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EDITOR'S NOTE:

A Psalm

Jarrod Stackelroth
Editor

“
While darkness
and doubt stalk my
commute, He reminds
me of His goodness
and faithfulness in the
past.

I waited patiently for the LORD;

He turned to me and heard my cry.

When He seemed far from me and all I could do was warm a pew, He still called me His own and mapped out my life's path.

Through the cacophony of information, advertising and busyness, He is a walk in the forest, a quiet corner with a book.

While darkness and doubt stalk my commute,

He reminds me of His goodness and faithfulness in the past.

Through grief and mental health challenges, through trauma and pain; He has kept my family.

In the depths of the longest night, He promised that the Son would rise.

Blessed is he who is given children from the Lord;

Through sleepless nights and sickness, still I can say God is good; because He is the Author of my joy and has written my story on His tablet.

I will praise God for His faithfulness; never letting me fall.

He was there in my backsliding;

He was there when all I could do was sneak out after the sermon,
so I didn't have to talk to anyone.

He keeps a roof over my head; a kingdom space where He can reign and deliver those who gather to praise His name.

He keeps petrol in my car and food on our table; Food that is shared over laughter and fellowship.

He inspires stories of His goodness and editorials of edification. His goodness is shared on words and pages so many may experience the joy of the Lord.

Blessed is the one

who trusts in the LORD,

who does not chase the influencers or fake news;

those who worship self and possessions

Blessed is the one who spends time with the Lord

and the wonders of His creation;

Who reads the world, to see how He speaks and
saves and bookmarks the messages on their hearts.

None can compare with You;

pages would be needed to describe all the goodness in my life alone.

My hope has always been to do Your will, O God.

To find a path that pleases Your heart;

Yet You are pleased with me before I do a thing; Your joy is complete in
Your children.

Keep those with a critical spirit far from me and protect me from their spite;
May I turn away from shame and reject pieces of silver; proclaiming You
with courage and pride.

As I cruise this road of life, may it be on roads, You have planned.

May my engine be filled by oil from Your Spirit;

May grace run my operating system; and love and compassion for the least
of these be the exports of my soul.

You have led me this far Lord, by Your goodness and grace. Keep me, grow
me and remind me when I forget,
of Your great glory and goodness.



INSIGHT:

Prison or church?

Glenn Townend

South Pacific Division president

The architecture in Rome is magnificent. Although in ruins the ancient city has a glorious mystique. There are also many churches in this city. The artwork is beautiful. The architecture and art capture stories in time. In churches, the artworks often tell a biblical story from the artist's perspective. The art taught illiterate people religion. The architecture created a sense of the grandeur and greatness of God. However, in most churches there are more monuments and art depicting popes and people who built the church than biblical matters. Most monuments throughout the city and churches clearly display the names of the popes who built or restored them. The power of the church and its leaders veils the power of God.

St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is an example of this—it has the tombs of the popes, while statues of Peter, Paul and other apostles are scattered among those of the popes. There are pictures of Jesus on the cross and other biblical scenes, but there seems to be more art and space given to the popes than anything else. Tens of thousands visit this site every day. People enjoy seeing the relics of past greatness.

Christianity was initially spearheaded by Peter and Paul. Peter was the main apostle to the Jews and Paul the apostle to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:7-9). Both men were imprisoned and thought to be executed in Rome (Acts 12:5, 28:16). In the heart of ancient Rome there are ruins of the Mamertine prison, used by Caesars to hold their prisoners before they were executed. Peter and Paul were likely held there. Christianity was started in persecution and martyrdom. There is a small chapel in honour of these pioneers for Jesus. But only 14 people visited in the 20 minutes we were there.

When Jesus challenged others with discipleship, He said things like: deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Me (Mark 8:34), narrow is the gate and hard is the road to life—few find it (Matthew 7:13,14) and give up everything and be My disciple (Luke 14:33). Are we interested in living life with Jesus and like His apostles or are we more interested in the pomp of a powerless church?

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During the ordination service.

Ministerial symposium ends on a high note with the ordination of 12 pastors

📍 Kabiufa, PNG | Jacqueline Wari

The recent Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) ministerial symposium held at Kabiufa, Eastern Highlands, concluded with the ordination of 12 pastors.

They were ordained on Sabbath, July 22. Five ministers each from the Eastern Highlands Simbu and Morobe missions, and one each from Madang Manus and Sepik missions, were ordained.

PNGUM president Pastor Malachi Yani, when reading the charge to the pastors, challenged them to study more about Jesus and also to care for people.

"In times of trouble, hunger and challenges, we must care for God's people," Pastor Yani said.

Citing 1 Timothy 4:12, he urged the pastors to be wary of the way they dressed, their diet and speech. He also said pastors were watchmen for God's church, adding they ought to be good teachers.

In response, youth director for Sepik Mission and one of those ordained, Richie Gako, thanked God on behalf of the 12 and added they were happy to be ordained and would continue serving God.

Meanwhile, the 2000-plus ministers, pastors and volunteers attending the symposium expressed their gratitude for the week-long program.

Many left satisfied that they had

learned about effective disciple-making through the garden model of discipleship. They attended plenaries on the various stages of disciple-making and workshops in four different locations.

Some of the topics presented by speakers from the South Pacific Division (SPD) and PNGUM were personal spirituality, dealing with theological issues, research and health for pastors.

Pastor Gary Webster, director of the Institute of Public Evangelism at the SPD, led the morning devotions while SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend took the evening devotions.

SPD health strategy leader and executive director for ELIA Wellness, Dr Geraldine Przybylko, and 10,000 Toes campaign coordinator in Australia, Pamela Townend, with help from the 10,000 Toes ambassadors in Goroka, checked pastors' blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol and advised them on how to avoid lifestyle diseases.

Adventist Technology and its partners also launched Hope Virtual Assistant. Hope VA gives Bible studies and health lessons using WhatsApp.

The symposium helped to prepare pastors, ministers and volunteers for a major evangelistic meeting: PNG For Christ 2024, scheduled for April 24-May 12.



New NAC president Pastor Simon Gigliotti.

NAC names new president, under 40

📍 Townsville, Qld | Jarrod Stackelroth

The Northern Australian Conference appointed Pastor Simon Gigliotti, the current youth director for Greater Sydney Conference (GSC), as its new president on July 10. Pastor Terry Johnson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, described Pastor Gigliotti as a "spiritual, intelligent and visionary leader".

Pastor Darren Slade, the outgoing president, will become a local church pastor and church planter in the GSC after seven years in his role.

Highlighting the prayerful decision-making, Pastor Johnson stated, "Our time selecting the new president

was bathed in prayer, with strong support from the entire conference."

"I feel honoured to lead the Church in Northern Australia," said Pastor Gigliotti. "Having grown up in Ravenshoe and lived in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay, I made a commitment to Jesus at 21 in Cairns and later decided to enter full-time ministry in Townsville."

Pastor Gigliotti, with 11 years in ministry roles, brings a fresh perspective as one of the few conference presidents under 40. Married with a daughter, he expressed enthusiasm for his new position and requested prayers for his family during this transition.



Hosts Meri Vulaloa and Pastor Glenn Townend were joined on set by the Fulton Adventist University College choir.

New-look #weRtheCHURCH program inspires viewers across the South Pacific

📍 Suva, Fiji | Tracey Bridcutt

Thousands of Adventists were united for a special time of worship, praise and prayer as this year's #weRtheCHURCH program hit screens across the South Pacific on August 4.

