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# On Line with God



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## COVER

*Dedicated to strengthening a caring Christian presence in communities, Adventist Health System North expanded its Adventist Living Centers in 1982 by purchasing the La Grange, Illinois, Colonial Manor Convalescent and Nursing Center. Photo by Skip Baker.*

**P**ERHAPS you may have heard someone express the fear that Adventist hospitals are drifting away from the denomination, and the situation involving Dr. Kellogg in Battle Creek is cited to substantiate the point.

Some express concern that health care personnel are on a different wage scale than other denominational employees.

Some even question the validity of calling our hospitals "Adventist" if a majority of employees are not members of our church.

In 1972 our church leaders wisely considered the rapidly changing times and concluded that Adventist health care institutions could no longer function independently because these institutions are part of a total national health care system.

It was seen that the corporate individuality of these institutions was not conducive to dealing with changing problems in a united way, and that the very survival of these institutions might depend on their ability to operate as related systems.

It was during the 1972 Annual Council that a vote was taken to organize the management of health care facilities on the union conference level, in consultation with the General Conference department of health.

It was also voted that one element of these organizations be "the establishment in each union conference of an Adventist Health Services."

One of the objectives in the establishment of our own denominational health system is for the purpose of monitoring proposed legislation which might affect the operation of the health care institutions and take necessary steps to protect spiritual and humanitarian interests of the church.

The general organizational pattern was also provided for in an action encouraging "the development of a legal entity to provide professional health care . . . by the establishment of professional corporations by appropriate health care professionals."

While some may wish that we could return to the so-called "good old days" when our medical institutions were called "sanitariums," church leaders have recognized that we live in the present and we need to plan for the future.

This world is moving from the old to the new very rapidly. The painful present and the uncertain future sometimes cause trauma.

Because the future is unknown and feared, we have a tendency to cling to the known past. But the present and the future will bring untold opportunities. Those who have the courage and faith to face these times of challenge with its questions, will be able to achieve far more than in the stable eras.

The church lives and moves in the world, though it is not of the world. The church has a message for the world, and its mission is in the world.

The church must respond to the needs of the world. To do this it must be resilient, innovative, sympathetic, loving, and caring.

Never before has the church had such wonderful opportunities to demonstrate the love and power of God to a dying world as it has now. God waits to do amazing things through His church.

What a fantastic time to be on line with God!



Music has proved an enjoyable way for Mike Hayhoe to share the message of Christ with people. Mike has worked as radiographer at Chippewa Valley Hospital and Nursing Home since before its affiliation with Adventist Health System North.

## THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

# Mike Hayhoe is 'Getting Through'

by Brian Costa

**G**ETTING through" to people is important to Mike Hayhoe, whether on the job or on the platform of a local church playing his guitar. For 10 years Mike, a radiographer at Chippewa Valley Hospital and Nursing Home, Durand, Wisconsin, has been able to use music as a means for "getting through" to people with the message of Christ.

"It helps us get through to people when we say that we're only 20 or 30 miles down the road, maybe living right in the same county," says Mike as he explains one advantage of having a local music ministry.

It all began while Mike was an academy student and continued through his college years. "I participated in many types of musical activities," says Mike, "from sunshine bands at nursing homes to folk sings and vesper programs."

He also traveled with a number of groups at both Adelpian Academy and Andrews University. In all, Mike has been playing the guitar for about 12 years.

He takes his guitar along with him to a program, and usually packs up his sound system as well. With

two speakers, a sound mixing board, microphone stands and other miscellaneous equipment packed into his Volkswagen Rabbit, there is room for only one passenger—his wife, Kathy.

His music ministry sometimes involves Kathy, who teaches grades one through eight at the Durand Adventist Elementary School. In addition to the essential moral support she provides, Kathy occasionally adds a vocal harmony part during a program.

"At other times it's a real team effort," Mike says. That's when he and Garry Donesky, administrator at the hospital, and other Donesky family members join talents to put a program together.

"Although we perform for a number of Adventist churches in the area, we spend more time performing at non-Adventist churches," says Mike, who has lived in Durand and worked at the hospital about four years.

Mike says that using music as a medium for sharing the Gospel with others works. "We are well received," he says.

It is this warm reception that keeps Mike and the others reaching out. "We tailor our programs to the general type of audience we know we'll have," says Mike.

"It's exciting to see the Holy Spirit take what we do and use it to speak to people."

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Brian J. Costa is communication assistant for Adventist Health System North.

# The Team That Keeps Adventist Health Care Healthy.



When Christ healed the sick, He didn't have to worry about government regulation, optimal staffing, or proper site location. His health care was hands-on, one-on-one.

It is this Christian health care that we strive for in the Adventist Health System.

But it takes a management team to make this health care possible today. They have to manage a system with many facilities. They must constantly search for ways to diversify. They must demand growth and innovation.

For without this total commitment to all facets of health care, Adventist health care will simply not survive.

Through dedicated Christian management like the team that manages Adventist Health System North, the Adventist Health System is at the leading edge of health care in today's complex world.

And if we're to continue that leadership, we need people like you.

Come join our team. Help keep the Adventist Health System healthy.

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# A Year of Growth

by David Gray

**D**URING 1982, Adventist Health System North has exemplified a major characteristic of the entire Adventist Health System—growth.

This growth is most visible by the recent addition of acute care facilities through purchase and management contracts.

Acquisition efforts throughout the year brought about a 70 percent increase in the number of acute care beds which now total 1,784. The acquisition of Glendale Heights Community Hospital, Glendale Heights, Illinois; Hyde Park Community Hospital, and Thorek Hospital and Medical Center in

Chicago, and the Mary A. Alley Hospital in Marblehead, Massachusetts, strengthen health care to the greater Chicagoland and Boston areas, two key population centers within the system.

These additions have brought collective financial growth, with a net income increase from less than \$500,000 in 1981 to more than \$6.4 million in 1982.

Most important, however, to the mission of providing a unified system of Christian-oriented health care are the 1,500 people that have joined the network of employees as a part of these acquisitions.

While finances and structures help provide the framework from which that mission can become a reality, it is human beings—caring employees—that bring it to life.

