a number of times that I didn't know how the bill was going to be paid yet, somehow, when it came right down to it, when the due date came, the money was there.

And blessings! My how the Lord has blessed. He gave me my Jim. As a child, I had dreamed of marrying a farmer and living in the country and teaching school. There is a text that promises that God will give us the desires of our hearts. Well, He has certainly kept that promise! Jim. My little mini-horses. The little, old white and red barn. Children in my classroom. Yes, there are so many blessings that there is hardly room!

As my grandmother told me when she was older, "Karen Sue, I don't know what the future holds, but I do know Who holds the future." It was good advice for me at the time, and it still holds true today.

Paying tithe is a privilege! It is a test. It is a blessing! I know personally that God keeps His promises. God is so good! I know that my needs will be met in the years to come as long as I continue to listen to and obey His instructions for my life.

Karen Olson teaches kindergarten, first, and second grades at Cicero Adventist Elementary School in Cicero, Indiana. In her "spare time," Karen raises miniature horses and sells them to benefit Christian education and investment. See some of her horses at www.lakeunionherald.org in the online version.



The Widow's Mite

BY GARY BURNS

It was a festive time of year. Signs of life were all around her. The hillsides were green from the latter rains. She breathed deeply of the fragrance of the blossoming trees, and her heart beat with anticipation of the events about to take place.

It was the season of *Pesach*, and people from near and far were gathering at Jerusalem to commemorate the night that God “Pei-Samekh-Cheit,” or “passed over” the homes of the Jews who had placed the blood of the lamb over their doorways to spare the life of their firstborn.



The night of the feast was still a few days away, but she had already begun to make preparations to remove any trace of *chametz* from her humble dwelling. Yeast or any kind of leaven was to occupy no place in her life during this festival. Moses had instructed the Jews to prepare the *Pesach* bread in haste, without leaven, as they were about to make a quick and massive exodus from Egypt. Over the years, the removal of *chametz* held great spiritual significance, indicating the removal of puffiness, arrogance, and pride. It was a fitting symbol for her humble life.

Alone amidst the throngs of people, she was a widow. Her husband, the only son of his father's household, died before she was able to bare any children.

As she approached the temple, the sound of children's voices echoed from its walls. They were singing and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." She ventured inside the courts and was amazed to see the children waving palm branches, their feet dancing across the temple floor.

In their midst was a gentle figure. A small child nestled in His arms. She recognized the man. It was Jesus.

Taken in by the festive atmosphere and moved by the presence of this gentle teacher, she found herself wanting to join the children with total abandonment.

Just then, she heard amidst the sounds of joy, the rumblings of discontent. The rulers of the temple mingled about the gathering crowd expressing their objections to such display. "The feet of these children are desecrating the temple. Their shouts show a lack of reverence for this place."

Feelings of misplaced guilt began to grow amidst the erroneous teachings of her past, but one look into the loving eyes of Jesus made them disappear. She took delight in the joyful expressions on the faces of the children, and somehow their outbursts of praise and the unrestrained energy in their feet seemed a fitting gesture for this extraordinary man.

The frustrated rulers gained no response from the people. Amidst the shouts of joy, the leaders now raised their voices and appealed directly to Jesus. "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

With a smile on his face He replied, "Yes."

He paused just long enough for their faces to reveal their shock at His frank response.

"Have you not read, 'You have taught children and infants how to praise you?'"

She could see the frustration on the perplexed faces of the Pharisees. These masters of intimidation were in the presence of One who could not be intimidated. He appeared rather kingly at that moment.

Astonished and astounded, they left the temple area defeated.

Long since separated from her husband's estate by the schemes of these Jewish leaders, she wondered at their exchange with the Teacher. With the loss of her dear husband, she had turned to the Lord for her comfort. She had clung to His promise: "I will defend the fatherless and widows." She loved her Lord, who had given specific instructions to the people to set aside the tithes of their produce every three years to replenish the town's supply for the Levites, widows, aliens, and orphans; to leave the overlooked sheaf of grain in the field; to not beat the olive branches the second time, nor pick the grapes the second time so that she could gather for herself.

The leaders, taking advantage of her vulnerability, had appealed to her devotion, her generous, unselfish spirit, and her trust in God's faithfulness. Gaining her confidence, they convinced her that it was her duty to assign her property to religious service. The law stated that her vow as a widow was binding and irrevocable. Having complete control over her financial affairs, the leaders used her money for their own benefit. To hide their dishonesty and malice, they would often pray long prayers in public and wear tokens and symbols of their piety and devotion, leaving her and the rest of the people to believe that they were their spiritual superiors. They laid claim to titles of honor such as teacher, rabbi, and master implying that they should have control of the people's conscience and faith.

Though the circumstances of her generous donation had been rife with fraud, her motives were pure. She had rejoiced in her act of worship and had reaped Heaven's blessings.

As the setting sun cast its golden hue on the gleaming white marble, the temple began to clear. She made her way through the streets of Jerusalem to her little niche tucked away in the poorest part of the city. Her experience of worship that day generated a fresh desire to give an offering to the temple now made holy by the purifying presence of Jesus.

She searched for a gift and found just two mites, the smallest denomination of currency in the Jewish economy. She resolved in her heart that she would go without food in order to give her all.

After another lonely night's sleep, she made her way back to the temple. As she entered the court where the treasure chests were kept, there were many dressed in fine array who brought large sums of money and emptied their bags of gold and silver with pretentious display. She stood at the edge of the courtyard, hesitating to enter—not because she had second thoughts of giving her last pittance, but for fear of being discovered and ridiculed for her meager gift.

