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## COVER

Women in the Lake Union are finding all sorts of ways to reach out to the women in their communities with love and care. Herbal tea parties are but one of the ways. Photo by the editor.

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## EDITORIAL

# Been Here Long Enough—Time to Move On

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION  
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

It has been good. Things have gone well. A certain predictability has set in, and that makes any of us feel more comfortable. No, I am not complaining about things, but it *is* time to move on. I don't want to stay in the same place forever . . . not even for a decade. Well, for that matter, not even a year . . . or even a day. It's time to move on.

When the Puritans left for America, their pastor, who stayed behind, stood by the boat and challenged them to keep moving. It is easy to fall into a routine, to kind of coast along without giving real thought to what is happening. It is so easy to do just what we did yesterday, which is a repeat of last week. Don't stop in your Christian walk where you are today.

My father loved the song, "I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, 'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.'" That's what I want. That's it exactly! I want to keep pressing on to higher ground. I want to be closer to Jesus today than I was yesterday, and closer yet tomorrow than I am today.

Couples often renew their commitments to each other, and as they do, their relationship grows. That's what I have in mind. Here and now I am renewing my commitment to Jesus—evaluating the amount of time that I've been spending with Him, the time we've been talking to each other, and the gifts that I've been giving Him. I'm not planning to live on a plateau.

When our family first became Adventists, things *really* changed. On that one day, the language cleaned up, the tobacco was gone, the alcohol was gone, and even the meat was gone. It was a dramatic change, but I don't want to make my home on that plateau. I really like the thought that the longer I serve Jesus, the closer our friendship is and the more I enjoy being with Him. Years ago I couldn't understand how anyone could spend more than a few minutes praying. Now, sometimes when I leave on a trip, I decide that it will be a time to talk more with Jesus. He rides along, and we spend the day together.

I'm happy to have a relationship with Jesus, and it's getting better by the day. Stop here? No way! That's not my plan. My plan is that every day will be a new day with Him in which I will get to know Him better. Please join me. Let's move on to a better relationship with Jesus. Won't you make that commitment to Him right now?



## Mission to Belize

BY DAVID COLBURN

**D**uring spring break of 1998, 35 Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) students and faculty met with approximately 40 people from the Gobles-Pinedale Church to make a long flight to Belize, Central America (formerly British Honduras). It was the beginning of a 10-day mission trip to erect the main structures for Adventist churches in the towns of Steadfast and Sarawee.

At the work site, roof crews were chosen, and a line of people soon formed to move the cement blocks. Everyone was assigned a particular job, and after five days, the two churches were finished. Everyone was overjoyed to know they had completed their jobs one day earlier than planned.

Even though the main physical objective was to build churches, many of the students involved returned with an inner spiritual satisfaction as well.

Andrea Ohm, a junior from Romeoville, Illinois, said, "It gave me a satisfying feeling to see all the work we accomplished and the people that we helped. I can honestly say it was one of the best spring breaks I've ever had." "I really enjoyed this mission trip because it made me realize how privileged we are here in America," commented Jenae Johnson, a junior from Ortonville, Michigan. "It made me grow a lot closer to God. I would definitely go again if I could." Jeremy Castleberg, a senior from Cedar Lake, Michigan, commented, "It was a great experience to expand our horizons by helping under-privileged people. The trip definitely brought me closer to God and showed His importance in my life. I think mission trips are one of the best ways to witness to people."

In conjunction with the building projects, there was also a dental clinic provided for the community by Don Horricks, a dentist from Ontario,

Canada, his wife, Faye, and their two daughters, Amada and Jessica. Several academy students also shared in this outreach by assisting the dentist as he worked in his dental clinic.

Both Sabbaths they were there, the students assisted in the local church and another one that was on an island one



*Curious children watch as Don Horricks, DDS, of Ontario, Canada, cares for dental patients at his free clinic.*

hour away. Why did these students choose to spend their spring break in an unfamiliar country building churches and pulling teeth? Perhaps it was because they wanted to do something meaningful for others. As a result, they received satisfaction for themselves, knowing that they were following Christ's example by serving others.

*David Colburn is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.*



*GLAA students assist in the Maranatha project to build two churches in Central America during spring break.*

### Junior Sabbath School Helps Too!

Deon Swanapoel, Cedar Lake Church junior department Sabbath school leader, told the children that when he visited the Adventist island church in Belize on Sabbath, that those children had only one Bible to read. So the children from the primary, junior, and earliteen departments raised \$325 and purchased 27 Bibles. These were sent to the children of Belize with a photo of a Cedar Lake child who had chosen to send them a Bible with a personal note. Since Mr. Swanapoel had the names of the Belize children, their names were engraved on the Bibles that were sent by their Cedar Lake Sabbath school friends.



# NEW MEMBERS

## MICHIGAN

The story of **David and Debra Danner** started back in 1995 when Evangelist Steve Vail held a Daniel and Revelation Seminar at the Royce Hotel in Romulus, Michigan. Because a handbill advertising the seminar came to their post office box, David and Debra decided to attend. Debra was eager to go because the family was not attending church, and she had been praying and pleading with God to lead her into the right church. David wanted to come with her only to make sure she was not being duped into joining some strange cult. They later learned that the arrival of the advertising handbill in their mailbox was a miracle in answer to Debra's prayers. Handbills had **NOT** been mailed to any address at that post office—yet Steve's handbill was there!

David is a truck driver, and normally it would be impossible for him to attend meetings. Then miracle number two happened—"coincidentally" he had three days off and, therefore, could come with Debra. Neither Debra nor David was ready to join the Adventist Church at the end of the seminar. They needed a better and deeper understanding of the Bible. Debra said, "It was the combined patience of the church elders, Pastor Mike Oxentenko, and the visits of Evangelist Steve and his wife, Connie, who came and studied with us and answered all our questions that prepared us to finally be baptized."

After David and Debra had been members of the Oakwood Church for two years, they became spiritually dissatisfied. They wanted to do more than just sit in a church pew. They again began praying for God to lead them into a deeper experience. As they studied, they were impressed with Christ's call to discipleship. A church member loaned them a video showing

what took place at the first Festival of Discipleship. But they set the video aside for almost two months. Then one day Debra watched it, and she believed immediately that it was the answer to their prayers. She called Steve Vail and talked to him about the video. He shared more details about what the Festival of Discipleship focused on, and then he asked, "Are you going?" Debra called David on his



**Debra and David Danner have discovered the meaning of "discipleship."**

cell phone to tell him all about the weekend, and he answered, "Yes, we will go!"

They attended the discipleship weekend, and they believed the Holy Spirit sent them because they were so blessed. Their response to the question, "How has the Festival of Discipleship affected your lives?" was, "We are determined to be true disciples, because we believe Jesus has called us. Now we know what the word *discipleship* means, and we can define it. That's something we could not have done before we came. Now we believe we are called to serve Jesus by winning others to His kingdom."

*Kathy Danowski, Oakwood communication leader*

Sisters, Janet Garner and **Dawn Briggs**, were both married when their parents became Seventh-day Adventists. Janet accepted Adventist

doctrines as her parents shared Bible truths with her and their other sister, Susan. However, Dawn firmly resisted any truths her family endeavored to share with her. Her husband was a Catechism instructor, and Dawn was very defensive of those beliefs. So her family and many friends prayed often that the Holy Spirit would help her to become more open to studying the Bible.

Bob and Sandi Stewart became the pastoral team in the Saginaw Church where Janet had become a member. Their chief goal was to win souls for Jesus through every available avenue. One of these avenues was nutritional cooking classes. One Sabbath Sandi announced she would be conducting a cooking class for the church and community. Thrilled at the news, Janet invited her sister, Dawn, to attend with her. Very soon Dawn's heart was bonded in love with Sandi's. Then Janet's husband, Jack, expressed a desire to study the Bible with Bob and Sandi. Dawn asked if she could also join the studies. They rejoiced in the precious Bible truths they were discovering.

When the Signs of the Times Crusade evangelistic series began, Dawn and her husband Pat attended together, and Dawn was thrilled as she observed the moving of the Holy Spirit in his life. As he listened and responded to the preaching of God's Word, he became convinced that the messages of Christ's teachings were the answer to his heart's needs. He sensed that God was leading him into more truth than he had formerly known, and he rejoiced in the peace and hope these truths brought to his life.

As the evangelistic crusade came to its conclusion, five family members were baptized: Jack, Dawn, and Pat for the first time, and Janet and their son, Tom, were re-baptized in an act of re-dedication of their lives to the Lord. Everyone was witnessing the mighty power of intercessory prayer for each of these converts.

*Kay Collins, Signs of the Times Crusade correspondent*



**Mark Butcher** grew up on a family farm near Alma, Michigan. He had several aunts and uncles who attended the Twin Cities Church, and they endeavored to share their faith with him.

After the death of his father, Mark began to spend more time at the home of his Aunt Nancy and Uncle Gary Butcher. Their devotion to Jesus greatly impressed him. He wanted to learn why they had such peace and joy in their lives. With a deep hunger for truth, he would often come to their home at 5:00 a.m. to study the Bible with them. As they began studying God's Word together, Mark accepted each point as it became clear to his understanding. As he surrendered his heart to His Savior, he found strength for victory over his smoking habit.

Now Satan became angry at Mark's spiritual progress, and he endeavored to prevent him from being obedient to God's Word. Mark left the farm and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived for the next three years. However,

learned that Collins was conducting a crusade at the Saginaw Church. Since it was within driving distance, they invited Mark to accompany them to the crusade and meet the speaker of the video series he had been viewing. Mark went, and he never missed another night of the crusade. When an invitation was given to accept Jesus and all the truth revealed in His Word, Mark gladly responded.

On Sabbath, April 4, there was great joy in the hearts of his family and his new church family as they witnessed pastors Robert Stewart and Dan Collins baptize him. Mark had searched for the hidden treasure and discovered it in God's Word. His acceptance of the heavenly treasure by surrendering all to Jesus was truly worth the cost.

*Kay Collins, Signs of the Times  
Crusade correspondent*

Sheryl had discovered *Bedtime Stories*, and *The Bible Story* series by Arthur Maxwell in her school library, and she eagerly read them whenever she had spare time. She also bombarded one of her classmates, who was a Seventh-day Adventist, with questions as to why he went to church on Saturday or why he didn't eat pork. His responses planted more seeds of Bible truth in her mind that would bear fruit years later.

When Sheryl was eighteen, she accepted Jesus as her savior, and in her continued search for God's truth, she attended many different denominational churches. After she was married, she and her husband, James, and two children, Laura and Aaron, were members for ten years of a Sunday church in Saginaw, Michigan. However, Sheryl was not spiritually satisfied.

One day one of the church members, Keith Wirsing, who had become an Adventist, began sharing what he had learned from the Bible with Sheryl and her family. He gave her the book *The Almost Forgotten Day* by Mark Finley, and she began reading it in the warm waters of her bathtub. She found she could not lay it aside until she

finished it. She was then convinced that her childhood classmate was correct in observing Saturday for the Bible Sabbath. She was so excited she called Keith that very night and asked whether she could attend church with him the next Saturday. She went to church with him and later spent time discussing her questions with Gary Bullard, pastor of the First Flint Church.

