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COVER

Photo by Tyler Burns. Hardly a day goes by that you won't see someone fishing along the St. Joseph River in Berrien Springs, Mich. They'll be there, standing wader deep in the swirling, sometimes icy waters, come rain, snow, sleet or hail. And whether they get a bite or not, they'll be back at the very next opportunity. They hope, like the woman downstream with a large steelhead on line, for a bright December day like this one and something to show for their efforts.

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"In the Beginning God"

January can be a month that begins more than the new calendar year. The child of God can use it to begin a new year of deeper worship and witness.

The book of Genesis deals with beginnings. It sets forth the beginning of creation, humanity, family life, the beginning of sin and disobedience to God, the beginning of suffering, and the beginning of God's effort to redeem and restore mankind to a relationship of love and a fellowship of faith.

The first three chapters of Genesis serve three great purposes: They introduce God, they explain the world, and they interpret mankind.

No attempt is made to prove the existence of God; He is simply introduced. His presence and power are taken for granted. The Psalmist said, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Ps. 14:1). God is introduced as a personal, spiritual being. He acts! He speaks! He feels! He is One who has existed from all eternity, antedating all things. He is back of all things, before all things, and above all things. He is the eternal and changeless God.

Next, Genesis declares that God created the earth and our universe. As the Spirit moved upon it, God was able to say that "it was good." The creative activity of God continued as He sought step by step to prepare the world for the creation of humans who were to climax the divine work.

The Psalmist raised the question, "What is man?" Many answers have been suggested for this question, but Genesis leaves no doubt that we are a special creation—the crown and climax of God's creative activity.

God planned for our lives to be full of joyful activity. He gave us beautiful surroundings, beloved companionship, and a pleasant occupation. Combined with these was the joy of communion with God. What a disappointment it was for God to see His children try to achieve happiness on their own.

Since God is before, behind, and above everything, doesn't it behoove us to give Him first place in our affections, our ambitions, and our actions? Since we are going to be journeying through a new year, we should travel trustingly in His grace. And since life should be a mission, let's live it helpfully from day to day. God is the *Hope for Our Day*.



YOUTH DEMONSTRATE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

BY SHAYNE DAUGHENBAUGH

Spreading seasonal cheer is what young people were doing at the Neighbor to Neighbor Community Service Center in Berrien Springs, Michigan. This activity was the third facet of Blended SEWP, a Berrien Springs Village Church Thursday night youth ministry. It's a creative attempt to meet the different needs in a young person's spiritual development: Studying, Eating, Working, and Playing. The four facets of SEWP are cycled through the month. This week was "Work" week.

If you had been there, you would have seen enthusiastic young people talking, laughing, and sharing life while actively serving others. Wrapping paper and Scotch tape were the decor as they wrapped presents that would be given to the children of clients who came to the Neighbor to Neighbor center over the holidays. While the wrapped packages may not have won artistic awards, the spirit in which they were wrapped made them beautiful.

Although the young people were missing out on homework and/or "Must See TV," they didn't mind. They felt good about giving back to their community and having fun with friends. As they worked, many were wondering about the children and the happiness they would have receiving the presents.



Youth experienced fun and satisfaction as they wrapped holiday gifts for needy children in their community.

"SEWP helps us learn to give freely to others," says Cherri, a SEWP member. "SEWP is 'thingabangorangataning' fun," said Justin and Andy, long-time SEWP members. Parents love SEWP because it involves their youth in meaningful church-sponsored activities. SEWP also gives the young people a sense of ownership—ownership of their church as well as their own spiritual growth.

The young people wrapped books, toys, stuffed animals, and games. This wasn't the first time they had wrapped gifts this season. On an earlier "Work" week, they wrapped care packages for children all over the world through Operation Christmas Child, www.samaritanspurse.org.

Although these SEWP activities are fun, they are not without their learning points. They help youth look at their community from a different perspective. They open their eyes to the needs of the surrounding and the global community they live in.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" (Matthew 25:40).

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Michigan

I was born in the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, central Africa. All of my family roots are in either the Presbyterian Church or the Orthodox Church, except for one Seventh-day Adventist family, Pastor Jean-Paul Miejaie. My father, of course, is Presbyterian, but he used to love listening to *IL EST ECRIT (It Is Written)* every Saturday morning on our national radio.

After I graduated from high school, I decided to study theology

to become a minister for God in the Presbyterian Church. My father strongly opposed this decision, for he wanted me to become either a civil administrator or a lawyer. However, most of my relatives encouraged me to positively answer God's call to ministry. Personally, I felt like I had no other choice but to follow God's call. In a sense I became a "bad" son for my dad, for I chose the path God was calling me to follow instead of following his wishes. From the

moment I attended the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, my dad refused to give me any support.

I was ordained as a Presbyterian Church pastor in 1998, and two years later I heard from a pastor friend of mine about the Robert Spangler Clergy Fellowship of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This fellowship is offered to ministers of other denominations to encourage their professional growth. My friend had an application form which he copied by hand and gave to me.

I applied for the fellowship, and in January 2001 I came to the



Gervais Abondo Ondoua was baptized at Pioneer Memorial Church, on September 27, 2003, by Denis Fortin, Adventist Theological Seminary associate dean.

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. The fellowship was granted me for one semester of studies at the master's level at Andrews University. I can testify to how merciful God is, for my earnest desire all along was to have a clearer picture and knowledge of God in order to better minister to His people.

My studies at Andrews University have been an awesome experience for me; I have been blessed with new insights in my faith in God. The transforming grace of God has been with me and carried me through several challenges and hardships.

Gradually, I have been persuaded to embrace the Adventist message. So, experiencing God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the study of the Adventist message has led me to recommit my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. My baptism is a continuation of my experience with God in my preparation for the ministry He has called me to.

People ask me how a Presbyterian minister can become an Adventist. I have no words to explain it. I tell them that only God can impress them with the answer



Gervais Abondo Ondoua came from Africa to the Adventist Theological Seminary on a clergy fellowship offered to ministers of other denominations to encourage their spiritual growth. As a result of his studies, he recommitted his life to God through baptism into the Adventist Church. From left: Gervais Abondo Ondoua and Denis Fortin, seminary associate dean and Ondoua's spiritual mentor.

through His Holy Spirit.

I praise God for His angels who ministered hope in times of hardships, and for the leading of the Lord in my life.

Gervais Abondo Ondoua with Denis Fortin, Adventist Theological Seminary associate dean

Michigan

The Holy Spirit uses many people to lead individuals into His church. Jesus said, "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). Many sowed in the life of Judy Daniels.

Judy had been a Christian since she was eight years old. She first learned about the seventh-day Sabbath from her husband, Bill, who had converted from Judaism to Christianity. She diligently studied her Bible and did research at the library on the subject, but because she and Bill did not know of any Christians who kept the Sabbath, they attended a Sunday-keeping church.

One day they discovered a religious book in the waiting room of a doctor's office with a Bible study request card tucked in the back cover. They decided to mail it in. Soon Paul Pellandini, pastor, and Howard Peterson from the Edmore Church paid them a visit and began Bible studies in their home. Judy and Bill greatly enjoyed the studies but weren't fully convinced on some biblical issues. When Pastor Pellandini moved to another district, the studies ended. But a seed had been planted.

Seven years passed during which Bill died. Then one day a non-Adventist neighbor invited Judy to join a Bible study group in her home conducted by students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy. Gladly she accepted the invitation and continued to grow in her Bible knowledge in the months



Judy Daniels

that followed. When her neighbor moved, Judy asked the students to continue the studies in her home. She began occasionally attending the Edmore Church, located at the other end of the block from the church where she was a member. She felt a warmth and friendliness whenever she attended.

When the *Hope for the Homeland* evangelistic meetings began in Edmore, conducted by Paul

Pellandini, former Edmore Church pastor, Judy was pleasantly surprised to see him again when she arrived on opening night of the meetings. During the series, she began keeping the Sabbath and regularly attending church. Many issues were resolved as a result of the meetings, but she still was not ready to make a full commitment.

Several months later, prophecy lectures with evangelist Ted Struntz began at the high school in neighboring Lakeview. Judy attended regularly. The last of the issues in her mind were resolved, and she made her decision to join the Adventist Church. In a special service on Sabbath evening, May 31, 2003, she and three others united their lives with Jesus and His church in baptism. Her warm smile and cheerful outlook are a great blessing to her new church family.

It took the work of a literature evangelist in placing a book in a doctor's office, the faithfulness of a pastor and layperson following up on a request card, the friendliness of a neighbor inviting her to a study group, the winsomeness of academy students, the warm acceptance of church members, and the power of public evangelistic meetings to lead Judy home. The Holy Spirit used many people to plant and water the gospel seed in Judy's life, but "...God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Dave Gotshall, pastor of Edmore and Lakeview (Michigan) churches



Organized to Spread the Gospel

BY GARY BURNS

The primary governing body in the Seventh-day Adventist Church organization is your local church. It is solely responsible for membership. Members of the local church decide in business session how to advance the gospel in their community. The church board implements those decisions.

One of the blessings of the Adventist Church is the fact that your local church is united with every other Adventist church around the world through a representative form of organization.

Each church is a part of a local conference. Your conference is responsible for providing your church with pastoral support. It also gives support for the various church ministries, including education. The conference executive committee meets regularly to give direction and implement policies between conference sessions.

Three times each year, the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee meets at its headquarters in Berrien Springs, Michigan. It is the highest governing body in our territory. Its primary responsibility is to advance the gospel in our field by giving direction and support to the local conferences. The Lake Union

is made up of the Illinois, Indiana, Lake Region, Michigan, and Wisconsin conferences.

The world church is divided into 13 territories called divisions. The Lake Union Conference is one of nine unions in the North American Division (NAD), which includes the United States, Canada, and Bermuda. The NAD headquarters is located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The NAD Executive Committee examines issues relating to the church in North America and is made up of more than 320 members. This year's year-end meeting began on a Friday so that the committee members could worship and celebrate the Sabbath together prior to conducting business.

The Lake Union was well represented and gave input into the process. There was a positive spirit of unity with an obvious desire to make decisions that would advance the gospel, not only in our areas, but around the world. Many members commented on the spiritual tone of the meetings.

The world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is also located in Silver Spring. The office is referred to as the General Conference (GC). Every five years, representatives from every part of the world convene to set policy and give direction for the work of the world church. It is called the General Conference Session. This is the highest governing body of the



The General Conference and North American Division (NAD) headquarters are located in Silver Spring, Maryland. This photo shows ministry exhibits at NAD headquarters.

church. The next session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2005.

Each year, over 400 representatives and invited guests from around the world meet for what is called the Annual Council of the General Conference. The council examines issues between General Conference sessions.

This year's Annual Council marked the 140th anniversary of the beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The primary focus of the council was evangelism, with special attention given to nurturing new members. New plans and strategies were introduced to help fulfill the gospel commission.

For more information about your church, its organization, and the latest news, visit the Lake Union Conference Web site at www.luc.adventist.org. There are links to the conferences, the NAD, the GC, and a number of other church organization Web sites.

