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Assistant Editor

Words have always fascinated me. Ever since I was a child, I've enjoyed learning as much as I can about "the building blocks of communication." Along the way, I've discovered that many of the common words we use every day actually have come from quite interesting backgrounds.

Such is the case with a word that's very familiar to every Seventh-day Adventist. I was surprised to find out that there was no *worship* in the Bible!

You see, *worship* is an English word that became part of the Bible when it was translated into our language centuries after the original Scripture texts were written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. That's not to say, however, that the authors of the books in the Bible—from Moses to Paul—didn't believe in worship. They did, but they expressed that concept in other words with similar meanings, such as *praise*, *honor* and *glory*.

But why was *worship* incorporated into the Bible when that book was brought to our side of the world? The answer lies within the word itself.

The first three letters, *wor*, are a shortened form of another term—*worth* (as in value); while the last four letters, *ship*, indicate a characteristic or attribute, just as *like* or *ness*. do Therefore, if *worship* is boiled down to its most basic components, it literally means *worthiness*.

So when we worship, whose worthiness should be the focus of our attention?

Psalm 95:6 says: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." One of the reasons we give honor and glory to God is because He created us, and without life, we would benefit from none of His other gifts.

But that's not all. Revelation 5:12 states: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." We would lose the life God has given us if not for the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, who died to save us from our sins.

This issue has a number of features dealing with worship. My prayer is that they'll help you have a richer experience when praising God for both our creation—and our redemption!

**COVER:** Rajkumar Dixit is the campus ministries director for Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, where he is a sophomore with a double major: music and theology with personal ministries emphasis. He recently returned from Papua New Guinea, where he served as a student missionary. Dick Duerksen, Visitor editor, photographed Dixit on the campus of CUC.



**Because  
Jesus Christ is both  
our Lord and our Saviour:**

- The local church will be the central focus and the driving force of the denomination.
- The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.
- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

**Hazel Dobrich, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.**

Hazel was re-baptized in the fall of 1994 by Pastor Dan Francisco following an Amazing Discoveries seminar.



**Roy Martin, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.**

Roy was baptized in November of 1994 by Pastor Michael McCabe. Roy assisted the regional "Teen Challenge" organization.



## Face 2 Face

Baptism Profiles

**David McCavery, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.**

David was baptized in the fall of 1994 by Pastor Dan Francisco after attending an evangelistic series by Mark Fox.



**Merry Ann Ramsay, Powell Valley, Potomac.**

Merry Ann was baptized in May of this year by Pastor Denis Breetzke following a week of prayer service at her school.



## Face 2 Face

Baptism Profiles

**Daniel Da Silva, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania.**

Daniel was baptized in the fall of 1994 by Pastor Dan Francisco after Daniel and his family attended the Amazing Discoveries seminar.



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## True religion

**M**y husband, two teenage daughters and I live in a townhouse. Our community is a fairly quiet one. On occasion, neighbors will exchange a few words and make small talk.

Every Saturday morning, my family and I are seen by the neighbors carrying our Bible and wearing nice attire. We were on our way to church. Sometimes, I wondered what the neighbors really thought of us. Did they think we were sincere about our religion? Did we project a holier than thou air? Could they tell we loved Jesus?

On one particular Tuesday morning, my husband was outside preparing to wax the car. One of the neighbors who lives two townhouses away from us was also outside trying to get her cat to come inside before the temperature reached 100 degrees. Suddenly, without warning, my husband

heard a faint cry for help. He looked in the direction of the cry and saw that one of our neighbors had fallen on the ground. She appeared to be in distress. My husband ran over to her to see if he could help. She said, "I think I broke my hip." My husband told her not to move and then came inside to call 911. That is when I discovered what happened. Afterwards, my husband called her husband at work and told him what happened.

By this time, my youngest daughter and I were outside trying to comfort her as best we could while she lay in the hot sun. I brought a pillow for her head and chatted with her until the ambulance arrived. I lured her cat inside her house and locked her doors. When the para-

medics arrived, I held her hand as they maneuvered her onto the stretcher.