Sheryl's hunger for truth led her to attend the NET '95 evangelistic crusade at the First Flint Church, the NET '96 crusade at the Saginaw Church, and a Festival of Faith at Camp Au Sable. However, she was still not ready to make a commitment to Christ as an Adventist. When the new



**Laura, Sheryl, and Aaron Miller rejoice at their commitment to Christ with their new Saginaw Church family.**

Saginaw Church pastor and his wife, Bob and Sandi Stewart, arrived, they continued to foster her friendship and spiritual interest. They also sent her family the *Signs of the Times*. Next came evangelists Dan and Kay Collins with their *Signs of the Times* Crusade in the Saginaw Church, and Sheryl and her daughter, Laura, faithfully attended each meeting. At the close of the series, Sheryl and Laura were baptized, and her son Aaron made a decision to be baptized soon.

God has used many different experiences to both plant and water the seeds of Bible truth and to gently cultivate them over the years. When it was time for a bountiful harvest of newly baptized lives, the Holy Spirit lead **Sheryl Miller and her children** to make their heartfelt commitment.

*Kay Collins, Signs of the Times  
Crusade correspondent*



**Evangelist Dan Collins and his wife, Kay, stand with Mark Butcher, and Nancy and Gary Butcher.**

Mark longed to be back on the farm—back with his relatives who loved God and loved him. He had learned enough of God's Word to be convinced that the seventh day of the week was the Sabbath, and Sunday-keeping no longer satisfied the spiritual hunger of his soul. He longed to dig deeper in his study of the Bible.

When Mark returned to Michigan, Uncle Gary and Aunt Nancy loaned him a set of videos by Evangelist Dan Collins. As Mark watched the videos, he became excited about the truths he was learning. Then his relatives



# Heart Call

*Women reaching women  
in the Lake Union*

BY MARJORIE SNYDER



*Women's ministries provide an opportunity for women to reach out to their neighbors and friends by including them in social activities that meet both their social and spiritual needs.*

Women in the Lake Union Conference have joined the North American Division women's ministries *Heart Call*, an initiative to reclaim women who are inactive or former church members.

"Many times we want to reach out to others and are not always sure how to begin. The *Heart Call* method will reach out to women who could not be reached in any other way," says Myrna Earles, Lake Union women's ministries director.

Many times women try to reach out by just inviting women to church—or telling them they should come. But most of the time that does not work as a first step. The *Heart Call* program offers many ways to reclaim members, not only women but the rest of the family too.

The first step for reclaiming women, of course, is to find out who these women are. In all churches, both large and small, there are former members that may not have been contacted for many years. Some of them may want to come back but don't know how to initiate contact.

*Heart Call* outlines methods for reclaiming women that are so simple many people do not even think of them. Writing a note or making a

phone call are important, but a personal visit is much more effective.

Also included in *Heart Call* are other activities, such as sending a special gift set of Bible studies for women and an invitation to NET '98 meetings. Women will also be sent a copy of *Women of Spirit* magazine. Some conferences will subsidize the cost of the magazine through the special women's ministries offering that was taken recently in the churches.

Along with *Heart Call*, those involved in women's ministries are also targeting their friends in the community who have an interest in the Adventist Church through their acquaintance with Adventist women, either as neighbors or co-workers. To do this, they are reaching out with special activities, such as prayer groups, regular meetings of interest to women, service programs, and retreats for both members and friends of the church.

Every conference in the Lake Union has a women's ministries program, including a retreat at least once a year where women can come together and hear topics of special interest to them. Prayer and Bible study are emphasized at the retreats. Reports from the conferences are encouraging.

## WISCONSIN

Tami Drewieck of Janesville, Wisconsin, grew up in a loving Seventh-day Adventist home, attended church school, and graduated from Wisconsin Academy. She then began making some choices that led her away from the church.

"I believed I was in control of my life and destiny. I continued down this path for many years and left God in the dust," Tami explained.

During this time Tami's best friend remained true to the Lord. From time to time she would share with Tami her concerns about her lifestyle.

"Of course, Satan closed my heart and mind, so I missed what she was trying to tell me. Little did I know that she was also praying for me. She prayed that the Holy Spirit would open my eyes to my destructive way of living," Tami continued.

Over a period of five years Tami began to build a relationship with a man who had also left the church. Things were great at first, then about two years into the relationship, Tami began to see things that were wrong in her life. She started to feel guilty about her lifestyle. She could not understand why she was feeling this way. Why now? She was 32 years old and had finally found the love of her life. If she changed, would she lose the man she loved?



While she was struggling, her friend called and invited her to an expense-paid, weekend get-away retreat. "It sounded like fun, but I worked second shift. Things were a little rough in my relationship, and Sunday would be "Sweetest Day." My friend suggested that maybe the time away would be good for us, and it didn't matter what time I got there. I agreed to go," Tami said.

Tami arrived at 2:30 in the morning but slept well and woke up feeling good. Throughout the day she saw



*Women from the Spanish Church in Grand Rapids reach out to their community by providing Tetanus vaccinations to those who need them—a service co-sponsored with the local health department.*

many women from her earlier connection with the church. Part of the retreat featured small group sessions. It was difficult to choose which one to attend, Tami remembers, but she finally settled on one by Dee Kessen called "How to Live Spiritually Single."

Living singly had been her heart's fear for the past year, and she wondered if she could do it. Dee seemed to be talking directly to Tami as she shared her own story.

"I could not believe that through all these years, and all my sins, the Lord was still waiting for me. He is so faithful. I truly believe there is a reason for everything. My best friend was there, I was there (at the retreat), and

Dee was speaking on this specific topic that I needed so much. The Lord opened my eyes.

"Before this I took God for granted. I have always loved music, but now the Holy Spirit allowed me to enjoy it with my soul and not just my ears. It has been almost two years since that first retreat, and I still cry when I hear 'Amazing Grace.'

"How is my life at home? Well, my boyfriend has accepted the changes in my life, but Satan works overtime on him. I know that if he is the man for me the Lord will work things out. In fact, He has already started. Even his family has made changes in their lives when I am around, and his mother and I talk about God quite a bit.

"I'm looking forward to my next retreat to pray and praise the Lord with old friends. This will be a true time of refreshing," Tami concluded.

## MICHIGAN

The Camp Au Sable retreat was so well attended (300 this year) that nearly 100 women had to be turned away. Next year there will be two retreats in April, allowing more women to attend.

who were either former members or co-workers and neighbors.

Other women's ministries events are also taking place around the state. The Spanish women have been busy making a difference in their communities with awareness activities.

Iris Maldonado, women's ministries leader for the Maranatha Spanish Church in Grand Rapids, has been holding a monthly cooking program called "Cooking and Sharing." This has been well attended, and the women will be invited to attend NET '98.

The Spanish group also has an initiative called "Friend to Friend." They keep track of the members' birthdays and remember them. Three of their members maintain a list of members and make telephone contact at least once a week.

Another outreach to the community for the Spanish women is a program co-sponsored with the health department to offer Tetanus vaccinations to those who need them. They also held their own retreat recently.

In some cases, women become convicted to do something for their



*Prayer and Bible study are an important part of women's ministries.*

The retreat featured author and speaker Kay Rizzo, and on Saturday night the women were treated to a Victorian herbal tea party. A number of women brought friends with them

friends that will eventually prepare them for further contact with the church. "This has helped bring the women of the church closer together," Iris said.

Madlyn Hamblin of Adrian is one of



those women. Following a 1995 trip to South America with Rose Otis, North American Division vice president for ministries, Madlyn's idea of personal mission changed.

"I came home from a three-week trip feeling ashamed of how many times I thought only of myself. During this trip my eyes were opened to the tremendous needs of women and children who struggle with seemingly endless duties in order to survive," Madlyn explained.

After Madlyn's church held a successful cooking school with more than 50 attending, she found several women who still wanted more instruction in healthful cooking and vegetarianism.

"I decided to invite these women to my home and serve them a vegetarian meal, then give them recipes for quick and easy meals," Madlyn said. "This seemed easier for me than trying to put on cooking schools on a regular basis."

Madlyn planned a meal with her friend Jane Diamond helping her. The first time the group met there were six women present. The women enjoyed the evening so much that they wanted to continue on a monthly basis. The group meets faithfully each month in Madlyn's home. They also had a special Christmas party with their husbands attending.

These friends, who are not Seventh-day Adventists, are also enjoying other activities with Madlyn and her husband, Ray. The women and their husbands traveled to the Metropolitan Church's annual vegetarian tasting event.

"This was a wonderful way to expose my friends to a larger group of Adventists. One woman said that she had no idea our church was full of such a variety of knowledgeable people who shared information with the community on a regular basis," Madlyn continued.

The group continues to meet each month, and now that Madlyn has moved to a larger home, the size of the group is increasing.

"I hesitated to invite more people,

because I wanted to keep the event manageable and not stress myself out trying to entertain a crowd. But the group is growing, and on June 15, I had 13 women attend," Madlyn said.

The group has now added another element to the meal. After they have eaten, they discuss a specific predetermined topic. Their most recent discussion centered around the state of society and the end of the world.

"This is my way of becoming



***Following up on a cooking school held at the church, Madlyn Hamblin of Adrian, Michigan, invited the women to her home for a vegetarian meal and to share recipes. Now they do it on a monthly basis.***

educated about my friends' spiritual needs without being pushy or prying. I'm not sure what is in store for this group. Several have come to church at least once, and three ladies attended at least one night of the NET '96 meetings," Madlyn concluded.

Madlyn has had additional opportunities to minister to her friends, either by visiting them in the hospital when they are ill or by praying with them when they experience a personal crisis.

Women's ministries is not one of control, power, or militancy. It is simply following the counsel of Ellen White when she wrote, "Women should work for women." Madlyn admits she may not be able to change the world, but, she says, "I can make a difference where I am."

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*Marjorie Snyder is the Lake Union Conference women's ministries communication coordinator.*

#### BY EVELYN GLASS

**P**olly's Place, the very name evokes feelings of warmth and love. It is a safe haven for all who enter and a refuge from the storms that assault individuals who are going through domestic violence. There are so many who experience hardships as they travel through life. The dedicated workers at Polly's Place are doing their best to provide hope, encouragement, and healing to pregnant teens and those who are experiencing abusive home situations.

The Renewal Institute is the education and counseling arm of this ministry. The institute is designed to offer a variety of nonresidential programs and services for families and to educate the church leaders and members.

Polly's Place opened its doors in 1997 and began to minister to those who came, even before they were fully equipped and ready to receive guests. Statistics are interesting, and it is good to see the number of women who have been helped, but the "proof of the pudding" is in the heartwarming stories that tell of the blessings women have received as they have come to Polly's Place. Christine tells her story:

"Before coming to Polly's Place, I realized I was just trying to survive. I knew about the other shelters in my area, but I wanted to be with people of my own faith. I wanted to be surrounded by Adventists. I didn't know if anything like this existed. I called the



# Healing Where the Hurt Is

## *Women in Renewal, Inc.*

Adventist PlusLine. They told me about Polly's Place.

"For many years, I was trying to cope with my husband beating up on me emotionally and physically. In return I started to beat up on myself saying, 'Well maybe he's right.' Yet I was going out and empowering everyone else. I felt this was one of the things that I needed. I needed to feel needed by somebody. That was what my self esteem was based on. But I still had unfulfilled needs. 'What about me?' I would cry out, as I stuffed myself with food. 'I'll make myself better.'

"After coming to Polly's Place, I've realized that I am important too. I do have a right to be heard. My ideas are important, and I can set goals for myself without feeling guilty or feeling that I am outshining someone else. (My husband would always ask me, 'Why do you have to do so much?' Are you trying to prove you are better than everyone else?")

