

A photograph of a man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, standing at a podium and speaking. He is gesturing with his right hand. Behind him is a large screen displaying a religious figure, likely Jesus, with arms outstretched. The background is a mix of blue and purple hues.

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Evangelist Kenneth Cox of the *Voice of Prophecy*, conducted the satellite evangelistic series, *The Midnight Cry* from Chicago. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL

"The Greatest Gift"

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION
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Have you ever been stumped when Christmas rolls around and you have one of those people on your gift list who has everything? I surely have, and it is not a comfortable position to be in. I believe we can forget the fretting and stewing, and remember to give the greatest gift of all.

My late sister-in-law, Eleanor Wright (1926–1992) was a gifted composer of sacred music, having written over 400 songs. One of her meditation hymns appears on page 688 of the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*, "Surely, Surely." She was the main source of music for the Blendwright Trio, a group including Eleanor; my late sister, Audrey; and my wife, Jackie.

One day "Shellie" sat down at the piano to write out a Christmas carol straight from heaven, and I want to share the words and message with you for this special Christmas season of the new millennium.

She wrote:

If you would give a gift so rare,
To one who means the world to you,
But wealth and fame are not your fare,
Don't hang your head and don't be blue.

While the world is wrapped in festive bliss,
Go join them and remember this:
The greatest gift all else above is love.

Behold a mother and her child,
An aged couple side by side,
A creature racing through the wild,
A young man with his blushing bride.

Then look to Him who gave His Son,
The greatest gift to everyone.
Then give the greatest you can give:
Love, love, while you live.

Eleanor Crews Wright

Blessings to all of you as you remember to share love.

A World View

Church Planting in America

BY JEFF SCOGGINS

Global Mission has more than 20,000 pioneers around the world who are planting new churches in unentered areas. Global Mission pioneers, by definition, are missionaries who work within their own cultures and often in their own neighborhoods. Many Global Mission pioneers are full-time volunteers, working on a small stipend. Others are tentmakers, earning a living however they can, but mainly focusing on establishing new churches.

Over the past ten years these pioneers have planted more than 11,000 churches and thousands more congregations around the world. However, only a handful are working in the secular west, and fewer still work in the United States. It's never easy trying to convince people they need God when life is comfortable and easy.

Scott and Mindi Guptill and Mark and Mary Jane Thomas would point out, however, that just because the secular west is difficult doesn't mean it can be ignored. These two couples are currently involved in Global Mission's pilot project for the Total Employment program.

Partnering with Adventist-layperson's Services and Industries (ASI), Global Mission is launching this program that encourages young, Adventist college graduates just moving into the work force to move to a specific area—not because the scenery is beautiful, friends and family are nearby, or a high-paying



(left to right) Mary Jane and Mark Thomas and Mindi and Scott Guptill are planting a church as the pilot project of the new Total Employment program. This program will expand into every conference in the United States and also into other western countries.

here for ourselves. It feels like every day we're doing something aggressively for God. ... It's in the back of your mind—always thinking about that person's soul. Life before was pretty complacent."

Several Adventists have joined in to help these young church planters, and the group is now meeting in a rented church. They create services sensitive to the fact that new people will attend each Sabbath. The non-Adventists who return week after week are evidence that the leaders are doing something right, and that God is blessing this effort.

Global Mission and ASI are now laying plans to expand the Total Employment program to every conference in the United States, and in other western countries. Current information will be posted at www.global-mission.org for anyone interested in supporting this ministry or becoming involved.

Please pray for the dedicated people who are willing to sacrifice so much to become missionaries and church planters. Also pray that more people can be found who will join this movement as the Total Employment program expands.

Jeff Scoggins works with Global Mission communications.

job awaits, but because the area needs an Adventist church.

The Guptills and Thomases moved to Monroe, North Carolina, recently. Both left solid jobs and comfortable homes in Tennessee and Florida to plant a church in Monroe. All four will be quick to tell you that the move has changed their lives. But do they have any regrets? None.

"It has made my relationship with Christ more meaningful, as it always does when we do something for Him," says Mindi Guptill. "We didn't move



*Reaching the
Unreached
with Hope*

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN



(From left/back) Ed Lasko and his wife, Jeanette, stand together with Angela Pickett and her husband, Paul; Barry DeWitt, Lapeer Church pastor; and Angela and Paul's children, (from left/front) Quaid and Taylor Pickett.

Jeanette Lasko has always been interested in spiritual matters and had been searching for biblical truth when she met Cathy. Jeanette was impressed with Cathy's simple and modest dress and her honest, clear knowledge of the Bible. From her own personal study of the Bible, Cathy had been convinced

that Saturday was the true Sabbath, and she shared that belief with Jeanette. Jeanette did not think the Sabbath issue was a matter of importance; still, their friendship flourished. It was obvious to Jeanette that Cathy was a very godly person, spending much time in prayer and Bible study.

In time, Jeanette decided to search the scriptures regarding God's holy day, the Sabbath. For a year she searched and shared precious truth with her husband,

Ed, and their daughter, Angela Pickett. Angela studied the Bible for herself and embraced the Sabbath, though her husband, Paul, was not convinced.

Eventually, however, Ed and Jeanette, together with Paul, Angela, and their two children, were studying the scriptures. They decided to look for a church

that taught biblical principles. They attended one Sabbath-keeping church for a while, but they were not comfortable there. Then they found the Lapeer Seventh-day Adventist Church and met the church pastor, Barry Dewitt. Pastor Dewitt met with them each week, and together they studied the Bible. He used God's Word to answer their questions. He was excited to meet with these Christian people who were so eager to learn and accept God's way.

On April 22, the Lapeer Church rejoiced when Ed, Jeanette, and Angela were baptized, and Angela's children, Taylor and Quaid Pickett, were dedicated. Paul continues to study and attends Sabbath school and church with his family.

Carol Markham,
Lapeer Church head deaconess

MICHIGAN



Deborah Adams beams with joy because she is now a baptized member of the Lansing Adventist Church.

Fall of 1999, Deborah Adams began earnestly studying the Bible through the *Discover Bible* lessons. Jessica, a literature evangelist, had invited her to enroll in the Bible correspondence course. After Deborah enrolled, Mary Churchill, another literature evangelist, visited Deborah and discovered her unique spiritual needs.

Deborah's disability made it impossible for her to function in any artificial or bright light for more than a brief period of time. It forbade her to be employed, continue education, or attend public gatherings, including church service. However, she had a deep desire to know God's word and plan of salvation.

Deborah had sought to find a church where church members would be willing to come to her home. Her search ended when Jessica and Mary came to visit. Her great desire to know God's Word was being fulfilled.

The *Discover Bible* lessons, by mail,

were the answer to her prayer. Deborah studied the Bible guides and her heart responded to Jesus' love.

Upon completion of the lessons, Deborah requested visits from the Lansing pastoral staff. Lansing Church pastor Dan Tower and associate pastor Leonard Kitson visited Deborah in her home. They soon arranged for her baptism.

On April 22 Deborah Adams was baptized. She felt it was one of the most joyous days of her life. Although Deborah cannot physically attend church, Church members Gatha McClellan and Jean Dickerson visit her home on Sabbath for Bible study. Deborah deeply believes the Lord led her through all the circumstances that resulted in her commitment to Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Deborah Adams,
Lansing Church member

Editor's note: In 1998, the North American Division published *Over and Over Again!*, a collection of 150 stewardship testimonies. Several thousand copies of that book were distributed through churches in the Lake Union. In June of this year, the NAD published *Over and Over Again! Volume 2*, another inspiring collection of 150 new stewardship stories. Again, several thousand copies of this new volume have been distributed in our four-state region. More than 20 of the stories in *Volume 2* have been written by church members in the Lake Union. We are pleased to print three representative stories here. *Over and Over Again, Volume 2* is available through Adventist Book Centers, and, for bulk purchase by churches, through AdventSource at (800) 328-0525.

Learning to Trust

BY LORI L. HOPKINS

In the winter of 1997, my husband, Jim, decided we should eliminate our debt. We needed to free up money for our three children's education in Adventist schools. In a year and a half our oldest would be at *Wisconsin Academy*. In our current financial situation we wouldn't be able to afford that.

After much thought and prayer Jim decided we could sell our home and eliminate our mortgage. By doing that we would have most of the money we would need for our tuition bills. At the same time, we would have to build another home, and it would have to be in an area without a building inspector and occupancy permits. This would make it possible to live in an unfinished house and complete it using money we had on hand, eliminating a house payment.

We started the process of selling our home and began searching for property. Our criteria included a conventional percolation soil test, a walkout basement, no building inspector, and woods. We looked at 60 parcels, and none of them met the criteria.

Jim felt impressed one day to go back and look at a piece of property he had seen before. After walking around on it and praying some more, he decided it was a workable 3.3 acres of woods. The next step was to negotiate the price. We decided to offer 30 percent below asking price.

I hadn't been entirely enthusiastic about the whole idea from the beginning. I was sure our offer would never be accepted and that this plan would never work. I started telling God what He should be doing for us. I told Him how to answer our prayer instead of trusting in Him.

About a week after we made our offer, we were told that it had been accepted. Jim was pleased and not at all surprised. I was in shock. I couldn't believe that property was now ours.

It took nine months to sell our home. When we got discouraged, we tried to focus on how God had led us in the past and to trust Him to continue to lead. In His own good time we were finally able to start construction on our new home.

Our oldest child graduated from Wisconsin Academy this past spring. His sister is a senior there now. Our youngest son attends our local church school. The tuition bills for our children's education are not small, but with God's help we are able to keep up with them. Being "debt-free" doesn't mean that we always know how those tuition bills are going to get paid, but it has helped. We know that God has asked us to be the best stewards we can with what He has given us. When we do our part, He does His part, and our needs are met.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5, 6, NKJV.