As it turned out, my neighbor had broken her leg instead of her hip. When she was discharged from the hospital, my husband assisted in getting her inside their house. I went to visit and baked her some banana muffins.

My family and I had a chance to minister, and I am so happy we did. Now, when I go to church on Sabbath morning, I feel good because I know what true religion really means.



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# The danger of sitting in windows

No one sits in the window of a second-story building, especially not during a midnight church service. Well, almost no one. It would take quite a clown to sit there, hanging a leg or two over the

window sill, listening to the hum of church and imagining what it would be like to jump grandly to the pavement below. Eutychus was probably a teenager, one of those marvelous creatures who knows not the possibility of death—or even of being hurt. A being who believes in living today as the sum of the future and who sees every situation as a cause for play and laughter.

Eutychus, the teenager who slept during church. Deacons have used his story as a wake-up call to thousands of slumberers and as a warning to thousands of youth who found dreaming more compelling than sermonizing.

He chose a seat in the window. And listened for a while. And went to sleep. And fell to the ground. And destroyed the whole worship service. And even brought a rapid hiatus to Paul's lengthy message. And to his mother's peace.

Of course, you've never slept during worship, have you?

Unfortunately, I have. I've slept through some astounding prayers, special items and sermons. Sometimes, I missed words that would have refreshed my heart and soul. At other times, I gained a rest that regenerated my exhausted body and mind. Luckily, I'm not in the habit of sitting in the windows, so my sleep has never resulted in death. At least, not physical death. But I have certainly missed some awesome blessings that could have given greater vitality to my life.

I'm not certain why sleep overcame Eutychus, but it was probably just simple exhaustion. For me (and most of the worship sleepers I know), exhaustion, boredom, habit and demonic suggestion are the four major causes of that irresistible urge to sleep. Not wanting any of the four giants to beat me down, I've chosen responses for each one.

Exhaustion is the hardest to overcome. I think that's because it's caused by zillions of red blood cells going on a corporate "slow-down." The solution? 1) Get a good night's

sleep the night before the worship service. 2) When the cells begin to slow down, get up, go outside and walk around the church. Bring the cells back up to speed. 3) Carry a small rubber ball in your purse/pocket and squeeze it 25 times for every drooping of the eyes. 4) Hold the hand of someone who will gently squeeze when she senses that you are beginning to nod.

"Boredom is always the result of a bad sermon." Not true! Actually, boredom is not something someone does to you, boredom is something you do to yourself. So boredom is easy to combat. All I have to do is decide not to be bored and then find something in which I can be interested. Four questions help me keep my focus: 1) What is the key point of this sermon? 2) How can I apply that point in my life on Tuesday? 3) Who is in church today that I could encourage before Sabbath is over? 4) How am I praising God in my own personal worship right now? When I choose to answer those questions during worship, it is impossible to sleep. I'm too busy listening, planning and praising.

The habit demon is a hard one to break. But the answer is in choosing to change, and then behaving as if the change has already happened. Try it. It works.

The demons? They pack the church throughout every worship service. They come to distract, disrupt and deliver death. They're most active in worship because that's where we have come to stand before God as sinners immersed in grace. Worship: "Saved humans praising God; God filling us with power." It's the demons' greatest enemy.

When true worship happens, the demons trip over each other in their eagerness to flee the power. When true worship happens, we walk from the experience more ready and able to chase the demons from our homes, offices and playgrounds. That very possibility keeps me awake—and out of windows.

*Dick Duerksen spends his waking hours at the Columbia Union offices as vice president for creative ministries, as well as points east, west, north and south—and generally sleeps at night.*



Church worship can be the highlight of the week, the faith-building power surge that propels the bench-warmer through a week of joy and service. Or it can be incredibly boring, a disappointment to the seeker and dulling to the indifferent. Church leaders and pastors—and members—know this, and many congregations and ministers are working to change this negative perception.

"There is nothing sacred about a worship style," says Marvin Wray, ministerial director for the Potomac Conference. "To ask, 'Is there another way?' is a wonderful thing."