Mustering up what courage she had, she ventured forward only to shrink back into the safety of her obscurity. She looked down at the meager gift in her hand. *What difference would her gift make in comparison to the riches she saw being emptied into the coffers?* Finally, the longing in her heart to give overcame her fears. Seizing her opportunity, she quickly deposited her gift and turned to make her escape. As she looked up to make her way across the courtyard, her eyes met the eyes of Jesus. She sensed He had watched

the entire episode. He called the attention of his disciples and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others. They only gave a small fraction of their abundance, but she has given all she had to live on."

As she heard the words of commendation from the Savior's lips, her eyes began to fill with tears of joy. He understood and appreciated the motives of her heart. She had given in simple childlike faith, trusting in her Lord to supply all her needs as He promised. She had given out of love and devotion to the One who had been her comfort and companion in her solitude.

She left the temple that day with a joy that could not be contained. The Savior's words repeated in her mind, "She has given more than all the others," not realizing the implications of His words. She had no idea that her humble gift, as small as it was, had produced funds in the Lord's treasury beyond measure. She had no idea that her simple act of faith encouraged me to give.

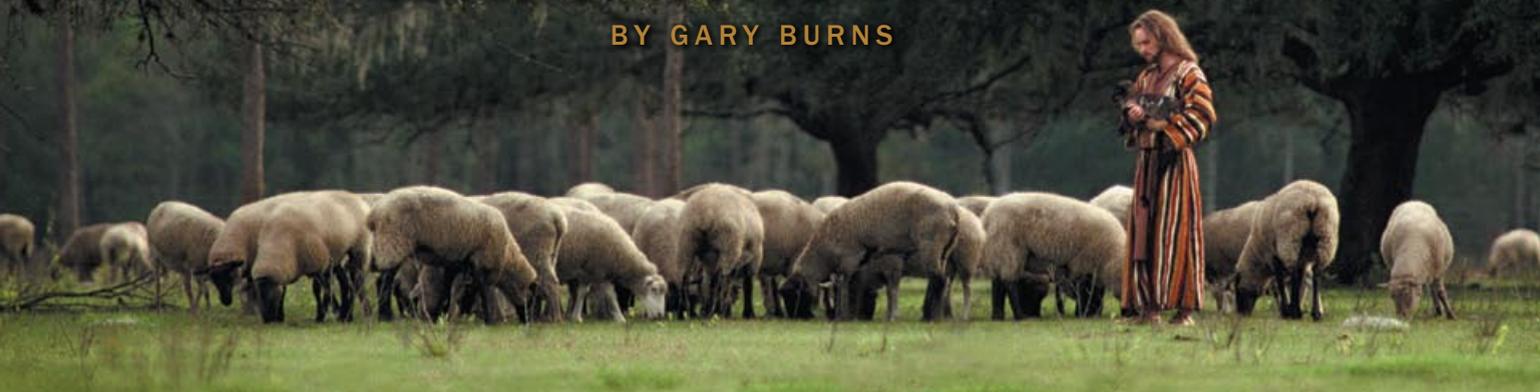


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Who Am I?

DAVID'S PRAYER OF PRAISE

BY GARY BURNS



“WHO AM I, AND WHO ARE MY PEOPLE, THAT WE COULD GIVE ANYTHING TO YOU? EVERYTHING WE HAVE HAS COME FROM YOU, AND WE GIVE ONLY WHAT YOU FIRST GAVE US!”

David had quite an eventful life and had accomplished much, but the one thing he longed to do more than anything else was to build the house of the Lord. David petitioned the Lord to grant his request, but the answer was no.

He recalled his warrior days and the blood that he had shed. As David's mind reflected on the many victories and celebrations, he came upon a haunting memory tucked away in the cave of his mind. He recalled how, when passing through that deepest darkest valley, the Lord brought him comfort and gave him peace. While in a depressed state, the Spirit had caused David's mind to drift back to the days when he sat upon the hills watching over his flocks.

That image of himself guarding the helpless sheep gave him a picture of God that he needed at that time. David remembered when the lion, the bear, and the wolf attacked his precious lambs and how the Lord gave him strength to protect them. The Spirit used the imagery of that boyhood scene to give birth to the song,

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.
Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

Oh, how David longed to build that house. He stood before the leaders of Israel and declared: “My brothers and my people! It was my desire to build a temple. But God said to me, ‘You must not build a temple to honor my name, for you are a warrior and have shed much blood.’”

“Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, has chosen me from among all my father’s family to be king over Israel forever. He said to me, ‘Your son, Solomon, will build my Temple and its courtyards, for I have chosen him as my son, and I will be his father.’”

David then turned to his son, and with the solemn voice of experience said, “Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. Take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you to build a temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.”

Handing over his precious plan to his son, David continues, “Every part of this plan was given to me in writing from the hand of the Lord. Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don’t be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the Lord is finished correctly.”



Turning to the assembly David declares, “My son, Solomon, whom God has clearly chosen as the next king of Israel, is still young and inexperienced. The work ahead of him is enormous, for the temple he will build is not for mere mortals—it is for the Lord God himself!”

His next statement must have surprised Solomon, and the rest of the assembly.

“And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?”

The response was overwhelming. David’s heart was overjoyed to see the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers all give willingly. They gave tons of gold, silver, bronze, iron, thousands of gold coins and precious stones, and it all went into the treasury of the house of the Lord. The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

Then David broke into spontaneous praise to the Lord.

“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

LAKE UNION STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

December 2-4, 2007
Berrien Springs, Michigan
Pioneer Memorial Church



“O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.



“O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!”

Then David turned to the assembly and said, “Give praise to the Lord your God!” And the entire assembly praised the Lord.

God had accomplished His purpose in giving David the desire to build His temple.

David recalled the Lord’s words to him and knew that they were true,

*“The one who rules righteously,
who rules in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning at sunrise,
like a morning without clouds,
like the gleaming of the sun
on new grass after rain.”*

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Portions taken from 2 Chronicles 28 and 29, New Living Translation.