Individuals, churches, university and family groups gathered to watch the program. Along with local audiences, viewers tuned in from as far as the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Hawaii and Croatia.

Geoffrey Frauenfelder was among the viewers who took to the chat line to express their appreciation for the uplifting stories and music.

"The program was very informative, interesting and praiseworthy," he said.

Sevuloni Ratumaiyale was inspired by the variety of stories: "Enjoyed the presentations from the different missions and the impact it's having in their different communities."

For Vicki Knight, the music was a standout: "Loved the music and what is happening. Can't wait for Jesus to come."

This year's program engaged viewers with its picturesque beachside backdrop.

It was filmed in Fiji rather than the traditional studio environment. Another first for 2023 was that the hosts, Pastor Glenn Townend and Meri Vulaloa, were joined by the Fulton Adventist University College choir, who brought incredible vibrancy, colour and music to the set.

"I Will Go To My Neighbour"—this year's theme—flowed throughout the program, with stories and testimonies shared by individuals, churches and schools, highlighting ways they are making an impact in their communities. A barber shop ministry, a smoothie outreach, women's pampering project and a bread outreach were among the creative projects shared.

Another special addition was a live prayer session that immediately followed each screening of the program, with almost 40 people jumping online to participate in group prayer with church leaders.

If you missed the program or would like to relive its memorable moments, it is available for viewing at adventistchurch.com/werthechurch/.



Mission secretary Epeli Saukuru (right) and ministers conducted baptisms in the Wainibuka River on Sabbath, July 29. Forty-seven people were baptised at the end of a three-week evangelistic series led by Samuela Koro in Nayavu, Wainibuka.

Fiji Mission celebrates more than 800 baptisms in first half of 2023

📍 Suva, Fiji | Joni Vatuvalu

Fiji Mission (FM) welcomed 804 new Adventist members through baptisms from January to late July, including 37 Fijians of Indian descent.

The theme for this year, "I Will Go To My Neighbour", had every local church and member embarked on a mission, focusing on reaching out with the gospel to the Indian communities.

According to personal ministry director Pastor Uraia Seru, 145 were baptised in the first quarter of this year, 179 in the second and 480 by the end of July.

"Evangelism [programs] are still being carried out in parts of Fiji and we are expecting these numbers to grow," said Pastor Seru.

"Everyone is involved; even officers at the Mission and TPUM [Trans Pacific Union Mission] are preaching at selected centres

in rural and urban areas."

FM president Pastor Nasoni Lutunaliwa noted that the programs were conducted with dedication, driven by the enthusiasm from previously transformed individuals.

"Within the Indian communities, we are breaking through and hearts are stirred. Souls awakened as they found comfort in the arms of Jesus and the gospel," said Pastor Lutunaliwa.

Pastor Lutunaliwa added that the interest and passion for mission within Indian communities has grown and iTaukei churches are now heavily involved and conducting visitations, health programs and evangelism programs for Indians around Fiji.

FM is "setting the platform this year and will have to ensure this becomes a trend in years to come", he said.



Avondale seminarians with the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Victoria, Pastor Graeme Christian, on the final day of the ReThink Life evangelistic series.

Avondale seminarians help bring baptisms to Samoans in Melbourne

📍 **Melbourne, Vic** | Brenton Stacey

An evangelistic series presented in Melbourne by staff members and students from Avondale seminary has helped 31 people demonstrate commitment to Jesus Christ through baptism.

The seminarians partnered with seven local Seventh-day Adventist churches to present ReThink Life from June 16 to 24, reaching second- and third-generation Samoans in Australia and their friends.

Ministry practicum directors Dr Erika Puni and Pastor Neil Thompson each led a team of five students, one based in St Albans in the west and the other in Campbellfield in the north. The students, enrolled in a unit called Discipleship and Evangelism, presented half the meetings with Dr Puni and Pastor Thompson presenting the rest.

Lusi Sione spoke on the first Sabbath of the series, using Daniel 2 as the basis of his presentation. According to the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology student, public evangelism still has its place because it leads people to make a commitment. "If something I said encouraged a decision for baptism, I praise God, because it's the moving of His Spirit that brings transformation."

A banquet on the Thursday appealed, with 180 people attending to learn about relationship enrichment. Then both sites joined in a hired venue for the final meetings, a Sabbath celebration that included the baptism. Some of the 31 getting baptised were church-attending young adults; others had not attended since their youth. Some were of other faiths or of no faith. "All wanted to change the story of their lives and to walk with Jesus," said Pastor Thompson.

Adventist Church in Victoria president Pastor Graeme Christian attended the baptism and praised Avondale for supporting local church mission in his Conference. Dr Puni praised ministers Tauae Poasa and Apelu Tanuvasa who, with their church members, organised the series and led the pre-campaign work.

According to Pastor Thompson, the series changed perceptions about public evangelism and about the ability of students to present it. "At the beginning of the year, the church members didn't want to try public evangelism and didn't want the students to speak. At the end of the series, they didn't want the meetings to stop. They loved every student's presentation."

making headlines

National Pathfinder Day

National Pathfinder Day has been approved through the federal senate in Brazil. September 20 will be part of the country's official calendar, recognising the relevance of the care, teaching and training of young people in Brazil through Pathfinder clubs. Currently, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay have a total of 13,809 clubs and 369,613 Pathfinders. In Brazil alone, there are 288,353 participants. —ANN



Peru's sanctuary replica

A life-size replica of the earthly sanctuary was the latest initiative to share with and inspire a new, younger generation in Peru. More than 800 teenagers gathered for the display with actors using props to give vivid re-enactments of the daily services to illustrate Jesus' work of intercession on behalf of people in the heavenly sanctuary. —SAD

Philippines Youth congress

More than 20,000 young people have gathered for the Adventist Youth Congress Evangelism Camp in South Philippines. The congress gave participants the opportunity to network with community organisations to show how Adventist young people can bless their work. —SSD

Vision Kids: faithful beats

An Australian first digital audio channel dedicated to children 12 years and under launched in July. Vision Kids Radio will stream 24/7 across all Vision platforms, bringing the good news and gospel-focused music to every child in a fun-filled way to entertain and educate through uplifting songs, engaging stories, friendly voices and riveting radio dramas. —Vision Christian Media



A Matariki Jubilee

Celebrating 70 years of education and community, Rotorua Seventh-day Adventist Primary School in New Zealand recently held a Matariki School Jubilee. Former students Otis Burt, the current head boy of Matamata College, and Mufaro Mapengo, the current head girl of Rotorua Girls High School, returned to participate in the program hosted at the Maranatha Family Wellness Centre. Norman King, former student and current manager of Tui Ridge Park, shared his emotional response to the jubilee celebration. "I was surprised, I found some wet tears rolling down watching the performance. I felt so proud. Proud of the students for their show and reminding me of how proud I am that I went to this school."—**Record staff**



Laid to rest

Vanuatu Mission staff gathered to console the family of Simon Gideon before his body was transported back to Tanna, his home, to be laid to rest. Serving at Blue Water on the island of Aneityum, Minister Gideon had been battling a health condition and passed away on July 18. His body was flown back to Tanna the next day. Minister Gideon began his ministry on January 1, 2016 as a Bible worker in the Lapatua area of Tanna island. He served there for seven-and-a-half years before moving to Lenang, still on Tanna, and finally Aneityum. The funeral service was conducted on July 20 with VM represented by secretary Pastor Max Senembe and Youth/family life department director James Usamoli. Minister Gideon is survived by his wife, Betty and two children Asneth Wap and Leeroy Rodney.—**Record staff**



