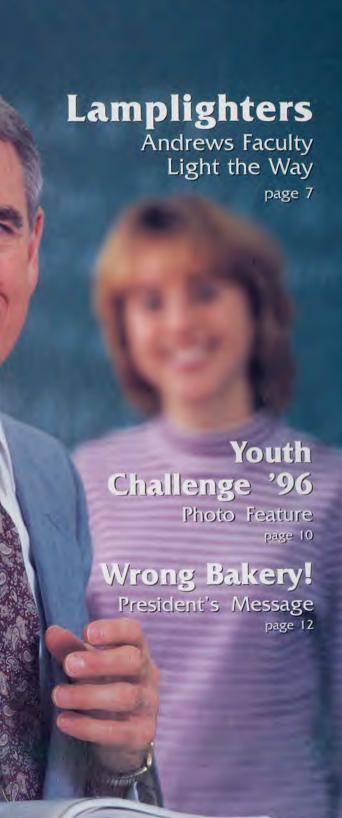
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#### EDITORIAL

### I Am a Very Important Person

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

I tell you, I am a very important person. Not because of the one I married, or because of my name or title or job, or because of what I own. But it is true just the same—I am a very important person.

The reason is that I was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26, 27), and God doesn't look too kindly on anyone calling something He has made common or unclean (Acts 10:28). I once saw a sign that read, "I'm somebody, 'cause God don't make no junk!" Because He made me, I am very important.

I'm important, too, because He died for me. The God of heaven valued me (and you) so much that He devised a plan so that He could take me to live with Him forever, a plan that meant, however, that He would die. Surely it is hard to believe, but it is true—He died for me. He wouldn't leave heaven and take the guff that He took except for a very good reason. I was that reason! That alone makes me somebody special—a very important person.

I've got an important job, and *that* makes me important. I'm not referring to an elected position. I mean that God has a plan for my life (*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 326), a special work for me to do. He didn't simply allow me to be born and then say, "Do whatever you can." He has *a work* for me. I feel really important—and humbled—when I think that God would like to use me.

He only made one like me. I'm special, unique—important. (I know some who read this will say, "Good! I'm glad He made only one of those.")

Jesus has only one kind of each of us. So when I am gone there will be no other just like me. Like an original piece of art, one of a kind.

Jesus is my brother! Think of how we pay attention to the president's family. We even give honor to his brothers or sisters. Well, my brother is Jesus. He even claims me and is willing to stand openly with me. To have a brother like Him—that really makes me important.

I am very important—to Jesus. It humbles me to realize what attention and effort and love Jesus has invested in me, in you. And because He has done so much for me, I can't help but want to serve Him today.

#### OUR GLOBAL MISSION

### The Silent Witness

#### BY DALE GALUSHA

hat do Beijing, China; Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; Mexico City; Mindanao, Philippines; Shahroud, Iran; and Grand Rapids, Michigan have in common? People from each of these cities have traveled through the Chicago O'Hare International Airport during 1996 and picked up Signs of the Times at one of the attractive displays and requested more information about Signs and the free Bible study guides offered in the magazine.

Prominently located in the O'Hare Airport, the four large displays offer Signs of the Times magazine free to travelers. Each month 3,000 magazines are picked up. These magazines are taken to just about every country in the world by travelers from all walks of life. People who may have no other contact with Seventh-day Adventists are able to find out what we believe as they wait for their planes or fly to their destinations.

Chicago O'Hare International, in the heart of the Lake Union, is the busiest airport in the world. Each year more than 66 million passengers from around the world pass through the airport. Add to that the large number of individuals who come to the airport to drop off or meet family and friends, and the evangelistic potential for reaching people with *Signs* becomes enormous.

Because of layovers and delays, individuals often have time on their hands and look for reading material. Recognizing this fact, *Signs of the Times* began this exciting airport ministry. McKee Baking Company in



Four of these large displays offer Signs of the Times to travelers in O'Hare International Airport.

Collegedale, Tennessee (Little Debbie Snack Cakes) has made the four displays possible.

The displays do attract attention. "Your Signs of the Times displays are

among our most popular in the airport," says Transportation Media, the agency that handles advertising at O'Hare. "People are picking up the magazines like crazy. We see them reading *Signs* as they are waiting for their planes. It's timely, attractive and well written. We read the magazine each month."

"Signs of the Times is committed to sharing the gospel and preparing people to meet our soon coming Saviour," says Marvin Moore, editor of Signs. "The airport ministry in Chicago is one of the many exciting ways that we are able to share our evangelistic journal with busy people."

As well as insightful articles on prophecy, doctrine, gospel and lifestyle, each magazine offers free

Bible study guides. Included in the magazine is information about Adventist Information Ministries in Berrien Springs, Michigan, along with their 800 number offering information about Seventh-day Adventists.

During 1996, more than 700 people from around the world requested more information about Signs and the free Bible study guides as a result of picking up the magazine in Chicago. These names were sent on to the Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible school and local conferences to distribute to pastors for immediate follow-up. The October issue featured an invitation to attend NET '96 with an 800 number directing people to the nearest church conducting meetings.

Please pray for Signs airport ministry during 1997 that many individuals in the Lake Union and around the world will read the magazine and respond for more information or Bible studies.

For more information about Signs airport ministry, contact Dale Galusha, Signs of the Times, P.O. Box 5353, Nampa, ID 83653.

Dale Galusha is Signs ministries director.

#### NEW MEMBERS

#### WISCONSIN

Persistence in prayer really does pay off as Jerry Anderson realized when he and his wife Marie were baptized into the Sheboygan Church. Jerry was raised an Adventist but had drifted away from the church, reports Linda Chodak, church communication leader. As the years went on, Jerry and Marie began to feel a void in their lives. One Sunday, they were taking a ride and decided to see how far the

should be doing, but he didn't want to move ahead without Marie. So for 34 years Jerry had been praying that Marie would make her decision for Christ. On September 28, 1996, his prayers were answered when they were baptized together into the

Jerry knew all along what he

Spirit was telling her to do.

Sheboygan Church.

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Marie and Jerry Anderson.

Sheboygan Church was from their home. When they pulled into the driveway, they saw two church members working on the flower beds. They stopped and talked to them and were invited to come to church the next Sabbath. They did come and enjoyed the services and the warm welcome they received.

As they became more convicted by the Holy Spirit, Marie began to fight a battle with herself. Marie ran a small beauty shop out of her home. Saturday was her busiest day. She just didn't see how she could give that up. But amazingly, little by little, her Sabbath business just dropped off! Then she knew for sure what the Holy

#### MICHIGAN

Erma Wells had prayed for nearly forty years that her husband would be baptized a Seventh-day Adventist. She found it so lonely attending church without him. When he passed away, Erma's failing eyesight and loneliness influenced her to just stay home from church. In the depths of her loneliness, she would often cry out to God in prayer asking for human companionship.

One day at a senior citizens' center, a friend introduced Erma to her brother, Frank Cole. He had recently laid his wife to rest in death and was also desirous for companionship. Their mutual love for Jesus bound them closely together, and Frank soon asked Erma to marry him. She was the first Seventh-day Adventist he had ever known, and when she asked if they could invite the Adventist pastor, Quentin Purvis, over for a spiritual visit, Frank readily agreed.

When the Cosmic Conflict Crusade began in the Three Rivers Church, Frank and Erma faithfully attended. Each night as Biblical truths were presented, Erma's face would radiate with happiness. She was so happy to be back in church and to have her new husband sitting beside her. Frank also rejoiced in the Bible truths he was

learning and nightly accepted them as they became clear to his understanding

Donna Gilliam, Erma's daughter who had drifted in her walk with the Lord, was also attending the crusade meetings. When the call was made for a full surrender to the truth as it is in Jesus, Erma, Frank, and Donna all made their commitment to be baptized and live as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. One can just imagine that God had spoken to Erma's heart, saying, "Come on home, My child, and bring someone with you!" The church family rejoiced with heaven as these three became baptized members of the Three Rivers Church.

Kay Collins, Cosmic Conflict Crusade correspondent.



From left: Donna Gilliam and Erma and Frank Cole rejoice in their new walk with Christ.

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The voice from the cassette tape recorder was convicting and empowered by the Holy Spirit as the subject of the unpardonable sin was presented by Evangelist C. D. Brooks.

As Thomas and Tina Whitaker listened, they desired to experience the peace and joy of Christ's salvation.

Tina's grandmother had taken her to Sabbath school as a child and was now praying for her salvation. It was this same loving grandmother that had loaned her the taped evangelistic sermon.

When Tina ventured into the Three Rivers Church one weekend, she was warmly welcomed. She brought her husband the next Sabbath. Arrangements were made for Steve and Barbara Hemenway to give them Bible studies.

When the Cosmic Conflict Crusade came to Three Rivers, the Whitakers and their three children attended faithfully.



Thomas and Tina Whitaker with Barbara and Steve Hemenway who gave them Bible studies.

During the week following their baptism, at their place of employment, another couple noticed the change that had come into their lives and asked if Tom and Tina would share the Bible's truths with them. Now, empowered for service, they are already discovering the joy of sharing God's word with others.

Kay Collins, Cosmic Conflict Crusade correspondent

#### **LLINOIS**

When Cheryl Askew and her husband, Kevin, moved to Marion three or four years ago, all they could get on their big-screen TV was 3ABN, reports Arnet Mathers. Cheryl is convinced that the Lord had His hand in that, since their TV is not defective, and 3ABN is not the strongest signal in Marion. She has been an avid viewer of 3ABN ever since.

