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ALL ABOUT
CAMP MEETING & SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL ISSUE



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SUMMER CAMP DESTINATION: ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Camp Akita
"A POSITIVE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT"

BY RACHEL TERWILLIGER

It is the second year youth attending Illinois summer camps will be housed in the brand new cabins. For those who have never been to Camp Akita, nothing is as in our cabins will not be difficult. There will be no long treks through the forest for a bathroom; there are two bathrooms on each floor of the cabins, and the rooms are heated and air conditioned.

More important than comfort, however, is that in everything we do at Camp Akita, your young people will be housed in a positive Christian environment. From camp ranger to counselors, pastors, and even the cook, all staff have been chosen who are qualified not only by their education, but by their Christian experience. They are solid Christians—individuals who can help your young person not only to begin making the right decisions, taking with them on life's journey their new best friend, Jesus Christ.

"I would like to thank everyone for Junior Camp Week 1," writes Nancy Gifford of Wheeling, Illinois. "My daughter, Cheryne, and her friend, Sammi, had a GREAT time. Cheryne called me from camp Friday evening and told me she wants to study the Bible with me and be baptized next year. We are now reading something out of the Bible nightly. She is singing the songs she learned and sharing all the personal stories and experiences she was told by the counselors. You've made a positive impact on her life. I am praying that the Lord will help me keep it going with her."

Being baptized at Camp Akita, however, is just the beginning of a summer of spiritual growth and fun.

One of the benefits of attending camp is being around the same people.

Cheryne and Sammi will be back for summer camp 2006. Camp will fill up quickly with those who've had a great time in prior years. So parents, you'll want to get these application forms sent in right away. Reservations will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

Camp brochures with application forms have been mailed to each young person who previously attended camp, as well as all young people on record in the Youth Department.

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Camp Akita Dates:
Akita Camp Meeting: June 19-25 (children with their family only)
Cub Camp: June 26-July 2 (Ages 7-9)
Junior Camp I: July 3-10 (Ages 10-12)
Junior Camp II: July 10-17 (Ages 12-17)
Teen Camp: July 17-24 (Ages 13-18)
Happiest Teen Camp: July 24-27 (Ages 13-18)
Happiest Youth Camp: July 28-31 (Ages 19-30)

Each cabin at Camp Akita has three bunks, heating, air conditioning, and a shower on each floor.

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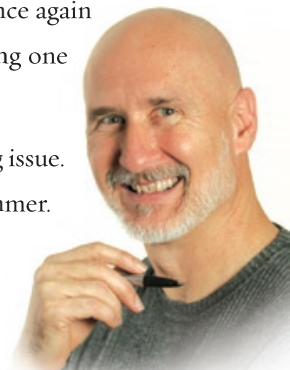
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I remember the old days of camp meeting—the smell of sawdust and canvas, the singing, the preaching, the stories. I remember visits from celebrities like Eric B. Hare, Charles Brooks, and H.M.S. Richards Sr. I remember connecting with family and friends, discovering new links to my spiritual heritage. These were opportunities for spiritual renewal, commitments to service, and decisions for baptism.

Although I was unable to attend summer camp as a child or youth, I have served as camp pastor for many years and as camp director in the Dakotas. Upon my return to the Lake Union, I experienced the joy of being camp pastor once again at Camp Au Sable. It included the greatest joy of all—baptizing one of the campers in Lake Shellenbarger on Sabbath.

I hope you are inspired by this summer camp and camp meeting issue. Join me in making plans to be a part of both ministries this summer.


Gary Burns, Editor



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

It's Camping Time

Can anyone remember when camp meetings moved from one location to another each year, and they were evangelistic toward the nearest town? Oh my, you have just dated yourself!

I am not quite old enough to know first-hand, but my oldest brother remembers Mom and Dad taking the family around the small towns and hamlets of Ohio to attend camp meeting. When conference workers broke camp, a small, fledgling church was often left behind.

Just think about it—a ten-day or two-week meeting with great evangelistic sermons and all the conference resources brought to bear in one location! Now that's evangelism sure enough. Maybe we can't do that today, but I still believe camp meetings should be evangelistic.

I began my ministry in the Allegheny West Conference. One of the highlights of camp meeting was the baptism prepared for those we had studied with and were encouraged to bring. I believe many conferences still follow this practice.

I was invited to a camp meeting in another country, in another division, on another continent. We had a joyous time throughout the week. Early on, it was obvious to me many young people in attendance were drinking in the Word of God. We directed the youth, who were already baptized members, to form Bible study teams. We gave them an intensive, all-out-effort on how to teach their peers what they knew.

Well, at the end of the ten days, the Spirit had prepared 16 youth to accept Jesus and request baptism. They were grilled and questioned, but all could see they were well prepared. Next came the problem.

When I inquired about baptismal facilities, I was shown a permanent baptistry—cracked, broken, and grown up with weeds. It said to me no one expected the Lord to do anything special at that camp. You know, an old evangelist is not going to let a little thing like that stop a baptism—especially when the whole Pacific Ocean was only four miles from camp.

Friday night, before the scheduled baptism, the weather turned cold and windy. Jackie and I prayed most of the night for the Lord to deliver good weather so these youth might not become discouraged.

It was still blustery and cold on Sabbath morning. I preached at the youth pavilion in the morning, then delivered the sermon in the adult pavilion in the afternoon. When asked about my plans, I said, "The Lord will provide. The baptism is still on."

They supplied me with a wetsuit to stem the cold, and we drove out to the beach. By the time we arrived, the sun was out in full force, the surf was calm, the temperature had risen to such a high I had to peel off the wetsuit, which was nearly roasting me. The entire camp waded out into the ocean in support of those young people, and it was a glorious Sabbath!

Camp meeting is coming. Times haven't changed so much that baptism can't be a part of it. Make sure you are prepared to play a part in someone being baptized into God's kingdom. God expects it. Do we?

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Michigan As a young teenager, **Kimberley Paul** often worked in the church nursery when not attending her own Sunday school class. She enjoyed assisting Lydia Mahrle, who operated the nursery.



Kimberley Paul tells her story at the 2004 Michigan Conference camp meeting.

Although it didn't seem her pastor thought Bible study was very important, she sensed it was from her association with Lydia. She became aware of the differences between the truths she found in her Bible and what her church was teaching. One truth she learned was the necessity to accept Jesus as personal Savior and Lord. She welcomed Jesus Christ into her heart and became a born-again Christian.

In time, Lydia learned of Kimberley's love for singing. One day she asked if Kimberley would be willing to sing at the Adventist church where Lydia was a member. She agreed.

Lydia's son, Arden, also sang in Kimberley's church choir. One day after choir practice he asked if Kimberley was interested in taking Bible studies. She thought, "If he is Lydia's son, I think I would like to. Maybe Adventists have some truths I need to hear."

One day, after their Bible study, Arden took her to the Coldwater Adventist Community Service Center (Center) and told her about its mission to help those in need. He

surprised her by asking if she would be interested in working there.

As a young Campfire girl, Kimberley was working on a Wo-He-Lo (Work, Health & Love) medallion. She remembered the 120 hours of community service required to receive the medallion, so signed up and began to work.

At the Center, she became acquainted with other Adventists and observed how they practiced their Bible-based faith. She compared their beliefs with her Bible and was convinced they were God's truths.

With love and concern, Kimberley and a friend from her church, Karen Cook, made an appointment to talk to their pastor to discuss what the Bible taught about the plan of salvation. You can imagine his surprise to find two teenagers wanting to discuss Bible doctrine with him. To their surprise, he said, "I don't need that. It's not important. The important truth is to show love to each other. Why don't you girls go back and make sure you are spreading love to everyone?"

When Kimberley heard her pastor's response, she knew something wasn't right. She felt it was time for her to leave in search of another church. That search led her to her

friends at the Adventist church and the Bible truths taught there.

Kimberley is now the associate director at the Center where she first learned so much about God. She continues to trust in God as she works to be a blessing to others. She believes God has renewed her health through her service and rejoices in His goodness.

Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent, adapted from a testimony at the 2004 Michigan camp meeting.

