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# The World's Greatest Blood Donor

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This writer's first opportunity to give blood to someone in need came some years ago in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A young woman lay seriously ill in the Municipal Hospital. I responded to an appeal from the young woman's mother.

As the moment approached, nervousness gripped me at the thought of giving away a whole pint of blood. The attending nurse assured me that the experience would leave no ill effects. After the ordeal had ended, the knowledge that I had given some of my own blood to help a sick person regain her health left me with a sense of great satisfaction.

I have donated blood several times since that first experience. Each time the same gratifying feeling returned.

I realize that my contribution of blood is very small when compared to what some other men have done. There are those who have donated hundreds of pints of blood during their life span. One man holds the record of "The World's Greatest Blood Donor." He has given the amazing total of 879 pints.

It didn't take me long to realize, however, that this man's astonishing feat falls far short of the world record. Giving enough blood to help save 879 people is truly commendable, but it is a drop in the bucket when compared to the record of the true titleholder, Jesus Christ.

The Saviour of mankind gave enough blood to save the whole world.

His unselfish gift makes it possible for men of every century, and from every corner of the globe to escape the penalty of sin.

How marvelous that every sin-sick soul, hovering on the brink of eternal death, can look to the Man of Calvary and be healed. The following verses of scripture dramatically substantiate this fact.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. . . . Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, . . ." Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18 and 19.

## COVER

*Keith Binion and Pam Anderson appeared in concert at the Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Michigan, recently. Keith is a member of the Second Baptist Church in Detroit, and Pam is a member of Burns Avenue. The concert was directed by Mr. and Mrs. William Maxwell who serve as musical ministers at Burns Avenue. Photo by Pierce Photography.*



*Charles Thompson, left, with Pastor Jeremiah Florea of the Bay City Church.*

THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

# The Sexton and the Sabbath

*by Helen Piasecki*

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A man who stopped to rest while attending the Saginaw State Fair found the blessings of Sabbath rest.

One year and two months later, in November 1977, he was baptized and joined the Bay City, Michigan, Adventist Church.

This is the story Charles Thompson tells of his conversion.

For 12 years as sexton of a large Protestant church he kept the house of worship clean and ready for services. It was a seven-day-a-week job with Saturday the busiest, especially after a wedding. But Mr. Thompson enjoyed working in this capacity, feeling he was contributing to God's program.

During those 12 years "Sexton Thompson" enjoyed the companionship of five different pastors. But after he began working with the fifth pastor he left his church. Why? "Because of my visit to the fair," he says.

Mr. Thompson attended the Saginaw State Fair held during September 1976. Wandering around caused his feet to become tired, so when he saw a booth with a place to sit and rest he took advantage of the facility.

While resting in the booth which was sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists, "a clean-cut young man asked if he could help me," Mr. Thompson recalls. "Yes," he replied, "I would like to look at some of your literature."

For the first time in his 57 years the sexton had begun to read the Bible for himself. He was finding out things he hadn't known before and was keenly interested in reading any religious material.

"I thought I was keeping the Sabbath," he remarked on the day of his baptism. During the 12 years of contact with his friends the pastors, not one had ever said anything to suggest that Sunday might not be the true Sabbath.

They never told him about the origin of Sunday worship, nor did they explain why Protestants, when they broke away from Rome, took with them Rome's man-made Sabbath.

Mr. Thompson carefully read the literature he had been given at the Adventist booth and it didn't take him long to know he had found "his church."

He looked at the listing of churches in the Yellow Pages, passing over any churches whose services were held on Sunday. Then he found the ad for the Bay City Adventist Church which listed services on Saturday.

Mr. Thompson attended the Adventist church the next Sabbath, and found a Bible-based message and friendly Christians who made him feel at home.

A year of studies with Elder Jeremiah Florea followed, and on November 26, 1977, Charles Thompson was baptized. His wife, two sons and their families were present in response to his special invitation.

Charles Thompson is a happier man now because of what he learned at the Adventist booth at the Saginaw State Fair.

The only additional happiness he wants is to see his family take the same step he did. He and the Bay City Church members ask for your prayers that this will happen in the near future.



# CHRISTIANITY and Survival of the Fittest

by Harold G. Coffin, Ph.D

**W**e consider ourselves a Christian nation. Our coins carry the phrase "In God We Trust," and in the

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pledge of allegiance we acknowledge our relationship to God. We believe that this Christian heritage is largely responsible for the great nation that is ours.

No other nation has spent or given more money for other needy peoples, no other nation has been more quick to come to the rescue in times of

disaster, no other nation has sent more missionaries to other countries, and in no other nation has there been more religious liberty for the free development of man's nobler qualities.