At about eight years of age, the nature of God's law impressed itself upon her mind. She says, "I could never understand how God would write something in stone that He planned to change later." She believed in and kept the Sabbath before she ever knew of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She finds comfort in the reading of the Scriptures. When she has trouble sleeping at night, she will pass the time reading her Bible. Her acquaintance with Scripture has caused her to question many things commonly accepted in Christianity. The answers she got from Christian friends never satisfied her, and the inconsistencies she observed in various churches discouraged her from thinking that true spiritual life could be found in any church. So she remained unchurched.

One day, driving past the Marion Church, she saw the sign about Discoveries in Prophecy. She called the church to ask when our services were and was thrilled to discover we had Saturday services. She came to as many of the meetings as she was able. and as we met with her and her husband in their home, she was full of questions. The answers to those questions confirmed her experience and the things she had discovered in Scripture. She began to refer to the church as "our" church and expressed an urgency to be baptized and become a member. That desire was granted November 9 when she was baptized and became a member of the Marion Church

Theresa Jenkins has been a member of the Knoxville Avenue Church in Peoria since 1993, reports Jerrett Brown, pastor. She enrolled her eight-year-old son, Kevin, in church school and brought her family to church as often as they would come. During the NET '96 meetings, Kevin asked to be baptized, but his father, Gerald, was not convinced that his wife's new church was correct and was not ready

Time passed, and Gerald became convinced of the doctrines of the Adventist faith but felt he could not be baptized until he recovered from a back injury. When Pastor Brown

for baptism.

asked him, "Why are you waiting to obey God?" he replied, "I can't do much work for the church. I can't even sit for very long at a time." Then the pastor asked, "What if you never get well? Would you miss God's blessing? Maybe it is God's will for you to be baptized now and let Him care for the future." In a flash Gerald replied, "I'm ready."

Nothing was said to Theresa. On Sabbath, January 4 the pastor began telling a story from the baptistry about winning a person to Christ. Theresa was sitting in the audience where she could only see the pastor, not the person being baptized. As the pastor's story went on, she began to realize that it sounded a lot like her story. As she leaned over to get a better view and caught sight of her husband. Gerald Jenkins, being baptized, tears of joy sprang to her eyes as she gasped audibly. The congregation spontaneously exclaimed, "praise God," and welcomed him into God's family.

#### Heard a Good Story Lately?

We'd like to print stories here about people who have joined your church, but we can't print what we don't receive.

We are looking for inspiring stories about how new members found the Lord and who might have helped them along the way. What made them decide to seek out the Adventist church? What unique story do they have to tell?

Of course many stories will be linked to NET '96, but what can you tell that's unique?

Would telling your story help to inspire other members to share the love of Jesus in their workplace or neighborhood? Let us hear about it.

Send brief stories to your conference communication director.

## Is keeping the Sabbath a principle of stewardship?

# Passing the Test

#### BY EUGENE AMEY AS TOLD TO RICHARD DOWER

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20: 8-11, KJV.

What does it mean, "in it thou shalt not do any work?" Does the Lord bless one who "keeps" the Sabbath?

ark Doty was not a Christian. His life had been plagued with serious illnesses, habits that were destroying his mind and body, depression, time in jail, joblessness, and hopelessness.

Mark had a friend who had been brought up in an Adventist home who was struggling spiritually as well.

Occasionally they would attend the St. Johns (Michigan) Church together, and through these visits, Mark began to understand that having Jesus as a part of one's life made a difference. His life, however, was still out of control. He had no job, no one would hire him, he was depressed, and

helplessness gripped him almost beyond endurance. At this rock-bottom time in his life.

Mark cried to the Lord for help, and the Lord provided a praying church and caring pastor to help him. Then he accepted Jesus into his life.

Mark still did not have a job and had not had one for months. Shortly after his conversion, however, Mark took an out-of-town summer job at a resort. His nurturing church family wondered if he would remain faithful while he was away, and they kept praying.

Two months later, he came home with his faith intact and a firm desire to be baptized. On November 30, his thirty-second birthday, Mark was baptized.

Mark was still searching desperately for a full-time job, and his church was praying that he would find one. He filled out many job applications, went for many interviews, and finally a job was offered to him that included good pay, benefits, a medical plan, paid vacations, and a requirement that he work occasionally on the Sabbath. Mark turned it down. His family could not believe it. They felt that since he really needed that job, God would not mind if he worked on Sabbath once in a while.

Finally, after filling out more applications and going for more



Mark Doty, pictured here with Eugene Amey, St. Johns pastor, discovered that he could not turn his life around by himself. He needed Jesus. But there were still some tests to be passed even after he turned his life over to Jesus.

interviews, a job was offered to him by a small manufacturing company in Lansing. It was a good job with good pay, benefits, a medical plan, and paid vacations. It was actually a better job than the first one, with not only Sabbaths off, but Fridays as well.

One problem remained. Mark needed a ride to get to work. He lives in St. Johns, about 20 miles from this new job, and he was to be to work at 6:00 on Monday morning. By Friday at sundown, he still did not have a ride. His church family and its pastor were working and praying that some kind of transportation schedule could be worked out. Finally, Sunday evening two people were found that offered Mark rides. One would take him, and the other would bring him home. Mark was on time for his new job on Monday morning.

Looking back, Mark says, "I know the Lord has been with me, even through the dark times. It is so good to serve Jesus. I have a new life now."

Does the Lord bless those that keep the Sabbath holy? Absolutely!

Eugene Amey is the pastor of the St. Johns and Williamston churches in Michigan

## Andrews Faculty Light the Way

#### BY JACK STENGER

ith a Bible in hand and a Time magazine article in mind, Andrews religion professor William Richardson begins his 9:30 a.m. ethics class.

"What about this matter of honesty, and how should we incorporate truth-telling into our lives?" he says at the opening of his discourse.

For most of his 20 years at Andrews, Richardson has started his classes with a three- to five-minute devotional. Punctuated with a short prayer and freighted with a spiritual point, the devotions set a tone and make a point: God is around you at Andrews—just reach out and find Him.

Prayers before classes.

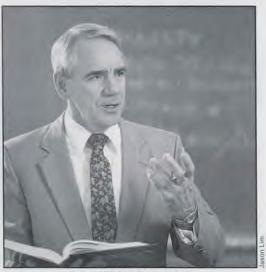
Vesper services in faculty
homes. Spiritual encouragement
along with academic advising.

Higher education is different at
a Christian college and so are
the teachers. They make students
think, question, and learn. And by
word and example, Andrews faculty
also light lamps of faith that will burn
for lifetimes.

William Richardson's classes point toward the heart of Christianity: Religious Ethics, Pauline Epistles, Life and Teachings of Jesus. But as profound as the topics are, they

would mean little if they didn't foster spiritual growth in students' hearts.

"Imparting spiritual values is a big part of my job," he said. "Contrary to popular opinion, this generation of students *does* have a deep need for God and spirituality, so I try to point



William Richardson, religion

them toward that need. It's one of the greatest joys of teaching here and one of the biggest challenges."

Glenn Gibson, a junior theology major from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is one of the many religion majors Richardson advises. As much as he appreciates Richardson's classroom expertise, Gibson said he values his professor's integrity. "His classes touch on moral lessons, so it's good that he always practices what he preaches."

The Andrews undergraduate bulletin lists Randy Siebold as an "associate professor of photo imaging." But the official title might be too

stuffy—or too understated. To his students, he's "Randy." For others, he's the campus' ranking multimedia expert and a *Photoshop* guru.

Digital imaging classes could be unlikely places for spiritual lessons, but technology doesn't get in the way of Siebold's ability to make a point.

"You guys ever read this book?" he said during a recent class devotional. He was holding a copy of Ellen White's Education. One of her specific ideas—that Christ came to undo the work of satanic forces—was the message of the day. "How many of you all like the 'Undo' command on the computer?" Siebold asked. Most hands were

raised. The popular function lets computer users recover errors.

"From now on, when you go for the Undo, think of our Lord who can undo our sin and make us whole again."

His unique instruction usually gets high marks from students. "Randy can take anything we learn in class and make it into a spiritual lesson," said Jacy First, a freshman from Hinsdale, Illinois. "He's always asking us how we can fit God into our lives and studies."

ention "college professor" and some think of ivory-tower types-too skeptical for belief, too busy for compassion. If the stereotype doesn't wear well at Andrews, it fits even less with nursing professor Arlene Saliba.

During a 25-year nursing career her goal was to direct suffering patients toward Christ, the Divine Healer. As a college professor. she said her goal

is the same.

"I take very seriously my responsibilities as a spiritual mentor because this is part of the reason I teach at a Christian college," she said. "When students come for prayer and encouragement, I need to be ready."

Her classesmedical surgery and physical assessmentare critical for the development of sound nursing skills. But as important as the fundamentals are, they are not the only thing, Saliba says. "Of course we want students to learn these subjects. But even more important is that they will leave us with a solid commitment to Christ."

dam Smith. John Maynard Keynes. Milton Friedman. They rank among the great economic thinkers of modern times. But add another name to the list compiled by Leonard Gashugi.

"People don't think about it, but Jesus was the greatest economist of them all," said Gashugi, a professor of economics and finance. At its core, economics deals with choices. The same is true for Christianity, he says.