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EVANGELISM IN SAN LEONARDO, PHILIPPINES

A Filipino Rose

BY ROSE FERREIRA



At the conclusion of the Global Evangelism evangelistic meetings, 107 people were baptized and more are still preparing for baptism.

Since I was a child, I loved to tell people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit was always telling me creative ways of reaching others. I had drifted away from my calling to be an evangelist and found it again as I joined the Global Evangelism opportunities. When Bob Folkenberg visited Andrews University to promote Global Evangelism,¹ my heart jumped at the calling and opportunity.

I had just graduated from Andrews with an MA in youth ministry. It took faith to leave for three weeks without pay and to depend on God for a job when I got back. I had volunteered in June 2003 to go to the Dominican Republic, and now three months later I was going to preach in the Philippines.



Rose Ferreira is a Global Evangelism volunteer who preached an evangelistic series in San Leonardo, Philippines, in September 2003.

I saw the Holy Spirit work in the way the people responded to the message while I was preaching. I

saw it on their faces as people were moved by God, convicted, and converted. I was the one who was so privileged in being able to watch this—for me the greatest miracle.

As I saw God work, it strengthened my own faith. I found that our message is so amazing it was setting me free from fear of the future and Satan's deceptions



Rose is pictured here with some of the Bible workers that supported her evangelistic meetings and some of the youth that were baptized.

of self-dependence, materialism, temporal values, immorality, and pride. I claimed the promise that the Word would not return void. And God answered my prayer.

I made a call on the night that I preached about baptism, and over 30 people came forward for prayer and baptism. After my preaching, I mingled with the people and many of them told me how the message caused them to realize that God loves them and can give them power to have victory.

So many of the Adventist members and newly baptized people do not have jobs. So while I was there, I said I would help

them write a business plan to start a business to make school uniforms for all the Adventist schools. I helped them design seven dresses, which they made in three days. They did an excellent job, so I was confident in what they could do. When I got back home, I went to the business department at Andrews University and asked for help. I now have a lady that is working on this project for me.

When I returned, a doctor called me up and said that he wanted to give me a check of \$300 for the trip to the Philippines. This was amazing, for the people in San Leonardo needed \$300 to follow up the meetings. I had promised them before I left that I would help them with the \$300, yet I did not have a job. So God answered their need to employ two Bible workers for three months.

Would I do it again? This is what I would love to do if God provides financial assistance. I told God if He can put my unbelief, distrust, and pride to death, then I will do whatever He asks me to do.

1. To learn more about Global Evangelism, go to www.global-evangelism.org or call (704) 596-3200.

Rose Ferreira writes from Berrien Springs, Michigan.



New Beginnings

BY WILLIE OLIVER

The apostle Paul declares in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

The quintessential notion of new beginnings in our society is dramatized by the coming of a new year. It is a time that prompts people to stop and ponder the weightier and sometimes not so weighty matters in life.

Deciding to exercise on a regular basis.
Drinking eight glasses of water each day. Being kinder to one's children, spouse, or siblings.
Eating to live rather than living to eat.
Making time for personal Bible study more frequently.
Planning ahead for family vacations.

Unfortunately—more often than not—before too long, our lofty expectations come to a screeching halt in the absence of real change. And change, my friends, is no easy matter. It is a matter of life-style transformation. Radical adjustments. Supernatural alterations.

Real change, and realistic new beginnings essentially lodge in the realm of the divine. Which brings us back to Paul and his talk about being new creations. The Apostle is actually suggesting in this passage

that it is worthless for anyone to acknowledge similarity with Christ unless Christ lives in each one. A different reading of the same reality is the image of a person changing from being a child of Satan to being a child of Christ.

The sobering certainty of life on earth is that there are only these two positions available to us. Living

are seen, but on the things that are eternal. Old things have passed away.

Old things passing away mean little—Paul's assertion crystallizes—unless the old has been replaced with the new. Such a person is not only mended, but has been made new. What was once in chaotic disorder now

stands as God's work of art, which He pronounces very good (from Adam Clarke's Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1996 by BibleSoft).

As members of families, despite each of your configurations, I challenge you to come to grips with the notion of new beginnings as it applies to your respective lives. And in the context of Paul's message in 2 Corinthians 5:17, realize that real

change and new beginnings are only meaningful in the continuum of a life lived in Jesus and through Jesus. It means then, that each day we must begin anew by being born of the Spirit. Enjoy your renewed life in Jesus, and nothing that happens this year will be without a blessing.



in sin or living in grace. Being filled with God's Spirit or overflowing with the works of the evil one.

Paul is essentially emphasizing that real change and the only ability for true new beginnings lie in a transformed life lived in Jesus Christ. The person who before was once filled with pride and anger is now gentle and modest. Those who once lived for this life and world alone now have God to live for and concentrate not on the things that

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EXTREME GRACE

The Do Not Shop

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Dad wanted to go to Krispy Kreme, but we couldn't find one in Key West. Or on No Name Key. Or even on Key Largo. So, we settled on a great-looking store that promised "outdoor gear," and an opportunity to see Hemingway's boat.

Not quite donuts, but at least better than another hour going 42 mph behind that guy in the motor home.

The store's advertising was nearly true. Hemingway's boat turned out to be "almost exactly the same as the one Hemingway had made after fishing (probably) in this one." OK. I can handle that, and it was fun to climb the stairs to the wheelhouse.

Several signs caught my eye on the way up. "Do not sit here." "Do not touch." "Do not go any further."

Dad and I "did not," and then walked down from the boat, back into the racks of shirts, shorts, rods, reels, and hats. We didn't try any on, because a sign warned, "Do not

try on without a clerk."

So, rather than stand, sit, try on, peer into, or otherwise

disobey the signs, we gave up. It was just too hard keeping track of all the things we MUST NOT DO!

As we walked back to the van, Dad said, "Guess we went to the Do Not Shop after all!"

Some folks feel that God is like who ever owns that outdoor shop—heavy on the "Do not's!" and strong on the "watching." They skim through the Bible and get caught on the wording of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt



not!" they hear Him screaming. Funny, but even if they're not stealing anything, they feel guilty when they read the stealing commandment. And covet? That commandment is enough to make you skip *all* the ads in *Sports Illustrated*.

People who get caught on the "don'ts" are always checking

for signs, and watching to see who's watching. Guilt (earned or imputed) becomes their first name, and misery their personality trait.

How sad. And how unlike God's will for us. His character is *freedom*, not *restriction*. The Bible is filled with His voice calling for us to "DO!"

In Genesis, you'll hear God commanding His kids to "care for, eat, tend, protect, and multiply." In Isaiah, you'll hear Him inviting you to "come, reason, and be changed." In Psalms, He calls you to "sing!" In Colossians, He provides new clothes and asks us to put them on.

In the Gospels, He challenges us to meekness, patience, compassion, generosity, and love—all the while calling to us to "eat."

And in Revelation, He shouts for us to "listen," "open," and "set another place at the table."

No room for guilt and sign checking here. We're far too busy eating, sharing, loving, and celebrating. We're overwhelmed

with, "loving being loved by Him!"

By the way, He's watching. But He's not looking for us to break a rule. He's watching to be sure He's right there when we need to be picked up.

Hmmmm. I wonder if He'd like to join me for my once-a-year trip to Krispy Kreme?

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Bringing Hope by Listening

BY VICKI GRIFFIN

Thousands of our neighbors and friends are trapped in debilitating lifestyles and attitudes that make living virtually unbearable. They are ready to give up. I met such a person at a feed store one day. He was bloated, ashen, and tired. His eyes were dull and lifeless. The tobacco spittle seemed to drag any possibility of a smile from the corners of his mouth.

Eager to share some simple lifestyle tips that were sure to make his life better, I asked, "Would you like to add seven years to your life?" I was stunned by his reply. "Honey, it's all I can do to drag out an existence. I don't want to live any longer than I have to." He wasn't kidding.

His response helped me realize more keenly the depth of brokenness that people live with, the multiple problems that engulf them, and how important it is to seek first to understand and then be understood.

Not long before I had felt my situation was hopeless. For twenty miserable years I was a prisoner of severe bulimia. Then, at the age of 31, I was ecstatic to find God's truth, His power, His rest from bondage, and His message of hope for a better life by His marvelous grace.

The most important skill in reaching out to hurting people is *listening*. The second most

important skill is *asking* the right questions to understand their perceived needs and concerns. Only then will they believe we are really there to help, and not to hammer them with our own agenda.

We must be willing to listen to their pain—to show enough interest to ask questions that help us understand their perceived needs. Rather than overwhelming them, we must truly love them.

I'm encouraged by God's promise that He will empower willing, committed people like you and me with His message of hope. A message that will rescue many from physical, mental, and moral decay. A message of healing for perishing, broken, out-of-control people.

Helping people find Christ and His power—that's why I share God's principles of health and healing. And you can share them too. Each month in this column, we will present principles included in the attractive sharing modules produced by Lifestyle Matters ministry.

May God grant each of us His gracious spirit in ministry, is my prayer.

Vicki Griffin is the Michigan Conference health ministries director.



The attractive Lifestyle Matters kits include books, audio CD's, and videos designed to help you incorporate God's principles into your life. These principles deal with issues such as stress sensitivity, immune function, memory, learning, behavior and mood. They are simply presented and easy to share with others. You are also encouraged to include the Lifestyle Matters ministry modules in your church's comprehensive evangelistic plan for 2004. Visit www.lifestyl matters.com or call 866-624-LIFE (5433).



New Members Develop Internet Ministry

BY BRUCE BABIENCO WITH JEFF STRONG

The Word of Truth Christian Internet radio station, located in Dagget, Michigan, was launched in December, 2001, by Jeff and Anne Strong. The Lord has truly gifted this young couple to share His messages of love and mercy through Internet radio. As members of the Menominee (Michigan) Church, their broadcasts of peaceful Christian hymns and gospel melodies help listeners relax. The station also airs Bible programs by Adventist speakers, such as Doug Batchelor, Steve Wohlberg, Richard O'Fill, Tom Waters, and others. They seek to keep a balance between music and speaking programs as they broadcast 24/7.

As students in the same public high school, Jeff and Anne both experienced empty lives full of drugs, partying, and rock music. They knew something was missing, for there was no real happiness. When Anne graduated from high school, she purchased an old Toyota truck and they spent the summer camping out.

Then tragedy struck. Driving 60 mph under the influence of marijuana, Anne lost control of the truck. It rolled, ejecting both of them. Anne only received minor injuries, but Jeff was instantly paralyzed from his chest down. Dependant upon a respirator to keep alive, all he wanted to do was die and get it over with.

Jeff survived his delicate surgery and began to slowly improve. He realized God had spared his life,



Jeff Strong operates Word of Truth Radio, a Christian Internet radio station ministry.

but the struggle was not over. Even though another surgery was performed, he and Anne soon went back to their old habits.

Still suffering from his injuries a year and a half later, Jeff picked up a Bible and cried out to God. Two nights later he watched a religious video Anne's mom had given them, and was impressed as he heard about Jesus. He began earnestly praying and reading his Bible, and it wasn't long before he surrendered his life completely to Jesus Christ.