Lori L. Hopkins is a homemaker in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She is a member of the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Off the Top

BY DICK MACKIE

I had not known of the tithing principle until I started attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The call to return one tenth of my income for tithe and to give additional freewill offerings was a major challenge to my thinking. After wrestling with the question, I compromised and began returning ten percent of my *after-tax* income. I rationalized that the taxes were automatic and were not really mine to administer. In reality, excluding taxes was just another way to keep more money for myself. To ease my conscience, I tithed any tax refund I received.

I did this for several years, but something (or Someone) kept nagging at me that this wasn't right. Then I was given a copy of the book *Over & Over Again!* Reading others' testimonies of their experiences with tithing convinced me that the tithe is to be ten percent of everything, before taxes or any other consideration. Now I had no excuse. I realized that tithe wasn't a subjective amount that could change according to my convenience. It was not a freewill offering that I could calculate as I chose. It was one tenth of whatever the Lord gave me, even if the bills were many and the money was tight.

I wanted to be at peace with God. I didn't want to wrestle over this issue anymore. I started to tithe the full ten percent off the top of my income. My wife tithed ten percent of her wages

also. At about the same time we reduced our use of credit cards, buying only what we knew we could pay for. That year our income actually decreased, while our charitable contributions increased by almost 24 percent. Yet surprisingly (or maybe not so surprisingly), we seemed to have more cash available, and we accelerated payments on our student loans. It now appears those loans will be paid off in half the time that I had originally calculated.

For me, tithe is not a matter of giving God His due. It is an issue of trust: how much I believe God can and will take care of me. If I trust God with what I hold precious, whether my family or my finances, He will be a faithful partner with me.

"I wanted to be at peace with God. I didn't want to wrestle over this issue anymore."

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8, RSV.

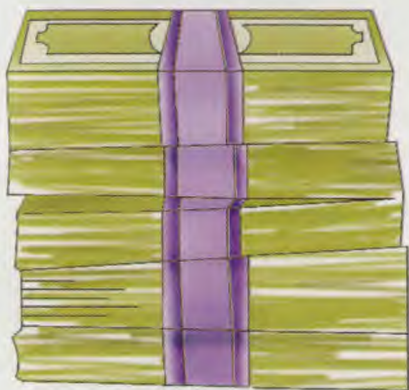
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Bad Debts & God's Goodness

BY WILLIAM D. FISHER

I am a family physician, and my wife is a registered nurse. When we married in 1965, we determined that we would be a team in the service of the Lord. We also pledged that we would double-tithe our income.

Soon after completing our medical educations, we were very busy with all the many things it takes to run an office and to raise a growing family of three boys. Financially we were still struggling under the weight of our medical educational expense and the costs for starting up a medical practice. It took every penny just to live, but we were faithful to our pledge in our tithes and offerings. God had blessed so often in the past that we had no complaints. We trusted our Great Benefactor to provide for us.



In 1977, our local church wrestled with an unusually large financial burden to keep the church school operating. The board decided to ask members for pledges to meet the crisis. My wife and I prayed about the problem. Then we pledged \$2,500, having no idea where we would get the money. Our simple motto was, "The Lord will provide." Each day we laid the matter before the Lord.

Early on in our medical practice we had determined that we would do the Lord's work, and He would take care of the finances. It was our long-standing practice never to deny anyone medical care for financial reasons. Not surprisingly, we accumulated many bad debts and outstanding accounts owed us, dating back as far as the day we opened the office doors.

Ten days after we had made our \$2,500 pledge for the church school, our secretary excitedly reported to us that over the past few days she had collected \$2,500 in past-due accounts. Among other examples, she told of one woman we had not seen in our office for four years. The woman

came in to pay off her account and said she had awakened that morning and thought, "I must go pay the doctor." She tried to ignore the impression, but it persisted, so there she was in our office, paying off her four-year-old account.

Ten days after we had made our pledge to the Lord for the church school, He had provided enough to meet it! To this day He has never failed us. Praise and glory to His name!

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19, 20, NIV.

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The Midnight Cry

BY ELDYN KARR



The ballroom of the Concord Plaza in Northlake, Illinois, was the site of The Midnight Cry, an evangelistic crusade conducted by evangelist Ken Cox of the Voice of Prophecy. This five-week series was carried via satellite by Three Angles Broadcasting Network and the Adventist Communication Network.

The city's official Santa Claus and his wife in Canton, Illinois, are among those preparing for baptism following the *Voice of Prophecy's* end-time evangelistic series by Kenneth Cox. Churches and homes throughout the Lake Union and around the world received "The Midnight Cry" by satellite for 26 nights during September and October.

Uplinked by 3ABN from the ballroom of a former hotel near Chicago's O'Hare Airport, these NET 2000 meetings were also carried by ACN. At the originating site, opening night attendance was 1,700. Subsequent weekends found 1,400 in the audience, while about 1,000 came week nights.

Approximately 400 churches and 1,500 homes across the North American Division registered as official downlink sites, as did 100 sites outside the U.S. and Canada. Many more reported in as the series progressed, often requesting copies of the handouts and follow-up materials.

Bill and Swan McKenna had attended the Waukegan Church just north of Chicago for several years, but Bill hadn't been able to overcome smoking. He made his decision during "The Midnight Cry," then attended a Five-Day Plan at the church, quit smoking, and was baptized. His wife was rebaptized at the same time. Two others are preparing for baptism in Waukegan.

Another Chicago area congregation, the West Park Church in Tinley Park, held "The Midnight Cry" at the home of Chip and Mary Maly, a couple who began attending church last January but had not yet made a decision to join. Chip and Mary felt a burden to get involved in church ministry and opened their home to 16 people the first evening. Attendance averaged about 10. By the end of the five-week series, they had made their commitment and were baptized on October 21. Mary is excited about the possibilities of a lending library of videos from "The Midnight Cry."

Terry Perkins, West Park Church pastor, says, "This series was a renewal for some people, a re-commitment for others, and a time for decision for the Malys."

Members in Coldwater, Michigan, have prayed for Virgil Avery for several years. Although his wife, Nancy, was an Adventist, he says he was never interested in attending church. This fall, the couple's 13-year-old son, Gabe, asked his father to come along to the Kenneth Cox series at the Centreville Church. Even though Virgil is blind and could only hear the messages, and not see the pictures and computer graphics on the screen, he made his decision during the meetings and was baptized.



Evangelist Ken Cox baptizes one of the more than 100 people who were baptized in the swimming pool of the Concord Plaza Retirement Center.



Lonnie Melashenko, speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy, interviewed Herold Zapata, pastor of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Central Church, who translated the evangelistic series into Spanish.

"...people commented that this was the clearest, easiest to understand presentation they had ever heard."

Five homes were downlink sites in Hastings, Michigan, with a total average attendance of 25. Six made decisions and two have been baptized. One woman there invited all her neighbors, but no one came except for her own family who are not members. She was pleased when a granddaughter made her decision for Christ.

Pastor Ralph Shelton at the Conant Gardens Church in Detroit reports that people came from a wide area to see "The Midnight Cry." Between 60 and 75 attended every night, and 24 made decisions. Eleven were baptized at the conclusion of the series, and six were still studying. Pastor Shelton says, "Most people commented that this was the clearest, easiest to understand presentation they had ever heard."

Some multi-church districts downlinked the series at one location, then showed video copies at the others. A dozen people attended at the Sparta Church in Wisconsin. Families in LaCrosse and Hylandale (Rockland) viewed videotapes in homes.

At the Battle Creek Tabernacle, 35 to 40 people attended regularly, and five made decisions for baptism. Judy Benjamin reports that one man who was baptized had been attending church services for two years but had not made his decision until he heard Pastor Cox's messages, which he described as "simple and Christ-

centered." His girlfriend is now taking Bible studies.

Nearly all homes received "The Midnight Cry" on 3ABN, while churches had a choice of satellite signals. The Richmond (Indiana) Church viewed the series from 3ABN, while the Irvington Church in Indianapolis picked up the programs from ACN. Thirty-five people came to the opening night meeting at each location.



Evangelist Ken Cox presented each Christ-centered topic directly from the Bible

During the last two Sabbath mornings of the series, nearly 100 people were baptized in the swimming pool at the former hotel from which the meetings were uplinked to satellite. Local pastors were joined in these services by Voice of Prophecy team members Kenneth Cox, Lonnie Melashenko, and Gordon Klein.

"I can't tell you what a joy it was for me," says Pastor Melashenko, "when I was in the baptismal pool and personally witnessed individuals being baptized into Christ. What exquisite happiness they radiated when they came up from the water! That's ministry at its finest, participating in the spiritual rebirth of candidates for our Lord's eternal kingdom."

The evangelistic meetings were presented every night except Monday and Thursday. Walter Arties and Dona Klein coordinated the music. Among the featured musicians were Maddy Couperus, Danny and Linda Shelton, the Ambassadors, Jimmy and Pam Rhodes, Roy Drusky, Joe Pearles, and a choir organized especially for the series. Andrews University students assisted Chicago area church members with the children's meetings.



Pastors from the Chicagoland area, including David Freedman, center, treasurer of the Illinois Conference, baptized more than 80 people on the last Sabbath of the series



Nicholas Zork, right, and other Andrews University students traveled from Berrien Springs, Michigan, to assist in the children's meetings during The Midnight Cry evangelistic series.

"The Midnight Cry" messages have been archived as both video and audio versions on the Internet (www.wordsight.org/net2000). Sermon outlines are also available at the same site, as are the VOP's *Discover Bible* videos corresponding to each subject.

Besides NET 2000 in Chicago, the North American Division has helped sponsor three other major metro evangelistic series during 1999-2000: Doug Batchelor in New York, Mark Finley in Los Angeles, and Walter Pearson in Toronto.