"Economists ask: 'What is the best possible choice for consumers?" Jesus asked: 'What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?' Both questions are about optimizing satisfaction and making the best possible choices."



Randy Siebold, photo imaging

"Of course we want students to learn these subjects. But even more important is that they will leave us with a solid commitment to Christ."

> Few are as qualified to touch on both spiritual and economic matters as Gashugi. He holds a bachelor's degree in econom-

"When I accepted Christ, I accepted a responsibility to witness for Him. Yes, I'm a college professor, but I still see witnessing as my first job."

ics, two master's degrees in religion from the Adventist Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in economics from Boston University. When he first came to Andrews for religious studies, he left a management position with General Motors. In 1979, his calling led him to accept a teaching post at Andrews.

"When I accepted Christ, I accepted a responsibility to witness for Him. Yes, I'm a college professor, but I still see witnessing as my first job."

The unexamined life is not worth living" Plato said. The ancient aphorism says individuals should seek to understand their surroundings, even



Arlene Saliba, nursing

as they strive to understand their own lives.

For Georgina Hill, a writing

composition class is as appropriate a place as any for students to begin this thoughtful examination. Chair of the English department, she encourages composition topics that focus on

Leonard Gashugi, economics

designed to teach the power and mechanics of writing, can also serve a higher purpose, Hill said. By examining and defending their beliefs, students can transform learned

behaviors into core values. "College is a time for students to establish who

they are. I want them to understand and articulate on paper what it is they

believe."

For Stacey Rodriguez, a 1996 graduate from New London, Wisconsin, Hill's strengths were obvious in the classroom, but even more so in the student-advisor meetings. "She was always there for me whenever I needed help with a project or just advice about the future."

Alongside the quest for the examined life, freshman composition is still freshman composition. Undeveloped thoughts and disconnected thinking are what Hill

watches for. "I do want them to be profound, but they need to do it in complete sentences," she laughs.

Open-door policies. Prayers before tests. Faith and learning. Never-ending studies and an everlasting God. The Spirit does move on college campuses. And at Andrews, He

frequently uses college professors to make His point.

Jack Stenger is the public information officer for Andrews University.



Georgina Hill, English

spiritual matters: "How do you keep Sabbath and why?" "How would you describe God?" "What are the religious beliefs you hold most dear?"

These three-page essays, ostensibly



## Elizabeth Watson social work

Everyone here—faculty, staff, and students—needs nurturing, and I find that I get that at Andrews. We emphasize Christian academics. In a social work context, this means I can encourage my students to look for Spirit-based solutions. The great thing about Andrews is that we're all on the same spiritual journey. I wouldn't trade my work here for anything.



## William Mutch chemistry

Like all teachers, I take great satisfaction in watching young minds develop. All teachers get to watch their students grow mentally, but at Andrews we get the added benefit of watching them grow spiritually. Our environment alone is more conducive to close friendships and prayer, and these things make teaching more enjoyable. Beyond chemistry and school, I can talk with students and colleagues about God.

## Youth Challenge '96



Lacy Taylor Huth, Great Lakes Adventist Academy student, and Craig Baker, Grand Rapids Junior Academy student, practice their canvass during training.



Debbie Dickerson and Durrick Bush, Andrews University students, at a door presenting The Great Controversy.



Tabasurri Chapman and Chang-Ming Chung, Andrews University students, pray during their Christmas vacation leadership training program.



Last day of leadership training. The next step is to set up for the students arriving for summer Youth Challenge '96.

#### BY JUDY BENJAMIN

Youth Challenge is a way for students to share their faith and experience with God, and to grow socially, mentally, and spiritually as they go door-to-door with truth-filled literature. Every door is different. Every person has some need or is hurting, whether it is expressed or denied. Every day is different. That was our experience during Christmas vacation in Saginaw, Michigan.

Within the first hour, Heidi, who was driving the van, received a radio call from Young-Chun. "I need you to come quickly with a couple of

children's books, and Judy, if you are there, could you come to have prayer with this lady?" We quickly found the home and entered to find two young children and their mother who was lying on the couch. "Reading is the only thing that I can still do with my boys; I just want to see them grow up," their mother said. She had cancer.



Jimmy Bairagee, Andrews Academy student, sharing a testimony at the Richland Bridge Fellowship.



In the Grand Rapids Central Church, Adam Brown, Andrews Universit student, demonstrates what he does at work.



Cooling off on the annual innertubing excursion down the Piney River near Hesperia, Michigan.



Students haul leader Todd Stout, Andrews University student, off for a "dunking" in the Piney River.

We talked about God's power to heal and bowed our heads in prayer for this mother and her young family.

The students who participate in the Magabook program learn communication skills by sharing their experiences in the local churches. They are also able to supply the local pastors with the names of many people who have

expressed an interest in having someone study the Bible with them.

Youth Challenge '96 students reached 450,000 homes, found 581 interests for the pastors, and realized a 40% increase in sales over the previous year with fewer students participating. As we interview applicants, search for reliable vehicles, arrange for housing in churches or homes, search for spiritfilled leaders to guide our young people, order the right books, and lay the plans, pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we pave the way for Youth Challenge '97. We plan to run seven Magabook programs in '97.

Judy Benjamin is the Lake Union Youth Challenge program director.

## Stop! Wrong Pie! Wrong Bakery!

#### BY ROBERT S. FOLKENBERG

ive the youth a piece of the pie and they will stay for dinner," still echos from my 1990 sermon at the General Conference Session.

"What pie?" "What if nobody will give me the piece I want?" "The only pie I see is stale, and tasteless, so why should I want it anyway?" These are just a few of the reverberations of that phrase I've heard during the past several years.

Each seems to project a certain feeling: "I'm frustrated with my church." "I feel excluded." "The church I attend has a boring church service, is filled with critics who are out of touch with our needs as young people, and won't give those of us in the younger generation a chance to make changes. So, why bother?"

I know it's dangerous to push a metaphor too far, but let's examine this issue by inviting you to step into the bakery. Stop! That isn't a bakery. It just smells like a bakery. Instead its the convention hall for the "International Bakers Association." There you find all kinds of exhibits. You can check out the latest in baking equipment and supplies. And look at the demonstration bakery. No, those aren't bakers. They're really actors training other actors to look like bakers. And watch out for the pies! They look good and smell good, but, like the tree in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6), they can infect you with a fatal disease!

But look across the street from the convention hall. There's a real bakery, one that makes the best pies in town. This bakery has a huge and growing staff that bakes mouth-watering pies, but, strangely, the staff eats some of the pies but gives most of them away as gifts to people outside the bakery family. Those who receive gift pies are impressed by their quality, and soon some ask to join the evergrowing bakery staff, so they can bake pies themselves to share with others. Pies are their passion. Their exuberance in sharing their personal tastetesting of the pies makes all their work

humor, and they can drop in, get a snack, and they don't have to wear strange uniforms, sacrifice any time. money or energy, or change any other habits. However, they are phonies who want others to think they are legitimate bakers. They wear the insignia of the real bakery, use piescented cologne, and, if they really want to appear genuine, they buy imitation fruit stain for their teeth. But, you can always distinguish the phonies from the authentic. The authentic associate bakers have fallen



Heidi Towar, Andrews University student from Grand Ledge, Michigan, is very active as a Magabook sales leader and as a witness in the Benton Harbor Street Ministry.

baking and sharing pies seem effortless and sincere.

But not everyone wants the responsibility of becoming a baker. Some just want a free pie. After all, the decor is modern, the music is lively, the baker has a real sense of

in love with the Chief Baker and are desperate to invite others to join their family.

I'll give you an example of genuine bakers.

My mother recently read me a letter she had just received from

Heidi, a student at Andrews University. Last summer she lead a team of students selling Magabooks\* in Lansing, Michigan. Though they were successful in reaching their financial objectives, the high point of the summer was the spiritual renewal which each of her team members experienced. Every morning they spent time together in prayer and personal Bible study until they felt

building, while the students continued visiting, making friends, and sharing their love for Jesus by reaching out in love to the community.

"So, here I am," Heidi wrote in her letter, "in the midst of an awesome revival of Andrews students, and I can only praise God for what He is doing. Our goal: to plant a brand new Seventh-day Adventist Church in this crime-infested neighborhood that

Jesus loves with all His heart. Oh. Mrs. Folkenberg, I feel such a burden, mission. opportunity and overwhelming passion toward this missionary field."

If you're wondering about getting your piece of the pie,

focus on others: their needs, their pain, their hunger, their need to hear about Jesus, the three angels' messages, and the soon return of our Lord. In the other church, the members focus on themselves: their wants, their comforts, their possessions, their own "felt needs."

On this earth these two churches are commingled. Their members meet. eat, talk, and pray together, and it's so easy to get confused. Just remember, you can tell them apart the way God does: His followers love others more than themselves and are so totally devoted to God that serving Him is their greatest joy.

So, if you want the only "piece of the pie" that really counts, be sure you've entered the right bakery.

\*Magabooks are generously illustrated cookbooks, children's character-building books, and books written by Ellen G. White that are published in a large magazine format with very attractive new covers.



An Adventist Health Network van assisted Andrews students in their street ministry outreach in Benton Harbor.

they were spiritually ready to leave.

In her letter, Heidi referred to a recent sermon by Dwight Nelson, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, in which he said, "We must come to the place where what breaks the heart of God breaks our heart too."