Wisconsin When Alvin and Jo Hawkins were baptized in December 2003, their daughter, **Cindy Miller**, was present to video the happy occasion. Not long afterward, Lisa Isensee, Monroe Company leader, received a phone call from Jo, who was excited about what Cindy had confided: "Mom, I really need to be baptized, too."

Lisa visited Cindy and her family, inviting them to the Monroe Company's weekly service, and encouraged



Cindy Miller

them to begin Bible studies. Cindy's parents, Alvin and Jo, brought a set of video Bible studies to her home. After viewing one, Cindy found it difficult to view the rest with her busy lifestyle.

Cindy appeared very eager to help in the Beginner's Sabbath school one Sabbath.

Unknown to anyone, Cindy had given her heart to Jesus and accepted His promised salvation in the quiet of her home. She was a joy to observe as she assisted and shared her personal witness of God's love with everyone.

Later that fall, the church conducted an evangelistic series. Although Cindy could not attend all of the meetings, she prepared to be baptized. Lisa will long remember Cindy's joy-filled face the day she was baptized, November 27, 2003.

Before Cindy's baptism, Lisa invited the children and young people to come forward and surround the baptismal tank. They were eager to respond and crowded around the tank.

After Cindy came up out of the water, beaming with joy, Lisa invited others in the audience to make their decision for Jesus. The congregation started smiling and saying, "Amen!" but Lisa was mystified when she didn't see anyone raise their hand or stand. After making a second appeal, she noticed what everyone else had seen—Tyler Miller, Cindy's twelve-year-old son, standing right beside the baptismal tank waving his hand and grinning broadly.

Cindy is helping her son Tyler prepare for his baptism. She now shares the joy her parents felt when she made her decision for Christ.

Bruce Babiencko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent, as shared by Lisa Isensee, Monroe Company leader.

Wisconsin In May 2004, Jo Hawkins called Lisa Isensee, Monroe Company leader, with a concern about her brother-in-law, **Charlie Hawkins**. He had been fighting cancer and the doctors had just informed them it was spreading.

Given his condition, they didn't expect him to live more than three weeks with the possibility that he might go any day. That's why Jo was calling, to ask if Lisa would conduct Charlie's funeral when the time came.

Lisa asked Jo if Charlie knew Jesus as his personal Savior. She answered, "I don't think so." Lisa realized she needed to visit him as soon as possible. She did, and was able to lead him to give his heart to Christ and accept Him as his Savior. At the end of their conversation and



Charlie Hawkins

prayer, Charlie quietly drifted off to sleep. As Lisa left, she thought, "I don't expect it to be very long before I'll be conducting another funeral."

Alvin Hawkins, Charlie's twin brother, later told Lisa, "I'm praying for Charlie. It can't hurt! God can heal him. And maybe God will do a miracle."

Three weeks went by, and Charlie was still alive. Six weeks went by, and Alvin and Jo brought Charlie to church in a wheel-chair! This was especially miraculous considering Charlie had not been out of their house in over six months.

Alvin and Jo faithfully brought Charlie to church each Sabbath. Then a month later, Charlie *walked* into church. Everyone was amazed and praised God for His mercy.

Charlie continued to come to church and even attended some of the evangelistic meetings Lisa held in the fall. He was there the night the subject of baptism was presented and indicated, along with others, that he'd like to prepare for baptism.

Don Fey, a member of two years who has a heart to share Jesus, went with Lisa to visit Charlie and helped prepare him for baptism. They talked about God's incredible gift of salvation through Jesus, and went over each of the key truths in the Bible.

Everyone rejoiced as Charlie was baptized November 13, 2004. He continues to attend church regularly, and is able to walk in each time. God gave Charlie another chance at life eternal, and he accepted it.

Although the cancer continues to spread, we rejoice that God continues to give him time to grow in his faith, and also gave him an opportunity to share it with others.

Bruce Babiencko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent, as shared by Lisa Isensee, Monroe Company leader.



YOUTH *in* Action

A Miracle for BRAZIL



The junior class at Indiana Academy implemented creative fund-raising ideas to hire a Bible worker in Brazil.

It was the last week before Thanksgiving break at Indiana Academy; students were looking forward to a nice, restful vacation. The junior Bible class, however, was challenged with a fund-raising opportunity during the break. Surprisingly, the class responded positively.

I would speak at an evangelistic meeting in Brazil during Christmas break. In preparation for those meetings, \$400 was needed to hire a Bible worker. The Bible worker would be hired in advance of the meetings to prepare the way. He would also assist during the meetings, preparing people for baptism. After the meetings, the Bible worker would follow up with visits and continued studies.

The junior class was excited to be a part of the plan. They had only one week during Thanksgiving break to raise the needed money. Since this was putting faith into practice, students could earn up to 50 bonus points for their creative ideas, implementation, and participation.

During the break, some students solicited church members; other efforts resulted in church offerings collected. Parents were asked to contribute, and some students gave from personal savings. Chris Mathis went through the phone book and called people to ask for contributions. Rob Bartlett washed his parents' car for a donation. He said, "I was happy to see that because I did one small thing ... 11 people are happy in Christ. It just goes to show the effect people's actions have on others." Roland Neri asked his parents if there was something he could do to raise the money. They paid him to vacuum the house and clean the garage.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE
POWER OF YOUNG PEOPLE!

BY LUIS BELTRE JR.



Malcolm Niggel (front row, left), the only member of the junior class to travel to Brazil, witnessed first-hand the power of God at work through the Bible worker.

What took place their first day back was nothing short of a miracle. Money was counted, and we praised God the students exceeded the fund-raising goal by \$60. To express appreciation for their commitment and dedication, students were given a special class party.

Did they enjoy this experience? Rashid Tenga said, "To know that it helped someone find eternal life is just overwhelming. I should give more!!" Elkin Beltre said, "This project showed me that I could still help out in mission trips without having to leave the country. It was amazing to see how our Bible class of about 18 people had such a great impact on that mission trip, and that God works in many ways." Andrew Dunder remarked, "It felt good to be part of sending a Bible worker and having a small part in baptizing the people."

Another student, Kathy Caulley, wasn't enthusiastic about the challenge at first. She remarked, "Well, when I first heard that we had to raise money, I thought, 'Oh, great, just my luck.' But I had so much fun that I want to do it again."

Every day I am amazed how God teaches me to never underestimate the power of young people in His service. Thanks to the effort of these young Christian students, 11 people in Brazil were baptized in one week. Now that's real youth impact!

Luis Beltre Jr. is the chaplain at Indiana Academy.



BEYOND *our* BORDERS

The Power of God in the AMAZON

ANACONDAS, CROCODILES, AND CHANGED HEARTS

BY FERNANDO ORTIZ



Thirty participants, many of them members of the Bloomington and Bedford, Indiana, churches, spent the Christmas break traveling to the Brazilian Amazon (the capital of the anacondas and crocodiles) to build a church, preach the gospel, and provide medical care to the natives.



This is the double-decker mission boat used by the team on the Amazon River.

Even though many asked if they would be swallowed by a snake or chopped by a shoal of piranhas, the group traveled 6,000 miles with more than 3,000 pounds of

luggage, with great expectations to see God in action.

During the first week the group laid 5,000 bricks to build a church, covered it with stucco, painted it, and helped dedicate the building. Every day after working on the construction of the church, the participants conducted two Vacation Bible Schools. In addition, they held three simultaneous evangelistic campaigns and witnessed several baptisms.

For the second week, the team boarded a boat on the Amazon River to give medical and dental attention to about 500 people in five communities along the river. The group also distributed Christmas gifts to hundreds of children and clothing for all ages. Shandy Reynolds, an eighth grader and Bedford church member, said, "This trip has made me realize how selfish I am. The people in this part of Brazil have so little in material things, but yet they are so happy."

On land, the missionaries stayed with local families and experienced true Brazilian hospitality. Kristin Goodin, a college freshman said, "I was very impressed by the generosity these people shared with us."

On the boat, the group slept in hammocks. They were so used to the hammocks that when they left, most missed the hammocks! The boat crew was invited to join morning and evening worships, and were visibly touched by God through songs and testimonies. "The Lord worked in our hearts and in the hearts of the people we met and worked with," said Hernan Hammerly from Bloomington.