Eldyn Karr is the Voice of Prophecy public relations director.

Just Call My Name

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years were always high points of celebration at the Wright household. We looked forward to these times because my dad, more than any other person, made the observance very special. I am certain it resulted from another of the resolutions he made during a rather deprived childhood.

He determined that if he ever had a family there would be adequate recognition of high holidays in his house. He made good on this self-promise. He was a different person during the holidays. It seems you just couldn't aggravate him enough for him to lose his temper during these times. Daddy believed these fun times were for kids, and he even schemed to make the time special.

There was no guarantee of gifts at Christmas, but there was a guarantee. There would be mountains of fruit, nuts, and hardtack candy, and the celebration would start Christmas Eve. There would also be food in abundance, a tradition that has grown and expanded over the years in our family.

When new members joined our family in the persons of daughters-in-law or sons-in-law, they were accustomed to opening presents on Christmas morning. I guess the whole world does it that way, but not the Wrights. When they questioned, Daddy would say, "We always open gifts on Christmas Eve."

My uncles, Momma's brothers, actually started the tradition because they could never endure the suspense of waiting for the normal Christmas morning opening. Neither the Dale family, Momma's maiden name, nor the Wrights were taught to believe in Santa Claus, so why wait? We all knew that Daddy brought whatever gifts there were, so let's get on with it.

It was quite a scene. Daddy always cut the tree himself from out in the woods. Sometimes they were the most forlorn, scraggly trees imaginable, leaning precariously to the left or right. We all laughed and poked fun at Daddy's trees. He bore it well and could not be deterred from making his annual pilgrimage into the woods to bring back his tree with boyish delight.

All the gifts would be placed under and around the tree. When we grew older and had jobs, we all contributed to the mountain of gifts that were on display.

Daddy would step forward, take his place on a stool next to the great pile, and have a brief devotion of thanksgiving to God, the real Provider. Then, we all held our breath as he called the first name. Cheers went up after each name, and we excitedly tore into our packages. We were sometimes knee-deep in wrapping paper as this ritual came to an end.

It never mattered how much you received, but only that your name was called. It would be a disaster if Daddy didn't call your name. That would mean you had been overlooked or forgotten. In all my years I never saw me or any of my siblings left out.

Sometimes it was a truck with a wheel missing, or some other well-used toy that Daddy had rescued from the trash bin at one of the wealthy homes where he worked. The toys always looked beautiful to me. And my name was called. There were times when my gift was a brown sack with a popcorn ball, nuts, an orange, an apple, taffy and hardtack candy. It was wonderful. And my name was called. One year it was a small Bible inscribed with a message from Momma to me. I cherished it. And my name was called.

When returning to public school after Christmas vacation ended, the children all gathered to ask each other what we had gotten for Christmas. It was only then that I was ashamed of some of my gifts.

They didn't seem to compare to the long lists that many of my schoolmates recited. Sometimes I made up things from my imagination or "wish list." How could I explain to them the total delight of hearing Daddy call your name out in front of everybody? They would never understand that the main thing was to be included.

I heard a man say, "I would rather be a door keeper in God's kingdom than a prince in the devil's kingdom." I was too young to understand the full import of what he said, but now I do. One day Jesus will come for His children. Some will be expecting Him later, but He will come early because He is anxious to save us. What an awesome time! It will be the thrill of a lifetime to hear Him call your name out in front of all the universe.

The order will not matter. Just call my name. The place assigned in the kingdom



"Daddy," Nathan Wright, loved to pass out the gifts at Christmas time.

will not be important. Just call my name. Some important people will be missing, but please, call my name. It will be a tragedy beyond comprehension to be left out. Jesus said, "Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20

We always opened our gifts on Christmas Eve because we couldn't wait another minute for the special joy of sharing. Soon Jesus will come because He can't wait another minute to share the joy of His kingdom. Don't miss it. Be there!

Walter L. Wright is the Lake Union Conference Secretary

Spotlight

on Young Adults

BY MICHELLE COURSEY



Some people say that the Seventh-day Adventist Church doesn't have much to offer young adults. It's also been said that if you don't take ownership in something, you won't stay with it. If we young adults don't take ownership of our church and our relationship with Christ, we may forsake both.

THE TRUTH

The truth is, there has never been a more exciting time to be an Adventist than right now—especially for young adults in our own Lake Union Conference. Listen to the stories of three young adults that live and work in this union.

MARK PATTERSON



Mark Patterson, 28, was raised as a Christian and accepted Christ at age 7 at a Baptist church. As the owner of a local printing company in Detroit, Mark saw an advertisement for a Plan C concert being held in Northville, Michigan. The concert was sponsored by Grapevine Ministries in Farmington, Michigan. Plan C was a band made up of four Andrews University/Academy students.

Mark attended the concert but planned on leaving early. As he reached the door, Reggie Carveth and Curt Johnson were standing talking. "What did you think?" Mark heard as he was about to leave.

"It was pretty good," Mark said. He thought that was it and again reached for the door.

"You look like a mountain biker. Do you ride?" said Reggie.

Mark smiled and said, "Well, I have a mountain bike."

Curt and Reggie would not be put off. "What do you like to do?"

"I like to play hockey."

"No way!" Their eyes were huge. "We're playing tonight!"

Do you want to come?"

Mark was excited. "Sure! I'd love to."

That was in March of 1999. Since then Mark has been active with the Grapevine Ministries youth and young adult group. On the first and third Friday of every month at 7:30, Mark plays in a band called Radiate at Grapevine Ministries. As one of the leaders of the band, Mark plays guitar and sings. The focus of the band is primarily to bring in non-Christians, secondly to bring in Christians that are non-Seventh-day Adventists, and thirdly to minister to Adventists.

The meeting consists of a concert by the band with testimonies from band members. The "café style" setting that hosts Radiate is the perfect backdrop for their goal of having fun and ministering to the 40 plus people that come. Mark says, "We want this to be a time for them to get to know Christ. And if they already know Him, it's a time to draw closer to Christ."

After the concert, the audience is reminded that there are people ready to listen if they want to talk, pray with someone, or just need some encouragement.

Grapevine Ministries is located at 29835 Ten Mile Road in Farmington. For more information, contact Grapevine directly at (248) 476-5811.

Mark is also involved in an interactive Bible study on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Grapevine Ministries. At "The Connection" he helps lead the praise and worship section and is also active in the Bible study himself. On

Sabbaths he helps lead the praise and worship at the Novi Church, and on the second and fourth Sabbaths at 5:00 p.m. he helps lead out in PGR (People Get Ready), specifically targeted towards Adventists who have fallen away from the church for various reasons.

Mark leads the young adults through singing praise songs. The singing is followed by a time of testimonies, drama, short fellowship, and then a sermon that is more like an interactive study of the Word.

The audience at PGR is made up primarily of young adults and is organized by Sam Mills. It is held at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty Road, in Plymouth, Michigan. For additional information, contact the Metropolitan Adventist Collegiates at (810) 495-2713.

Though Mark says he hasn't officially become an Adventist yet, he was impressed by the friendliness of the people he met through the Grapevine Ministries young adult group. This friendliness is what caused him to keep coming back and studying with his new friends. Mark loves ministry. Even though his business is very demanding, he finds time to do what he loves which is to participate musically or wherever he is needed in the ministries he is currently working with. "I love to reach out to people, Christian and non-Christian. I feel that God has given me a gift of music, and I want to use it for Him."

MARKLYNN BAZZY

Marklynn Bazy, while studying for the master's degree in youth ministry at Andrews University, found herself planning and directing the young adult evangelistic training event, Impact Toronto 2000 in July of this year. Her passion for young adults started about four years ago when she realized that though she was the daughter of a pastor and had helped lead out in various Sabbath schools, she did not have a personal relationship with God.

God led a person into her life that was also a young adult and was totally on fire for Christ. She says, "I could walk into a room, and he would be sitting there reading his Bible about to burst because he was so excited about what he was reading." Through his enthusiasm she saw that the Bible was something that could be enjoyed and started studying on her own. This sparked her new passion and relationship with Christ that has brought her to where she is today.

Markie firmly believes that young adults that come into the church need to be involved instead of trying to fit into a mold. We need to meet their needs more than expecting them to fit into programs designed for the older generations.

One of Markie's dreams is to be able to try to reach young adults in public schools and reconnect them with the church. "Once people leave the Adventist school system and go to a public university or college, it is easy for them to be forgotten," she says. Markie would like to buy a house near a university and rent out rooms to young adults. The house would have a "café type" setting that would encourage small group interactions and social activities designed to connect young adults inside and outside the church with Christ.

The most important thing to keep your spiritual life on fire, according to Markie, is to get involved. No matter where you are or where your church is located, you can get involved. If you don't have a young adult group, start your own. Start with small social outings, like games on Saturday night, and work toward small group Bible studies. Markie says, "Be patient and pray. Pray for God's will, and He will make your young adult group happen."

JENNIFER MIX

Jennifer Mix was raised in the church but would call herself a lukewarm Christian. She wasn't one to party and be wild, nor was she really strong in her faith. One observing Jen leading out in her cell group and at the Calvary Road Church in South Bend, Indiana, would think that she had been close to Christ for a long time. However, her relationship with Christ wasn't always as personal as it is now.

Jen says, "I learned growing up to not be vulnerable with other people, because that makes you weaker and causes you to get hurt. If I didn't depend on anyone, I wouldn't get hurt." This all changed when Christ made it very real to her that she needed to be dependant on Him. At that point she gave Christ not only her heart but her control and direction.

Jen became involved in several young adult small groups and has been working with the Calvary Road Church since May 1999, leading a cell group. Being involved with Calvary Road Church has given her an opportunity to be mentored and equipped to do something for other people. She hadn't realized it before, but she had been craving a mentor. Various people in her life had been there



Mime is one of the many ways young adults can get involved and share their faith.

for her and helped her, but what she really needed was someone to encourage her purposefully.