Heidi was troubled by that idea. After church she told a friend, "We can't just sit here, we have to do something."

Soon a group of six drove into the inner city area of nearby Benton Harbor. They picked a street and just walked door to door, visiting people, being friendly, having prayer, inviting them to attend evangelistic meetings. Five people accepted their invitation and attended the meetings.

The next Sabbath afternoon the group of students increased to 10, and two weeks later it shot up to 45! They found a place in the area where they could meet, gathered children, and shared stories and music. A health-van did medical screening in front of the

why not join the 23,000 Global Mission Pioneers around the world who have discovered that the "real" pie is more than membership on committees or boards, more than planning the order of a worship service, and more than the routine administrative activities of any congregation, conference, or

any other church organization. Discovering the "real" pie must include discovering the Baker!

Maybe it's time to realize that just as there are two bakeries, there also are two churches. In one, the members



Laura Whidden, an Andrews student and Magabook salesperson from Berrien Springs, MIchigan, tells a children's story at the Richland Bridge Fellowship in Hanna City, Illinois.

Robert S. Folkenberg is president of the General Conference of Seventhday Advenitsts.

#### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

#### Religion Majors in Lake Union Churches

A new program is bringing the best and brightest of Andrews University to the Lake Union. More than 45 religion majors are participating in a new Church Practicum requirement, and it's proving to be a win-win situation for both the



Andrews religion majors: helping out in Lake Union churches. Shown are Yoon Lim, Elisabeth Hjortland, Tim Lee, Beau Parker and faculty advisor Keith Mattingly.

participating churches and the students who are sent.

Since the program started this school year, every religion and theology major travels twice a month to help churches with preaching duties, children's stories, Sabbath school, prayer seminars, or any other need where enthusiastic youth can serve.

"It's letting me see what really happens in the churches rather than just learning about it in the classroom," said Tim Lee, a junior theology major from Battle Creek, MI, who has served in the Battle Creek's Urbandale Church.

Beau Parker, a senior theology major from Tennessee, has served at the South Haven (MI) Church. "It's given me a new appreciation for what pastors do and what my strengths and weaknesses are."

Nearly 20 churches-mostly in Michigan and northern Indiana counties—are currently in the program. Both churches and students have been enthusiastic, said Keith Mattingly, assistant professor of religion and practicum program coordinator.

"Those who aspire for the professional ministry need to be certain of their calling," he said. "Under this program, our students can get that certainty—while they serve the Lake Union." Churches or students interested in the program should call the Andrews Department of Religion at 471-3177 for

Jack Stenger, Andrews University public information officer

#### African Photo Safari

Andrews photography students did more than "hunt" big game during their three-week December field trip to Kenya. They also experienced the type of postcard-picture splendor that makes the best of photographers envious.

A biennial event, this year's photo trip gave the 14 students a wide variety of shooting opportunities: lions on the grassy Serengeti plains. gazelle herds on



Photo majors get the shot in Africa. Shown are Chet Williams and Jeremy Hildebrandt.

broad grassland expanses, elephants in the shadow of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro.

But awe-inspiring scenery didn't just make for great photo ops, said junior photo major Dana Langlois. They also said something about God. "The beauty of what we saw reminded me again of how nature is such a strong witness of God's power and love."

Don May, photography professor and trip coordinator, said

Kenya matched the beauty of New Zealand, where photo majors traveled in 1994. "But no matter where we go, we find that God's creation is a blessing to see and photograph." To view African sa-



Elephants were among the prey that students "shot."

fari photos, visit the World Wide Web site at www.tech.andrews.edu/safari.

#### Woodland Text Published



Biology professor Dennis Woodland.

An innovative botany textbook by biology professor Dennis Woodland has recently been published by the Andrews University Press. The text, "Contemporary Plant Systematics," is now being distributed to colleges across North America and Europe.

The text's first edition was published in 1990 by Prentice-Hall Publishers, Englewood, Cliffs, N.J. The second edition features a compact disc with nearly 3,300 color images

of plants-a first ever for botany texts. Woodland, who has taught at Andrews since 1979, collaborated with botanists from the University of Wisconsin and England's Royal Botanic Gardens to develop the CD.

#### YOUTH NEWS

#### Youth Congress Coming to St. Louis

Lake Region — The United Youth Congress '97 will be held in St. Louis, MO, Apr. 23–27. This four-day event, sponsored by BAYDA (Black Advenitst Youth Directors Association), takes place every five years.

Alex Bryant, Central States Conference youth director and BAYDA's leader, says he expects 30,000 people to attend the congress, making it one of the largest gatherings of Adventists held in North America. This year's congress will feature José Rojas, North American Division youth director; Leclare Litchfield, chaplain of Collegedale Academy in Tennessee; and Varnard J. Mendinghall, South Atlantic Conference youth director.

Gospel artist Yolanda Adams and contemporary Christian musician Ben Tankard will be among the musical guests. The event also features an oratorical contest, an anti-drug rally, educational workshops, and a basketball tournament.

For more information call James Humphreys, Lake Region youth director, at (773) 846-2664.

#### Prayer Warriors

Wisconsin — This year the Fall Week of Prayer was conducted differently at Wisconsin Academy (WA) than it has been done in the past, reports Wendi Follett. Instead of all meeting together in the chapel and listening to one speaker, students split into small groups and had Bible studies together, without the faculty. It was a time to get to know the other members of the group better and grow spiritually.

A lot of preparation went into the Week of Prayer. Each group had a student leader who started things going. The student group leaders met during recreation time every night the week before and during Week of Prayer. They planned what they were going to do and prayed for each other. For a whole week ahead of time, the leaders prayed individually for each member of their group. They had also spent the previous home leave at a prayer conference at North Dakota Academy.

Some leaders were sick, and there were other frustrations, but in the end, each was blessed and excited about the changes in their friends' outlooks on God. Any little sign of recognition of God or interest in Him was rejoiced over. Before and after each meeting the prayer group leaders met with Oliver Archer, WA chaplain, and shared with one another how things were going. They prayed earnestly for each other and their individual prayer groups. It would have been hard to stay focused otherwise.

The focus of the Week of Prayer was to introduce each student to God and make clear His acceptance of us, no matter what our faults are. Stories were used, such as the prodigal son and the woman at the well, showing God's acceptance for others and ourselves.

On the last day, Friday, Oct. 11, there was an Agape Feast and foot washing service. This time was probably the most enjoyable time of the whole week.

The goal for this spiritual week was to have at least one person from each group show an interest in God that they hadn't shown before. But the whole week of prayer and all its planning and time-consuming detail was worth it if just one life was touched.

#### Journal for Youth Workers

The Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) has just released a brand new issue of the *Giraffe News* with 32 pages full of exciting resources, practical ideas, and refreshing inspiration.

The theme for the winter issue is "Reaching a Visual

Generation." A senior pastor shows how you can appeal to all the senses as you work with your young people. He offers several ready-to-use visual aids for sermons, youth talks. Sabbath and school. A popular Christian illusionist shares how youth leaders can use illusion to reveal God, including a ready-to-use illusion. An Ad-



ventist playwright shares how youth can share God's love through simple skits, including two ready-to-use drama activities. Each article includes references to further resources, experienced youth leaders, and training opportunities.

The Giraffe News is a quarterly magazine that is distributed to Seventh-day Adventist youth leaders from around the world—from conference youth directors to youth pastors and parents. The vision of this magazine is to be a source of inspiration and empowerment to those Christian adults who choose to fearlessly "stick their necks out" for young people. Among other features, we review youth ministry resources, provide practical features ranging from ready-to-use Bible studies to social meetings and community service projects.

For information about *Giraffe News*, call 800-YOUTH-2-U or (616)471-3628.

Sam Leonor, Giraffe News editor

#### Discover the Power

One of the largest Adventist youth events before the year 2000 will be held in Oshkosh, WI—the North American Division International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 10-14, 1999. Pathfinders from all over the world will come together for five nights to celebrate 50 years of Pathfinder ministry. Only 15,000 North American Division Pathfinders will be able to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event. So register early!

The nighttime programming will be presented by talented youth, featuring music, drama, and other powerful, exciting,

Christ-centered presentations. The daytime programming will include the opportunity to earn over 30 different honors at designated booths in addition to 50 fun and challenging activity options.

For only \$27 per day or \$135 for the week, Pathfinders and volunteers will be provided with a camp site, showers, restrooms, 24-hour medical service, security support, daily air shows, and numerous activities to make every day special and exciting. The 1999 camporee will need 500 volunteers daily. Even if you are not in Pathfindering, the camporee could use your help. Don't miss out on this 50th anniversary celebration for Pathfindering. For more information, call the Center For Youth Evangelism at (800) YOUTH-2-U.

#### Blueprints for Green Plants

by James and Priscilla Tucker

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11, KJV.

Within every living seed is the essence of the plant that produced it and the blueprint for the plant it will become. A tiny black marigold seed grows into a bushy golden-flowered plant, a yellow corn kernel grows into a six-foot-high cornstalk, and a winged maple seed grows into a tall shadetree.

The size of the seed has nothing to do with the size of the plant that it will become. The seed of a Redwood is about one-sixteenth of an inch long, and the pit of an avocado is about two inches long. Yet the Redwood may grow to be more than 350 feet tall, whereas the avocado rarely reaches 60 feet.