Many are finding their partnership with God to be a real source of peace and comfort in these challenging economic times. To encourage others to enter into this relationship, the Lake Union Conference is sponsoring “Partnership with God,” a biblical stewardship conference to be held December 2-4, 2007, at Pioneer Memorial Church, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. All interested in learning how to experience the security promised from applying these principles of financial stewardship are invited to attend. Special instruction and resource materials are available for conference leaders, pastors, local stewardship leaders, seminary students, and others who are interested in teaching these principles.

Subjects include:

- ▶ Teaching Stewardship in the Local Church
- ▶ The Theology of Tithe
- ▶ Teaching Stewardship to New Members
- ▶ The Theology of Offerings
- ▶ Teaching Stewardship to Children
- ▶ Biblical Principles of Personal Money Management
- ▶ Answers to Common Questions About Stewardship
- ▶ Planning Your Life for Success
- ▶ Devotionals and Networking

The primary presenters are Erika Puni, Ph.D., stewardship director for the General Conference, and G. Edward Reid, Esq., stewardship director for the North American Division.

The \$50 registration fee will include materials, opening night reception, and refreshments. You can register at www.PlusLine.org/events.php, or by calling: 800-732-7587.



New Adventist GlenOaks Hospital Emergency Department Opens its Doors

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital's spacious new Emergency Department (ED) opened to the public June 13, taking whole-person care to a new level.

With no waiting room, patients and their families are immediately escorted into one of 19 private treatment suites upon arrival. Family members are encouraged to take part in the treatment process, and registration takes place at the bedside.

"We're introducing a different kind of emergency care," said Brinsley Lewis, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital CEO. "It's quicker, quality care in a comfortable environment for patients and their families."

By creating an environment that evokes patient-centered care, Christ's healing ministry will be felt through the hands of the physicians, nurses, and staff who deliver outstanding care.



Guests participating in the ceremony included (from left) John Rapp, regional vice president; Pam Rion, DuPage County Board Member; Joseph Shanahan, M.D.; David Crane, president and CEO, AMH; Brinsley Lewis, CEO; Lisa Wohl, M.D., Glendale Heights; Linda Jackson, mayor; and Don Markowski, chief, Glenside Fire Protection District.

"This new Emergency Department is a tangible extension of our core values," stated David Crane, president and CEO, Adventist Midwest Health. "As a Christian health care provider, we are committed to providing whole-

person care and to promoting wellness with our patients and throughout the community."

More than 300 guests attended a special ribbon-cutting ceremony just days before the new ED opened. The celebration had special meaning for Joseph Shanahan, M.D., medical director, Emergency Services. Shanahan has been with the hospital since it opened in 1981, and he, with many others, had a vision for a larger, more efficient ED.

"There's a saying that says, 'You never get a second chance to make a first impression,'" Shanahan said. "This epitomizes our goal. Those first few minutes when a patient walks in to the ED are not only critical from a medical standpoint, but they

are critical to making sure patients feel at ease. This new ED aims to make thousands of great first impressions followed by positive medical outcomes each year."

"Every detail, from the use of natural light to the color schemes, was designed for the comfort [of] patients and their families,

as well as physicians, nurses, and staff," Shanahan added.

Outside the ED is a large, covered ambulance bay, where flags represent the paramedic and ambulance providers who bring patients to the hospital.



The new Emergency Department at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital was opened to the public on June 13.



Brinsley Lewis (right), CEO of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, greets physicians Vijay Kumar (left, in blue) and Selvakumar Kunchithapatham at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

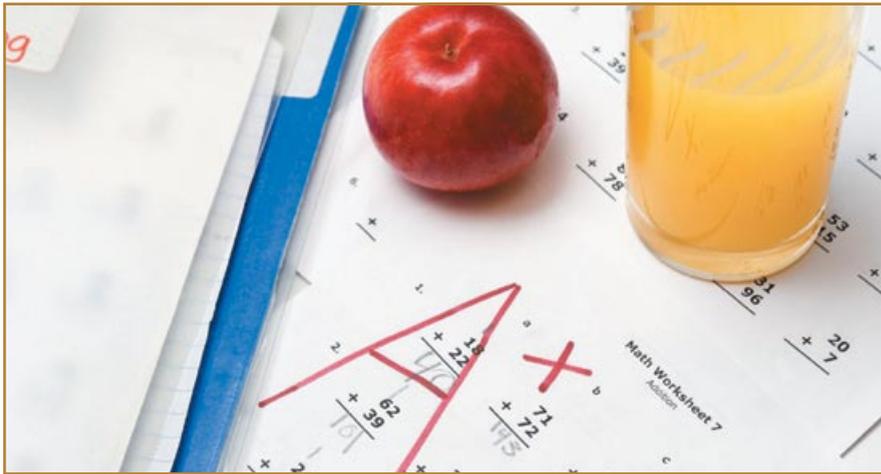
Improvements for EMS providers include private lockers for emergency supplies and a decontamination area with showers in the ambulance bay.

"We're pleased to be able to give our EMS and first responders some of the amenities that will make their job of saving lives easier," Lewis remarked.

"Focusing on whole-person care allows staff to treat patients as people, not just medical cases," Crane emphasized.

"At Adventist hospitals, we're dedicated to our mission of providing high-quality care to every patient, whether they walk in with a common cold or a heart attack," Crane said. "These new walls at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital and the people within them will continue this mission of compassion."

Julie Busch, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



School of Education Scores High on State Evaluation

In a recent draft performance report by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Andrews School of Education's Teacher Preparation program was declared "Exemplary." The program scored 66 points out of a possible 70, based on evaluation in six areas, including passing rate on the Michigan Test for Teachers Certification, teaching success rate, and program completion. Also factored in was the diversity of the student population, as well as diversity of certification areas.

Jim Jeffery, dean of the School of Education, sees the test results as a recognition of a solid program. "This rating by the Michigan Department of Education shows the tremendous strength of our undergraduate teacher preparation program," said Jeffery. "This performance score allows us to hold our heads high among the other 33 teacher preparation institutions in Michigan."