Jen also feels that all of her involvement has led her to where she is now. All of her training has been equipping and discipling her to a stronger and more personal relationship with Christ. Every step seems to take her to the next level. She can't imagine not being involved in her church. "I work in a clinic as a nurse, and it has definite perks. But that's my job. My life is ministry and being involved in ministry." She goes on to say, "I don't have to be in 'the ministry' to be a minister."

One passion Jen has is to get everyone involved in worship and ministry so that no one is merely sitting in a pew. Everyone can do something. By taking ownership and participating in church-related service, small groups, or where ever the Lord is calling you, you can build your own relationship with Christ.

It's very easy to fall into the rut of saying, "My church has nothing for young adults." Be positive. If you want to see something happen, make something happen. There are several things that you can do with some effort and commitment.

Michelle Coursey is the YouthNet Xtreme manager.

Suggestions:

1. Pray the prayer of Jabez (1 Chron. 4:9-10) and mean it. The only catch with this step is, you better be ready for God to do extraordinary things in your life!
2. Start looking around for ways for God to 'increase your territory' or to give you more opportunities for ministry.
3. Talk to other young adults around you and find out what their interests and strengths for starting a young adult group would be. Or find out what groups are already existing in your area and jump in.
4. Once you start a new group or join an existing one, be consistent. Be consistent in your attendance and in your commitment to the group.
5. Stay connected. There are several opportunities for involvement in the North American Division. Keep up to date on what's happening by logging on to www.cfye.org, www.fishfeed.net, www.saltyfish.net, and your local conference and union's web pages.
6. Don't stress, have fun. This isn't rocket science, it's about learning and growing with each other in Christ.

A Mother Spider's Treasure

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne ...? Isaiah 49:15

Many of us cringe at just the thought of a spider, but this eight-legged creature is one of the most interesting in the world. One of the fascinating aspects of a spider's life is the way in which it cares for its eggs.

All spiders produce silk, but not all spiders spin webs. Almost all spiders do use silk for another purpose, though: to construct an egg sac, a protective case for their pearly-white eggs. Before she lays her eggs, the female spider constructs a silken platform. Then, depending on the species and, therefore, the size of the spider, she lays only a few eggs or as many as 3,000. In general, smaller species lay fewer eggs. When she has finished, she swathes the eggs in layers of silk, forming a strong, waterproof package.

The type of the egg sac varies from species to species, but many of them are spherical. The spherical shape allows them to be turned easily to absorb the sun's warmth on all sides. Again, depending on the species, the female hangs the egg sac on her web or attaches it to the underside of a leaf while she stands guard. The females of other species



carry it around with them, attaching it to the spinnerets.

No matter how she cares for the sac, though, a female spider will fight fiercely to defend it, rearing up on her hind legs while throwing tiny punches with her front legs. And if something is substituted for the eggs in her bundle, such as a morsel of popcorn, she still will do battle with any enemy that tries to take it from her.

A female spider does everything that she can to protect her babies. When she loses her egg sac to a predator, she sometimes goes limp, as if dazed. A mother's love is one of the strongest forces on Earth, but God's love is even stronger. No matter how far we may be removed from Him spiritually, He will always try to keep us under His protection.

Protect Your Own Egg

You can simulate a spider's care for her egg sac. All you need is an egg and faithful attention.

What you need:

unboiled egg

What to do:

1. Blow the contents out of an egg: Hold the egg over a bowl. Use a long needle to poke a hole in the small end. Poke another hole in the other (larger) end; then enlarge this hole to about a quarter of an inch in diameter. With the contents still in the shell, use the needle to break up the yolk—sort of scramble it inside the shell. Be careful not to break the shell! Hold the end with

the pinhole to your mouth and point the end with the larger hole toward the bowl. Then blow hard. The force of the air should send the contents into the bowl. Note: You may need to enlarge the holes slightly, but do so just a little at time.

2. Wrap the egg to protect it. You may put it in a box, use bubble wrap or quilt batting and string, or come up with another method.
3. Keep the package with you for a week. Protect it and guard it as if it were an egg sac. Remember, you can never let it out of your sight!

Note: This article and activity were adapted from "A Mother Spider's Treasure," in *My Father's World: 52 More Interactive Object Lessons from Nature* (available at your ABC; or order from I.O.M., Box 670, Niles, MI 49120 for \$17.50 plus \$4.50 shipping/handling).

The Tuckers have written four daily devotional books (most recently *In His Hands*). For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.



Adventist Health System Midwest Region

Patient's Family Need Creates Friends in Deed

When Janet Worsley of Earlville, Ill., a small farming community about 60 miles southwest of Hinsdale, scheduled her husband's recent surgery at Hinsdale Hospital, she had practical concerns in addition to his well being.

Their son, who was to drive them to Hinsdale Oct. 13 was called out of town at the last minute, and they had to pay a man to drive them from Mendota to the hospital and back again. An octogenarian who uses a walker, Janet needed a place to stay during husband Frank's hospitalization. She was hopeful he could get a private hospital room, and she planned to sleep in a chair there for the weekend. But a private room was not available, and Janet said, "I was upset that if I had to go to a motel, I had no ride to visit my husband."

But an invisible force was at work on her behalf.

Frank's doctor, Samuel Girgis, M.D., otolaryngology, explained that a volunteer and employees of Hinsdale Hospital, a member of the Adventist Health System, stepped in to meet the needs of this family beyond expected care.

"It was teamwork. People at Hinsdale Hospital go out of their way to help people in need. This sort of thing happens all the time here," said the doctor.

Same Day Surgery staff members Sharon Adams and Mary Ann Muths and recovery room volunteer Barb Krezenski had the attentive ears to recognize a need and relayed it to Carla McArdle, assistant director of surgical services, who knew whom to contact to meet the need.

The hospital was able to offer Janet an available hospital-owned apartment across the street, although staff members realized even a one-block walk would be difficult for Janet with her walker. Carla then contacted a staff member, who also lives in the Garden Court Apartments. Marcia Bierschenk, a certified nursing assistant, volunteered to show Janet her room and transported her back and forth via a wheelchair during the weekend stay. The staff also arranged for Janet to eat with her husband in his room.

According to Janet, "I think a great deal of Dr. Girgis and Marcia, and was very pleased with Hinsdale Hospital. I watch the television show "Touched by an Angel," and I said, 'all the staff at Hinsdale Hospital were my angels.'"

Carla said, "That's what we're here for, to help people."

Family and friends bid a final farewell to well-respected hospital administrator Brent R. Edgerton Oct. 13 during a memorial service at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Seventh-day Adventist Church. Edgerton was vice president of Hinsdale Hospital and executive director of the Bolingbrook Medical Center. He died Oct. 9 after a 17-month battle with cancer.



Brent Russell Edgerton
1957—2000

Edgerton endeared himself to everyone who knew him for his integrity and devotion to the mission, his family values and sense of humor, and for living his faith in everything he did.

More than an administrator, Edgerton was known for his team efforts and leading by example. Co-workers recalled that prior to a hospital inspection, he plugged in a vacuum cleaner and did what needed to be done.

"He was a wonderful man of the highest integrity," said Ernie Sadau, Hinsdale Hospital president. His leadership permeated throughout our entire organization, and people both respected and loved him. And even though he truly loved his work, he always kept his family as his top priority."

Edgerton was known for his positive attitude and bringing people together; he also was a marathon runner. His community activities included the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce, Bolingbrook Rotary, and the Bolingbrook Local Development Corp. Edgerton was a member of the Hinsdale Adventist Academy board and Hinsdale Seventh-day Church, where he focused on children's ministries.

Edgerton is survived by his wife, Debby; children Eric, Andrew, and Chrissy; siblings Ron, Kevin, and Karen; parents Glen and Jeanette; and many nieces and nephews.

The Hinsdale Hospital Foundation will accept donations in memory of Brent R. Edgerton, 7 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region Lake Union Herald correspondent

Andrews University

Christmas Programs

In the spirit of Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth, numerous programs have been planned by the AU Department of Music and AU Student Association.

Dec. 8: "Welcome Christmas"

8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church.

Stephen Zork will conduct the AU Department of Music choirs along with the AU Symphony Orchestra for Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" featuring the AU women's choir and harp. He will also conduct Conrad Sousa's "Carols and Lullabies" (featuring guitar, harp and marimba soloists) and "A Christmas Garland." The AU Singers will perform the final movement from John Rutter's *Gloria*. Morihiko Nakahara will be conducting the AUSO featuring Antonio Vivaldi's "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*, Ralph Vaughan William's "Fantasia on Greensleeves," and Arcangelo Corelli's "Christmas Concerto."

Dec. 9: Second Saturday Series:

The Celebration of Festive Evensong

5:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church.

Forty minutes of dynamic music and radiant word, featuring Andrews University I Cantori choir directed by Stephen Zork. Featured will be pan flutist Pan Bogdan from Romania and the dynamic spoken word by seminary faculty members Jo Ann and Richard Davidson.

Dec. 10: AUSA Children's Christmas Party

6:00 p.m., University Towers/Burman Hall Activity Center.

Andrews students support the local community by sponsoring this holiday event for underprivileged children. To volunteer or sponsor a child with a gift, contact Trisha Ramel at (616) 471-6077 or tjr@andrews.edu.

Dec. 15: Feast of Lights 2000

7:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church.

Twenty-eighth annual event recreating the Christmas story through music, lights, and live nativity scene features the Andrews Academy Concert Choir, Bell Choir, AA Orchestra, Ladies and Mens Choruses, the Silhouettes and the Andrews Academy Mass Choir. Morihiko Nakahara, featured alumni soloist. Celebration concludes with Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus.