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*David L. Gray is the director of communication for Adventist Health System North.*



*Christian health care involves showing patients that the people who provide their care have a concern that transcends physical illness.*

Caring employees are essential for the "way of caring" that has become the hallmark of Adventist health care.

This unique approach to complete health care—physical, mental and spiritual—enables nurses, medical staff, volunteers and other



*Louis Gordon, president; Joel Hass, Adventist Health System North vice president, and Phillip Thorek, M.D., medical director, tour the intensive care unit at the newly acquired Thorek Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.*



*A \$10 million addition and modernization program at Hyde Park Community Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, included a new 2,000-square-foot emergency room. The Hyde Park hospital was acquired by Adventist Health System North last year.*

health care staff to form special bonds with patients. It involves showing patients that the people who provide their care have a concern that transcends physical illness.

The mission also speaks of strengthening and expanding a Christian presence to communities through the provision of health care services. Toward this idea, a Spiritual Emphasis Committee has been established to monitor the spiritual goals and functions of the corporation and its member organizations.

The second annual spiritual emphasis retreat was held during the year. These retreats are designed to encourage managers to evaluate the attention given to the spiritual dimension.

Growth of another kind was also witnessed in the development of alternative health care, most markedly home health care. Once a freestanding agency, Health Care at Home now has three divisional offices and is exploring opportunities for expansion to other communities.

Adventist Living Centers, the long-term care member corporation, also experienced a year of growth.

Operations were expanded into Illinois with the purchase of La Grange Colonial Manor Convalescent and Nursing Center. This brought the long-term care dimension to the greater Chicago net-



*Mark Shaffer, M.D., medical director for emergency services at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Illinois, examines a young patient in the emergency room. Recently a new program was initiated in the emergency room which calls for the screening of patients in order to expedite care to those needing the most urgent attention.*

work of facilities, and increased the total number of long-term care beds to 1,833.

Recognizing the needs of an emerging health care corporation, the AHS North executive management team began a formal strategic planning process in 1982. This plan ensures that managers develop a unified outlook for the corporation—who we are today, where we envision ourselves tomorrow, and how to make that

vision a reality.

AHS North and its member institutions are committed to becoming increasingly sensitive to the people to whom special health care services are provided. A consumer-driven spirit, then, is yet another growth trend within AHS North.

It is through a process of managed growth, expansion and diversification that AHS North has become a strong competitor in health care management.



*Becky Olson, coordinator, St. Thomas Hospice, and Juanita Johnson, director, Health Care at Home, both in Hinsdale, Illinois, explain their services during an open house held following the expansion of Health Care at Home to the Chicago area.*



Douglas Carlson

# Why Me, God?

by Douglas Carlson

RECENTLY I was burdened with what I thought to be a terrible curse. In the performance of my duties as the church school teacher and a church office holder, I would hear complaints and criticisms.

It seemed to me as if all my accomplishments were overlooked and my shortcomings were flagged as intentional. My feelings were hurt.

Because of criticism I was becoming depressed, unhappy, discouraged, demoralized, and, worst of all, I was beginning to question God by asking, "Why do these things come upon me?"

This low point coincided with my reading volume 5 of *Testimonies for the Church* on the "Sinfulness of Repining." One statement, on

page 313, struck me like a thunderbolt.

It read, "If there was a cloud in sight, you seemed to forget that the sun ever shone; and clouds and darkness were ever about you."

Yes, I was besieged by clouds. I had forgotten those moments in my experience when Jesus seemed close and comforting.

Briefly the clouds were pushed back as I recalled precious moments from brighter days. Yet I wondered why God let me go through discouraging experiences if He loved me.

One night, with the kids in bed and my wife at work, I tearfully sat on the floor and poured my heart out to God. I explained to Him how I hated criticism more than anything.

I asked Him why He let such experiences come. I prayed for the help of the Holy Spirit and then reached for the *Index to the Writings of E. G. White*.

I looked up the word "suffering" (for no one suffered more than I), and began reading each entry, placing a fine red dot by each one that suggested help.

Next, I read each text that I had marked, and prayed over each one.

Among the many I read, two gave me much insight:

1) "The Lord permits suffering and calamity to come upon men and women to call us out of our selfishness, to awaken in us the attributes of His character—compassion, tenderness, and love." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 23.

2) "The work of pruning and purifying to fit us for heaven is a great work and will cost us much suffering and trial, because our wills are not subjected to the will of Christ. We must go through the furnace till the fires have consumed the dross and we are purified and

reflect the divine image."

*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 67.

Sitting cross-legged on the floor, I finished reading and paused to reflect. At that moment the Holy Spirit spoke to me: "Doug, how do you feel when people criticize you? You are hurt, resentful, angry. You begin to judge your critics by minimizing their ability to evaluate your situation.

"Doug, your problem is pride. I let criticism come to you because of your pride.

"Listen!" And I was listening, with tears running down my cheeks. "In the time of trouble just before us, when men shall say 'all manner of evil against you falsely' (including your dearest friends), how do you think you will respond?"

"If you are the same then as you are now, all those old feelings will well up inside you and you will be overcome. Because I love you, I allow criticism to come to you, and you must continue to be disciplined until you learn your lesson."

So *that's* why I've spent years with this problem! Bible texts like Malachi 3:2, 3; Acts 14:22 and Hebrews 12 were read and reread that night.

Then I had a long prayer. I named people I felt had spoken unfairly about me and gave thanks for each one.

They were God's tools to deliver me from my own pride.

About four weeks after this study, I returned home from work and was struck by the thought that no one appreciated the work I did. The clouds began to move in again, but before the clouds settled I reflected on God's care for me.

I was impressed with the thought that no one appreciated Jesus either. "And of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honor." *Desire of Ages*, p. 225.

Now it is my joy to share those experiences with Him.

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# 'She Makes Coverings for Herself'

by Jerry Lastine  
photos by Elwin Shull



Dottie Massengill, Indiana Academy home economics teacher, instructs, from left, Kathy Brewer, Delynne Bolin and Diane Zacharias.

INSTRUCTION should be given in . . . household economy, healthful cookery, sewing, hygienic dressmaking . . .," *Education*, p. 218. These words, written 80 years ago, are etched in Adventist educational philosophy.

Five months ago, Dottie Massengill, home economics in-

structor at Indiana Academy, had an idea. She had been searching for dependable sewing machines and kitchen equipment for her classes.