The hard-working, enthusiastic team rests for a picture at the construction site.

Participants said they will never be the same. Their emphasis in life has changed from being takers to being givers, from being spectators to being players, from being pew-warmers to being participants, from having a local point of view to having a global vision. "I hope I can be used in a powerful way by God to continue to make changes in my Christian experience and be able to witness in ways I never thought possible," said Orville Ortiz, Indiana Academy business manager.

They did not see many anacondas or crocodiles, but they did see the mighty power of God touching lives, moving hearts, and healing people!

Fernando Ortiz is pastor for the Bedford and Bloomington, Indiana, churches.



FAMILY TIES

The INVISIBLE Decade

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Could it be we are so used to assigning men and women in their forties to “mid-life” and then those in their sixties and seventies to “senior citizens” we miss the lessons we can learn from those in their fifties? So, what is it like for those in their fifties? Have you been there, done that? You may be thinking, “Oh, to be fifty again!” Are you dreading your own fiftieth birthday? Are you so far from being fifty you are wondering why you are reading this?

The authors of *In Our Fifties: Voices of Men and Women Reinventing Their Lives*¹ suggest this decade is obscure because our society has changed so dramatically during the past 20–25 years. There are no neat descriptive labels, or even public myths, to describe our fifties. Less optimistic people may see the glass as half empty and call the fifties the “do-or-die” or the “last-chance” decade. Those more optimistic want to call it the generative decade or the decade of maturity.

Some see the fifties as a time to prepare for a life of physical decline and diminished social recognition and leadership. Sacrifice and stability are among the descriptors used. It has been generally viewed as immature for men and women of this age group to make decisions that impact their economic status, their choice of friends, their roles in the communities, and decisions which impact their family.

However, without expansion and change, those in their fifties become stagnant and ill-prepared for the later decades of their lives. Many in their fifties are at a time when their words can truly be trusted. They do exactly what they say they are going to do. They realize there is no longer time left in their lives to be less than honest and frank with themselves and with those they care about. This is a

time when unrealistic expectations are given up, providing comfort as well as an opportunity to be more productive in focusing on realistic and achievable challenges.

It is a time when adult children can begin to return the kind of caring support their parents gave to them. Adult children often become best friends to their parents during their fifties. A new level of friendship and camaraderie emerges as both face the realities of adult life. The fifties is not an easy decade to be alone. Finding support in family, friends, church, and the broader community is invaluable.

Being ready for challenges and high levels of activity, ready to make difficult choices among competing priorities, remaining open to change, and new roles and responsibilities is perhaps the hallmark of those living their fifties to the fullest. How comforting it can be to know that God is the blessed controller of all things and that the decade of the fifties is a potentially expansive and exciting time of life.

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¹ Bergquist, W.H., Greenberg, E. M., and Klaum, G. A., *In Our Fifties: Voices of Men and Women Reinventing Their Lives*, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1993.

MIRAGE *in the* MARKETPLACE

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Self-proclaimed health experts often make exaggerated claims and promise miraculous cures.

Panaceas abound everywhere. New programs, new books, or new products continually flood the marketplace. These materials promote ways to fight disease, slow aging, help you live longer, promote weight loss, increase one's energy level, enhance personal beauty, or show you how to enjoy better health.

Self-proclaimed health experts and over-zealous promoters often make exaggerated and unsupported claims about health, and promise miraculous cures. The consumer should be very cautious, lest they end up spending time and money on unproven gimmicks, gadgets, and gizmos.

Testimonials appear on television in very convincing fashion to authenticate a particular product. Many are simply schemes to make money, a mirage that distorts reality and the truth about health. Health proponents often prey on public fears. Vulnerable groups, such as the ill and the elderly, are often victims of health promoters. Fraudulent health claims may cause a person to not seek appropriate medical care in a timely manner. In addition, false claims may end up confusing the public about what constitutes good health.

It is estimated over one-third of Americans search the Internet for medical information. Furthermore, almost one-half of Internet users admit this information influences their decisions about healthcare and medical treatments. It is well to remember that Web publishing is unregulated. The Internet enables consumers to obtain both good

and misleading (and possibly harmful) information on any health topic.

A careful scrutiny of information and a healthy dose of skepticism are essential. One must always check the source of the information on the Internet, ask if it is reliable, and if it has been verified by an expert. Recently, erroneous information about soy, canola oil, coral calcium, aspartame, and other topics circulated the Internet.

There are a number of red flags which should alert the consumer to question health claims. These include the recommendations that promise a quick fix, recommendations that help sell a product, claims that sound too good to be true (they usually are), and recommendations based on a single research study. We should prove the veracity of everything, hold on to the good, and reject the harmful (1 Thess. 5:21, 22).

Winston Craig is professor of nutrition at Andrews University.

**The ill, the elderly,
and the overweight**

**are all targets of
health promoters.**



EXTREME GRACE



Camp Meeting MIRACLES

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Harry met Sally at camp meeting, proposed behind the youth tent, rejoiced as she said “YES!”, and they have been happily married for 35 years. That’s a miracle!

Bobby took his trumpet to camp meeting; played along with the piano for song service, got better; played with the band, got better; played the national anthem for the Giants, 49’rs, Blazers; and, still has an open invitation from the Lakers. A miracle!

Jules saw her first fireflies at camp meeting in Wisconsin. “WOW!” Marty discovered his dad knew how to run the P.A. so even the worst singers sounded good. “WOW, Dad. You’re pretty good!” For Dad, those words were a miracle!

Three young intern pastors sat in the back seats of the junior tent, “to control the troops,” and heard an ancient E.L. Minchen tell Bible stories that kept kids on the edges of the rough-board pews. “WOW!”, they said, as they cleaned the tent that night, “Old dudes can make God irresistible to kids!” Now they’re the “old dudes” telling Bible stories. Miracles!

Leslie Harding made the sanctuary understandable to old and young. Morris Venden found hundreds of ways to preach the same sermon: “God loves sinners, and there’s nothing we can do to add anything to what He’s already done.”

The Wedgewood Trio and Heritage Singers have turned over their skills of “offending the adults” to new generations of musicians who sing for God with synthesizers, drums,

and rhythms that cause some to dash from the tent, just as their parents did 25 years ago when accosted by guitar riffs.

Though terrible weather, distant parking, ssstaticccky P.A. systems, inadequate sewers, Aunt Martha’s vege-loaf, endless miniature golf, first kisses beneath the Milky Way, Uncle Warren’s weak plastic chairs, and midnight Rook games in Larry’s motor home will always be included in our camp meeting memories, the favorite story will always be how God became “best friend” in the summer heat. Miracle!

Some of us came forward during the first chorus of “Just As I Am.” Others take years of sermons, songs, calls, and encouragements before God’s voice overwhelms our hearts. But we hear. We listen. We see changes in our friends. We watch and wish. And, finally, we agree to a life-long shout of “YES!”

That’s the greatest camp meeting miracle!

Dick Duerksen is an assistant vice president for mission development at Florida Hospital.



The BIG Family Reunion

BY ANN FISHER

The Seventh-day Adventist world church is busy getting ready for its 58th session of the General Conference (G.C.) in St. Louis, Missouri, June 30 to July 9. Official delegates number about 2,000, representing each of the 13 world church divisions. Thousands more will come for fellowship and inspiration, and to see the world church in business session.

Our early church pioneers would rejoice to see how God has taken the little group of Adventist believers to 203 countries around the world with 14 million members. What a contrast the 58th G.C. session will be to the first one held in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1863. Twenty delegates were in attendance—ten from Michigan, four from New York, two from Ohio, one from Wisconsin, two from Iowa, and one from Minnesota. At that first G.C. session a constitution, consisting of nine articles establishing the church organizational structure and representative form of government, was adopted.

The Adventist form of church government is congregational in its emphasis on local church authority; Presbyterian in its provision for government by elected representatives; and Methodist in its conferences as organizational units, which assign ministers to the local churches.

The foundation of the organization is the local church, where individual membership is held. Membership is granted by virtue of baptism or profession of faith and follows an individual through a transfer process to any Adventist church in the world.