It's an appropriate question, one that Ellen White suggested in her *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 204. "The prevailing monotony of the religious round of service in our churches needs to be disturbed. The leaven of activity needs to be introduced, that our church members may work along new lines and devise new methods. The Holy Spirit's power will move upon hearts when this dead, lifeless monotony is broken up, and many will begin to work in earnest who never before thought of being anything but idle spectators."

In the Allegheny East Conference, the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., took those words to heart. Just 10 years ago, there were 165 members on the books, with an average attendance of 60. Pastor Wintley Phipps came along with "the power of a dream," and today the church has 960 members, with attendance near 1,000 on most Sabbaths. "I think it has a lot to do with attitude," says member Gloria Holland. "There is a lot of focus on relationships, and Pastor Phipps gets everyone involved. The atmosphere is warm and friendly—visitors are 'fussed over,' and everyone sings from the heart."

Several other churches in the Columbia Union have asked, "Is there another way?" and are providing an "alternate style" that draws people into a what Wray calls "a sacred experience." The following list is by no means complete. It just offers a location where pastors and congregations consider "do-ables" to meet the needs of their particular—and peculiar—members and communities. If you are interested in finding a unique Seventh-day Adventist worship experience in your area,

# Worship:

a sacred experience,

not a sacred style



CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN McCLURE

telephone your conference office and ask to talk with the ministerial director.

## Ohio Conference

Akron early service; Abundant Life Fellowship in Columbus; Springboro Christ Fellowship in Dayton area; Dublin Community church near Columbus

## Chesapeake Conference

New Life church in Waldorf, Maryland; New Hope church in Laurel, Maryland

## Pennsylvania Conference

Allentown; Pittsburgh Shadyside; Fairview Village

## Potomac Conference

Damascus, Maryland; Court House church in Richmond, Virginia; Rockville, Maryland; Sligo church early service in Takoma Park, Maryland; New Market, Virginia

## New Jersey Conference

Trenton church with special Sabbath once a month

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## Make worship vibrant; video workshop

A resource for church worship teams and other congregation leaders who are interested in bringing new meaning to Sabbath worship is the *Permission to Worship, Permission to Change* five-week video seminar. "The videos are filled with simple 'do-ables' that can be incorporated into worship, including planning guides, evaluation sheets, new ways to plan Sabbath music and much more," says Dick Duerksen, one of the two creators of the series.

The series does not advocate any specific style of worship, but is based on 11 basic assumptions about worship, such as "The atmosphere of worship must include celebration, contemplation and commitment," and "Each worship service must be intensely interesting and take advantage of the curious power of variety."

If your congregation would like to study how to make worship the most energizing and fulfilling time of each week, call Gloria at (800) 438-9600 and ask for *Permission to Worship, Permission to Change*. We'll ship a copy off to you right away.

Worship  
Change  
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# Showroom model

TONY MAVRAKOS

**M**y message and my pastoral care were not with wise persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,"—1 *Corinthians* 2:4.

It was a beautiful Cadillac. In fact, it was the most beautiful car I had ever seen. The salesman walked briskly over to me, sales anticipation glowing in his eyes. "Can I help you?"

"Yes. I think that red convertible Cadillac is the most beautiful car I've ever seen. I'd like to take it out and test drive it," I said.

The salesman stuttered a bit, "Well sir, I-I-I can't let you do that."

"Why not?" I asked. "This is the car I want, and I'd like to feel how it handles."

"You may drive any car on the lot except this one," he said as he caressed the red lacquered hood.

"This car is a showroom model. It has no fuel in the tank. It just sits here and looks good."

A showroom model. The most awesome car I had ever seen was only a showroom model. It looked so marvelous on the outside, but without fuel, it would never leave the showroom.

This scenario is too much like what happens in many Seventh-day Adventist churches. Every Sabbath, (the right day of the week) many people gather in a showroom where a "salesman" describes the greatness and goodness of God. With eloquent rhetorical scrubbing, the "Cadillac" is washed, polished and displayed from week to week. The listeners smile approvingly as they're reminded that this is the Cadillac of doctrines. Sounds good, doesn't it?

