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Silent Night, Holy Night

Mohr, 1818 (1792-1843)
by John F. Young, 1863 (1820-1885)

Franz Gruber, 1818 (1787-1863)
STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night,
2. Si - lent night,
3. Si - lent night,
4. Si - lent night,

ho - ly night,
ho - ly night,
ho - ly night,
ho - ly night,

All is calm, all is bright;
Dark-ness flies, all is light;
Son of God, love's pure light;
Won-drous star, lend thy light;

Round yon vir - gin moth-er and Child!
Shep-herds hear the an - gels sing,
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,
With the an - gels let us sing,

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten-der and mild,
"Al - le - lu - ia! hail the King!
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Heav - en - ly peace,
Heav - ior is born,
ord, at Thy birth,
- ior is born,

Sleep
Christ
Je -
Christ
in heav - en - ly peace,
the Sav - ior is born."
sus, Lord, at Thy birth,
the Sav - ior is born.



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EDITORIAL



Christmas in the Manger A Gift Unexcelled!

by David Wolkwitz, president
Indiana Conference

A manger is an unlikely place to give a gift; Christmas gifts are generally associated with pretty paper and sparkling lights. While "Christmas Night," long ago had none of these things, in contrast with the surroundings, there was much to herald this blessed event. There were shepherds awed by glorious and beautiful angels of God filling the splendid sky. There were wealthy wise men with expensive gifts, who along with Mary and Joseph gladly received the marvelous Gift.

Trappings of paper and bows do not enhance or add to the value of a gift; nor does a manger diminish the value of the eternal Gift of God's only Son! For "when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son ..." "to save His people from their sins." Praise the Lord for the event and the meaning of the sacrifice of this Gift! Praise the Lord for the infinite value of His Son, the King of Kings! Could God have given more? Could our heavenly Father have given more than when He gave the person of His Son? Could there really have been any other Gift?

"No," but "yes!" There could have been no higher gift than Jesus. He said to Philip, "If you have seen Me, you have seen My Father." When Jesus came, the Father was giving His Son to demonstrate the Father to the world. But the answer to the question posed is also "yes." Quite some time later, when Jesus spoke to His disciples regarding gifts, He focused on a very specific aspect of prayer. He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13, emphasis supplied).

This reminds me of a fascinating quotation from the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 6, pages 1052-1053, which says, "Christ determined that when He ascended from this earth, He would bestow a gift on those who had believed on Him, and those who should believe on Him. What gift could He bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. *This gift could not be excelled.* He would give all gifts in one, ..." (emphasis supplied).

Thus in the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave more than Himself. This Gift would also include the Father, for when the Spirit testifies of Jesus, He thus bears witness to the Father. Hence in the gift of Jesus, there is also included the gift of the Holy Spirit, who brings to us all Three! As we approach another Christmas season, let us thank the Lord for coming to us through this Gift which "could not be excelled."

Dominican Republic Progress Report

by Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union vice president



Only the frame stands of a church waiting to be finished in Duverge.

Two years have passed since the Lake Union Conference launched the “Operation Amigo” project adopting the Dominican Republic Union as our sister union. So far, “Operation Amigo” has resulted in great blessings for both our Dominican friends and the members in our union.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN TWO YEARS?

Two groups from the **Indiana Conference** participated in constructing two Dominican Republic churches in the areas of Bayaguana and Bani. Also, an evangelistic crusade was held in Bani by Indiana Conference President David Wolkwitz. This crusade resulted in more than 40 baptisms.

Three groups from **Michigan** assisted in the construction of the San Francisco de Macoris School. They were the Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI), the Berrien Springs Village Church and Andrews Academy from Berrien Springs.

Two groups from the **Illinois Conference**, Broadview and Hinsdale academies, helped construct two churches in La Romana in the East Mission.

And a group of 97 people from the Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Michigan, the Wisconsin Conference, and the Paw Paw Church in Michigan, pulled together and constructed four churches in the Dominican South Mission, in the cities of Baraona, Tamayo, Vicente Noble and Sabica.

Most recently, on November 20, a group of 16 people from **Wisconsin** went to build a church in Santiago, in the North Dominican Conference.

All totaled, nine churches and a school have been built as a result of “Operation Amigo.” In addition, 80 Sabbath school felt sets for children and more than 300 Bibles have been distributed as presents from Lake Union members to the Dominican Republic members.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The school in Azua is another project by “Operation Amigo.” It is being funded by ASI members, who in February 1995 will

go to Azua in the South Dominican Mission to continue the construction of that school.

In February and March 1995, two groups from Broadview and Hinsdale academies will return to build a church in Higüey, in the East Dominican Mission.

There are three projects that urgently need volunteers. All three projects have had a church frame erected for almost a year and stand awaiting completion.

One of those churches waiting to be finished is in Duverge in the South Mission (pictured above). In Duverge there are 38 active members and about 50 children who currently meet in a small, rented house. The house is so small and hot that most of the children have to go home after Sabbath school. Church growth has been halted because of the confinement. Duverge, about 40 minutes from Haiti, has about 20,000 inhabitants. It is surrounded by mountains. The job site is surrounded by streets, but the traffic is light.

The other two churches, of the three previously mentioned projects, are situated in La Caleta and Guerra in the Central Dominican Conference. The La Caleta III Church has 30 members and 20 children. They are meeting in a small shack which they built out of wood from a job site. The area is very poor, but the people are actively evangelizing the whole town. This group and two others have come from the La Caleta I Church, built by Maranatha in 1992.

The Lake Union Conference is planning for three groups to finish these projects. We need two volunteer groups of 25 people each who could be ready to go March 19-30, 1995, for the La Caleta and Guerra project; and during November 17-27, 1995, another volunteer group to complete the Duverge church. Volunteers need to cover all their expenses, which is estimated at \$775 per person. Each group member should also raise \$300 to help buy needed construction materials.

If you cannot go, but you would like to help with the purchase of construction materials, please send your donation to: La Caleta Project, Guerra Project, or Duverge Project; “Operation Amigo,” attention Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Witnessed to Without Choice

Illinois — A gentleman was seated watching the 1994 Super Bowl. During halftime he decided to switch his satellite dish to other satellites and hear what different announcers were saying about the football game. When he did, the dish stopped at a satellite airing the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) located in West Frankfort, IL, and would not move from there.

Since sitting and watching television was for him an ingrained, addictive habit, he was forced to watch 3ABN until his set could be repaired. When the repairman came he informed the distraught viewer that a part needed to be ordered which would take another two weeks.

So while he waited for the part to come in and the repairman to return he started making fun of the people on the 3ABN programs. But gradually a change occurred. Six weeks after the Super Bowl the gentleman called Danny Shelton, president of 3ABN, to say that he was attending church and his life was being changed.

Eastside Church Wins Souls

Lake Region — “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” has always been the watchword of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The members of the Capitol Avenue Church in Indianapolis, under the leadership of Elder Samuel Flagg, accepted this challenge. There were tent meetings conducted by the pastor which resulted in many precious souls being won for the Lord. The year was 1966.

During this time, several members of the Dorcas Society, under the leadership of Minnie Jones, considered the idea of starting a branch Sabbath school as an outreach ministry into the community. They consulted with the church’s Sabbath school superintendent and the pastor, and then embarked on this endeavor.

Sister Elizabeth Harley, a faithful Bible worker assigned to the Capitol Avenue Church, inspired many of the ladies to go into their neighborhoods and hold Bible studies. The seeds that were planted by these studies resulted in the students who made up this branch Sabbath school. Meetings for the Sabbath school were held in the home and newly-built garage of Brother Eugene and Sister Frances Hughes.

Some other workers involved in this endeavor were: Minnie

Jones, Eva Bryant, Cubith Neely, Henry Sherrod, Ella Hall, Illa Brown, Sister Gaines, Helena Hardister, Mildred Pettiford, Brother O’dell, Sister James, and Brother J. Traver. The Hughes’ sons also assisted weekly by loading up chairs in an old station wagon or bus, and carrying them to and from the church. Brother Charles Ellis would also load his truck with the children and take them to the park for picnics.

After one of the tent meetings held by Elder Flagg, it was obvious that housing was needed. Elder Thomas Dodson was given the task of finding a place. God was already working in their behalf. A Caucasian Adventist woman approached them with an offer to purchase a house for the remaining mortgage payment of \$1,400. They accepted the offer. Elders Thomas Dodson, James Mosely Sr., and Roosevelt Ruffin were asked by Elder Flagg to assist in the mission.

July 6, 1969, was the opening night for The Bible Palace featuring the renowned evangelist J. Malcom Phipps. The location was 25th and Rural in Indianapolis. Elder Phipps preached the “Good News”; and with his able staff and a group of dedicated laypersons, approximately 200 precious souls were added to God’s Church. Assisting Elder Phipps were some new interns: Herman Davis, Vern Joyner and Joseph Lewis.

The company had grown to the point of organization; and on Oct. 18, 1969, Elder C. E. Bradford, then Lake Region Conference president; Elder Meade Van Putten, conference secretary, and other conference officials organized the Eastside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis. This special service was held at the Zion Tabernacle Church, 3302 N. Arsenal Ave., at 4:30 p.m.

Pastor J. P. Lewis was assigned as the first pastor at Eastside, and he continued in this role from 1969 until 1976. Elder Roy Bellinger became the second pastor in 1976, and it was because of his tireless and sacrificial efforts that the edifice was completed. He remained until 1982, succeeded by Elder Richard Washington who remained until 1985. Elder Alfonzo Green was called to pastor the Eastside flock in 1985, and successfully built a new edifice for our sister church, Haughville, in Indianapolis. Elder Greene stayed until 1990 and was succeeded by Elder Lawrence Leroy Logan. It was under the leadership of Elder Logan that the dream of becoming mortgage-debt free was realized.

The members of Eastside Church are dedicated to the service of God and man. And they will continue in their rich tradition of winning souls to the kingdom of God. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow!