Local churches are organized into conferences. The Michigan Conference, organized in 1861, was the very first conference. Conferences are organized into union conferences, and unions make up divisions. The General Confer-

ence is made up of 13 divisions, 94 union and mission conferences, and 516 conferences and missions.

One of the highlights of G.C. session is the Sabbath afternoon parade of nations. Representatives from the world divisions, dressed in colorful native costumes, parade through the assembly carrying their national flags.

The delegates, persons who have been selected to vote in G.C. business sessions, are comprised of delegates at large—all members of the General Conference Executive Committee and those selected by that committee (760), and regular delegates—representatives of the conferences, missions, and unions (1,240). All sessions are open for public observation.

The Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis seats 70,000 people and is expected to be filled both weekends. Those who attend will experience music, preaching, and fellowship unique to the G.C. sessions.

Fellowship with your church family is a vital part of your Christian growth. So if you can't make it to St. Louis for the big family reunion this summer, check for daily news coverage at www.adventistreview.org and watch the session on Adventist satellite stations like the Hope Channel and 3ABN. And be sure to make plans to attend your local conference family reunion, camp meeting, this summer.

Ann Fisher writes from Walla Walla, Washington.



From Football Player to Medical Evangelist

ANSWERING GOD'S CALLS TO SERVICE

BY BRUCE BABIENCO

Joshua Drumm and his girlfriend, Julie Jeppersen, were very much involved in the “perfect” student lifestyle at Alma College. Julie was a cheerleader and Joshua was on the football team.

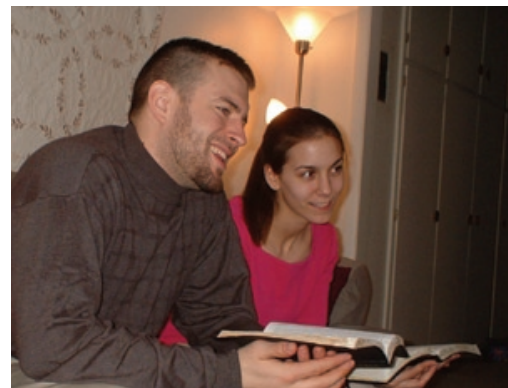
Not feeling spiritually satisfied, it seemed their lives were falling apart. They described themselves as “fair-weather” Christians, who prayed at family meals and gatherings. Joshua had difficulty coping with the fact his father had been arrested and sentenced to prison. They both felt something was missing in their lives so they decided to begin studying their Bibles.

As a result, they gave up cheerleading, football games, and working on Saturday. “[We] became real Adventist Christians,” said Joshua. “Our lives have been blessed ever since.”

Joshua and Julie married and moved to East Lansing, Michigan, where Joshua became a second-year medical student at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM), and president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA). They also joined the East Lansing University Church.

One Sabbath afternoon, as Joshua and Julie ate lunch at a member’s home, Joshua overheard church elders, Gary Heilig and Kevin Brooks, discuss the need for a speaker for *Hope for Our Day*, the church’s fall evangelistic series. Joshua quietly suggested a church member should be the speaker. Immediately, the elders asked if he would be interested. Joshua responded that if the church asked him, he would consider it.

Long after he had forgotten about this conversation, Joshua received a telephone call. The caller said, “We are



Joshua and Julie Drumm lead home Bible study groups.

so excited and are looking forward to you preaching at our *Hope for Our Day* series.” Startled, Joshua said, “I am?” The response was, “You didn’t know?”

Joshua accepted the responsibility, realizing that it would require some adjustments to his life. Newly married, in medical school, president of the largest medical student organization on campus, working in a part-time job, and now studying and preparing for the fall meetings—it seemed the heavy load would stretch him too thin. His solution was to change his medical education from a four-year to a five-year program.

He began preparation for the *Hope for Our Day* meetings, which were held in the medical school’s main classroom. Over 40 medical and undergraduate students came to the series. Because of their class loads and schedules, many were not able to come to every meeting.

In response to the meetings, Joshua and Julie are now leading out in three weekly Bible study groups. Two groups meet in students’ homes and another meets in the home of a church member. The groups are discovering more of what the Bible teaches about Christ’s saving grace and how to live the Christian life.

Joshua is looking forward to his next series of meetings this fall. This time he will travel to Angola, Africa, to speak for a Global Evangelism event.

Joshua and Julie are not sure what God has in store for their futures, but one thing is for certain—they are glad they began their spiritual journey with Jesus, and have committed themselves to always be available to answer God’s calls to service.

Bruce Babienco is a *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent.





Características de un discípulo fiel

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Recuerdo muy bien la primera vez que vi a Manuel Vázquez, vicepresidente de la División Norteamericana para Ministerios Multilingües. Acababa de ser nombrado como coordinador hispano de la Asociación de Indiana y se me pidió asistir a una reunión de coordinadores de nuestra unión. En esa ocasión Manuel aprovechó la oportunidad para acercarse a nosotros y conocernos como líderes. Inmediatamente sentí que él no era solamente un líder de entre muchos sino que en verdad era un hombre de Dios.



Manuel Vázquez

Durante los últimos diez años llegué a conocer más de cerca de a Manuel y pude observar aspectos de su liderazgo y en su carácter que me impresionaron mucho, y que creo cada cristiano y especialmente cada líder de la iglesia debieran tener en su vida. Quiero mencionar tres de las cualidades que más me impresionaron de su vida.

En primer lugar noté que Manuel era un hombre de visión. En los programas de entrenamiento laico, las campañas vía satélite, los libros que escribió y los seminarios que dio para promover materiales nuestros como El Centinela, noté que tenía siempre en mente la visión de nuestro Señor: “Id y haced discípulos”.

Vi también que Manuel era un hombre de valor. En una reunión de líderes hispanos nos contó que en su juventud tuvo que afrontar circunstancias muy adversas para sobrevivir. Usó ese mismo valor en su liderazgo para promover las iniciativas que para él eran importantes.

La tercera de las cualidades que se destacaban más en su vida era la pasión por su iglesia. Además de su familia, su prioridad era servir a Cristo por medio de su trabajo arduo para que la iglesia “siga caminando”. El proyecto para jóvenes llamado Siete Señales nació primero en el corazón de Manuel, y él trabajó arduamente para que el proyecto pudiera llegar a ser una realidad.

Cuando pienso en los apóstoles, me doy cuenta que lo que más se destacó en ellos fue su visión, su valor y su pasión. Creo que también hoy el Señor desea que su pueblo demuestre esas mismas cualidades. Por un momento pregúntese: ¿tengo yo estas tres cualidades necesarias en mi propia vida? Mi petición a Dios es que nuestras vidas reflejen las cualidades de visión, valor y pasión para que el cuerpo de Cristo siga creciendo.

La sesión mundial de la Iglesia Adventista será en Saint Louis, Missouri.

Quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para invitar a nuestros hermanos para que vayan este verano a la sesión mundial de la Iglesia Adventista que se realizará del 29 de junio al 9 de julio.

Además de ser una reunión de negocios, la sesión quinquenal ofrecerá una oportunidad especial para que nosotros veamos la iglesia en su dinámica internacional por medio de reportajes, conciertos y predicaciones. Se calcula que habrá una asistencia diaria de más de 10,000 personas y que en los dos fines de semana asistirán más de 70,000. Para más información diríjense a la página de Internet www.gcsession.org.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



Illinois Camp Meetings

“SERVICE—THE REST OF THE STORY”

BY RACHEL TERWILLEGAR

Illinois has two camp meetings this year: **Broadview Academy—June 11**

Northern Illinois Camp Meeting was especially tough last year. It was held for only one day, and the very next day the constituency met to decide the future of Broadview Academy. Members were especially thankful the camp meeting speaker held a prayer service in the afternoon to ask for guidance for the next day's challenging meeting to discuss the academy's future.

Last year, camp meeting attendees were not only blessed by the speaker, but by the music as well. Music plays an important role in setting the spiritual tone of any meeting, especially camp meeting. One member wrote, “The choirs, with all their own cultural backgrounds, were terrific. It was an inspired idea to gather them together for camp meeting.” Another wrote, “I just love the gospel choirs.”



Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor, will speak during our special Camp Meeting Day at Broadview Academy.

Camp meeting is enriching. Attendees hear messages that encourage spiritual growth at camp meeting. “I appreciated the open mindedness of our guest speaker to discuss mental health care, as well as thinking out of the box with Bible truths [versus] human traditions,” stated one attendee. God has blessings in store for each person who makes time to meet Him at camp meeting.

“This year's theme, ‘Service—The Rest of the Story,’ was selected to emphasize that we, as followers of Christ, are in this world to serve,” stated Ken Denslow, Illinois Conference president. “This fits perfectly with the Illinois Conference mission statement: ‘Sharing God's grace with our world through preaching, teaching, and healing.’”



The climbing tower was a favorite for young people attending Akita Camp Meeting.



Music is an important part of Akita Camp Meeting. Here, a Korean choir performs music in traditional costumes.

Join us at Broadview Academy for a full day of meetings, starting with song service at 9:00 a.m. Our guest speaker is Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor. There is no Friday evening meeting, unlike previous years, so you'll want to stay by for the full day on Sabbath. Potluck with friends and family for lunch, then join the afternoon meetings, beginning right at 2:00 p.m. After a short break



At Akita Camp Meeting, spiritual lessons are applied throughout the camp. It may have been a leap of faith for Velda Irene Shane, who just celebrated her 87th birthday. She rode a horse for the first time since she was a child. She plans to ride again at camp meeting this year.

for supper, our evening meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Meal tickets may be purchased online at www.illinois-adventist.org, or by calling (630) 734-0920 ext. 215.

Camp Akita—June 18–25

One day of camp meeting may not be enough to fully charge your spiritual batteries. If you can, join us for our second annual full week of camp meeting at Camp Akita. Beginning with the evening meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, the rest of the week is jam-packed with special events for the whole family, from infants to the young at heart. Enjoy vespers in front of a glowing fire, horseback riding, swimming, boating on the lake, walks in the woods, and the many inspirational seminars. There is something for everyone at Akita Camp Meeting!



Gordon Bietz, Southern Adventist University president, is the Sabbath speaker for Akita Camp Meeting.

Gordon Bietz, Southern Adventist University president, is the guest speaker on Sabbath. Bietz received a bachelor's degree in theology in 1966 from La Sierra University and later received a master of divinity degree from Andrews University in Michigan. In 1976, Bietz also received a doctorate of divinity degree from Andrews University.

Before becoming Southern's president, Bietz was the Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, and also



Campers will certainly not forget the ribbon-cutting ceremony held last year at Akita Camp Meeting, officially opening the brand new camp for use. From left: Viorel Catarama, Jerry Weiland, and Mary Newbold. From back right: Rick Remers, Ken Denslow, Larry Schneider, and Duane Rollins.



Carl Bandy Sr. taught the Sabbath School lesson at the Northern Illinois Camp Meeting last year.

served in pastoral positions for the church.

Space is limited in our cabins, lodge rooms, and bunk house. However, if you are roughing it in a tent or camper, there will be more than enough room for you and your family on the 600-acre campground. Hotel rooms are available nearby, too. A list with contact information is available online at www.campakita.com. There are also 38 full-service recreational vehicle hookups to accommodate just about any size mobile unit.

Reservations are required for all who plan to attend Akita Camp Meeting. Forms are available through the contact information below.

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Indiana Camp Meeting

“TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST”

BY GARY THURBER

Camp meeting presents an opportunity—in the busy, noisy world we live in—to refresh the relationships that are most important to us. Over the years, Indiana Camp Meeting has held a special place in the hearts of its attendees. From exceptional children’s programming to inspirational messages and seminars, there are many occasions provided to help us grow in our walk with God, build life-long friendships, and strengthen our families.

Teresa Mathis, from Bloomington, Indiana, shares what Indiana Camp Meeting has meant to her.



Alisha Widing enjoyed a meal prepared at the Anderson Church Pathfinder Chuckwagon.

“Camp meeting brings back years of wonderful memories. My earliest memory of camp meeting is loading the car with everything needed for one week and heading to the little town of Cicero, Indiana.

“There were rows of connected, small, cozy cabins, minus the luxury of running water or indoor bathrooms.

Our family shared one of the small cabins with Mary Nickless. We always hurried to unload and settle in, so we could arrive early to the first meeting.

“Of course, there was the excitement over the big book sale at the start of camp meeting. Everyone wanted a front row seat. We could hardly carry all of the bargains from the sale. Each evening we enjoyed reading all the new books. New books still share the bed-time hour.

“Days and evenings were filled with exciting stories about Jesus, campfires, new friends, and singing.

“Camp meeting has allowed my family the opportunity to spend quality time together far away from the distractions of the world. We have enjoyed waking up to peaceful mornings down by the cows in the camping area. We



Tent camping creates lasting memories.

have weathered many a severe storm in that old tent, but we know God’s protection is ever present.

“Years later, the campus has changed and the cabins are long gone, but the tradition of attending camp meeting has carried on to my own children.

“I personally have experienced spiritual growth and a renewed commitment to the Lord. I am always rejuvenated mentally, physically, and spiritually during the week. God’s blessings have always been exceedingly abundant.

“As I think of camp meeting, I can only imagine how wonderful Heaven will be as we reunite with friends and loved ones. We can spend all of eternity sitting and learning at the feet of Jesus. Problems and heartaches will be long passed.”



American Cassette Ministries ensures the blessings of camp meeting may be enjoyed all year.



Barry Black



Lee Venden



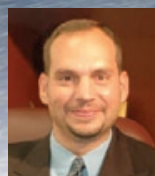
Walter Wright



Kim Johnson



Hans Diehl



Pedro Perez



Jose Vazquez



Ron and Colleen Kelly



Colleen Lay (left) and Andrew Lay (right) distribute Morning Star product samples to ABC shoppers.



Allen Shepherd, pastor, delighted the Kindergarten class when he helped with crafts.

All Camp Meeting Photos by Michael Shull

Carving out time to attend camp meeting might be a challenge, but it will be well worth it. This year we will be challenged by Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and Walter Wright, our Union president. Best-selling authors, Kim Johnson and Lee Venden, will deepen our understanding of who Jesus is. Hans Diehl will motivate us to take better care of our body temple. Pedro Perez will connect with your young people and help them see how a life with Jesus is better than anything this world has to offer.



Dane Shewlin

Jeremy Hall, special musical guest for Sabbath afternoon

Seminars will be presented throughout the week on a variety of topics, presented by Hans Diehl, Kim Johnson, Lee Venden, Jose Vasquez, Ron and Colleen Kelly, and others.

In addition, on Sabbath, June 18, programming is planned for Indiana's Hispanic constituents.

Lodging reservation forms and a tentative schedule may be downloaded at: www.indianaadventist.org.

As we look forward to this special week, **June 12 to 18, 2005**, pray for the Lord to pour out a special blessing on our camp meeting. May we all be "Transformed in Christ."

Gary Thurber is the Indiana Conference president.



Gary Case (left) and Sam Zacharias (right) served guests at the annual Senior Citizen Banquet.



Music from the Duncan sisters is always a pleasure to hear.



Lake Region Camp Meeting

"A SPIRITUAL FEAST"

BY GARY BURNS

One of the events I look forward to each year is the Lake Region Camp Meeting out at Camp Wagner. It's great to see some of the old friends I grew up with. It also provides an opportunity to catch up on the education, careers, and families of some of my kids I served as chaplain at Andrews Academy. It's like a big family reunion.

Camp meeting is also a time for a spiritual feast. It's like the Feast of Tabernacles of old, when God's people would come together and camp under makeshift shelters to remind themselves of their dependence upon God during their spiritual journey.



I guess one of the things that lifts me the most is the music. It's the one time out of the year I get to hear a camp meeting mass gospel choir. And there's something about singing familiar songs, that have meant so much to our faith, with a congregation of so many people.

That's why I was so disappointed, as I know you are, to learn the Lake Region Conference will not have a camp meeting this summer. But, fortunately, there are some good alternatives.