Seeds are usually produced in the fall, then lie dormant throughout winter. Protected by the seedcoating, the embryonic plant waits for the warmth and rain of spring to germinate. Under normal circumstances, it's tough to keep a seed from sprouting. In fact, a healthy seed is so determined to grow into a plant that it will sprout in a crack in a rock, a crevice in a tree, or a sandbox. (Of course, it will also sprout in rich soil.) Give a seed a little moisture, a little warmth, and something to take root in, and a new plant is born.

The seeds of wild plants are distributed in several different ways. Birds and animals eat wild fruits, then scatter their seeds as waste products. Animals spread sticky seeds, like those of cockleburs, when the seeds become attached to their fur, then drop to the ground in a new location. The wind carries fluffy dandelion seeds and winged maple seeds to places far from the parent plants.

Jesus's servants, which include you and me, plant the seeds of the Word in the hearts of other people. Then the Holy Spirit and the Sun of Righteousness provide nutrients and warmth for the seeds to sprout and grow. Wherever you are, you can plant the seed of His love. Have *you* planted a seed today?

#### Blueprints Discovery

Sprouts need water and light. If you don't believe it, do this experiment.

#### Items needed

Four one-quart jars, potting soil, and pumpkin, squash, or marigold seeds.

#### Procedure

- 1. Label the jars 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Fill jar 1 with potting soil to a depth of two inches, drop in three seeds, then cover with potting soil to within one inch of the top.
- Fill jar 2 with potting soil to a depth of three inches, drop in three seeds, then cover with potting soil to within one inch of the top.
- Fill jar 3 with potting soil to a depth of four inches, drop in three seeds, then cover with potting soil to within one inch of the top.
- Fill jar 4 with potting soil to a depth of five inches, drop in three seeds, then cover with potting soil to within one inch of the top.
- Put the jars in a sunny window, and keep the soil moist in all of them.
- 7. In which jar did a seedling appear first? Which was next? Which was third? Which was last? What does this tell you about seeds and light?

*Note:* To vary the experiment, plant the seeds in all four jars at a depth of one inch from the top. Put all four jars in a sunny window. Keep the soil in two of the jars moist, but let the soil in the other two dry out between waterings. What happened?

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a monthly newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, 8771 University Blvd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (no phone calls, please.)

#### LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

#### Nelson Chosen Speaker for NET '98

Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on the campus of Andrews University in



Dwight K. Nelson has been selected as speaker for NET '98.

Berrien Springs, Michigan, has been chosen to be the speaker for NET '98. Scheduled to begin in October, 1998, this series of evangelistic meetings will be broadcast live, via satellite, to North America, Australia, and Europe from this campus church.

NET '98, third in a series of "NET" events, will look and feel different from NET '95 and NET '96. "People will see this as a fresh event, but they will leave with the same desire to make or renew a commitment to follow Jesus," says Glenn Aufderhar, coordinator of the series and assistant to the president of the North

American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. "The local congregation and pastor is the primary method a church has to reach its community," Aufderhar continues, "and North American Division administrators chose Dwight Nelson as speaker because he is a pastor working in his parish."

The series will focus on the need for fulfilling relationships—one of the greatest perceived needs in contemporary society. "What a perfect opportunity for us to lift up the God of the universe who, through every major teaching of Scripture, is offering us a deeply fulfilling personal relationship with Him, as well as healed and restored relationships with each other in our families, marriages, work places, and schools," declares Nelson.

Basing this evangelistic event on a college campus and projecting a youthful image will allow young adults to be involved as musicians, hosts and hostesses, and in many of the other activities as well. Students on Adventist college and university campuses in North America and Europe will be linked by this satellite series. Study is being given to finding ways to reach the students of secular campuses by linking them to this event. "Since this series will be coming from a university campus, there is no question that there will be access to the centers of academic thought in the Western World," Nelson continues.

Although originating from a university environment, the target audience is not only young adults. "We would like to appeal to thinking men and women outside of the Christian church and invite them to ponder the greatest issues of life and death from a contemporary biblical perspective," Nelson declares.

"I believe God is going to do a marvelous work in our midst! But He will not do it alone. We as Adventist congregations and Christians must rally together and prepare our communities for this fresh, contemporary appeal that NET '98 will bring. It is not too early for us to begin putting together our personal prayer lists of the people we want the Spirit of Christ to save. Praying for them in advance will pave the way for our personal invitations in 1998," Nelson concludes.

Richard C. Dower, Lake Union Communication Director

#### Wisconsin Rapids Member Illustrates Collegiate Quarterly

Wisconsin — The first quarter 1997 Collegiate Quarterly, which is written and used by young Adventists around the world, features cover art and all weekly Sabbath school lesson illustrations by Wisconsin Rapids Church member, Chrystique

Neibauer, reports Rhonda Neibauer. Her biography is included in the front of the Quarterly. Although she lives in Winona, MN, she returns to her home church in Wisconsin Rapids each week, where she is an active member and plays a vital part as "artist-in-residence" when it comes to art work for Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants and other church projects.

Neibauer designs for major collegiate and professional sports teams and figures, as well as creating cartoon designs for Warner brothers, Disney, and Sea World merchandise, among other things.

The cover of the Quarterly was created by Neibauer on the com-

puter, and the inside illustrations were all hand drawn. Neibauer



Chrystique Neibauer did the cover illustration and weekly lesson illustrations.



This quarter's Collegiate Quarterly was illustrated by a voung member of the Wisconsin Rapids Church.

states that her biggest challenge in illustrating the Quarterly was to find symbols and ideas that were universal as the publication goes to countries all over the world. Many of her original ideas had to be revamped or discarded to fit this format. She very much enjoyed this project and looks forward to using her talents for more of God's work in the future.

#### Sheboygan Church Outreach

Wisconsin — We usually think of the Labor Day weekend as a three-day holiday to celebrate the end of the summer. But for the members of the Sheboygan Church, it brings a wonderful opportunity for outreach, reports Linda Chodak. From Thursday through Monday, the members manage the Church's booth at the Sheboygan County Fair. This year, church members passed out a packet which included an invitation to *Discoveries in Prophecy*; a *Discover Bible study postcard*; one of two books, *Steps to Christ* or *Let's Get Acquainted*; and a cookbook filled with vegetarian favorites from our members.

The reports from those who staffed the booth indicated it was a wonderful experience. Of those who stopped by the booth, one said, "Oh, I'm so glad you're here! I look for you every year!" Another said, "I just love Mark Finley!" One woman inquired about Sabbath school and said she had been dedicated in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a baby. Many returned the *Discover* postcards and are continuing the studies.

During the weekend, when the booth was unstaffed for a time, a woman walked past the booth, then turned around and felt compelled to enter the booth. She looked at the literature, picked up a *Discover* postcard, and sent it in that same week. Imagine our surprise when after we enrolled her, she came to church the very next Sabbath! Immediately she found acceptance and love, and, for the first time in her life, she felt at home in a church. She loves the Lord and looks forward to joining His church.

#### First Baptism at Beacon of Joy

Lake Region — An historic moment occurred at the Beacon of Joy Church in Chicago when five people were baptized



Beacon of Joy has started using their newly completed baptismal pool.

recently in the church's brand new baptismal pool, reports Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication leader. James Clements Jr., Beacon of Joy pastor, and Douglas Taylor, church elder, baptized Donald Davis, Nianna

and Tonica Rice, Barbara Sidney, and Michael Griffin.

#### Heib Receives Life Care's 1996 Chairman's Award

Cleveland, TN — The highest award bestowed upon Life Care Centers of America's leaders was recently presented to Keith Hieb, vice president of the company's Hoosier Region. Hieb oversees six Life Care nursing facilities in Indiana and one in Michigan. He is a 1977 graduate of Union College and is an active member of the Cicero (IN) Church. Hieb received the award at a ceremony during Life Care's annual management meeting, which took place Oct. 13–16, 1996, in Cleveland, TN.

The Chairman's Award is presented annually to the regional or division vice president or executive director who best represents Life Care as outlined in the company's Mission and Values Statement.

The award is also based on financial performance.

"I have the highest appreciation for Keith's philosophy and leadership qualities," stated Paul M. Stevens, vice president for Life Care's Great Lakes Division. "The Chairman's Award is a distinguished recogni-



Keith Hieb, (far right) member of the Cicero (IN) Church, was recently honored by Life Care Centers of America.

tion of his many talents."

Founded in 1976, Life Care Centers of America is one of the largest nursing and retirement center management companies in the nation. With headquarters in Cleveland, TN, Life Care operates 194 nursing and retirement centers in 28 states.

#### Churches Celebrate Unity

Lake Region/Michigan — On Sabbath, February 1st, 1997, the Ann Arbor (MI) and Ypsilanti (LR) churches held their fifth annual Brotherhood Sabbath at the Ann Arbor Church, reports Debbie Young, communication assistant. Sabbath services were presented by the Gym-Masters of Southern University in Collegedale, TN. The acrobatic troupe specializes in giving an effective drug-free, Christ-centered message through skits, music, and gymnastic routines. Members of the AnnArbor and Ypsilanti churches contributed musical selections for the service, collaborated on planning the fellowship meal following the service, and supported the community sponsored evening fundraiser featuring the Gym-Masters.

