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Macarthur Adventist College is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and we'd love to invite past students to join in the festivities! Please send in your photos and stories to help us commemorate this special occasion on September 9th. Since seating capacity is limited, make sure to reserve your spot by registering with the QR code provided.

Planning and application are underway at Macarthur Adventist College for an exciting new building extension to house the Food, Industrial and ICT Technology departments, providing students with cutting-edge facilities and collaborative workspaces.

The design includes dedicated spaces for computer labs, workshops, classrooms, and flexible areas for group work, study,

and presentations. The Food Technology lab will have modern appliances for cooking and preparing different ingredients, while the ICT lab will offer access to high-speed internet and advanced software and hardware for coding and digital design. The industrial technology lab will feature state-of-the-art equipment, such as 3D printers, wood-turning equipment and welding bays, providing hands-on experience through a variety of tools and processes.

Principal Sam Lett is looking forward to seeing construction begin, contingent on the Building Grants Assistance being approved by the AISNSW: "This new building represents a significant investment in the future of education at Macarthur, and will be an inspiring, innovative environment for our students to learn, explore, and develop their skills as they prepare for future careers in technology."



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The GSC have a Teacher Scholarship which is designed to assist our school company to secure a supply of Adventist teachers into the future.

Any Adventist university students enrolled in a Bachelor of Teaching degree (either at Avondale or a local Sydney university) are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship amount is a minimum of \$3000 per year towards meeting university costs (conditions apply), with participating students bonded to the GSC school company for two years following graduation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Courage in dark caves

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David knows he's been called by God, knows he's destined for great things and yet he's stuck in a cave.

Caves are fascinating hidden worlds that have been the subject of imagination and speculation, from rock paintings to Jules Verne's *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. Many of us have probably visited well lit, beautiful caves with stalactites and mites crisscrossing the space like the pipes of an organ in a grand old cathedral. Yet most caves are dirty, dark and mysterious places that narrow to compress the air in your lungs making you feel trapped.

Recently, the news reported that a Spanish woman by the name of Beatriz Flamini spent 500 days underground just outside of Granada. Described as an “elite mountaineer”, she had been residing in an underground cavern by choice. She wasn't trapped. She wasn't using the cave as a retreat. In fact, when they came to get her after the agreed upon time elapsed, she said she wasn't ready to come out as she hadn't finished her book.

She was about 70 metres below the surface, fed by food lowered down by her support team but with no contact with the outside world. By her request. According to the *New York Post*, she was unaware of the Ukraine War and the death of Queen Elizabeth II when she emerged from her subterranean seclusion. While cameras monitored her safety and she had a panic button to call for help if required, she never felt the need and seems to have enjoyed the experience.

Time will tell, as a team of experts will now pore over the experiment to understand the effects of living isolated and disoriented underground. Most people underground for any length of time are not there voluntarily. In recent times, trapped miners come to mind.

In the biblical book of Revelation, we see people hiding in caves from Jesus' triumphant return. The caves are less an image of refuge as they are an attempted escape from the inevitable. Yet many people throughout history have found caves to be a refuge and escape from danger and persecution.

In the Protestant Reformation, the Huguenots and Waldenses hid in caves to pray and worship with freedom. In biblical times, we read how Obadiah hid 100 prophets of the Lord in two caves to protect them from Jezebel's rampages. David spent a lot of time in caves hiding from King Saul. In fact, in the biblical narrative a cave is often a place of refuge.

The preamble to Psalm 142 tells us that it is a *maskil* of David when he was in the cave.

He was fleeing for his life and the Psalm is a lament to the Lord.

“I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble” (v1,2).

Unlike Ms Flamini, David is not in the cave by choice and he is not enjoying the experience. David knows he's been called by God, knows he's destined for great things and yet he's stuck in a cave. It's a place of refuge but also a trap. David likens the cave to the land of the dead, suggesting that God is his “portion in the land of the living”. David cries for rescue.

I don't know about you, but I've felt a little bit like David. Not that anyone was trying to kill me. But unsure of God's calling, worried about life's challenges, “my spirit grows faint within me” (v3). At some of those times, all I could do was cry out with David, “Listen to my cry for I am in desperate need; rescue me” (v6).

The prayer poem ends with these words: “Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me” (v7).

David counts on the hope he will taste God's goodness in his future. He doesn't know in the season of the cave what his future looks like but he trusts and holds on. We know what happens to David. His calling is justified and God rescues him and raises him up.

Yet we don't always see the hope for our own future from the floor of that cave. Look up. Be encouraged. There is light shining through. God doesn't forget us, even as we cower in caves.



INSIGHT:

God is never off duty

Glenn Townend
President, South Pacific Division

"Psalm 121" was printed in white on the back of the red collar of the jerseys we wore on the "I Will Go" bike rides. Why did we promote that Psalm?

Psalm 121 is a song of ascent. This was one of the Psalms that the people of Israel sang as they journeyed to Jerusalem to participate in one of the three major religious feasts or festivals: *Pesah* (Passover), *Shavuot* (Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost) and *Sukkoth* (Tabernacles). The people would usually walk from home to Jerusalem on roads that were not always safe—bandits often attacked travellers (like the man in the Good Samaritan parable, Luke 10:30–37). This Psalm reminded them of the God of protection.

When we rode from Washington DC to St Louis and Melbourne or Brisbane to Avondale University we were travelling on roads that were mostly safe from bandits, but cars, trucks and other road users can be a hazard for a cyclist (as we can be for them). We valued the protection of God.

"The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever more" (verse 8) is the last verse of the Psalm and was my favourite that I learned by memory. Since the rides I have memorised the entire Psalm.

The Psalm begins, "I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come?" The question is answered, "My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." The hills were the places where the other gods were worshipped at altars and shrines. This person says he lifts his eyes higher to the Creator God. There is an unstated comparison between the other gods and God. "... he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (verse 4). Other gods did not like to be disturbed from their life or sleep—only big and amazing sacrifices would get their attention (see Elijah's taunt in 1 Kings 18:27). God promises to be better than 24/7 personal security. God is never off duty—love, compassion and protection are always there.

May you and I keep trusting in a God who is always our "keeper" whatever happens.

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Sanitarium's Corporate Communications team enjoying the birthday celebrations.

Sanitarium celebrates 125 years of serving up healthy food choices

📍 **Berkeley Vale, NSW** | Tracey Bridcutt

Sanitarium Health Food Company served up a special event to celebrate its 125th birthday on April 27.

Speeches and prayers, food and memorabilia—including two heritage vehicles—were all part of the event, held at the company's Australian headquarters at Berkeley Vale on the Central Coast, NSW.

Along with the festivities, it was a time to reflect on Sanitarium's rich history and purpose, as well as to reaffirm its commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of Australians.

"We believe healthier choices support the potential for every Australian to live a long and healthy life," said Sanitarium CEO Kevin Jackson.

"Sanitarium was founded with the core purpose of helping Australians to eat well and live well. This purpose remains just as important today, particularly as families struggle with the growing impacts of lifestyle-related chronic diseases, food insecurity and cost-of-living pressures.