"Now I have a new start in life. I am free to be who I am. I feel that I am

worthy of succeeding. I know that I am somebody today. My father is a King. I am an heir, although I am still working on my issues, I am accepting these things by faith."

Still another woman shares her experience, "When I arrived at Polly's

president and CEO, even slept on the floor in her office to ensure that I felt safe. One therapist told me, 'We need to slowly peel away the scab on a gaping wound so that we can clean it out and begin the healing process.' This was painful, and I begged to stop

the process; but the staff, with wisdom and love, gently nudged me forward.

"When the time came for me to return home, I had mixed emotions because the staff at Polly's Place had become like family to me. I believe the best way I can show my gratitude is by going forward with my life and using what I learned during my stay at Polly's Place."

The "wish list" for Polly's Place is filled with items

needed to operate and to care for the guests. To receive information about the needs and services available, contact Polly's Place, P.O. Box 102, Berrien Center, MI 49102; or call toll free (888) 687-5300.

*Evelyn Glass is the Mid-America Union family and women's ministries director.*



***Polly's Place is a safe haven that offers peace, comfort, and support for victims of domestic violence from Christian homes.***

Place, the entire staff was working on a volunteer basis because of the shortage of funds. This did not affect the quality of care. The staff formed a circle of support around me and ministered to me on every level.

"The personal touch was evident throughout the days and nights. Mabel Dunbar, Women in Renewal



# Don't Miss out

*Now is the time to join an Adventurer*

BY TERRY DODGE

**A**dventurers is for boys and girls in grades 1-4 and includes parent participation and involvement. **Adventurers** have monthly club meetings, participate in child/parent activities, earn awards,

learn more about Jesus, and enjoy field trips. This is a program for parents who care about their children.

**Pathfinders** is for young people in grades 5-10 who enjoy working on their AY (Adventist Youth) classes, attend at least two club meetings per month, earn AY honors, go camping



Young Adventurers enjoy the Adventurer Fun Day relay.

## Adventurers



One of the Adventurer Fun Day activities is the opportunity to express creativity at the finger-painting table.



Adventurers try their skills in the airplane-flying contest.



Nursing home residents enjoy an Easter program put on by Adventurers.



On a field trip, Adventurers learn how to make apple cider with an apple press.



# on the Fun

## or Pathfinder club!

three or four times a year, and enjoy participating in various conference events such as the camporee, Pathfinder fair, Bible Bowl, Teen Mission trip, teen snow outing, and investiture. Pathfinders who elect to participate in the Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program continue in Pathfinders

through grade 12 as assistant staff members.

The pictures show some of the experiences Adventurers and Pathfinders have.

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*Terry Dodge is Michigan Conference Pathfinder director.*



One of the camporee events is the knot-tying contest.



One of the highlights of the year is the Pathfinder camporee.

## Pathfinders



Teens enjoy snow-boarding at the teen snow outing.



Pathfinder drill teams demonstrate their skills at the Pathfinder fair.



Pathfinders test their Biblical knowledge at the annual Bible Bowl.



# Archaeology, Artifacts, and a Well

BY THE EDITOR

**S**tudents from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., participated in an archaeological field school this summer at the James and Ellen White home in Battle Creek. Michael Nassaney, director of the field school, said that they were looking for the location of the horse barn, other out buildings, and the community well.

the time of the Whites. "More study needs to be done," he concluded. The location of the well has yet to be discovered.

The interior of the White home has been torn out, and careful study has been made by a historical architect to determine how to restore it to look as it did when the Whites lived there.

can paint, help in the clean-up, clear brush, do flower beds, and other tasks in the village," Jaecks said. Volunteers should contact Lenard Jaecks at (616) 966-0104, or 264 W. Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017, before coming to work.

Several projects are in progress this summer. Maranatha Volunteers are moving a log cabin to its village site and constructing the Meeting House, and a group from the Washington Conference will be constructing a replication of the barn behind the White home.

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*Richard Dower is the Lake Union Herald editor.*

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*Digging one meter square holes, students hoped to find the location of a community well reported to be located on the property line between the White and Lewis homes.*



*Students from Western Michigan University participate in an archaeological field school in the Historic Adventist Village.*

The well was described as being located on the property line between the Whites and the home of Jonah Lewis.

The initial digging was done in several one meter square holes strung out along the property line and in the back yard of the White home. The dirt was carefully removed from the holes with shovels and small trowels, and it was sifted to remove any artifacts. Lenard Jaecks, executive director of the Historic Adventist Village project, said that fragments of fruit jars, dishes, buttons, and other objects were discovered, some probably dating from

A cistern was discovered under the room believed to be the kitchen. "The existence of the cistern is an exciting discovery because it gives us some clues into the daily life of Ellen White and others who were living in Battle Creek during that time period," said Jaecks.

"We are needing volunteers who



*Rick Steward, by the ladder, and Erin Malley, both sophomores at Western Michigan University, carefully sift the soil from their hole and log the artifacts that they find.*





# CREATIVE PARENTING

*The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life*

## Don't Shake Us, You Might Break Us!

by Susan E. Murray

I will never forget his picture! I was in a Lansing, Michigan, grocery store waiting by the newspaper racks. I noticed on the front page of the *Detroit Free Press* the picture of a young man, maybe 19-20 years old. His face was pained, and the story was equally painful.

This young man had been charged with the murder of his own child. His story revealed that every time he gave his infant son his rattle, the baby would drop it on the floor from where he was sitting in a high chair. This father said he had wanted his son to grow up to be obedient and responsible, so he took the baby out of the highchair and shook him to get him to pay attention. The shaking had broken the baby's neck, and the infant had died because of this father's lack of parenting skills and the knowledge of how children grow and develop.

Taking care of a baby can sometimes be as overwhelming as it is joyful. When a baby cries inconsolably, it can leave adults frustrated, angry, and overwhelmed. Caring for a baby is a big responsibility! If the baby you are caring for has been crying for what seems like forever, and you have tried feeding and changing the baby and nothing seems to help, it may be hard to resist the urge to shake the baby. No matter how frustrated you feel, don't shake a baby!

Sometimes an adult will shake a baby to quiet him, and this is dangerous. Many young children suffer serious injury or die due to violent shaking each year. It can happen so quickly! A baby cries, and the care giver becomes frustrated

and angry. In a blink of an eye, the child is shaken and the damage is done.

Shaking damages babies because they have weak neck muscles that must support their heavy heads and still-developing brains. The protective outer layer of the brain, which helps to prevent injuries, has not yet developed. The space between the brain and the skull is also larger, so the brain can travel farther, gaining more speed before it impacts with the skull.

*Even a few seconds of shaking can cause serious damage to infants and young children up to the age of three.*

When a baby won't stop crying, here are some tips for parents and care givers:

- Check to see if the baby needs to be fed, changed, or made comfortable.
- Make sure the baby is not ill. Check for fever or swollen gums. If these signs are present, call your doctor or give proper care based on the symptoms.
- Gently rock or walk with the baby.
- Put the baby in a wind-up swing.
- Check to make sure that the clothing is not too tight or that the fingers or toes are not bent.
- Turn up the music on the stereo, run the vacuum, turn on the dryer, or let the water run in the tub for a few minutes.
- Talk or sing quietly to the baby.
- Offer the baby a busy toy. Shake or rattle the toy.
- Lay the baby tummy down across your lap and gently rub or pat her back.
- Call a friend or a relative you trust to take over while you take a time-out.

If you can find out what the baby needs and provide it, usually the crying will stop. But discovering what that is, is not always easy. Healthy babies may cry up to two or three hours a day. A baby with colic may cry all day long. Sometimes a baby just wants to be picked up and held!

Crying is not a ploy used by babies to get attention. Research shows that babies under the age of one year are not capable of knowing that crying is a way to control parents' behavior.

There is a new national campaign to educate people about the importance of not shaking babies. At the recent First National Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome, child health specialists reported that an estimated 800-1,200 babies are hospitalized in the United States every year because of being shaken, and up to 25% die. Many others suffer blindness and mental retardation. The average age of shaken babies has been 7.6 months, but children as young as 2 weeks and as old as 27 months have been reported.

Let's all do our part to share this important knowledge with others and to support young families and all child care givers.





# Ages & Stages

## Never Shake a Baby

Knowing what to do to prevent "shaken baby syndrome" before it happens is so important. Following are some ideas to help you prevent the abuse caused by shaking a baby:

- Support a baby's head when you are playing with or carrying her.
- Don't bounce a baby on your knee or swing him on your foot.
- Make sure anyone who is caring for your baby knows how to hold and handle the child. Tell them to never shake the baby.
- Don't spin a young child around.
- Show a child love and concern by holding and cuddling her.
- Know what to do if a baby in your care won't stop crying.

## Like the Back of My Hand

When you send your kids off to school or day care each morning, send them off with a prayer—and a stamp. Let your child select a rubber stamp and colorful ink (safe for skin). After your morning prayers, stamp the back of your child's hand and tell her this is a special reminder that Jesus is always with her, and that you will be thinking of her and praying for her throughout the day.

Encourage your child to look at the stamp when facing hard moments at school and to remember Jesus is standing along side. You might also find the stamp creates opportunities for your child to tell friends about Jesus when they ask about the stamp. (Shared in *Christian Parenting Today*)

## How to Stop Child Abuse in a Public Place

It can be very uncomfortable to watch the mistreatment of a child by an adult out of control. Fortunately there are things you can do to help. The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse suggests:

- Strike up a conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child. Say something like, "She seems to be trying your patience." "My child has gotten upset like that, too." "He has beautiful (eyes)." to get the parent in a more positive mood. "Children can wear you out, can't they? Is there something I can do to help?"
- Divert the child's attention (if misbehaving) by talking to the child.
- Praise the child and parent at the first opportunity.
- If the child is in danger, offer assistance. For example, if the child is left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the child until the parent returns.
- Avoid negative remarks or looks. These reactions are likely to increase the parent's anger and could make matters worse.

For more information about protecting children, contact NCPCA at 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 663-3520. Or check their web site at <http://www.childabuse.org>



## Off-to-school Routines:

Here are some ideas to get you all off to a good start for the new school year.

- Set a timer to help your child know when it is time to gather belongings and get ready to leave for school.
- Have a special place for your child's coat, book bag, etc. so everything is in one place each morning.
- Be sure your child understands that no one but a parent (or other designated person) can pick him or her up from school without written permission.
- If there's a change in your schedule any time during the school year, send a note (with the date on it) to the school, stating exactly where your child is to go after school.
- Inquire each day about school activities. This doesn't mean interrogating, and it's important to be sensitive as to the best time for your child to share. For some, it's right after school, for others it's best closer to bedtime. Rather than asking, "Did you have fun?" or "What did you do today?", ask open-ended questions like, "What would you like to tell me about school today?" or "Let's talk about today," or "One thing I learned today was..., tell me about something you learned?"
- Remember that recess isn't fun for everyone every day! Some of the most important experiences, positive and negative, happen on the playground. Be sensitive to your child's feelings about recess.
- Statements like "Be good!" "You'll love school" or "You'll have so much fun!" are not helpful to children. Rather than doing their thinking and feeling for them, consider saying, "I'll miss you today! I'll look forward to talking to you when we both get home."