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN



Wisconsin Academy students Jesse Messersmith (left) and Lafe Sackett (far right) work with teacher Dave Branum on a new wheelchair ramp at the Priser home in Sun Prairie, WI.

Students Build Wheelchair Ramp

Wisconsin — While most Wisconsin Academy outreach projects are done for the public, one outreach became an “inreach” when a group decided to build a wheelchair ramp for Kelvin Priser, a disabled former SDA employee. The project was suggested by Roy Hunt, manager of the Adventist Book Center in Madison, WI.

Wisconsin Academy senior Jesse Messersmith, freshman Lafe Sackett, and accounting teacher David Branum built the ramp in one afternoon with materials bought by the Prisers. “I like doing this kind of outreach,” said Messersmith.

Priser, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, once managed farms for Wisconsin, Platte Valley and Broadview academies. Although he has lived primarily in a nursing home since 1993, the ramp allows easier access to his home in Sun Prairie, WI, where his wife, Alice, and mother-in-law, Alice Cedzo, live.

Mrs. Priser views the ramp as a godsend. “[Before the ramp] Kelvin could only come home when we had company. It takes three people to carry him up the steps.”

Alice is the associate treasurer for the Wisconsin Conference in Madison. Together she and Kelvin have worked a combined total of nearly 50 years for the SDA Church.

Laurie Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director



Robin Beckermeyer was baptized July 23 by Pastor Darrel Muehlhauser at the Plymouth (MI) Church; reports Judy Goliath, Plymouth communication secretary. Robin is a sixth-grade student at the Superior Adventist Academy in Plymouth, formerly named the Plymouth Elementary School. Robin made her decision to be baptized following baptismal classes conducted at the school last year by Pastor Muehlhauser.

In November Elder Royce Snyman conducted a Lay Bible Ministry seminar at the First Flint (MI) Church. Approximately 30 people attended the seminar. Six individuals were baptized during the worship hour; five of them were baptized as a direct result of the work of lay Bible ministers.

In November evangelistic meetings were conducted by Elder Dan Collins at the Mio (MI) Church. About 75 non-Adventists attended, and 19 made decisions for baptism.

At the end of October a baptism was held in the Detroit Metropolitan Church where Elder Steve Vail has been conducting evangelistic meetings. During the baptismal service 10 others made a decision for future baptism.

2,000 Congregations Planted by Human Hearts

Hands Across the

BY TERESA BYRNE

During recent months and years, what could be an unprecedented wave of evangelistic fervor is taking place among various religions. Worldwide, thousands are accepting Christ. Thousands more are embracing Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other major and obscure religions.

What plans does the Seventh-day Adventist Church have to meet this great spiritual need? What visionary ministry has God provided that will help Adventists meet this need?

HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD

What is it?

"Hands Across the World" is the theme and focus of the 1995 General Conference offering. We do it every five years, and this time the offering will be collected to support the establishment of new outreach congregations worldwide.

But "Hands Across the World" is not about bricks and mortar. Houses are built by human hands, but homes are built by human hearts. This principle is a foundation this vital new project stands on. And we, as church leaders, must do all in our power to present the essence of this message to our congregations.

In the United States and parts of Europe, unique church buildings are

given special protection by agencies such as a National Register of Historic Places. Historians research these landmark constructions, and visitors travel miles to tour them and learn more about their architectural and cultural significance. And in many parts of the developing world, Roman Catholic churches also double as embassies of the Holy See.

Paul teaches us in Ephesians 2:19-22 that a "fellowship of believers" is to be regarded in a similar way — a landmark construction, a unit of cultural significance, and an embassy representing the character of the living God.

It states: "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit" (The New King James Version).

Apostles and prophets — church leaders, officers and members — are the foundation of the Church. Christ is its cornerstone. Adventists and former Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems, and Christians of other denominations are chiseled into living bricks and mortar, until the whole group of believers becomes the "dwelling place of God."

This mixed construction is so unique and so full of grace that Paul awards the structure special recognition, "landmark status." "Hands Across the World" is striving to make "landmark status" among the 2,000 new congregations that will be established. Homes built by human hearts filled with the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, looking forward to His return.

General population statistics, editorials, and reports about "un-churched" people form a somewhat ineffective picture of masses of people who, for one reason or another, have no place (nor inclination) to worship God. What these statistics almost always fail to do is to put names, addresses, faces and lives to the people. They fail to drive home the fact that each one of those "statistics" was once somebody's child. And somebody our Lord died for.

World

Concerned church leaders and members cannot share their concern or their faith with statistics.

They need more.

- They need a goal to reach for.
- Concrete names of cities and neighborhoods where churches can be established for the purpose of worship and outreach.

- The knowledge and encouragement that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is growing.

- Affirmation that prayers and financial support will help the Church grow.

- Opportunities to give to projects that make a difference.

- Timely feedback and accountability of how their donations are being used.

"Hands Across the World" will go a long way in meeting the need that our Church workers and members have to see their Church grow and the mission of the Church given priority. Its goal, simply put, is to establish 2,000 new congregations by the year 2,000. To do this, the world-wide SDA Church must jointly raise \$10 million — \$7 million of this amount must come from North America (see the Lake Union Conference breakdown at right).

Teresa Byrne is communication specialist/consultant for the "Hands Across the World" project.

"Hands Across the World"

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Lake Union Total Objective \$336,000

THE GOALS AND PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR THE LAKE UNION

Illinois — Goal \$63,840

A. Project Objectives:

Entering New Territories

1. Naperville (Anglo)
2. Chicago (Philippine-American)
3. Chicago Suburban (Hispanic)

Indiana — Goal \$36,960

A. Project Objectives:

Establish/Build New Churches

1. Fort Wayne (Hispanic)
2. South Bend (Hispanic) and Indianapolis (Hispanic)

Lake Region — Goal \$53,760

A. Project Objectives:

Establish New Churches

1. Cicero, Illinois
2. Madison, Wisconsin
3. Re-establish Church in Kokomo, Indiana

Michigan — Goal \$147,840

A. Project Objectives:

Establish New Churches

1. Suburban Detroit (Stoney Creek)
2. South Suburban Lansing (Holt/Mason)
3. Northeast Grand Rapids
4. St. Ignace, Michigan

Wisconsin — Goal \$33,600

A. Project Objectives:

New Churches — Annual Major City-Wide Evangelism

1. Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay
2. Fox Valley, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac
3. Milwaukee Hispanic
4. One other city to be chosen

Remembering



Harvard Miller Benway stands beside the grave of his great-great-grandfather, William Miller. Benway's mother, Stella Margaret Miller, became a Seventh-day Adventist after talking to an Adventist teacher on a bus in Los Angeles.



The William Miller home in Low Hampton, NY, owned and recently restored by Adventist Heritage Ministry, was a focal point for the almost 2,500 people who came to commemorate the 150 years since the "Great Disappointment" of Oct. 22, 1844.

October 22, 1844, has gone down in Church history as the "Great Disappointment." It was called the "Great Disappointment" because Jesus did not come back to Earth to claim his people on that day. Nowhere was that disappointment more keenly felt than by a small band of Millerite Adventists who gathered on the face of a great rock a few feet from the William Miller home in Low Hampton, New York.

The next day, October 23, in a barn almost 200 miles west of the Miller farm, Hiram Edson and a few friends earnestly prayed for understanding as to what had really taken place on October 22. After praying, Edson headed into town through a cornfield. When he was a few steps away from the barn, the Lord impressed upon his mind that on October 22 Jesus had entered the Holiest Place of the heavenly sanctuary, and there He began the judgment found in Daniel 7.

Today, this judgment is still going on and is now almost finished. One hundred fifty years later, on Sabbath, October 22, 1994, about 2,500 people gathered at the Miller farm to commemorate that event. But instead of dwelling on the "Great Disappointment," the crowd focused their hearts on two great appointments — one which took place in the heavenly sanctuary in 1844, and the other that is to come when our Lord returns in triumph.



Throughout the commemorative weekend, numerous communion services were held in the chapel built by William Miller in 1848. Each service was made memorable by the singing of early Advent hymns, prayer, the washing of feet, and the eating and drinking of the symbols of the sacrifice of Jesus.



Many people gathered at "Ascension Rock" on the William Miller farm to hear the story of a small group who waited there 150 years ago for Jesus to come but He didn't.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY RICHARD DOWER
LAKE UNION COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

150 Years



This enormous tent was pitched on the William Miller farm to shelter the 2,000 plus people who were enjoying the Sabbath services on Oct. 22 — it was exactly 150 years after the "Great Disappointment" of 1844. Attendees focused their hearts on two great appointments — the one which took place in the heavenly sanctuary in 1844, and the next great appointment that is to come when our Lord returns in triumph.



On Oct. 22 Robert Folkenberg, president of the General Conference, spoke to over 2,000 attendees in the tent as well as almost 500 church congregations in North America by live satellite broadcast. His topic was "The Great Appointment."



From left, Hazel Phelps Stannard, a great-great-granddaughter of William Miller, and Dr. James A. White, a great-grandson of James and Ellen White, attended the weekend activities at the Miller farm in Low Hampton, NY.



William G. Johnsson (right), editor of the Adventist Review, interviewed Jim Nix, associate director of the Ellen G. White Estate and the president of Adventist Heritage Ministry, for a live satellite broadcast on Oct. 22 from the Miller farm in Low Hampton, NY.



On Sunday, Oct. 23, more than 200 people attended the dedication of a restored barn on the Hiram Edson farm near Port Gibson, NY.



The barn where Hiram Edson and his friends prayed has fallen. However, a barn once owned by Edson's father, was located and moved to the Edson farm near Port Gibson, NY, where the original structural timbers — hand-hewn from beech trees — were reassembled. This barn commemorates the area where the importance of the sanctuary service was first understood, Oct. 23, 1844.



An interior view of the Pioneer Memorial Church, located on the campus of Andrews University, where on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, ABC television will broadcast a one-hour contemporary classical Christmas program to the nation.