There are many warm colors and much peaceful contentment around the showroom. Almost everyone—including the speaker—has an owner's manual. The manual gives instructions about all the nuts and bolts, the electrical system, the instrument panel, the brakes, the lights, the engine and the fuel system. Participants in the day's program carefully describe pages from

the manual, bringing nods of appreciation from the listeners. The salesman points out a few blemishes, applies some polish and describes the purring sounds of a well-oiled engine. Then he closes the manual, looks out at the showroom and says once more, "It's show time!"

But little happens because most of the tanks are still empty.

The Seventh-day Adventist church has the Cadillac of doctrines, but even Cadillacs go nowhere without fuel. Many beautiful models come and sit Sabbath after Sabbath, have owner's manuals read to them, yet go nowhere. Many read the manual for themselves but seldom open the tank and ask to be fueled up. Even though the manual is available, and all the parts are there, a crucial element is missing—the fuel to power us out of the building. Without fuel, we do not go anywhere.

How about your tank? Is it filled? Have you asked for the power?

Fueling happens when we meet The One who gives life, Jesus Christ. Fueling is what Jesus called the required "you must be born again." And it doesn't mean being born "Adventist." It means much more than that. It means being reborn into the experience of His life. You see, knowing about Him will never empower us. Only knowing Him personally gives a life that moves, a life that lives for him.

Let Him fill you with the Holy Spirit, and you will feel the power of a fully-fueled life. You will glow in Him *powerfully*, which will lead you to grow in Him *practically*, which will give you the full, wild power of His resurrected life.

Let Jesus fill your tank. Accept God's Holy Spirit baptism and become an Adventist who glows, grows and goes. Let Jesus fill you personally, powerfully and practically. Let Him drive you out of the showroom and into the world.

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Tony Mavrakos is an evangelist for the Potomac Conference.





**W**hat do little yellow battery-operated, coin-eating robots have to do with recruiting blind people for National Camps for Blind Children?

Janet Kijowski, a representative of Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Nebraska, believes that one of these fund-raising devices (called Robies) helped bring a camper to the Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, West Virginia.

On June 18, one week before camp, Kijowski felt an urge to check the Robie she had placed on the counter of the local Dairy Queen restaurant. Robies are accompanied by a sign asking shoppers to give their spare change to help blind persons attend summer camp.

As Kijowski had suspected, the Robie was full of coins and needed to be replaced. While she stood by the counter, an older woman got up from a table and approached her.

"Excuse me. Are you the person who services these displays?" she asked.

"Yes," Kijowski replied.

"Well, I read the sign, and I was wondering about the possibility of my grandson attending one of your camps." She wanted to know whether campers had to be completely blind.

When Kijowski assured her that any visually impaired person 9 years of age or older could attend, the woman invited her over to a table to meet her grandson.

At the table, Kijowski met James Hartman, a 13-year-old boy who was virtually blind. "His family just moved to town," the grandmother explained. "Jimmy attends public school, and he knows how to read braille. We just want him to do all the things sighted kids do—we can't hold him back. That's why I was so excited when we saw your display on the counter."

Kijowski gladly gave the family all the information they needed, and she assured them that camp would cost them nothing. She then promised to drive Jimmy to and from camp if he needed a ride.

One week later, Kijowski picked Jimmy up and took him to the camp.

When she returned at the end of the week to pick up the campers she had brought, she was especially eager to hear about Jimmy's experience. After parking her van, she started walking toward the camp and saw Jimmy hurrying out to meet her with his counselor.

"Janet," he yelled, "I had a terrific time!"

On the drive back home,



Kijowski asked: "So, Jimmy, what was your favorite thing about camp?"

"Everything!" he answered emphatically.

Jimmy wasn't the only person to enjoy the activities at Valley Vista this past summer. Twenty-five visually impaired persons attended camp during the week of June 25-July 2. Most of the campers weren't Adventists, and most of them hope to return next summer.