Mission refocus

"Together: Collaborating as a community to get where we need to go" was the key theme of Adventist HealthCare's (AHCL) annual Focus Day for 2023. Held each year, Focus Day is an opportunity for the San leadership team to examine the hospital's mission, recognise achievements of the previous financial year and look to the strategic objectives for the next year. This year the event was attended by about 80 senior managers from the San and San Day Surgery Hornsby. The event closed with leaders packing 180 relief parcels for families in need.—**Alexandra Ristway**



Media evangelism

An Adventist school's "I will go to my neighbour" initiative involved a three-week media evangelism series at Tagibagara community hall in Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands. About 100 villagers gathered each night to watch the live downlink from Hope Channel. It was a historic and powerful experience for the villagers to study God's Word live with influential evangelists Irving Vagha, Eddie Richardson and Mockson Wale.—**Elisapesi Manson**



Hunted Sevvies

A Seventh-day Adventist pastor who featured on a reality show with his son, has come close to winning it all, coming second in the season finale on August 8.

Tharren Hutchinson, pastor of Narromine (NSW) Adventist church and chaplain at the local juvenile detention centre, joined the cast of Channel 10's show *Hunted* with his son Jordan, a high school teacher from Melbourne, Vic.

The premise of the show is that pairs of contestants go on the run for 21 days while a team of former detectives and investigators try to track them down. The team that makes it to the extraction point at the end of 21 days wins \$A100,000.

The pair were "captured" just minutes from the extraction zone after a near perfect run, avoiding detection and living technology free for the 21 days.

According to 10 Play, the father-son duo felt the experience drew them closer, more than they expected.

Travelling for the final 11 days with just a sleeping bag, a Bible and the clothes on their backs, the pair had to rely on the kindness of strangers.

"Our faith is a big part of our journey and we believe day after day we were blessed and led to the right people, and had an incredible time," said Jordan. —**Jarrold Stackelroth**

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Sylvia's call recognised

Pastor Sylvia Mendez was commissioned into ministry on July 29 at Casey Seventh-day Adventist Church in Melbourne, Victoria. The special service was led by Australian Union Conference (AUC) ministerial secretary Pastor Brendan Pratt and associate ministerial secretary Pastor Lyndelle Peterson. Pastor Mendez was at a women's ministry retreat in 2010 when she first felt the calling of God to go into ministry. Her first appointment was at Wantirna Adventist Church as an intern, followed by Casey, Berwick and Bayles Seventh-day Adventist churches. Pastor Mendez is currently serving as AUC children's, family and women's ministries director. —**Kymerley McMurray**



Green efforts step up

Sanitarium Health Food Company has adopted a "recycle, reuse and regenerate" approach to minimise its environmental footprint. In New Zealand, Sanitarium has begun diverting factory soft plastic waste to Future Post, a company that turns the plastics into fence posts. The fence posts are used in a range of sectors and are an environmentally friendly and sustainable solution, diverting thousands of tonnes of waste plastics from national landfill each year. In Australia, Sanitarium has become a foundation supporter of the National Plastics Recycling Scheme (NPRS), a proposed new avenue to recycle soft plastics in Australia and build an advanced recycling industry to produce food-grade recycled packaging. "Another part of our aim is to have 100 per cent of our packaging as reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025," said research and development manager (packaging) Andrew Whitson. —**Record staff**

Towards Glacier View and its aftermath 1975–1980



The events of Glacier View in August of 1980 (as covered by *Adventist Record* in the September 8 issue) sparked great interest, dissention and debate amongst Adventists worldwide with repercussions echoing even to the present. Between August 10 and 15, 1980, the Sanctuary Review Committee, a group of 115 Bible scholars, theologians and church administrators, gathered together to hear and discuss the views proposed by Avondale lecturer and Australian theologian Desmond Ford in his teachings and writings.

While some of these discussions had appeared in the pages of *Record* in the lead up to this event, this was the pivotal event of this time period. For those who may not be familiar with the events of that era, the Glacier View gathering was tasked with the responsibility of evaluating the growing “non-traditional interpretations” of the Adventist Church’s sanctuary doctrine, with particular emphasis placed on examining the veracity of Ford’s 991-page research dissertation on the investigative judgement. In 1979, Ford’s teachings had caused confusion amongst church members and theologians.

On October 27, 1979, Ford had made a public presentation at Pacific Union College (PUC) on the topic, “The Investigative Judgement: Theological Milestone or Historical Necessity?”, suggesting in his presentation that the Adventist Church harboured flaws in its teachings on the sanctuary.

The *Record* of January 14, 1980, reports Ford was given leave of absence from teaching to “devote his full time to continued research and preparation of a documented statement on the topic of the sanctuary and related issues”. Following this six-month leave of absence, Ford was invited to the Glacier View Conference to review his findings (July 14, 1980 issue). What the conference found was most challenging in his assertions was the claim that the doctrine of the sanctuary, “as traditionally held by Adventists”, could not be supported “directly or solely” by Scripture (*Adventist Review* reprinted in *Record*).

These views led some to doubt the accuracy and reliability of Adventist theology, as these views cut right to the heart



K S Parmenter

of Adventism’s origins, including the understanding of the significance of 1844, the Advent Movement and the Great Disappointment.

Glacier View was an attempt to put to rest this confusion and come to an understanding of the proper interpretation of prophesy regarding the investigative judgement. Former *Adventist Review* editor, Raymond Cottrell, described the meeting as “the most important event of this nature in Adventist history since the 1888 General Conference in Minneapolis” (which had discussed and established righteousness by faith in Adventist doctrine) (reprinted in *Record* from *Adventist Review*).

The *Record* (September 8 issue in 1980; vol 85:no36) covered in great detail many of the theological deliberations, implications, and questions which arose from the Glacier View Conference. In fact an eight-page insert was reprinted from *Adventist Review*, with reporting from Australian William Johnsson and a forward note from K S Parmenter, Australian Division president.

Three consensus statements emerged from the deliberations of the Sanctuary Review Committee. The first concerned

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the principle of Christ's service in the heavenly sanctuary; the second concerned the role of Ellen G White's writings in doctrinal matters; and the third set forth the major points of difference between the views expressed in Ford's document and the consensus achieved at Glacier View (85:36).

In the same issue, Pastor Parmenter included the editorial "Wedges". In it, he encourages church members not to become reliant on theologians or scholars, and laments that there is a communication gap in the Church. To address that, he said, the Church had voted to provide *Record* to every Adventist home.

"The provision of a copy of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD for every Adventist home is one recent action taken to ensure that we have an informed membership in our churches. But we must look for other ways of communicating with each other as the Advent family enlarges."

It is clear that church leadership was aware of the danger of misinformation, speculation and accusation that was rife in the wake of Glacier View.

For onlookers, questions and opinions about the events, led to rumours and challenges arising in relation to the Church's treatment of Ford during the conference. "Articles, letters, and documents written by people who were not at Glacier View (and hence received their information second-hand or third-hand) have been circulated, apparently attempting to surround the meeting with a climate of mystery. These reports have contained speculation, distortions of fact, falsehoods, and statements that tend to undermine confidence in church leadership" (December 8, 1980, *Record*).