Rear Admiral Barry Black Addresses BSCF

Clinton-appointed Naval Chief of Chaplains Rear Admiral Barry Black returned to his alma mater on Sabbath, Oct. 7 as the guest speaker for the 20th annual Black Students Christian Forum Alumni Weekend. Black was nominated for his prestigious position by President Clinton and is the highest-ranking Seventh-day Adventist chaplain in history serving as head of all Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard chaplains, representing more than 100 different faiths.

Despite these impressive professional achievements, Black says that earthly accomplishments, fame and wealth pale in comparison to the favor bestowed upon us as Christians. "No matter how rich you are, there are too many things money can't buy," he said in his sermon to a standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,000.

Black officiated at the burial-at-sea for the late John F. Kennedy Jr.; Kennedy's wife, Carolyn; and her sister, Lauren Bessette, victims of a plane crash in July 1999. "I held the cremains of John F. Kennedy Jr. in one hand and the cremains of his wife, Carolyn, in the other. Here was a ship of multi-millionaires, and I thought of how they'd give up all their wealth to bring them back," he said.

As an admiral, Black said he has privileges given to only a few, including first-class accommodations and having his car saluted when he arrives at a military base. But he feels it is spiritual wealth, available to all, that makes a person rich.

"You and I have favor that rank and degrees can't give," he said. "We are surrounded by the favor that comes from knowing Jesus Christ, the favor of the righteousness. Whatever your dreams are, God's got bigger dreams for you. Just learn how to praise Him and how to trust Him. He will give you the dreams of your heart."

A native of Baltimore, Md., Black graduated from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1973.

*Monise Hamilton,
University Relations assistant director*

Teacher Offers New Innovative Programs for Students

Michigan — New Battle Creek Academy (BCA) faculty member Cliff Bluhm recently organized two extra-curricular programs that stress team building. The first program is the Outdoor Club for high school-level students, which emphasizes wilderness survival. A second program provides team-building group discussions for senior class members, who will soon be leaving to attend college or begin a new job.

Bluhm points out that both programs are motivational in content: "These programs are character building. The students learn to work together as a team and give of themselves as they listen to other people's ideas."

BCA's Outdoor Club trains at the school gymnasium, then the students put the learned survival skills to task with field trips in Michigan and nearby states. Bluhm lists rock climbing, camping, and canoeing as essentials in wilderness survival. He said this teaches trust, group reliance, and cooperation. As a result, character building and self-esteem are gained when a student reaches his or her goal.

A personal requirement that Bluhm, a 10-year veteran of rock climbing, injects into the Outdoor Club is that he experiences the field trip areas first, prior to the students facing off the challenges. "Safety is my number one priority," said Bluhm. "Never have I nor anybody in my care ever been injured."

Bluhm notes that these classes provide a good background for students who will soon be graduating from academy: "They learn problem solving. Both situations are so much more effective when groups work together."

Betty Kossick, Battle Creek Academy communication consultant



(From left) Battle Creek Academy students Jimmy Spencer and David Ritzenthaler experience cooperative learning.

wouldn't take all day long to register people, but it was a surprise to me that we were busy all day long," said Mikal Clark, math/computer teacher.

Despite some setbacks and delays, the Lord worked overtime on registration day at Indiana Academy to ensure there were happy students, staff, and parents at the close of the day. "It was really great to see all the old students and lots of new ones," said John Taylor, science teacher, when asked what his reaction was to registration day. To have such a high number of new students join the IA family excited many. Ricky Man, a junior, thinks this year will be "a lot more exciting and enjoyable" with so many new students.

Please keep the staff and students in your prayers as they experience a new year of growth in mind, body, soul and spirit.

Laura White for Julie Link, student recruiter



Shauna Anderson, Indiana Academy Student Association social vice-president, helps register students during registration.

I.A. Thanks Constituency for Commitment 2002

Indiana — "These improvements can only make the campus better. It's nice to have more water pressure and more hot water," states Shannon McArtor, senior class president. Sophomore Dawn Burke adds, "The campus looks much nicer in general with the landscaping done after the construction."



The IA water tower, a real landmark to alumni and friends

Appreciation abounds from the students at Indiana Academy for the campus improvements done this summer as part of Commitment 2002: The IA Project, a three-year, 2.5 million dollar capital campaign 2.5 million dollar capital campaign for Indiana Academy that includes physical renovations, tuition assistance, and capital reserves. Remodeling in the girl's dorm provided new rooms and space for ten more girls. The bathrooms and carpeting look great!" comments junior Cristina Bliese.

New freezer and refrigeration units in the cafeteria, new roofing for the dormitories, and replacement of old water lines combine to make this portion of the project a success and a benefit to the student body.

"Mens' dorm bathrooms look better than ever thanks to Commitment 2002," says junior Brad Hickey. "The air conditioning and new rooms work well."

Thanks to the many constituents, alumni, and friends who continue to support Indiana Academy in Commitment 2002: The IA Project by their prayers, efforts, and finances. The campaign and campus improvements are scheduled for completion by alumni weekend, October 2002, when Indiana Academy will celebrate its first 100 years.

If you would like to help or if you have questions about the program, please write to The IA Project at the Indiana Conference, P.O. Box 1950, Carmel, IN 46082.

Darlene Rice, Indiana Academy English teacher

Indiana Academy Enrollment Rises to 118 Students

Indiana — The day was filled with paper work, new faces, questions, and excited students as both returning and many new students came to register for the new school year at Indiana Academy. Some staff members calculated that our enrollment would be about 110. However, as the day progressed, Indiana Academy staff soon realized that enrollment would exceed their fondest expectations.

"Actually, before registration started I was thinking that it

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Edmore Thrift Shop Wins Souls

Michigan — It all started with a Mission Spotlight video shown in the Cedar Lake Church. The video featured an Adventist-run thrift shop in Collegedale, Tenn., and its ministry to the community. Cari Haus, a church member, became very enthusiastic about the idea and discussed it with others. The concept eventually blossomed into what is today called the **Second Mile Thrift Shop**—a supporting, laity-based ministry functioning with the help of members from several area churches and under the auspices of the Cedar Lake Church board.

The five founding members of the thrift shop operating committee—Marjie Conner, Ken Dyer, Cari Haus, Greg Leavitt, and Berwyn Rogers—didn't have funds to get started, and they did not want to borrow. So they sold whole wheat bread, olives, and jam during an entire summer to raise money for the project. They also had a garage sale, began collecting items for the thrift shop to sell, and started looking for a suitable location. God blessed their faith and vision, and a building on Edmore's busiest corner became available for rent. Local businesses then sold them needed used equipment at low prices.

The thrift shop was an instant success and immediately accepted by the community. Originally the plan was to open the shop only 12 hours per week, but Leona Adelson, a retired member of the Frost Church, offered to keep it open daily during regular business hours.

The operating committee wanted to buy and renovate the building but knew they didn't have enough funds. However, they decided to move forward in faith. They informed the church board of their plans and then asked the Michigan Conference to hold title to the building. They were elated when the Conference Executive Committee voted to approve their request, which was soon followed by the church constituency approving a loan to make renovations.

With the help of the Cedar Chips Pathfinder Club and nearly 100 other volunteers, a beautiful seminar and exercise room above the shop was completed. Michigan Advance Partner (MAP) funds provided money for tables and a big-screen television, and the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) witnessing class began a prophecy seminar in the newly-remodeled room. As a result of this and other evangelistic efforts, at least four persons are now preparing for baptism.

One day a woman came into the shop and picked up some used *Signs of the Times* for her mother. Later, when they asked a local pastor for Bible studies and re-baptism, it was discovered they were former Adventists. Their new dedication was traced back to reading those magazines. Another individual is attending weekly church services whose first contact was at the thrift shop.



As a result of the Adventist-run thrift shop in Edmore, Mich., several people are now preparing for baptism.

The Second Mile Thrift Shop hosted a very successful art show for Nathan Greene, a renowned Adventist artist. The exercise room, which can be used at no cost, is also greatly appreciated by those in the community. Because of these and other services, in 1999 the Edmore Woman's Club voted to honor the thrift shop as the organization that had done the most for their community during that year.

Customers are drawn to the thrift shop because of the volunteers' spirit of love and compassion. When a family came to buy used wedding dresses, they were \$20 short for the purchase. The clerk loaned them the money, and the family left feeling grateful for the loving help they had received. As soon as they were able to, they repaid the clerk. A man who just moved into the community needed clothes but had no cash. The staff trusted him with all the clothes he needed, and he returned to pay his bill when his paycheck arrived.

Today the Second Mile Thrift Shop is serving a need in the community and changing lives. It has become an active outreach ministry, and both the volunteer workers and their customers are grateful to the Lord for wonderfully blessing this project.

*Bruce Babienco, Michigan Conference
associate communication director*

Reed City Honors Adventists During Its 150th Anniversary Celebration

Michigan — On Aug. 18, Reed City, Mich., celebrated their 125th anniversary. The Old Rugged Cross Historical Society/Museum offered tours of the five oldest churches in the city, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church was one of the churches featured.

The church building itself was built in 1883 and dedicated in 1884 by the Grace Evangelical Association. It was purchased by the Seventh-day Adventists and dedicated on Sept. 29, 1951, with 18 charter members. The church members are planning a 50th anniversary celebration for next year.

The other four churches featured in the city's anniversary celebration were the First Congregational Church, which was organized in 1872; the Calvary Baptist Church, organized in 1882; St. Paul Lutheran Church, organized in 1883; and the Trinity Lutheran Church, organized in 1967.

*Donna Starlin,
Reed City Church clerk*



The Reed City Adventist Church is one of the five oldest churches in the city.