According to CRS representative and camp Coordinator Odea Sigh, several special outings were planned during the week. The Cass Scenic Railroad provided 40 tickets for campers and staff to ride the train. Campers were taken to a bowling alley, where the staff helped them to bowl. And the Old Brick Playhouse allowed campers to attend a play about Helen Keller without charge.

All the campers eagerly await next year's summer camp, but they and hundreds of others wouldn't be able to attend without the generous gifts of donors.

Sponsored by Christian Record Services, National Camps for Blind Children enables blind campers to

## Collecting coins—and a blind camper!

HANNAH LUNT



**Jimmy Hartman enjoyed the animals he could hold or ride at Camp Valley Vista.**

attend free. Summer camp gives these children immeasurable joy—joy they couldn't experience without your financial gifts.

*Hannah Lunt is a junior communications major at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. This past summer, she worked as a public relations intern at Christian Record Services, which is also in Lincoln.*



**N**early 1,000 secondary school educators converged on Gatlinburg, Tennessee, August 14-17 for the first-ever five-union teacher convention. The educators came from the Canadian, Atlantic, Columbia, Lake and Southern unions.

During the three-day conference, the teachers focused on how Christian education should change for the 21st century. Their conference theme was: "Change! Ready or Not."

Adrian Westney, associate Columbia Union director of education,

bell, North American Division directors of education.

Plubell presented the keynote address to open the convention, telling the teachers: "Adventist pioneers had a dream about education. They wanted hearts and lives to change because of attending a Christian school. They wanted an encounter for the children that would make a change in their lives as they learned about Jesus Christ."

For decades, conferences have held conventions for K-10 teachers; however, secondary teachers have been left out. The directors of the

frequently feel isolated and lonely. Bringing more than 900 secondary teachers together gave them a shot in the arm and an opportunity to share ideas with colleagues."

And share they did! Teachers took advantage of daily opportunities to talk shop with others who share the same teaching tasks. The convention also provided 10 breakout subject areas for teachers to attend.

The teachers explored such topics as: "Scans: A New Look at Workforce Readiness" for business education teachers and "The Critical Analysis and Thinking Skills Program" for English teachers. Bible teachers

zeroed in on: "The Secularity of Adventism," "Presenting Salvation to Teens" and "The Everlasting Gospel." Presenters included Jon Paulien, a Seventh-day Adventist Seminary professor, and Jack Sequeira, a Potomac Conference pastor.

Throughout the convention, devotional speakers encouraged the teachers to look at their profession as a direct call from God to ministry. Martin encouraged the teachers to commit themselves to a ministry "that is as valid as the pastoral ministry." He urged teachers to present the gift of grace to their students the content of the subjects they teach.

Teachers expressed their gratitude for the convention. They said, "We're getting good ideas from the presenters, and we're also learning from each other."

"The five-union convention illustrates the cooperative efforts typical of Adventist educators within the Atlantic, Canadian, Columbia, Lake and Southern unions," says Osborn.

*Clarence Dunbebin is associate superintendent of schools for the Chesapeake Conference.*

## Teachers from five unions focus on the future

served on the six-member steering committee. Richard Osborn, vice president for education, and Frieda Hoffer, associate director of education, also took part in the program. Samantha Young, Columbia Union certification specialist, helped academy teachers from the union verify their certification status.

Other Columbia Union workers and members served the conference attendees. They included union President Ralph Martin, Dan Goddard of the Chesapeake Conference and Marion Hartlein and Gil Plu-

bell, North American Division directors of education. They wanted an encounter for the children that would make a change in their lives as they learned about Jesus Christ."