# Bluebird Togetherness

*Each helps the other and says to his brother, "Be strong!" Isaiah 41:6. (NIV)*

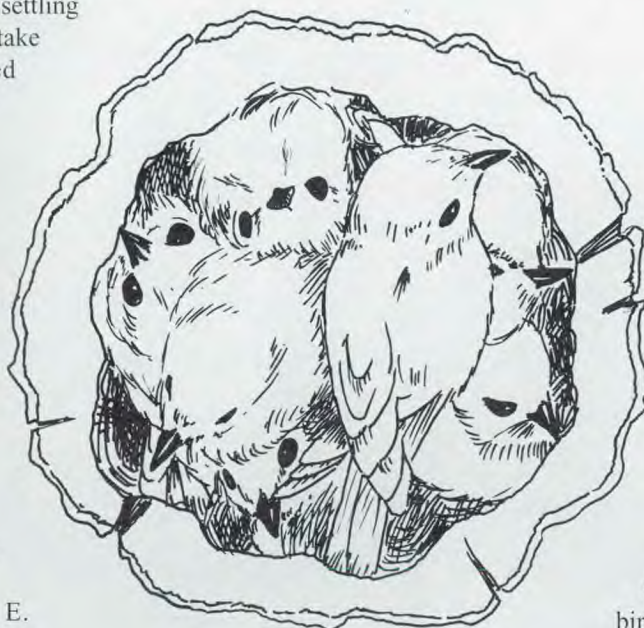
## Exploring God's World

WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

In the spring, Eastern Bluebirds naturally nest in cavities in trees and fenceposts along fields. In the winter, several bluebirds enter the same nest cavity for the night, settling on top of each other to take advantage of the shared body warmth. What a perfect system!

Unfortunately, during the past 100 years, homesteaders and farmers uprooted dead trees, pruned hollow limbs, and cleared meadows, eliminating the bluebirds' traditional nesting places. The "bird with the sky on its back" was in trouble—its numbers were declining rapidly.

In 1934, Dr. T. E. Musselman began a project to save the bluebird. He set out 25 nest boxes to entice bluebirds to return to



the fields and meadows of Adams County, Illinois. His plan was so successful that he increased his project to more than 100 nest boxes along 100 miles of country roads. The bluebird trail was born!

Today, community and school groups, Boy Scout troops, and Pathfinder clubs establish and maintain bluebird trails. If you want to set up your own trail, you can find clear, well-illustrated instructions for nest boxes in books about birdhouses. Or you can use the directions in the February 1998 issue of *Natural Learning* to make an inexpensive nest box out of a bleach bottle.

## Bluebird Hide-and-Seek

Remember how bluebirds pile up to keep warm? Here's a game that will cause a major pile-up—and lots of giggles.

### What to do

1. Select someone to be "It." This person must find a hiding place that's big enough to hold all the players.
2. Everyone but "It" counts to 20 while "It" hides.
3. Anyone who finds "It" quietly joins him or her in hiding.
4. The last player to find the hiding place becomes "It" the next time.



The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.



## Graduation Diary: Class of 1998

*"There is a golden hue to the air on this bright, Michigan morning. The song of a nearby bird seems to say 'this is a day like no other.' It's a great day to be alive, and an even better day to graduate."*



Jack Stenger, AU PR

**Members of the class of 1998—Dan Snyder, Paul Wood, Glenn Gibson and Jorge Guevara—are set to march into PMC.**

ing them were faculty, decked in colorful regalia that reflect rich academic traditions. Around them were the festal, pipe-organ strains of Bach's *Fantasia in G Minor*. The majestic piece gave a church-like air to the event. Awaiting them were diplomas and doctoral robes. This parchment, signed by Andrews Board Chair Robert Kloosterhuis and Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen, represents years of sacrifice for students and their families.

But upon graduation, it represents a call to service. The same call that took John Nevins Andrews to Switzerland is before the class of 1998. And the prayer of the pioneer missionary is as appropriate today as it was in 1874: *"And now, as we set forth, we commit ourselves to the merciful protection of God, and we especially ask the prayers of the people of God that His blessing may attend us in this sacred work."*

Congratulations, Andrews graduates and your families!

## New Seminary Pipe Organ

It's big and loud. And the 4,200-pipe organ in PMC has always stood alone at Andrews. Until now. Big Brother meet Little Brother: installation on a new pipe organ for the seminary chapel has been completed.

For more than 20 years, the seminary chapel has been served by an electronic organ. But failing parts and the desire for a pipe organ prompted fund-raising efforts for a new instrument.

"Students come from around the world to this seminary, so

it was felt that we should offer the highest caliber in worship music," said theology professor John Baldwin, a member of the seminary organ committee.

A significant portion of the \$135,000 needed for the organ was contributed by university donors. Principal donors were Norman and Dorothy Moll of Midland, Mich. Norman Moll is a 1963 Andrews graduate, and his wife is an accomplished pipe organist.

The organ's dedication took place on April 26, during Alumni Homecoming. Featured performers were Dorothy Moll, Kenneth Logan, and C. Warren Becker, who taught organ at Andrews for more than 35 years.

Elmer Mun, AU PR



**The new seminary pipe organ was dedicated on April 26, during Alumni Homecoming weekend.**

## Benton Harbor: The Outreach Continues

Let's consider the scope of this year's Benton Harbor Street Ministries program:

- An average of 80 (the number often hit 100) Andrews students made the 12-mile trip up to Benton Harbor every Sabbath. Multiply this number by 30, the number of academic weeks during three quarters, and you get 2,400 short-term mission trips taken by students during 1997-98.
- The list of ministry offerings was expanded this year and now includes two children's ministry programs, nursing home visits, Bible studies, health checks, and an ongoing prayer ministry to ask for God's blessing on the whole outreach.
- A new, local outreach was added where students witness among their Berrien Springs neighbors and offer prayers in nursing homes and a local hospital.

Student-led initiatives say a lot about Andrews students; but leaders of the outreach say their service says a lot more about the God they serve. "We've always wanted this to be something that's been led by the Lord," said Regina Rector, one of the student leaders. Nearly 2,500 participants this year indicate He's doing a good job of leading.

Jack Stenger, public information officer



Jack Stenger

**Bringing hope to Benton Harbor residents are, from left: Eric Gutschuss, Tatiana Selivanova, Kristi Doss, Ellen Gregorek, Maria Bucheli, Pedro Ruiz, and Alyx Halsey.**



## Gymnastics Team Conducts Week of Prayer

**Michigan** — “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt. 28:19). This is the goal and motto of the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) Aerokhana gymnastics team. Even though the Aerokhanas (Aeros) emphasize physical fitness, our main mission is to share Jesus and His gospel message. At no time was this mission more apparent than during the team’s annual Week of Prayer, which this year was held at Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi.

The Aeros presented a worship service twice each day for the Bass Academy students. Every team member participated in the services in some way.

At first the students seemed distant and resentful of our team’s presence on their campus. Even though much prayer and preparation had gone into our planning for this Week of Prayer, we began to wonder if it was all in vain.

**Aerokhana gymnastics team members from GLAA use their musical talents to witness for God during a Week of Prayer at Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi.**

That evening the team members met and spent time praying together. We again asked God to work through us to reach the hearts of the students. After that we noticed the behavior and attitude of the students begin to change. As the week progressed, the homework and the talking that had been going on during the meetings grew less and less. God was answering our prayers. His Holy Spirit was working on their hearts.

On Thursday evening we presented our play entitled “Dangerous Ground” which depicts events that might take place near the end of time. At the end of the play, an opportunity was given for the students to make a commitment to the Lord. The Holy Spirit was present in that church service because almost the whole student body responded to the call. Many songs were sung, testimonies shared, tears shed, and friendships mended. We learned that the students had already had four weeks of prayer this year, but not one person had responded. Several of the staff members said that they had never seen a response such as this in all the years they had worked at Bass.

The Lord helped us not only with the worship services but also with our gymnastics practices. Our Thursday practice

went very badly. It was hot, and we were tired. Moves and routines that always went fine were not coming together at all—everyone kept falling. It seemed as if nothing was going right for us. Our coach, Rob Gettys, said, “This is the worst practice I have ever been involved with.” So, before practice on Friday, the team first took time to sing and pray together. After that, even though conditions were the same—we were still very hot and very tired—we had one of the best practices we’ve ever had. Every move and routine went well. Moves that had not been successful all year, such as a “hand-to-hand” by Rocky Taylor and Nicki Higgins, worked for the first time.

On Friday evening the Aeros held an Agape feast. And during church service on Sabbath, team captains Anna Holloway and Dieter Lutz gave the sermon. And then we ended the Week of Prayer with a gymnastics performance on Saturday night.

Many students told us that they had come to know God better during the week of prayer. And even though we had gone to witness to the students there, we felt that the Lord had blessed all of us too. The worship services and the gymnastic program that we provided did not display the talent of the Aeros team members, but the power of God. We are grateful that we had the opportunity to see what the Holy Spirit can do through us when we become united with God in purpose and in mission.

*Melissa Blackmer, GLAA Aeros member*



**Aerokhanas perform their gymnastics routines as the ending program of their Week of Prayer.**

## Registrar Honored

**Indiana** — Jo Farwell, Indiana Academy registrar, was recently honored at a yearbook dedication ceremony. She has worked at Indiana Academy for three years as registrar and administrative assistant to the principal. The dedication statement was written by Amber Harrison, IA senior, and includes the following: “Mrs. Farwell is the rock that holds IA together. She is a hard worker and a respected voice, but what we love most about Mrs. Farwell is her kind heart. . . The most important thing Mrs. Farwell has given IA students is her love. She has an amazing ability to listen without judging. The students count her as a friend and trust her opinion because we know she has our best interests in mind. . . We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for us and, most importantly, for helping us see a living example of Christ.”

Indiana Academy is proud to be working with such a great Christian individual, preparing young minds for the soon return of Jesus Christ. Thank you Mrs. Farwell.

*Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy communication director*



## Fairhaven Celebrates Its Christian Education History

**Lake Region** — In the aftermath of the Great Depression, the families of the Flint Second Church began a commitment to Christian education that has continued until this day. In 1932, the school opened with H. T. Saulter as the principal/teacher of all eight grades. The name of the school has changed several times over the years, but today the K-10-grade, three-teacher school is known as Fairhaven Jr. Academy.

On the weekend of May 28-30, Fairhaven celebrated 66 years of commitment to Christian education. The mayor of Flint, the Honorable Woodrow Stanley, who was introduced by school board member Councilman Barry Williams, complimented and encouraged Fairhaven members in his address.

The theme of the weekend was, "Looking Back, Lest We Forget God, Who Has Brought Us Thus Far on the Way." Focusing on this theme, the Friday evening vesper service was held at the site of the North Street Church, which is on the property where the school began. Vern Joyner, the pastor who moved the church from North Street to Fairhaven, was the guest speaker at the vesper and Sabbath morning services.

Many former students and teachers were in attendance. During the divine worship hour, Gwendolyn Jones-Smith, a student in the '30s, led former students into the church, bearing banners depicting the years they attended.

The day concluded with an evening praise service, featuring testimonies and re-united musical groups.

*Lottie M. Harris, homecoming chairperson*

## Drug Essay Award

**Michigan** — William Broderick, an officer of the Battle Creek Police Department and a trustee of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, presented Steven Peach with a \$50 award during the worship services at the Grand Ledge Adventist

Church on May 23, for his essay "Why I Will Say No to Alcohol and Drugs."

Peach is an eighth grader at the Ledges Elementary School. His essay placed fourth in district 12 of the statewide contest sponsored by the Michi-

gan Fraternal Order of Police. District 12 includes the cities of Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Lansing. Peach is the son of Doug and Linda Peach of Grand Ledge.