ABC Broadcasts from Andrews University

A Christmas Celebration

BY RICHARD DOWER

A special Christmas Eve service will be televised nationally on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) from the Pioneer Memorial Church, located on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

This one-hour program will be filmed against a background of organ pipes and modern banners; and it will feature musical groups, choirs and Scripture reading crafted around a Christmas sermon designed especially to reach "Generation X," commonly known as the Baby Buster generation. Music will be coordinated by Stephen Zork of the Andrews University Music Department.

Senior Pastor, Dwight Nelson, 42,

has done a special study of techniques for reaching the generation that followed the Baby Boomers. During the service, Pastor Nelson will present a story designed especially for the children in the audience.

According to Skip MacCarty, administrative pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, "The service will portray a contemporary classical Christmas, featuring a unique blend of modern and traditional Christian expressions celebrating the divine gift to bring peace on earth and good will among all peoples."

This special service, created especially for the television-viewing audience, will be videotaped on the

evening of December 4.

A one-half page advertisement for the program will appear in the December 24 issue of *TV Guide*, near the listing for the program. Please consult your TV listings for the broadcast time of this special event in your area.

ABC makes this time available to denominations in the United States through the coordination of the National Council of Churches.

Richard Dower is the communication director for the Lake Union Conference in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

God's Gift to Handel and Mankind

The Messiah

BY ELSIE LANDON BUCK

Around the world, among the sounds of Christmas, perhaps no other composed work commands the attention, love and respect that *The Messiah* does.

For centuries, since 1742 when *The Messiah* came into being, generations of music lovers and worshipers have risen to their feet at the spirit-filled, majestic sound of Handel's *Messiah*. This oratorio, one of several that Handel wrote, points straight to the heart of the composer, known for his strong convictions — to his passion for life, for music, and for God.

George Frideric Handel was born in Halle, Germany, on February 23, 1685. His mother was a minister's daughter, a pious woman whom Handel revered all his life. Handel's father, George, was a man who wanted his son to become a lawyer, not a musician. Accompanying his father to the court, where the father worked, Handel taught himself, however, to play several palace instruments. At the age of nine, he was asked to play the organ postlude at a royal church service. The brilliance of his playing caught the attention of the duke, who persuaded the father to let the son have formal music lessons.

At the age of 12, Handel had already written his first composition and was so skilled at the organ that he would substitute, on occasion, for his own teacher. During his teens Handel continued to master the clavichord, oboe and violin, and by the age of 18 he had developed into a mature composer. With a growing reputation, he was invited by several music-loving courts to spend some time in Italy — four years, in fact.

In 1712, after a short stay at the court of Hanover, Handel moved to

England where he was to stay for the rest of his life. It was in this adopted country that he wrote his greatest works, and where, years later, *The Messiah* was to be brought to the world after 24 days of intense isolation and concentration by Handel.

The Messiah came about at a critical time in the composer's life. Handel, now 56 years old — a man of tall physique and a commanding presence — was discouraged and downcast. The years in England had not always been kind to him. There were times of great popular acclaim and success, but there were also times of emptiness and loss — when his works were not sought after, when audiences were few, and scoldings came his way from well-meaning church leaders who were angry with him for performing biblical music in secular theaters.

In 1741 Handel was deeply in debt. It seemed possible that he might be put in the debtor's prison. He was very discouraged. In April of that year he gave what he considered his farewell concert. He was ready to retire from public gatherings. But two unforeseen events converged to change Handel's life. Charles Jennens, a man of means, gave Handel a libretto (words for an oratorio) on the life of Christ, taken entirely from the Bible. At the same time, Handel was commissioned by a Dublin charity to compose a work for a benefit performance.

Listlessly, Handel leafed through the words before him. A passage caught his eye: "He was despised and rejected of men ... He looked to someone to have pity on Him, but there was no man; neither found He any to comfort Him."

With a growing sense of kinship,

Handel read on. "He trusted in God ... God did not leave his soul in hell ... He will give you rest." The words became alive. "... I know that my Redeemer liveth ... Rejoice ... Hallelujah."

For 24 days Handel did not leave his house. His servant brought him trays of food. But sometimes the food was not touched, for the composer was so deeply involved in thought and creativity that not even sleep interrupted the flow of his pen. As he put the finishing touches on the "Hallelujah Chorus," he turned to his servant with tears in his eyes and exclaimed, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The Messiah was premiered April 13, 1742, as a charitable benefit.

Today, two-and-a-half centuries later, the inspired music and words of *The Messiah* lift us onto a higher plane of commitment and faith each Christmas. Every time we rise to our feet as the "Hallelujah Chorus" is performed, we praise God for the power of this music, and for the promise of redemption which comes to us through God's gift of His only Son to the world.

One week before Handel died, in April 1759, he conducted, at the age of 74, his last scheduled performance of *The Messiah*. "He carried it through to the end without seeming fatigued, but he knew his time to leave this world was soon to come," we are told. On Handel's gravestone in Westminster Abbey are inscribed the words of his favorite *Messiah* selection: "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

May we each, this Christmas and always, know that the same God who gave Handel the inspiration for *The Messiah* reaches out to all people today with the gift of His son Jesus — Savior and Redeemer of mankind.

Elsie Landon Buck is president of the International Adventist Musicians Association.

Lake Region Holds Its First Women's Retreat

Deepening the Spiritual Relationship

BY HERMAN CLAYTON

Almost 250 women and teenaged girls arrived at the South Bend, Indiana, Marriott Hotel on Friday, October 7, for the first Lake Region Conference women's ministries retreat. Their theme for the weekend was, "Chosen to Serve."

The group was greeted by a number of appointed aides who smoothly guided the women to their rooms and informed them of seminar choices as well as dining locations.

The seminars being offered covered an array of timely and

significant concerns. Some seminar topics were witnessing, marriage enrichment, teen talk, substance abuse, and surviving an abusive past. The seminars were competently chaired by M. Dunbar and P. Morgan, with C. Bland, D. Davis, J. Cowan, T. Jacobs, E. Roper, T. Wright, and Dr. Andre and Bernie Jubert.

Featured speakers of the general sessions were the following: Dr. Sylvia J. Barnes, keynote speaker, a professor at Oak-wood College in Huntsville, Alabama; Pastor Lisa W. Smith of Southern California; and Dr. Rosa Taylor-Banks, associate secretary of the North American Division and Director of Human Relations in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Highlighting the general sessions was music provided by: Waukegan Spanish Church in Illinois, Chicago Shiloh Church, Chicago Beacon of Joy Church, Sharon Inkster Church in Michigan, and Bethel Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The group was ecstatic about this first retreat for women in the Lake Region. One attendee said, "It was wonderful — great meals, excellent room service, and wonderful, stirring preaching."

Also greatly enjoyed was the Sabbath school lesson, expertly taught by Dr. Sylvia Barnes.

"The whole affair was simply wonderful," comments another attendee. "I was really challenged as to what I could do for the young people — especially the misguided young men, so many of whom are being incarcerated in prison between the ages of 14 and 25."

Renewing old acquaintances was rewarding for attendees.

"We were all blessed — the weather, the scenery, the excellent food, the stimulating seminars, and the stirring messages were wonderful."

Many expressed a special thanks to Sister Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region director of women's ministries, whose planning, guidance and leadership made this event possible. Also, appreciation shown in a standing ovation was extended to Sister Charlotte Stuart for her recruitment skills in persuading 48 women from the Shiloh Church to attend this retreat.

The attending women, perhaps surprised at their easy acceptance of women in religious roles heretofore being the exclusive domain of men, are eagerly looking forward to the next Lake Region's women's ministries retreat.

Herman Clayton is the Chicago Shiloh Church historian.



Anna Sayrun (left), a resident of Chicago, enjoys the first Lake Region Conference women's retreat with her daughter, Bedruje Sayrun-Thomas (right), and two granddaughters, Nuzhet and Karacan.



Dr. Rosa Taylor-Banks of the North American Division in Silver Spring, MD, was a featured speaker during the retreat.

Honoring Dr. Thesba Johnston

The Work of Women

BY MARJORIE SNYDER

A weekend featuring women and the contribution they make to the SDA Church honored Dr. Thesba Johnston for her contribution to women's ministries. Johnston helped organize the first women's ministries effort in southwestern Michigan.

The meetings, held November 4-6, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, also gave opportunity for adding to the Thesba Johnston Scholarship fund. This fund was set up by the North American Division women's ministries department.

The Johnston scholarship provides financial assistance to women who have demonstrated their leadership ability, and who can make a significant contribution to the furtherance of the gospel — particularly addressing the special needs of women within the SDA Church.

About 300 people attended Friday vespers held in Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. They came to hear Johnston relate experiences from her year's stay in the former Soviet Union.

"People there are still fearful and insecure, she said, "but they are learning to trust again."

Johnston urged people who are able-bodied to volunteer for service to the people in Russia. "Give your time and energy," she stated. "If you have need to test your faith, take time and serve people abroad. The quickest way to increase your faith is to step out in faith."

The Sabbath program, held in All Nations Church, featured a presentation on the history of women in the Church, presented by Kit Watts, assistant editor of the *Adventist Review*. Watts interviewed Warren



Dr. Thesba Johnston

Banfield, recently retired General Conference human relations director. Banfield helped work through initial women's issues at the General Conference level, and assisted in clarifying the Church's position on the role of women in the Church.

Speaker Dr. Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson emphasized during the worship service that, when it comes to male, female relationships, "both genders are better served when we create a respect for one another, rather than having to work through a hierarchy. Christ is always the equalizer one with another."

Gudmundsson also said that a woman's domestic tasks are only a part of her capacity as a human being. "We must allow ourselves to be whole humans. God wants me to fulfill all my potential, with whatever abilities I have," she declared.

During Sabbath afternoon, women could choose from five seminars: "Exploring Who We Are and Healing Our Relationships," by Dr. Serena Gui; "Male/Female Communication," by Dr. Stella Greig; "Dealing With Our Diversity," by Dr. Caleb Rosado; "Abuse in the Faith Community," by

Drs. Don-Nee German and Mable Dunbar; and "The Christian Male in the 90s," by Marvin Ray.