Flint-area Churches Operate Van Ministry

Michigan — The first weekend of September brought eight churches together—Holly, Lapeer, Port Huron, First Flint, Otter Lake, South Flint, Fenton, and Linden—to sponsor the first-ever van ministry in this part of Michigan. The project was initiated and the groundwork laid by Melvin Santos, pastor of the South Flint and Otter Lake churches. He worked with the Courtland Mall in Flint to secure permission to park the van in their lot.

The van, which is officially called the Mobile Medical Shuttle, is sponsored by Adventist Health Services and the Michigan Conference. The director of the Michigan Conference van ministry program is Steve Veres, who coordinates the entire operation. Veres brings the van to the prearranged site and trains the people who assist with the program. The van gives volunteers an opportunity to provide a service, offer instruction, distribute health literature according to the identified health needs, invite participants to fill out a questionnaire that examines lifestyle factors, canvas for stressors in participants' lives, and offer Bible studies. Thousands of people throughout Michigan are reached each year through the van ministry.

The Flint-area volunteers began each day with prayer. There were many people who helped with the program—nurses; home health aides; people with “friendly” talents; and Don Vixie, a physician from the South Flint Church. The volunteers stood at the mall doors and outside the van and invited people to come in. Without them the program would not have been as successful. Each of the 70+ people who participated was given a colorful brochure that invited them to attend the Revelation Seminar being presented by Steve Vail, a Michigan Conference evangelist, that began the following weekend.

*Jeanette Keith, Otter Lake Church
communication leader*

Clements Receives \$5,000 Grant for Inner City Broadcast

Lake Region — James Clements, pastor of the Chicago Beacon of Joy and New Life churches, was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant for his radio ministry, *Truth for Today*. These churches have financed previous program segments. However, Clements' proposal for additional funds to continue the broadcast was accepted and funded through the North American Division communication department, and a special “thank you” is extended to Kermit Netteburg for his assistance in this matter.

Truth for Today can be heard on radio station WWHN-1510 AM in Chicago on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4:00 p.m. The Lake Union Conference family can be an active part of this ministry through their continued support and prayers.

*Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region Conference
communication director*

Adventist Communicators Hold First Division-wide Conference

BY CHRIS DRAKE

Seventh-day Adventist communicators no longer have to feel isolated thanks to the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC), which held its inaugural conference Oct. 20–22 at the Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The conference signaled the beginning of a new life for the organization formerly known as the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators, a group that served the developmental needs of communication professionals and students in the southeastern United States for the past twelve years.

"We felt that we could be more responsive to the needs of Adventist communicators by becoming a North American Division-wide association," says Mark August, outgoing president of the society.



More than 110 Adventist communicators attended the first convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators.



Robyn Wheeler, press secretary for Illinois Congressman Bobby Rush, explained that one can be respected for standing up for one's beliefs while working in a secular work environment.

Registrar Irisene Douce reported that about 110 individuals from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, experiences, and every union in North America, attended the three-day conference. Television reporters, anchors, and producers, radio talk show hosts, online editors, newspaper writers and columnists, freelance writers, cartoonists, church newsletter and magazine editors, public relations professionals and teachers, and conference and union communication leaders were among those that had a chance to rub shoulders. Included in the mix were college students and staff members from Andrews University, Columbia Union College, Oakwood College, Pacific Union College, Southwestern Adventist University, Southern Adventist University, Canadian Adventist University College, and Walla Walla College.

This diverse mix of Adventist communicators made for good networking opportunities, fellowship, spiritual and professional growth.

"It's like a support group for those in the trenches," said former news reporter Iris Argueta, who currently works for Fleishman-Hillard Public Relations firm managing the multi-cultural outreach efforts for the White House National Drug Control Policy.

Although attendees came for various reasons, many left with a new sense of mission and renewal. "For me there has been a revival of our mission," says Michael Parnell, an instructor of communication at Andrews University. "This is a great place to find new ways to promote our church to the world," Argueta said.

Eight awards were presented to distinguished communicators at the Sabbath evening banquet. Those given a Lifetime Achievement Award were Owen Troy, retired communication director for the North American Division; Roland Hegstad, retired editor of *Liberty* magazine; Dan Matthews, Speaker Emeritus for *Faith For Today*; and Shirley Burton, former General Conference communication director and current television producer and editor of the Adventist-layman's *Services and Industries* magazine. Kermit Netteburg, assistant to the president of the North American Division for communication; radio talk show host Haller Hill; Olson Perry, communication director of the Southern Union; and Eva Lynne Disbro, vice president of McKee Foods Corporation were each given an Award for Excellence in Communication.



Ray and Debbie Young, Ypsilanti, Michigan, Church communication leaders, enjoyed the tour of the Newseum, a museum featuring the history of news.



Lena Nozizwe (left), from Beverly Hills, California, an award-winning television reporter and producer, dialogs with Debbie Young, cast member of the *Quiet Moment* radio broadcast, from Ypsilanti, Michigan.

At the close of this first division-wide communication conference, Pamela Harris, chair of the communications department at Walla Walla College, and Brenda Wood, news anchor for NBC's Atlanta affiliate, were elected as president and vice president (president-elect), respectively.

The next SAC conference will be held in October 2001 in middle-America. For photo highlights of the SAC conference and a list of officers, visit www.nadadventist.org/sac/.

Chris Drake is a senior at Walla Walla College and the student representative on the SAC board.

The Left Behind Truth

Silver Spring, Md. [ACN] — The Christian world is gearing up for a February 2001 media blitz, when a motion picture produced from the popular religious novel, *Left Behind*, will be shown in many local theaters. Authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins present the rapture as many mainstream religions teach it.

There's no better time for Adventists to study events that may confuse Christians in the last days. A special prayer meeting series, "Israel in Prophecy," presented by Steve Wohlberg, associate pastor of the Fort Worth First Church, will expose popular teachings about the rapture, Israel, a rebuilt temple, and Armageddon, while much of the Christian community hears distorted truth via Hollywood.

The ten, half-hour broadcasts via Adventist Communication Network's (ACN) satellite will air each Wednesday evening, Feb. 21 through Apr. 25, 7:30–8:00 p.m. ET, and will allow time for local study and discussion at their conclusions. Prayer and study groups will discover "Israel in Prophecy" to be the newest resource designed to counteract global delusions. Pastor Wohlberg has done extensive research and writing on the significance of Israel in the last days of earth's history. His book, *Exploding the Israel Deception*, and study guides are available by registering with ACN at (800) ACN-1119. Consult ACN's web site, www.acnsat.org, for additional information.

Bernadine Delafield, ACN project coordinator

MILEPOSTS

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ANNIVERSARIES



Ralph and Beverly Benedict celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3, 2000, by a social at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. They have been members of the Battle Creek Tabernacle for over 50 years.

Ralph Benedict and Beverly Benjamin were married Sept. 3, 1950, in Battle Creek, Mich., by Pastor Merele C. Mills. Ralph worked for his father-in-law in the printing business for 10 years then started his own printing company. Beverly worked with her husband until they retired in 1992.

The Benedict family includes Denise and James Carter of Miamisburg, Ohio; Dr. Dennis and Eddy Benedict of Jackson, Mich.; Laurie and Stephen Erickson of Ann Arbor, Mich.; 6 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; and 1 step-great-grandchild.



Roland and Jeane Ewald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 8, 2000, by a reception at the home of Susie and Ray Preston. They have been

members of the Onaway (Mich.) Church for many years.

Roland Ewald and Jeane Burgess were married Jan. 8, 1950, in Onaway, Mich., by Pastor H. Duane Miller. Roland has been an X-ray technician and builder. Jeane has been a nurse and homemaker.

The Ewald family includes Kathleen and Fred Christiansen of Emmett, Idaho; Donald and Caron Ewald of Napa, Calif.; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



Harry and Virginia Selby celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2000, with a church service in their honor on June 25 and an open house on Sunday, June 26, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. They have been members of the Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) Church for 50 years.

Harry Selby and Virginia Wehner were married June 18, 1940, in Burt, N.Y. Harry has been an X-ray technician at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie until retirement in 1983. Virginia has been a pharmacist assistant in War Memorial Hospital until retirement in 1977.

The Selby family includes Sandra Larson of Cheyboygan, Mich.; Edward and Judy Selby; 5 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

John and Catherine Schmidt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2000.

John Schmidt and Catherine "Katty" Viehman were married June 16, 1940, in Takoma Park, Md., by Pastor Don Hunter. John



has been a denominational food service employee until his retirement in 1980. Kitty has been a food service employee as well.

The Schmidt family includes Jean Kingry of Henderson, N.C.; Carol Resig of Fresno, Calif.; Don Schmidt of Oceanside, Calif.; Evelyn and Scott Cunningham of Quincy, Mass.; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



Cecil and Onahlee Stevenson celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30, 2000, by a family reunion at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Doris Stevenson. They have been members of the Holly (Mich.) Church for 45 years.

Cecil Stevenson and Onahlee Lockwood were married Aug. 30, 1930, in Bowling Green, Ohio, by Rev. Smith. Cecil has been a truck driver and crane operator. Onahlee has been a homemaker.

The Stevenson family includes Dale and Doris Stevenson of Holly, Mich.; James Patterson of Holly, Mich.; Bayard Vermilyea of O'Fallon, Ill.; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

Jean M. Fox and Christopher J. Alger were married Aug. 27, 2000, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Patrick Morrison and Lew Vander Meer.

Jean is the daughter of Martha and the late Jerome Fox of Pewamo, Mich., and Christopher is the son of Vernon and Sallie Alger of Berrien Springs, Mich.

The Algers are making their home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Holly Frost and Hans Habenicht were married July 9, 2000, in Chesapeake, Va. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Richard Habenicht and Rex Frost.

Holly is the daughter of Rex and Donna Frost of Chesapeake, and Hans is the son of Richard and Cherry Habenicht of Columbus, Wis.

The Habenichts are making their home in Chesapeake.