Anne wasn't too excited about all the changes. But as she compared Jeff's joy with her emptiness, she made the decision to accept Jesus as her personal Savior, and the Lord gave her

victory over her past sinful lifestyle. Now they both knew they had a true friend in Jesus.

After Jeff and Anne were married, God opened the way for Jeff to attend college. When Anne suggested they start a Christian radio station, Jeff embraced the idea and chose to major in broadcasting and media production. Realizing that AM and FM stations are limited to a specific geographical area and that Internet radio could be heard around the world, they chose to develop a Christian Internet radio station which they named Word of Truth Radio.

Starting with a problematic computer, some CDs, and a cheap microphone, the Lord blessed and began to multiply their resources. Listener responses began to pour in, and they received e-mail from all over the world. As they were able, they upgraded their studio with professional equipment and built a Web site which received over 15,000 visitors in August 2003.

Like 3ABN, they are dependant on the prayers and financial support of their listeners. You are invited to visit their Web site at <http://www.wordoftruthradio.com> and listen on your computer as they broadcast 24/7.

Bruce Babienco is a Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent, and Jeff Strong owns Word of Truth Radio.

Because You PRAYED

By Peter Neri

The sound of the shower partially awakened me. The puddle of light spilling into the living room from under the bathroom door surprised me. It was still dark. What was my host doing up at this hour—and on the weekend?

I snuggled back into the soft cushions of the couch and pulled the warm blanket around me. Then I heard the gentle turning of the doorknob. I strained in the direction of creaks in the floor and watched a silhouette gliding in front of the sliding glass doors.

“What’s he doing so early in the morning?” I wondered. I saw him spread something out on the floor and drop to his knees. With nothing but darkness in the woods beyond the balcony, I wondered what he hoped to see.

I had met Don a few weeks before at my first teachers’ convention in Minneapolis. As a new Adventist from Wisconsin in a new position as church school teacher in Duluth, I craved

fellowship and was eager to make new friends. Don was perceptive and had invited me to his church for the weekend.

Now I was wondering about my host. What kind of person was he? My curiosity could no longer be held in check. “What are you doing?” I asked. “I’m praying,” Don replied matter-of-factly. “Why?” I ventured. He then explained to me that every morning he spent a special time of devotion with His loving Creator and Friend.

This was new to me. I had been raised to respect and obey the catechism. After learning the “truth,” I switched my obedience to a new set of beliefs. Because of my competitive background, I studied the Bible to win arguments. I had joined the right church, but for the wrong reasons.

Because Don prayed, I was introduced to a whole new way of living. It was a turning point in my life. He shared his love for Jesus. He described how he discovered fellowship with Him through

reading and praying. I desired that kind of relationship.

He gave me some tapes by Morris Venden on the devotional life. I began to practice prayer combined with reading the Bible, *The Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*.¹ My Christian background and training had taught me to be careful to obey the commandments of God, but my new devotional life introduced me to Jesus.

This miraculous transformation in my life can be explained by the simple principles found in Isaiah 6:6, Philippians 4:6, Acts 1:14, Revelation 18:1, Acts 18:1, and 2 Chronicles 7:14. Things happen when people pray. Prayer was the key to Jesus’ life of love and obedience. Prayer makes a difference.

1. These devotional books by Ellen White may be purchased at your Adventist Book Center. See www.AdventistBookCenter.com.

Peter Neri is the Indiana Conference ministerial director.

Created to Be Free

BY VERNON ALGER

Freedom of conscience is a characteristic of God. He created us free to choose Him or to reject Him. He accepted the cross rather than compromise our freedom of conscience. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has long advocated for religious freedom, believing that it is best achieved through the separation of church and state.

Some of the church's earliest activities in public affairs was its contacts with the U.S. government during the Civil War, seeking to prevent church members from being conscripted into the army in a combative status. In 1888–89, the U.S. Congress considered legislation establishing Sunday as an official holiday. A. T. Jones, one of the early religious liberty leaders, testified before the U.S. Senate Blair Committee, presenting the church's position on religious freedom and the proposed Sunday law. The bill was never passed.

In 1889, the National Religious Liberty Association was formed. In 1905, the General Conference formed the religious liberty bureau which, in 1909, became the religious liberty department. This department is now known as the public affairs and religious liberty department (PARL), and it is actively pursuing religious freedom for Adventist Church members, non-members, and the church itself.

While the PARL department deals with many issues of conscience—such as the freedom to distribute literature and collect funds, Sabbath exams and school and professional certifications, union membership, and religious issues in child custody disputes—the single largest activity of the department is attempting to resolve the conflict between Sabbath observance and employers' schedules.

The PARL department protects freedom of conscience by education, legislation, and litigation. The preferred method is educating the general public and employers as to the importance of freedom of conscience, and, where appropriate, the obligation to accommodate religious convictions. PARL is also active at the state and federal levels seeking legislation which will give equal job opportunities to sabbatarians. If all else fails, litigation is the last resort. Unfortunately, with more than 1,000 Adventists losing their jobs every year because of Sabbath-employment conflicts, the church cannot sponsor litigation to remedy all of these wrongs. The Title VII Litigation Committee at the General Conference sponsors cases with the broadest impact and the greatest precedential value for other Sabbath employment situations.

An offering to support religious liberty is scheduled every January to assist with the costs of protecting freedom. Part of the offering supports the publication and distribution of *Liberty* magazine. *Liberty* is sent free to those individuals who can directly impact freedom, (i.e., judges, lawyers, legislators, and opinion leaders), and to other public resources such as libraries and the media. Part of the offering subsidizes an office on Capitol Hill to relate to the United States government, and a portion of the offering is used to help fund litigation.

With so many court decisions being decided against sabbatarians with conflicting job schedules, the NAD PARL department, with the assistance of the union PARL directors, is pursuing passage of the Religious Freedom in the Workplace Act. This legislation is desperately needed to preserve employees' religious practices. While there are 21 sponsors thus far in the Senate, it is essential that we pull together to enact this legislation.

If you have been the object of religious discrimination in employment or in other areas mentioned above, you may contact the PARL department at the Lake Union Conference. Everything possible will be done to assist you in resolving the discriminatory action, and if necessary, the matter will be referred to the appropriate committees at the General Conference.

Vernon Alger is the Lake Union Conference public affairs and religious liberty department director.

Prize Painting Inspires Charlevoix Church Plant

BY DAN TOWAR

When John and Becky Spieth arrived at the Lake Union *Hope for Our Day* Training Conference in South Bend, Indiana, last October, they came with a dream to help plant a new Adventist church in their town. However, they discovered at the registration desk that the conference was full, and they would not be able to attend unless someone cancelled their pre-registration.

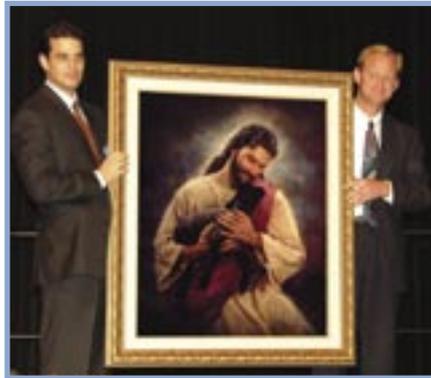
Disappointed, they waited for several hours, checking back often to see if anyone had cancelled. When it was time for the Friday evening meeting to begin, John and Becky were ushered into an overflow room where they could at least listen to the evening program. Before the evening was over, they heard the good news that someone had cancelled, and they were able to register and participate in the weekend's training events. This was the first installment of the miracle God planned for them that weekend.

When John and Becky moved to Charlevoix, Michigan, they met Jenny Malfroid, the Petoskey Church Bible worker who came to their door with a community survey. It was then that they found out a church plant project was under way for Charlevoix. They wanted to be part of it.

As they attended the *Discover Revelation* series with Dan and Patsy Towar, Greg Timmons, the Petoskey Church pastor, invited the Spieths to receive the training offered in South Bend. Little did they realize how their attendance would answer a prayer that would bring special courage to those working in the Charlevoix evangelistic meetings.

A highlight of the training weekend was a special drawing,

sponsored by the Adventist-owned publishing company Color Press, to take place Sunday morning for a copy of Nathan Greene's painting, "Jesus and the Black Lamb."



Artist Nathan Greene (right) and Danny Houghton, of Color Press, hold the prize painting for the audience to view during the drawing.



From left: Becky and John Spieth, winners of the "Jesus and the Black Lamb" painting, and Ron Knapp, the Petoskey Church elder whose prayer was miraculously answered.

Conference attendees could register for the painting which would be given to their home church if their name was drawn. With 1,200 attendees entering the free drawing, a person's chance of winning was slim.

Saturday night before the drawing, Ron Knapp, Petoskey Church elder, spent some time in prayer. He prayed that if a church was to be planted in Charlevoix, that John or Becky's name would be drawn for that beautiful picture of Jesus.

Sunday morning came. As Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, reached his hand into the large box full of folded cards to select a winner, John turned to Becky and said, "I believe they are going to draw my card."

Just outside the auditorium, Ron Knapp was talking with Dan Towar, the Charlevoix church plant project evangelist. Sherrie Knapp, Ron's wife, came rushing out.

"Have you heard? Charlevoix just won the painting! They drew John Spieth's card!" Tears welled up in Ron's eyes as he said, "God answered my prayer."

The next evening back home at the evangelistic meeting, the story of answered prayer and the painting of "Jesus and the Black Lamb" was shared. Everyone recognized that our prayers had been heard, and the Lord was encouraging us to establish a church in Charlevoix.

So far nine have requested membership as a result of the *Discover Revelation* series. Several others continue Bible studies, and more decisions are prayed for. A number of church families from the surrounding area have covenanted to be the Adventist core group for these new members.

On Sabbath November 8, 2003, 39 believers gathered together for Sabbath school and church in Charlevoix's Pointes North Inn. All gave thanks for how God answers prayer and how God gave us a Nathan Greene painting to inspire us and confirm His support for our church-plant dream come true.

Dan Towar is a Michigan Conference evangelist.

Rodney Grove Joins Lake Union Conference Administrative Staff

BY GARY BURNS

Rodney Grove, former president of the Oklahoma Conference, joined the Lake Union administrative officers as executive secretary just in time for our *Hope for Our Day* Lay Evangelism Training Convention in South Bend, Indiana. If his contribution to the convention is any indication of what to expect, we can praise the Lord for sending him to us.

Rodney spent the first 16 years of his ministry as pastor in the Chesapeake, Kentucky/Tennessee, and Oklahoma conferences. The Oklahoma Conference asked him to be a departmental director, and over a period of eight years he was responsible for church ministries, evangelism, ministerial, communication, stewardship, National Service Organization (NSO), youth, Pathfinders/Adventurers, summer camp programs, and Wewoka Woods camp.

Responding to a request by Parkview Academy in Oklahoma City, Rodney added the responsibility of being the school's business manager for five years. He was then elected to the position of conference secretary, which he held for one year before being elected conference president. He has held that position for the past nine years.

Rodney has been married to Rose Anne for 35 years. Leaving the

hills of West Virginia, Rose Anne moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, to attend Columbia Union College and met Rodney working in the psych unit at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. Rose Anne enjoys telling people she met

in ministry. One ministry they enjoy together is serving on mission trips. As this issue goes to press, they will be joining other union secretary teams in Africa.