She shared her dream with friends, and money from friends and a trust maturity made possible this new equipment.

Ten new Pfaff synchrotronic sewing machines and tables greeted the home economic classes this year when school began.

Machines don't automatically

make good seamstresses, but dependable machines coupled with a motivational teacher will give future homemakers the knowledge and experience to prepare and sew fabrics for wear.

Solomon praises the woman who "makes coverings for herself" and her household:

*She is not afraid of the snow for her household,*

*For all her household are clothed with scarlet.*

Proverbs 31:21, 22, *New American Standard Bible.*

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Top Stitch Company representative explains operation of a new sewing machine to Dottie Massengill.



From left, Diane Zacharias, Kathy Brewer and Delynne Bolin enjoy putting the new Pfaff sewing machines to work.



# Never Give Up

by Sylvia Ellis

**D**ID you ever wonder as you watched a camp meeting baptism what the stories behind those being baptized might be?

One such story is that of Sheri Verhalen, rebaptized June 25, 1983, at the Wisconsin Camp Meeting.

Sheri's parents, Al and Leila Jene, became Seventh-day Adventists when Sheri was seven years old. Sheri was baptized at eight; however, rebellion appeared early.

Sheri remembers skipping Sabbath School to go down to the lake, getting back just in time to sit with her parents during the church service.

Church school at Milwaukee Junior Academy proved too confining for her and didn't last long. Two troubled years at Wisconsin Academy resulted in her being asked not to return.

Alcohol and drugs entered the picture, driving her further from the church. After two problem-filled marriages and brief alliances with two other denominations, she had pretty much given up all interest in religion.

But Sheri's parents hadn't given up. Their prayers, and the prayers of close friends, continued in Sheri's behalf.

Alone with three children to support, Sheri's life settled into a round of hard work, interspersed with going out to "live it up" and forget her problems.

Another marriage was far from her mind, but she became friends with Mark Verhalen who was in the midst of a divorce.

Suddenly, life became more difficult as the recession cost both of them their jobs, and Sheri found she was going to have another child.

One day Mark mentioned to her how a man at a bar had startled him by talking about the Bible, and



*A happy Sheri is rebaptized.*

especially the book of Revelation. Then on a temporary job, Mark met another man who read his Bible during breaks and talked about being "saved."

When yet another bar encounter with a Bible reader occurred, Mark was astounded.

"It doesn't seem to matter where I go," said Mark, "I'm getting hit with this Bible stuff from the left, from the right, and over the head! It seems to me I should be doing something about it."

Sheri started sharing with him some of her knowledge of the Bible.

"Hey, if you've known this all along, how come you're in this mess?" he questioned.

"Just because you know things, doesn't mean you necessarily *do* them," was her answer. She could feel God reaching out to them and felt they should do something about it, but she didn't want to be the one to study with Mark.

They were living in Pewaukee at the time, and she thought of Bill Barrett in Waukesha, a layman who had once given her Bible studies.

She wished they could study with him, but hesitated to ask. Not being sure what she should do, she prayed.

About two weeks later there was a knock on the door, and there stood Bill Barrett—not with a Bible, but with some pictures of his trip to Tennessee, where she used to live.

"I've just been thinking about you," he said, "and thought you'd enjoy seeing these." Somehow the conversation turned to religion, and he offered to study with them.

Soon weekly studies were started, and in time the Sabbath topic came up.

Bill made the comment, "As you see the truth, do it." Mark's response was, "That's what the Bible says, so we'll do it!"

They started attending the Adventist Church the following Sabbath, and continued attending. In April they were married.

Sheri had kept in touch over the years with one of her Wisconsin Academy friends, Linda Hanson, a member of the Sparta Adventist Church. Since Mark still had not found steady work, he came to Sparta to work for Linda's father, and joined group Bible studies conducted by Pastor Fred Ellis at Linda's house.

In May, the family joined Mark in Sparta. Through an unusual blessing, Sheri and Mark bought a house at unbelievable rates, and part-time office work was offered to Sheri in order to help the family meet the payments.

Even more amazing, for six months Sheri had been trying to untangle red tape to get unemployment payments due her, with no results. Suddenly all three checks came in the same week, along with a tax refund, providing means for moving expenses and closing costs on the house, exactly when needed.

Through all this, Sheri could see God leading and she decided to be rebaptized at camp meeting, even though Mark still hesitated.

Her thrilled parents were there to witness the baptism.

Two weeks later, Mark decided to be baptized.

"Never underestimate the prayers of Christian parents and friends," commented Sheri, as she reviewed this most amazing year of her life.

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*Sylvia M. Ellis is the wife of Fred Ellis, pastor of the Sparta, Wisconsin, Church.*

# Project: Steps to Christ

by Adeline Kleist

**T**HANK God for Project: Steps to Christ. It saved my life!" testifies Joan Sitar of Riverside, Illinois.

"For two and one-half years I searched for something to fill a void in my life," she said, "and then the mailman brought me the Project: Steps to Christ packet. I read the material carefully and requested Bible studies.

As the studies revealed to me the truth in God's Word, I accepted the Adventist message and was baptized into the Brookfield,

Illinois, Church. What a change came into my life!"

This testimony, and many others similar to it, reveals the value of Project: Steps to Christ.

Project: Steps to Christ is a non-profit corporation organized by Adventist lay persons dedicated to giving the Gospel. Its purpose is to provide the laity with the tools to offer the message of salvation free to every home in the United States.

Elder Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference says, "I have observed Project: Steps to Christ long enough to feel satisfied with recommending it as a program worthy of the most careful consideration. . . . It is a method whereby, through the use of

modern technology, we can systematically reach every home in the United States with the gospel message and provide the opportunity for a response."

Project: Steps to Christ was conceived by James Barclay of Western Springs, Illinois, some years ago. At the time he was the personal ministries secretary of one of the smaller churches in the Illinois Conference.

His desire was to inspire the members of his church to provide the surrounding community with the knowledge of God's message for this time.