Saturday night, a presentation of "Windows" was given at the Bendix Theater in South Bend, IN. It was written and produced by Cynthia Prime, Lake Union women's ministries director, with assistance from her husband, Philip. "Windows" portrayed, through music and drama, the plight of women living on the street; women in their search for love and trust; and their hope for the future, which is only through Christ.

This weekend concluded with a Sunday morning brunch and a presentation by Johnston and her daughter, Sheila Smith, on the problems of Russian women. A "Russian auction" (differing from auctions in America because the price has been preset), was held after brunch to help raise money for the Thesba Johnston Scholarship fund.

Also in attendance for weekend events were Ramona Perez Greek, General Conference assistant director for women's ministries, and Elizabeth Sterndale, North American Division field secretary and director of women's ministries.



Cynthia Prime, Lake Union women's ministries director, is shown acting in the musical drama "Windows," written and produced by her. "Windows" revealed the plight of women and was performed Saturday night in South Bend, IN.

Marjorie Snyder is the public relations officer for the Lake Union women's ministries.

To God Be the Glory

A New Church in Indiana

BY JEANETTE JACKSON

The Ephesus SDA Church of Marion, Indiana, was organized in the early 1920s as the result of a tent effort conducted by Elder Campbell. Initially, Sabbath services were held in a small meeting hall located near 30th and Washington streets.

When reminiscing about Ephesus' pioneer members, the names of Violet Rinehart, Amanda Casey, Sarah Murrell, Rilla Pettiford, Debra Dodson,

Indiana Conference were Pastors J. P. Lawrence, Alan Anderson, Leon Davis, and Elders Bish, Parker, Henry, Crow and Bradford. And from the Lake Region Conference those pastors who served from the early 1950s through the 1990s were Robert T. Andrews, Robert Douglas, Vern Joyner, Robert Tolson, Charles D. Gibson, Raymond Alexander, Anthony Lewis, Hosie Hatchett, Nevilon Meadows and Carlos Blake Jr.

Discussions concerning the need for a new sanctuary began under the leadership of Elder Anthony Lewis

the sincere commitment and efforts of Evelyn Rose Robinson in the area of soul-winning. Sister Robinson brought about a membership increase which enabled Ephesus to seriously consider building a new church.

In close consultation with Robert Casey, plans were drawn up by the AET Architectural Firm in Indianapolis to build a church of 7,463 square feet, including a sanctuary that seats up to 289 people; three classrooms; a unique, domed ceiling; a fellowship hall that accommodates 150 people; and a parking lot with

over 60 spaces.

In the fall of 1991, on a blustery, Sunday morning, the Lake Region Conference President R. C. Brown shared with Ephesus members in the official ground-breaking ceremony. Actual construction began in January 1992. Ephesus Church was its own contractor under the supervision of Robert Casey Construction Inc.

The tireless efforts and "sweat-equity" of a

cadre of dedicated members, along with the unrelenting determination of a visionary pastor — combined with much prayer and divine guidance — have allowed this undertaking to come to fruition, resulting in the blessing of this new edifice. The entire membership gratefully exclaims, "To God Be The Glory!"

Jeanette Jackson is the communication secretary of the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana.



This new Lake Region Ephesus Church is located at 1124 South Nebraska Street in Marion, IN.

Stella Nukes, Melissa Preston and Beatrice King come to mind. Charter members were dedicated, faithful and diligent about sharing the love of Christ whether through literature evangelism, community service, or Bible studies.

The need to relocate to a more suitable church facility was soon realized. The current Ephesus Church site at 1124 South Nebraska Street met this need and has served the congregation for many, many years.

God-sent men have shepherded this flock. Those from the early

and continued throughout Elder Hosie Hatchett's tenure. In December 1987 a contract was entered into to secure a 2.17 acre plot of land under Pastor Nevilon Meadows and then Lake Region Conference President C. D. Joseph. A deposit of \$5,100 was applied to the total purchase price of \$14,500. The balance was financed for three years through Banc One.

In November 1988, Carlos Blake Jr. was introduced as the new Ephesus pastor, and by December 1989, one year early, the debt was retired.

We would be remiss not to mention

Andrews University Receives Fifth President Andreasen Inaugurated

BY JACK STENGER

Niels-Erik Andreasen's first trip to the United States from Europe was in 1963 to study at Andrews University. The Danish student subsequently received two degrees from this institution — a master's in Biblical studies in 1965 and a bachelor of divinity degree the following year.

Now, more than 30 years after he first set foot on the Berrien Springs campus, he returns as president of

"Students from every continent all find their way to Andrews University," Andreasen said in his inaugural remarks. "We consider it our duty and honor to learn from each other, to help each other, to get along with each other."

Featured guests at the ceremony were Calvin Rock and Robert Kloosterhuis, General Conference vice presidents; and Humberto Rasi, General Conference education director.

"It is you we have chosen to lead this university into the 21st century:

don't be afraid to dream big," said Kloosterhuis, who serves as chair of the Andrews board of trustees.

Before coming to Andrews, Andreasen was president of Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington, where he

served since 1990. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He has taught religion at the California institutions of Pacific Union College, La Sierra College and Loma Linda University, where he was dean of the school of religion. He has lectured extensively on theological topics, is the author of three books, and is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature.

The "Heritage to Mission" weekend featured concerts, recitals and receptions to honor the new president and his wife, Demetra. Andreasen and

Lesher also participated in a tree-planting ceremony for what will become a presidential grove on campus.

Since officially starting July 1, the new president has impressed faculty and students with both his plans for Andrews and his friendly disposition.

"He has the kind of vision we need for this institution," said Peter Wong, chemistry professor.

"He and his wife are very down to earth and approachable. It seems like he is one of us," said Albert Malcones, a seminary student.

The new president's inauguration — only the second inauguration ceremony ever held at Andrews — was a colorful event with faculty in full academic regalia and pipe organ music that filled the Pioneer church.

The ceremony was rich with symbolism for the university named after John Nevins Andrews, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary who in 1874 left America for mission work in Europe.

"Today a son of European soil, the fruit of John Nevins Andrews' work, has come to lead this university," said Kloosterhuis during the ceremony. Andreasen is the first Andrews president born outside the United States. As a one-time international student, he is well suited to lead a university with students from more than 90 countries.

In his inaugural remarks, Andreasen stressed the university's continued commitment to excellence and service in the face of academic and financial challenges.

"I am acutely aware of the enormity of the task to which I have been called," he said.

Jack Stenger is the acting public information officer for Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Robert Kloosterhuis (left), General Conference vice president, and Niels-Erik Andreasen (right), newly-inaugurated Andrews University president, during the inauguration ceremony, Oct. 31.

Andrews University, the oldest and largest Adventist institution of higher learning in the world.

Representatives from 38 universities and colleges were on hand for his presidential inauguration, October 31. The ceremony, held in the Pioneer Memorial Church on campus, was the culmination of a weekend-long inauguration celebration, "Heritage to Mission."

Andreasen, age 53, the institution's fifth president, succeeds W. Richard Lesher who retired after 10 years as Andrews' president.

Ranked Among the Best Again

Andrews University — According to the article "America's Best Colleges" in *U.S. News & World Report*, Sept. 26 issue, Andrews University ranks among the nation's top 229 "national universities" because "they offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs, place a high priority on research and award large numbers of Ph.D.'s."

This news magazine, based in Washington, D.C., annually ranks colleges for educational quality and value, and for the fifth consecutive year Andrews has been on this list.

Andrews, with 2,952 students, is the largest Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education in the United States. Its student body is one of the most diverse among Midwestern schools, consisting of students from 49 of the 50 American states, as well as students from 96 countries. The university has five colleges including the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Last school year, Andrews awarded 29 doctorate degrees.

Concerning the magazine ranking, David Faehner, Andrews vice president for advancement, says: "We're proud to be included on the list again. We want people in our region to know that Andrews University is synonymous with quality."

For ranking purposes, the nation's 1,400 accredited, four-year colleges were placed into various categories.

Jack Stenger, newswriter

Fall Enrollment

Andrews University — There has been a slight increase in enrollment for fall quarter 1994. The number of students at Andrews is 2,952, a 10 percent increase from fall quarter 1993 when enrollment stood at 2,869.

University administrators are calling the increase a major accomplishment in the face of demographic changes in the North American public. Many colleges are struggling to match past years' enrollment numbers because the number of 18-year-olds is shrinking.

"Our enrollment increase represents hard work on the part of our faculty who have both ensured and promoted the quality of Andrews' programs," states Kermit Netteburg, Andrews enrollment management director.

Of the five colleges that comprise Andrews, the school of education saw the greatest increase in students, from 322 in 1993 to 346 this school year. Of Andrews' 2,952 students, 1,477 are men and 1,475 are women. There are 1,909 undergraduates and 1,043 graduate students. And there are 359 freshmen this year, an increase of 37 freshmen from last year.

Jack Stenger, newswriter



Teacher Rebecca Wade (left), and her assistant, Lenae Warwick (right) held the ribbon while Keith Sevensen (left) and Bruce Carpenter cut it to officially open the new Charlotte (MI) church school during ceremonies held Sunday, Sept. 18. Photo by Carol J. Grossman.

A Dream Realized

Charlotte (MI) Elementary — Members of the Charlotte (MI) Church dreamed of building a new eight-grade church school for several years. This dream became a reality Sept. 17 when the new Charlotte Elementary School was dedicated debt-free during a special church service.

The Charlotte church school first opened 105 years ago, in 1899. During the years 1910 to 1925, and from 1934 to 1950, classes were held in the back room of the former SDA church on Sheldon Street. In 1950 a new, two-classroom school was opened on High Street. Classes have been held at this location until the current 1994-1995 school year.

Because of the inconvenience of the church and school at opposite ends of town, members began to consider consolidating the facilities at one location. The first solid plans for the new school began in 1990 with the purchase of approximately eight acres of land adjacent to the church property. Building plans began in the fall of 1992, and ground was broken April 18, 1993. Construction started a few weeks later.