I plan to attend the General Conference Session in St. Louis, where I know I will see many of you, hear some of my favorite preachers, and sing some of my favorite songs with possibly 70,000 people. There will be gospel choirs, as well as groups and artists, from dozens of cultures around the world. What a camp meeting!



It's a time when we hear familiar voices, like Bradford, Brooks, and Cleveland, who continue to preach the simple gospel as they have from generation to generation. Last year, Walter Pearson was there to announce the Experience the Power satellite evangelistic series that was so successful last fall.

Camp meeting is a special time for youth. They get to network with new friends from all over the conference and attend great events and meetings planned just for them. There's something good about seeing two, three, and four generations sitting around a tent, RV, or under a tree, enjoying good food and telling old stories of God's faithfulness.



In addition, I will visit some of the other camp meetings in the Lake Union. You may want to do the same. Each one is unique, and carries a rich heritage of faith.

Illinois is a bit innovative with a Super Sabbath at Broadview Academy, followed by a family camp meeting at Camp Akita. Indiana has theirs at the academy in Cicero, and includes outreach opportunities to their community. Michigan has the largest gathering in Cedar Lake, but also provides one for members in the Upper Peninsula at Camp Sagola. If you like the old-time feel of sitting under a big tent, visit the Wisconsin Camp Meeting at Camp Wakonda. You can read about each one in this issue.



2005 CAMP MEETING CANCELLED

The Lake Region Conference will not be holding its annual camp meeting in 2005. Budget constraints have led the conference administration to curtail all but the most essential services for the year. We fully expect to resume camp meeting in 2006.

Lake Region Conference administration



On the campus of Andrews University there are a number of international camp meetings that draw people from all over the world. You can experience a variety of camp meeting cultures, from Korea, Africa, or Latin America. Andrews University guest services has a schedule of these events.

Now, I would like to encourage you to unite with God and lend your support so we can plan the best camp meeting ever at Camp Wagner next year! See you there.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Herald editor.





Michigan Camp Meeting

“SEE HIS FACE—RECEIVE HIS NAME”

BY JAY GALLIMORE

Our Messiah is going to return soon in great power. This little flock of the Remnant, who keeps the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, needs an experience like camp meeting to help prepare for His coming. If our heart is right, we will meet the Savior at camp meeting.

Ancient Israel was directed to assemble before the Lord three times a year. The Lord had a purpose for this. Israel was a small nation. They needed the communion and encouragement that came from meeting each other. It was also a time for building unity.

The bonds of love and affection, not only for God, but also for each other, were strengthened and affirmed. It was a time to remember God's leading in their past. It was a time to be filled with hope for the coming of the Messiah. It was a time for being instructed and built up in the faith. It was a time they could not afford to miss.

Fred and Helen Bank attended camp meeting for the first time last year. Attending camp meeting made a significant impact on their family. I invite you to read their comments.

“We would describe the entire experience as a cleansing of mind, heart, and spirit. The Holy Spirit was definitely there for everyone who attended and spoke through those who gave the messages.



Fred Blank (left), daughter Angela, and wife Helen, were able to come to camp meeting for the first time last year. They hope to see you at the 2005 camp meeting.

“Even the seminars were extremely valuable to us. We were taking new positions in our local church and needed the information we received from each seminar. ... We brought back with us wonderful tools to help us in our ministries.

“We met wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ and had a wonderful time sharing.

“The thing that impressed us the most was the way the pastors of the Michigan Conference served the people of the church. They were so helpful and very concerned about all of us. We have never experienced such an example of serving others as we did at camp meeting.

“What a miracle it was that we got to go to camp meeting! Our family never wants to miss another one. If Christ does not come, we will be at camp meeting.”

This year's theme is “See His Face—Receive His Name.” Let us come to camp meeting with not only a hunger to receive, but a desire to share His love. Camp meeting is a time to strengthen each other. We can each be channels of sunshine to all around us as we reflect the image of our Savior.



Dwight Nelson spoke to the young people at the 2004 Michigan Camp Meeting.



John Baldwin



Ganoune Diop



Mark Finley



Jay Gallimore



Steve Gallimore



Walter Pearson



Bevin Clayton (right front), an emergency room physician, along with several registered nurses and emergency medical technicians, were ready to provide first aid to campers at the 2004 camp meeting.

Hispanic Camp Meeting: May 27–29, Camp Au Sable, Grayling, Michigan.

Carlos Turcios, Texas Conference ministerial director, is guest speaker for the Hispanic Camp Meeting. To register, phone Alicia Torres at (269) 660-1167 or send e-mail to torres7272@aol.com.



The Great Lakes Adventist Academy fitness center was filled to capacity on both Sabbaths at the 2004 camp meeting. Overflow areas with closed circuit television are provided.

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting: June 17–25, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan.

Visit <http://www.misda.org> to download a camp meeting schedule or to register online, or call Ruth Bradfield at (269) 565-0663.



Two young campers finished their lunch on the tram in order to get to their meeting on time. Camp meeting is a great place to be with friends and even make new ones.

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting: August 5–7, Camp Sagola, Sagola, Michigan.

Ron du Preez, St. Joseph and Michiana Fil Am pastor, will be the speaker. A few rustic cabins are available for rent, as well as trailer and tent sites. For information, call Duane O'Ffill at (906) 779-5554.

Jay Gallimore is the Michigan Conference president.



Three trams circulate through the campground to bring campers to and from meetings.



Wisconsin Camp Meeting

“TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST”

BY JAMES FOX

During the week of **June 17–25, 2005**, a thousand cars and RVs plus 5,000 people will converge on the tiny town of Westfield, Wisconsin. What is the draw? It is camp meeting time in Wisconsin.

What makes camp meeting so special that so many people would converge? It's Camp Wakonda!

Wakonda is a Native American word meaning, “Holy Place.” Camp Wakonda is over 100 acres of rustic campground—real trees, real meeting tents, and real camping. “We prohibit radios, televisions, and even bicycles from use on the campground,” reports Mike Edge, youth director. “We want our people to be immersed in a spiritual experience here and to enjoy a time away from the complexities of modern life.” Camp meeting is a time of spiritual refreshing.



James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication and ministerial director, captures the moment when the ribbon was cut at the Fireside Lodge grand opening at the 2004 camp meeting.

“We cannot overstate the importance of camp meeting in Wisconsin,” reports Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president. Camp meeting in Wisconsin is a rallying point for members and seekers alike. “Every year, between twenty and forty people are baptized at camp meeting. It is like a large reaping evangelistic meeting each year.”



Luke and Jamie Shallow love Wisconsin Camp Meeting.

Jamie Shallows, from Suamico, Wisconsin, and his son, Luke, love Wisconsin Camp Meeting. “Camp meeting at Wakonda is like a little taste of heaven—it's not perfect, but we get to escape from all our world cares. Every day of camp meeting, I feel like I am in a different world.”

For five-year-old Luke, camp meeting is the most fun he can imagine. “Luke loves living in a canvas tent for days at a time. It is such a change from his normal environment,” reports his dad. “His greatest thrill is the reunion we have each year with the Browns from Fox Valley Church in Ap-





Alden Ho, Youth speaker



Delmar Austin, early morning service



Bill Ochs, early morning speaker



Don Corkum, opening Friday evening speaker



Don Morgan, daily health seminar



Randy Maxwell, Prayer Ministries seminar speaker



Ranko Stefanovic, Bible seminar



Stanley Hickerson, Adventist Heritage seminar



Abraham Swamidass, Family Life seminar



Walter Wright, opening weekend speaker



Dan Matthews, evening speaker



Shawn Boonstra, closing weekend speaker



A line formed quickly to enter the new Fireside Lodge.

pleton, Wisconsin. Luke gets to reconnect with their children and plays non-stop in the shadow of the big tent while we gain a spiritual blessing. Camp meeting is a week-long Sabbath experience.”

In 2005, our theme is “Transformed in Christ,” which is also the theme for the 2005 General Conference Session. It is not only a theme for speakers to rally under, but also the deeply-felt prayer of our hearts for every participant at camp meeting.