Peach's essay divided drugs into four major categories: (1) *narcotics*, which lessen pain; (2) *hallucinogens*, which change reality; (3) *stimulants*, which speed up the actions of the nervous system; and (4) *depressants*, which slow down the rate of the body's functions. Peach stated he will not use drugs because they are harmful. He wants to have a clear mind, be physically fit, avoid the risk of spending time in jail, and be a good example. There is no sense of security for drug users.

*Francine Bergmann, Ledges Elementary School teacher/principal*

## Students Take Part in Teens Against Tobacco Use

**Wisconsin** — Green Bay Junior Academy students are taking part in Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), a program sponsored by the Brown County Tobacco-free Coalition, the American Cancer Society, and other advocacy groups. Community leaders in the Teens Against Tobacco Use effort were recognized last fall at the Great American Smoke Out recognition program. George Blumenschein, principal, and Judy Clark, teacher, accepted three awards on behalf of the school.

The Green Bay students volunteered to act as peer mediators, telling fellow teens about the dangers of tobacco. They were featured on the local Channel 2 news during "Bag the Butts," a cleanup program.

One of TATU's goals is to create the "Smoke-free Class of 2000." This 12-year project, sponsored by the American Lung Association, focuses on encouraging the graduating class of 2000 to avoid tobacco use and become tobacco-free advocates. Student April Van de Hei shared her reason for committing to be smoke-free by saying, "Smoking is just not an option for me."

The TATU group did a letter-writing campaign last year. More than 1,000 students wrote letters to area businesses requesting that they go smoke-free. One of our students wrote to a local Burger King, which has since changed its policy to become smoke-free.

"The program is a good way of getting teenagers involved in the community," said Judy Clark, former teacher at the school. "The students have learned not to be ashamed of our health message. It teaches us not to be afraid of what we believe, and that we can do things in the community. We have a right to stand up for what we believe and improve the quality of air."

Clark has been active in the program for four years, attending a rally in Madison and working on letter-writing campaigns. A smoking-cessation program for teen smokers is also being developed.

*Cindy Bunker, Green Bay communication leader*



*Police officer William Broderick presents a \$50 award to Steven Peach of the Ledges Elementary School for his essay "Why I Will Say NO to Alcohol and Drugs."*



## YOUTH NEWS

### Shalem Pathfinders Prepare for 1999 Camporee

**Lake Region** — Members of the Shalem Stars Pathfinder Club held a mini camporee the weekend of May 22 in preparation for the "Discover the Power" Camporee in 1999. The mini camporee was held at Van Patten Woods in Wadsworth, Ill. Pathfinder leader, Esmay Neal, and assistant leader, Sidney Davis, planned

a very active weekend for the club, focusing on the goal of working together as a team.

All of the Pathfinders were responsible for getting the tents pitched. It was also the responsibility of members to make sure that their tent area, both inside and out, was ready

for inspection, which was held each morning before breakfast.

The members of the club were divided into teams and given various responsibilities—getting water, building and maintaining the fire, preparing the meals, and keeping the camp grounds clean. Each tent had a tent leader whose job was to make sure that the tent mates had morning and evening devotions in addition to the devotions held as a group.

Achieving honors was also a part of this mini camporee. The Pathfinders worked on their hiking, edible wild plants, tree, and insect honors.



From left: Roselly Tucker, Juneanne Montejo, and Elsie Tucker prepare their tent for the weekend activities.

Sharon Byrd



Future Pathfinders, members of Shalem's Adventurer Club, enjoy the activities of the mini camporee.

Sharon Byrd

Although rain hampered some of the weekend activities, the Shalem Stars learned a lot about what is needed to have a successful camping trip—team work. They are looking forward to using these skills in Oshkosh, Wis., at the North American Division camporee in 1999.

*Sharon Byrd, Shalem Church communication secretary*

### Prayer Warriors for Christ

**Michigan** — Defy all the odds, captivate the church, and the excitement still reigns. What is it? How can it help? Is it really possible? Young people have shocked those that thought it could not be done. *Prayer Warriors for Christ* proves over and over that young people can be committed, victorious in Jesus, and have a role to play in the work of Christ. They have broken down the barriers between church and community.

Battle Creek, Mich., holds significant treasures because our church was founded and established here. Young people once had the initiative and drive to witness for Christ, which resulted in success in the early days of our church. The young people were the leaders of our movement that spread over North America and to the uttermost parts of the world.

A club called *Prayer Warriors for Christ* was formed by young people in Battle Creek. Bibles were opened and studied on subjects such as how to evangelize and share with our community. Bible marking was done so these studies would be easily accessible whenever the need would arise to use them. Youth began to go door-to-door to share the truths they learned. They simply prayed with all whom they came in contact with. Amazing results and experiences came pouring in that encouraged them to go out again and again. They always returned with more vigor than when they started.

Young people can have an impact in their church and communities when trained and given an opportunity to witness. Think of the benefits your church and city can have with a group like this in your community. Think of the effects these young people could have on our country—especially with NET '98 drawing closer. Pray and ask the Lord to lead you into a role that will assist the young people in your congregation.

*Shawn Dutcher, Prayer Warriors for Christ executive director*



Members of the Prayer Warriors for Christ club are excited about sharing Jesus in their community.



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS



*Couples in the Kalamazoo Church renewed their marriage vows in a special church service conducted by the pastor.*

### Couples Renew Marriage Vows

**Michigan** — A first-of-its-kind for the Kalamazoo Church took place during the worship service recently. With candles lit and processional music playing, a wedding party entered the sanctuary. Lisa and Don Sawvel reenacted their wedding, with all the trimmings, and led the other married couples of the congregation in renewing their own marriage vows. Donn and Lillette Kent and Al and Donna Voth, two couples who had never had a church wedding, served as their attendants. Following the format of a typical church worship service, the wedding and the recommitment of vows took place during the time usually reserved for the sermon.

Mickey Nickless, Kalamazoo pastor, conducted the ceremony. In his sermonette he contrasted the romanticized ideal that newlyweds start their lives together with and the realities of a couple's everyday existence. "We begin our relationships by looking for and expecting that perfect prince or princess charming to come along," he said. "But after we are married for some time, we journey past that stage. It is then more important to *be* the perfect person than to *find* the perfect person. It is only as we develop a relationship with our perfect Heavenly Father that we grow and mature as individuals and couples. I have never seen a marriage break up when both partners continue to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ," he concluded.

To include the congregation in the ceremony, Pastor Mickey invited all the married couples, who wished to recommit themselves to each other, to stand, join their right hands, and repeat their vows again. Lynne Nickless, the pastor's wife, presented the vows to the men, and the pastor presented them to the women. Then the bride and groom and their attendants lit their own unity candles.

After the ceremony, Lisa said she cried all the way up the aisle because she was fulfilling her lifelong dream of getting

married with a wedding gown in an Adventist Church. "It meant a lot to make this recommitment in my home church in celebration of our 12th wedding anniversary," said Lisa, "because when we were married, my husband was not an Adventist." Brian Shade, one of the congregation who participated with his wife in repeating vows, said, "I was especially thankful to do this on Sabbath morning because, of all the things holy and important to God, marriage ranks up at the top."

To celebrate the wedding ceremony, church members were invited to enjoy their monthly fellowship dinner with a wedding cake supplied by the Sawvels. As a result of all the positive feedback, Pastor Mickey plans to periodically have marriage recommitment services.

*Donna Voth, Kalamazoo Church communication leader*

### Pathfinder Reunion

**Michigan** — Sharlene Ervin wanted to have a South Flint Adventurer/Pathfinder reunion for the years 1976–1984 at her church. On May 17, 1998, her dream came true when 30 people gathered to renew the fond memories formed during those years. Former Pathfinders from various cities in Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois strolled the hallways of South Flint Church looking at the Pathfinder memorabilia. They brought back happy memories of backpacking at Lake Placid and the Smoky Mountains, camping and canoeing in the Upper Peninsula, and sleepouts in the fort at Camp Au Sable. And, of course, there were the endless marching drills. The South Flint Pathfinders were members of the 200 Club each year, and they had a reputation as one of the best marching teams in Michigan.

Folks shared how Pathfinder leaders had taught them dynamic Christian virtues and values that will last a lifetime. "Our leaders played a great part in molding our characters through their dedication to organizing meetings, redirecting us when we were out of line, and showing us the love of Jesus," commented Sharlene.

By the end of the day, when a survey was passed out to those who attended, the vote was unanimous to make the Pathfinder reunion an annual event.

*Todd Ervin, South Flint Church communication leader*



*From left: former Pathfinders (back) Joe Hutchins, Betty Fluegemann, (front) Mike Gavagan, and Ron Blackmer reminisce as they look at Pathfinder photos.*



## A Trailer Load for Romania

**Michigan** — Gabriela Matei, Troy Church choir director, and her husband, Nicoloe, had visited their homeland of Romania last year. While traveling there, their car had a flat tire. When they took their suitcases out of the trunk and began to repair the tire, the people of the town who were watching them offered to help. Seeing an opportunity to be a blessing, Gabriela opened a suitcase she had brought filled with used clothing and began distributing it to the strangers. They were so delighted with the clothes, that Gabriela decided she would return to America and her home church and organize a Detroit-area project to send a fully-loaded, 40-foot shipping container to the people of Romania.



*This large shipping container was sent to Romania by the churches of the Detroit area in order to care for the needs of families and friends who live there.*

Rose King

The Troy Church members became excited about the project. They filled a shipping container with clothes, coats, typewriters, books, bicycles, children's toys, and

miscellaneous items for both the Romanian Adventist Church and its community people. They also included a business suit, shirt, tie, and Sabbath dress for all the Romanian pastors and their wives.

In order to accomplish this task, church members and friends from the Plymouth, Korean, Ypsilanti, Warren, Waterford, Ann Arbor, Metropolitan, Cherry Hill, and Troy congregations cooperated to donate the items and the cash to pay for the shipping charges. To insure its organized distribution in Romania, the Matei's accompanied the shipping container and were in charge of the distribution of its contents to the various communities and churches.

*Rose King, Troy Church communication leader*

## Centennial Celebrated

**Wisconsin** — The Wausau Church celebrated its centennial anniversary on May 8-9. The Friday night vesper program started with Ned Westman, Wausau Church historian, giving a short history of the Wausau Church. Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, spoke at the Friday evening vesper service, and Brian Hamilton, Wisconsin Conference secretary/treasurer presented a plaque to the church, commemorating

the event.

Sabbath morning the church was filled to overflowing with Wausau members, both current and past, members from neighboring Adventist churches, and many inactive members who had been invited to this occasion. F. Allen Sacket, pastor of the church from 1946-1952, preached the Sabbath sermon. After a potluck dinner, there was a special musical program with much reminiscing. In the evening, Trevor Delafield, associate pastor of the Takoma Park Church and former pastor of the Wausau Church from 1970-1975, led the vesper service.

The centennial celebration was such a blessing. As we remembered how God led in the past, we found revived courage to finish God's work in Wausau.

*Mike Weakley, Wausau Church pastor*



*From left: Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president; Mike Weakley, Wausau Church pastor; Brian Hamilton, Wisconsin Conference secretary/treasurer; and Steve Gallimore, Wisconsin Conference ministerial and personal ministries director, display the plaque commemorating the Wausau Church's 100 years of service.*

## James Schneider Receives Honorary Plaque for Service

**Wisconsin** — James Schneider, member of the Wisconsin Academy (WA) Church in Columbus, received a plaque honoring him for his 30 years of service as the church's treasurer. He became treasurer of the WA Church when Lorna Curry, former treasurer, moved to Madison in 1967. His wife, Virginia, was his assistant while he served in this position from 1967-1997.