Rodney and Rose Anne have both enjoyed working together in the Oklahoma Conference and never believed they would leave before the Lord came. Although a number of calls came over the years, they never felt God was calling them away from Oklahoma until now. God had been blessing their work there, but every indication has been that God was leading them to join us in the Lake Union. Rodney says, "Jonah didn't have to get swallowed by a fish twice."

Since there is no better place to be than the center of God's will, they look forward to serving us in the union where Adventism was born. They both indicated that serving the church is their life and greatest joy. They bring to our territory a variety of talents and experience.

The Groves have two adult children, Randy in Maryland, and Reneé in Oklahoma. They are delightful people, and we are happy to welcome Rodney and Rose Anne to the Lake Union family.



Rodney and Rose Anne Grove are happy for the privilege to serve in the Lake Union.

her husband in the psych unit. She affectionately says, "You have to be a little crazy to be married to Rodney."

Rose Anne was happy to learn that Rodney was studying theology, because she had long believed that God's plan was for her to be a partner

Gary Burns is the Lake Union communication director.

Hinsdale Hospital Celebrates 100 Years

Hinsdale Hospital kicked off its centennial celebration by honoring six women of significance in the hospital's history. The women include the late Mary Paulson, M.D.; Anna Viola Pedersen; Virginia Kettering; and Jessie Susan Tupper Walton, as well as Patricia Sutton and Kathryn Sieberman. All except Kettering were Seventh-day Adventists.

Thanks to the seeds planted in 1904 by co-founder **Mary Paulson's** faith and vision, Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital grew and flourished. Together with her physician husband, David Paulson, she brought physical and spiritual healing to countless people. Dr. Mary was instrumental in organizing the Hinsdale School of Nursing, was a faculty member at the training school, and a lecturer on various subjects. She was a pioneering legend in the field of medicine.

Anna Viola Pedersen's legacy began in 1905. On her very first night in Hinsdale, she prepared a meal for the first patient to be admitted to the newly founded hospital. The 26-year-old Dane, known as "Anna Pete" tirelessly dedicated her life to the hospital for the next 57 years, serving as cook, head housekeeper, elevator operator, and in countless other ways.

In carrying out her family's philanthropic commitments, **Virginia Kettering** helped establish some of the county's most renowned institutions in medicine, education, and the arts. Hinsdale Hospital was one of the largest benefactors of Kettering's generosity. During the polio epidemic of 1949, she rallied various community members to assist the nurses who were working around the clock, thus establishing Volunteer Services, which the hospital depends on to this day.

A native of Canada, **Jessie Tupper** arrived in Hinsdale at the age of 17, eager to make a difference. Employed at the hospital, first as a salad-maker and a switchboard operator until she was of age to enter nurses' training,

she channeled her boundless energy into caring for others for almost four decades. Upon receiving RN status, she served as director of nurses and director of the School of Nursing for 33 years. She was often class sponsor for graduating classes of nursing students, and her spectrum of interest reached into the church and community. Jessie Tupper Walton also led efforts to raise the money necessary to build a new hospital in 1950.

A hospital's capacity for healing comes not from its structure but from the spirit of those who work inside it, and **Kathryn Sieberman** has a healing spirit that touches every person who meets her. She joined Hinsdale Sanitarium in 1957 and has spent more than 40 years dedicated to helping patients, family members, visitors, and staff feel special and cared for. "Aunt Kate" has held numerous positions, including vice president, and her influence has been especially profound on the Hinsdale family practice residency program. She shares her zest for life and her passion for Hinsdale Hospital with everyone she encounters. She came out of retirement to serve as historian for the hospital's centennial celebration.

Pat Sutton started her career as a staff nurse in the early 1960s, which included a brief stint at Hinsdale Hospital. It continued as she graced the halls of Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, and Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md., as a staff nurse. She spent the next 25 years in her home state of Tennessee at Adventist Health System/Sunbelt, Tennessee Christian Medical Center, where her energetic presence was felt as she moved from staff nurse to vice president for patient care services. She then returned to Washington Adventist Hospital where she served in numerous roles, including vice president/chief nursing officer.

Nearly 35 years after leaving Hinsdale Hospital, she returned in 1997 as vice president of patient care services. In 2000, she was named CEO, the first woman to hold this position, which she held until her retirement in 2003. Her appointment marked a new era for the hospital and served as inspiration for other women aspiring to such career achievements.

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



Mary Paulson



Anna Pedersen



Virginia Kettering



Jessie Tupper Walton



Kathryn Sieberman



Pat Sutton

Andrews University associate professor in the Division of Architecture, Rhonda Root, is above all else, an artist. Creating art is natural for her. "When you're doing something creative it's like breathing, you're not thinking about it," she said. "You just let it be you; however long it may take is insignificant." In the Division of Architecture, Root teaches architecture history and architectural rendering (illustrating architecture) courses where she puts her artistic interests and skills to use.

Root has won numerous awards for her art work. In 1982, she won a merit award at the 12th Biennial Michigan Regional Art Competition. She has also been awarded two distinguished achievement awards from the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Since 1992, Root has been involved in an archaeological dig in Jordan called the Madaba Plains Project, which lasts for two months each summer. She serves as the director of art and architecture for the project. As such, Root's duties include drawing objects that are found the way they would have looked when they were in use. Her role is to "show and reconstruct the past." Root is fascinated by this opportunity to work with ancient artifacts: "The last person that touched them was someone that lived 3,000 years ago!"

Root is happy for the opportunity to teach at Andrews. She said that the teachers and students in the Division of Architecture think of themselves as a family. "In this community, the teachers become the parents, the aunts and the uncles of their students," she said. This allows professors not only to reach their students on an academic level, but also to cater to other needs. Professors keep their doors open, and students come to them with their art work as well as personal issues they may need help with. Root said that the size of Andrews is definitely an advantage in facilitating this sort of interaction.

If there is one thing that Root tries to communicate to her students, it is the need for excellence in their work. "They need to do their absolute best, and they cannot compromise." In influencing her students' view towards art, she encourages them to, "have a passion for it, love it."

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer



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Katie Shaw, news writer



Rhonda Root

Gifts of Red and Green

BY ARLENE LEAVITT

Grab your camera and come quickly!" Mickey Mallory, Cedar Lake Church pastor, excitedly told me over the phone. "You've got to come see what the Lord has provided."

Crossing the street, I saw a semi-truck backed up, with boxes being unloaded. But filled with what?

3ABN *Kid's Time* was coming to do a Christmas special at the Cedar Lake Church, and Brenda Walsh, *Kid's Time* producer, requested that we purchase poinsettia plants to decorate for the program. Jenny Whetstone, of Cedar Lake, talked to her dad, Mike Noonan Sr., who drives for a greenhouse, to see if poinsettias could be purchased at a discounted rate. The greenhouse management emphatically denied this request.

One morning, Mike's truck was loaded with Christmas plants for him to deliver. When the truck was full, they discovered that the load was too big to fit in that truck, so the plants were unloaded and reloaded into a much larger one. Evidently in the process of moving, too many boxes were loaded in the second truck. When Mike finished delivering the required amount, he discovered 23 extra boxes.



Mike Noonan shares his miracle poinsettia plants with his daughters, Jennie Whetstone and Angie Kurtz, members of the Cedar Lake Church.

Calling the company, Mike was told that they didn't want the plants, and he could throw them away or give them to a church. Laughing, Mike replied, "You wouldn't sell them to my daughter for the church, and now you're giving them to her for free! Look what the Lord has done."

Thrilled, Mike phoned his daughter Jenny right away! "How many can you use?" he excitedly asked. "As many as you can bring!" was her reply. One week and two days before the program, 92 poinsettias arrived at the Cedar Lake Church.

"It's so exciting to be a part of a miracle," Jenny told me, with a smile on her face and tears in her eyes as she looked at all the beautiful poinsettias.

Once again, God has seen to it that His children have what they need, just at the right time.

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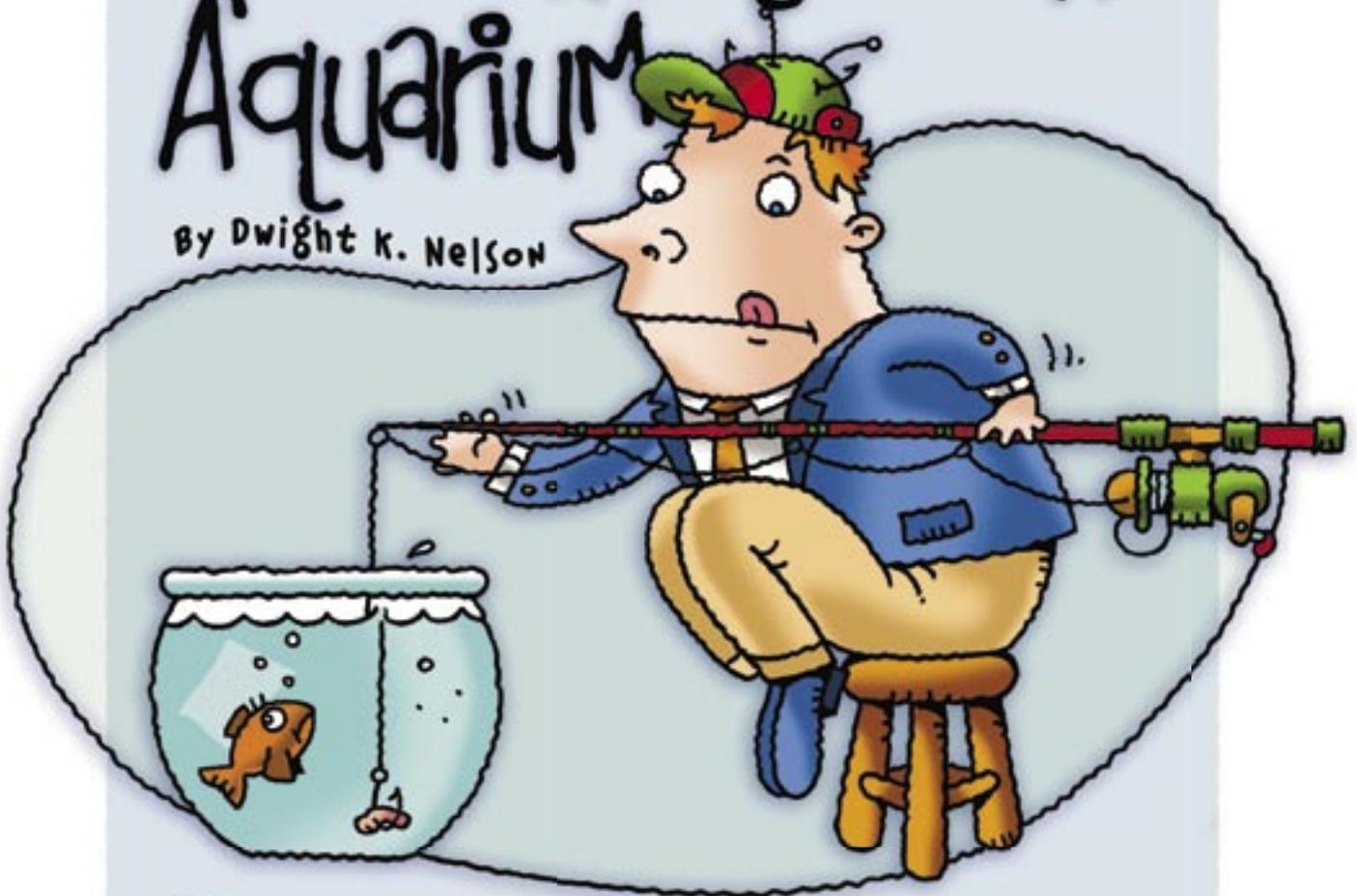
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Quit Fishing in the Aquarium

By Dwight K. Nelson



Did you hear about the fisherman who donned his waders, grabbed his rod, baited his hook, and cast his line ... into the living room aquarium? Obviously he hadn't read *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Fishing*, had he? Because anyone who knows anything about fishing surely knows that if you want to catch fish, you've got to go where the fish are. You don't fish in an aquarium—where the fish are already caught!