In the last one hundred years the theory of evolution as an explanation of the origin of man has been slowly but steadily finding its way into the

thinking of the people of this nation.

However, few of those individuals who believe in evolution have carefully thought through the implications of this theory. They are not aware of the subtle overtones that are often contrary to the Christian principles of right and good.

What damage has the theory of evolution done, what damage can it do, to qualities of nobility, generosity and kindness that have helped to make this nation great?

The theory of evolution declares that through a slow gradual process, involving several hundred million years, life forms have increased in complexity until eventually man emerged.

The human animal thus represents the high point in evolutionary progress. Man is a pinnacle, only lesser forms lie below him, nothing above.

This egocentric concept of man's place in the biosphere is different from that given in the Bible. There he is shown to have degenerated from a noble, godlike form. There he is also shown how he can attain again the state which he lost.

The means whereby restoration became possible have so touched and inspired the hearts of men that millions through the centuries have been uplifted. The Christian heritage with its marvelous central theme of salvation is optimum for encouraging and fostering the nobler qualities of the mind.

He who holds to the theory of evolution either does not accept God as Creator and Saviour or finds it necessary to modify His role to perhaps a reduced or beginning step only.

Man, who is considered to be on the top edge of evolutionary development, sees no possibility for speedy improvement and has no example to which he can aspire. Evolutionary theory does not readily provide stimulus or incentive to man's higher nature.

Evolution is said to operate through the principle of survival of the fittest. Animals that are more fit crowd out and eventually replace those less well adapted.

There is no question that natural selection does operate to some extent in the animal and plant realms where there are no moral values. But where does this concept lead when applied to

man? Some examples from history can answer this question.

During the industrial revolution when the working man in the factories of England and Europe was laboring under difficult and trying conditions, the excuse given by industrialists showed the influence of evolutionary theory on their thinking.

These slaving workers, they said, were not qualified for a more advanced level of existence. Their difficult and low status was a natural operation of the law of survival of the fittest on the socioeconomic level.

How different this is from the biblical injunction of the golden rule—do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

When Karl Marx was developing the concepts of communism he read Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*. He was so impressed with it, so glad for the support which this theory gave his political views, that he wanted to dedicate his book *Das Kapital* to Darwin.

Adolph Hitler believed thoroughly in the concept of survival of the fittest. His plan was to make the Germanic race a super race, a more fit race, and he went about systematically destroying those individuals within his nation whom he felt were inferior.

This was a direct outworking on the social level of the principle of survival of the fittest. He did not refrain from quoting in his speeches passages from *Origin of Species*.\*

Love is a strong Christian teaching, a natural outcome of following the example and life of Christ.

I recently heard the author of a book on sociology describing his thoughts regarding the present unrest in the world. He felt that in man's past evolution there has been a great deal of violence as primitive man fought wild beasts and defended himself against his savage contemporaries. He felt such a past history had left an impress upon man to this day and that we must expect violence and wars until this heritage is lost in continued evolutionary advancement!

This type of thinking excuses man from the consequences of his activities because his inheritance from the past makes it impossible for him to do otherwise. He is merely acting out his animal ancestry.

It is clear that there can be no hope for peace with this philosophy. Where

does love enter this picture? The only hope for peace is for all men to heed the greatest of all commandments; that is, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself.

Much that is fine, noble and uplifting has resulted from man's Christian beliefs. Think of the great masterpieces of art in painting and sculpture that have arisen from the religious backgrounds and experiences of the artists.

We think of the fabulous music that has been composed under the inspiration of religious themes.

What of the outstanding charitable organizations that are the result of the Christian principles of kindness and brotherly love?

Is there anything noble, inspiring or uplifting that can be attributed to the theory of evolution? In its more than one hundred years of existence what great symphonies, works of art, or charitable institutions has it produced?

High ideals, noble thoughts and loving acts do not spring naturally from the evolutionary theory.

Nothing has ever been found to substitute for the inspiring character-developing counsel of the Holy Scriptures. In the evolutionary process of gradual development, of trial and error, of survival of the fittest, man has little incentive to rise higher; there is little stimulus to cause his higher nature to reach up.

But in the Christian life man looks up to God and desires to be like Him. And he is admonished, "... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.



\*R.E.D. Clark, Darwin: Before and After (Grand Rapids, Michigan: International Publications, 1958), pp. 112-121.

# Andrews University

Ray Minner, Correspondent

## FAMILY LIFE AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF ANDREWS' 1978 WORKSHOPS

Marriage enrichment, raising responsible children, and child and wife abuse are some of the subjects to be treated in workshops, seminars and other special courses at Andrews University this year.

The variety of workshops offered has increased tremendously in recent years, with people coming from many parts of the country to attend.