"That's why we're strengthening our commitment to make access to healthier choices easier for more Australians. We'll do this through the affordable healthy foods we make, increasing our investment in health education, and by doing more to develop food and nutrition security for all."

South Pacific Division (SPD) CFO Francois Keet acknowledged the impact that

Sanitarium has had across the region over many decades.

"Sanitarium has not only blessed the Church in the SPD with financial resources to support things like Avondale University, Pacific Adventist University, clinics in the Pacific, 10,000 Toes to name a few, but just as significant has supported the Church with their skills and human resources on many fronts, making the Church more professional."

Sanitarium began in a neighbourhood bakery in Northcote, Melbourne, after a small group of Seventh-day Adventists migrated from Battle Creek, Michigan, bringing foods made by Dr John Harvey Kellogg for patients at his health institute.

Registered as a business on April 27, 1898, Sanitarium has led the way in transforming Australia's eating habits. It was the first to introduce breakfast cereals, pioneered innovative soy foods and promoted plant-based eating long before it became popular.

Sanitarium is now one of the largest Australian-owned food companies, employing 1200 people across six Australian sites and exporting products to almost 40 countries. It is one of Australia's most trusted food companies with products such as Weet-Bix, So Good and UP&GO found in two in every three households.



Princess Mary visited ADRA's Elang Family Support Services Centre at Etas. (Credit: ADRA Vanuatu Facebook)

Princess Mary visits ADRA family centre

📍 **Efate, Vanuatu** | Record Staff

The ADRA team in Vanuatu welcomed a royal visitor on April 24: Princess Mary of Denmark.

"What an exciting day it has been for our team and members of Etas community," a post to the ADRA Vanuatu Facebook page reads.

"We were honoured to have Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Denmark and her delegate visit ADRA's Elang Family Support Services Centre at Etas. Women who have been empowered through our life skills training had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to showcase to Her Royal Highness the items they produce and sell

to earn an income for their family."

"With the impacts of climate change affecting people in Vanuatu, especially women and children, Etas community got to share their story of how they are adapting to the changes," the post continues.

"We hope that this visit will provide valuable insights into the challenges women in Vanuatu face and inspire further action towards creating a more sustainable, equitable and resilient future for all."

The Australian-born princess arrived in Vanuatu on April 23 for a visit focused on the consequences of climate change in the South Pacific.



The trainers' workshop was focused on promoting Adventist ethos and identity.

200 educators attend workshop on Adventist identity and ethos

📍 Goroka, PNG | Record Staff

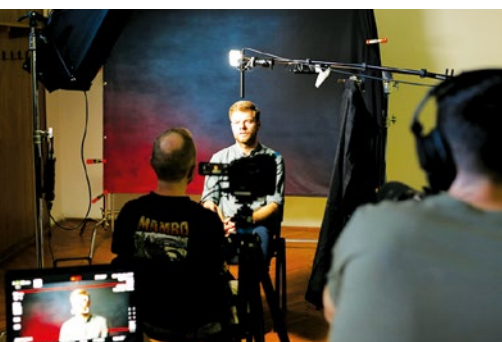
More than 200 educators from Seventh-day Adventist schools in Papua New Guinea attended a trainers' workshop from April 13 to 15 at Kabiufa Adventist Secondary School in Goroka.

With the theme "I Will Go—Quest for Integrity", the workshop focused on promoting Adventist ethos and identity, connecting through prayer, effective Bible teaching, developing the special character of Adventist schools, walking the quality Adventist school framework through accreditation, valuing the essential characteristics of Adventist ethos and identity, and sharing best practices.

Dr Elisapesi Manson—education consultant to Adventist schools in Tonga—and her co-master trainers Talonga Pita from Gilson College (Victoria, Australia) and Joe Benjamin from Sonoma Adventist College (PNG) conducted the workshops.

Resources were based on the findings of a comprehensive professional development needs assessment of teachers from the Trans Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) and Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) conducted in 2022. The professional development analysis report identified key priority areas teachers need in order to effectively promote and demonstrate Adventist ethos and identity in their schools. One of the teachers who attended the workshop said he is now empowered with enhanced knowledge, insights and skills in these areas.

An evaluation and monitoring process will follow to ensure that the trainers successfully facilitate the workshop to more than 3000 teachers in Adventist schools in the PNGUM by the end of June.



Behind the scenes of the two final episodes. To watch the trilogy, visit <kingdomcome.com.au>.

A resource to share: new Kingdom Come films dig deeper into Bible prophecies

📍 Stuarts Point, NSW | Kyle Vincent/Record staff

The documentary trilogy *Kingdom Come* came to a conclusion with the premiere of parts two and three at the North New South Wales (NNSW) Big Camp on April 15. *Kingdom Come: Dominion* and *Downfall* complete the series that explores biblical prophecy through stunning visuals, powerful storytelling and expert insights.

The project was spearheaded by former NNSW president Pastor Justin Lawman, with the first film, *Kingdom Come: Destiny*, garnering widespread success and leading to the creation of the subsequent films. *Destiny* has been translated into eight languages and reached nearly 20 million online views.

According to NNSW president Pastor Adrian Raethel, the goal is to create a documentary that speaks to people's hearts and minds, helping them understand the gospel's good news through Bible prophecies. "*Kingdom Come* offers a message of hope and unity in a world filled with confusion and division," he said.

The launch event, attended by hun-

dreds, garnered excitement and praise for the series' potential to inspire and encourage viewers in their faith. NNSW communications coordinator Henrique Felix commented that the series is a powerful evangelism tool, enabling church members to share the message of salvation.

"This is media outreach at its best and I'd encourage our church members to not only watch it but also share it with others," Mr Felix added.

The films are available for free on the series website and will be distributed to churches, broadcast networks and Christian organisations worldwide. The producers hope that the series will spark conversation, inspire ministry ventures and serve as a catalyst for sharing the message of salvation. "The unique blend of experts, historians, authors and commentators promises to engage audiences around the world," said producer Kyle Vincent.

To learn how you can use the films, sign up for the *Kingdom Come* newsletter at <kingdomcome.com.au>.



The Passover celebration.

Jewish Adventist congregation celebrates 10 years of ministry

📍 **Wellington, New Zealand** | Kirsten Lundqvist/Record staff

Bet Tikkun, the only Jewish Adventist congregation in the South Pacific Division, recently celebrated 10 years of existence in Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand.

To mark the occasion, Bet Tikkun welcomed World Jewish Adventist Friendship Centre director Dr Reinaldo Siqueira, who resides in Israel. Speaking at Bet Tikkun's Torah service on April 15 on the Torah portion named "*Shemini*" (Leviticus 9:1 to 11:47), Dr Siqueira discussed the concept of "our table is our altar to worship God", highlighting how eating is an act of worship and recognising God's goodness.

New attendees from a mainstream Christian church expressed that the experience was eye-opening, leading to a dialogue around *Kiddush*—the sharing of *challah* and grape juice that traditionally follows the service.

Dr Siqueira's visit also provided a time for congregation leadership to discuss Jewish-Adventist relations globally and locally, as well as share experiences and vision.