Kristi L. Price and Kai B. Steele were married Aug. 20, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Pat Milligan.

Kristi is the daughter of Paul Price of Albion, Mich. and Susan Berridge of Jackson, Mich., and Kai is the son of Meredith Steele of St. Joseph, Mich. and Nina Elmendorf-Steele of Berrien Springs, Mich.

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

Crystal D. Schlist and Bradley J. Trombley were married July 23, 2000, in Madera, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Richard Kelley.

Crystal is the daughter of Larry and Printess Schlist of Madera, and Bradley is the son of Curt and Esther Trombley of Saginaw, Mich.

The Trombleys are making their home in Madera.

Yvonne R. Tweddell and Jeffery P. Kroehler were married Aug. 20, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Kenneth Oster.

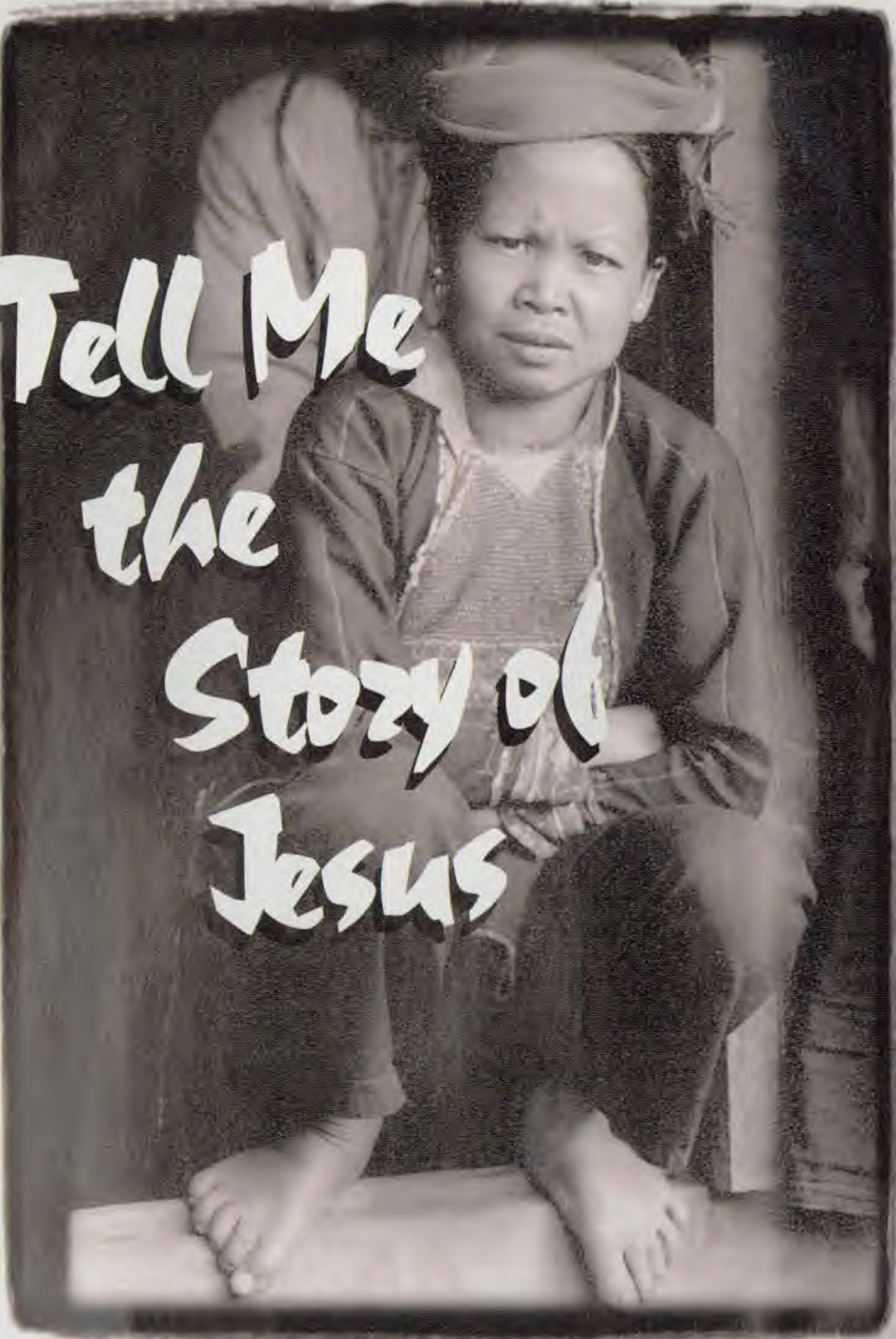
Yvonne is the daughter of James Tweddell of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Ellwyn Oster of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Jeff is the son of Americo Quinones of Chicago, Ill., and Judy Kroehler of Wilson, Mich.

The Kroehlers are making their home in Berrien Springs.

OBITUARIES

CAMERON, LaVerne D. (Running), age 80; born June 27, 1920, in Lincoln, Neb.; died July 26, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, and the Bessemer (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Bruce N. and Ladd E.; brother, Donald R. Running; and 2 grandchildren.



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Memorial services were conducted by Elder Gordon Frase, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Wakefield, Mich.

DAVIS, Wilmer S., age 77; born July 14, 1922, in Urbandale, Mich.; died July 13, 2000, in Clio, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline (Shellenberger); daughter, Janice Ferguson; and 1 grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted with private interment.

FRIESEN, Harold L., age 75; born June 1, 1924, in Laird, Saskatchewan, Canada; died May 15, 2000, in Racine, Wis. He was a member of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Central Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Laurel Sokolies and Sandra FitzGerald; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Martinez and Elder Don Corkum, and interment was in Charlotte Memorial Cemetery, Punta Gorda, Fla.

JORDAN, George R. Jr., age 79; born June 25, 1921, in Detroit, Mich.; died Aug. 18, 2000, in Chicago, Ill. He was a member of the Shiloh Church, Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Stephens; son, James R.; daughter, Hortense Jordan; and sister, Kim Cole.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip C. Willis, Matthew McKinney and Howard McHenry, and interment was in Oakland Memory Lanes, Inc., Cemetery, Dolton, Ill.

KACHENMEISTER, Robert J., age 77; born Nov. 14, 1922, in Hamilton, Mich.; died Aug. 10, 2000, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was a teacher and pastor in Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Mae (Slikkers); son, Robert; daughters, Cheryl Berthiaume and Pamela Friedman; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jim Danforth, elders Dennis Slikkers and Dan Wolf, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Hamilton, Mich.

KRASEAN, Walter, age 90; born Mar. 28, 1910, in Buffalo Lake, Minn.; died Aug. 19, 2000, in Hayward, Wis. He was a member of the Hayward Church.

Survivors include his sons, Brad and Steve; sister, Florence

Potter; and 2 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Mikhail Kulakov and elders Les Jones and Calvin Davis, and interment was in Oakland Cemetery, Hutchinson, Minn.

KULINSKI, Adelheid B., age 62; born Mar. 6, 1938, in Erlangen, Germany; died Aug. 31, 2000, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Zbigniew B.; son, Anacleto; daughters, Manuela Kulinski and Angelique Skupien; mother, Elfriede Guldenpfennig; and sister, Astrid Pfeifer.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor, Mich.

LAFAYE, Ernest E., age 75; born Sept. 18, 1924, in Muskegon, Mich.; died July 27, 2000, in Cedar Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Three Angels Fellowship Church, Rockford, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane (Tortellet); sons, Robert and Ronald; daughters, Cheryl Bush and Susan Swartzell; brothers, George and Robert; and sister, Virginia Vander Wolde.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Joseph, Elder Jerry LaFave, and elder Bob LaFave, and interment was in Sand Lake (Mich.) Cemetery.

LEE, Clyde E., age 90; born May 24, 1910, in Greenville, Miss.; died July 2, 2000, in Crown Point, Ind. He was a member of the Straford Memorial Church, Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Beard).

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Charles Joseph and elder Charles Glanton, and interment was in Oakland Memory Lanes Cemetery, Chicago.

MAGRAY, John A. Sr., age 78; born Feb. 19, 1922, in Crystal Falls, Mich.; died Aug. 20, 2000, in Crystal Falls. He was a member of the Iron River (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Carlson); son, John Jr.; brother, Robert Magray; sisters, Mildred Johnson, Thelma Shephard, Grace Galewski, and Rachel Keiser; and 2 grandchildren.

Interment was in Rest Haven Cemetery, Iron River, Mich.

MUELLER, Irene L. (Schultz), age 69; born Feb. 13, 1931, in Clinton County, Mich.; died July 15, 2000, in St. Johns, Mich. She was a member of the St. Johns (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Cogswell; daughters, Diane Wilson, Linda Thompson, and Ellen Gorman; brothers, Clarence and Ray Schultz; sisters, Ethel Pumfrey, Margaret Blood, and Jeanette Jacobs; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Olan Thomas, with private interment.

OETMAN, Lucille (Van Allen), age 83; born Sept. 2, 1916, in Bauer, Mich.; died Aug. 30, 2000, in Holland, Mich. She was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Albertus; sons, Albert and Stan; daughters, Carol Moffit, Gladys Robinson, and Janice LaFave; brother, Vettie Van Allen; sister, Hazel Mills; 20 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Grams and Harold Oetman, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Hamilton, Mich.

OXENDALE, Miriam (Boylan), age 95; born June 26, 1904, in Eaton County, Mich.; died May 30, 2000, in Lansing, Mich. She was a member of the Lansing (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, James.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Marshall McKensie and Elder Bruce Babienko, and interment was in Delton (Mich.) Cemetery.

PICKELL, Lillian E. (Hosford), age 84; born Feb. 7, 1916, in Greenville, Mich.; died Sept. 1, 2000, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville, Mich.