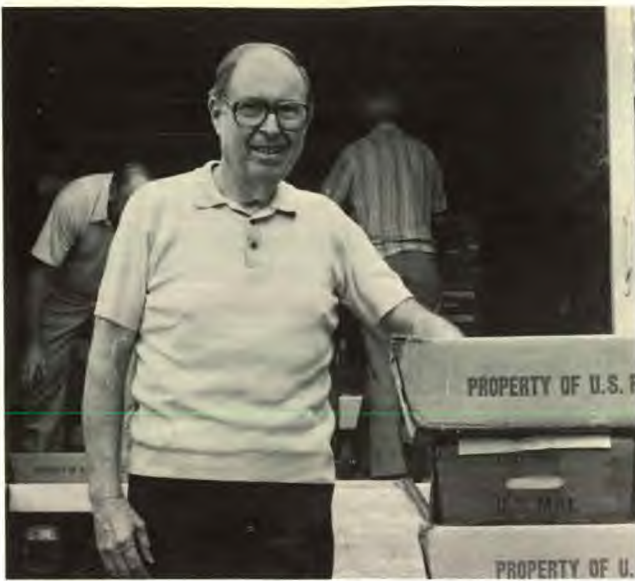
As Mr. Barclay studied, he found new ideas opening to him, and his concept of the work yet to be done

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Many volunteers from Chicago area churches operate the mass mailing machines. Clockwise from top left are Russell Dodd from West Central Church; Joseph Zweig, Robert Walker and Wally Hoffman, Hinsdale Church; Evelyn Bradley, Brookfield Church; Mattie LeBard, Burr Ridge Church, and Nola Dodd, West Central Church.



*James Barclay, a businessman from Western Springs, Illinois, conceived of mass mailing witnessing a decade ago while he was the personal ministries secretary for a local church.*



*Clockwise from top left, Wally Hoffman, Russel Dodd, Joseph Zweig and Robert Walker load 14,529 packets headed for Freeport and Dakota, Illinois.*

was enlarged. He gathered council given by Ellen White, including words she had written in the *Review and Herald*, July 10, 1883, "Carry the word to every man's door." What a challenge!

How can the message be carried to every man's door?

There is a tool that will help complete this task, and Ellen White instructs God's people to use it. That tool is the United States mail (see *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 123).

In this manner, the message can enter every home in North America (82 million residential units). Using current technology it is possible to systematically go into every family residence, every apartment house, and every farm or rural home along every country road.

The material sent includes invitations to listen to national radio and television programs sponsored by the Adventist Church, to enroll in the Voice of Prophecy correspondence courses, to ask for individual Bible studies or group Bible classes, and to request any one of eleven free books, one at a time. This gives the person receiving the packet a wide range of choices.

The initial cost of setting up the production line of equipment to do this work was about \$100,000, and

this has all been paid for by contributions.

A warehouse in which to house the equipment will be a future expense. However, for the present, Melvin and Rosella Durland, owners of the Ever-Redi Printing Service in Countryside, Illinois, are donating space in their printing plant to provide Project: Steps to Christ the needed area for the housing of the equipment.

Even though the initial operating costs have been large, the present cost of presenting the gospel message is very inexpensive for those who wish to take part in the program.

The Project: Steps to Christ packet may be sent to three homes for \$1, including the free books requested. Of course, it is not possible to send to just three homes. A mailing of the packet must include an entire zip code area of the United States mail.

However, the great number of towns in the United States are small, and some zip codes include as few as twenty people. So, many of the zip codes can be sponsored by just one person, if desired.

In one article it is impossible to cover all the information regarding Project: Steps to Christ. But detailed material of the project is available for the asking.

For information on how to obtain the following materials write to Project: Steps to Christ, P.O. Box 40, Western Springs, IL 60558:

- 1) A copy of a sermon entitled "To Every Man's Door," which explains the entire program to the church membership.
- 2) A tape of the same sermon.
- 3) A sample of the packet which is mailed to each home.
- 4) Handout material for adult church members. (If this is to be a church project, please indicate the number of members in the church.)

Also, a newsletter is planned to give updated information concerning the advancement of Project: Steps to Christ. This publication will also be sent upon request.

Project: Steps to Christ is a program in which anyone can engage. Individual members may be responsible for a zip code in any area of the United States. Children in church schools may sponsor a small zip code. Sabbath School classes may use this means to actively work.

But what is done must be done quickly. The times demand haste. "We have no time to lose . . . We have warnings now which we may give, a work which we may do," *Evangelism*, p. 218.

Project: Steps to Christ is an answer to this challenge by Ellen White.

# Ordained for Service

The following men were ordained during the summer at

conference camp meetings throughout the Lake Union:

## Illinois

### Josue Amador

Josue Amador was born in Cuba, August 16, 1948. He graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Havana, Cuba, in 1971.

He is married to the former Oneida Ancheta. They are the parents of three children: Josue, 12; David, 10, and Obed, 4.

Elder Amador currently is pastor of the Fox Valley and Rockford Hispanic churches.

### David H. Braun

David H. Braun was born November 20, 1938, in Libertyville, Illinois.

David married the former Roberta Marie Erickson on May 30, 1971.

They have two sons: Daniel, age 7, and Peter, age 5.

The Brauns currently serve the Rock Falls and Freeport churches.

### Robert J. Fekete

Robert J. Fekete was born June 4, 1948, in Cleveland, Ohio. He has a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Southern College.

He is married to the former Carolynne Butcher. They have two children: Pamela, 8, and John, 3.

The Feketes are serving the Mt. Vernon-Centralia District.

### Jose I. Montano

Jose I. Montano was born February 1, 1947, in Cuba. He graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary of Cuba.

Jose is married to the former Esther Maria Armas. They have a three-year-old son, Ariel.

Currently Elder Montano is pastor of the Hispanic North and Hispanic Lake View churches.

### Harold Oetman

Harold Oetman was born July 7, 1945, in Holland, Michigan. He

received a bachelor of science degree from Andrews University and earned a master's degree in secondary school administration from Michigan State University.

On August 7, 1967, Harold and Blanche Kantor were married. They have two daughters: Lisa, age 12, and Michelle, age 11.

Elder Oetman is principal of Broadview Academy.

### Albert A. Powell

Albert A. Powell was born in Denver, Colorado, on October 9, 1936.

On June 17, 1956, he married Floy Anderson. They have three daughters: Evetta (Mrs. Barry Blanchfield) of Churdan, Iowa; Lori, a student at Andrews University; and Mindy, a student at Southern College.