In a commitment to keeping church members informed concerning events that affect and interest them, the *Adventist Review* composed an editorial "to respond to recent rumours and questions", which was published in *Record*.

One of the queries raised was the question of whether there was a sharp division among the members at the Glacier View Conference over the theological views. In response to this question, it was observed that: "The unity was remarka-

ble, produced, we believe, by the Holy Spirit. Doubtless no two people—whether theologians, administrators, or others—will see things exactly alike; there will always be some differences of opinion; but at Glacier View administrators and scholars agreed with each other as consistently as administrators agreed with administrators and scholars agreed with scholars. The majority of both groups were thoroughly satisfied that the historic positions of the church have better support than the alternative positions offered."

The teachings and views of Desmond Ford marked a significant period in Adventist history, resulting in both a shaking and a strengthening of Adventist doctrine, forcing one and all to look critically at their beliefs and search the Scriptures for proof of them. No belief was beyond reproach and all matters were re-assessed for their biblical accuracy.

Unfortunately, this period of doctrinal challenge resulted in the loss of many from the Church, and from the faith.

It is clear looking back at this time, that *Record* was a key vehicle for communication with church members, and church leaders were very aware of the importance of that communication in the life and confidence of the church.

Other interesting notes:

- Students from Newcastle Adventist High School, NSW found a human skeleton while orienteering (January 3, 1977).
- Avondale launched a new "nursing course for Adventist young people" (December 1, 1980).
- Speaking of Avondale, it features prominently in almost every issue of the time, including one editorial, "Young, earnest and ambitious for God", which encourages young people, "Then here is my word of advice: GO! Write today for information; tell them you read this and decided to come; they'll put out the red carpet for you; 1977 is going to be a vintage year. Be part of the action!" (January 3, 1977).
- In November 1979, the executive committee of the Division voted to provide *Adventist Record* free to church members.



Shining a light on Ellen White

Two university students are helping younger generations to discover a fresh perspective on the life and impact of Ellen White.

Megan Skene and Zoe Cochrane, both third-generation Adventists, have a deep appreciation and enthusiasm for Mrs White. But that wasn't always the case. Growing up they perceived Mrs White as a distant historical figure placed on a pedestal by many Adventists. As a result, they found it challenging to connect with her.

Their attitudes changed after joining the Adventist Heritage Centre team last year and getting to know Mrs White as a woman who went above and beyond to help her local community during her years living in Cooranbong, Australia.

"I learned about what she did for the community—and for me actions speak louder than words," said Miss Skene, a psychology student at the University of Newcastle.

"She was constantly going out and helping people. She was known as the 'buggy woman' in Cooranbong because she would go around on her one-horse buggy and constantly give food and clothing to people.

"Her writings are really important, but I feel we should also focus on how she helped people in the community."

As tour guides for *Sunnyside*, Mrs White's former residence in Cooranbong, Miss Skene and Miss Cochrane are excited to share their discoveries with younger generations. Through an engaging and educational program, they have already welcomed five school groups this year. Students not only receive a guided tour of the historic home and grounds, but also have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the 1800s by dressing up in period clothing and participating in activities like making damper, using an old washboard, churning butter and playing traditional games.

"It's making history come alive and the kids just get so excited to learn about everything," Miss Skene said.

Moreover, the tours can provide opportunities to discuss

spiritual themes. "In one room there's a painting of Jesus on a wall and a student recently pointed up at the painting and asked, 'Who is that?'," Miss Skene recalled. "So it opens up conversations [beyond history], which is awesome."

Miss Cochrane, a secondary teaching student at Avondale University, is enjoying introducing the children to Mrs White's stories and achievements. "Presenting her as a real-life person who was friends with people in the community and did things just like they do, has been a real eye-opener for a lot of them, but an eye-opener for me as well," she said.

"I think it would have made Ellen White so happy to have laughter and light in her house again."

Miss Skene believes they are helping to reshape public perception of Mrs White. "Even I'm viewing her in a different and better light," she said.

"I love how the tours are making Ellen White and Adventist history more fun and engaging for people and it's bringing it to life. And people are finding new ways to connect with Ellen and Adventist history and learning more about their identity."

Adventist Heritage Month

Ellen White and Adventist history will be in the spotlight for a month of activities in October to celebrate the rich heritage of the Adventist Church. The lineup of events for Adventist Heritage Month is:

October 7: Picnic on the lawns at *Sunnyside*

October 14: *Adventist Record's* 125th anniversary

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TINY but significant

Louie Giglio said “sin has a way of shrinking God down in our minds, and puffing us up in our own estimation”. To combat that thinking, he recommends we walk outside at night and look up.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Psalm 19 says “the heavens declare the glory of God. . .” while Psalm 33 says “by the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth”.

So I thought I’d share a little bit about the universe. The universe is often measured in light years. A light year is calculated as the distance light travels in one year. Light travels at 300,000km per second. So a light year in kilometres is 9.46 trillion. If you are not sure what a trillion is, it’s 1000 billion.

Our galaxy, the Milky Way, apparently contains somewhere between 100 and 400 billion stars, and is around 100,000 light years in diameter. Remember a light year is 9.46 trillion kilometres. Sounds pretty big doesn’t it? Well . . .

Astronomers have in the last couple of years discovered Alcyoneus, a giant radio galaxy. (I started to read what that is and then my eyes glazed over and I move on.) Anyway, this galaxy is 16.3 million light years in diameter and 3 billion light years away from Earth. Calculating that in kilometres is a number that makes my brain hurt so let’s just say that it’s a really big galaxy, that’s a really long way away . . . the biggest galaxy known so far.

As for the furthest away . . . In 2011 the Hubble Space Telescope discovered the most distant galaxy ever seen, about 13.2 billion light years from Earth.

In the observable universe, there are billions of galaxies, most of which are 3000 to 300,000 light years in diameter.

I actually Googled how many stars there are in the universe.

Using the Milky Way as our model,

we can multiply the number of stars in a typical galaxy (100 billion) by the number of galaxies in the known universe (2 trillion). So, there are approximately 200 billion trillion stars in the observable universe.

Isaiah 40:26 says, “Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.”

200 billion trillion stars—give or take—and He knows each of them by name! And not one of them is missing?

In contemplating the vastness of our universe, we can’t help but ponder the awesomeness of God, who created it.

No-one knows exactly how big the universe is. Scientists estimate that it contains hundreds of billions of galaxies, and that the average galaxy contains hundreds of billions of stars.

Given that we accept the universe is indeed God’s creation, then it seems logical it would be created in a way that reflects His magnitude.

Indeed, the universe is so massive we struggle to comprehend its size. Perhaps this was done so God’s eternal power and divine nature could be understood from the things He created. In other words, so we could get a glimpse of just how immense God is.

As the focal point of God’s creation, humanity physically occupies only a tiny bit of space. Our planet orbits 149 million kilometres away from a single star, the Sun, which is so large that more than one million Earths could fit inside it. Yet our Sun is, at most, a medium-sized star. The largest stars can fit more than three billion of our suns or four quadrillion Earths (that is a four followed by 15 zeros) inside their volumes.

Sometimes in a universe this immense, it can be easy to feel small

and insignificant. Yet the Christian faith offers a different perspective.