Jeffery also notes that the MDE classification of institutions will be reported to the United States Department of Education in the State Title II report in October. "This further enhances our reputation as a premier

provider of a quality teacher preparation program," said Jeffery.

Lee Davidson, associate professor of teaching and learning, saw the strong test scores as an indication of a positive future for the Teachers Preparation Program. "We will continue to strive for excellence in preparing teachers for both Adventist and public schools," Davidson said.

Jeffery says, "Congratulations are in order for all faculty and staff in [the Department of] Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum."

Robert Moncrieff, student news writer,
University Relations

Teacher in the Spotlight: Jane Sabes

Like every other professor at Andrews University, Jane Sabes keeps a curriculum vitae on file. Hers, however, is 12 pages long. Since graduating from Columbia Union College in 1971, Sabes has been the chief medical technologist at Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, held a fellowship at Harvard University, and taught for one year at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology. And for three years in the early 90s, she served as Secretary of Health for the State of Wyoming.

To Sabes, however, these accomplishments belong to a past chapter of

her life. "I've lived the exciting years of my life, and now I want to live vicariously through the exciting years of my students' lives," she



Jane Sabes, professor of
political science

says. "I just want to stand on the sidelines and be the loudest cheerleader for the great things God has planned for them."

How well Sabes has succeeded might depend on your definition of "standing on the sidelines," but she hasn't sat around much since coming to Andrews University in 1999. In addition to teaching political science, she has led annual summer study tours to countries including Cuba, China, and Greece. She had a hand in the development of a master's program in International Development. And in 2004–2005, she was voted "Teacher of the Year" by the Andrews University student body.

Looking at the curriculum vitae of Sabes, it is only natural to be impressed with her numerous professional and academic accomplishments. In person, however, it is Sabes' unshakable belief in the potential of her students that leaves the greatest impression. She says, "God can keep the covenant that He made in Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' So when I look at each student I say, 'I wonder what God seeks for him,' and I see it developing while they're here on the campus; I can see it so clearly. For me, life doesn't get any better than that. It's rich—it really is rich."

Robert Moncrieff, student news writer,
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[EDUCATION NEWS]

Andrews University Awards \$3.4 million to Lake Union Academy Graduates

Earlier this spring, Andrews University representatives awarded more than \$3.4 million in Andrews Partnership Scholarships (APS) to graduates of Lake Union academies.

The more than \$3.4 million awarded at these academy graduations represent four-year scholarships that are part of the new Andrews Partnership Scholarship program, first introduced at the university in the fall of 2002.



Jessica McConnell, a 2007 Indiana Academy graduate, was awarded a scholarship by Randy Graves, director of Recruiting Services, Andrews University.

Under the program, entering freshmen can receive anywhere from \$8,000 to \$32,000 in scholarships, which are then divided equally among the four years of study towards a degree (an APS award is also available to transfer students, and offers between \$2,500 and \$6,000 a year for those who qualify).

This significant scholarship program (and related increases in need-based aid for undergraduate students at the university) has, during the last five years, represented an overall 50 percent increase in the amount of merit or need-based aid Andrews gives to its students.

The APS awards were presented at Lake Union academies this spring by a variety of Andrews University



Enrollment Management staff representatives, including Randy Graves, director of Recruiting Services at the university, and administrators, including

Lawrence Schalk, the university's chief financial officer.

Graves noted to the graduates at Indiana Academy on May 27, "I'm here from Andrews University to add congratulations to this important day, to join with everyone around you—faculty, family, and friends—in encouraging you to continue to learn more, to continue to do significant things with your life, so that you might better serve God."

Graves added, "We are excited to truly partner with those of you who are interested in including Andrews University in your educational plans; and, for each graduate, we join in your prayers and hopes for the future today. In fact, wherever your journey takes you, may these words help describe the certain path that leads to a future that God has planned for you: Seek knowledge. Affirm faith. Change the world."

If you'd like to know more about the Andrews Partnership Scholarship and related financial aid opportunities at Andrews University, including an online APS calculator that offers information on which levels you or your student might qualify for, please click on: www.andrews.edu/future/financing/scholarships/.

Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management, Andrews University

Elkhart Student Wins Healthy Lifestyle Contest

Indiana—Elise English, a third grade student at Elkhart Adventist Christian School, entered the Healthy Living Contest announced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD). Her winning entry

was a puppet skit about the harmful effects of smoking. Her teacher, Suzanne Nelson, encouraged her students to write their own plays during writing class, using topics they wanted to know about.

The students worked on skits using information they researched about smoking. The students' final products were recorded onto DVDs and sent to the Indiana Conference where they were judged. Winning entries were then forwarded to the Lake Union Conference for another round of judging before being sent to the NAD.

After judging at the national level, Elise was notified that she won a first place prize of \$250, and her school was awarded the same. "I liked doing it, and it was fun. ... I hope I can do it again next year," said Elise.



Elise English's entry in the Healthy Living Contest received first place. Elise received an award of \$250, and her school received the same amount.

The Healthy Living Contest was a coordinated effort of the Education, Women's Ministries, Health Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Children's Ministries departments at the NAD. The contest helps youth appreciate the benefits of healthful living and strengthens their determination and commitment to enjoy life without using harmful substances. The contest is open to all young people annually. For additional information, see www.healthylifestylecontest.com.

Suzanne Nelson, Elkhart Adventist Christian School principal

Battle Creek Academy Awarded Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant

Michigan—Battle Creek Academy (BCA) has received a \$264,000 grant (payable over three years, with successful completion of each year required for advancement through the program) for the hiring of a physical education teacher and the implementation of a health curriculum. This award process was very competitive. In 2006, only 5.1 percent of applicants received a grant. With hundreds of thousands of schools applying for the award, the likelihood of a small school such as BCA receiving the grant was very small.