The warmth and enthusiasm brought by the Gym-Masters typified the atmosphere generated when the two congregations get together for what has come to be known as "Unity Day." The purpose of this day is to LIVE the message "We Are One in the Spirit." A spirit of love and friendship transcends the physical boundaries presented by different church structures. This is only the beginning of a year packed with plans to combine our talents in soul-winning efforts.

#### NET'96 NEWS

#### Members and Visitors Enjoy Warm Fellowship

Wisconsin - Hot apple juice, cookies, and warm fellowship followed each night's presentation of Discoveries in Prophecy



Members of the New London Church befriended NET '96 attendees over hot apple juice and cookies after each meeting.

at the New London Church, reports Christine Weber, communication leader. About twelve visitors became "regulars" and were quickly befriended church members.

By the final

night of the seminar, the church had grown. With one baptism and one profession of faith already attributed to NET '96, members are now encouraging others who are attending Sabbath services and Wednesday night Daniel Seminars.

Besides the obvious value of outreach, NET '96 was the forum through which God gave us other blessings. About half the church membership attended each night's program, drawing the church members closer together as a body of believers and strengthening their own faith and commitment. Like the hot apple juice on a cold autumn night, the word of God preached through Mark Finley truly "hit the spot."

#### North America Sets All-time Record for Baptisms

NAD — North America set an all-time record for baptisms in 1996, largely due to the tremendous success of NET '96 but also to continued evangelism through other methods. Baptisms totaled 39,004 in 1996, an 8 percent increase over 1995 when 36,122 people were baptized. The highest previous total of baptisms had been in 1982, when 37,485 people were baptized.

"The proof of good fishing is in the catch, not the fish stories," said Harold Baptiste, secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. "These numbers show a great catch."

The impact of NET '96 on baptisms showed clearly in the fourth quarter results: 15,269 baptisms were reported in that quarter, compared with 11,353 baptisms during that quarter during the previous year.

"Several years ago we set an objective to re-ignite evangelism and church growth in North America. With God's blessing, that has happened." said Alfred C. McClure, president of the church in North America.

The record year for baptisms also pushed church membership above 850,000 for the first time.

-	-Quarter St	
	1995	1996
st Quarter	6,755	6,577
2nd Quarter	10,262	8,051
3rd Quarter	8,410	9,107
4th Quarter	10,695	15,269
Total	36,122	39,004

#### **NET Comparisons Are In**

NAD - Similar studies were conducted by the North American Division (NAD) Office of Information and Research following the NET '95 evangelism initiative in the spring of 1995 and following the NET '96 project in the fall of 1996.

Some Compara	tive Res	ults	
	NET '95	NET '96	Incr.
Baptisms and Professions of Fa	ith 5,000	17,000	240%
Downlink sites	676	1,910	183%
Opening night attendance	66,165	170,000	157%
Opening night non-members	22,601	44,000	95%
Average nightly attendance	40,243	100,000	148%

In both studies, data collection and computer processing was provided by the Pacific Union Conference research office under the supervision of Jose Chavanz-Q. Both studies were directed by Monte Sahlin, and replicable sampling methods and interview questions were used to insure maximum comparability of the resulting information.

#### Holy Spirit Helps Break Habit

Michigan — George Rice was an Amazing Facts Bible school graduate. He had been helped in his study of the scriptures over the years by his praying, interceding sister and relatives, reports Debra Racz, Grand Rapids Central Church Bible worker. His study had led him into a vegetarian diet and away from alcohol and cigarettes. But now he was struggling with his chewing tobacco habit. Meanwhile he completed the Daniel Seminar study materials. When the Holy Spirit helped him win the battle with his habit, John Fortune, Grand Rapids Central pastor, was thrilled to baptize him.

George says, "I'm a lot different than I was when I started, and I want to be a good Christian." To achieve this goal, he attended Mark Finley's Discoveries in Prophecy series. Now he has dedicated his life to serving the Lord and being a winning witness to those he loves.

#### WOMEN'S NEWS

## Retreats Planned for Women in Michigan

Michigan — The First Flint Women's Retreat will be held Apr. 4, 5 in the church. Featured speaker, Nancy Van Pelt, will speak on the theme "Women of Excellence." For information and registration forms call Nancy Garcia at (810) 658-9212.

Ginny Allen, popular retreat speaker from Vancouver, WA, will be the featured speaker for the **Spring Retreat at Camp Au Sable**, Apr. 18–20. She and Ruthie Jacobson, regularly seen on Three Angels Broadcasting Network, have presented a hospitality seminar and prayer conference that are second to none.

Theme for the weekend will be "That I May Know Him," and Allen's topics will center around that theme. Seminars will be taught by Marjori Bodi, Ruth Calkins, Irene Frase, JoAnn Rachor, Karen Spruill, and Laurie Snyman. "Four for the Master," all alumnae of Grand Ledge Academy, will sing Saturday evening.

Because of the building program at Camp Au Sable, housing is limited, so register early.

> Marjorie Snyder, Michigan women's ministries publicity director

#### Crisis Center to Open in Michigan

North American Division — "Polly's Place" is the name of the first Seventh-day Adventist-sponsored crisis intervention facility, retreat, and training center. The site of a former retirement home in southwestern Michigan, Polly's Place includes a 14-bed house, two cottages, and a garage. The seven-acre parcel of land with its facilities and \$22,000 for repairs was donated by a business couple who are members of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, MI.

Grand opening ceremonies for Polly's Place are being planned for April 1, according to Sharon Pittman, chair of the Women of Renewal Board of Directors. Polly's place will serve Christian women from three major populations: victims of domestic violence with their dependent children, bereaved women of divorce or spouse death, and pregnant teenagers. A caretaking family already lives at Polly's Place, and shelter and therapy services are being planned. "By the time of our grand opening, we will have a toll free 800 phone number so that women can directly access screening professionals and also get resource information," says Pittman.

Recent results of a sampling of 200 respondents from the Lake Union Conference confirmed that abuse exists at all socio-economic levels, and that education and crisis intervention services were identified as a priority demand. In 1994,

Lake Union Women's Ministries, coordinated by Cynthia Prime, formulated a Task Force on Abuse to address the issues of domestic violence and abuse. Since then, the Lake Union Women's Ministries Task Force on Abuse conducted workshops on abuse, completed a training manual, developed a resource handbook, and conducted the survey on abuse and tabulated its results. "Polly's Place and the creation of a governing non-profit organization known as Women in Renewal comes as an answer to the prayers and culmination of hard work for the Task Force on Abuse," says Mable Dunbar, former chair of the Task Force and president of Women in Renewal.

Because of the confidential counseling services that Dunbar and her husband, Colin, had been conducting in their own home, and because of Dunbar's work as executive director of Safe Shelter in Benton Harbor, MI, she had long known of the need for a crisis intervention center for Christian women. In the spring of 1996, Dunbar met with Prime to discuss the urgent need for a shelter. By May 1996, Dunbar had discovered the

"perfect place." During summer meetings with the donors, Prime, and then North American Division women's ministries director, Elizabeth Sterndale, and representatives of Andrews University, a vision was born for a shelter, retreat, and training center.

Women in Renewal was created as an independent Christian corporation serv-



ing North American Division and other Christian women. The organization is working in formal partnership with Andrews University to provide training for social work and counseling psychology students along with interested church members and pastors. Pittman, chair of the Social Work Department at Andrews University, says that Polly's Place represents the first step toward providing much needed services. The Renewal Institute will offer further dynamic learning possibilities for Christian professionals in the Master's of Social Work and Counseling Psychology programs at Andrews University with complimentary association providing for shelter staffing, data collection and research.

Women in Renewal's mission is to provide North American Division women with spiritual renewal, promote well-being and awareness, and offer direct service, training, and research in crisis intervention. The board of directors is composed of 24 women and men from across the North American Division. Four vice chairs will serve for two years in the areas of operations and training; development; finance research, records and correspondence. An advisory board is also active with working committees.

For more information about Polly's Place contact Evelyn Milliner, Women in Renewal, at (616) 687-9822.

Karen Spruill

#### WORLD CHURCH NEWS

#### Family Violence, Human Relations Addressed by World Council

San Jose, Costa Rica [ANN] "We are recognizing that family violence is a significant problem also in our church, and we are open about it," says Ron Flowers, General Conference family ministries department director.

Flowers made the comment referring to a position statement on family violence which was voted by the world Annual Council of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, on Oct. 7, 1996. "We accept our moral responsibility to be alert and responsive to abuse within the families of our congregations and our communities, and to declare that such abusive behavior is a violation of Seventh-day Adventist Christian standards," the document reads.

In 1994, a church world survey indicated that the family violence situation is not much different within the church as it is in the world at large. "The situation varies in different parts of the world. However, we were strongly impressed that we must deal with the issue," Flowers said. Attention to the problem was further increased by the delegates to the world church session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, when the issue was discussed in one of the breakout groups.

The document states that family violence cannot be condoned. "It severely affects the lives of all involved and often results in long term distorted perceptions of God, self and others," the statement reads. A list of responsibilities for the church and its families spells out areas where Seventh-day Adventists must act. Prevention, intervention and remediation are included in the document.

However, the statement does not include specific suggestions for implementation. "We are empowered to develop specific guidelines and policies to proceed with greater interest and develop specific materials for pastors and laity. Naturally, these are required to help us address the issues," Flowers added.

#### ABC Broadcasts Adventist Spots

NAD — ABC television has been broadcasting Seventh-day Adventist public service announcement (PSA) spots on the "ABC Evening News with Peter Jennings" and on other ABC network programming during February. Specific dates and times for airplay were not known in advance.