Church members donated time, money, materials and equipment to the project. Some contributed major components such as cement blocks. Some helped with the painting and carpet laying. The students also helped, as did friends and relatives of church members. The only work done by outside contractors was the framing, heating and plumbing.

The total cost of the building was approximately \$145,000, about \$100,000 less than it would have been if church members had not contributed most of the labor. A special donation from the sale of the Eaton Rapids Church, and a fund left by a friend of the church provided the bulk of the money for the new building. Church members contributed the rest.

Twenty-one students are registered this year, including several from outside the church. This is the highest enrollment in several years. Teacher Rebecca Wade said she is enjoying the new school although she is still learning where to find everything. "We're excited to be here. It's a beautiful building. I don't miss the old school at all!" she said, laughing.

Keith Sevensen, building committee chairman, and Bruce Carpenter, construction coordinator, helped with almost every phase of the construction. They were presented with a special plaque at the dedication service. The plaque will hang in the new school.

*Rachel Whitaker, Charlotte Church
communication secretary*

Teachers Take Time Out to Grow

Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI — Teachers became students again on Tuesday, Oct. 18, when they participated in professional growth activities at the nearby Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, MI. This one-day workshop, sponsored by the Berrien County Intermediate School District, had as its theme, "Pursuing Quality." Over 2,000 teachers attended.

To begin the day's proceedings, the Andrews Academy Silhouettes choir, directed by Jenelle Westerbeck, presented a miniconcert. The audience's enthusiastic applause in response to the choir's excellent performance made the Andrews Academy faculty happy and proud.

Dr. Philip Schletchy, president of the Center for Leadership in School Reform, gave the keynote address. He challenged teachers to think critically about society's changing needs, and stated how important it is to prepare today's students to meet these needs. "Teachers," Schletchy maintained, "must be open to change and act as change agents in the restructuring of schools for the 21st century."

Throughout the day, Andrews Academy teachers had an opportunity to attend several workshops on a wide variety of topics in the areas of their disciplines.

When asked about the benefits of the professional development day, teachers responded:

"It's good to be out of the classroom and view your work through the eyes of other professionals."

"I gained some new perspectives in working with minority students."

"The greatest benefit of such a day to me was to hear about some of the current research that describes the teaching/learning process that I do not find time to read in the many journals that pile up on my desk."

Dr. L. Roo McKenzie, Andrews Academy principal



Students and friends of the Wisconsin Academy in Columbus and the Bethel Junior Academy in Arpin pound nails into new shingles on the roof of the Fish Creek (WI) Church.

Roofers to the Rescue

Wisconsin academies — The Fish Creek (WI) Church has a new roof, thanks to the student roofing crew who carried up shingles and pounded nails in September.

Through sunshine and rain, 10 students from Wisconsin Academy in Columbus and Bethel Junior Academy in Arpin, WI, combined their talents to accomplish this project. Pastors Gaylan Herr from the Academy Church and Bob Stauffer from the Bethel Church, along with Jim Herr of Matteson, IL, and LeRoy Rappette and Steve Paden of Columbus, WI, gave the group support and instruction. The students from Wisconsin Academy spent their September home leave working on this project.

The new roof for the 100-year-old Fish Creek Church, a historic landmark in Wisconsin, was completed in two days.

"I decided to go because I have experience in roofing and I like doing it," says Brad Castleberg, a sophomore at Wisconsin Academy. Brad especially appreciated the hospitality of the Fish Creek members who fed the hungry group.

*Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy
administrative secretary*

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YOUTH NEWS



Catherine McHenry

McHenry Honored

Illinois — Catherine McHenry of Olney, IL, was one of the 151 academically talented seventh and eighth graders throughout the state to be named a 1994 Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy "Junior Scholar."

McHenry is the daughter of Ken and Sheila McHenry of Olney. She attends the Noble (IL) SDA Elementary School where her father is the teacher. She and her parents are active members of the Noble Church.

"Junior Scholars" are selected by the Education Service Center, based upon a student's SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores. McHenry's scores were among the highest in her area.

In October McHenry and her father participated in a retreat sponsored by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. They attended a lecture presented by former space shuttle astronaut, Dr. Sally Ride.

Marilyn J. Bauer, Illinois Conference communication field secretary

An award of appreciation was presented to Saysha Warren of Chicago by Dollie M. Williams, president of the Chicagoland Community Service Federation.



Showing Youth Appreciation

Lake Region — During a recent ceremony in Cassopolis, MI, Saysha Warren was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her devoted and invaluable service to the community service work. Warren is the daughter of Clora Warren. Both attend the Chicago Beacon of Joy Church.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary



This summer in Grand Rapids, MI, Michelle Ohm walked door to door selling SDA books. She had the highest student sales and was awarded the Bible commentary set she

Walking With God

Michigan — Michelle Ohm is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, MI, after spending her summer vacation selling Christian literature in the Lake Union Youth Challenge program.

She began each canvass: "Hi! My name is Michelle, and this summer I'm working on my scholarship to go to a Christian school." It worked. John Bernet, Lake Union publishing director reports Ohm received a sizable bonus check for her summer sales, and she was awarded a complete set of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* for the highest student sales during

the Big 12 sales/souls incentive.

"I believe this is one of the best jobs, especially for teens," Ohm states. She gives three reasons: You keep in shape walking for about six hours a day; it's pretty good money compared to most other summer jobs; and most importantly, you are working for God.

"This job is so special to me because if it weren't for another colporteur, I wouldn't be where I am today," Ohm exclaims. "About 24 years ago, a wonderful lady came to our door and sold my parents some medical books. They started talking about God, and this eventually led to Bible studies with a Seventh-day Adventist pastor. My parents accepted God into their hearts, were baptized, and raised me to love God also. This is the reason this job is so important to me."

The Bible promise Ohm claimed this summer was from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

"My prayer," Ohm says, "is that everyone will trust God so they will see His love and follow His ways."

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Members Get Physical for Investment

Michigan — In October a youth group from the Onaway (MI) Church raised \$506 for investment from a bike/walk-a-thon. Clarence Parris, youth leader, organized this event that was made successful by the pledges and donations of several area businesses as well as the members of Onaway Church.

Four people completed the 10-mile course: walking was Clarence Parris; and biking was Jim Preston, Dwight Roat and Luke Preston. The oldest and youngest participating members of the Onaway congregation were Ora Baker, age 80, and Charles Parris, age four; each walked four miles.

Wanda R. Salziger, Onaway Church member

Learning to Be an Example

Lake Region — A health emphasis week was celebrated at the Chicago Shiloh Church Sept. 18-24. It was conducted by a team from Wildwood, GA, and assisted by people from Oak Haven near Pullman, MI. Seventy-five people preregistered for the week's health seminars.

A musical concert on Sabbath featured Landon Anderson, a Shiloh member; as well as Marlon and Heather James of Wildwood, with a duo by Linda Ard and Judy Wentland of Wildwood, and pianist Ruthea Leach of Oak Haven. Jennifer Burke, from Wildwood, was the master of ceremonies for this program which was an inspiration to both the artists and audience.

Burke also chaired the panel discussion Sabbath morning that centered on problems of family life in big cities and the role of city churches. Brother Michael Martin, from Wildwood, was the worship hour speaker.

JoAnn Anderson, Shiloh temperance secretary, organized the week's activities. She stated: "My prayer is not only for a physical help, but a help spiritually. We, ourselves, have to be a physical and spiritual example."

The week's health schedule focused on the whole person. Daily programs from 10 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. covered the Biblical basis for a vegetarian diet, the natural treatment of disorders, the role of the mental processes, physical fitness, cooking demonstrations, as well as treatment for more serious illnesses.

Robert Savage, Shiloh's acting church communicator



The Adventist Book Center in Brookfield, IL, sold \$30,868 on Sept. 25 during its sixth annual Balloon Sale and Grand Reopening.

Illinois ABC Boasts New Look and Sets Record Sales

Illinois — After many months of hammer noise, dust, paint fumes and general mess, workers at the Illinois Adventist Book Center (ABC) in Brookfield were ready to greet customers. The remodeling project added a children's department in the lower level, and enlarged the front display windows to let people know they were passing a book store, not an office.

The reopening was combined with the annual balloon sale, Sept. 25. A crowd gathered to watch the ribbon-cutting by Thomas Sequins, Brookfield Village president, and Jim Brauer, Illinois Conference president.

"The Adventists have been a pillar of this community for many years," said Sequins. "They are good neighbors. But in the 34 years I have been in this village, I have never been in this building. You are in for a real treat. The store is beautiful, and we welcome a Christian book store in our community."

ABC staff then presented Sequins with a copy of the *Clear Word Bible*.

In-store promotions included: four free tickets to Brookfield Zoo with a minimum order; 450 pink, helium-filled balloons carrying slips of paper which listed a percent discount; food samples; a greeting for youngsters by Julius the parrot; and Illinois' own Angel Award winners, Kelly Razzouk and Jaime Jorge, were present to autograph their albums.

At the end of the day, the ABC had set a monumental milestone in record sales of \$30,868. The staff and Illinois Conference officers who had worked the cash registers and carried packages for customers were exhausted. But all gave thanks to the Lord for His blessings on the sixth annual ABC Balloon Sale and Grand Reopening.

Joe Green, Illinois ABC manager

Volunteer Disaster Group Elects Horne as President

Michigan — Michigan Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) elected Pastor Franklin Horne as their new president. Eighteen member agencies comprise the organization including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Volunteers of America, as well as various denominational and community service groups.

Horne, pastor of the Michigan Cadillac and Mesick churches, is disaster response coordinator for the Adventist Community Services of the Michigan Conference. He began disaster relief work in 1979 in Texas. While he was a pastor in the Owosso (MI) Church, Horne worked with volunteers in disaster preparedness.