Speaking to God, the psalmist wrote, “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?” As he contemplated the vastness of God’s creation, he was amazed that God cares about humanity.

God didn’t craft the universe to make us feel insignificant. He did it to display His power and show His infinite love. It is not about how small we are, but how big He is.

He is a God powerful enough to create worlds, yet detailed and thoughtful enough to knit each of us together in our mothers’ wombs. He is intimately involved in even the tiniest aspect of creating life.

God is so huge He is not bound by time or space, not needing or wanting for anything, and capable of creating our entire universe. Yet He is personal enough to have created us in His own image.


So, amidst the inconceivable size of the universe is this tiny, weeny speck called Earth, on which there are currently more than eight billion people—and the awesome God who created the universe and holds the heavens in the palm of His hand knows your name. He hears your prayers, especially the ones you don’t say out loud. He feels your pain and He delights in your joy. He even knows the number of hairs on your head, and that changes every day, every time you brush or wash your hair. He calls you His sons and daughters—and He thought you were worth dying for.

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Magnificent *Theophany*





The word *theophany* is one of those technical terms that theologians often use to describe an appearance of God that is usually found in the Bible. While technical terms can sometimes be a little daunting, they are usually only “handles” for ideas or concepts that exist within a framework, in this case “theology”.

The word theophany is made up of two components, “theos” (god) and “phaneia” (appearance), and despite the fact that it is a technical term, I think it is a magnificent word and quite appropriate given what it means!

The Bible contains many “theophanies” at various times and in various forms. Each one is unique and different and serves a specific function addressing a specific situation. The most familiar and well-known theophany is the “appearance” of God in the form of Jesus, which is known by another theologically technical term: “the Incarnation”.

Not only is the Incarnation the most well-known theophany, it is also the most important. The Incarnation provided something that did not exist throughout eternity past—a full “intersection”¹ between Creator and creation². This “intersection” would have been astonishing under “normal” circumstances, but this “link” was actualised under the most trying of circumstances: in the face of creaturely challenges of the highest order relating to God’s character and government, and into a world that was saturated by sin, rebellion and alienation.

This Magnificent Theophany, graphically hinted at in Genesis 3:15 and beautifully illustrated in the vision of Jacob’s ladder in Genesis 28:10–22, showcases before the universe like no other depiction could the extent of regard that God has for His own character.

We may well struggle to align what we know about God within our sin-saturated world with such a statement because it is suggestive of some form of inward focus. However, when God—who is Triune—seeks to draw creation to the natural and agape/love-centric heart of creation via an understanding of His character, this drawing is done as an act of selfless abundance for creation. Indeed, the purpose of this drawing is to enrich our understanding of the Creator God which in turn will compel us to draw closer.

As we draw closer to the incarnate Creator God in Jesus, the depth of uncleanness in our own nature which causes alienation is exposed through the work of the Holy Spirit who points us to the solution—Jesus, with an invitation to draw even closer. Thus, we see an ever-tightening circle of understanding (vertical principle) designed to cleanse the individual for the purpose of having the capacity to draw even closer while revealing the Creator to creation in our own experience (horizontal principle).³

God’s character is who He is, and who He is draws all creation, but primarily intelligent creation, to Himself. Indeed, sin takes place when intelligent creation places itself outside of the will of God. When the focus of creation is on self and not the Creator, that creation

can be drawn into sin and its resulting destruction and confusion.

The Incarnation is often expressed as relating to us and our salvation—which is true to the extent that our salvation is a result and consequence of a response to a revelation of God’s character.

However, far from being a “self-focused” event (either relating to “us” or relating to “God”) the Incarnation is the natural consequence of His ontological Being. This exists within a framework of agape/love that is not fully grasped by a creation that is struggling to comprehend the infinite and selfless nature of the Godhead.

This is true not only for humanity but also for angels or beings in the heavenly realm. Indeed, so incomprehensible is this agape/love, that the Incarnation, which involved the Creator stepping down from the throne of the universe to walk the path to Calvary and provide a glimpse into that selfless love, would have never entered the mind of any angelic creation, let alone the confused and self-absorbed mind of Lucifer. Indeed, failing to find the language to describe the love of God in His act of Incarnation, Paul in Ephesians 3:17–21 asks us to consider “the breadth and length and height and depth, and to *know* the love of Christ *surpassing knowledge*”⁴ while John simply invites us to bask in that revelatory and mind-bending event by “beholding” (1 John 3:1).

In one sense, we could say that the Incarnation is the inevitable and actualised “vehicle” through which God can pour out a revelation of His character for the benefit of the entire creation⁵. A “vehicle” that in the context of sin and rebellion reveals the natural and ongoing work of atonement or reconciliation that has in principle always existed, but of necessity has been actualised since the existence of rebellious intelligent creation.

What a God, that He would go to such selfless and abundant lengths to reveal Himself—unbelievable, indescribable, incomprehensible . . . magnificent.

1. It’s difficult to encapsulate what this “intersection” represented in a single word. You eventually run out of superlative adjectives to describe its nature and purpose.

2. While it is true that the Body Temple relationship between Creator and creature did previously exist, it took the Incarnation to reveal a full manifestation.

3. See Steps to Christ p64,65: “The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eye . . . [which] drives us to Him who can pardon [who reveals] Himself in power.” The last three paragraphs of the chapter brilliantly describe this principle in action.

4. Berean Literal Bible, italics mine.

5. Jesus said, “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” (NKJV). The NKJV inserts the word peoples, as do many other translations—while the word peoples is suggestive, a literal translation just has “draw all to Myself” (see: John 12:32, Berean Literal Bible).

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The rising cost of living has been making headlines for a while now and it's undeniable families are feeling the impact. At the time of writing, the Reserve Bank of Australia has decided to keep the cash rate on hold, which spells reprieve, especially for those with a mortgage on variable interest rates.

Interest rates, however, are just one aspect of rising costs. Even if you don't have a mortgage, simply buying groceries or trying to power your home should be enough to make you cry. It's near impossible trying to have your money stretch as far as it used to.

Just as we thought life would return to normal because the pandemic was declared "over", many of us are now worrying about paying the bills and feeding our family.

Connecting with God when it hurts.

We all thought the economy would take a knock when COVID-19 hit. It did in a health and medical sense, but we continue to feel its flow-on effects in other areas of our lives. I'm no economist and so to me, it simply feels like there's no end in sight to the issues we're facing.

Back in April 2020, near the start of the pandemic, my husband was told his job was going to be made redundant. Yet another victim of the economic downturn due to coronavirus. It was something we sort of saw coming. He worked

in accounting, but it was for a business heavily reliant on tourism, which was pretty much rendered non-existent thanks to COVID-19.

The government's JobKeeper payment provided us with a glimmer of hope, and my husband went on the scheme when it started in March that year. JobKeeper was a wage subsidy scheme introduced by the Australian government as a way to "keep Australians in jobs and supported businesses affected by the significant economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic". Instead of receiving their normal wage, employees in these businesses were given a fixed payment by the government, depending on their weekly work hours.

At that time, JobKeeper was scheduled to finish at the end of September 2020. If the company could hold out till September, we thought, perhaps life and my husband's job would go back to normal.

In late June that same year, my husband's company realised things weren't going to go back to normal any time soon. Certainly not in September. And so, he and many of his team members were given two choices: accept redundancy now or wait until September, when Jobkeeper ends, and then accept redundancy. Either or, the end is nigh.