When he had finished speaking, [Jesus] said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets, and you will catch many fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again." And this time their nets were so full they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you. ..." Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people."¹

When I was a boy growing up in Sabbath school, I learned a song based on that promise of Jesus: "I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men; I will make you fishers of men, if you follow Me." Maybe you learned it, too.

But while we've learned the song, have we learned the lesson the Savior taught Peter that morning—a lesson we won't need our waders for in this new year of global evangelism—a perfect lesson from the Master Fisherman just in time for our 2004 *Hope for Our Day* commitment!

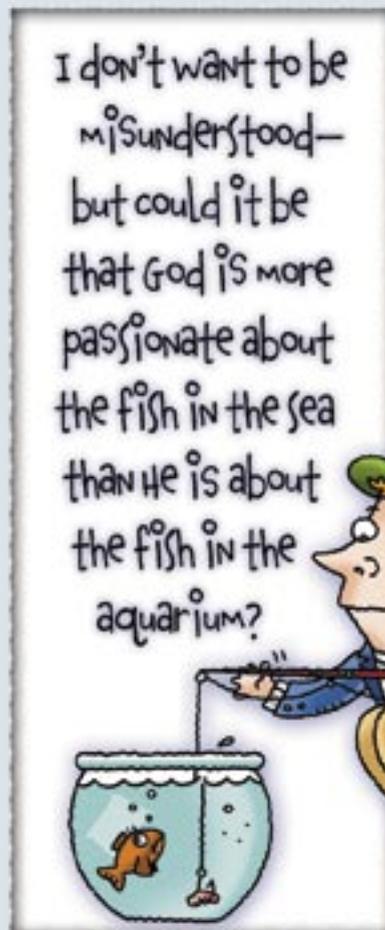
Jesus' lesson is this: "Put out into *deep water*, and let down the nets for a catch."² And that, my friend, is God's call this new year

for you and me. Away from our comfortable shorelines, away from our oxygenated aquariums, away from our Sabbath congregations. And out, out, out—into the deep waters of a lost world. At Andrews University we're hearing Jesus call us twelve miles "off shore" and up the road to an inner city. Out beyond our comfort zone and away from our sheltered harbor.

"Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."³ Because catching lost people has always been God's passion. And God knows landlubbers and shorehuggers don't catch a lot of fish. You've got to go out into the deep water where the fish are.

Which is why God is so big on inner and outer cities. Because cities are a sea of fish! I was in New York City on a preaching assignment a few weeks ago. Did you know that one out of every 300 people on earth lives within fifty miles of the Statue of Liberty! God must really love New York. And Detroit. And Chicago. And Indianapolis. And Madison. And all the cities and towns near you and me.

Not as big as New York, to be sure, but aren't they just as needy?



I don't want to be misunderstood—but could it be that God is more passionate about the fish in the sea than He is the fish in the aquarium? More passionate about the lost than the saved? Didn't Jesus tell us, "Heaven will be happier over one lost sinner who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous

and haven't strayed"?⁴ Didn't He himself once declare, "I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough."⁵

No wonder He's calling us this new year into "deep water!" Congregations and aquariums are stocked with the saved. It's the deep water of the seas that are filled with the lost. "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets, and you will catch many fish."

Now it's true—you could drown out there, if you're not careful. Because, let's face it, it can be dangerous out in the deep. They can boil up some mean storms out there that can threaten your little skiff. Raging waters that a sterile, tranquil, placid, oxygenated aquarium never experiences. But such is the price of real fishing!

And be warned—a boatload of deep-water fish can be messy, slimy, and stinky. Because the fish you catch out in the deep may not be like the fish we have here in the aquarium—Leviticus 11 "clean" fish with fins and scales—filleted and fried and frozen!

You know the type. Sweet little, shore-hugging minnows like you and me.

Let's be honest. If you take Jesus' admonition seriously and throw your net in deep waters, you could end up with fish that are "unclean." Because when you're out "finding Nemo," you may net more than a clown fish. You may hook an unclean one! The kind of fish that could really spoil a nice septic aquarium.

Unclean, unkept fish with alcohol on the breath or at least in the back seat of the car—"drunk as a fish."

Throw the net in the deep inner and outer cities, and you'll catch fish with sexual dysfunctions and deviancies and even transmittable diseases. Unclean, unsuccessful fish on their third or fourth marriages. Like the fish Jesus caught once by a well in Samaria:

"Let's see, lady, you've had five husbands—and the man you're living with now is not your own."⁶ But He caught her anyway! (Which, of course, gives the rest of us sinners some hope. Stinky, messy fish that have failed in love and life just like her—we all are.)

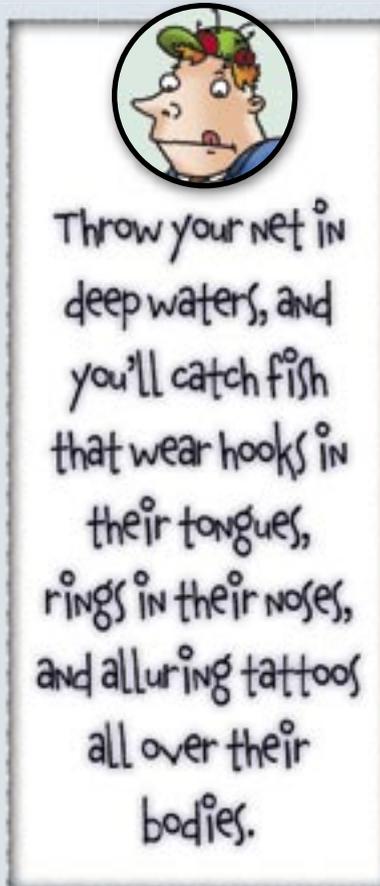
Throw your net in deep waters, and you'll catch fish that wear their lures like glittering jewelry—hooks in their tongues, rings in their noses, and alluring tattoos all over their bodies. Very unclean—these fish in the deep.

"Oh, don't worry about that, pastor—as soon as we get 'em in here, we'll skin 'em and scale 'em—and clean 'em up just like us." I was afraid of that! "And

what's more, if we don't like them, we'll toss them out!" I was worried about that, too.

You see, Jesus told a story once upon a time about a fish net, and in the parable the fish net drags into the church all kinds of fish, clean and unclean. But please notice who does the cleaning and sorting and judging in Jesus' parable:

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that is thrown into the water and gathers fish of every kind. When the net is full, they drag it up onto the shore, sit down, sort



the good fish into crates, and throw the bad ones away. That is the way it will be at the end of the world. *The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the godly, throwing the wicked into the fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*"⁷

Jesus' point is clear: the skinning and scaling, the filleting and frying—it all happens at the end—and is done by celestial visitants much wiser than you and I. So in this year of global evangelism, let's let the angels do the sorting—and we will do the fishing. That's our mission.

Jesus is unequivocally clear: "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch. And don't be afraid—for I will make you fishers of people."

You know why? Because *fish are our Father's business*, that's why! Which means that when you have God for your Father, you've got fishing for your future. No matter what your profession is or is going to be—or what your education is or was or isn't.

Let me tell you about a young student friend of mine here at Andrews University—his name is Bo. And Bo has a passion for Jesus and a love for lost people. Which is why you'll find him every single Sabbath afternoon up walking the streets of Benton Harbor, fishing for people, for Jesus. I don't recall what Bo's major is. But Bo's life is proof to me that Jesus' promise is true: "I will make you a fisher of men and women ... doesn't matter to me how much or how little education you have ... because it isn't about personal smarts

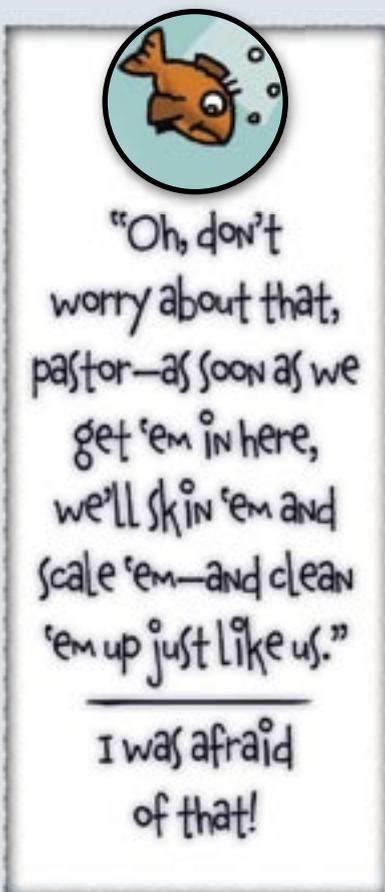
or academic degrees. ... I will make you a fisher of people." That's the promise of the Great Fisherman of Calvary to Bo and you and me.

To me, Bo is the fulfillment of these words in *The Desire of Ages*, found in the very chapter devoted to this fishing story:

"There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. ... Men of the highest education in the arts and sciences have learned precious lessons from Christians in humble life who were designated by the world as unlearned. But these obscure disciples had obtained an education in the highest of all schools. They had sat at the feet of Him who spoke as 'never a man spake.'"⁸

Want to be about your Father's business, like Bo? Then this new year why not ask Jesus to teach you, like

Bo. For there really is no limit to the usefulness of a fisherman, who's been taught how to fish ... by Jesus.



1. Luke 5:4–8, 10 NLT

2. Luke 5:4 NIV emphasis supplied

3. Luke 5:4 The Message

4. Luke 15:7 NLT

5. Mark 2:17 NLT

6. See John 4:18

7. Matthew 13:47–50 NLT emphasis supplied

8. Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 250, 251

Dwight Nelson is senior pastor at Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church.

Hinsdale Adventist Academy Serves the Community

Illinois—Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) has been working hard to draw the surrounding communities into school-sponsored projects and events this school year. Led by Danaran Frederick, HAA religion teacher, our new service outreach class went to the LaGrange Community Nursing Center (LCNC), where they prepared mailings to be sent out on behalf of needy families, and priced and packaged toys for the organization's resale shop.