Local leaders Stephanie and Bryan Taylor and pastor Kirsten Lundqvist expressed inspiration and affirmation during discussions around the growing impact the congregation is making, in a respectful and relevant way, in this part of the world.

Earlier in the month, around 40 people from both Adventist and Jewish backgrounds came together at Bet Tikkun to celebrate Passover on April 5. Led by the Taylors, the *Haggadah* service included added elements such as the remembrance of those fleeing war in Ukraine, symbolised by olives added to the seder plate.

A discussion contextualising the 10 plagues recorded in Exodus chapters 7 to 10, asked attendees to consider what 10 modern plagues might be, such as: self-centred (blood), blame (darkness) and "who is the better person" (death of the firstborn).

"It was a meaningful evening to experience a Passover this way," expressed one attendee. Blueprint Church pastor Rose Robinson also noted how family-oriented and welcoming the service was to newcomers.

North New Zealand Conference general secretary Rosalie McFarlane, attending Bet Tikkun's Passover for the second time, commented on the value of this service for connecting with a specific community.

making headlines

Pastor builds four churches

Pastor Silvino Calei Albino, an Adventist pastor in Angola (Africa), saw the need to accommodate membership growth in their region. With donations of building supplies from church members, Pastor Albino and his team volunteered their time over the past four years to build four permanent churches, three temporary clay churches and a house for the district pastor. —SID



Blood bank Sabbath

An Adventist church in Rio de Janeiro became a blood bank for a day in April. A team of medical professionals from the State Institute of Hematology collected blood, with 44 bags in total being donated. In all, 160 community members visited the church that Sabbath and were invited to attend a special church program, with 12 returning the next day to start a course on how to quit smoking. —ANN

Service amid war

Southern Adventist University (USA) hosted two distinguished delegates from Ukraine, welcoming Valeriia Palii, president of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine, and Olena Vladovska, COO of a Ukrainian Adventist medical clinic, who provide support for youth and families affected by their country's devastation. The women spoke with students about serving their nation on the frontlines of war. —NAD

The value of singlehood

Single people "must be valued at the heart of our society" just as much as couples and families, a new report by the Church of England has stated. Highlighting that Jesus was single, the report said the church should "not regard [singleness] as lesser than living in a couple relationship". —news.com.au



Grounded in Jesus

Pastors from across New Zealand, New Caledonia, Cook Islands and French Polynesia recently gathered in Auckland for three days of equipping and spiritual inspiration at the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) ministerial meetings. Each evening, the participants heard from Dr Ella Simmons, a retired vice president of the General Conference. Ms Simmons spoke on the gathering's topic—GRIT—challenging the pastors to be grounded in Jesus, resilient, integrous and trusting in God as they serve in their churches. In the afternoons, participants attended workshops and ministry labs covering a range of topics, from media strategies to raising children with a mission mindset, and tackled real-life issues faced by churches.—**South News/Plugin**



Healthy and prepared

Students of Navesau Adventist High School in Fiji received an awareness session from ADRA over the weekend of April 29, which included motivational talks and presentations on disaster response and healthy lifestyle. The session was led by ADRA country director Iliapi Tuwai and focused on disaster preparedness carried out by the Church Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) team, under the Australian Humanitarian Partnership. In addition, ADRA nutrition specialist Kiti Vasu presented on the importance of healthy living as part of the Fiji Circular Economy for Healthy Lifestyle Project supported by ADRA Australia.—**ADRA Australia Facebook page**



Plant-based grads

Hillview Adventist Church in Morisset (NSW) celebrated the graduation of 32 individuals from the CHIP program on April 2. The event was attended by family and friends who gathered at the church hall to congratulate the graduands for the completion of the 10-week, 18-session program. Participants noted that the program "was easy to follow, with visible and noticeable results". Others commented on the "delicious plant-based recipes" demonstrated each night by various church members, and cooked and prepared for taste-testing by the kitchen team led by Lenora Hurlow.—**Merle Cozens**



Remembrance

In remembrance of the sacrifice made by the ANZACs, Carmel Adventist College Primary in Perth (WA) hosted a special chapel service led by Year 6 students and teachers. Kalamunda Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) representative Geof Irvin also visited to join in honouring those who fought for freedom. Students participated in Anzac Day writing reflections, created storybooks and artwork, and made Anzac biscuits to commemorate the occasion.—**Carmel Adventist College Facebook page**



Double bronze

A Seventh-day Adventist pastor from Victoria, Australia, has won two bronze medals at the 2023 World Transplant Games.

Pastor Fraser Catton was among 150 athletes in Team Australia competing in the Games, held April 15–21 in Perth, Western Australia. He won both medals in tennis—one in the men's singles and the other in doubles.

"It was pretty special to represent Australia and come away with something to show for it," said Pastor Catton.

"The atmosphere was certainly competitive but also very encouraging and supportive. At the end of the day everyone was there to push themselves and celebrate organ donation."

Having lived with kidney disease most of his life, Pastor Catton underwent a kidney transplant in early 2022 and is a keen advocate for organ donation.

"I know that this is a sensitive subject for some. However, I would encourage people to consider their final gift. If we believe we are called to make disciples and that requires hearing and responding to Jesus, then people deserve that chance. Your donated organ could allow someone the extra years of life to have a chance to hear about Jesus. That's worth signing up for." —**Tracey Bridcutt**

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Reaching out

Students and teachers from Epauto Adventist Senior Secondary School in Port Vila, Vanuatu, demonstrated the spirit of community service and collaboration by helping clean their neighbouring school, Freshwota Bilingual School on April 13. Epauto, which currently has more than 600 students, and Freshwota, with more than 1000 students, came together to foster a sense of unity and cooperation. The joint efforts resulted in a cleaner and more welcoming learning environment for the Freshwota school community.

—**John Tausere**



Healthier Kiribati

Residents of Tabiteuea North, southern Kiribati, were empowered to take charge of their own health after a week-long health program run at the local Seventh-day Adventist church from April 16–22. The program was conducted by Kiribati Mission (KM) health director Tera Tarataake with the support of local church minister Bakarereua Tomoniko. The initiative offered free medical check-ups to staff members of the Tabiteuea North council, the Kieia Ataei Southern national hospital and police officers. Mrs Tarataake also led a public awareness campaign to educate the local community on how lifestyle can impact overall health. Minister Tomoniko expressed his gratitude to Mrs Tarataake for conducting the program, adding that he believes it "will have a positive impact on the community's health and wellbeing". —**John Tausere**



The dawning of a better day 1940–1945

The years between 1940 and 1945 have seen the most interesting shift in content featured in *Record* yet. The beginning of this period was consistent with previous years, with a heavy focus on news from the mission fields in the Pacific islands. In 1942, which was referred to as "a year of evacuation and sadness in mission history" (vol 49 no 24), most expat missionaries were evacuated, by order of the Australian Government, to their homelands due to the Japanese invasion of the Pacific.

A new *Record* column began in November 1942 titled "With Our Boys in the Forces", which was introduced as follows: "To you who are called to the service of your King and country this page is dedicated. We trust it will prove a real link between us all. We feel sure the loved ones at home will read with tender interest the paragraphs taken from your letters which will appear from time to time, so please write to us often, telling of your experiences. We can then pass them on for the help and encouragement of others."