Osborn, a former principal at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, explains the importance of this convention. "Academy teachers are almost the forgotten educators of our church. They seldom meet in groups larger than their own faculty; therefore, they

**Right: David Waller (left), principal of Garden State Academy in Tranquility, New Jersey, served as mentor for the four other educators in this picture when they were student teachers. They were, from left: Susan Toth-Gabel and Angie Paris, English teachers at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland; Wanda Adams, computer science instructor at Richmond Academy in Richmond, Virginia; and Chris Juhl, English teacher at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Georgia.**



**Below: Gary Wilson, principal of Vienna Junior Academy in Vienna, Virginia, checks on his certification with Samantha Young, certification specialist at the Columbia Union Education Department.**

**Below, right: Robert Fетters, science teacher at Richmond Academy in Richmond, Virginia, shows off a T-shirt with the teachers' convention theme on it to Adrian Westney, associate director of education for the Columbia Union.**



# Vacation Bible School creates *Friends Forever*

RAJINI SIGAMONEY

When summer gets hot and sticky, parents get tired, and kids get bored. That's when it's time for the church to take action.

The Southern Asian church took action by keeping more than 50 kids and adults active for two weeks with Vacation Bible School. The theme "Friends Forever" was incorporated into skits, songs, stories and crafts. Throughout the two weeks, participants became better friends and learned about their best friend, Jesus Christ.

Early in the evening, children started gathering into the church sanctuary for song service. Kids, ranging from 4 to 13, were eager to sing out loud, never worrying about pitch or harmony. Their main concern was to praise God.

Saroj Isaac, Vacation Bible School director, welcomed the participants and introduced the drama team coordinated by Usha David. The drama team performed each evening short but insightful skits. The children got acquainted with the characters and identified with them as they taught valuable lessons on how to incorporate God's Word into everyday living.

Following the general meeting, the children were divided by age group to a more intimate atmosphere as they listened to Bible stories, participated in charades and played games. Throughout each event, they were able to get to know each other better, discussing their dreams and ideas of life.

Then it was time to get to know each other socially with food and drink. While the children enjoyed their snack, they learned some basic skills such as how to wash a car, mow the lawn and basic first aid. The Adelphi Fire Department even stopped by with their big red truck to teach the kids about fire safety.

As they returned to their small groups, laughter echoed throughout the halls and rooms. Now it was craft time. Silvia Besra arranged many interesting things for the kids to do each day that they could take home to remind them of the time spent together at Vacation Bible School.

At the end of the two-week program, a Sabbath service enabled the children to showcase their talents and invite their parents to experience the friendship they had found with Jesus during Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School enables many seeds to be planted in the homes of those who have never accepted Christ. One day we hope to see our "Friends" in Heaven.

*Rajini Sigamoney is the communication director for the Southern Asian church.*



Rochelle and Chris were eager to volunteer to demonstrate first aid to their fellow students.



These children are making friends to last a lifetime at Vacation Bible School.



# Camp meeting enhanced by Russian visitors

BUNNY ABBOTT

The highlight of the Mountain View Conference's 1995 camp meeting was having Pastor and Mrs. Ivan Nalchadzhi from Moscow, Russia, as guests on the final weekend.

Nalchadzhi is the former pastor of the conference's sister church in Vladimir, Russia, and is currently the treasurer of the Central Conference in the Russian Union.

This story really began back in 1992, when Sharon Scott and other members of the Toll Gate church in Pennsboro, West Virginia, decided to help the 40-member congregation in Vladimir (about 200 miles from Moscow) build a church. At the time, the cost of building the church was \$2,500.

Although the members gave faithfully to the cause, the \$2,500 seemed slow in coming. Other churches in Mountain View were invited to participate in the project, but only \$1,800 had been received by camp meeting time.

Meanwhile, inflation had increased the cost of the project tenfold, and now the needed amount was \$25,000!

A "stick-up" offering was taken for the Vladimir church during the worship service. More than \$20,000 was raised as members placed their money and pledges on strips of masking tape that were carried through the audience by the deacons.

Mountain View members responded to this great need with more than \$30,000 in offerings and pledges raised during the final Sabbath of the 1992 camp meeting.

On two different occasions, students from Mountain State Academy in Pennsboro, along with Feryl and Mahlon Harris, Kingsley Whitsett, Pastor Harold Wightman, Bob Bobier and Lynn Ripley traveled to Vladimir to assist the members in building their church. They had the opportunity to work side by side with our Russian brothers and sisters and even lived in their homes, ate with them and worshipped with them.