With a primary goal to teach BCA students how to stay fit and improve their existing health through the creation of a curriculum based on the Michigan State Physical Education Content Standards and the implementation of a research-based curriculum, a grant proposal was written. The goal was to establish a Wellness for Life program to (a) implement a physical education curriculum, (b) create and implement a health curriculum, and (c) hire a physical education instructor to teach the students.

The administrative staff at BCA was very much surprised to learn of their award via a congratulatory phone call from their local newspaper. Shortly after, phone calls were received from their state representative in Washington, D.C., the governor's office in Lansing, Mich., etc. When the initial surprise had passed, they immediately contacted the Lake Union Conference's attorney to review the paperwork surrounding the grant and to confirm that there were no religious liberties issues. Upon the completion of the review, it was recommended that the grant be reviewed by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists' (NAD)



Department of Education and Legal Counsel offices.

These offices reviewed the information and, after a month's worth of conversations, it was ascertained that receiving this award would not impeach religious liberties or create other challenges for the school. The BCA School Board reviewed detailed information regarding the grant and, after discussion, voted unanimously to accept the Carol M. White Physical Education award.

As this article was written, candidates were being interviewed for the program and plans made to move forward, after much prayerful consideration and counsel from both the NAD and Lake Union attorney's offices, with a "one year at a time" approach. The grant program is designed to be self-governed with regular reviews by program director/principal, Kevin Kossick, and bi-annual reviews by a self-created school committee culminating in an annual report to the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Although much information is posted online, the following description summarizes the grant well:

"Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant provides funding for the development and implementation of physical education programs which promote increased physical activity and healthy lifestyles for children and supports life-long physical activity. The purpose of the PEP grant is not to provide new playgrounds or facilities but may be used to purchase fitness/sports equipment and train teachers in innovative physical education programs. In the first two years of the program, the PEP grant funded acquisition of treadmills, heart rate monitors, inline skates, climbing walls, ski equipment, fitness assessment technology, as well as a wide range of traditional sports equipment. Funds are also provided for curriculum development, teacher training, student fitness assessments, data collection and evaluations. While equipment purchases are allowable, successful grant applicants propose programs that address various aspects of a comprehensive physical education program."

Please remember this program in your prayers.

Sallie A. Mayer, director of alumni and development,
Battle Creek Academy



Greg Huffman, a senior supply planner and a member of the Spencer Church, showed students how to assemble parts during Career Day.

Students Learn the Three R's Are Still Vital

Indiana—Students from four elementary schools (Bloomington Adventist Christian Academy, Lucille Lutz Elementary School of Columbus, Spencer Adventist Christian Academy, and Terre Haute Adventist Elementary School) recently gathered at the Bloomington Adventist Church where they separated according to grade levels to rotate through 11 career stations. Gracious church-member presenters from Bloomington, Columbus, Martinsville, Spencer, and Terre Haute patiently took time to address the students' many questions and interests. There were creative and fun hands-on activities to teach the young people about various careers, which included physical therapy, dental hygiene, tool and die, publishing, camp management, computer programming, construction, component manufacturing, civil engineering, radio broadcasting, and pastoring.

Ivy Tech Community College donated plastic bags for the children's "freebies" given out by the presenters. There were also donations from the local Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington Hospital, and Indiana University.

The students and faculty of the four schools were happy for the op-

portunity to meet people from various workplaces and to explore different careers. They discovered, among other things, that math, reading, writing, and a spirit of teamwork are vital to success in any field.

Sandy Culp, Spencer Church communication leader, and Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference correspondent

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Fairhaven Church Reaches Out to Community

Lake Region—Fairhaven Church held a Health Fair on Thur., July 12, on the church campus. Sponsored by the Community Services department, the event proved to be very beneficial to the local community.

Many community residents came to visit the various displays and to see what the visiting organizations offered. Many government representatives of Genesee County also attended the event. The county's Health Department offered testing for lead poisoning in children. The Sheriff's Department offered finger printing of children for those parents who wanted to be able to I.D. their children in an

emergency situation. The Department of Social Services offered assistance with foster parenting. The City of Flint's Fire Department brought its "Fire House" and performed demonstrations on Fire Safety in a private home.

Also, information on healthy eating was offered, as well as taste testing. Kids who visited enjoyed having their faces painted in various designs and received a back-to-school gift pack, compliments of the Fairhaven Church.

The event was a practical demonstration of how Christ said to reach out to the needy all around us and be His healing hands and feet—in our own neighborhood and to all the world.

Visit Fairhaven's website to see additional photos and more news: www.fairhavensda.org.

Cassie Lambert, Fairhaven Church youth leader, and Trevor Schluter, Fairhaven Church communication leader



Fairhaven Church members reached out to their local community at the Health Fair held at the church. Back-to-school gift packs were distributed.



Ken Micheff (far left), pastor, along with Pathfinders and Adventist Community Services leaders, joined together to officially celebrate the ground breaking for the new community service center/Pathfinder building.

Ground Breaking Ceremony Held for New Community Service Center

Michigan—A ground breaking ceremony for the new Adventist Community Services Center (ACSC) of the Ithaca Seventh-day Adventist Church was held May 3. The new building at 939 North Pine River will replace the present center on South St. Johns Street, which was built in 1961. The work of community services has expanded beyond the capabilities of the old facility. The new center will have a bigger work space, larger area for client choices, and more receiving and shipping rooms. A grant for shelving for the new building was awarded by the Gratiot County Community Foundation.

Clothing is processed and given to those in need locally, and the excess is shipped to overseas disaster areas. New quilts are made for those experiencing crisis situations, and layettes containing new items are furnished for use at the hospital. Last year 300 families were helped and more than 1,000 boxes of excess clothing were shipped. Weekly vol-

unteers put in a total of 1,400 hours in 2006.