By June 1945, this regular column had become the most popular page in *Record*, with editors calling for more submissions from service personnel and their home folk. The letters and messages shared in this column frequently aimed to reaffirm Adventist young men to always do their best in following orders but to remain firm in their boundaries regarding keeping the Sabbath day holy and not bearing arms. Many young men wrote about how their commanders were understanding of their faith and would allow them to have Sabbath as a day free from military duties.

Throughout World War II, the *Record* was sent by mail

to Adventists who were serving in the military. An Adventist young man deployed overseas had this to say about the role *Record* played for him at this time:

"The other Sabbath another boy and I took a bundle of *Signs, Records, and Exchanges* down to the foot of a beautiful three-hundred foot waterfall, and in the refreshing cool and peace enjoyed a spiritual feast. Then bowing our heads we asked God to make us as strong as the solid rock on which we stood, and to remember our loved ones far away. These papers also keep us in touch with our people and the work in which we still have a part."

There are countless other stories of how *Record* was keeping believers connected throughout this very turbulent period in time. It makes us proud to know that we still continue on this valued legacy throughout the church in the South Pacific Division today.

The years of 1943 and 1944 were described as a time of "increasing news of native believers here and there, a few missionaries returned, but mostly of hope deferred". There was anxiety regarding the welfare of not only Adventist prisoners of war in Papua New Guinea, but also of native leaders, teachers and believers in the invaded Pacific countries. There was also concern for mission property, with those still on the ground doing their best to protect buildings and belongings from the invading Japanese army. Here is a retrospectively interesting story that was printed in *Record* about how a mission boat was saved (vol 49 no 40):

Listen in for one moment more to the story of the saving of our mission ship, "The Portal"—one of the few mission

ships which have survived this war. At personal risk to himself, Ragoso hid this boat in the jungle. The mast was removed, and a native house built over the deck, and the engine cared for in another place. This little ship is once more ready to go to sea, and a great shout went up from the natives as they finally got the old engine going again, "Batuna is alive again! Batuna is alive again!"

Reports coming in from the Pacific islands in 1944 said that mission vessels had been sunk by "the enemy", and that locals were not permitted to observe the Sabbath. It was reported that three Adventist teachers were killed, with many other church members tortured by the Japanese army.

"We were also concerned over word from [Papua New Guinea] of persecution by the Japanese of our native teachers and people, of their Bibles and hymn-books being burned—some being used for cigarette papers by Japanese officers—and their clothes being taken away, and of their suffering privation and want, yet holding firm to the truth and to the mission" (vol 49 no 40).

In early 1945, a number of male missionaries returned to Papua. "A little later we were grateful to God as we saw our missionaries begin to move out from Australia not only to Papua and New Guinea, but also to the Solomons. News flashes began to come in from these men en route to their old fields, and the month of June was a never-to-be-forgotten time as thrilling letters came from our missionaries who had returned, giving a word-picture of their meeting with our native leaders"—Union Conference Secretary (vol 49 no 40). Reports in *Record* told of happy reunions amongst missionaries and believers who were now safe to return to mission property and worship together again.

On September 2, 1945 World War II ended. The following letter from an Adventist young man who was stationed in the Pacific was featured in the next *Record* on September 10, 1945:

"We are just awaiting word of the results of Japan's surrender offer, and of course are hoping that she will accept our peace terms. When the news came out last Friday night the chaps absolutely went mad. About 11 pm everybody seemed to turn out, and they started marching through the tent lines singing, playing trumpets, banging cans, and in general making as much noise as they could. However, the merry-making soon died down and we were able to resume our interrupted sleep."

At the time of the official conclusion of the war, a Division Session was held in Australia. *Record* printed a special "Quadrennial Session" issue on October 1, 1945. On the first page, sub-editor Marian Hay summarised the war years excellently:

"When last we met in Session, our Division was under the shadow of war, and this was reflected in our curtailed mission work, our restricted number of delegates, and the uncertainty which made any long-range planning particularly difficult.

Now all this is changed. The war has been brought to a victorious conclusion; our mission field is taken back from the invader; and opportunities greater than ever before confront

us. The way is opening for our missionaries to return, and rebuild their homes, their stations, and our institutions after the devastations of war. New missionaries are with us, ready to enter upon their life-work.

There is an undercurrent of expectancy throughout the gathering, a realisation that we are upon the threshold of the greatest advance of our mission history, the grandest opportunity that has ever come to us as a people to impart our message to the perishing world—the only message that can save men and women from the fast-coming doom. It is felt that great consequences will hinge upon present decisions."

This is one of the most interesting *Record* issues from this time, as Church leaders from all around the South Pacific Division shared on the impact that the war had on church growth.



The 10

Great escapes in the Bible



1. Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-23)

God's faithful prophet evaded capture by the Aramean army by asking God to make the soldiers blind. This was not the only time God manufactured a miraculous escape.

2. 100 Prophets (1 Kings 18:4)

The evil queen Jezebel would make any Disney villain look like a kitten. The 100 prophets of the Lord were hidden in two caves by Obadiah to avoid Jezebel's wrath, saving their lives.

3. Paul (Acts 9:23-25)

Paul had often been chasing Christians when he was still Saul, however, in this great escape, he was the hunted one. When the Jews in Damascus planned to kill Paul, he was lowered over the city's walls in a basket by night.

4. Jonathan and Ahimaaz (2 Samuel 17:17-21)

It was probably dank and slippery but these two allies of King David had no other choice, hiding in a well to escape a rampaging Absalom. One wonders if one of them had tried the trick as a child after stealing a pastry!

5. Two Israelite spies (Joshua 2:16)

Rahab hid the two Israelite spies under the flax on her roof, before helping them climb out of Jericho through her window. One wonders if Paul was thinking of the story during his experience in Damascus.

6. The Exodus (Exodus 14)

God had paved the way for Israel's escape from Egypt, but just when all hope seemed lost, and the Israelites were trapped against the Red Sea, God sent a strong wind to part the sea and help them escape the Egyptian army.

7. The apostle Peter (Acts 12:6-11)

An angel rescued Peter from prison in the dead of night. The writer tells us he was even chained between two sleeping guards at the time. Boy did Rhoda get a fright when he turned up at the door, alive and free.

8. Noah (Genesis 7:7)

Talk about a great escape. Noah escaped the great flood in his God-designed life raft, while saving his whole family and all the animals, two-by-two.

9. Baby Moses (Exodus 2:1-4)

Faithful Jochabed could not stomach her baby boy being drowned, so she placed him in a basket and floated him down the crocodile-infested Nile river.

10. Lot (Genesis 19:15-17)

Lot and his family were rushed out of the city of Sodom by angels, just before it was destroyed. Lot's wife was a bit salty about leaving. Unfortunately she didn't make it.



Would anyone miss us?

Would anyone in the community care if our church closed? Would anyone, other than church members, notice?"