On Oct. 9, 2003, seniors presented Mission: Possible 2, a school fundraiser aimed at raising \$100,000 by



Service outreach students help organize materials at the LaGrange Community Nursing Center.



Sophomores do their part raking a churchyard on Beautification Day.



The elementary choir salutes the flag during Hinsdale Adventist Academy's Veteran's Day program.

the end of the month. Each class was assigned two to three seniors who, for the next three weeks, were expected to keep the class informed about the progress of the fundraiser and collect any donations brought in. By the end of October, over \$6,000 had been raised by grades K–12. The total came to just over \$100,000 when combined with donations from local church constituents, parents, and corporations.

In return for Mission: Possible 2 sponsorship, students promised to do their part on Beautification Day, held on Oct. 22. Beautification Day is a school day devoted to providing volunteer assistance to nearby churches and improving the school campus. Most students were assigned to the campus grounds, while the sophomore class went to help out at the Fil-Am Church, and the junior class was assigned to the Hinsdale Church.

On Nov. 11, 2003, HAA held a program to celebrate Veteran's Day. Several veterans from the surrounding communities were invited to join us, giving us another opportunity to reach out to our community.

Laura Cizmar, HAA junior

GLAA Students Reach Out

Michigan—“This was awesome! We need to do this more often,” was the consensus of staff and students alike after Sabbath, Oct. 25, 2003. More than 40 students divided up into 13 groups with staff who volunteered to drive. They visited 14 churches in Michigan.

Outreach Sabbath is designed to give students the opportunity for spiritual growth by participating and leading out in church services. It is our goal here

at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) for all students to have an opportunity to be a part of an outreach program and to help them see their potential for being spiritual church leaders.



Megan Toth, Alaina Elder, and Brooke Harris sing for church service.

Students provided sermonettes, special music, prayer, the call for the offering, the children's story, song services, Sabbath school lesson studies, mission stories, and dramatic presentations. "It was a very enlightening experience, and I would like to see it

happen again this year," said Jacob Rogers, a GLAA junior who gave a sermonette testimony for the first time and spoke about his conversion experience.

The students stepped out of their comfort zones and ended up really enjoying it. "We had a student preach who had never done anything up front before," said



Jake Rogers shares his testimony with the church members.

Sietie Heslop, GLAA math teacher.

"Outreach Sabbath was a great experience to share our faith with other believers," said Christina McNeilus, junior. Jen Moutsatson, senior, added, "The church members were very thankful for our help and our willingness to witness."

Arlene Leavitt, Great Lakes Adventist Academy assistant development director



The GLAA students not only shared their talents, but also their smiles and love for Jesus.

PWA Students Pedal Through Nature

Lake Region —Arthur Strawbridge, the Peterson-Warren Academy health teacher, is teaching us about the importance of exercise and its connection with God. To illustrate his point, the 12th-grade health class went on a bike ride.

With a cool morning breeze blowing against our faces, we started at 9:15 a.m. The 22-mile trip took us on bike trails through several parks. Along the way, we stopped for occasional breaks and ate lunch in Oakwood Metro Park, which was the last park we rode through.



Peterson-Warren Academy students enjoy exercise and the beauty of God's creation.

Through this experience, we learned the importance of endurance and strength. Even when we wanted to give up, we all kept going and stuck with it until the end. Although my legs were tired and I could no longer sit on my bike seat, I kept going. I think this was a great experience for all participants. We were able to fellowship in love and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Sherelle Palmer, Peterson-Warren Academy senior

Fort Wayne Church Celebrates 105 Years

Photo by: Sheri DeWitt



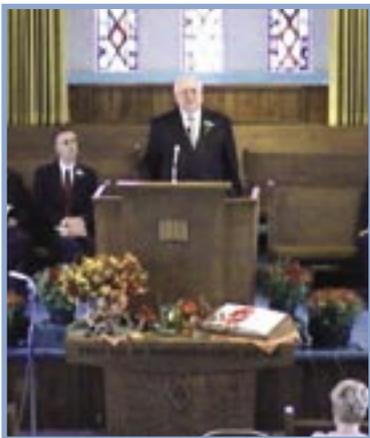
NAD president Don Schneider and his wife Marti were among guests present for the Fort Wayne Church centennial celebration.

Indiana —The First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., held its centennial celebration to honor 105 years of existence on Sept. 13, 2003. The church, organized in October 1897, began with 34 charter members.

Nearly 400 people attended the celebration, themed “The Footprints of our Heritage ... Remembering our Past ... Hope in our Future.” Don

Schneider, North American Division president, was the guest speaker.

An afternoon program featured musical guests Paul and Sondra Fruth from Cicero, Ind., and the Indiana Academy Choralans. Multi-media presentations



NAD president Don Schneider encouraged visiting guests and members with his stirring message of hope.

and guest speakers reviewed church history and recalled milestones. A church memorabilia area was set up in the church’s Better Living Center for all to enjoy.

After the closing message by Indiana Conference president Gary Thurber, thoughts of the past gave way to the future as everyone sang “We Have This Hope.” Indiana Conference secretary

Archie Moore and treasurer George Crumley were present along with Lake Union Conference treasurer, Glynn Scott.

A DVD commemorating the event and featuring the speakers, musical guests, and church history multi-media presentations is available by contacting the Fort Wayne Church at admin@fwsda.org.

Brett McAllister, Fort Wayne Church communication leader

Service-learning Projects Teach Young People to Care

Indiana —When community residents enter the Atlanta (Ind.) Library, they are met by friendly branch manager Mary Palmiero, a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church. After earning master’s degrees in German and education, raising four daughters, and teaching at the Cicero Adventist Church School and Indiana Academy, she now helps young people in Atlanta experience the joy of helping others as they learn new skills.



Kristen Boyd crochets at the Atlanta Library. She won first place in the county 4H fair for the layette set she made and exhibited.

Wanting to involve children in community service, Palmiero sets aside Wednesdays as project days for the after-school crowd, teaching them crocheting and other crafts. As children come running into the library after school, they are enthusiastic and eager to start their projects.

The crocheting class has crocheted baby blankets for a local organization helping unwed mothers and provided 71 lapghans for a mentally disabled children’s home and local nursing homes. Last year they crocheted an afghan which was sold at the town’s Earth Festival, resulting in enough money to buy a much-needed color printer for the library. Christmas ornaments were also made and sold at the Earth Festival. One ten-year-old girl who started crocheting at the library won first place in the county 4H fair with the baby layette set she made and exhibited.

A 90-year-old Atlanta resident became interested in the club and made 130 lapghans for the nursing home and



Branch manager Mary Palmiero leads the crocheting club at the Atlanta (Ind.) Library.



Atlanta Library projects supervisor Patricia Thompson helps young people make 9/11 Memory Books.

30 for the children's home. Ladies from the Cicero Church have also helped make lapghans with the club. The Atlanta Lions Club was so inspired by the projects that they donated \$250 for yarn for future projects. The young people plan to make cuddly blankets for state troopers to use in their work with children, and also plan to make dog and cat blankets.

Cicero member Patricia Thompson

also works at the Atlanta Library and is project supervisor for Wednesday afternoon craft projects. Working with the children at the library and helping them learn to serve has proven to be a great missionary venture for these Cicero members.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication leader

A Welcome Drink of Cold Water

Indiana —“I am Jewish, and this is the Sabbath!” commented the first motorcycle rider who accepted the cold bottled water the Milwaukee Central Church members offered thirsty motorcyclists participating in the Harley Davidson's 100th anniversary celebration the last weekend of August.

Riding away, she waved and called out, “Shabbat Shalom.”

About 2,000 riders passed the Milwaukee Adventist Church that warm Sabbath morning, and the water was a welcome treat for over 200 persons who stopped to accept the churches' hospitality. Tim Krawczyk created several attractive banners and arranged for a tent to provide shade for the tubs of ice keeping the bottled water cool. A large banner on the front of the church with a picture of Christ proclaimed, “WELCOME! The ride home to heaven starts inside!”

Attached to each bottle of ice water given to the motorcycle riders were three Bible tracts, along with a packet of Old Spice fresh scent towelettes. One rider insisted on leaving an offering, and several riders from Europe came inside to visit and view our church. A few neighbors walking by stopped to chat and express their



The Milwaukee Central Church members offer thirsty motorcyclists cold bottled water.

appreciation for what we were doing for our city's unique guests on wheels.

Those who engaged in this act of friendship and kindness were happy to let the world know that Adventism is alive and active at the Milwaukee Central Church on the city's elite east side.

Nelda Womack, Milwaukee Central Church communication director

Indianapolis Women Sing at National Women's Conference

Indiana —Five members of Chapel West Church in Indianapolis, known as the Women of Praise, shared their talents as the praise team for the Florida “Joy Unstoppable” women's conference last October. As one of the praise team members, I hoped our music would touch someone's heart and possibly change lives. But to my surprise, I was the one who was touched by the music and its powerful words.

The personal stories shared by the guest speakers empowered me and gave me a greater awareness of how powerful, but yet loving, our God is to us.

Even though the retreat only lasted three days, it was a joy to bond and share with women who have walked in different paths but have the common goal to serve God.

Daisy Blythe, Chapel West Church Women of Praise member



Women of Praise members—Daisy Blythe, Jennifer Pacamalan, Helda Pounds, Judy Prime, and Glenda Smith—led the music at the “Joy Unstoppable” national women's conference in Orlando, Fla.

Adventist Communicators Meet in Orlando

North American Division—More than 175 Adventist communicators met in Orlando, Fla., Oct. 9–12, to network, fellowship, and learn at the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) convention. Attendees traveled from around North America representing almost every entity of the Adventist Church.

The convention was preceded by a special crisis management training seminar entitled When Bad Things Happen to God Organizations II. “The crisis management seminar was extremely helpful,” said Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director. “Listening to the seminar presenters made me highly aware of my need to be proactive in protecting the Lord’s work.”



More than 175 Adventist communicators attended the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) convention in Orlando.

A series of professional growth seminars on anything ranging from Web site development, writing skills, to marketing and advertising strategies were offered for attendees. “You can get some of the same seminars at the larger conventions, but you miss the networking with Adventists,” says Ryan Teller, Mid-America Union communication director and newly elected SAC president. “A primary benefit of the convention is networking and being able to help each other with solutions to similar problems.”

Next year the SAC convention will be held in Dallas, Texas, in October. A significant challenge for the coming year is reaching out to Adventist communicators outside of denominational employment circles. “We want to make SAC a value to all Adventist communicators,” Teller says. For more information, please visit www.adventistcommunicator.org.

Jeff Rogers, Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) communication director

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BIRTHDAYS



JOHN SCHMITZER celebrated his 100th birthday on Sabbath, Sept. 20, 2003, at a fellowship dinner with church members and friends at the Saginaw (Mich.) Church. He has been a member of the Saginaw Church for 50 years.

John is married to Euleth (Koehler) Radde, who is 103 years old.

John started working for Lufkin Rule in 1918 and worked as manager of their printing department for 36 years. He has been active in his church, serving as head elder for almost 50 years; was largely responsible for the establishment of an active Community Services program; and helped with building the new church.