Ken Micheff, local pastor; Virginia Pfeifle, ACSC director; Beth Stephan, ACSC treasurer; and other volunteers were present for the ground breaking ceremony. Diana Bruch, Michigan Conference Adventist Community Services director, and Leroy Bruch, Michigan Conference treasurer, also attended.

Beth Stephan, Gratiot County Community Service Center treasurer

[UNION NEWS]

FEMA Calls on Illinois Adventist Response

Illinois—One of the largest earthquakes that will ever hit the United States will be the New Madrid Earthquake along the Mississippi River, according to the National Earthquake Information Center

(NEIC). The NEIC also believes there will be at least eight states directly impacted by this potential disaster, with the greatest impact from Memphis, Tenn., to Saint Louis, Mo.

In preparation for this colossal event, Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) conducted a training session July 17–20. The purpose of the training session was to prepare for volunteer and donations management in the event of this disaster. Two people were chosen from each of the eight states to attend the training session.

From Illinois, the two chosen were Fred Crowell, Illinois Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response director, representing all the volunteer agencies and businesses for the State of Illinois, and a State employee who serves as the volunteer and donations manager for the State.

The reason Crowell was chosen is because of the great respect FEMA has for Adventist Community Services Disaster Response's donations management in times of disaster.

As we look at this process, Crowell has opportunities to network with and share his faith with people who most will never come in contact with, touching them for Jesus.

Rachel Terwillegar, assistant to the president for communication, Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Illinois Adventist Disaster Response director, Fred Crowell, and Susan Jensen, Area 5 FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison director, stand in front of a map showing the eight states that will be impacted by the potential New Madrid Earthquake.

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at www.lakeunionherald.org. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 39.

Anniversaries



David and Marilyn Bauer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 11, 2007, with a surprise reception and renewal of their vows at the Jellico (Tenn.) Wedding Chapel. They were members of the Pioneer Memorial (Mich.) Church for more than 25 years.

David Bauer and Marilyn Haase were married Aug. 11, 1957, in Newark, N.J., by Marilyn's father, Pastor Walter Haase. David has served the church in educational and health care institutions including Andrews University, and Kettering and Hinsdale hospitals. Marilyn has spent her entire professional career in elementary education, and she wrote elementary textbooks for the North American Division Department of Education. They now reside in Hendersonville, N.C.

The Bauer family includes the late C. Randall Bauer.

Obituaries

AHLERS, Dave J., age 89; born Aug. 7, 1917, in Appleton, Wis.; died June 12, 2007, in Columbus, Wis. He was a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church, Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Zella (Steele); sons, Bryson and Gayland; four grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and ten step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Steve Aust, with private inurnment.

APPLEWHITE Sr., John W., age 85; born May 5, 1921, in Grenada, Miss.; died Mar. 16, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta (Johnson); sons, Kevin and Jamont; daughters, Lorraine Ward, and Brenda, Barbara, and Dionne Applewhite.

Funeral services were conducted by Pas-

tor Eric Bell, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

BAUERMEISTER, Ron, age 84; born Sept. 10, 1922, in Ocheyedan, Iowa; died June 29, 2007, in Murray, Ky. He was a member of the Metropolis (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois (Ashley); sons, Gary and Joe; daughter, Ronna Barker; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Ken Denslow, and interment was in Fooks Cemetery, Possum Trot, Ky.

BOUVIER, Paulette E. (Nadjar), age 79; born Oct. 30, 1927, in Algiers, Algeria; died July 11, 2007, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Jean-Fernand; son, Thierry; daughter, Yolande Robertson; brothers, Sylvain and George Nadjar; sister, Odette Gaeta; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Jacques Doukhan and Arne Swanson, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

BURTON, Mabel B. (Bell), age 83; born Mar. 31, 1924, in Kirksey, Ky.; died June 26, 2007, in Brookport, Ill. She was a member of the Metropolis (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert J., Mark D., and John D.; daughters, Jeanetta A. Gardner, Phyllis J. Daniels, Martha A. Millikan, Glenda S. Smallwood, Shiela F. Hunt, and Becky J. Mc Hughes; half brother, James T. Brewer; sister, Maple Morris; half sister, Geraldine Miller; 27 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Jerry Baugher, and interment was in Lebanon Church of Christ Cemetery, Selda, Ky.

DITZMAN, Norman A., age 86; born Nov. 19, 1920, in Green Bay, Wis.; died June 2, 2007, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his sons, Neil, Brad, and Brian; daughter, Judy Bluhm; eight grandchild-

ren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Fort Howard Memorial Park Cemetery, Green Bay.

LARBELL, Stewart L., age 93; born Mar. 23, 1914, in Kings Mill, Mich.; died June 2, 2007, in Clare, Mich. He was a member of the Clare Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Janet Gill; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Russell Thomas, and interment was in Surrey Twp. Cemetery, Farwell, Mich.

NEWMAN, Verla A. (Thomas), age 83; born June 5, 1924, in Milford, Ind.; died July 16, 2007, in Elkhart, Ind. She was a member of the Elkhart Church.

Survivors include her sons, Devon E. and James L.; daughter, Hazel A. Marquis; sister, Jean Hargrove; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Loren Nelson III, and interment was in Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

PELTON, P. Lloyd, age 86; born Sept. 14, 1920, in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada; died Mar. 21, 2007, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen F. (Cove); son, Robert; and brother, Grant.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Sharon Terrell and Dan Cottrell, and interment was in Union Cemetery, Berrien Center.

POLK, Ardath E. (Coppock), age 83; born Aug. 10, 1923, in Ooltewah, Tenn.; died June 3, 2007, in Snowflake, Ariz. She was a member of the Gobles, Hastings, and Bedford, Mich., and Kokomo, Ind., Churches.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W.; son, Charles W.; daughters, Joyce Bagley, Marilyn Norrell, Linda Polk, Billie Jo Fredrickson, and Sheila Boivin; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Matthew Vixie, and interment was in Valley of the Sun Cemetery, Chandler, Ariz.