Horne's goals to complete during his tenure are to make sure the member agencies are well acquainted with one another and have an on-going relationship with each other. He feels this will make disaster

response much more effective. Another goal is to improve communications between VOAD and state and federal disaster response agencies such as Michigan Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Betty Kossick, Cadillac communication secretary



Pastor Franklin Horne



From left, Dolby Knott, Illinois prison ministry president; Dorothy White, Chicago Beacon of Joy Church prison ministry leader; and Martha Burt, Illinois area director for prison ministry.

Prison Ministry Works

Lake Region — A Prison Ministry Day was recently held at the Chicago Beacon of Joy Church; the day's theme, "Prison Ministry Works, Each One Can Reach One Through Prison Ministry." Guest speaker was Pastor Alexander Lamkin of the Illinois Conference Beverly Hills Church in Chicago. Afternoon activities included a letter-writing seminar presented by Martha Burt, Illinois area director for prison ministry.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary



Neal Boger held a revival meeting.

Activities at Cicero

Indiana — A revival meeting was held Feb. 25 by Neal Boger, the Bible and science teacher at Indianapolis Junior Academy. A highlight was the inspiring message in songs presented by members of the Indianapolis Glendale Church.

Cicero superintendent, Norman Clear, read a story about mothers on Sabbath, May 7, to honor Mother's Day. Also, Marisa Morgan

and her twin girls sang a song about mothers, followed with selections by the Cicero church school band. Carnations were given to every mother by the children of the church. Recognition was given to the oldest mother, the youngest mother, the mother with the most children, the mother with the most grandchildren, the mother with the oldest child, and the mother with a child the farthest away.



Dawn Burke (left) gives a carnation to the oldest mother in Cicero (IN) Church, Wonette Ridge, who also has the most children and the oldest child.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero communication secretary

Noble Celebrates 100 Years

Illinois — The 100th anniversary of the Noble (IL) Church was celebrated Aug. 12-13. Former church members and pastors responded to a massive letter-writing project by local members, inviting them to "come home" for the celebration. Responding were 143 people who returned to Noble from 14 states including Illinois.

Native son Paul Fruth led the Friday evening vespers. Former Pastor Jerry Brown, currently in Peoria, IL, conducted the Sabbath school program. Dr. Steven Vitano, also a former pastor and most recently retired from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, was the worship hour speaker.

Highlights of this weekend were a musical program, potluck, and a baptism at Totten's Pond.

This anniversary program was planned by the current Noble pastor, Dale Barnhurst.

Ken McHenry, Noble communication secretary

Freeman Named Women's Director

Wisconsin — Kathy Freeman, a member of the Milwaukee (WI) Central Church, has accepted the position of volunteer director for women's ministries in the Wisconsin Conference. Previously there has been no officially-named director in the conference.



Kathy Freeman

Freeman has helped coordinate the women's retreats in Wisconsin since their conception in 1988. Freeman says in her new role she will work to "help meet the needs of women in Wisconsin."

Laurie Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director



Mary Beth Shea (left), a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church in Columbus, brought her non-SDA mother, Audrey Hall (center), and sister, Teresa Thom, to this year's retreat.

Wisconsin Women's Retreat: The Numbers Don't Tell the Story

Wisconsin — Roughly 330 women from 10 states attended the sixth annual Wisconsin Women's Retreat, Oct. 21-23, at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Yet as Judy Ziegele, one of the retreat organizers, explains, "The numbers don't tell the story." The real story lies in the lives of the women who come.

For many women, the retreat offers a chance to invite friends and relatives to something with a spiritual, yet non-threatening, tone. Mary Beth Shea, a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church, has attended the retreat for five years with her non-Adventist sister, Teresa Thom. "At first my husband didn't want me to come," says Thom. "He was afraid it would be just a lot of 'men bashing.' Instead the meetings focused on [positive] marital relationships. The next year he *wanted* me to come." This year the two sisters brought their mother, Audrey Hall, also a non-Adventist.

Lillie McElroy, a member of the Robbins (IL) Church, first learned about the retreat two years ago when she and her husband were staying at Chula Vista while the retreat was in session. When she saw the Seventh-day Adventist sign, she asked if she could attend the meetings. She did. This year, she returned and brought along a friend.

Patty Blatz, a member of the Waukesha (WI) Church, attended her first retreat last year and loved it. "It would take a lot [now] for me not to come," she says. This year she brought her friend, Jo Ellen Dascenzo, who is currently completing Bible studies.

Guest speaker for the 1994 retreat was Karen Flowers, co-director of Family Ministries for the General Conference. She sees women's retreats as an invaluable ministry. "As we become more and more of a society made up of nuclear families, where we don't have other women in our families to lean on, it's too much of a load. ... We need support people. Retreats like this give that support."

Sackett Receives Lifetime Membership

Hinsdale Health System — Hinsdale (IL) Hospital President Ronald L. Sackett has been awarded a lifetime membership in the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (CAHHS). Lifetime membership is given to people who have made significant contributions to CAHHS.



Ronald L. Sackett

"Your years of service in hospital administration, your participation on the boards of the Hospital Council of Southern California and other boards, and your contributions as a member of several CAHHS committees are commendable achievements," wrote C. Duane Dauner, CAHHS president. "We are

pleased to have this opportunity to recognize your contributions," Dauner concluded.

Sackett was presented with the lifetime award at the CAHHS annual meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 27.

"It is a real honor to be recognized," Sackett said. "I spent 22 years of my career in California and am a native of that state. I was happy to contribute my time and efforts to CAHHS."

In May Hinsdale Hospital announced Sackett as its new president and chief executive officer. Sackett, reflecting on his years in health care, says coming to Hinsdale Hospital is one of the exciting turns in his career.

Michael Parnell, Hinsdale Hospital marketing associate

News Notes

• **North America's ordination view:** After more than two hours of discussion on Oct. 9 during the 1994 Annual Council, delegates voted to refer to the 1995 General Conference Session in Utrecht, Netherlands, the following request from the North American Division:

"The General Conference vests in each division the right to authorize the ordination of individuals within its territory in harmony with established policies. In addition, where circumstances do not render it inadvisable, a division may authorize the ordination of qualified individuals without regard to gender. In divisions where the division executive committees take specific actions approving the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, women may be ordained to serve in those divisions."

This request will be sent to the session as a referral, rather than a recommendation, from the 1994 Annual Council. The vote was virtually unanimous among more than 200 assembled delegates.

• **Inter-America** has the largest membership, over 1.5 million people, of any division in the global SDA Church. There are about 1,800 district pastors in Inter-America ministering to 4,982 organized churches and 7,162 companies — which means only about 15 percent of these congregations have the services of a pastor each week. This year pastors and laypersons have established 448 congregations in previously unentered areas, and in the first 10 months of this year 103,253 people were baptized.

• **Report from Russia:** "It was a miracle," declares Evangelist F. Dale Leamon. "We managed to finish the campaign in Saransk, Russia." One day after the second week of Leamon's crusade, the KGB entered the large building where he was preaching. A Church of Christ pastor was also conducting revival meetings in a smaller hall on the second floor. The KGB representative went into the Church of Christ meeting and boldly shouted the orders: "Put away your Bibles — you are done. Go home!" The pastor was forced to adjourn his meeting and leave. But before he left, he protested: "What about the Adventists? They are in the large hall; what are you going to do to them?" "Nothing," answered the official. "There's something different about Adventists. They seem to be part of our community."

In 1993, 89 international evangelists were scheduled by General Conference Russian-evangelism coordinator, Gilbert Bertochini, to conduct campaigns in 15 former Soviet Union countries. The "Quiet Hour," "Bearhug," and sister unions also sponsored many campaigns. From these efforts over 17,500 precious souls were baptized!

77 YEARS AGO

Dec. 5, 1917: Eighteen churches in West Michigan Conference have sent in \$1356.13 more than their full twenty-cents-a-week for each member for our world-wide work. These churches are Bauer, 27 members; Belding, 2 members; Benton Harbor, 21 members; Dimondale, 17 members; Douglas, 21 members; Fremont, 18 members; Grand Haven, 9 members; Hastings, 26 members; Holton, 15 members; Homer, 10 members; Ind. Harbor, 10 members; Kinderhook, 3 members; Palo, 2 members; Quincy, 11 members; South Bend, 40 members; Sturgis, 3 members; Trufant, 16 members; and Wright, 51 members. But the remainder of churches have fallen many hundred dollars short so we must put forth herculean efforts to reach our goal. [Herculean is described as characteristic of Hercules; extraordinary intensity.]

Dec. 5, 1917: The Glee Club, the Chorus, and the Orchestra at Emmanuel Missionary College are making good progress under the leadership of Professor Summers, music director. These organizations meet for rehearsal once each week.

Dec. 12, 1917: At the Bethel [WI] Academy school did not begin until 8:00 on Thursday, and the classes were only one and one half hour long, it being Thanksgiving Day.

Dec. 19, 1917: Our Lake Union district is the cradle of Adventism. In the first three quarters of this year we won 1568 new converts. But in one conference of this Union there are 51 counties without a single Sabbath school or church. In another conference there are 58 counties without a church and 27 counties in which no evangelistic work has been done during the last thirty years. We have cities in this field of more than 75,000 people where no strong work has ever been done.

57 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 1937: The harvest is great but the laborers are few: 130 regular colporteurs in the Lake Union, 1 colporteur to every 1,598 square miles of its territory, and 1 colporteur to every 142,000 of its people.

Dec. 14, 1937: Regarding Christmas Sister White wrote: "May you all have wisdom to make it a precious season. Let the older church members unite, heart and soul, with their children in this innocent amusement and recreation, in devising ways and means to show true respect to Jesus by bringing to Him gifts and offerings."

Dec. 21, 1937: December 4, it was my privilege to meet with the company at Huntington [IN] and organize a church. Elder Beazley conducted a tent effort in that city two years ago and several people accepted the truth. Last summer Brother Eckenroth succeeded in bringing in eighteen more and the church was organized with a membership of twenty-two. People in Indiana will rejoice to hear that such a large number have accepted the truth in the city of Huntington.