John has one step child: Leone Furman of Saginaw; five step grandchildren; 14 step great-grandchildren; and one step great-great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

DANIELLE L. HINDS AND WILLIAM S. BLACKBURN were married Sept. 20, 2003, in Shelbyville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bob Prather.

Danielle is the daughter of Bill and Shawn Hinds of Greenfield, Ind., and William is the son of Steven

Blackburn of Morristown, Ind., and Carole Blackburn of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Blackburns are making their home in Morristown.

SUSAN C. BELFON AND HENROY D. CHITAN were married July 20, 2003, in Northbrook, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Phil and Brenda Johnson.

Susan is the daughter of Davis and Helen Belfon of St. Andrew's, Grenada, and Henroy is the son of Issac and Norin Chitan of St. Andrew's.

The Chitans are making their home in Northfield, Ill.

NATALIE M. CASTIGLIONE AND NATHAN J. HENDERSON were married Sept. 28, 2003, in Fort Worth, Texas. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Terry St. Clair.

Natalie is the daughter of Frank and Sue Castiglione of Munising, Mich., and Nathan is the son of Scott and Charlotte Henderson of Cleburne, Texas.

The Hendersons are making their home in Keene, Texas.

OBITUARIES

ARCHAMBAULT, RUTH J. (DITTMER), age 93; born Nov. 8, 1909, in Oshkosh, Wis.; died June 11, 2003, in Oshkosh. She was a member of the Fox Valley Church, Neenah, Wis.

Survivors include her sons, Norman and Myron Dittmer; and sister, Lorraine Ruedinger.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Loren Nelson, and interment was in Lakeview Memorial Park Cemetery, Oshkosh.

BURBIDGE, GEORGE M., age 76; born Aug. 10, 1927, in Toronto, Canada; died Oct. 13, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby L. (Dorsey); stepdaughter, Brenda G. Palmer; brother, Robert; sister, Barbara Fellows; and one step-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Scott Labbe, with private inurnment.

DEWITT, HAROLD W., age 86; born Aug. 29, 1917, in Eldorado, Ill.; died Sept. 15, 2003, in Fenton, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. (Gossett); son, Barry L.; brother, Wilford; sister, Gladys Weiss; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Barry DeWitt and Gene Hall, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

FREIBERG, PAULA J. (MALONE), age 50; born July 27, 1953, in Fond du Lac, Wis.; died Oct. 24, 2003, in Oshkosh, Wis. She was a member of the Fox Valley Church, Neenah, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Gary; mother, Lenora (Wing) Malone; and sister, Patsy Malone.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Loren Nelson, and interment was in Ellenwood Cemetery, Oshkosh.

FROELICH, MELISSA E., age 7; born Feb. 28, 1996, in Washington D.C.; died July 25, 2003, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She attended the Beltsville (Md.) Church and her mother was formerly a member in the Indiana Conference.

Survivors include her father, James L.; mother, Staci J. (Henderson); brother, Mark L.; and sister, Kaitlyn J.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Don Driver and Steve Wilsey, and inurnment was in Harmony Cemetery, Marlowe, W.Va.

GNANAMUTHU, HANNAMMA, age 93; born Jan. 6, 1910, in India; died July 30, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, James; daughters, Sumathi Rathnam and Victoria Gnanamuthu; brothers, K. Karunaiah and K. Gayaraj; sister, Mary David; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Sunith Das and Melchizedek Ponniah, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

GORDON, GRACE A. (DEPAS), age 82; born Apr. 1, 1921, in Isabella, Mich.; died Sept. 20, 2003, in Sobieski, Wis. She was a member of the Green Bay (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Richard J. and Kenneth A.; daughter, Elaine Corson; brothers, Edwin and Laddie DePas; sisters, Lucy Zetko, Beatrice Soper, and Eva Siewert; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in the Champion (Wis.) Adventist Church Cemetery.

JOCK, MINNIE M. (ERVIN), age 104; born May 26, 1899, in Standish, Mich.; died Oct. 11, 2003, in Flint, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Virginia Taber; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gary Taber and Craig Morgan, and interment was in Crestwood Cemetery, Flint.

JOHNSON, FRANCIS E., age 101; born Sept. 25, 1902, in Brantwood, Wis.; died Oct. 3, 2003, in Upperco, Md. He was a member of the Wisconsin Conference Church, Madison.

Survivors include his son, Francis E. Jr.; daughter, Shirley M. Marsh; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Wall, and inurnment was in Prentice (Wis.) Cemetery.

MAQUERA, LUCIA Y. (MIRANDA), age 66; born Jan. 8, 1937, in Puno, Peru; died Sept. 17, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her sons, Victor and David; daughter, Maria Fox; mother, Pascula (Chambilla) Miranda; brothers, Alcides, Julio, and Betin Miranda; sisters, Rosa and Esther Miranda; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Esther Knott and Miguel Tibado, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

MOON, BEATRICE (OLSEN), age 95; born Feb. 11, 1907, in Napa, Calif.; died Dec. 26, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, Robert D. Jr.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Moon, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

MORRIS, RODIVILLE D., age 76; born Mar. 12, 1927, in Hazel Park, Mich.; died Oct. 14, 2003, in Lansing, Mich. He was a member of the Lansing Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen R. (Herpel);

daughters, Michael Simpson, Toni Thomas, and Rae Wygocki; brother, Robert C.; sister, Carol Hearn; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Yeagley, with private inurnment.

NEAL, RICHARD C., age 86; born Aug. 22, 1916, in Peoria, Ill.; died Apr. 25, 2003, in Quincy, Ill. He was a member of the Quincy Church.

Survivors include his sisters, Margaret Heil and Nancy Kelly; and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gary Russell, and inurnment was in Peoria Cemetery.

NEWMAN, D. LAMAR, age 82; born Nov. 10, 1920, in Elkhart, Ind.; died Oct. 13, 2003, in Elkhart. He was a member of the Elkhart Church.

Survivors include his wife, Verla A. (Kaylor); sons, Devon E. and James L.; daughter, Hazel A. Marquis; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stan Wilkinson, and interment was in Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

POTTS, LAUREL J. (JONES), age 86; born Oct. 3, 1917, in Alba, Mich.; died Oct. 8, 2003, in Muskegon, Mich. She was a member of the Fremont (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Thelma Tromp and Laurel Warren; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don Williams, and inurnment was in Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon.

RUSSELL, CAROLYN (HALL), age 85; born June 6, 1917, in Olean, N.Y.; died Jan. 30, 2003, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, James; sons, Malcom and Glenn; daughters, Janet Russel and Ardis Wazdatskey; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dwight Nelson, with private inurnment.

TAYLOR, DESOLA (HART), age 82; born July 24, 1921, in Pickens, Ark.; died Aug. 21, 2003, in Ecorse, Mich. She was a member of the Ecorse Church.

Survivors include her son, John L.; daughters, Beatrice Pruitt, Alberta Drew, and Rosie Drew; sisters, Bernice Livingston, Rosie Lee Hewing, and Ora Lee Price; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William E. Hughes, and interment was in Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne, Mich.

WIEMERSLAGE, HAZEL M. (ERICKSON), age 93; born Sept. 10, 1909, in Commonwealth, Wis.; died Feb. 15, 2003, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet Olson; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There was a private inurnment.

WYANT, EARNEST A., age 82; born Sept. 29, 1920, in Canton, Ill.; died June 10, 2003, in Keokuk, Iowa. He was a member of the Carthage (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda L. Ginger; brother, Jesse; sisters, Cora Parks and Lola Barnes; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gary Russell, and interment was in Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk.

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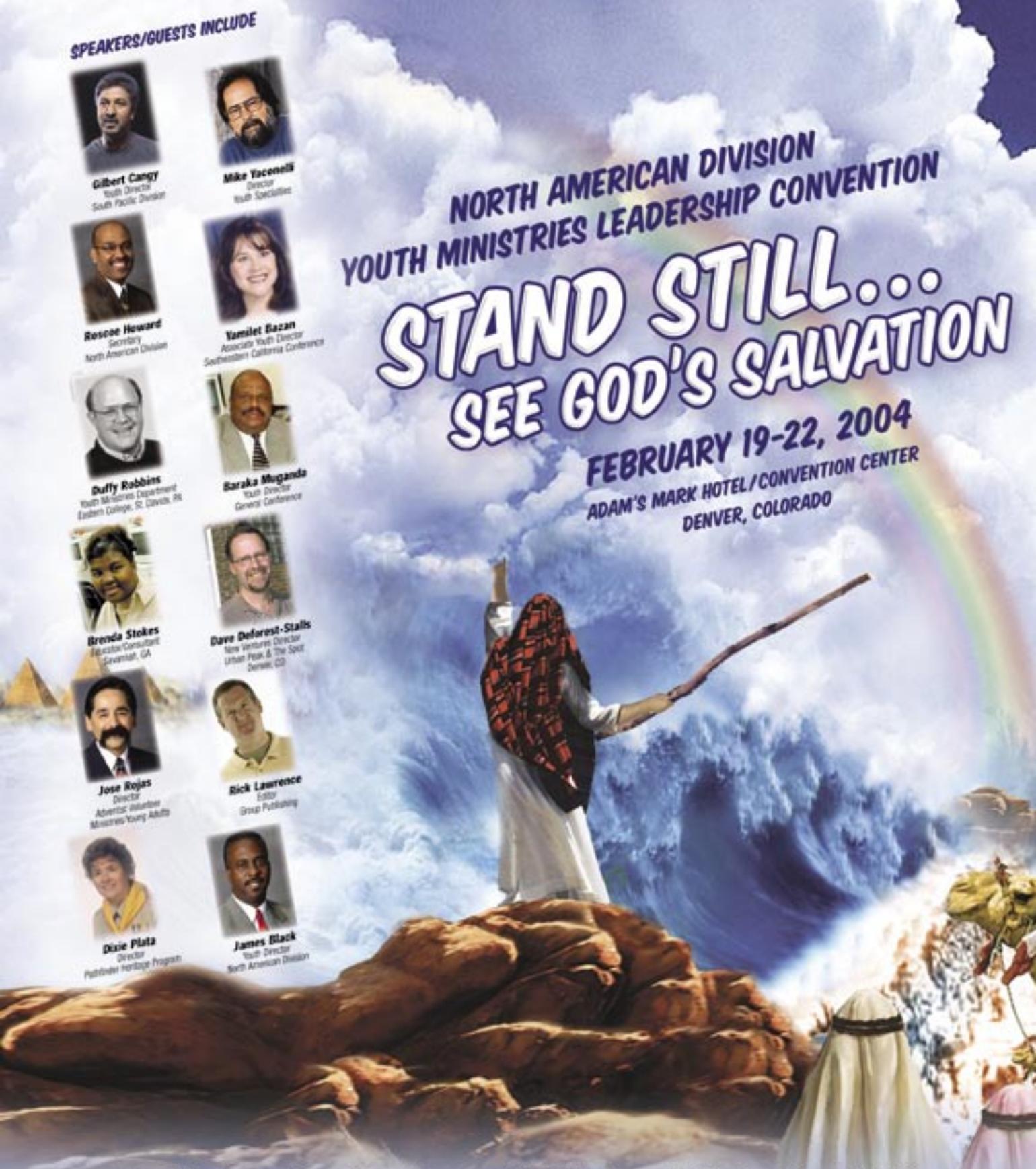