This was the question the pastor of Wantirna Seventh-day Adventist Church asked his congregation six years ago. The silence that followed was uncomfortable. The members knew that if the church closed its doors, no-one in the community would notice, let alone care.

This didn't sit well with the congregation. And so, the decision was made to partner with ADRA.

From this, the Wantirna ADRA Community Care Centre was born. What started as a small food pantry has grown to become a crucial part of the Knox Local Government Area (LGA) in Victoria. ADRA works in partnership with the council's emergency relief network to provide emergency food for families and individuals in crisis.

"We offer all of our clients sustenance and care but also acceptance and friendship, when for some they have known nothing but pain and rejection," says Liz Heath, the manager at ADRA Wantirna. "We can't change how they are treated in the world, but we can offer a safe space filled with empathy and grace."

The Conference ADRA director in Victoria, Rebecca Auriant, has seen God move through the team at Wantirna.

"I remember the time when a client needed a certain baby formula which hadn't been ordered," says Rebecca. "But when Liz looked, it was there—the exact one! God works wonders when we step out in faith and help our brothers and sisters in need."

For Christmas 2022, Liz and her team worked with Knox Infolink and three other local churches to help over 400 families.

"It was a massive undertaking to pack the hampers and collect toys and gift vouchers," Liz says. "Our church family also took up a special offering so that we could buy beautiful fresh produce that our clients would otherwise go without, so that people could have a beautiful Christmas period without food insecurity."

In the lead-up to Christmas, clients arrived every 10 minutes over two days to choose toys for their children, collect bags of produce (including berries, mangos and pineapples), a Christmas hamper, toiletries and a snack gift bag.

"Our clients were totally overwhelmed and many cried and hugged us," says Liz. "Many stayed for a hot or cold drink, some snacks and a chat, and we gave everyone a copy of the *Signs*."

"I'm exhausted but blessed to be the hands of God and touch so many with His love."

The Christmas drive is one example of the many ways the Wantirna ADRA Community Care Centre is supporting its local community. The centre has partnerships with Women's Housing, Knox Infolink, Knox Council, the Council of Churches in the Knox LGA, and FVREE—a family and violence service for women and children.

"Having the ADRA Wantirna project has changed our church and we are firmly faced outwards now and committed to outreach," Liz says. "Now our church is flourishing, and we are known and loved by many in our community. We would most definitely be missed now."

Ashley Stanton

Media and communications coordinator, ADRA Australia.



WHAT I LEARNED

FROM

speeding

If you have ever felt guilty, you will agree with me that it is fantastic news to know that you can live, thanks to Jesus, without guilt! But this may not be as simple as it sounds.

When we first arrived in Australia we purchased a little car so I could go to work independently of my husband, who also

needed a car. It was old, but brilliant.

It drove really well. However, the speedometer showed miles per hour, while the street signs pointed to km/h. Up till then I had never had to use a measuring system that used miles. So, when I sat in my little car to go to work, I was not

sure how fast I was going. I knew enough to know that if I drove 60 m/h that would be too fast. So, I tried keeping under.

I was a busy young mum in a new country, trying to get my bearings, and this detail was not so important. In a few days though, I checked properly and found out that 60 km/h equals about 37m/h, so I made sure that my speed was just under 37 m/h, because I like to obey the law.

I was quite surprised when some weeks later I received two letters in the mail which said that on such-and-such-a-day (my first day of driving that car!) I was going too fast, and therefore I needed to pay a penalty.

I was not particularly excited about losing \$A160 and my husband suggested I write a letter explaining the situation.

I felt like it was not really my fault that this camera caught my car exceeding the speed limit. I tried to explain my background; that it was my first time driving a car that had mileage on it. It was kind of the fault of the car, and those who sold it to me. There should have been a km/h speedometer, and then I would have been okay!

I received a negative reply. I needed to either pay the fine or go to court and plead my case. My husband advised me to go to court.

Only a few weeks before one year lapsed, when my case would have been automatically dismissed, I had a knock on the door: two policemen.

"How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?"

Well, of course, "Not guilty."

"If you plead 'not guilty' you need to get a lawyer."

"A lawyer?! What for?"

"Did you drive the car on the day at the speed that shows on the ticket?"

"Yes, but . . ."

"Then you are legally guilty, and if you wish to plead the 'not guilty' case, you must hire a lawyer. If you plead 'guilty' then you can come and explain yourself to the judge and he may forgive you, or you may still have to pay the fine." This was their parting advice.

It was a great lesson to me about what it means to be legally guilty.

When the Bible talks about guilt, it mostly talks about legal guilt. That's how it can say that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 23:23) and deserve the death penalty. We've all driven faster than the sign says, whether we know it or not. We've all had evil thoughts, taken things that do not belong to us, disrespected our parents—killed, whether we are aware of it or not (have you ever killed an insect?). We are all legally guilty before God.

I ended up going to court. When you go before a judge, your great reasons why you did something wrong seem insignificant. I lost a day of work and had to pay the fine.

But for our sins, we don't need to pay anything. Jesus paid it all! Roman 3:24 says we "are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus".

So, whatever you have done, that you may think is too terrible to admit to anyone—Jesus paid it all. It's all forgiven. But for you to clear your conscience, you must ask forgiveness

from people you have wronged and accept Jesus' forgiveness. Isn't that just fantastic news? It is all cleared through the blood of Jesus. If you just accept this, you're free!

There is, however, another side to the question of guilt.

Little by little, through different circumstances in my upbringing, fear gripped me and influenced how I saw the Bible, Jesus and the "good news". The Bible verses got so twisted in my head that I concluded I was a lost cause and there was no possibility of salvation for me. I'd do everyone a favour if I killed myself. But I couldn't do that. That thinking brought so much guilt on me.

Perhaps some of my guilt may resonate with you:

- I felt guilty that my father and brother had remained alcoholics.
- I felt guilty my marriage was not as happy as I thought marriages should be.
- I felt guilty I was going to give birth to children with defects because I was not a good Christian.
- I felt guilty that I didn't give enough money to the church. They needed more.
- I felt guilty that I wasn't doing enough for God; no more converts were joining the church.
- I even felt guilty Jesus had not come yet. If I were a real Christian, He would be here now.
- It was all my fault!

That kind of guilt was making me feel very bad, but I didn't see anything I could do about it. I was paralysed. I call this "false guilt". It comes from Satan who uses our past to stop us from enjoying freedom in Jesus.

I praise God that He opened my eyes to see the Bible in a different way. He sent a book my way, which helped me to go through the Bible again, and reformat my brain. I started seeing verses in a different way and I discovered verses I had never noticed before, although I knew Bible quite well. Like the verse that comes straight after the well-known John 3:16. Verse 17 says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Another beautiful passage is found in Romans 8:1–3: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." And John 8:36: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

With Jesus, you are legally free, and don't need to feel guilty at all. When you do something wrong, confess your wrongdoing and live a life of joy and freedom. And if you are feeling guilt that paralyses you, makes you feel bad about yourself but there is nothing you can do to repair it, this is from Satan; tell him to leave you alone, because you are a free person in Christ.

I invite you to accept Jesus, accept His forgiveness and experience the life of freedom!