Connecting with God when it hurts.

2020 was going to be our year. My husband was offered the perfect part-time job in late 2019 after taking almost three years off to look after our son full-time.

Our son would start preschool in 2020 and would soon be in school. Raising a child was starting to become less tiring, less of the eat-sleep-poop-repeat cycle. With my husband on track to returning to work full-time, we started putting things into place to fulfil the long-term plans that we had, plans that we had put on hold because they required a double income.

Needless to say, those plans were put back on hold again—for almost the same reasons as some three years earlier.

See, my husband did take time off to look after our son full-time shortly after he was born. But it wasn't really voluntarily. In 2017, the company he was working full-time for



Connecting with God *when it hurts*

decided they were going to move to Brisbane. Once again, my husband was faced with two choices: move with the company to Brisbane or accept redundancy.

For a variety of reasons, we decided I would return to work while he chose redundancy and stayed home to look after our son. So yes, we did choose to become a single-income household, but it was only because my husband's job was made redundant. Long-term plans went out the window as we had to quickly adjust to our new financial situation.

However, the finances weren't the only problem. Having your job made redundant can be one of the most hurtful and most demoralising things you can experience. And my husband had been through it twice.

Connecting with God when it hurts.

Coronavirus has impacted many of us in many different ways and I know in the grand scheme of things, what our family went through is pretty insignificant. Many of us continue to struggle financially far more than my husband and I. Some of us have seen loved ones suffer from COVID-19. Some of us are still battling the effects of catching the virus. Some of us have even lost loved ones.

And I know that hurts. And hurts a whole lot more.

My own father passed away when I was 17 after a short battle with bone cancer. I'm all-too-familiar with the kind of pain you experience from having to say goodbye to someone you love before you're ready.

Life isn't fair. Life hurts. Life throws you curveballs you never saw coming. So where do you find the peace? Where do you find the faith? Where do you find the hope? And where do you find God?

I'm going to propose something marginally radical. I'm going to say that how we connect with God when it hurts is by not even trying to find God.

Yes, I realise how confusing that sounds. So here it is again:

We connect with God when it hurts by not even trying to find God.

When we're going through pain and when we can't understand the reasons, the last thing we need is a guilt trip for being unable to find God.

So go ahead and cry, go ahead and shout, go ahead and fully and thoroughly embrace the hurt, the pain and the grief. Be upset. Be angry. There is something cathartic about crying and releasing our pain, so we shouldn't ever rob ourselves of that. And if we need a time-out from God, so be it. But—and this is the important bit—when the tears dry up and when the words run out, and all we're left with is an empty, tired shell . . . that's when we find God.

I didn't understand it when my father passed away when I was 17. And while I wouldn't be so bold as to claim it was for my salvation, the reality is that his death is the reason why I believe in Jesus today.

In 2017, we didn't understand it when my husband was "forced" to become a full-time stay-at-home dad and we had to put our plans on hold. But looking at the influence he has had on our son, the bond they have, and the quality of time we've had to spend together as a family, I appreciate the forced "pause" we had to experience in our lives.

When we decided it was time for my husband to return to part-time work, rejection letters after rejection letters had us once again questioning God. But then we realised none of the jobs he applied for were as good a fit as the one he finally got.

In early 2020, I had to make the extremely painful decision to stop the *Mums At The Table* print magazine. And while I still had a job (unlike my husband later that year), not being the editor and letting go of the magazine felt like a redundancy of sorts.

There was anger, there were tears and there certainly were questions. But in a matter of weeks after that decision was made, Australia felt the full force of coronavirus and we were all forced into lockdown. Suddenly, the decision to stop producing a print magazine designed to be distributed in public places seemed like a genius strategic move.

It also meant I could fully focus on ministering to our community of some 7000 mums in the best way possible while in lockdown: online. We flourished—thanks to a decision made some weeks earlier that had me railing at God.

Today, *Mums At The Table* looks completely different to what it was back in 2020, but we're all the better for it. We've formed partnerships with local churches and we're thriving both online and through the many in-person relationships with the community developed by our local church partners.

We have a team of wonderful volunteer moderators all over Australia and New Zealand who have made it their mission to support mums and be the village it takes to raise a mum. They are making a difference in the lives of so many women in their local communities and I am in awe of them daily.

As I write this, I've just learned *Mums At The Table* is a finalist in the "Community Impact" category of the 2023 Christian Media & Arts Australia Excellence in Media Awards.

Connecting with God when it hurts.

I know life will continue to throw us curveballs. And I know when that happens, we'll go through stages of grief and anger. And there will be times when we won't even want to connect with God because we just don't understand why we seem to be experiencing setbacks after setbacks in our lives.

But I'm okay with that because I know, at the end of it all, we'll come through it better, wiser and stronger.

The journey won't be without doubt, worry or sadness, but as it says in Proverbs 3:5,6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

And just as things have worked out for us in the past, I trust they will continue to do so for us in our seasons of uncertainty. It may not quite be the way we want or expect it to be, but perhaps with a little bit of hindsight, we'll understand the reasons why just that little bit better and we'll connect with God just that little bit more.

Churches or individuals interested in being part of the Mums at the Table ministry can contact Mums at the Table at <hello@mumsatthetable.com>.

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Quinoa porridge with pistachio crumb

Serves 4-6 Prep 5 Cook 12

This quinoa porridge with dried cranberries, pepitas, pistachios and berries offers a delicious blend of flavours. Ready in under 20 minutes, this is a great option to make sure both you and the kids start the day off right.

Ingredients

½ cup quinoa flakes
1 ½ cups rolled oats
¼ cup (60g) dried cranberries
¼ cup (40g) pepitas or pumpkin seeds, roughly chopped
½ tsp ground cinnamon
3 cups So Good™ Regular soy milk

To garnish
200g frozen or fresh boysenberries
1 tbsp honey, optional
¼ cup pistachios, peeled, roughly chopped, optional
¼ cup quinoa puffs, optional

Tips:

- Any fresh or frozen berries can be substituted for boysenberries.
- Prepare the porridge the night before, and allow to soak overnight to make the morning a bit quicker and easier.

Method

- Place quinoa flakes, oats, cranberries, pumpkin seeds and cinnamon in a saucepan. Stir to combine. Pour in soy milk and combine.
- Heat saucepan over a medium heat. Cook and stir until mixture comes to the boil. Reduce heat to low; cover. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until mixture is soft and thickened to porridge consistency. Add more soy milk if it becomes too thick.
- Place the boysenberries in a small saucepan. Add 2 tbsp water and honey if desired. Heat on a medium heat. Cook the boysenberries for 2-3 minutes, until the berries have slightly broken down.
- Divide porridge among serving bowls. Top with warm boysenberries, pistachios and quinoa puffs if desired.

Nutritional Information (per serving)

| ENERGY | CALORIES | PROTEIN | FAT | SATURATES | CARBOHYDRATE |
|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| 1660kJ | 395 | 15g | 15g | 2g | 51g |
| SUGARS | FIBRE | CALCIUM | SODIUM | IRON | POTASSIUM |
| 17g | 6g | 292mg | 88mg | 5.3mg | 897mg |



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Conversations

Translation questions

Without wishing to derogate from the “The Holocaust and Paul’s vision for the Sabbath” (Feature, August 5), I’m concerned about the way Acts 20:7 was translated. A literal translation of the original text is “And on one of the Sabbaths having been assembled to break bread”. The words “first” “day” and “week” do not appear in the original manuscripts.