Almost all campsites have been reserved for Camp Meeting 2005. If you would like to make a reservation, please contact Aileen King by e-mail: akking@wi.adventist.org, or call the Wisconsin Conference office: (608) 241-5235 as soon as possible. If, however, you would like to attend for a day, there is always room for more.

If you made a reservation and find you are not able to attend, please call Aileen immediately. For location and directions, visit website: <http://wi.adventist.org/id19.htm>.

James Fox is the Wisconsin Conference communication and ministerial director.



Camp Akita

"A POSITIVE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT"

BY RACHEL TERWILLEGAR

This is the second year youth attending Illinois summer camps will be housed in the brand new cabins. For those who have never been to Camp Akita, roughing it in our cabins will not be difficult. There will be no late-night treks through the forest for a bathroom; there are two bathrooms on each floor of the cabins, and the rooms are heated and air conditioned.

More important than comfort, however, is that in everything we do at Camp Akita, your young people will be housed in a positive Christian environment. From camp ranger to counselors, pastors, and even the cook, all staff have been chosen who are qualified not only by their education, but by their Christian experience. They are solid Christian individuals who can help your young person sort things out to begin making the right decisions, taking with them on life's journey their new best Friend, Jesus Christ.

"I would like to thank everyone for Junior Camp, Week 1," writes Nancy Carollo, of Wheeling, Illinois. "My daughter, Cheyenne, and her friend, Sammi, had a GREAT time. Cheyenne called me from camp Friday evening and told me she wants to study the Bible with me and be baptized next year. We are now reading something out of the Bible nightly. She is singing the songs she learned and sharing all the personal stories and experiences she was told by the counselors. You've made a positive impact on her life. I am praying that the Lord will help me keep it going with her."



Taking Sabbath afternoon Bible activities seriously, Jonathan Ward (front) was baptized a couple of months after his two-week summer camp experience.

In addition to the evening campfire, memories through music are experienced at Indian Village. ▼



◀ One of the favorite camping activities is tubing behind the wave runner.

Campers pledge allegiance to the flag after raising it in morning ceremonies. ▶



Camp brings good friends together for laughter and joy.

Cheyenne and Sammi will be back for summer camp 2005. Camps will fill up rather quickly with those who've had a great time in prior years. So parents, you'll want to get those application forms sent in right away. Reservations will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Camp brochures with application forms have been mailed to each young person who previously attended camp, as well as all young people on record in the

Illinois Conference. The brochure is also available from your local church office. If you did not receive one, please contact the youth department by phone, mail, or e-mail. Here are the details:

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www.campakita.com

Rachel Terwillegar is the Illinois Conference development director.



Campers enjoy great food cooked in the commercial kitchen at Lake View Lodge. The lodge also houses group activities and the camp craft program.

Camp Akita Dates:

Akita Camp Meeting: June 19-25

(children with their family only)

Cub Camp: June 26-July 3 (Ages 7-9)

Junior Camp I: July 3-10 (Ages 10-12)

Junior Camp II: July 10-17 (Ages 10-12)

Teen Camp: July 17-24 (Ages 13-16)

Hispanic Teen Camp: July 24-27 (Ages 10-15)

Hispanic Youth Camp: July 28-31 (Ages 15-30)

Each cabin at Camp Akita has three floors, housing ten campers and a counselor on each level. ▶



Timber Ridge Camp

"I GAVE MY HEART TO JESUS LAST NIGHT"

BY CHARLES THOMPSON

While recruiting staff at Andrews University in January, I visited with a former counselor about the possibility of returning to camp. As we talked, she shared how camp changed her life.

She did not realize the change until the end of camp when her parents told her she was different. They noticed her confidence level was much higher than it had been at the beginning of the summer, and even more importantly, could see her spiritual growth.

If you met this young adult, you would see a committed, growing Christian who brings life, laughter, and the joy of God's love with her everywhere she goes. Yes, she had that spark before camp, but that ember has grown into a fire for a young adult who wants to go where God leads, and do what He wants her to do.

Camp transforms the camp staff who are called to minister to our young people, and it transforms the campers whose lives they touch.

It was the first game at junior camp. The campers' energy was intense. The playing field was full of laughing, yelling, and, yes, running campers. At that moment, I looked for those who might be in distress on their first day away from home.

As Billy* walked up to me, my senses told me he might not be doing so well. I was wrong. He told me how much fun the Capture the Flag game was, and how he was looking forward to a great week of camp. Before he ran off to join the game again, he said, "Pastor Charlie, thanks for coming to my school and inviting me to camp." I began to feel a warm glow as I

watched Billy join the other campers.

Throughout the week, Billy looked me up to tell me



◀ Charlie Thompson, TRC camp director, plays the guitar at summer camp worships.



how his week was going. "Guess what, Pastor Charlie? I rode a horse for the first time in my life today!" "That high dive down at the waterfront is sure fun!" "I can't believe I went off the high tower on the water swing!" I looked forward to my visits with Billy, who was filled with so much wonder and excitement about camp.

The highlight of the week for Billy, and of course, for me, was Friday night—Billy gave his life to Jesus. At his first opportunity Sabbath morning, he had to tell me about it. "Guess what, Pastor Charlie? I gave my heart to Jesus last night!" To see the joy on his face brought tears to my eyes.

This last fall I visited Billy's school. The minute I walked into the room he motioned me over to his desk. "Guess what, Pastor Charlie? I'm getting baptized this Sabbath!" Oh, the joy of a young person who gives his heart to Jesus!

Billy's story is not unique. This summer, at Adventist summer camps all around our union, young people will have a great time, but more importantly, hundreds will make decisions for eternity.

Charles Thompson is the Indiana Conference youth director.

*Billy is not his real name.



Timber Ridge Camp Dates:

For registration information, call Trish Thompson at (317) 844-6201, visit www.timberridgecamp.org, or e-mail youth@indianaadventist.org.

Single Mom's Retreat: June 23–26

Blind Camp: June 26–July 3

Cub Camp: July 3–10 (Ages 7–10)

Junior Camp I: July 10–17 (Ages 10–13)

Junior Camp II: July 17–24 (Ages 10–13)

Teen Camp: July 24–31 (Ages 13–16)

Family Camp: July 31–August 7



Camp Wagner

"WHERE THE FUN BEGINS"

BY ANTHONY KELLY

“Where the Fun Begins” is Camp Wagner’s slogan, providing a glimpse into what campers can expect when they prepare for a week—or even two—of adventure there. Children and youth have boasted this to be truly what happens at junior camp, year after year, for more than thirty years.

Camp Wagner is the place where kids, between the ages of eight and 15, come to learn crafts and ceramics, swim, ride a horse, drive a go-cart, swing a golf club, play basketball, play drums for the Pathfinder drill team, and many other fun-filled hobbies and skills. When campers come to Camp Wagner, they also make life-long friends, go on hayrides, take turns rubber tubing on the lake, enjoy the elegant banquet, attend the mid-week carnival, go on treasure hunts, and sing around the campfire ... and the list of great events goes on and on and on. Oh! I just have to mention the Hawaiian luau, too.