Dr Danijela Schubert

Project assistant to Field and Ministerial Association secretary, South Pacific Division.

"Hold fast

"Beauty, like truth, is relative to the time when one lives and



A very astute person once said, "There is no absolute truth, except that there is no absolute truth", to illustrate the difficulty of arriving at absolute truth. During Old Testament (OT) times the Israelites were given what they perceived to be 613 absolute truths. Some ultra-orthodox Jews still hold fast to these practices, like the side curls you see on Hasidic males. Most Christians have recognised the transient nature of these laws so don't need to ask whether we should wear gloves when marking the Sherrin football, because you won't become unclean when you touch the skin of a dead pig (Leviticus 11:6-8). We also don't need to ask which of the surrounding nations we should choose our slaves from (Leviticus 25:44). The New Testament tells us in Colossians 2:17 that, "These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."

The early Christian church, which was largely composed of Jewish converts, struggled to let go of these laws given for a particular time and focus on Jesus Christ who had fulfilled the law. This caused a lot of turmoil in the church and a council of apostles and elders was convened at Jerusalem to settle the dispute. It was decided that Gentile converts did not need to be circumcised or keep the law of Moses. Acts 15:20 spells out the new relative truth for their time: "Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood." These injunctions also were not

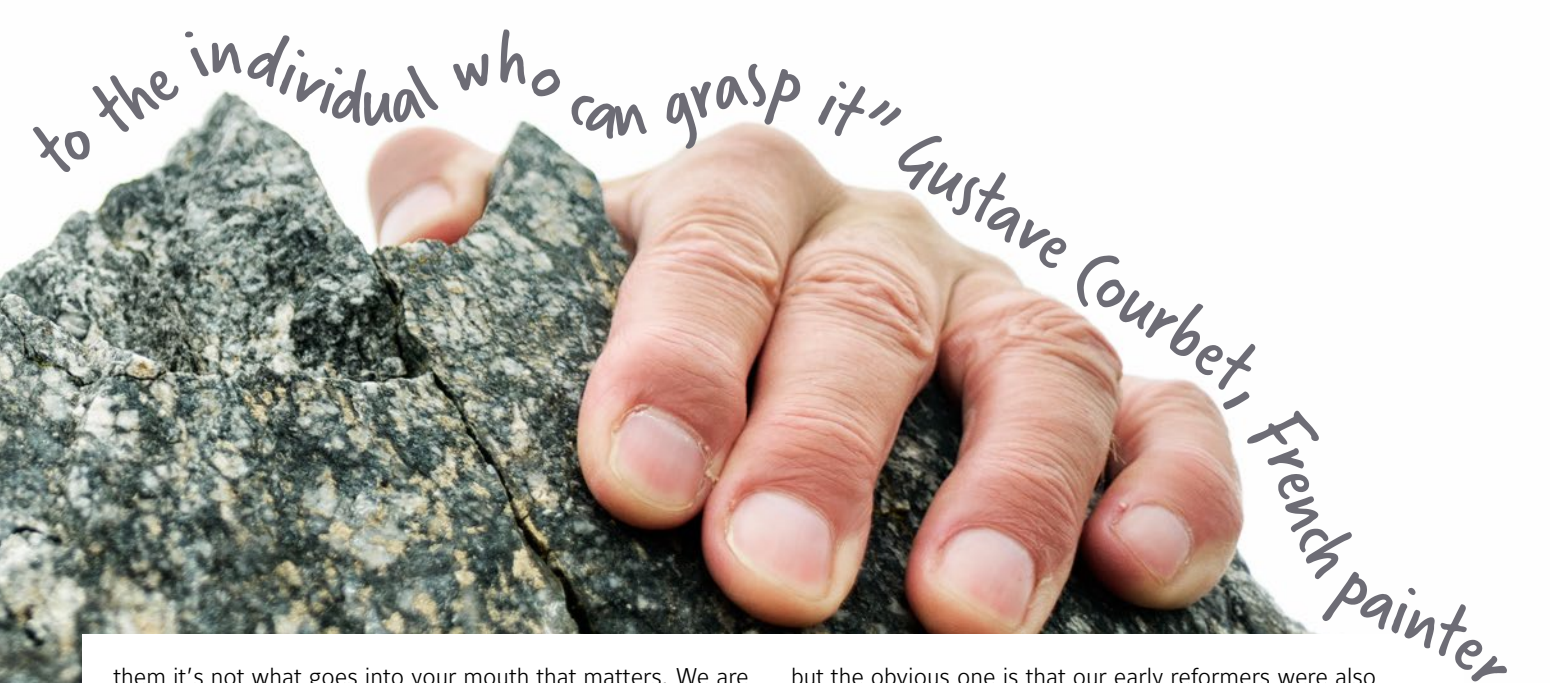
absolute truth. The apostles and elders recommend, but don't mandate these requirements.

This is an important principle in the Bible. The time or circumstances has a large impact on the way requirements or even laws outlined in the Bible are implemented. Paul in Galatians argues strongly against mandatory circumcision of males, yet in Acts 16:3 he encouraged Timothy who had a Jewish mother to be circumcised. He didn't mandate Timothy's circumcision, but encouraged it for the greater good of their mission to the unbelieving Jews.

A similar appeal to higher principles of behaviour lay behind Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10:25. "Eat whatever is sold in the markets", which may include some food that had been offered to idols. So here Paul is here saying that food is not a matter of conscience; food does not commend us to God. What matters is the mission of the church which should focus on people. In verse 28 we read that for the sake of other people, if a weaker brother in faith tells you that the food has been offered to idols, Paul says refrain from eating this food. Paul has modified the apparent absolute requirements of the Jerusalem council to suit the particular needs of the people who the Church in Corinth is ministering to.

This evolution of the requirements surrounding food consumption is also seen in the teaching of Jesus. In Matthew 15:1-20 Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for finding fault with His disciples who have broken the tradition of the elders. He tells

to the truth"



to the individual who can grasp it" Gustave Courbet, French painter

them it's not what goes into your mouth that matters. We are defiled by what comes out of our hearts and mouths which leads to transgression. This encapsulates the message of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus takes some of the OT laws and seems to render them obsolete. For example: "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you do not resist an evil person" (Matthew 5:38,39).

These laws given to Israel served a purpose for a particular time, but Jesus demonstrates their transient nature by pointing us to the higher principles that undergird these laws. The whole sacrificial system of the OT was a transient system of shadows or types. We don't rely on the blood of bulls and goats, but Christ's own blood who entered the most holy place, once for all, having obtained eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12).

I read an article recently where someone took pride in some of the progress the Adventist Church has made since the mid-twentieth century. They mentioned things like: the acceptance of wedding rings, the progress in some of the dress regulations and Sabbath requirements in our boarding schools, improvement of our health foods, equal pay for most women employees and our movement away from the reporting of our evangelism work. They then conclude by saying that, "the current generation should stop campaigning for more change as this is promoting a radical, liberal agenda". There are many problems with this statement,

but the obvious one is that our early reformers were also charged with promoting a radical, liberal agenda. The early Seventh-day Adventists in the late nineteenth century, led by a woman, Ellen White, transformed our Arian or semi-Arian understanding of the nature of Jesus Christ into acknowledging His true position as part of the triune Godhead.