Since 1980 the Powells have served in the Illinois Conference in literature evangelism leadership.



*Josue Amador Family*



*David and Roberta Braun*



*Robert Fekete Family*



*Jose Montano Family*



*Harold Oetman Family*



*Albert and Floy Powell*

## Indiana

### Donald Richard Blythe

Elder and Mrs. Rick Blythe began their ministry in July of 1979 in the Indiana Conference. They are presently serving the Marion-Hartford City District.

Rick studied theology at Southern Missionary College and graduated in 1979.

The Blythes have two daughters: Carissa, 9, and Melanie, 6.

### Jeff J. Fisher

Jeff Fisher began his graduate studies at Andrews University, finishing at the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute in 1980.

In January of 1981 he became the pastor of the Brownsburg-Frankfort District where he is presently serving.

While at Andrews, Jeff met Karen Skye Hallock from South Lancaster, Massachusetts. They were married on September 7, 1975. They have two girls: Amber Chel, 5, and Vanessa Evan, 2.

### Carmelo Mercado Jr.

Elder Carmelo Mercado Jr. began his ministry in the Indiana Conference in June of 1979, being assigned the pastorate of the Hammond Church. In January of 1983 he was given the additional responsibility of pastoring the East Chicago Spanish Church.

Carmelo was born and raised in the Bronx, New York City. He received his master of divinity degree from Andrews University in 1979.

### Anibal (Chico) Rivera Jr.

Elder and Mrs. Anibal (Chico) Rivera Jr. began their ministry in October of 1979 by being assigned the pastorate of the Muncie District in the Indiana Conference where they are still serving.

Chico married the former Christine L. Green of Louisville, Kentucky. Both he and his wife have graduate degrees from Andrews University. Chico has a master of divinity degree, and Christine has earned a master of arts degree in teaching.

### Steven M. Rude

Elder and Mrs. Steve Rude are serving the Lord in the Logansport, Indiana, District.

Steve was raised in Minnesota and was married to Joanne Roehl on August 23, 1969.

In 1978 Steve began his seminary studies at Andrews University and graduated in 1980 with a master of divinity degree.

The Rudes have four children: Christa, 10; Andrew, 8; Sarah, 6, and Nathan, 3.

## Lake Region

### Alfonzo Greene Jr.

Alfonzo Greene was born and raised in the Niles, Michigan, area. Alfonzo received a master of divinity degree from Andrews University in 1979.

In December 1975 he married Cynthia Y. Evans of Kingston, Jamaica. They have two children: Alfonzo III and Donna Anna-Maria.

The Greens are currently serving the Evansville, Indiana, District.



Donald Richard Blythe Family



Carmelo Mercado Jr.



Jeff Fisher Family



Anibal and Christine Rivera Jr.



Alfonzo and Cynthia Greene



Steven Rude Family

## Richard Washington

Richard Washington was born in Memphis, Tennessee. It was at Oakwood College that he met his wife, Carolyn, and they were married on August 15, 1971.

In 1975 Richard received a master of divinity degree from Andrews University. He is presently pastor of the Eastside Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Washingtons have two children: a son, Boyce, and a daughter, Chika.

## Michigan

### Michael D. Conley

Michael D. Conley graduated from the seminary at Andrews University in June of 1979.

He married Melida Estralla Rodriguez who was born in Cuba. Melida has a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Mike and Melida are currently serving in Port Huron and Algonac.

### Michael R. Kemper

Michael R. Kemper was born in

Macomb, Illinois. He attended Andrews University Theological Seminary for his master of divinity degree. He is currently pastor at Munising and Manistique.

Mike married Linda Ernst from Wooster, Ohio, and they have two children: Timothy Michael 3, and Matthew Frances, 2.

### Donald Marsh

Donald Marsh was born in Redfield, South Dakota. His wife, Vickie, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Don received his master of divinity degree from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He is currently pastor at Williamston and Morrice.

Don and Vickie have one daughter, Rebecca, born on March 1, 1981.

### A. Royce Snyman

A. Royce Snyman was born in Boulder, Colorado. He completed his master of divinity degree in 1980 at Andrews University Theological Seminary.

In June of that year he became pastor of the Plymouth and Belleville churches and continues to serve them now.

In 1977 Royce married Laurie Susan Denski from Plymouth, Michigan. Royce and Laurie have one child, Kristen Alexis, who was one year old on July 20.

### Ralph Williams

Ralph Williams and his wife, Martha, are serving at Cedar Lake Academy. He teaches Bible and she is a food service supervisor.

Ralph graduated from Union College with a degree in religion with minors in education and business. Martha is a registered nurse and graduated from New England Memorial Hospital.

They have five children: Steve, a medical technologist; Randy, a medical student at Loma Linda University; Dale, a freshman business student at Andrews; Janean, a junior at Cedar Lake Academy, and Arlene, an eighth-grade student at Cedar Lake Elementary School.



*Richard and Carolyn Washington*



*Michael and Melida Conley*



*Michael Kemper Family*



*Donald Marsh Family*



*A. Royce Snyman Family*



*Ralph Williams Family*

**N**EW Sabbath worship hours and a special midweek "spiritual celebration" are two changes introduced to the Andrews campus by Dwight K. Nelson, new pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church.

Elder Nelson says the changes are the first in a series of steps the church will take to make the religious services at Andrews more "student-oriented" and to draw all elements of the university together through restructured spiritual programming.

Beginning September 24, all services at the university church will start 30 minutes later. The early worship service will start at 8:45 rather than 8:15 A.M. Sabbath School has been moved to 10 A.M. and the second worship hour will begin at 11:20.

According to Elder Nelson, the early worship service will have a less formal order of service and will emphasize "creative spontaneity" aimed at a younger congregation.

"We're hoping to attract larger numbers of students to the early service, and in order to do that we have to make that option more appealing. Allowing students a few extra minutes of precious sleep on Sabbath morning should make the early service more attractive," he says.

In addition, the early service at a later hour will be more convenient for families with young children, according to Elder Nelson.

"Children will be fresher and less restless at the early service and can release energy during Sabbath School, rather than the other way around," he says.