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Number of Members:			Increase				Average Tithe Per Member	
09/30/03	09/30/02	Conference	2003	2002	-Decrease	% Inc. -Decr.	2003	2002
12,449	12,101	Illinois	7,823,979	7,552,779	271,200	3.59%	628.48	624.15
6,673	6,540	Indiana	5,050,054	5,009,046	41,008	0.82%	756.79	765.91
26,574	25,903	Lake Region	8,634,456	8,594,071	40,385	0.47%	324.92	331.78
24,552	24,362	Michigan	21,572,823	21,478,434	94,389	0.44%	878.66	881.64
6,644	6,494	Wisconsin	4,599,732	4,518,631	81,101	1.79%	692.31	695.82
76,892	75,400	Totals	\$47,681,044	\$47,152,961	\$528,084	1.12%	\$620.10	\$625.37
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$1,108,861	\$1,096,580	\$12,281	1.12%		

Sunset Calendar

	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30	Feb 6
Berrien Springs, Mich.	5:25	5:31	5:39	5:47	5:56	6:04
Chicago	4:30	4:37	4:44	4:52	5:01	5:10
Detroit	5:10	5:17	5:25	5:33	5:42	5:50
Indianapolis	5:31	5:37	5:44	5:52	6:00	6:08
La Crosse, Wis.	4:38	4:45	4:53	5:02	5:11	5:20
Lansing, Mich.	5:11	5:18	5:26	5:35	5:44	5:53
Madison, Wis.	4:33	4:40	4:47	4:56	5:05	5:14
Springfield, Ill.	4:44	4:50	4:58	5:06	5:14	5:22

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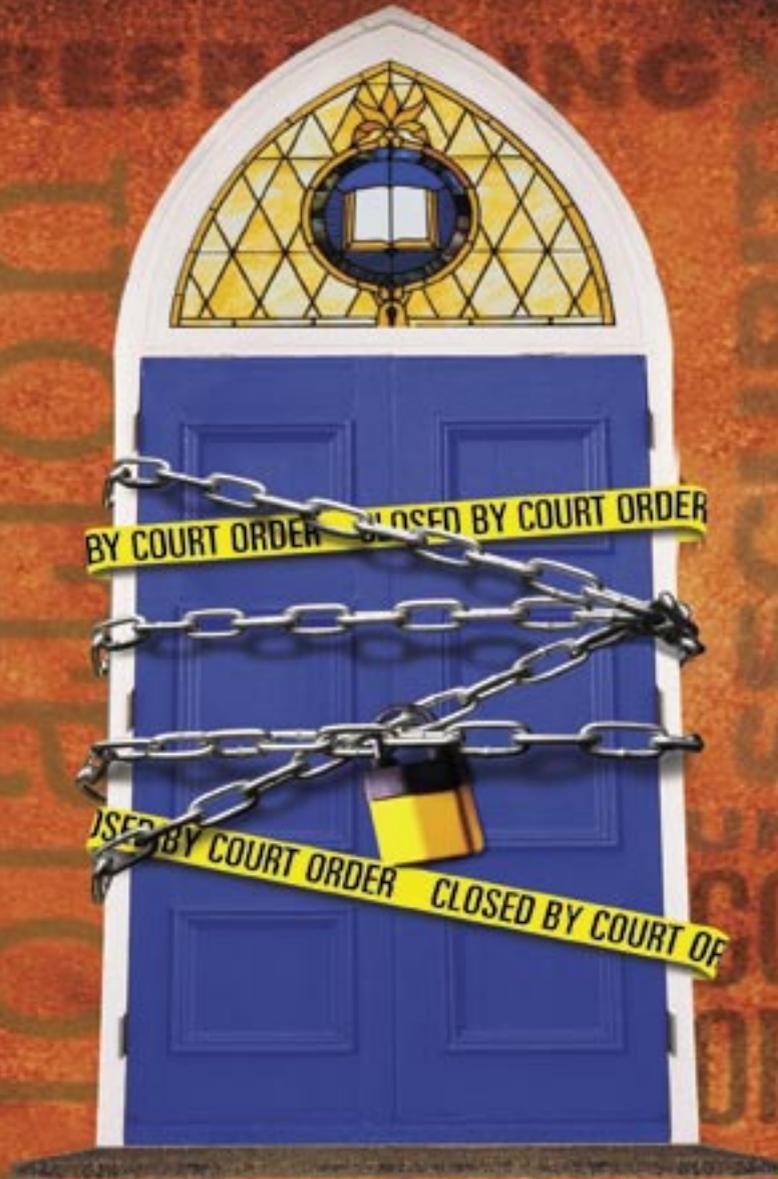
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INDIANA

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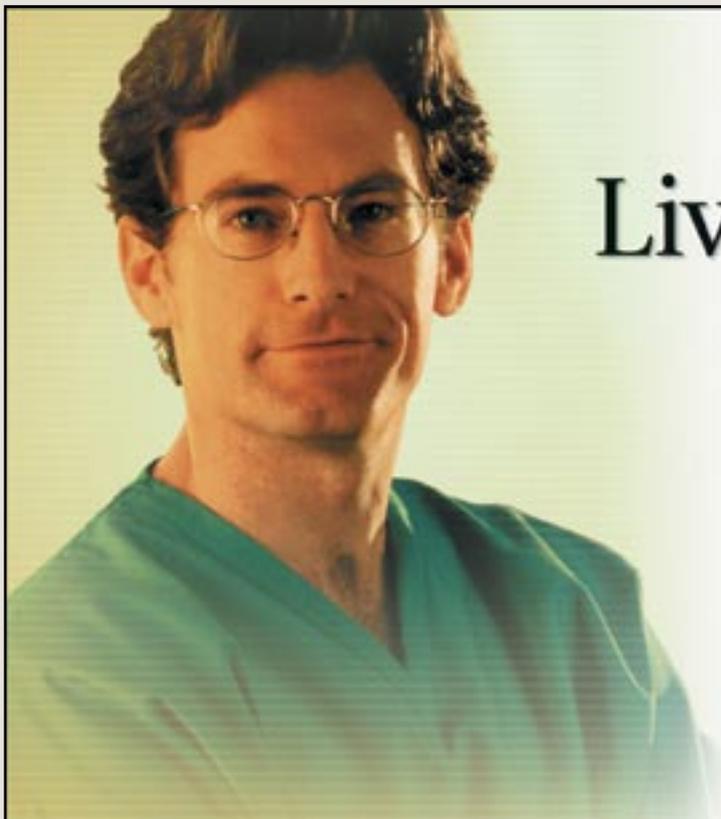
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Standing Nominating Committee, and a Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee, to consider recommended changes in the conference and Indiana Academy Constitution and Bylaws, and to issue credentials and licenses for the ensuing three years. Delegates will transact such other business as may properly come before the delegation. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. The organizing committee will meet the same day, Sunday, April 25, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at Indiana Academy. The first meeting of the Standing Nominating Committee is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. at the Indiana Conference office. Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, will serve as chair of the nominating committee.

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- JAN. 31** Local church budget

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- JAN. 3** Day of Prayer
- JAN. 11-17** Religious Liberty Week

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A conference on reconnecting ministries will take place **Feb. 28**, at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church. Sponsored by the North American Division, the one-day event will combine inspiring stories and training sessions for those who are interested in reaching out to inactive members. In major studies done by Adventist researchers, 72% of active church members say that they have a relative or friend who

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“Image is nothing. Thirst is everything. Obey your thirst.”

BY REGGIE JOHNSON

Sprite’s slogan rings familiar with most of the television-owning segment of the population. Simple and catchy, this advertising campaign’s brilliance lies in its truthfulness—and I’m not referring to the tastiness of any beverage.

What is image?

Your image is determined by the way you see yourself, and how you think other people see you. Since they are rarely the same, most people see these as two distinct pictures and place a certain amount of importance on each of them. The relative importance of each varies for different people and for different times in a person’s life.

You also hold an *ideal* picture of yourself—the person you want to be, wish you were, or how you want other people to see you.

Your and other people’s awareness of these pictures become your image. And your image seems to take on a life of its own. It almost becomes a real person, much like a character in a book, such as Sherlock Holmes.

You wear your image like a hat. Everywhere you go, you’re always aware of its presence. You find yourself evaluating your actions on the basis of how they will effect your image. Image controls how people dress, what they eat, what they say, with whom they associate, what they do for fun, and even how they walk.

With all of this, it’s easy to forget that image is just an illusion—a fictitious character in your mind. Image is nothing.

External control

The truth is that when you allow your actions to be determined by

your image, you are letting other people control you. You live your life according to other people’s opinions and values, not your own, much less God’s. Enter thirst.

Thirst is everything.

The things you thirst for define who you really are. And what you value determines what you thirst for. Ultimately, choice determines what you value. And your thirst is revealed in the way you live your life.

Different people thirst for different things and go to different sources to quench their thirst. When you let your image make your decisions for you, you often find yourself drinking from someone else’s pool, which may quench their thirst, but not yours.

This is not to say that appearances are unimportant and other people’s opinions don’t matter. It’s just a question of control. Are you controlling your own life or is your image controlling you?

Let your thirst and not your image define you. Image *is* nothing. Thirst *is* everything. Choose your values, then obey your thirst.

Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness. Matt. 5:6.

Reggie Johnson is the Southwestern Union Conference assistant communication director.



Profiles of Youth

Sarah Elizabeth Rhoby, 16, is a senior at Thonapple Kellogg High School in Middleville, Mich. Sarah and her parents, Phil and Bonnie Rhoby, attend the Revelation Promises Hope Church in Kentwood, Mich.

Sarah enjoys singing, art, and playing the guitar. In her junior year, she was accepted into the National Honor Society. The two most important things she says she has learned from her high school experience are that, "You can't judge a book by its cover, and that there is life after high school."

Sarah's faith has led her to make certain sacrifices. Typical of public high schools, Friday nights and Saturdays are the most popular times for school events. As a young Seventh-day Adventist, Sarah has made a decision to honor the Sabbath day, even when it means she has to miss school functions. It is important to her to remain true to her convictions.

Sarah plans to pursue a career in interior design and decorating.



Sarah Rhoby



Tyler Baker

Tyler Michel Baker, 16, is a junior at Grand Blanc High School in Grand Blanc, Mich. He has learned that public school is one of the best places to witness. Tyler says that the most memorable experience he has had was getting one of his non-Christian school friends to come to the Holly Adventist Church—his home church.

Matthew Pearce, Tyler's U.S. history teacher, says, "At the outset of the first semester, I quickly learned that Tyler was a young man who possessed many qualities that will serve him well in any future career. Tyler likes to participate in class discussions and debates. This willingness to participate immediately set him apart from many other students in his class. Tyler strives for excellence in every aspect of his work. Tyler always comes to class prepared and ready to learn."

"The most important thing I learned from high school was not to judge people by their looks," Tyler says. The son of Michel and Beverly Baker, Tyler's ambition is to become a child orthopedic surgeon.

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