Word of the approval came to the church in January from ABC headquarters in New York City. The spots emphasize that everyone can make the world a better place by offering a helping hand to those in need. The spots close with the words



Scene from new television spot.

"This message was brought to you by the Seventh-day Adventists."

One of the spots features the problem of teenage runaways and shows a couple who offer to help a runaway. The other spot features a man who has a friend dying of AIDS and depicts the man's struggle to relate to the AIDS patient. Both spots have been produced in 30– and 60–second versions.

The spots were produced by Mike Beesley at Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, CA. Colin Mead, who is in charge of production there, has additional spots ready to produce when these have reached their full airplay.

The opportunity was due to the witness of one member who was married to an ABC Television executive. When she died of cancer, he offered to broadcast the spots to honor her faith, her memory, and the caring support of church members in New York City.

The spots will be available for local Adventist churches to place on local television and cable stations later in the year. "We want to give ABC all the time they want to air these spots before they are released anywhere else." said Kermit Netteburg, spokesperson for the division.

#### Tithe Tops \$500 Million in North America

NAD — Total tithe topped half a billion dollars in North America for the first time ever in 1996. The \$507 million is a 3% increase over the previous year's tithe. The gain is roughly the same as the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

The Southern Union led the way with a 5% increase. Every union's increase was at least 2%. "This is great news—and great evidence of the faithfulness of church members," said George Crumley, treasurer of the North American Division.

Mission giving continued to decline, however, with a 6% drop in total giving to missions in 1996. Crumley attributed some of the decline to unusually large giving to Hands Across the World offerings in 1995. "But this is a decade-long trend, one that affects our ability to fulfill the gospel commission around the world," Crumley said.

#### MILEPOSTS

#### ANNIVERSARIES



Raymond and Berniece Jorgensen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 1997 in Janesville, WI. They have been members of the Janesville Church for 53 years.

Raymond Jorgensen and Berniece Prinagle were married Jan. 1, 1932, in Beloit, WI, by M. E. Anderson. Raymond has been a farmer and a carpenter with McCartney Construction Company, Janesville. Berniece has been a bookkeeper and has done payroll for Gilman Engineering, Janesville.

The Jorgensen family includes Beverly and Marley Soper of Apopka, FL; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

#### WEDDINGS

Jacqueline K. Marietta and Michael S. Fortune were married Dec. 22, 1996, in Saginaw, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John Fortune.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Frank and Laure Marietta of Saginaw, MI, and Judy and Wallace Campbell of Temple Hills, MD, and Michael is the son of John and Karen Fortune of Rockford, MI.

The Fortunes are making their home in Columbus, OH.

Lilliam Rodriguez and Luis E. Santiago were married Sept. 28, 1996, in Lansing, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Paul J. Sanchez.

Lilliam is the daughter of Euclides and Cecilia Rodriguez of Cuamo, PR, and Luis is the son of Hilarion and Julia Santiago of Santa Isabel, PR.

The Santiagos are making their home in Lansing.

Betty Ann Marvin and Donald W. Scherencel were married Oct. 13, 1996, in Coopersville, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor James E. Micheff Sr.

Betty Ann is the daughter of Carol Quillian and the late Dan Quillian of Grand Rapids, MI, and Don is the son of Ron and Cora Scherencel of Coopersville, MI.

The Scherencels are making their home in Coopersville.

April Joy Rasnic and William Lee Scott were married Dec. 15, 1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Patrick B. Morrison.

April is the daughter of Mary Jane Rasnic and the late William A. Rasnic Jr. of Berrien Springs, and Bill is the son of Richard and Dixie Scott of Berrien Springs.

The Scotts are making their home in Berrien Springs.

#### **OBITUARIES**

CRAWFORD, Charles M., age 87; born July 17, 1908, in Homeville, PA; died June 17, 1996, in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Lansing (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife Maybelle (Redvield); daughter, Aletha Christiansen; sister, Clara Thompson; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and a greatgreat-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder John Lorntz, and interment was in Shepherd Memorial Park, Henderson.

DAVIS, Leah D., age 79; born June 18, 1917, in Battle Creek, MI; died Nov. 8, 1996, in Battle Creek. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford E.; sons, Dean E. and Raymond D.; sisters, Grethel Moll and Freda Swensen; and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David R. Sanner and Dale Leamon, and interment was in Hicks Cemetery, Battle Creek.

GREENE, Rochelle, age 52; born June 26, 1944; died Oct. 16, 1996, in Gary, IN. She was a member of the Mizpah (IN) Church in Gary.

Survivors include her husband, Willie: daughter, Vernita Scott; father, Clayton Williams; and sister, Barbara Strodes.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Robert Douglas, and interment was in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Hobart, IN.

HERNANDEZ, Stacey M., age 6; born Nov. 16, 1989, in Grand Rapids, MI; died Nov. 4, 1996, in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Sabbath school.

Survivors include her father, Frutoso; mother, Linda; brothers, David and Chris Beliz; sisters, Marcy and Felicia Beliz.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Fortune, Debra Racz, and Father Steve Cron; and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

HOLMDOHL, Eugenia M., age 83; born Jan. 24, 1913, in Racine, WI; died Nov. 26, 1996, in Racine. She was a member of the Racine Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Kreking; 4 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder David Scofield, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Racine.

KEENEY, Mary (Gee), age 71; born June 25, 1925, in Grand Rapids, MI; died Nov. 19, 1996, in Haslett, MI. She was a former member of the University Church, East Lansing, MI.

Survivors include her son, David; daughters, Linda Derringer and Ann Keeney; brothers, Edward and John Gee; sisters, Marge Dunham and Sylvia Hosteter; 3 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by her family, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland, MI.

ORTIZ, Aida I., age 39; born May 4, 1957, in Brooklyn, NY; died Nov. 16, 1996, in Lansing, MI. She was a member of the Lansing Spanish Church.

Survivors include her husband, Carlos; son, Juan Carlos; daughters, Yanice, Denise, and Eunice; father, Pedro J. Cosme; mother, Alejandrina Santos Cosme; and sisters, Lucy, Milagros, and Dinora Cosme.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Sanchez in Lansing and Pastor Almader in Puerto Rico, and interment was in Santa Isavel (PR) Cemetery.

RUTHSATZ, Louis L., age 74; born Sept. 10, 1922, in Niles, MI; died Nov. 9, 1996, in Niles. He was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; sons, Vernon and Robert; daughters, Rose Marie Hallman and Mary Nieb; sister, Marie Hite; and 1 grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ken Schander and Isias Santos, and interment was in Mission Hills Cemetery, Niles.

SKALA, Margaret J., age 88; born May 19, 1908, in St. Joseph, MI; died Nov. 22, 1996, in St. Joseph. She was a member of the Stevensville (MI) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharon and Shirley Skala and Shelly Gast; and I grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Matthew Mc-Mearty, and interment was in Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda, MI.

ST. JOHN, Lillie L., age 91; born Sept. 15, 1905, in Saline County, IL; died Dec. 10, 1996, in Berrien Center, MI. She was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, MI.

Survivors include her son, Turpin; daughter, Joanne Collins; 6 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; and 6 great-greatgrandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor James Hoffer, and inurnment was in North Shore Memory Gardens Cemetery, Hagar Township, MI.

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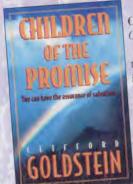
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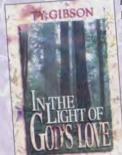
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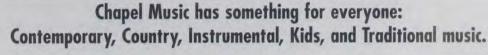
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Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Cedar Lake Church in Cedar Lake, Michigan, April 13, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this special session is to discuss and make decisions regarding the development of campgrounds for campmeeting and the new fitness center at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, and any other such business as may properly come before this special session. Delegates are those duly elected by the various churches of the conference and delegates-at-large as provided by

the bylaws. Each church in the Michigan Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each 100 members or extended major fraction thereof, determined by the membership as of December 31, 1996.

Jay Gallimore, president Fred Earles, secretary

#### WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend, Apr. 11, 12 at Wisconsin Academy. Friday vespers with Buz Menhardt, '71; Sabbath church services with Fred Stephan, principal, '60-'66; potluck dinner; alumni-student afternoon music program; Hallowed Moments with Mildred Summerton, staff and principal, '41-'83; evening basketball game. Classes to be honored include '27, '37, '47, '57, '67, '72, '77, and '87. Housing packages available on a first come basis. For information call Marcia Sigler at (414) 623-3300.

#### WORLD CHURCH

San Gabriel Academy invites alumni and friends to attend homecoming celebration on Saturday, Apr. 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the gymnasium. The classes to be honored include '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, and '92. For further details call the academy office at (818) 292-1156.

75th anniversary celebration for Eagle Rock Church (Los Angeles, CA), will be held on Sabbath, Aug. 16. If you would like to be included on the invitation list, please send your name and address to: 2322 Merton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90041; fax (213) 257-8157.

Glendale Adventist Academy is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 1997. If you attended or graduated from GAA, send your name, address, and phone number to 700 Kimlin Dr., Glendale,

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Valley Grande Academy invites all former students and faculty to its annual alumni weekend Mar. 21, 22. The classes of '47, '57, '67, '72, '77, '87, '92 will be honored. Special emphasis is being placed on the day school years. For more information, contact Nancy Hackett at (210) 565-5626.