On October 5, the church will introduce a regular Wednesday night "spiritual celebration" designed for the entire university community.

Elder Nelson, who arrived at Andrews in June, says he has a special burden for ministering to the student congregations within the university.

Just 10 years out of college,



*Dwight K. Nelson*

## New Pastor Brings Changes to Pioneer Memorial Church

*by Ronald Knott*

seven years out of seminary and four years past ordination, the 31-year-old pastor is filling one of the most significant pulpits in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He admits that he has wrestled with the wondering that someone of his age and experience should be given such a task.

"I don't see age as a factor in God's ministry," he says. "God isn't dependent on age, and I'm thankful for that."

Citing biblical examples of Joseph, David and Jeremiah, all called in their youth to positions of great responsibility, Elder Nelson says: "God is dependent on those who are dependent on Him. I'm awed, humbled and excited by the task. The challenges are immense."

One of those challenges is to define the unique mission of the church, a task made difficult by the size of the congregation—more than 2,600 members. But Elder Nelson maintains that big is not bad. "Big is good because big churches can carry on multi-

faceted ministries that smaller churches cannot, simply because of dollars and cents," he says.

"Big is bad if it is a mentality that says, 'The church is big, I'm small, nobody misses me, therefore I will not get involved.'"

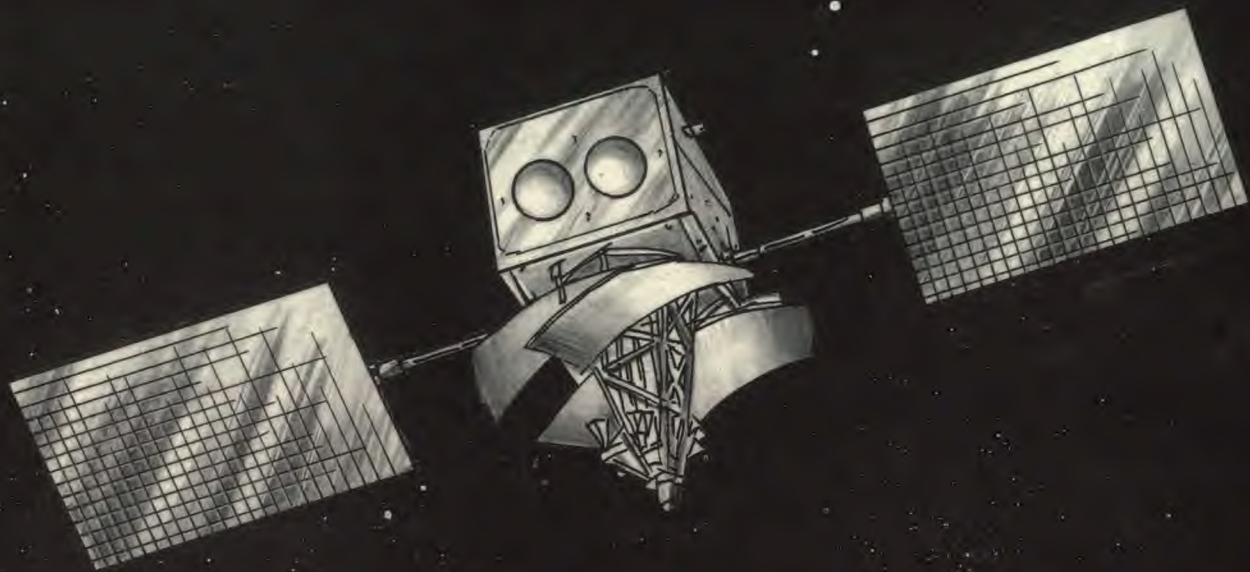
Involvement on the part of students is one of Elder Nelson's primary goals. He says he wants students to know that they are an integral part of the church, necessary for its success and the object of its attention.

He says: "I hope every student who comes on this campus and enrolls in this university will view Pioneer Memorial Church as an open door to a deepening friendship with Jesus. That's what Christian education is all about—opening doors to knowing the Master and serving Him better.

"As the new pastor of this university church, I want the word to go out to students, faculty and Adventists everywhere that P.M.C. is an open door to Jesus. Any time of day, any time of night, my door, our door, is always open."

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*Ronald Knott is the assistant director for public relations and marketing at Andrews University.*





# A New Satellite Venture

by Eldyn Karr

A giant step for the Adventist Church and its radio ministry!" That's how H.M.S. Richards Jr., describes the new satellite broadcasting venture by the Voice of Prophecy.

Elder Richards' daily messages are beamed to the SatCom III satellite, then picked up by 110 radio stations across the United States. Millions more people now have the opportunity of hearing Seventh-day Adventist programs.

"I call the SatCom III my satellite pulpit," says Elder Richards Jr. "Never have we been able to touch so many lives every day with the gospel's message of hope. Dad prayed many years to see this day.

"Suddenly, God miraculously opened the door for the Adventist Church to be on the ground floor of this new radio technology. Someday I believe all radio programs will utilize satellite.

"We want to move forward in faith as God leads His people toward the finishing of the gospel commission."

With the addition of satellite broadcasting, Voice of Prophecy

daily programs now reach people listening to 237 stations. The Sunday program is aired by 475 stations. "What a witnessing potential we have today!" declares Elder Richards Jr.

"And during this year and next," he continues, "we're taking listeners through the entire Bible, book by book, covering major themes as we go. We'll deal with all the main doctrines, some of them several times, and we'll try to help people see how the Bible offers them help for living right now, as well as hope for their eternal future."

Listeners throughout the Lake Union are indeed finding help and hope. A woman in southern Illinois writes: "During a trying period of despondency and great mental depression more than two and a half years ago, I came across the Voice of Prophecy on radio station KSTL.

"Pastor Richards' voice was so gentle and kind, and at the same time was saying exactly what I needed to hear. He made me feel better. The next day I wanted more. And so, after two and a half years, I still need what he speaks of—God's love."

Everyone who writes the Voice of Prophecy is invited to enroll in

New Life, a doctrinal series of Bible study guides.

A man from central Wisconsin writes: "I have enjoyed learning more of God's Word. I feel much closer to the Lord and now attend the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thanks to the Lord's work through your Bible studies, I will be baptized by immersion soon, I pray."