A Child and Wife Abuse Seminar is scheduled to be held March 30 to May 17; Marriage Enrichment Leadership will be the subject of a workshop from May 17 to 22; and from June 5 to 9, a Family Day Care Seminar and a workshop on the Emotional and Sexual Adjustment of Youth will be held simultaneously.

Other highlights of the spring and summer workshop schedule will feature Taking Charge of Your Life, Radio Evangelism for Ministers, Electronics for Teachers, Creative Time Management, Photography for Public Communication, and Ellen G. White and Dietetics Today.

Both undergraduate and graduate credit is offered for many of these courses.

People desiring more information should write to the Director of Special Courses, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, or call (616) 471-3286.

## Michigan Conference



E. N. Wendth, Correspondent

### 'BURN-OUT' AT GRAND LEDGE

Eaton County Sheriff Art Kelsey, a two-to-three-packs-a-day smoker, has not used a cigarette since Grand Ledge Academy staged a "burn-out" on November 16, 1977.

This story is reported by Byron



Chalker, sponsor of the academy's Adventist Youth for Better Living program (A.Y.B.L.), who helped organize a stop-smoking day for Grand Ledge.

Seventy people attended the special rally held at a nearby park, a joint venture of the school and the Eaton County American Cancer Society.

Newspaper and radio coverage helped to publicize the rally. During the rally people who desired to quit smoking tossed all their smoking materials into a bonfire. Sheriff Kelsey was one who took this public stand.

State Representative Ernest Nash, State Senator Richard Allen, Grand Ledge City Manager Eugene Briggs, and Sheriff Kelsey gave effective testimonies of their experiences with smoking and its problems.

Representatives of the Cancer Society and A.Y.B.L. also participated. As the bonfire consumed the cigarettes tossed into it, witnesses remarked that "fire can be a friend to man."



"Grandmother" Mildred Pennings received a handmade decoration from Becky Adiska and Tammy Burnett.

### ESCANABA STUDENTS HAVE ADOPTED AREA GRANDPARENTS

The last Thursday of each month is a special day for the 26 pupils of the Escanaba Church School. This is the day they visit their "adopted grandparents" at a nearby retirement home, Northwoods Manor.

The students entertain the residents, usually with a musical program, and then visit. They deliver notes, baskets, pictures or other handiwork to their "grandparents." Sometimes gift-giving is reversed as the grandparents give the children gifts of fruit.

The people at the home look forward to the visits. According to Robert Willis, school principal, this



Sean Rau presents a pinecone decoration to her "grandparents," Ed and Helen Dault, at Escanaba's Northwoods Manor.

visiting program is a valuable learning experience. "It helps the children think of the needs of others," he said.

### COOKING SCHOOL HELD AT JACKSON

As many as 60 people attended one of the meetings of Jackson's latest cooking school.

The average attendance of the four sessions directed by Letha L. Larsen, wife of the local pastor, was 45, half of them being non-Adventists.

Those attending indicated they had received many benefits from the classes.

One woman wrote to Mrs. Larsen: "I like a lot of vegetables. I'd like to find out more about just vegetable cooking using common vegetables. Everything I made at home was liked a lot and I'm not a vegetarian. Your course has helped because now I can fix a meal with less meat and still get the nutrition and enjoyment of eating."

The vegetarian way of life has been of interest to the local newspaper, the Jackson Citizen Patriot. A story about Mrs. Larsen and her meatless diet filled almost one-half of a page in a November issue. During the Christmas season a similar large feature was written about a tasteful holiday meatless meal.

**Investment in  
MISSIONS  
Pays Large  
Dividends**

## LAKE UNION INGATHERING REPORT

CONFERENCE (Membership)	GOAL	LAST YEAR TO DATE	THIS YEAR TO DATE
Illinois (8,202)	\$205,050	\$192,026.38	\$174,000.00
Indiana (5,859)	141,725	145,920.00	143,091.28
Lake Region (13,334)	104,000	103,023.93	104,000.00
Michigan (20,588)	398,000	395,169.72	396,926.39
Wisconsin (5,608)	100,000	96,875.39	87,911.82
<b>TOTAL (53,591)</b>	<b>\$948,775</b>	<b>\$933,015.42</b>	<b>\$905,929.49</b>

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## Announcements

### MICHIGAN

**THE MICHIGAN ADVENTIST SNOW OUTING**, sponsored by the youth department, will be held from January 26 through 29. Everyone is welcome for this weekend of Christian fellowship and winter sports. Charges per day: adults, \$7.50; students, \$5, and preschoolers, \$3. Family rates available with a maximum of \$25 per day. Special rates for those with own lodging and food. Guest speaker will be Elder Bill Liversidge. For reservations and further information contact the Youth Department, Box 19009, Lansing, MI 48901, or phone 485-2226.