However, the church members are not yet able to have services in the building because they ran out of money before the interior could be finished. Inflation hit hard again, and it would take another \$30,000 to complete the structure.

When the conference officers heard of the need for additional funds to complete the Vladimir church, it was agreed that the need would once again be presented to the Mountain View Conference family during camp meeting.

The Nalchadzhis agreed to come for camp meeting to meet the members and express thanks on behalf of themselves and the members at Vladimir for answering their prayers for funds to build their church.



Ivan and Lyubov Nalchadzhi wearing their Valley Vista T-shirts.

Again the need was presented, and again the members of the "family" responded to the needs of their sister church in Russia. More than \$20,000 was raised in cash and pledges. Plans are for the church to be completed and ready for dedication next January.

It was wonderful to have Ivan and Lyubov Nalchadzhi with us and to hear first hand (though it was really second hand through Olga, the interpreter) about the work going on in their area. Truly, God has opened doors that have been shut for many, many years so the dear people in that faraway land can hear about and experience the love of God and that we here in the Mountain View Conference can have the thrill of being part of showing that love to them.

Bunny Abbott is communication director of the Mountain View Conference.



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## COLUMBIA UNION

### New faces, new places; tasks and transfers

- **Karen Caviness** is the new vice principal for kindergarten through the eighth grade at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio. An elementary teacher at SVA for 27 years, she will also supervise the home school division as well as the K-8 testing program.
- **Sheree Parris Nudd** is the founder and systems operator for the NonProfit Forum, a new online computer information

resource on CompuServe. She had previously served as vice president of fund development at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland.

- **Bill Strong** is the new pastor of the Delaware church in the Ohio Conference. Before returning to ministerial service, he was principal of the church elementary school in Mount Vernon, Ohio.
- **Sergio Manente** now pastors the Blue Mountain Academy church in Hamburg. He comes into the Pennsylvania Conference from the nearby Greater New York Conference.

**RANDY HALL**  
Visitor Assistant Editor

## COLUMBIA UNION CREATIVE MINISTRIES

### McDonald shares music and ministry during mid-October concerts

Jim McDonald, an internationally-known recording artist and record producer, will share his music and ministry this month in Maryland and Virginia. His mellow bass voice has earned him the title of "male vocalist of the year" in Christian music six times, and he has also been awarded for the "album of the year."

The concerts, which will include a free-will offering, are scheduled as follows:

Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Vienna Church

344 Courthouse Road SW, Vienna, Virginia

Saturday, October 14, 11 a.m.  
New Hope Church

15121 McKnew Road, Burtonsville, Maryland

Saturday, October 14, 5:30 p.m.  
Takoma Park Church

6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland



Jim McDonald

**KIMBERLY CARR**  
Communication Intern

## Dr. Kay's Q&A

### Unquestioning obedience?

**Question:** When I was growing up, children were expected to obey without question. How do you train a child so he or she has unquestioning obedience?

**Answer:** Are you sure that's what you want? Children who jump when they are spoken to and unquestioningly obey, regardless of whether or not the requests make sense, are usually children who've been abused. Emotionally healthy children think for themselves. They ask for explanations when they don't understand why they've been asked to do something. Children who've been abused are so fearful of displeasing an adult that they often become overly compliant.

A pediatrician told me that one of the ways he determined whether or not a child had been abused was to ask the child to hold his arms straight out to the side. He then pretended to be busy, ignored the child and waited for him to put his arms down. Emotionally healthy children usually put their arms down as soon as there was no obvious reason to keep them up. One abused child held up his arms for 20 minutes!

There is a real danger in this type of obedience. When an adult tells a child to do something, and the child does it whether or not it's reasonable, that child is vulnerable to abuse, such as someone taking advantage of the child sexually. You don't want a child that compliant!

But there is a way to let a child know that you mean what you say without question. It's in your tone of voice and your body language. If you look straight at the child and say, "Come immediately!" in drill sergeant style, the child should know he had better not argue! If you say "come immediately" in the same tone you would ask a guest to pass the potatoes and then start reading a newspaper, you can expect your child to be confused and ignore the request or question it.