Littleton (CO) Church 35th Anniversary. Come celebrate with former pastors and long time friends Apr. 18, 19, from communion on Friday evening through social Saturday night. Bring pictures of family, wedding, Pathfinders, special events to share. For information call

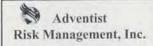


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Cedar Brook School invites

alumni and friends to attend the 35th year celebration planned for Apr. 4–6. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday. Sabbath activities to include history, sharing, and potluck. Sunday brunch to conclude by noon. For information contact the school at (508) 252-3930.

Newbury Park Adventist Academy alumni celebration Apr. 12 will honor the classes of '57, '67, '77, and '87. Registration, 8:45 a.m.; Sabbath school, 9:30; church, 11:00; potluck, 12:30 p.m.; academy music department concert, 2:30; class meetings and dinners, 4:00-7:30; All-Stars vs. Alumni basketball game 8:00. For information contact Dan Nicola, alumni affairs office, at voice (805) 498-2191; fax (805) 499-1165. Even if you can't come we'd love to hear from you.

The Association of Seventhday Adventist Librarians (AS-DAL) is taking applications for the \$1,000 D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship until May 15. To qualify, applicants must be accepted into a library science program accredited by the American Library Association and must expect to complete their degree within the next two years. For information and application forms, contact Carol Morse, chair, ASDAL Scholarship and Awards Committee, Walla Walla College Library, 204 S. College Ave., College Place, WA 99324.

Gem State Academy alumni weekend Apr. 4, 5, on the campus in Caldwell, ID, will honor the classes of '27, '37, '47, '57, '67, '72, '77, '87, and '97. Please come join the celebration. Contact Lara Dixon, alumni development director, at (208) 459-1627

Adventist Singles Ministries Retreat May 23–26, at Nameless Valley Ranch, will feature guest speaker K. S. Wiggins, president of Life Improvement, Inc., and author of Soul Winning Made Easier. For information and an application form contact Christy Herring, 401 County Rd. 1227, Texarkana, TX 75501-8969; (903) 832-8069.

#### ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULES

WEEK OF MARCH 16
Faith For Today: "The Myth of
the Welfare Mother." On this
Lifestyle Magazine, we'll meet
two mothers who, thanks to the
system, work in the corporate
world and have passed the need
for higher education on to their

children. It Is Written: "The Hand of a Father." In the city of Prague, Pastor Finley introduces viewers to the stories of Christian believers who stood fast in Eastern Europe during the years of Communist oppression. Merrilou Luthas sings "Father, I Want You to Hold Me." Voice of Prophecy Sun: "A Three-year Birth." Mon-Fri., "Kicking out the Sinners." How should Christians respond to the dilemmas of open sin in the church?

#### **WEEK OF MARCH 23**

Faith For Today: "DHEA: Is it the Fountain of Youth?" It Is Written: "The Scene after the Crime." Merrilou Luthas sings "How Majestic is Your Name." Voice of Prophecy Sun: "Jesus and the Magdalene." He gave her purity and freedom. He gave us her story. Mon-Fri., "Prison Bars Don't Keep God out." Special guests Don and Yvonne Mc-Clure reveal some of the astounding things God is doing in America's prisons, and how many unique Christians are having a part.

#### WEEK OF MARCH 30

Faith For Today: "Medical Negligence: Can You Prevent it?" How do we, as average consumers, protect ourselves from medical negligence? Some ideas on this Lifestyle Magazine. It Is Written: "Never an Empty Chair." Pastor Finley talks about the glorious day when there will never again be an empty chair! New England Youth Ensemble performs "Lift High the Cross." Voice of Prophecy Sun: "Winner Takes All." He thought he was the cat; he was the mouse. Jesus won. Mon-Fri., "Are Those 'Touched by an Angel' Angels Real?" Are Roma Downey and Della Reese faithful representatives of the cherubim and seraphim of heaven? Are these Nielsen Top-Ten angels telling it like it is?

#### WEEK OF APRIL 6

Faith For Today: "Organ Donors: Stories of Saved Lives." Meet some amazing "miracle workers" who have shared the gift of life. It Is Written: To be announced. Voice of Prophecy Sun: "Victorian Fun." What? Did the Victorians enjoy life? How? Mon-Fri: "I Can't Stop Hating You!" How can the Christian faith help to erase the scars of lasting anger and revenge?

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(FIFTY-TWO WEEKS)

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1996	1995	Gain or Loss	% of Increase	1996	1995	
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4,426,850	4,313,971	112,879	2.62%	796.34	784.93	
7,407,667	7,321,216	86,451	1.18%	331.07	334.44	
20,279,599	19,071,548	1,208,051	6.33%	878.89	835.52	
4,283,992	4,200,301	83,691	1.99%	701.26	702.74	
43,892,571	42,319,420	1,573,151	3.72%	640.66	625.32	
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Detroit	6:38	6:46	6:54	7:02	8:10	8:18
Indianapolis	6:51	6:58	7:05	7:12	7:19	7:26
La Crosse, WI	6:10	6:18	6:27	6:35	7:44	7:52
Lansing, MI	6:43	6:51	6:59	7:07	8:15	8:23
Madison, WI	6:02	6:10	6:19	6:27	7:35	7:43
Springfield, IL	6:04	6:11	6:19	6:26	7:33	7:40

## ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

March 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m., ET: Cross Training—Growing Churches. Galaxy 9, Channel 22.

March 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m., ET: Adventist Review Unwrapped IL Galaxy 9, Channel 2.

March 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m., ET: Celebration of Adventist Mission. Galaxy 9, Channel 2.

April 2, Happy 3rd Birthday ACN!

April 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET: First Wednesday. Galaxy 9, Channel 22.

NOTE: Satellite information is subject to change. Please check the monthly ACN News Bulletin for updates. Call 800-ACN-1119, xt. 6 to receive monthly mailings.

#### **ACN NETWORK NOTES**

Got a Dish? This is the theme of ACN's 1997 cartoon calendar

complete with holidays in Bermuda, Canada, and the United States. Most importantly, it lists dates of upcoming ACN events through December of 1997 (Remember all programs are subject to change). If you would like additional copies of this humorous calendar featuring great places to find satellite dishes, call 800-ACN-1119, ext. 6. Supplies are limited; first come, first served.

Day of Prayer Videos and Transcript Available. On Sabbath, January 4, ACN uplinked a special program for the North American Division's 3rd Annual Day of Prayer. The program featured a presentation on prayer by Elder Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division. He spoke about the importance of prayer and the development of one's personal spiritual life. Videotapes of the program are available through AdventSource. To order, call 800-ACN-1119, ext. 5. For a free transcript of Elder McClure's presentation, e-mail Celeste Ryan at 74617.1575@ CompuServe.com.

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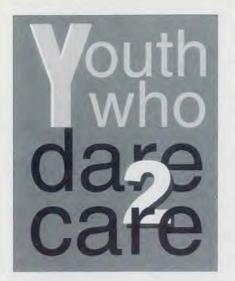
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#### Determination

Sir Isaac Newton, as a boy at school, was not noted for his brilliance of application to his studies. He would rather make something with tools, and so his books were sometimes neglected. In his class was a bright boy who usually surpassed Isaac in his studies. One day this classmate became very angry and kicked Isaac violently in the stomach. Isaac's decision at that time had much to do with his later life. He determined to get ahead of that boy in class and outshine him in his studies. From that time on. Isaac set to work, changed his methods of study, and traveled on, filling his busy, eventful life with discoveries. His advancement was phenomenal. If the schoolmate had not kicked him in the stomach, we might never have heard of Sir Isaac Newton.

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#### PROFILES OF YOUTH

Adam Matthew Hunter Brown, age 26, is a senior religion major at Andrews University. He serves as assistant pastor at the Community Church in Monterey, IN. Last summer he was involved in the Magabook program. This summer he will be the Magabook leader in Grand Rapids, MI.

Adam says that he has learned that "nothing is more important than God." As a resident advisor in one of Andrews' men's residence halls, he loves sharing his faith and his experience with the men. In 1993 he became an Adventist through the ministry of Doug Batchelor and 3ABN.

Born to Penny and Michael Brown in Grand Rapids on Nov. 26, 1970, Adam is a member of the Three Angels Fellowship where his mother and sister have also been baptized and his father regularly attends. He plans to be a pastor evangelist and would like to go to the mission field.

Dayna M. Campbell, age 23, is a senior dietetics major at Andrews University. She has been vice president of the Lamson Hall women's club, a prayer group leader, and has been active in many campus clubs and musical organizations. "In areas of leadership and programming, she has shown great creativity and insight in the planning and implementation of a variety of dynamic spiritual, social, and educational programs," says Frances Faehner, dean of women. "So powerful is her role modeling that the residents regularly expound about how "they want to be just like Dayna," or that "Dayna is the reason they are here."

Born in Connecticut Aug. 7, 1973, Dayna is the daughter of Philmon S. and Alberta Campbell of Orlando, FL. She is a member of the North Orlando Church. "Dayna, more than anyone I know, sees the mountains and roadblocks in her life as opportunities, and her deep convictions and belief in the power of God to reach the goals in her life has led her to amazing internal and external achievements," Faehner continues. "Dayna may not call them amazing. Yet in her optimistic style, she might simply say, 'I knew I could do it'."

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