S. E. WIGHT

27 YEARS AGO

Dec. 5, 1967: An early morning fire at the Adelphian [MI] Academy destroyed a large barn and its contents of stored material belonging to the school mill. This loss will run up to \$25,000. The cause of the blaze is unknown. This is the second fire this year to affect the school and its wood shop. Early in July, fire damaged five trailers loaded with lumber and scorched a portion of the section of the mill where the trailers were parked. This \$16,000 fire also started in the early morning. No official reason has been determined. Some authorities suspect arson.

Dec. 12, 1967: Stevensville [MI] Church begins with 107 members November 18.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1987: On November 8, 1986, the Adrian, Michigan, Church conceived the Tecumseh Company. On November 7, 1987, the company was born as the 158th church in the Michigan Conference.

Dec. 15, 1987: A federal grant of \$188,711 has been awarded to Andrews University to conduct a two-year drug study. This is the single largest grant ever made to Andrews University by the federal government.

MILESTONES

WEDDINGS

Nicole Marie Allen and Charles David Joseph Jr. were married Sept. 4, 1994, in Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Norman K. Miles and Elder Jerome Davis.

Nicole is the daughter of Edwina and Ronald Allen Sr. of Matteson, IL. Charles Jr. is the son of Vivian and Dr. Charles Joseph Sr. of Glenwood, IL.

The Josephs are making their home in Glenwood.

Sharon Banks and Joseph Washington were married June 19, 1994, in Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Elder Charles Willis and Dr. Phillip Willis.

Sharon is the daughter of Dorothy and Ted Banks of Chicago. Joseph is the son of Sally and William Brown of Chicago.

The Washingtons are making their home in Chicago.

Vicky Blake and Richard Stevenson were married Sept. 18, 1994, in Benton Harbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by J. D. Westfall.

Vicky is the daughter of Catherine Blake of Benton Harbor. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stevenson of Stanton, MI.

The Stevensons are making their home in Stanton.

Lisa Durham and Robert Dunneback were married Oct. 23, 1994, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Alger Keough.

Lisa is the daughter of Larry and MerryKay Durham of Denver, CO. Robert is the son of Rodney and Karen Dunneback of DeWitt, MI.

The Dunnebacks are making their home in South Bend, IN.

Michelle H. R. Kuntz and Robert Dean Schau were married on Oct. 8, 1994, in Buchanan, MI. The ceremony was performed by Marcel Pichot.

Michelle is the daughter of Michael and Regina Kuntz of Buchanan. Robert is the son of Robert and Peggy Schau of Galien, MI.

The Schaus are making their home in Buchanan.

Kim Medina and Corey Knowlton were married Aug. 7, 1994, in Grand Rapids, MI. The ceremony was performed by Bob Joseph.

Kim is the daughter of Loida and Ernesto Medina of Berrien Springs, MI. Corey is the son of Gary and Gisela Knowlton of Belding, MI.

The Knowltons are making their home in Loma Linda, CA.

Shawna Stuart and James Campbell were married Dec. 26, 1993, in Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Drs. Norman Miles, Phillip Willis and Dr. C. D. Joseph.

Shawna is the daughter of Chester and Charlotte Stuart of Chicago. James is the son of Elizabeth Crutcher and James Campbell Sr. of Nashville, TN.

The Campbells are making their home in Chicago.

Chrystal Lynn Wagner and David Allen Cardo were married June 5, 1994, in Flushing, MI. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Reginal Cottell.

Chrystal is the daughter of Dale and Sandra Wagner of Flushing. David is the son of David and Manga Cardo of Troy, OH.

The Cardos are making their home in Muscatine, IA.

OBITUARIES

CREWS, Joe, age 69; born in 1924; died Oct. 10, 1994, in Takoma Park, MD, from a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a worker in the SDA Church for 47 years. For nearly 29 years, Crews served as the speaker and director for "Amazing Facts." This radio/television broadcast, airing on 120 stations worldwide, was so named such after Crews' idea to open each program with an amazing scientific or historical fact that related to the ensuing Biblical message. Crews also wrote 58 books. He recorded 553 15-minute radio sermons and a full-length television evangelistic series.

Although Crews' death was sudden and untimely, "Amazing Facts" will continue to operate at full capacity. Elder Bill May has been named the ministry's interim direc-

tor until a permanent replacement can be found.

Survivors include: his wife, Luann; and his 2 sons, Larry and Dennis. On Oct. 5, Crews and his wife celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary.

FORCE, Edythe I., age 92; born March 29, 1902, in Otsego, MI; died Oct. 16, 1994, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

She is survived by four nephews and a niece.

Services were conducted by Pastor David Sanner, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek.

GRAHN, Clarence L., age 76; born Aug. 10, 1918, in Stoughton, WI; died Oct. 11, 1994, in Lodi, WI. He was a member of the Madison (WI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Doris; 2 sons, Larry and Herbert; 4 daughters, Loyola Jean Colburn; Rosann Knopp, Charlie Hall and Janie Pauls; a brother, James; 15 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and 4 step-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Raymond J. Plummer and interment was in Sand Prairie Cemetery, Blue River, in Richland City, WI.

HOMEIDE, Margie, age 61; born May 13, 1933, in Kansas; died Aug. 18, 1994. She was a member of the West Central Church in Oak Park, IL.

Survivors include: a brother, Milton Lange; and 2 sisters, Esther Olson and Ruth Barnfield.

Services were conducted by Pastor Bill Werner.

NEWMAN, Irwin E., age 62; born April 20, 1932, in Portland, OR; died Oct. 24, 1994, in Marshfield, WI. He was a member of the Chippewa Falls (WI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, La Berla; 6 sons, Howard, Paul, Todd, Daniel, David and Donald; a daughter, Rene Clark; a brother, Mark; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Robert Stauffer, and interment was in Windfall Cemetery, Granton, WI.

POLACEK, Katherine "Katie" A., age eight; born Nov. 4, 1985, in Marshfield, WI; died Dec. 21, 1993, in Arpin, WI. She was the first in her class to accept a call for baptism into the Bethel Church in Arpin -- that morning she died in a car accident.

Survivors include: her parents; Gregory and Helen Polacek; a brother, Jeremiah; her grandparents, Harold and Atha Steffen, and Charles and Justina Polacek.

Services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stauffer, and interment was in Arpin Cemetery.

PITTENGER, Carol Faye, age 51; born July 25, 1943, in Bloomington, IL; died Sept. 8, 1994, in Iowa City, IA. She was a member of the Knoxville Avenue Church in Peoria, IL.

Survivors include: her husband, M. Dale Jr.; 3 sons, Terry Kern, Todd and Timothy; her mother, Gertrude Kupferschmid; a sister, Joyce Smith; 4 grandchildren; and a stepdaughter, Dawn Halberg.

Services were conducted by Pastors R. Peter Neri and Jerret Brown, and interment was in Swan Lake Memory Gardens, Peoria.

RANDS, Svea M., age 86; born April 7, 1908, in Bayfield, WI; died Aug. 29, 1994, in Ashland, WI. She was a member of the Ashland Church.

Survivors include: a son, Andrew Long; and a daughter, Florence Defoe.

Services were conducted by Pastor Dan Adels, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Bayfield.

ROAT, Frederick John, age 83; born Oct. 8, 1910, in Lakefield Township, MI; died April 1, 1994, in Newberry, MI. He was a member of the McMillan (MI) Northwoods Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Mavis (Skinner); 6 sons, Dwight, Stephen, Jamie, Gordon, Frederick and Stuart; 2 daughters, Gail Carrasquillo and K. Marilyn Hartwell; a brother, Paul; 3 sisters, Belle Bodi, Esther and Frances; 12 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor George C. Messer, and interment was in the West Lakefield Cemetery, Lakefield Township.

ROGERS, Muriel, age 69; born July 30, 1924; died April 22, 1994, in Bensenville, IL. She was a member of the West Central Church in Oak Park, IL.

Survivors include: her husband, Paul; 2 sons, Daniel and David; a daughter, Bonnie Marecki; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Bill Werner.



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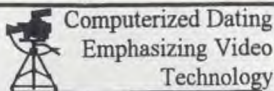
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LAKE UNION

Thirteenth Sabbath offering, Euro-Africa Division, Dec. 17.

ABC to broadcast Christmas Eve service from a SDA church: The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) will telecast its traditional, one-hour Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24, at 11:30 p.m. EST, to a national-viewing audience from the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) in Berrien Springs, MI.

According to Skip MacCarty, PMC administrative pastor, the service will portray a contemporary classical Christmas, featuring a unique blend of modern and traditional Christmas expressions. It will include choral music, a litany, Scripture readings, and a sermon by Senior Pastor Dwight Nelson (see story on page 10).

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Seeking nominations for the 1995 "Adventist Woman of the Year" awards. Nominated women should be those who serve, work and make a difference in their church, community or home. They should inspire and encourage other women. Each application form must be accompanied with a biographical sketch with the outstanding qualities and achievements of the Adventist woman and three letters of recommendation including, or in addition to, a recommendation by an Adventist pastor. The nomination deadline is February 28, 1995.

For previous nominations that have not been selected, you can reactivate that nomination by writing to the Adventist Women of the Year Coordinator.

Send applications to: Coordinator, Adventist Women of the Year, Association of Adventist Women, Box 7414, Langley Park, MD 20787.

Name change for Battle Creek Adventist Hospital: Grant M. Irvin, executive director for the hospital, announces that "in honor of our rich history in health care, which is tied directly to the great Battle Creek

Sanitarium, we have renamed our facility the *Fieldstone Center of Battle Creek Health System*. This change is reflective of our new beginning as part of the Battle Creek Health System. We are excited about this new beginning, and about the opportunity to continue to serve our community and our region with quality mental health and addiction treatment services for both adults and adolescents."

Michigan State University celebrates Oct. 22, 1844: The university museum's newest exhibit, "The Sesquicentennial of the End of the World," attempts to explain how and why this extraordinary event took place. It focuses on William Miller's predictions, displaying two original, large linen charts used to illustrate the prediction of the second coming, as well as a nine-foot fragment of the 1840s flag that flew over the Mammoth Advent Tabernacle. This exhibit also follows the origins of the Millerites, later known as the Adventists and the Seventh-day Adventists. The exhibit is on display in the Heritage Hall through August 1995. The museum is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m. For details call 517-355-2370.