A woman in western Illinois says, "I never realized Sunday wasn't the Sabbath, even though I read in the Bible, 'He rested the seventh day.' This study has been very enlightening. My first Sabbath was celebrated July 9, 1983."

And a Wisconsin resident writes, "Since beginning the study guides last year I have become a baptized church member. Thank you for reaching out to help me. I would probably be dead by now had I not found Jesus through you.

"I have since reached out to my parents, my sister, and her two children. All but the children have been baptized. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The annual Voice of Prophecy offering received in Seventh-day Adventist churches on October 8 will help the broadcast and Bible course ministry continue its work of sharing the third angel's message with others.

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*Eldyn Karr is the public information director for the Voice of Prophecy.*



H.M.S. Richards Jr., left, director-speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, and Kenneth Richards, a researcher and producer for the broadcast, talk with their father, H.M.S. Richards Sr., on one of his recent visits to V.O.P. headquarters.



Prayer is an important part of the Voice of Prophecy ministry. H.M.S. Richards Jr. meets with the Bible School workers for a special prayer service above. The entire V.O.P. staff meets every Thursday at 8 A.M. for the Worldwide Prayer Circle.

# Vacation Bible School— More Than Fun

by Glenn H. Hill and Marjorie Snyder

**V**ACATION Bible School is more than fun and games in Michigan. It is a way of sowing gospel seed, nurturing and reaping some harvest.

Nearly 100 Michigan Seventh-day Adventist churches held a Vacation Bible School in 1983. For some it was a heavy challenge to get the personnel and finances together in sufficient strength to do it.

For example, the Manton Church has only 17 members; fewer than that attend Sabbath services, and only three of the church's children are in the Vacation Bible School age group. But the church planned a Vacation Bible School, and 58 children attended.

At the closing Sabbath program, which was held during the worship service, the church was full. Many non-Adventist parents came to see their children participate in the program.

One child has been baptized as a partial result of the V.B.S.

In Adrian, a couple whose first contact with the Adventist Church was through Vacation Bible School will begin Bible studies this fall. Their child is already enrolled in church school.

Two boys who attended the Marshall Vacation Bible School said they will become Seventh-day Adventists when they grow up. The church is planning a monthly community event during this church year. They say, "Why limit our child evangelism outreach to two weeks in the summer?"

In Bay City, a mother who is a

former Adventist started attending Sabbath School again after her children came to Vacation Bible School. Another mother is interested in Bible studies.

The Mio Church rejoiced for a woman being baptized on Sabbath morning during their Vacation Bible School family program.

She had taken Bible studies for a year but did not make her decision for baptism until she attended V.B.S. and saw the little children praying. She noted how they trusted in God and wanted that kind of trust too.

Children in Petoskey had a choice of books or a Bible for gifts. Most of them chose Bibles. One boy told the teacher he had read his Bible for an hour the night he took it home. He said he couldn't read it anymore because it was dark by then and his home had been without electricity for several days.

Another Petoskey couple is now taking Bible studies and their children attend Pathfinders.

Most children enjoy seeing pictures of themselves. Several churches used photography to get acquainted and build interest. Norman Moll at Midland, and Lew Carrington at Buchanan made slide programs of the Vacation Bible School and presented them at the closing program.

In Portland pictures of the children were taken, and leaders visited the homes following V.B.S. and gave the pictures to the children.

At Lake City the children were photographed in front of the theme device. The pictures were handed out on closing night.

Follow-up is vital if long-range impact is desired. Lake City will use their leftover V.B.S. materials in follow-up meetings.

Ludington plans to send birthday cards during the year and have a monthly story hour.

Urbandale intends to invite the children back for a pony ride and picnic to help deepen ties.

Involvement is important. When people help in a program they identify with it and its sponsors. At Williamston a teenage girl attended and ended up helping. She has since attended Sabbath School.

Some non-Adventist young-people in Algonac taught the crafts. They had attended Vacation Bible School for several years and requested the privilege of helping.

Many of the pastors were busy during Vacation Bible School. Some participated in teaching crafts or telling Bible stories. Others, like Elder Mel Johnson of Flint and Neal Sherwin at Coldwater, gave Bible studies to some parents during the V.B.S. time.

At Marquette a cooking school was held for parents while the children were attending V.B.S.

Each church conducts Vacation Bible School a little differently, but the important elements are getting close to neighbors and sharing God's love with them. Do they appreciate it?

At Clare there was a large attendance of non-Adventist parents for graduation on Sabbath morning. They expressed surprise at how much their four- and five-year old children had learned.

A mother in Vassar promised to help with V.B.S. next year because her children had such a good time this year.

A Sparta child said it best: "How long can I come to Vacation Bible School? I want to come forever!"

Vacation Bible School is fun, but Vacation Bible School is also a place where serious decisions are made for Jesus.

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*Glenn Hill is communication director, and Marjorie Snyder is child evangelism coordinator for the Michigan Conference.*





Lester A. Parkinson, pastor of the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, Michigan, churches baptizes his former teacher, Dr. Urius George.

## A Former Student Baptizes His Teacher

by Vivian Joseph

**G**OD'S ways are past finding out," was the testimony Lester A. Parkinson made when he was asked about an experience he recently had with a former teacher.

Pastor Parkinson is pastor of the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, Michigan, churches and is a native of the country of Guyana.

Guyanese children between the ages of 6 and 14 must attend

school, and Lester was no exception to this rule.

It was during his early school years that he met a teacher who made a profound influence upon him as a young child. This teacher was Urius George.

Pastor Parkinson never imagined that one day he would have the rare privilege of baptizing and pastoring his former teacher.

Years had gone by since Pastor Parkinson had any contact with his former teacher. They met again when Pastor Parkinson visited a member's home where Dr. George was engaged in landscaping.

Soon after Pastor Parkinson and

Dr. George were reunited, Pastor Parkinson felt a real urge to reacquaint his teacher with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its teachings. He invited his former teacher to take Bible studies, and Dr. George accepted the invitation.

Dr. George has friends and family members who are Adventists in Guyana. "In fact," he says, "my best friends are Adventists. That in itself inspired me to want to study the Adventist faith."

It did not take many Bible studies before Dr. George was ready to accept the teachings which represent the Adventist Church. He was later baptized in the Ypsilanti Church by his former student.