Schneider earned a degree in business from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1953. He worked for the state of Wisconsin for 32 years as an income tax auditor, retiring in 1985.

The Schneiders have five children, all graduates of Wisconsin Academy, and seven grandchildren.

"After having James as treasurer for thirty years, it is hard getting along without him," says Gaylan Herr, church pastor. "When faced with money decisions, I often find myself thinking, 'What would James do?'"

*Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant*



*From left: Virginia Schneider, James Schneider, and Gaylan Herr, church pastor, at the award ceremony.*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### Green Bay Forms Women's Group

**Wisconsin** — About two years ago, a group of women in the Green Bay Church began to meet and talk, to support and encourage one another. Those forming friendships gave birth to the idea that perhaps other women in the church might benefit from something similar.

A "spring refresher" was planned for a Sunday morning in April 1997. Nearly 60 women attended the first program. Becki Knobloch spoke about friendships. We shared music and anecdotes about ourselves and enjoyed a lovely salad luncheon. The feedback was positive. We sensed women wanted a place to encourage each other, to learn and laugh.

From there, we developed a survey just for the women in our church. We wanted to find out more about them, why they would join a group like this, and what they would be interested in learning about. Everyone who completed the survey was included in a drawing for the 1998 women's devotional book and a subscription to "Women of Spirit" magazine.

We learned from the survey that the women of our church are very busy. They often juggle work, home, school, and children. Some are married, some are single. Almost all felt that time was an issue; almost all wanted some variety. They wanted spiritual renewal (prayer and Bible study), social renewal (friends and fun), a place to grow and learn, and a place to bring their non-Adventist friends.

Based on this information, our planning committee thought it best to try several different types of programs. We began in 1998 with two special Sabbath schools for women only. Cherry Habenicht, teacher and counselor at Wisconsin Academy, presented our first program on creative devotions. Habenicht gave us some wonderful ideas about how we can best use our individual learning styles to worship and praise the Lord. Phyllis Corkum, Wisconsin Conference auditor, presented our second program on hospitality. Corkum shared some warm, fun, easy, inexpensive, and practical ideas about how to reach out to others. Several women were blessed with her specialty, *day brighteners*: small packages filled with warm thoughts, thoughtful gifts guaranteed to brighten anyone's day.

We have only just begun! Several more program ideas are in the works. We'd love to do a special women's Sabbath and a purely fun day in Door County (a beautiful peninsula in northeastern Wisconsin) in the near future. We'd love to learn more about what others do:

- How does one keep it simple, yet special?
- What topics have been of most interest to other women?
- What have been the greatest successes in other women's groups?

- What could our group do differently?
- What have been the greatest challenges to other groups?

As we network and share, we believe the Lord is willing to shower blessings on women meeting together in the name of Jesus.

*Cindy Bunker, Green Bay communication leader*

### Dunbar Speaks for Women's Day

**Lake Region** — It was indeed a Spirit-filled, teary-eyed day at the Independence Church in Chicago during this year's Mother's Day weekend. On Sabbath, May 9, Mable Dunbar, president and CEO of *Women in Renewal, Inc.*, spoke on the subject, "God's Chosen Women." As leader of the Michigan-based *Women in Renewal, Inc.*, Dunbar and her staff serve to meet the unique needs of Christian women in crisis, including pregnant teens.

During the morning worship service, Dunbar expressed the fact that Christian women should recognize their God-given powers and understand that the key to living victoriously stems from three fundamental principles: faith, passion, and vision. During the afternoon session, Dunbar focused on the importance of maintaining a healthy self-esteem and identified specific ways in which a healthy self-esteem can be fostered and nurtured in both women and men.

*D'Joane H. McCorkle,  
Independence Church  
communication leader*



*Mable Dunbar, president and CEO of Women in Renewal, Inc., speaks at the special Mother's Day celebration sponsored by the woman's ministries department at the Independence Church in Chicago.*

### News Notes from Michigan

- The **Bunker Hill** women, in cooperation with the Sabbath school department, gave out 100 small loaves of bread along with the book *Darkness Before Dawn* in their neighborhood on Valentine's Day.
- The **Christ Community Church** in Bessemer says they are starting the *Heart Call* program to reclaim former members. They meet once a month. It is a very casual meeting with both social and spiritual interaction. They have sent 11 *Women of Spirit* gift subscriptions.
- The **Fairplain Church** in Benton Harbor has eight new members, and six are the result of having women participate in their activities. They have a prayer chain in their women's group, and they had a secret sister party. They also made quiet bags for children to use in church and baskets for shut-ins in addition to other projects. They also have an "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program.



## Advertising in Eastern Europe

**NET '98** — Daniel Duda, Czecho-Slovakian Union ministerial director, advertises NET '98 to everyone he passes. According to Russell Burrill, NADEI director and Pioneer Memorial Church NET '98 coordinator, all of the pastors in the Czecho-Slovakian Union have the signs on their cars (some on both sides and on top) and are very active in promoting the series. They're clearly committed to getting the word out! Already 36 of the 50 Czecho-Slovakian Union churches have registered as NET '98 sites.

There is strong support for NET '98 in both Eastern and Western Europe, Burrill found on a recent trip. Slovak leaders indicate a growing strong spiritual undertone. "Their hopes are high," Burrill says. In sessions there, workers focused on developing an audience for the series as key to success for their meetings. In North America, close to 1,500 churches had registered to participate in the series by late June.



The pastors in the Czecho-Slovakian Union all advertize NET'98 on their cars.

## New Video for Spanish Churches

**NET '98** — *Pioneering Spirit* is a new video produced by the North American Division (NAD) and NET '98 organization to help Hispanic church members "catch a pioneering spirit for finishing the work and hastening the return of our Lord," according to Carmelo Mercado, NAD NET '98 Hispanic coordinator.

The 19-minute video is reportedly the first NAD production in the Spanish language specifically targeting Hispanic churches in North America. Designed to be shown to church members, it conveys a vision of using the latest in satellite technology to reach millions of Hispanics with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"This video encourages our churches to get involved with both NET '98 and La Red '99, and includes reports of Hispanic churches' successes in using satellite technology," says Mercado. "We are already receiving reports of increased enthusiasm for satellite evangelism from pastors and others who have seen the video," he adds.

*Pioneering Spirit* is recommended for evangelistic rallies, prayer vigils, camp meetings, retreats, or even the church service. Hispanic pastors may obtain a free copy of the video from their conference NET '98 coordinator.

## House Joint Resolution 78 Defeated

The U.S. House of Representatives failed to pass House Joint Resolution (HJR) 78, known as the Istook Amendment, which would have altered the protections and meaning of the First Amendment freedom of religion provisions. The vote was 224 in favor and 203 against. Since Article V of the Constitution requires that an amendment receive at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of Congress before being presented to the States for ratification, the resolution failed to pass despite receiving a majority. Both the proponents and opponents were active in communicating to the Representatives their views of the merits of HJR 78. In the end, the vote was largely along party lines with 28 Republicans crossing over to vote "no" with the Democrats, and 27 Democrats voting "yes" with the Republicans. Three Republicans in the Lake Union territory, Harris Fawell and John Porter, both of Illinois, and John Hostettler of Indiana, stood strongly for the First Amendment and voted against HJR 78.

In the opinion of this observer from the House gallery, one of the most cogent and articulate speeches was that of Sheila Jackson-Lee, a Seventh-day Adventist congresswoman from Texas, who said: "... it seems like [HJR 78] is something those of us who are believers would want to stand up and say, 'Lord, we want to see this passed,' or Allah or whoever we might believe in. But yet it is something that denies the freedom of religion. It interferes with the First Amendment that respects that there should not be a federal establishment of one religion over another. This freedom of religion in our Bill of Rights is a fundamental and imperative part of who and what America is."

While this resolution is not expected to come to the floor of the House of Representatives again during this Congress, it most certainly will be resurrected in 1999 when the 106th Congress convenes.

*Vernon L. Alger, Lake Union director of religious liberty and public affairs*

## Adventists Provide Bibles to Millennial City

**Roskilde, Denmark** [*Adventist News Network*] — As part of the 1,000 anniversary celebrations marking the founding of the city of Roskilde, Denmark, the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be delivering a special millennial edition of the New Testament to every home this summer, reports Walder Hartmann, communication director for the Adventist Church in Denmark.

"As a follow-up, church members will also offer Bible studies and various seminars to those who are interested," says Hartmann.

*Jonathan Gallagher*



# MILEPOSTS

## WEDDINGS

**Wendy White and Joseph Nelson** were married June 14, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jeff Deming.

Wendy is the daughter of Paul and June White of Clio, Mich., and Carlita White of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Joseph is the son of Clifford and Nancy Nelson of Berrien Springs, Mich.

The Nelsons are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

## OBITUARIES

**BLINCI, Frank A. Jr.**, age 81; born July 26, 1916, in Akron, Ohio; died May 2, 1998, in Livonia, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Northville Township, Mich.

Survivors include his sons, Robert and Arthur; brother, John; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Frank Haynes, and interment was in Michigan Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Flatrock, Mich.

**BRUETTE, Arnold G.**, age 83; born Jan. 27, 1915, in Gresham, Wis.; died Mar. 22, 1998, in Clearwater Lake, Wis. He was a member of the Clearwater Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Clara "Billie" (Peters); sons, David, Robert, and Arnold J.; daughters Donna Hubert, Wanda Wincek, Janet Kunath, and Jean Snamiska; brother, Earl Robinson; sisters, Dorothy Schriber, Madeline Crowe, Marcella Besau, and Goldie Schriber; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kevin Ferreira, and interment was in Clearwater Lake SDA Cemetery.

**COOPER, Wilma L. (Burgess)**, age 92; born Mar. 22, 1906, in Ithaca, Mich.; died Apr. 19, 1998, in Lady Lake, Fla. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Neil; daughters, JoAnn Gardner and Glenna Cook.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Peter Neri, and interment was in Ithaca Cemetery.

**DOWNIE, Betty L.**, age 90; born Mar. 28, 1908, in Barrington, Mich.; died Apr. 23, 1998, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Ann Arbor Church.

Survivors include her sons, George Brandeberry and David, Robert, Eric, Dean and Dennis Downie; daughters, Joy Osborne and Mollie Ives; 26 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Alvaro Souza and Dan Hall, and interment was in Marengo (Mich.) Township Cemetery.

**FRENCH, Laura B. (Batie)**, age 89; born June 21, 1908, in Evart, Mich.; died May 19, 1998, in Cadillac, Mich. She was a member of the Cadillac (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Ira Leitch; stepdaughter, Divota Bunker; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Quentin Purvis, and interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Evart.

**GRAHAM, Charles R.**, age 72; born July 11, 1925, in Chicago, Ill.; died May 16, 1998, in Gary, Ind. He was a member of the Park Avenue Church, Champaign, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Martha M. (Ligon); son, Charles; daughter, Aviece Nelson; brother, Calvin; sisters, Esther and Aviece; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Norman K. Miles, and interment was in Restville Cemetery, Chicago.

**HARTLEIN, Marcus A.**, age 77; born Oct. 18, 1920, in Shamokin, Pa.; died May 3, 1998, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer

Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou (Williams); sons, Wesley, Wayne, Marcus B., and Ted; daughter, Beverly Boyer; brother, Ray; sister, Marion Hartlein; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder George Akers, with private inurnment.