On that occasion Paul and the other Christians had met to observe *seudah shelishit*, the third and last meal of the Jewish celebration of the Sabbath which had to be held before *havdalah*, the ceremony that takes place at sunset marking the close of Sabbath. The meeting commenced on the Sabbath. Its observance was at the centre of what happened.

They did not meet on the first day of the week. Their meeting extended into the evening which was the Sunday only because Paul was leaving and knew he would never return.

Similarly, 1 Corinthians 16:2 literally translated “Every first sabbath . . .”. Again, it is a text that supports Sabbath observance, not worshipping on Sunday.

There is no dispute about the words in the original manuscripts and how those words are translated. Why are we so sheepish about declaring their correct translation. People are falling into error because of our failure to do so.

Peter Scragg, SA

Tech drugs

I was really encouraged to read “Screen-free Sabbaths” (Feature, July 15).

I loved [the author’s] practical suggestions and very real and raw view of how over-connected to technology we have become and the very real dangers in this.

Technology is one of the biggest “drugs” out there, and too often we are leaning in to technology and social media to get us through a rocky spot, rather than leaning on our God, the Rock of our salvation.

Thank you so much for your article. Such a blessing!

Carly Kochanski, NSW

Surprised and dismayed

Response to “Saying no to racism” (Editorial, July 1).

I was surprised and dismayed to read that “Racism in the church is insidious . . . It hides in plain sight, often silent, and hard to identify”.

Coming from a diverse background myself and having been in the Church for more than 40 years, my experience has been the exact opposite. I’ve often felt a sense of joy in seeing how well our churches blend multiple cultures and ethnic backgrounds together.

If you walk into any Adventist church on Sabbath, you will find a virtual United Nations of people—Australians, Africans, Pacific Islanders, Mauritian, South Americans, Asians, Europeans, Middle Easterners—this is our church and it is beautiful to see!

Almost all disagreements and conflicts I’ve seen in my church have been due to theological matters, never related to someone’s ethnicity or cultural differences.

That is why I was so dismayed to read this article and felt it tarnishes what is truly a strength of our Adventist community. It may be that the problem is so hidden, so silent and so hard to identify . . . that I may have missed it!

Mark, NSW

Hello Kids!

We serve God wherever we go



Kids Space

VICTORY & DEFEAT

Jericho is the first Canaanite fortified city to be conquered by the Israelites. God has a simple yet detailed plan to capture the city. The city is to be taken without a battle.

Obedience to God's direction leads to the complete destruction of Jericho. The next city to be conquered is the city of Ai. The Israelites fail to capture the city of Ai for two reasons: (1) Israel had sinned when Achan stole some of the spoils of Jericho; (2) they are overconfident by following their own plans without God's guidance. This is a lesson about service. God's plans for serving others are the best. We need to daily seek His will for our lives. Success always comes when we follow God's guidance.



What did Achan steal?



Circle the items you know were stolen



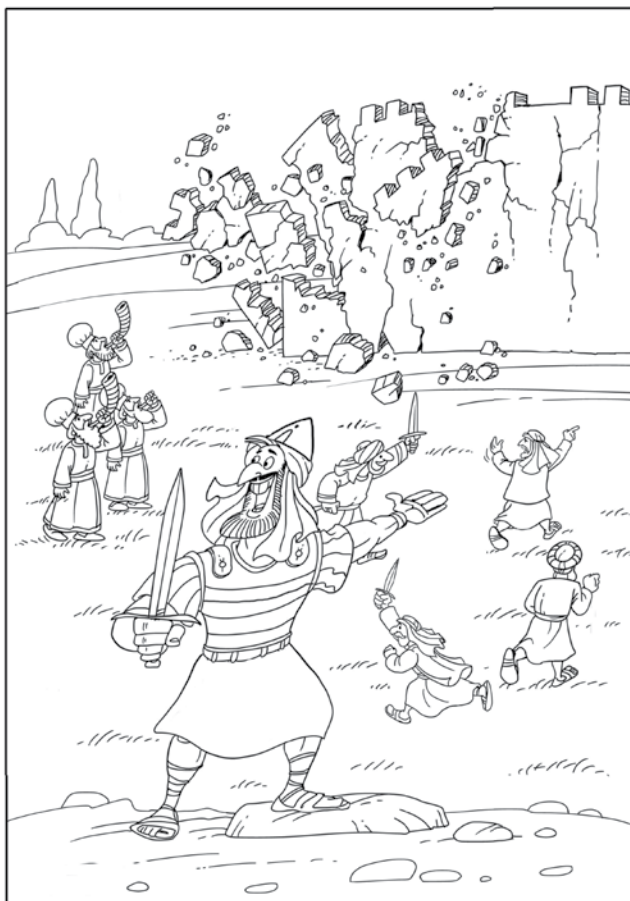
How many of each did Achan steal?

Where did Achan hide the stolen goods?

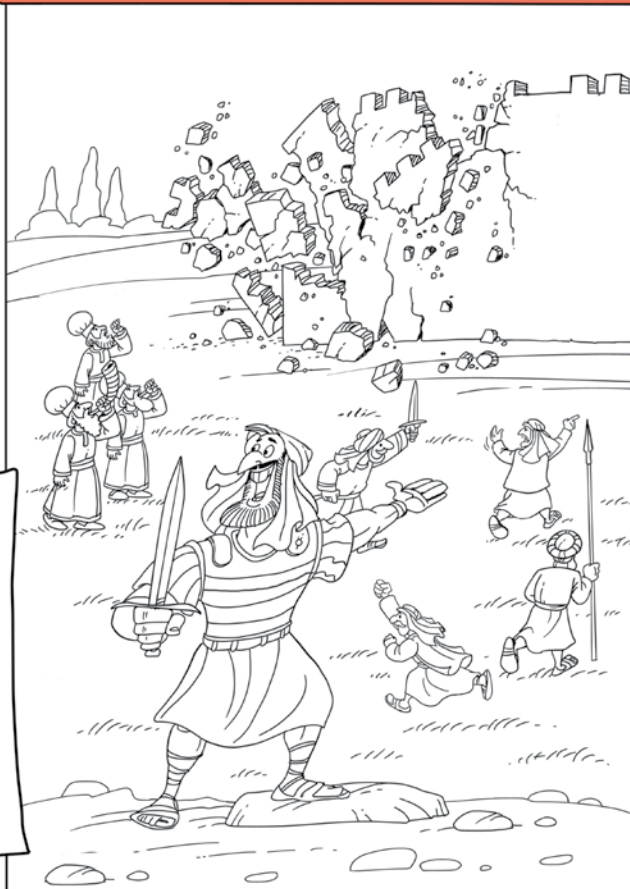
MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight"

(Proverbs 3:5, 6).



SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES



Obituaries



BERNOTH, Glenn
Allan, born 29.9.1952 in Brisbane, Qld; died 14.9.22 in Warwick. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Warwick); children Scott and Maryam (Brisbane), Andrea (Nigeria), Peter and Kirsty, and Sherrie (all of Brisbane); siblings Rodney (Toowoomba), Kevin (Cooranbong, NSW) and Leanne Poland (Ipswich, Qld). Glenn's unwavering trust in God's providence saw him through a long battle with illness. He loved his family and had a passion for helping youth and people in need. He became one of the first Pathfinder district directors in South Queensland Conference and shared his love of creation, bushwalking, cycling and art with many others.