We need to learn from the lessons of the Bible and our own church history. We are on a journey where truth is relevant to our own time and circumstances. We work out truth for our time using the many resources within our community, but primarily drawing on the principles in the Word. The ultimate expression of the Word is the *Logos*, Jesus. In His teachings we find the truth for our time.

In conclusion, what is the truth we need to hold fast to? Truth is absolute, but our perception of it is progressive and dependent on circumstances. Our guide at all times will be the "Word", the *Logos*, Jesus Christ manifested to us through the Holy Spirit. This is the journey that we travel on together as a Church, guided by sacred text and our intellect directed by the Holy Spirit. The journey is never complete in this life. We need to be tolerant and patient with each other and realise the journey will only reach its conclusion in the new earth.

Terry Bottrell

long-term secondary teacher in Adventist schools, writes from Qld.

Go-to snacks dietitians *recommend*

Snacks can play an important role in a balanced diet, if you choose the right ones.

They can even help you sneak more veggies into your day or bump up the vitamins and minerals you need, such as nibbling on trail mix with nuts and pepitas for extra iron or a yoghurt snack for more calcium.

Nutrition Australia research also shows high-quality snacks can help you maintain your energy levels throughout the day and avoid overeating at lunch and dinner. So, what makes a great snack?

Go-to snacks to carry in your bag

If you're constantly on-the-go, you might like to consider snacks that fit into small containers and don't require refrigeration. Plus, they're far less likely to get crushed in your bag or go soft or soggy!

Pack yourself a small container of mixed nuts, which are not only yummy, but will help you maintain a healthy weight and may even reduce your risk of heart disease. You can mix things up, quite literally, by adding some berries and seeds to your nuts. Other great options are chopped carrot sticks, or even a mini tin of baked beans. Yes, you can eat baked beans cold and straight from the can. They are delicious, good for you and a tasty source of iron.

Thinking ahead

If you have slightly more time, you can prepare some delicious and healthy snacks in advance such as peanut butter protein balls. These are so yummy and satisfying. You can also add other ingredients you have in the pantry, such as cranberries, pitted dates, dark chocolate or Weet-Bix™!



Homemade popcorn also makes a simple and affordable snack, cooked with just a little olive oil. Pop the kernels using a pot on the stove and then store the popcorn in small, air-tight containers for a great snack or lunchbox item.

Playing it cool

If you have access to a fridge during your workday, you can further expand your daily snack repertoire. Try half-a-cup of high-protein Greek yoghurt with a drizzle of almond spread and topped with blueberries. For a snack that delivers a nutrient punch, try hummus with veggie sticks—carrots, cucumber, capsicum, celery—or wholegrain crackers. It's a delicious and easy way to get plant protein, fibre and more veggies into your workday.

Listen to your body

Ever found yourself reaching for a snack in the afternoon because you're bored or tired? It's also common to mistake the feeling of hunger for dehydration, as sometimes the body may signal thirst as hunger. While snacking on nutritious foods can be part of a healthy diet, eating when you're not hungry could see you consume more kilojoules than your body needs.

Before you grab a snack, ask yourself "am I hungry?" or am "I just thirsty, bored, tired or upset?" If you're not hungry, think about ways that you can honour your feelings without food, like chatting to a friend, or going for a quick walk.

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Can I be *honest*?

**"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."
James 5:16a**



As a young adult, I questioned the word picture this verse created. As Protestants, why would we need to confess our sins to one another? Wasn't the whole idea of confessing sin to another human being unbiblical? Didn't we have access directly to God, through Jesus? And then there was the question of confidentiality. In my faith community, messing up seemed to be fodder for gossip rather than prayer.

It wasn't for many years that I experienced a faith community in which this verse was lived out in a very real way. Our young family moved to a small town and the Adventist church in our town had no young families with children. Feeling isolated, I reached out to a church around the corner from our home and was invited to a mid-week women's group. For almost three years, each Wednesday morning I would strap my babies into a double stroller and walk around the corner to meet with a small group of women from various denominations who came together to talk about their lives and to pray.

It was in this group that I first saw Christians being honest about the challenge of living as disciples of Jesus—of learning to follow Jesus and be more like Him. They were honest about things I'd never heard Christians speak about—the mean-spiritedness of their thought lives; their anger, self-righteousness and pride; their struggles to live out the fruit of the Spirit in their families and workplaces. It was sitting in their midst, listening to their sharing and praying, week after week, that I first began to reflect on my very impoverished understanding of sin.

In my own faith community, I'd somehow absorbed the idea that sin was the breaking of God's law, as outlined in the Ten Commandments. As a child, I'd tried very hard to be good. In fact, since there didn't seem to be anything so terrible that I did, I struggled to understand why Jesus would have to die for me. While my experience of sin became more real as I grew, I still tended to think of sin in terms of the wilful behaviour I was meant to avoid and the good behaviour I was meant to exemplify, rather than what I was meant to be growing toward.

As I reflected on the honesty of the women in that small group, I began what has become a lifelong journey toward a much deeper understanding of who God is and who He wants me to be. I'm still learning that God is the source of all hope

and love and goodness, and that His desire is for me to spend time in His presence, learning to behold His beauty (Psalm 27:4), particularly as exemplified in the life of Jesus. And as I do so, I'm learning to love Him with all my heart, soul and mind, which in turn will help me learn to love others as I love myself (Matthew 22:36-40).

When I inevitably fail to love God and people as Jesus did, it is the honesty of the women in that group that helps me remember that this process is "not the work of a moment, an hour, or a day, but of a lifetime" (Ellen White, *AA*, 560,61), because life keeps changing and creating new circumstances that remind me of the many ways in which I'm not like Jesus. What's more, the goal of Christlikeness is one that "cannot be completed in this life but will be continued in the life to come" (Ellen White, *Education*, p18,19). And in those times when I wish I was less flawed, that the process of my formation (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29; Galatians 4:19) could be hurried along, it is the honesty of those women that helps me remember that being formed in the image of Jesus is an ongoing journey.

When we truly understand that Christian discipleship is a lifelong journey, our masks can come off and we can be honest about our negative thoughts and emotions, as well as our failures to live out the ideals of love articulated by Jesus. Our Adventist roots are in Methodism, a movement that emphasised gathering in small groups. Weekly, they'd come together and ask one another, "How is it with your soul?" Somehow over the decades since that time, this practice has been neglected and almost forgotten in most of our faith communities. But imagine if we could bring this practice back. Imagine if we could create safe spaces to come together and confess our sins to one another, to bring the dark corners of our hearts and minds into the Light (John 8:12), and to pray for one another, so that we might be healed of our shame.

Dr Edyta Jankiewicz

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Conversations

Freedom to think

On the fringes of the Adventist Church we find would-be leaders looking for followers, and persons pushing their private interpretations of Scripture, or promoting conspiracy theories they have picked up online, and they are a huge embarrassment to the Church.