**ISAACS, J. Robert**, age 79; born June 18, 1918, in Harbor Springs, Mich.; died Apr. 25, 1998, in Vestaburg, Mich. He was a member of the Allegan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Gordon; daughters, Barbara Rogers and Carol Isaacs; brothers, Carl, Don, James, and John; sister, Helen Johnson; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Delman Austin and Peter Neri and Elder C. Jim Danforth, and interment was in Mallory Cemetery, Allegan, Mich.

**LALL, Bernard M.**, age 68; born Dec. 17, 1929, in Bangladesh; died Apr. 28, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Geeta Rani Sinha; daughters, Rita Runyon, Sheila Lall, Laura Lall, and Meena Ross; brother, Swapon; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders George Akers and Melchizedek Ponniah, and Pastor Sam Kaligithi, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**MAPES, Jeanie E. (Somers)**, age 82; born Mar. 10, 1916, in Star City, Mich.; died Mar. 25, 1998, in South Haven, Mich. She was a member of the South Haven Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Dawn Y. Mitchell and Kathleen A. Butler; half brothers Kenneth, Sidney, and John Somers; half-sisters, Dorothy Wren and Darlene Lee; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Phillip Colburn, and interment was in Homer Cemetery, Midland, Mich.

**McCLELLAN, M. Ruth (Rendel)**, age 83; born May 26, 1914, in Gratiot County, Mich.; died Apr. 24, 1998, in St. Louis, Mich. She was a member of the

Twin Cities Church, Alma, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Donald Roose; daughter, Beverly K. Hall; brother, Paul Rendel; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder James Micheff Sr., and interment was in the Ithaca (Mich.) Cemetery.

**RENSHAW, Reatha H.**, age 85; born Feb. 20, 1913, in Smithland, Iowa; died May 27, 1998, in Vicksburg, Mich. She was a member of the Centreville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Lee, George, and Walter Renshaw; and sister, Rosie Chard.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David W. Gotshall, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Union City, Mich.

**ROBBINS, Una M.**, age 91; born Apr. 15, 1907, in Memphis, Mich.; died Apr. 22, 1998, in Bridgeport, Mich. She was a member of the Saginaw (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Jackie Dale, Pat Pratt, and JoAnn Warrichait; and 30 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Roselawn Cemetery, Saginaw, Mich.

**RUSK, Linda J. (Blackmer)**, age 41; born Nov. 28, 1956, in Flint, Mich.; died June 20, 1998, in Brush, Colo. She was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Alan; sons, Jason, Barry, and Timothy; parents, Dale and Norma (Britton) Blackmer; brothers, Larry, Keith, and Ron Blackmer; and sister, Bonnie Brown.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Joel Nephew and Elder Bruce Babienko, with private inurnment.

**STAINES, E. Mary (Hargrave)**, age 83; born Nov. 26, 1914, in Ionia County, Mich.; died May 22, 1998, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek.

Survivors include her sons, John C. and Harvey D.; 9 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Churches, schools, and conferences may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald through their local conference offices. Institutions and organizations outside the Lake Union may submit announcements to the e-mail address listed in the masthead on page 31. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.*

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**Family Life International 1998:** Join us for instruction, inspiration, networking, and celebration at the 25th annual Family Life International Conference scheduled for **Aug. 10–17** on the Andrews University campus. This year's theme is "Joyful Families." It will feature modules on Family Life Methodology and Parenting and Guidance.

The keynote speaker is Norman Wright, a Christian counselor and author of more than 55 books on the family. Other guests include Martha Farrell Erickson, director of the Children, Youth and Families Consortium, University of Minnesota; Charles Sell, author of "Family Ministry" and professor of educational ministries at Trinity International University. Daily devotions will be given by Jack Sequeira, pastor of the Capital Memorial Church, Washington, D.C. The conference will feature daily plenary and breakout sessions and a special FLI "Luuu."

Contact Family Life International at Andrews for more information at (616) 471-6366, e-mail (millie@andrews.edu), or mail to FLI, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

**Berrien Springs Hydrotherapy and Home-remedy Conference:** Continuing the worldwide reputation of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University is offering a workshop in hydrotherapy and home remedies from **Sept. 13–18**. Besides seminary faculty, Dr. Charles Thomas and his Desert Springs Therapy Center team will be involved. Especially designed for use in local churches, the conference will be an excellent tool for outreach to the local community. Continuing education units and graduate credit are available for those who need it. For further

information and registration call Lisa Rollins at (616) 471-3541.

### LAKE UNION

**Special days: Sept. 5**—Men's Day of Prayer; **5–12**—Nurture Periodicals Week; **12–19**—Family Togetherness Week.

**Offerings: Aug. 1**—Outreach/Church Budget; **8**—Oakwood College/World Budget; **15**—Church Budget; **22**—Local Conference Advance; **29**—Local Church. **Sept. 5**—Outreach/Church Budget; **12**—Missions Extension/World Budget

### MICHIGAN

**A 50th wedding anniversary** celebration for Annabelle and Earl Zager will be held Sunday, **Aug. 23, 1998**, from 1:00-4:00 PM in the Grand Blanc Senior Activity Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan. For more information call Judy at 909-796-4020.

**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the 29th session of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Cedar Lake Church in Cedar Lake, Michigan, **September 27, 1998**, with the first meeting called at 9:30 a.m. Reports of the previous three years will be rendered; proposed constitutional changes may be considered; the election of conference officers, departmental directors, members of the executive committee and constitution and bylaws committee will take place; and any other business will be transacted that may properly come before the session. Delegates are those duly elected by the various churches of the conference and delegates-at-large as provided in the constitution. Each church in the Michigan Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each 100 members or extended major fraction thereof, determined by the membership as of December 31, 1997, as provided

by the bylaws. The organizing committee (composed of one member from each church, plus one additional member for each 500 members or major fraction thereof, as of December 31, 1997) will meet on the evening of September 26, 1998. The meeting will begin with vespers at 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Lake Church.

Jay Gallimore, president  
Fred Earles, secretary

**The Michigan Academies Alumni Association** extends an invitation to all graduates, attendees, and former faculty of Adelphean Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy to the 100th-year celebration Homecoming Weekend to be held on **Oct. 9–10** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich. The honor year graduates are those from the classes of 1948, 1958, 1973, and 1988. The Alumni Association is requesting current names and addresses of alumni in an effort to reach everyone with the quarterly *Alumni Newsletter*. For more information, please contact alumni president, Barbara Falconbridge

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at (517) 427-3418 or director of development, Charlotte Henderson, at (517) 427-5181.

## ILLINOIS

**Raymond and Dorothy Moore** will present a parenting seminar in the Chicago, Ill., area on Sunday, **Aug. 23**, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Burbank Church on the corner of Newcastle and 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Burbank, Ill. For local information, call (708) 598-8740 or call (815) 786-2509.

## WISCONSIN

**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the triennial session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Wisconsin Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists are to be held at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wis., Sunday, **September 20**, 1998. The organizing committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. with the first meeting of the session convening at 9:30 a.m. Duly accredited delegates and delegates-at-large will be authorized to elect officers, directors of departments/services, and members of the executive committee, constitution and bylaws committee, and nominating committee for the new triennium, along with corporation trustees for the ensuing triennial term. Delegates will also transact such other business as may properly come before them. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and an additional one delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Donald W. Corkum, president  
Brian W. Hamilton, secretary  
Richard G. Habenicht, corporation secretary

## WORLD CHURCH

**"Being Single in a Married World"**—workshop for Adventist single women. Texas Women's retreat, **Aug. 21-23**, Houston, Texas. For more information and to register, contact Texas Conference, P.O. Box 800, Alvarado, TX 76009; (817) 783-2223; fax 783-5266.

**National Single Adult Camp.** Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, **Aug. 31-Sept. 7**—a week of spiritual and physical renewal. Join active singles from across North America in water-skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, creative handicrafts, and many other exciting activities. For a brochure, contact Lorene Soderstrom, 5261 Sonora Way, Carmichael, CA 95608; (916) 967-6178.

**Annual Mississippi Valley Camp Meeting:** Begins Friday evening, **Sept. 4**, at 7:00 p.m. at Loud Thunder State Park, 4 miles east of Illinois City, Ill. Adventist church members of western Illinois are invited. Sabbath services will include Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11:00 a.m., musical program at 3:00 p.m., and evening vespers at 6:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Richard Coffen, author and vice president of editorial services at the Review and Herald. Sabbath school classes will be provided for kindergarten, pri-

mary, junior, and youth. The youth feature (tentatively planned) will include the YOUTH NET eXtreme 36-foot traveling rig staffed with young people calling youth to radical Christianity. Their program includes mime, puppetry, personal street evangelism, music and drama on their traveling stage. There are state park camping facilities for RVs and tents. Excellent trails and bike paths for afternoon activities. Bring food for the Sabbath potluck and the evening meal. For more information and a map, call Pastor Steve Wall at (319) 263-9404. If you are interested in participating in the variety program, call Gwen Quigley at (319) 263-2152.

**Whitecoat servicemen's 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary reunion** **Sept. 25-27**, Frederick, Md., Adventist Church. Special events: presentation of medalion, unveiling of Whitecoat servicemen's memorial, presentation of new book *For God and Country: A History of the Whitecoat Project*, tours of Fort Detrick, participation in the United States Army Medical Research Institute's Whitecoat follow-up health survey. For details and future mailings, contact Frank Damazo M.D., 700 Montclair Ave., Frederick, MD 21701; (301) 662-4502; fax 695-3139.

**Greater Boston Academy alumni weekend, Oct. 2-4.** The reunion will take place at Boston Regional Medical Center Campus, 5 Woodland Rd., Stoneham, MA 02180. Special features will include Steve Darmody, gospel recording artist, Friday night; Jack Sequeira, Capitol Memorial Church senior pastor, Sabbath morning; Woburn City Band, conducted by alumnus Jon Asgerisson, Saturday night.

**Sunnydale Adventist Academy alumni reunion is Oct. 2-4** in Centralia, Mo. Honor classes include '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. Plan now to attend and renew friendships with graduates, former students/faculty, parents, and friends. Guest speaker Friday evening will be Dr. Charles Simmons, class of '48. Church service will be presented by Ron Clark, class of '73. There will be a golf tournament on Sunday morning led by Denison Sager, class of '87. Contact Ruth Troyer, alumni coordinator, at 6220 Hwy. 151, Centralia, MO 65240; (573) 682-2164.