Survivors include her daughters, Donna Greenwood, Charlene McNab, Alice Self, and Sharree Fare; sister, Wanda Gavitt; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Rest Haven Memory Gardens Cemetery, Belding, Mich.

RAY, Morton, age 95; born Dec. 20, 1904; died Aug. 14, 2000, in Lansing, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joel Nephew, and interment was in Flint (Mich.) Memorial Park Cemetery.

SLIKKERS, Paul A., age 68; born Oct. 22, 1931, in Hamilton, Mich.; died Aug. 15, 2000, in Holland, Mich. He was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice E. (Visser); sons, Rick and Terry; daughters, Anita Buell, Judy Seymour, and Karen Mendez; brothers, Dennis, Gerald, and Leon; sisters, Helene DeWitt, Jean Brummett, and Mae Kachenmeister; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Grams, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland.

STEVENSON, Gaylord F., age 85; born Dec. 16, 1914, in Ashley, Mich.; died Aug. 7, 2000, in St. Johns, Mich. He was a member of the St. Johns Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith (Birman); son, Gaylord; daughter, Norma Jean Kilpatrick; brother, Cecil; sister, Lucille Johnson; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Olan Thomas and Lee Whitman, and interment was in Collier Cemetery, Gratiot County, Mich.

ZIEGENHORN, William E. Jr., age 48; born Oct. 2, 1951, in Chicago, Ill.; died June 16, 2000, in Rhea County, Tenn. He had been a member of the Waukegan Church, Gurnee, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Susan (Biggam); son, William "Billy" III; mother, Frances M. (McDevitt); brothers, Paul, Jim, Mark, and Tom; sisters, Kathy Fiorito, Rita Johansson, Mary Walden, and Jean Renner.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Carl Person at Graysville (Tenn.) Church and by Pastor Jerry R. Coyle at W. Central Church, Oak Park, Ill.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

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Dec. 8—"Welcome Christmas," 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church. Stephen Zork will conduct the AU Department of Music choirs along with the AU Symphony Orchestra for Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," featuring the AU women's choir and harp. **9**—*Second Saturday Series*: The Celebration of Festive Evensong, 5:00 p.m., PMC. Forty minutes of dynamic music and radiant word featuring Andrews University *I Cantori* choir directed by Stephen Zork, pan flutist Pan Bogdan from Romania, and seminary faculty members Jo Ann and Richard Davidson. **11-14**—Advanced registration for spring semester, all schools. **15**—*Feast of Lights 2000*, 7:00 p.m., PMC.

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Jan. 8—Spring semester registration. **9**—Spring semester classes begin. **10**—Seminary classes begin.

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Special Days: Dec. 2—ADRA Annual Appeal (Ingathering) Sabbath.

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11,467	11,159	Illinois	6,189,799	5,737,713	452,086	7.88%	539.79	514.18
6,203	5,938	Indiana	4,334,617	4,055,772	278,844	6.88%	698.79	683.02
23,702	23,142	Lake Region	6,909,896	6,606,913	302,983	4.59%	291.53	285.49
23,772	23,461	Michigan	18,095,265	16,258,260	1,837,004	11.30%	761.20	692.99
<u>6,311</u>	<u>6,266</u>	Wisconsin	<u>3,914,098</u>	<u>3,580,495</u>	<u>333,603</u>	<u>9.32%</u>	<u>620.20</u>	<u>571.42</u>
71,455	69,966	Totals	39,443,674	36,239,153	3,204,521	8.84%	552.01	517.95
Tithe per Week			986,092	929,209	56,883	6.12%		

2000 Sunset Calendar

	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Berrien Springs, MI	5:14	5:15	5:17	5:22	5:28	5:35
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:23	4:27	4:32	4:39
Detroit	5:00	5:01	5:03	5:07	5:14	5:21
Indianapolis	5:20	5:21	5:23	5:28	5:35	5:42
La Crosse, WI	4:28	4:28	4:31	4:35	4:42	4:49
Lansing, MI	5:04	5:05	5:07	5:12	5:18	5:26
Madison, WI	4:23	4:23	4:26	4:30	4:36	4:44
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ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

Breath of Life—"Decisions," Part B.

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part C-2.

It Is Written—"The Sabbath Boundary."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"Standing Firm to the End" (El Que Perseverare...) (CD #S0050).

Voice of Prophecy—Sun: "Why Shepherds?" (CD #F97); Mon-Fri: "Another Visit to Handel's Study" (CD not available).

WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part A-2.

It Is Written—"Truths That Change Us Inside" (TC). "Open Hearts Heal" [TC, Part 1].

La Voz de la Esperanza—"Does God Watch the News?" (Ve Dios El Noticiero?) (CD #S0051).

Voice of Prophecy—Sun: "Out to Egypt" (CD #D01); Mon-Fri: "Christians Make a Different Christmas List" (CD #D02).

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Breath of Life—"Special Delivery," Part 2.

It Is Written—"When God Became Poor."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"Echoes of Christmas" (Ecos Navidenos) (CD #S0052).

Voice of Prophecy—Sun: "The Carpenter and the King" (CD #D01); Mon-Fri: "Making Every Moment Count" (CD #D04).

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

Breath of Life—"If God Be for You," Part E-2.

It Is Written—"The Cross Absorbs Our Hurt" [TC, Part 2].

La Voz de la Esperanza—"Beyond the Sunset" (Mas Alla del Sol) (CD #S0053).

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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 NIV

Jesus? Yes, I knew him, but only as a young lad who lived briefly in a cattle stall near the old inn. My job was to care for the animals in that stall—several cows, a couple old milk goats, and everyone's donkeys. The place was like a parking lot for over-used beasts!

I dragged straw from the cribs to the mangers a couple times each day, trying to keep them full enough to satisfy all the four-legged guests in the cave. That's about all the place was, a cave hollowed out of the stone wall behind the inn. A dark, warm spot of peace for weary animals.

Till that night.

The Romans had made tiny hells out of each of our lives, demanding extra bedding, extra food, extra wine, and extra straw for their steeds. Many of the Bethlehemites who had come home to pay census taxes couldn't even find beds. All the beds had already been taken by Romans! That meant many strangers and old friends were pounding on the inn door, pleading for space, "just for this one night!"

But there was no space and everyone was angry.

Except me. I'd never been so busy. Far too busy hauling straw and water to worry about being angry.

That's when they arrived. The older man with the pregnant young girl, both huddling close to a wonderfully-healthy donkey. It was obvious that any donkey who lived with this man was a lucky animal.

Mrs. Innkeeper herded them toward the cave, shouting at me to cover a manger with fresh straw. Once I'd spread the straw, she covered it with an old blanket and then shooed me outside to find the midwife. That was just fine with me. The last place I wanted to be was in a birthing room!

I delivered the midwife and then flopped on my mat beside the haystack, exhausted. Nightmares of flashing lights and unearthly singing kept me tossing most of the night, and I awakened with a jolt, fearing I had overslept my duties..

The cave was packed with hillside shepherds, fellows who NEVER came into town, men and women who were always more comfortable with sheep than with people. But here they were, bunched into the manger all quiet like, ogling a baby whose eyes were tightly closed against the darkness.

Jesus? Yep. I knew him.

For several days they stayed right there, living like royalty. The shepherds practically moved into the cave, standing around in holy amazement, re-telling their tales of singing stars and angels who spoke Aramaic. Bowing before the baby like he was God. Bringing in guests, visitors and lookers like they'd been given charge of a museum.

To me he was just a baby, a little boy whose sleep was always being disturbed by some smelly goat who needed to be milked. A child whose cry sounded a lot like my little brother, and whose mother cared for him like mothers have forever. Diapers, milk, cuddles, and lullabies from a woman whose eyes burned with an inner starlight.

His father, Joseph, helped me mend some of the manger fences and showed me a new way to brush donkeys.

I wish they had stayed longer. Everything about my life was better when they were here. Any fellow who lives near Jesus and his folks is a pretty lucky guy.

Dick Duerksen



PROFILES OF YOUTH



Jamie Danaher

The eldest of six children, **Jamie Danaher**, junior class president at Wisconsin Academy, is a responsible young lady, goal-orientated and serious about her studies. "I wish we had many more students like Jamie," says math teacher Bryan Gallant. Her excellent grade point average is a product of good time management and effort. Dean Peden also appreciates Jamie's organizational skills. "She keeps the cleanest room in the dorm," she said.

But don't think this National Honor Society member is all work and no play. She plays on the school's intramural teams and is a member of the gymnastics team. She is also a member of the Choralaires, bell choir, and takes private voice lessons.

Jamie says her ultimate goal is "to know God and do her best to represent Him." The daughter of Millie and Terrence Danaher of Milton, Wisconsin, Jamie looks forward to attending an Adventist college after graduation to prepare herself for a career in the field of dentistry.

Daniel Fekete, a senior at Wisconsin Academy, learned responsibility at an early age while helping on his family's farm in Arpin, Wisconsin. This National Honor Society member is described by staff as quiet, respectful, and always ready to lend a helping hand. His interest in meeting people led him to try literature evangelism as early as seventh grade. The job fit his personality, and he continued to earn money towards his Christian education each summer.

A well-rounded individual, Dan is a member of Choralaires and band and also plays in the school's intramural program. Dan excels in math. "He has been my top student for the past two years," explains math teacher Bryan Gallant.

As senior class pastor, Dan keeps his own spiritual focus by getting up extra early to have his own worship, and in the evening he prays with five other boys in the dorm. "This was something that was suggested last year at Leadership Camp," says Dan, "and we've been doing it ever since." The son of Emery and Alberta Fekete of Arpin, Wisconsin, Dan's future plans include attending an Adventist college next year.



Daniel Fekete

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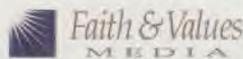
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