Nick Kross, Murray Hunter



CROWHURST, Helen Joy (nee Slade), born 7.6.1953 in Wagga Wagga, NSW; died 16.7.23 in Perth, WA. On 7.9.1977 she married Max. On 4.6.23 she was predeceased by her twin brother, Trevor Slade. She is survived by her husband (Perth); children, Rochelle and John Sinnamon, and Aron (all of Perth); grandchildren, Ella and Mya; and siblings, Glynn (Tumbi Umbi, NSW) and Janelle (Perth, WA). Helen had an infectious smile and laugh, a love for life and a sense of humour that endeared her to all she met. From her youth she had a desire to minister to the needs of others, which she did as a registered nurse and midwife. She remained positive and jovial until the end.

Roger Millist, Andrew Skeggs,
Daniel Hanbury



FUA, Cliff, born 2.9.1933 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga; died 14.2.23 in Tweed Heads, NSW. In 1962 he married Judy Bartlett amidst much opposition. Interracial marriages were considered scandalous back then. He is survived by his wife; son, Paul; daughters, Julie Grolmund, Karyn North and Joanne Parmenter; and 11 grandchildren. Cliff had a beautiful singing voice. He was persuaded to enter the national talent contest *Showcase* in 1970. He won third place, but turned his back on a lucrative show business career, choosing to use his talent to God's glory, singing at churches, weddings and evangelistic campaigns. His life of

service was spent working to combat alcohol and substance abuse in Indigenous communities. He was a faithful follower of Jesus. His greatest joy was seeing his large family in church with him each Sabbath. He rests now, near Karyn's husband David, waiting for the sound of the trumpets.

Quintin Betteridge

HENNESSEY, Hazel Dawn (nee Wolfe); born 25.9.1942 in Atherton, Qld; died 18.3.23 in Hobart, Tas. She was predeceased by her sons, Timothy in 1970 and Trevor in 2010. Hazel is survived by her daughter, Melissa Hennessey and partner Damien Rice (Newcastle, NSW); and ex-husband Tim (California, USA). She lived in Millaa Millaa, far North Queensland and was actively involved in the Malanda Church and after retirement in the Townsville City Church. Hazel was a fixture at Pathfinder and youth events in North Queensland and enjoyed quilting and charitable work in later years. Her enduring faith despite the tragic loss of an infant son, divorce, overcoming cancer on two previous occasions and the death of her second son, was an inspiration to many.

Leigh Rice



JONES, Patricia Ann, born 4.7.1952 in Kapunda, SA; died 27.5.23 in St Andrew's Hospital, Ipswich, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; children, Michael Lamount, Jeannie Lamount and Kirsty Trask; and 17 grandchildren. Patricia loved her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and is awaiting His soon return.

Greg Campling



KNOTT, Olive Gwendolyne (nee Jull), born 24.3.1932 in Toowoomba, Qld; died 22.7.23 in Caloundra. She is survived by her husband, Roland (Caloundra); daughter, Carolyn Turner (Brisbane); son, Ken (Brisbane); grandchildren, Michael and Jayden; and brothers, Don and Cliff Jull and families. Olive was a genuine Christian lady who cared much about all her family and friends. She was a talented seamstress, a teacher's aide at Oakey school, a keen Bible student, loved gardening and was a faithful church member at Toowoomba and Caloundra churches. She was loved and respected by her family and many friends and had a secure relationship with her best Friend Jesus.

Scottt Wareham, John Rabbas



LITSTER, Elvina Printha (nee Dempsey), born 2.11.1924 in Auckland, NZ; died 10.5.23 in Cooranbong, NSW. She was married to Glynn, who predeceased her. Elva is survived by her daughter, Glenda Jackson; son, Reg; and grandchildren, Glenn, Michelle, Kym, Robyn, Rodney and Daniel. Elva loved serving others across four countries and in multiple voluntary roles. She lived a fast-paced life most would find daunting.

Murray House



SHELTON, Lionel Barry, born 2.2.1943 in Melbourne, Vic; died 5.7.23 in the Manning Base Hospital, Taree, NSW. In 1969 he married Rosalie Lane in Nunawading, Vic. Lionel is survived by his wife (Taree, NSW); daughter, Fleur Duke (Central Coast); sons, Warrick (Perth, WA) and Tim (Sydney, NSW); and six grandchildren. The family faithfully continue to follow his example of faith, devotion and life of service. He was interred in the Port Macquarie cemetery in close proximity to his parents.

Garth Bainbridge



TITMARSH/CROSSLAND, Judith Elaine Elizabeth (nee Taylor), born 2.5.1927 in Young, NSW; died 28.6.23 in Morisset. She was predeceased by her husbands Raymond Crossland and Douglas Titmarsh. Judith is survived by her children, Robyn (Morisset), Lynette and Stephen Henderson (Yackandandah, Vic) and Stephen (Shalvey, NSW); and six grandchildren. Judith was a key member of the Gwandalan Pathfinder club before joining the Mona Vale church in NSW. She was baptised in the Ourimbah church during the late '80s. Judith was loved by all who knew her.

Raymond Baird, Kevin Amos

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CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY CHURCH (C4) has found a home!! After 25 years of renting, C4 has purchased a property, the former RTA building at 11-15 Hely St, Wyong, NSW. The congregation is very excited and warmly welcomes you to the official building dedication on September 9, 2023 at 10am. The two-hour program, themed "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" will feature the original C4 pastor, Dr Wayne Krause. After a light lunch an informal afternoon program will commence at 2pm.

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BOWRAL SDA CHURCH

Celebrating centennial anniversary, October 6-7, 2023. All previous pastors and church members are invited to join us for this special event. Any historical contributions are appreciated. Please contact Pastor Evonn Reyno <evonn.reyno@adventist.org.au>

Positions Vacant (Volunteer)

ADRA AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBERS

ADRA Australia is the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through our global network, our reach extends into more than 120 countries. We exist to restore relationships so that people thrive in a world not only created but also living in God's image. We work to inspire and collaborate with others to responsibly facilitate transformational development and relief projects overseas and in Australia. Are you passionate about making a difference? We are seeking ADRA Board members who are Seventh-day Adventist Church members from diverse groups, and areas of expertise including fundraising, international development, First Nations community development, and people and culture. Four board meetings held annually; three in Sydney and one in Melbourne. If this is for you, please submit any inquiries and/or application to Michael Worker, General Secretary, Australian Union Conference at <MichaelWorker@adventist.org.au>. **Applications close October 13, 2023.**

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Boolaroo Seventh-day Adventist Church

SABBATH, 21 OCTOBER 2023
54 Lakeview St, Speers Point

The Boolaroo Seventh-day Adventist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sabbath, October 21. This is an opportunity for people from near and far to gather and commemorate God's guidance and blessings since its establishment in 1923.

YOU'RE INVITED

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| 9:30am | Sabbath School |
| 11:00am | Divine Service followed by luncheon |
| 2:00pm | Afternoon Service featuring testimonies, special items, and a visual presentation reflecting on the Lord's leading over the past century. |



If you have any photos and for catering purposes, please RSVP to Patrice (church clerk)
☎ 0412 491 944 ✉ patricewinter@hotmail.com



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GOROKA, PNG

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Applications close August 29, 2023.

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HOWQUA, VIC

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