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## Mileposts

### WEDDINGS:

**Donna Marie Crabtree and Lyle Russell Lawrence** were married October 1, 1977, in the Bunker Hill Church, Stockbridge, Michigan. Pastor G. E. Stecker performed the ceremony.

Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crabtree of Minford, Ohio, and Lyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lawrence of Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

The couple are making their home in Eaton Rapids.

**Rebecca Hawkes and Terrance Dunder** were married December 24, 1977, in Kokomo, Indiana. Elder William F. Hawkes, father of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Rebecca is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. William F. Hawkes of Kokomo, and Terrance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunder of Cicero, Indiana.

The couple will make their home in Chicago, Illinois, where Terrance is employed as a metallurgist with The Kropp Factory.

**Put God First In Giving**

# World Church News

## ADVENTISTS DISAVOW MOON CONNECTION

A recent Phil Donahue television program featuring Unification Church members and their defense lawyer has set telephones jangling at Seventh-day Adventist world headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The callers were disturbed by the fact that the lawyer identified himself as a Seventh-day Adventist and at the same time spoke favorably of the Unification Church.

Adventist officials issued a statement assuring that their church is in no way associated with the Reverend Sun Myung Moon or the Unification Church. In fact, says denominational secretary Clyde Franz, as a Christian organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church cannot agree with the operations of the Unification Church.

On the other hand, Adventists also disapprove of religious deprogramming and defend the right of an individual to follow his beliefs.

"We must be careful never to infringe on the liberty of conscience," Dr. Franz declared. "At the same time, it is imperative that churches of the Christian faith provide for youth the challenge they search for. Perhaps churches today have been remiss in not providing a deeper comprehension of the Christian cause.

"We have the greatest cause on earth, the gospel commission," he continued. "But for youth it must be a living gospel, a lively commission, not simply the formality of church-going. It needs to be a personal experience. Anything else paves the way for confusion, atheism, and endless searching for purpose in life—often in far-out places.

"Without this purpose you have epidemics in suicide, such as we are facing today; you have people suffering from depression, unable to find joy in daily activity.

"We Christian churches would do well to look closely at ourselves," Dr. Franz concluded. "What are we really providing in the way of spiritual food? Have we introduced our youth to 'the cause?'"

## 'SUMMERS ONLY' PROGRAM PROPOSED

A "summers only" program leading to the master of science degree in nursing is planned to begin in the summer of 1978 if there is sufficient interest.

"The purpose of such a program is to provide an opportunity for graduate study for nurses who cannot leave their positions for longer periods of time," says Dr. L. Frances Pride, associate dean and director of the graduate program in nursing.

The proposed summer program will be the same as the regular four-quarter sequence but will not replace the present program.

"A student will need to spend five summers to complete the program," Dr. Pride says. A new "summers only" class will begin in alternate summers.

Prospective students must meet all pre-entrance requirements for graduate students as stated in the university bulletin, and have all admission materials submitted to the university by March 15 of the year they expect to enter.

Further information may be obtained about the "summers only" program by writing to Dr. Pride at the School of Nursing, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

## ADVENTIST POPULATION DOUBLES IN 15 YEARS

There are now more than 2.8 million Seventh-day Adventists in the world. If present growth rates continue, the membership figure will hit three million before the end of the decade. The recently released annual statistical report of the General Conference shows that world membership has more than doubled since 1960. With more than 500,000 members, the

North American Division of the church remains the largest. However, for every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States and Canada there are now four Adventists living outside North America.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS SPECIALIZE

Physicians head the list of missionaries most wanted in overseas missions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to a "Status of Calls" released by the church's world headquarters in Washington, D.C.

There are 193 mission posts currently open including 72 positions for physicians and dentists. Nurses, which in years past have been one of the chief needs in overseas missions, are wanted for just 24 posts. A few lab technicians are included in this figure.

Teachers wanted for overseas schools number 35. Subject specialties for these teachers range from graphic arts to Bible, math and agronomy.

Two airplane pilots are needed. The church has some 50 planes in operation where space and terrain make other types of travel either hazardous or impractical. One call is for a launch captain/pastor.

Calls for 19 pastor-evangelists are listed.

"Nationals are able to perform many of the functions they once looked to foreign missionaries to do," explains Dr. Clyde O. Franz, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. "The vigorous educational program of the church has made this possible."

The trend toward specialization and away from simply sending a minister overseas is also an indication of the development of the church abroad.

"We no longer call simply a teacher or a physician," says Dr. Franz. "Rather we stipulate what speciality the teacher or physician must have, for both schools and medical institutions must be acceptable to governments."

The Adventist Church has work in 193 countries.

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