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Local church leaders can now dial 800-SDA-PLUS, and ask for help in finding the resources and resource centers they need. This new service has been tested in the Pacific Union for the past year. It is operated by the Pacific Church Resource Center for North America.

SDA Fax-Plus is a new service of the North American Division that stocks many fact sheets on information such as the use of tithe funds or what is *Ebony Evangelism*? Dial 800-474-4732 and follow the automated instructions. Be prepared to enter your fax number.

"Online Edition" is a quarterly video of church news and mission reports. To receive the video call 800-901-7171. There is a modest cost for direct delivery. These same reports are broadcast free via the Adventist Communication Network satellite connection.

Adventist View is a publication designed for those age 18-35, which strives to affirm SDA beliefs through a variety of topics, covering such issues as AIDS, loneliness, careers, marriage, sex, sports, culture and more. "This publication makes sense," says Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review* associate editor and *Adventist View* co-founder. "Insight speaks to the younger crowd, while the older crowd has the *Review*. Now this generation has a publication just for them." *Adventist View* is published by the North American Division. For a subscription or more details call 301-680-6468 or write:

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	1994	1993	Gain or Loss	% of Increase
Illinois	4,919,993.96	4,836,289.53	83,704.43 G	1.7%
Indiana	2,799,269.96	2,831,912.01	32,642.05 L	(1.2%)
Lake Region	4,529,948.49	4,173,776.76	356,171.73 G	8.5%
Michigan	12,763,755.99	11,946,299.99	817,456.00 G	6.8%
Wisconsin	<u>2,732,803.16</u>	<u>2,602,197.25</u>	<u>130,605.91 G</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
TOTAL	27,745,771.56	26,390,475.54	1,355,296.02 G	5.1%

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6	Jan. 13
Berrien Springs, MI	5:14	5:15	5:18	5:23	5:29	5:37
Chicago	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:29	4:35	4:43
Detroit	5:01	5:02	5:05	5:10	5:17	5:24
Indianapolis	5:20	5:22	5:25	5:29	5:36	5:43
La Crosse, WI	4:27	4:28	4:31	4:36	4:43	4:51
Lansing, MI	5:04	5:05	5:08	5:13	5:19	5:27
Madison, WI	4:22	4:23	4:26	4:31	4:37	4:45
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WORLD CHURCH

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St. John's Academy in Newfoundland, Canada, to celebrate centennial in 1995. For details, or if you can supply names and addresses of alumni, please contact: Jennifer Morgan, 100th Year Reunion Planning Committee, 108 Freshwater Road, St. John's, NF, Canada, A1C 2N8; or call 709-579-2718.

Lake Ariel (PA) Academy graduates: You have been recognized as alumni of Pennsylvania's Blue Mountain Academy. Please send name and address for records to: Blue Mountain Academy, RD 3, Box 3642, Hamburg, PA 19526.

"It Is Written": Dec. 11, "When God Moved Moscow." Dec. 18, "When You Can't Forgive." Dec. 25, the Finley and Vandeman families get together for a special Christmas celebration and share stories. Call 805-373-7611 for details.

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Dec. 25, "Obesity in Children." Call 805-373-7686 for program details.

"The Quiet Hour": Dec. 4-9, "Jesus: The God Who Can Be Touched" (Sunday), followed by "New Age Guru." Dec. 11-16, "Jesus: The God Who Is Savior & Lord" (Sunday), followed by "Educating for Now & Eternity." Dec. 18-23, "Jesus: The God Who Is Servant & King" (Sunday), followed by "Building Character." Dec. 25-30, "Jesus: The Giver to All Mankind" (Sunday), followed by "Building Genius in Our Children." For details call 909-793-2588.

"Voice of Prophecy": Dec. 11-16, "The Value of Knowing Your Place" (Sunday), followed by "Secrets of a Successful Family." Dec. 18-23, "Is the Old Testament Too Old?" (Sunday), followed by "Christmas Classics." Dec. 25-30, "The Farewell" (Sunday), followed by "Reversing Obesity Naturally." Call 805-373-7611 for details.

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Peter Neri

When the Angels Came

Expectantly, the heavenly angels winged their way toward earth. Their mission—to witness how God's people would receive the birth of His Son. For the time had come, and all of heaven was watching and waiting in silent wonder for the birth of the Messiah.

Drawing near Jerusalem, the heavenly messengers' excitement mounted.

It was hard for them to picture how jubilant the celebration on earth must be. For even the angels in heaven wondered at the glorious plan of redemption. How much more must be the wonder of those for whom this redemption was enacted!

The Messiah certainly had not come without warning. Already Zechariah the priest had announced the closeness of His coming. The forerunner was born and his mission verified by miracle and prophecy. The light shining from Daniel 9 pointed to the time of His coming. How proud and excited God the Father must be.

As Jerusalem came into view, the heavenly visitors froze. With amazement they beheld the indifference of the "chosen people of God." To the angels it was obvious these people were neither ready nor waiting. Instead, the hearts and minds of people on earth were engrossed in selfishness and worldliness. They knew not that Jesus' coming was at hand! In desperation, the winged party headed for Bethlehem. Surely there, they reasoned, it was different. Surely there, they hoped, some would be watching and waiting. But it was not so. Everywhere they searched it was the same.

As the stunned angels retreated toward heaven, they thought of the Father. How pained and tortured He must be. Pain inflicted by a people He loved so much that He had sent His only Son. The angels hastened to be with Him to console Him. At that precise moment, a light caught their attention. It was small, but it was light. Diverting their direction they maneuvered closer to investigate. To their surprise and joy they found a small group of shepherds praying. They were praying for the Messiah to come!

Forgetting their jolting disappointment, these heavenly messengers drew near to join the watching and waiting shepherds. Together they celebrated the birth of the Savior of the world. Together they marked the greatest event of the ages. With renewed hope the angels returned home, imagining how proud and excited the Father must be!

Throughout the ages there have always been those who are faithful. My prayer is that you and I are among the faithful.

Pastor Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI



Debi Dickerson

Debi Dickerson, age 18, is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) in Cedar Lake, MI. Debi is president of the Adventist Youth for Better Living, and pianist for the Girl's Club. She has been involved in the academy's witnessing program for three years.

Judi Matusik, dean of girls at GLAA, says: "Debi is nice to everybody — she treats everybody the same. She is always helpful and cheerful, and one of

the best examples of a Christian young person you can find."

Born Feb. 8, 1976, to Karl and Linda Dickerson, Debi is a member of the Mendon (MI) Church. Her family lives in Nottawa, MI. Debi's main interest is music. She likes to play the piano and sing. Debi has been a band member for several years. One year she played the trumpet, another the tuba, and someday she hopes to learn to play the saxophone.

Debi aspires to work for God as a nurse or dietician and possibly as a missionary.

Joey Steffen, age 18, is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) in Cedar Lake, MI. Joey has been on the Student Association for two years. He is a member of Aerokhanas, the school's gymnastics team.

Skip Hann, dean of boys at GLAA, says: "Joey is very honest. He has been a RA [resident assistant in the dormitory] for three years — he sets a good Christian example. He is exceptionally astute when it comes to recognizing the needs of others."

Born in Kalamazoo, MI, Feb. 10, 1976, to John and Jan Steffen, Joey is a member of the Paw Paw (MI) Church.

Joey likes most sports, he made the GLAA varsity basketball team this year.

Joey is undecided in terms of what he wants to do for his career, but Dean Hann states, "he'll be successful at whatever he chooses."



Joey Steffen

LETTERS

WE WELCOME LETTERS from our readers, especially those who comment directly on material published in the *Lake Union Herald*. Short letters are more likely to be published, and all letters are subject to editing for clarity or space. Please submit letters, including your name and address, to: "Letters," *Lake Union Herald*, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

"Operation Amigo" — A Great Opportunity

I would like to say thank you to the leadership in the Lake Union for encouraging all of us to get involved in "Operation Amigo," [a mission-out-reach project to our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic].

I have just returned from my fourth visit to the Dominican Republic to make preparations for yet another project to build a school in Azua this spring.

While I was there, I took the time to visit some recent projects which I had worked on. The school the Lake Union funded in San Francisco de Macoris has gone from an eight-grade school to a K-12 operation in the first year of being in their new facilities. Enrollment in the old school was around 85, and now they have about 230 students with a goal of 600 students next year.

The four churches which were built in the South Mission with nearly 100 of us this spring, looked beautiful. But more importantly, each of those four churches are the top leaders in baptisms for South Mission this year. From January to September, the Tamayo district in South Mission had already reached 157 percent of their goal for

this year.

As I stood in front of the display in the South Mission office showing this information, I was humbled and once again overjoyed to have been a part of this increase.

Thank you for providing these opportunities in short-term mission service to Lake Union members. This has given me an even greater interest in, and vision of, global mission.

Chuck Randall
Lawton, MI

Sharing the Herald

Mrs. Abrell loves the Seventh-day Adventist message. She attends services but is not yet baptized. She enjoys the *Herald*. And I read every word.

Dorothy P. Ingels
Freedom, IN

Keeping People in Touch

I grew up in Wisconsin, and I appreciate the *Herald* since my late minister husband and I worked in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The *Herald* is like a letter from home.

E. Martelle Tyson
Bellbrook, OH

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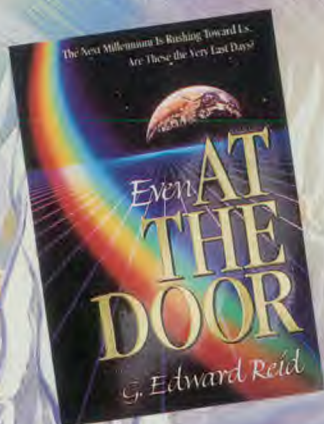
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