**Union College Academy/College View Academy Alum-**

## Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date May 30, 1998

Average Membership Basis					Increase	%	Per Capita		
1998	1997	Conference	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.	1998	1997	
11208	11359	Illinois	3,088,116	3,019,602	68,514	2.27%	275.53	265.83	
5755	5710	Indiana	1,926,931	1,719,549	207,382	12.06%	334.83	301.15	
23335	22733	Lake Region	3,324,980	2,840,744	484,236	17.05%	142.49	124.96	
23275	23390	Michigan	8,510,196	8,078,111	432,085	5.35%	365.64	345.37	
6199	6179	Wisconsin	1,836,392	1,783,941	52,451	2.94%	296.24	288.71	
69,772	69,371	Totals	18,686,616	17,441,948	1,244,668	7.14%	267.82	251.43	

## Sunset Calendar

	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
Berrien Springs, MI	8:56	8:47	8:37	8:26	8:14	8:02
Chicago	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:31	7:19	7:07
Detroit	8:46	8:36	8:26	8:15	8:03	7:51
Indianapolis	7:52	7:43	7:33	7:23	7:12	7:01
La Crosse, WI	8:21	8:11	8:00	7:48	7:36	7:23
Lansing, MI	8:51	8:42	8:31	8:20	8:08	7:58
Madison, WI	8:12	8:02	7:51	7:40	7:28	7:15
Springfield, IL	8:06	7:57	7:47	7:37	7:26	7:14



**ni Home Coming: Oct. 9-11**, at Lincoln, Neb. Honor classes are '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. An exciting weekend is planned for all former students, faculty, parents, and friends. A special Friday evening buffet and vespers is planned. Mark your calendars. For more information and buffet tickets, call Debbie Jensen Peters by Sept. 15 at (402) 423-3555.

**Wanted!!** Names, addresses, phone numbers of any one who has ever attended Parkview Adventist Jr. Academy (formerly Oklahoma City Jr. Academy). PAJA is preparing to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1999, and we want to invite ANYONE who has ever attended, taught for, been a principal at, or was a special friend of our school. Your help is needed. We hope to have an alumni directory printed and available for purchase by the end of 1999. Please send the information to Parkview Adventist Jr. Academy, Development Director, 4201 Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111; (405) 427-6525; fax 427-1154; paja4@juno.com.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 2

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine:** "How Do We Know God Exists?"

**It Is Written:** "Getting off the Mountain" [Things That Matter Most—Part 4].

**La Voz de la Esperanza:** In Defense of Our Children (En Defensa de los Hijos)

**Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "The Wonderful Counselor—Part 1." **Mon-Fri:** "How Secret Is the Second Coming?"

## WEEK OF AUGUST 9

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine:** "Lupus."

**It Is Written:** "Coming to Be with Me" [Things That Matter Most—Part 5].

**La Voz de la Esperanza:** "The Guide God Sends Us (El Guía Que Dios Envía)." **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "The Wonderful Counselor—Part 2." **Mon-Fri:** "Just as I Am."

## WEEK OF AUGUST 16

**Faith For Today:** "Teens and Smoking."

**It Is Written:** "Your Law Is Too Small" [Things That Matter Most—Part 6].

**La Voz de la Esperanza:** "What Happens When People Die?" (¿Qué Pasa Cuando la Persona Muere?)

**Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "Spiritual Schizophrenia—Part 1." **Mon-Fri:** "Portraits of Heaven."

## WEEK OF AUGUST 23

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine:** "Diabetes."

**It Is Written:** "The Surprise of a Lifetime" [Things That Matter Most—Part 7].

**La Voz de la Esperanza:** "The Seven Wonders (Las Siete Maravillas)." **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "Spiritual Schizophrenia—Part 2." **Mon-Fri:** "Portraits of Hell."

**WEEK OF AUGUST 30**

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine:** "Exercise."

**It Is Written:** "Which Resurrection?" [Things That Matter Most—Part 8].

**La Voz de la Esperanza:** "Seven Secrets of an Answered Prayer" (Siete Secretos de la Oración Contestada).

**Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "Love, Marriage and Commitment—Part 1." **Mon-Fri:** "Portraits of Purgatory (Is There Such a Place?)"

## ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

**August 5, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—First Wednesday;** Galaxy 9, Channel 2.

**August 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ET—Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) 51st Annual Convention;** Galaxy 3, Channel 23. Also on 3ABN.

**August 15, 8:00-10:00 p.m., ET—Voice of Prophecy Family Reunion;** Telstar 5, Channel 23. Mabel Richards' 99th birthday celebration.

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# Youth who dare 2 care

## Solomon Says: Travel Tips and Wisdom for the Road

1. Get this: **Good things happen to bad people, and bad things happen to good people.** Doesn't that stink!? Yes it does, but it's reality. Solomon says: "This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all."
2. **Don't sweat the small stuff; and it's all small stuff.** Even though it's easier said than done, relax when troubles stink up your life. God will help you get through them all. Solomon says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: worship God and keep His commandments."
3. **There are times in life where it seems like nothing makes sense.** You don't understand what is happening around you, to you, or even in you. When you feel confused, remember that it is okay to ask questions. With a right attitude, seek to understand God's will in your life. Solomon says, "If you cry out for discernment, then you will find the knowledge of God."

## Road Tripping!

Ready. Set. Go! A friend and I throw clothes, food, and maps into our car as we get ready for our two-week road trip. Car tuned up, the day comes and we hit the road ready for the great adventure. From one beaten path to another, through small towns and mountain roads, into Taco Bells and rest stops, we fly by the seat of our pants. The blue sky, the rolled-down windows, and the sound from the car stereo make everything come alive! Day after day, destination after destination, we cut away another slice of America.

Everything is going grrreat ... until ... unexpectedly ... a problem interrupts our sparkling journey.

It's not a blow-out or a cop car, it's worse. As I'm driving along, I glance at my dash board, and there glaring at me is the engine check light. (This light comes on only in extreme emergencies.) "What in the world!! ..." I think as my eyes widen in shock.

I glance back to the road, and I see smoke blasting out from under the hood. "Oh my ..." I slam on the brakes and pull to the shoulder of the road. My friend and I get out of the car, open the hood, and after all the smoke vanishes, we see the round object that tries to turn our road trip adventure into an unwanted nightmare.

The radiator cap was loose, and it caused the engine to lose water and overheat. Now the two of us are stranded by the side of the road. "Why did this have to happen??" we think. We are church-going, tithe-paying Christians. "Why in the world did this have to happen to us?"

We sit in the car not knowing what to do. Like the car, we too are overheating with frustration. But before we blow up, we pray. "God please help us understand your will through this predicament."

And He does. He doesn't miraculously fix the engine, He does something better. God helps us understand that our trust in Him shouldn't depend on things that happen to us. It should depend on His Word.

*William Hurtado*



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# PROFILES OF YOUTH



KaDene Garrett

**KaDene Garrett**, 18, a member of Wisconsin Academy's class of 1998, is a young lady whose quiet ways bring cheer to any group. Her peers describe her as a natural musician and a Christian inspiration. She is the daughter of Harold and Alice Garrett of Clear Lake, Wis.

"I remember the first time I heard KaDene sing," reminisces Ed Pelt, music director. "She had a soft lyrical tone, and she kept singing higher and higher and higher. From time to time I will hear a student and know instantly that this is someone I have to have in my group. KaDene is one of these talents."

KaDene's musical ability and creativity led her to write her class' theme song, "Finding God."

In addition to singing, KaDene enjoys piano, softball, and giving Bible studies. She has participated in mission trips to Mexico and recently to Belize. KaDene's plans include starting college at Union next year and serving God wherever He leads.

**Ryan Laursen**, a member of Wisconsin Academy's class of 1998, is a hard-working young man from Clear Lake, Wis. While at the academy, Ryan earned the worker of the year award at the packaging industry and was also given a scholarship award on Alumni Weekend for his good citizenship and his positive Christian influence on campus.

As a student, Ryan is determined and responsible. He is one of the first students on campus to volunteer to help when he sees a need. Vonda Seals, English teacher and wife of the boy's dean, comments, "I often stress the importance of creativity, and Ryan excels in that area. He is a gifted artist, and his completed projects inevitably demonstrate his artistic eye. However, it is not only in the classroom that Ryan proves to be a delight. He often visits our home in the dorm and blesses us with his laughter and comfortable presence."

The son of Deland and Cheryl Laursen, Ryan has taken a special interest in wood crafts. His ambition is to pursue a career in carpentry.



Ryan Laursen

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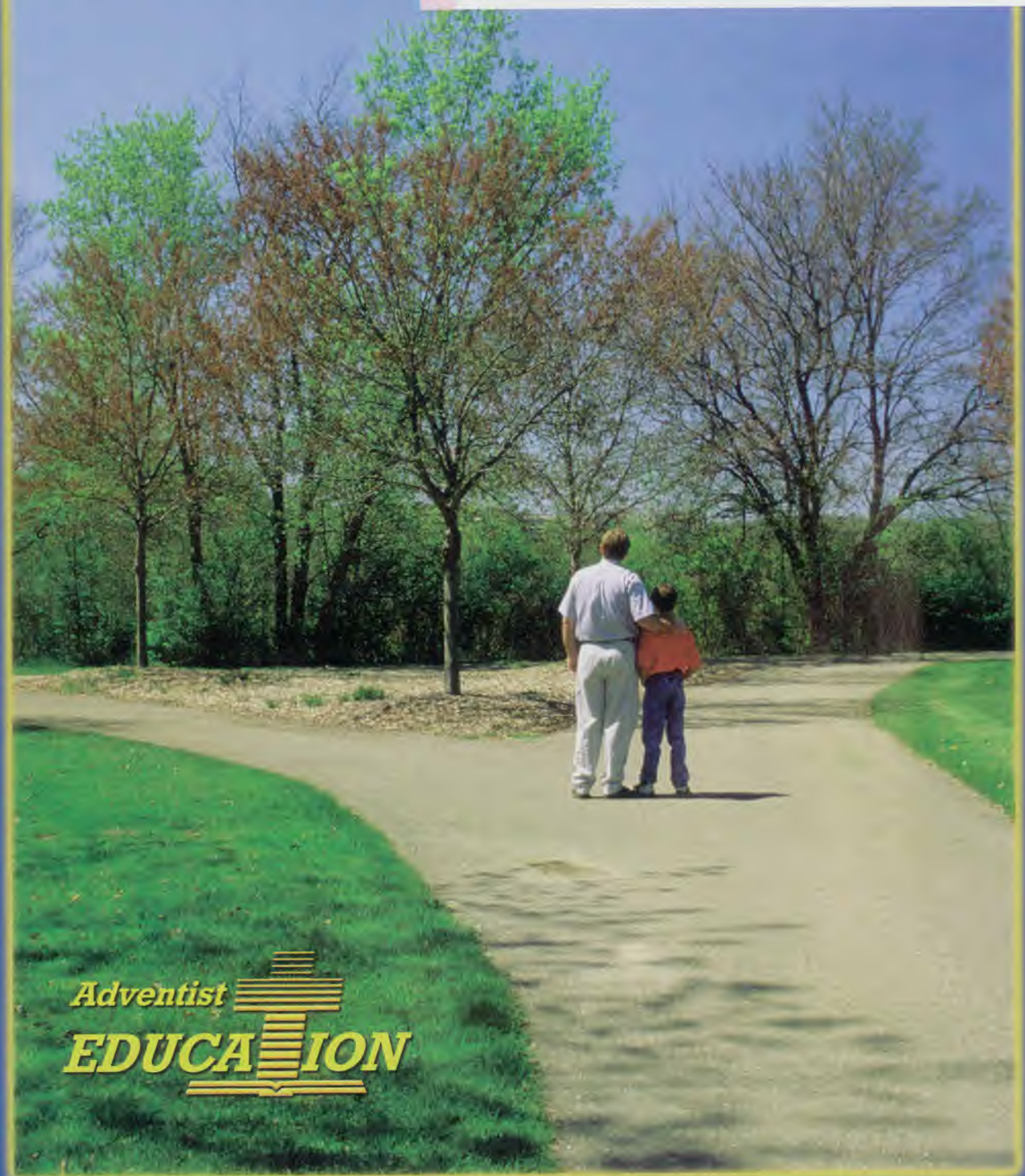
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