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Chicago, Ill.	7:16	7:04	6:52	6:40	6:27	6:16
Detroit, Mich.	7:58	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:08	6:57
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:08	7:58	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:11
La Crosse, Wis.	7:32	7:20	7:07	6:54	6:41	6:28
Lansing, Mich.	8:05	7:52	7:40	7:28	7:14	7:02
Madison, Wis.	7:25	7:12	6:59	6:47	6:34	6:22
Springfield, Ill.	7:23	7:11	7:00	6:48	6:36	6:25

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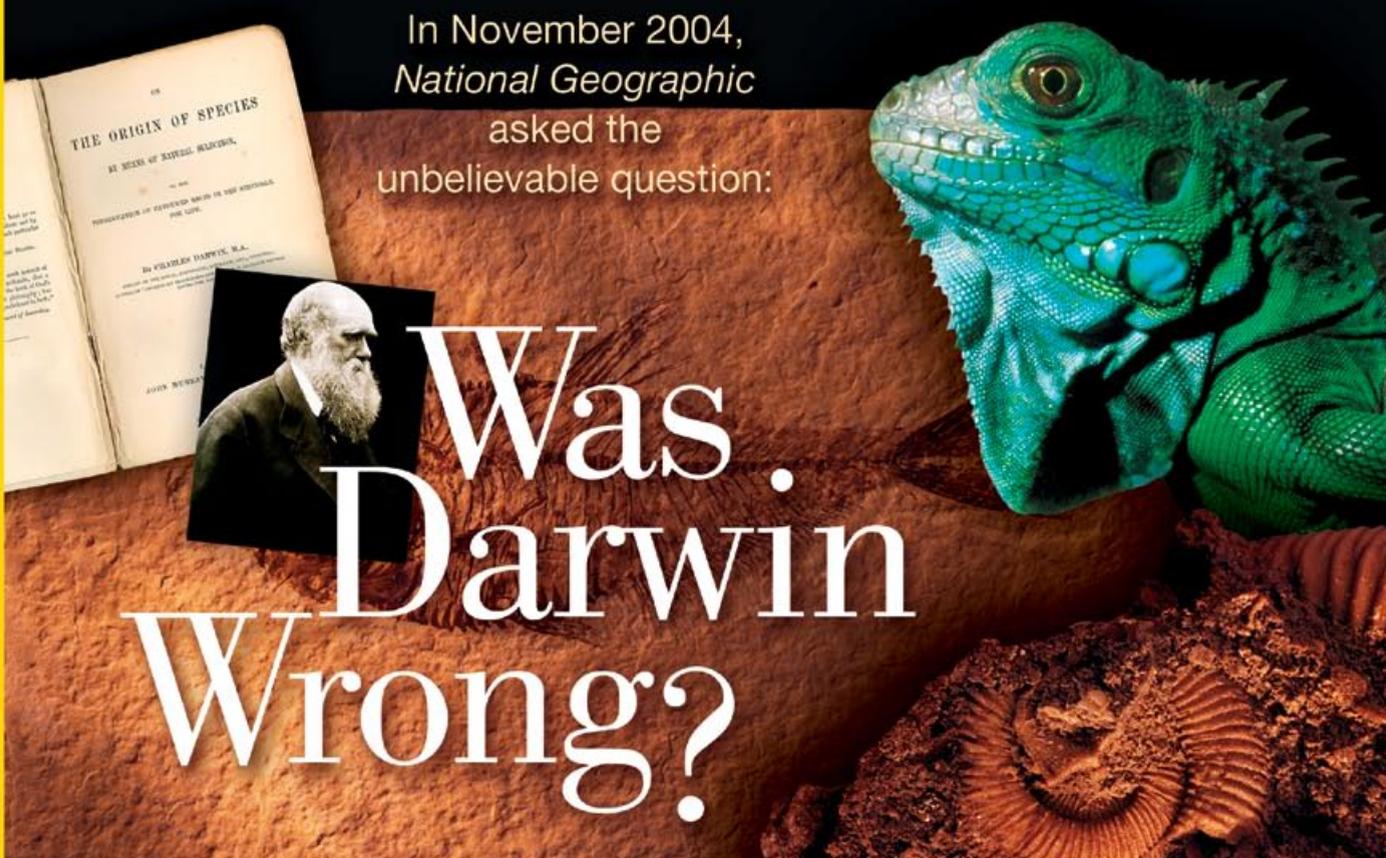
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The Indiana Academy (IA) Alumni Association welcomes all graduates/attendees to the IA campus for Alumni Homecoming, **Oct. 12-13**. Honor classes are 1957, '67, '82, and '97. In

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Lake Region

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317-255-1155; or Sylvia Wilson, church secretary, at 317-251-1053. During the year, all former pastors and former members are invited to join us for monthly High Sabbath Celebration days, as well as for the banquet event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Michigan

The Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association invites all alumni from Adelphian, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge, and Great Lakes Adventist Academies to Alumni Weekend **Oct. 12-13** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. This year's theme is "Road to Success: Motivated by a Mission." Honor classes are 1957, '67, '77, '82, '87, and '97. Come join us for a memorable weekend. For more information, visit www.glaa.net, or call the Alumni office at 989-427-5181.

North American Division

Maranatha Volunteers International's 2007 Convention will be held **Sept. 21-22** at the Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin, Ore. (a suburb of Portland). All are invited to attend this inspirational weekend. Featured speakers will come from India, Mozambique, Ecuador, and Chile. Come and see how God is moving in different parts of the world and how you can be involved. For more information, contact Maranatha Volunteers International at 916-920-1900, or visit website www.maranatha.org.