There are persons who allege that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a cult, because we believe differently than they do, especially regarding the Sabbath day, but the fringes of Adventism prove them wrong. Persons on the fringes can be an embarrassment at times, but they prove that Adventists are free to think for themselves, free to think about what the Church teaches, free to make up their own minds about its doctrines and free to speak their minds to other Adventists. "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18), and Seventh-day Adventists take God at His word on this point like no other church does.

I had not thought of disagreement as being God's gift to His church before I saw the recent *Record* article

("Disagreement: God's gift to the church", April 15) but it is.

The gift of disagreement is the gift of freedom of conscience within the Church, and the fringes of Adventism provide proof of that freedom within the Seventh-day Adventist Church; proof that Seventh-day Adventists are not a cult but truly are a people of the God who created intelligent beings with free will, freedom of conscience, freedom of choice, freedom even to choose to disagree.

Disagreement is not only a gift to the church, it is a gift to all mankind. There are some groups who would deny people that gift, but the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not. It encourages its members to think for themselves and its members value open discussion of issues.

Peter Schaper, Qld

Trigger happy

I would like to thank Pastor Terry Johnson for his excellent article on God's transforming power that prepares us for Christ's coming ("A hospital for sinners", March 18).

Sanctification is a delight to

do all God's requirements and a demonstration of our love to Jesus (John 14:15) with the new heart God gives us (Jeremiah 31:31–33).

The one statute that God has told us to remember is forgotten by all Christians, including Adventists. Would Isaiah 58:12–14 sanction cooking pancakes, crafts, balloon animals etc as reported happening on Sabbath? It has become a holiday not holy day.

What are we teaching our children (Daniel 6:1–6)? What witness are we giving to the wider community of God's principles of righteousness.

God's law must be extolled not downgraded. As the author says, the church is to heal people not make them worse by leading people to break God's law. When the Sabbath test comes on the whole world we could be derided by the community as hypocrites and rightly so.

How can we let our lights shine and give glory to God if we are profaning His holy day and His holy name (Ezekiel 36:17–31) by unnecessary secular activities on the Sabbath?

Eric Hort, WA

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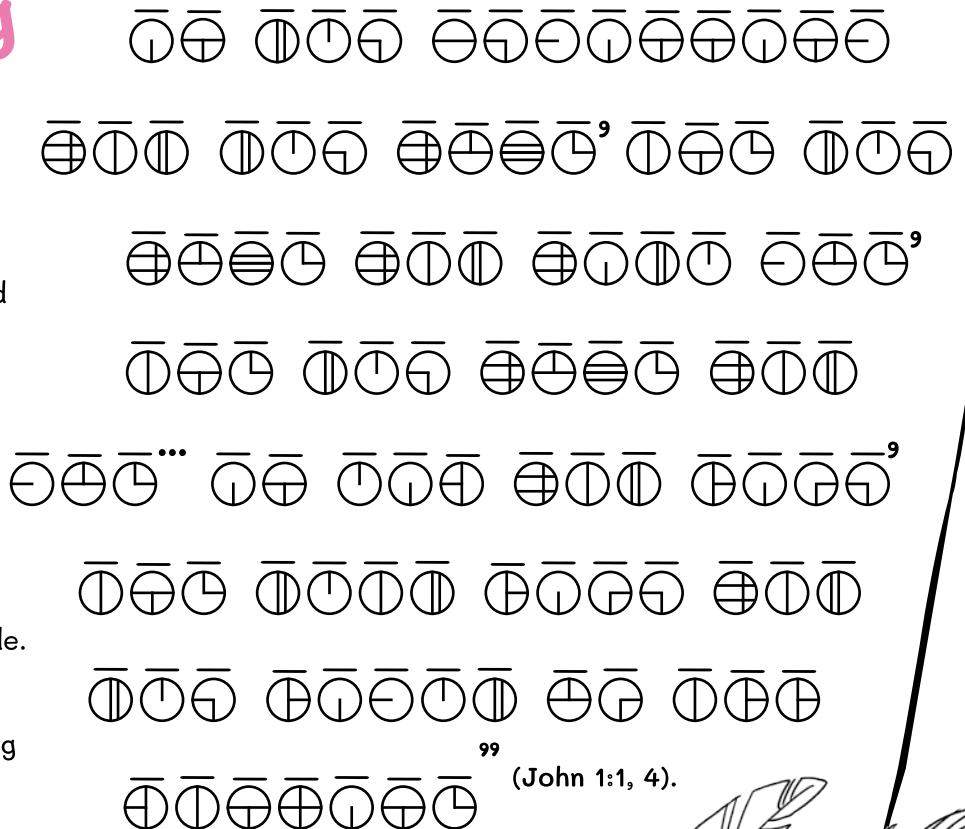


* DISCOVER THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE *

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Choosing the Right Word

John gives us three comparisons in this passage: God is Word, God is Life and God is Light. Each of these pictures reveals something special about the nature and character of God and especially His grace to us. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of light and life, the Creator through whom all things were made. As One who was equal with God, He alone was uniquely qualified to bring to humanity the message about what God is really like, and to offer Himself as a substitute for His fallen creatures.

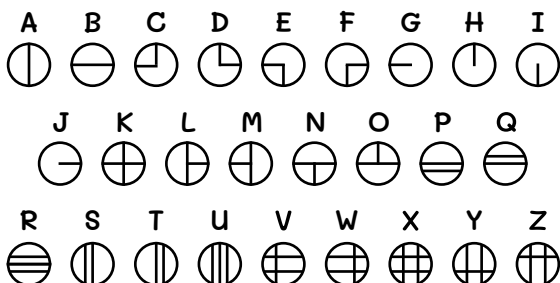


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(John 1:1, 4).

Use this key to solve the puzzle!

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Obituaries



HOPKINS, Keith
Louis John, born
7.3.1930 in Armadale,
Vic; died 28.3.23 in
Brisbane, Qld. He is

survived by his wife, Gloria (Brisbane); son, Scott and Julie (Brisbane); grandchildren, Kayla and Matt, and Mitch (both of Brisbane); and great-grandson, Cody. Keith was baptised in 1946, the same year he commenced his auto-electrical apprenticeship which was his trade for most of his life. He was involved in the life of the church as deacon and elder, and for many years contributed his speed boat for youth camps in South Queensland. Keith died confident in his salvation through Jesus who had guided his steps throughout a well-lived life.

Brett Townend

SAVIGE, Lorna Merle (nee Woosley), born 12.7.1931 in Corinda, Brisbane, Qld; died 24.9.22 in Maleny Hospital. She was predeceased by her daughter, Lynette Doolan in 1983. She is survived by her husband, Mel (Sunshine Coast); son, Peter; daughter, Coralie Cooney (Burpengary); seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Merle was a loved and nurturing wife and mother. Merle and Mel were married for 70 years. She was committed to her faith and church and waits the return of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus.

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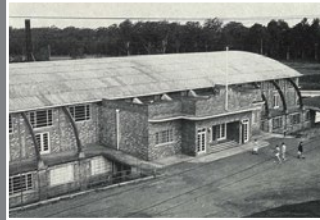
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