The lesson of obedience is basically taught in the first two years of a child's life. The younger the child, the more careful you must be to not be a sloppy teacher. Parents must make it clear what they want and show they mean it by immediately following through and enforcing their request in a firm but loving manner and then showing how pleased they are when the child complies. This helps a child develop the basic attitude of being willing to obey.

Some children are more inquisitive and during the preschool stage can drive you crazy with "Why?" Most of the time, you will want to answer with a short one-phrase reason, perhaps given at his eye level, followed by, "Now that I've explained why, there will be a consequence if you do not obey immediately." Then repeat your request with a tone of voice that says you mean it. If the child says "why" again, you can assume he is using this as a stalling maneuver, and the consequence should be immediate!

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, just write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]

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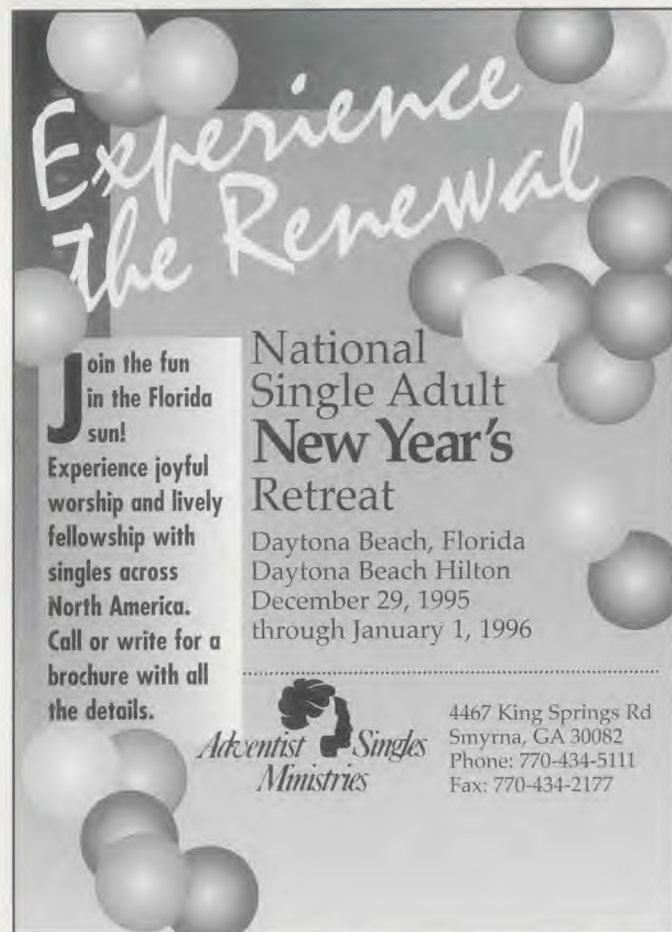
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Notice is hereby given that the mid-term constituency session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 1995, at the Administration Building Chapel on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA.

The purposes of this meeting are: 1) To hear the report of the education commission; 2) Discuss camp meeting funding; 3)

Take action on the constitution and bylaws recommendations carried over from the March 1993 triennial session; and 4) Transact any other business that may properly come before the session at that time.

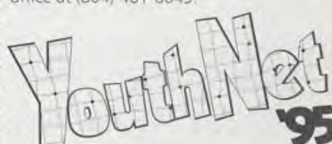
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### Family life seminar slated for Norfolk, VA, church

A family life seminar sponsored by the Tidewater Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Association will be held on Sabbath, October 14, at the Norfolk, VA, church. Eight seminars will be run simultaneously during the day, which will also include a potluck lunch. For more information, call the Norfolk church office at (804) 461-6049.



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Cleveland	7:00	6:49	6:38
Columbus	7:06	6:55	6:45
Jersey City	6:30	6:19	6:09
Norfolk	6:41	6:31	6:22
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Philadelphia	6:36	6:25	6:15
Pittsburgh	6:55	6:44	6:33
Reading	6:39	6:28	6:17
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