The Greater Boston Academy Alumni Association will hold its annual reunion on **Sept. 28-29** at the academy located at 108 Pond St., Stoneham, Mass. Honor classes are those ending in 2 or 7. Guest speaker will be former teacher Matt Lombard. Special feature: Laurie Redmer choir reunion. For further information, contact Alumni president Arthur Barnaby at 951-359-4344, or e-mail afbarnaby@juno.com. See also the Alumni website at gba.myfamily.com.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend will be **Oct. 4-7**. Honor classes are: 1947, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, and 2002. Activities start with the Silver Showcase Banquet on Thurs. evening, Oct. 4. For additional information, call 573-682-2164, e-mail alumni@sunnydale.org, or visit www.sunnydale.org.

Oak Park Academy Alumni Meeting will be held at Gates Hall in Nevada, Iowa, on **Oct. 5-6**. Honor classes: 1937, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, and '82. For more information, go to www.opainiowa.com. If you have questions, contact Shari McNeilus at 800-770-5638, or e-mail shari@sominn.com.

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The Law of Relativity

BY GARY BURNS

Albert Einstein is probably most famous for his formula of relativity presented in his 1905 paper, "On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies." I am included in the millions of people who can recite his formula, $E=mc^2$, (energy and mass are equivalent and transmutable)—whatever that means.

Knowing that I am mathematically challenged, I dare venture using Einstein's theory as an illustration. As it has been explained to me, things that are the same don't remain the same even though they appear to be the same. In other words, if we were able to travel faster than the speed of light and we held a yardstick in our hand, the yardstick would become longer. We would not be able to tell that the yardstick was longer, because we would also become longer at the same rate as the yardstick. The difference can only be observed

mathematically. Or could we possibly say from God's point of view?

The law of relativity also applies to the act of giving. How does one measure one's gift? Traveling at the speed of life, how does one know how much to give to ensure its proper value in God's eyes?

It is obvious that our standards of measurement are relative. The disciples were confused when Jesus declared that the value of the widow's mite slipped into the treasury far exceeded the value of the bags of coins poured in by the Pharisees. So how does a Pharisee know the relative value of a gift? She or he only knows through a personal partnership with God.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Challenges of Faith

BY HEATHER DOTY

I sat quietly in my room pondering the meaning of faith, knowing it was time to put it to work. Without hesitancy, I wrote the check. It was the last money I had saved for tithe, and after six months of unemployment I knew that it was now God's turn to follow through on His promise.

Thinking back on that experience almost two and a half years ago, I am reminded that faithfulness isn't necessarily about comfort or simply knowing about faith. Although God often provides for our happiness along the way, a life journey with Christ can be a life of challenges. It doesn't matter how young or old you are either.

At the time of my graduation from Andrews University, God provided me with a good job at a prominent architecture firm in Kalamazoo. My employers and coworkers respected my choice not to work on Sabbath, and knew that my Christian ethics were a benefit to the company. However, two years later, work slowed and I found myself signing up for unemployment. I also found myself asking God some very big questions. After

six months of diligently searching for work, sending out resumes, contacting job leads, going to interviews, and receiving a few rejections because of Saturday unavailability, I still had no job. But God had a plan, and I determined to have faith no matter what.

Not long after the unemployment paychecks stopped coming and I had given the last of my tithe money back to God, I got a job lead from a former coworker, who was also an Adventist friend. I sent a resume, had an interview, and a few weeks later I was again employed.

I will never forget that miracle. God has blessed my choice to trust Him in both good and difficult times. Even though I couldn't see beyond the discouraging circumstances, God was watching out for me, taking note of my choices, and planning an even better job for me than the previous. He wanted to test my faithfulness, and He waited until just the right time to show me His faithfulness.

Since that experience, God has given me additional challenges of faith. It is not always easy to exercise faith or to stand out among the people of the world, but I am encouraged as I look back at the evidence of God's love, and His blessings in response to faithfulness.

Heather Doty works in an architect firm in the Kalamazoo, Michigan, area doing architecture and interior design.



Kylene Noelle Cave (17), of Berrien Center, Michigan, is the daughter of Jannette and Anthony Cave. Kylene attends the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A senior at Andrews Academy (AA), Kylene has been a member of nearly every musical organization there. She is currently senior class president, and has received numerous awards and filled leadership positions prior to the current year. Very friendly and creative, Kylene is also responsible, dedicated to finding truth, honest, committed, and forthright in following the teachers' directions.

When asked the most important thing she has learned at AA, Kylene replied, "I learned to focus and never stop striving for my goals until they are achieved." One of her most memorable experiences was traveling with friends to Germany and Austria her freshman year. Her favorite classes were German I and II. She said, "Mr. Baker was so much fun, and everyone in the class contributed to making it the best class of the day."

Kylene's hobbies include horseback riding, playing sports, traveling, and performing with music organizations. Committed to the Seventh-day Adventist message, Kylene has an interest in promoting it until the return of Jesus. After graduation, Kylene plans to become a cardiovascular surgeon.



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Jason Lemon

Highly motivated and energetic, Jason goes the extra mile in service to fellow students and the community. Currently, Jason is president of the National Honor Society, but has held various class and Student Association offices. Jason is a model student with an inquiring mind. He helps others achieve the same objectives he establishes for himself. Jason does not allow conflict or opposition to discourage him; he accepts the challenge and solves the problem.

The most important thing Jason has learned at AA is "to get involved and work hard." He said, "I also learned that I can make a difference." Chemistry was Jason's favorite class because "Mr. White made me work so hard, and I still only got a B."

Two of his most memorable experiences were the backpacking tour to the Smoky Mountains and the SOW (Service Outreach Witness) Safari mission trip to Ecuador.

Jason enjoys snowboarding, writing, acting, paintballing, camping/backpacking, and going to the beach. After graduation, Jason plans to become a doctor without borders or an international businessman and travel the world. He also aspires to one day become president of the United Nations.

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