Dr. George was asked about his feelings in having his former student as his pastor. He said, "It is a feeling of admiration. I would like to think that I inspired Lester, or was an example which he respected. Pastor Parkinson's achievements are commendable. I feel real good about having him as my pastor."

Guyana is a tropical land, thick with forests and mountain country. Dr. George remembers spending a lot of his time outdoors when he was a young boy. He decided early in life to spend his adulthood working with a part of God's creation.

Dr. George is employed by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor as a professor of biometrics and as an environmentalist. "My job is interesting and challenging," he says.

Dr. George feels that his job is important because trees and plants provide mankind with life's basic essential element—oxygen.

"In addition to this," he says, "trees and plants are important for beautifying our surroundings. I also believe there will be a job for me in heaven where I can utilize my profession."

Dr. George and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Abiola, and a son, Joshua.

Mrs. George is now enrolled in one of Pastor Parkinson's Bible study groups.

Certainly we would be able to agree with Lester Parkinson's testimony that "God's ways are past finding out."

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Vivian Joseph is the communication director for the Lake Region Conference.

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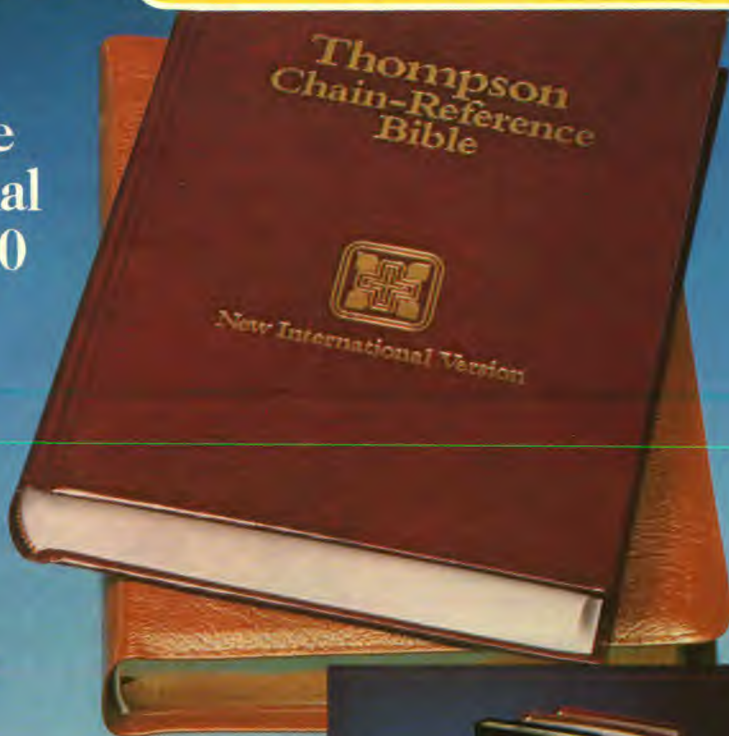
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We hope you will help us take a look back in time by sending thoughts about the Herald that will interest and inspire others.

We are also challenging readers to help us find an Adventist couple who celebrated, or will celebrate, their 75th wedding anniversary during 1983. If found, they will be featured in the anniversary issue.

Can you help us find this couple? If you know of anyone celebrating 75 years of marriage this year, please let us know.

The Herald would also like to find the person who has faithfully read the Herald for the longest period of time. We'd particularly like to hear from those who read the Herald at any time between 1908 and 1913, our first five years of publication.

If you can help us, please share your information in writing, or simply by asking us to get in contact with you.

Thank you, Herald readers, for helping to make our 75th anniversary celebration special by sending your information, before October 1, to the Lake Union Herald, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

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Evangelist L. B. Baker and Pastor Alex Lampkin will be holding a Voice of Prophecy Crusade, September 3 through October 30 in the Alpha Agape Church, 3909 Bushmore, Washington Park, Illinois. Meetings will be held Friday through Monday nights at 7:30 P.M. Interest names should be sent to Pastor Alex Lampkin, 203 75th St., Centerville, IL 62203.

### INDIANA

The Adventist Singles Ministries of Indiana is sponsoring a retreat at Camp Timber Ridge, Spencer, Indiana (map upon request), on October 7 to 9. Speakers will be Floyd Miller, A.S.M. vice president and Edward Skoretz of the Indiana Conference. The film "Reflections of His Love," the story of Joni Eareckson Tada will be shown. For more information contact Judy Hankemeier, 7818 Huff St., Acton, IN 46259 or call 317-862-3753. (No calls after 10 P.M.) Reservation deadline is October 3.

### MICHIGAN

The Marriage Enrichment film series will be shown in the Eau Claire Church, Naomi Rd., Eau Claire, Michigan, at 5 P.M. each Sabbath beginning October 1 and continuing through November 19. Everyone is invited. An offering will be taken at each showing. The last two films, November 12 and 19, are for adults only—no children will be admitted. There will be special films for the children at the same time these films are shown.

Michigan Singles Thanksgiving Retreat will be held November 24 to 27 at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. Workshops will deal with spiritual growth, wholeness, friendship, Sabbath, sexuality, and children. Speakers will be Dr. Selma Chajl, psychologist; Kit Watts, writer and speaker, and Allan Wolfson, A.S.M. chaplain. Leave Berrien Springs on a school bus at 8 A.M. Thursday and return by 7 P.M. Sunday. Deadline for discount is October 25. For further information write P.O. Box 318, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, or call Wolfgang 616-471-1077 or Muriel 616-471-5754.

Singles Day at Plymouth Church, Detroit, October 15. Allan Wolfson will speak for the church service and Sabbath afternoon. Car pooling from Berrien Springs. Call Wolfgang 616-471-1077.

**VOP** "Have faith,  
dear friend,  
in God." —  
H. M. S. Richards

Cedar Lake Academy Homecoming will be October 7 to 8. Services will include vespers on Friday evening, Sabbath School at 9:15 A.M. on Sabbath, worship service at 11, a musical program in the afternoon, and vespers Saturday evening. There will be a potluck luncheon at 1:30 P.M. Sabbath and a basketball game Saturday night. Honored classes are 1933, 1958 and 1973.

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Frances Christensen  
Ionia, Michigan

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