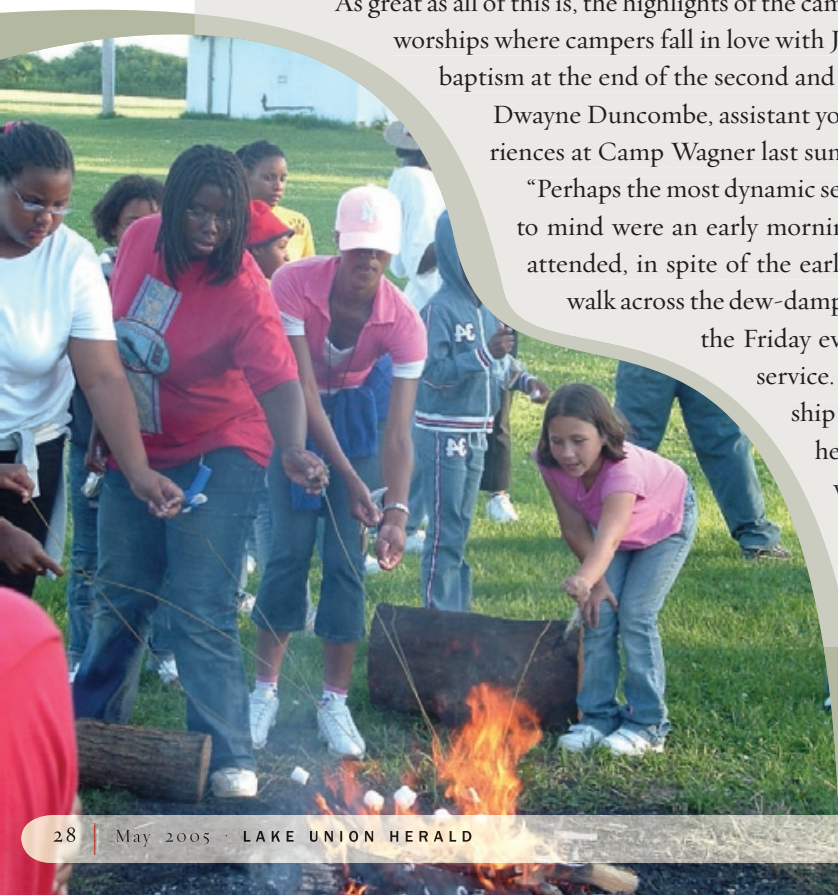
As great as all of this is, the highlights of the camp experience are the camp councils and worships where campers fall in love with Jesus Christ. Many take part in the great baptism at the end of the second and third weeks.

Dwayne Duncombe, assistant youth director, recalls life-changing experiences at Camp Wagner last summer.

“Perhaps the most dynamic services that come to mind were an early morning service (well-attended, in spite of the early hour and long walk across the dew-dampened fields) and the Friday evening anointing service. At both worship sessions, young hearts were convicted, tears were

shed, and lives were committed to Jesus Christ. It was a great victory for the Kingdom of God, and a severe

◀ It wouldn't be camp without a marshmallow roast. S'mores anyone?



◀ Many decisions are made for Christ at camp.

Find yourself in the picture at Camp Wagner this summer. ▶



blow to the enemy of God's people. ... I was overjoyed to see nine people baptized, including a number of young people, who made their decision to follow Christ during the

course of the week."

This year we will host the "Over-the-Hill-Gang Retreat," a time for fun and Christian teen development. This four-day, power-packed weekend will allow teens between the ages of 16 and 18 (who may have a summer job) to get in on the summer fun at Camp Wagner. Teens will experience all of the above-mentioned exciting activities, plus gain skills in group dynamics and interpersonal communications.

There is so much more to Christianity than what you learn in church, and we will enjoy some of those aspects of Christian growth and development at Camp Wagner this summer.

Oh! For your pleasure, we will have some mystery guests. You don't want to miss them!

Come and join us this summer at Camp Wagner ... "Where the Fun Begins."

For registration and fee information, visit www.lrcministry.org or www.lakeregion.org, or call Josie Essex at (773) 846-2661 ext. 206.

Anthony Kelly is the Lake Region Conference youth director.



Camp Wagner Dates:

July 10-16 (Ages 8-11)

July 17-23 (Ages 8-15)

July 24-30 (Ages 12-15)

Individuals in each age group may stay two weeks if they choose to do so.

Drum Corps and Basketball Clinics

July 31-Aug. 6 (Ages 10-17)

Over-the-Hill-Gang Retreat

August 4-7 (Ages 16-18)

Enjoy a Hawaiian ▶
vacation in Michigan!



◀ Spot a loon or eagle from the auditorium's scenic overlook.

Camp Au Sable

"A LITTLE TASTE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH"

BY JENNY MICHEFF AND LYN WHITE

It was a beautiful Sabbath morning at Camp Au Sable. As a counselor, I have come to realize that while I have an impact on my campers, they also have an impact on me.

Today would be no different. One of my junior campers was unusually quiet. While our cabin was working on a Sabbath poster outdoors, she went off to sit by herself. Wondering what might be wrong, I followed and sat beside her on a bench. We had a perfect view of the sun, shining on the sand and the sparkling lake. A tiny chipmunk scurried past us.

"Are you doing okay?" I asked.

She nodded.

"I was just thinking," she said quietly.

"About what?" I gently questioned her.

"I was thinking about Heaven," she said. "What is it like?"

I quickly sent a prayer heavenward for words to help her find

the answer she was looking for. How could I ever describe Heaven?

"Do you know anything about Heaven?" I asked.

"No," she stated.

As I thought about how to answer her, I picked up a partially dead leaf on the ground at our feet and showed it to her.

"Do you see this dead leaf?" I said, handing it to her.

She nodded.

"Well, in Heaven nothing will ever die. Heaven is a perfect place, where you won't ever be sad or lonely. And the best part is that Jesus will be there."

Hoping I had said enough to satisfy her, I quieted.

She sat silently for a little while and then responded softly, "I don't know



Hang on—if you can!



Indian Village—a favorite
campfire location! ►



what Heaven is like, but I hope it is just like Camp Au Sable.”

I didn't know what to say. In that one sentence, she summed up my whole purpose for being at camp—to help kids develop a relationship with Jesus and to give them a little taste of Heaven on Earth. I realized for the first time that while Heaven is a tangible place, it can also be experienced here because where Jesus is, there is Heaven.

Come, explore the exciting possibilities waiting for you at Camp Au Sable—new friends, morning worship with our camp pastor, fun and interesting classes, go-carts, horses, and exciting water adventures. Not only do we have six weeks of youth camps, but we also have four family camps.

Our theme this summer is “Seek FIRST the Kingdom.” Plan to come to Camp Au Sable and together we can “Seek FIRST the Kingdom.” Register online at www.campausable.org or call Lyn White at (517) 316-1570 if you have questions.

If you live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and would like to attend Camp Sagola, please contact Pat Murphy at pmurphy@misda.org or call him at (906) 249-3772.



Jenny Micheff, 2005 Camp Au Sable girls' director, is a senior at Andrews University, majoring in elementary education. Lyn White is the youth department secretary.

Camp Au Sable Dates:

Adventurer Camp: June 12-19 (Ages 8-9)
Junior Camp: June 19-26 (Ages 1-11)
Tween Camp: June 26-July 3 (Ages 12-13)
Teen Camp: July 3-10 (Ages 14-16)
Specialty Camp: July 10-15 (Ages 10-16)
Family Camp I: July 17-24
Family Camp II: July 24-31
Family Camp III: July 31-Aug. 7
Mini Family Camp: Aug. 10-14

Sit back, relax, and soak
up the sights and sounds
at Camp Au Sable. ►



Photos by Mel Wade





Camp Wakonda

"CAMPERS SEE JESUS IN OUR DEDICATED STAFF"

BY MIKE EDGE

It was rest period. The counselor informed the campers in her tent that the first half of the period (about 20 minutes) was a time to just lie down and be quiet. They could, however, read their Bibles during that time.

One camper objected; she was an admitted Harry Potter addict who brought her books to camp. But through the patient encouragement of her counselor, she spent her rest period, and not just the first half, reading her Bible. As the week progressed, she excitedly shared the stories she was reading with her counselor and other campers in her unit.

It is an awesome experience to observe counselors leading their campers with skill and passion in their emotional and spiritual journeys. For many camp staff, it is their first experience as mentor and

guide for young children. They are the first line of support for campers when there is a skinned knee or bruised feelings. But at the end of the day, counselors have the privilege of leading worship with their unit of five to eight campers.

One night, as everyone was getting ready for bed, a camper asked her counselor to tell her what it was like when she was a teenager. The counselor shared some of the struggles she faced, and how God has been her constant Guide and Savior.

In the boys' village, counselors gather together just outside the tents after the campers are in bed and share their burdens for their campers. Then they gather in a huddle, arms around each other, praying for the young boys in their charge.



◀ Home-sweet-tent

◀ This cabin has their own idea of what "rest period" is all about.

Hanging out at the
rock climbing wall ▶

At times, teen campers want to find out where the limits are, and seek creative and obnoxious ways to discover just how far they can push their counselor. One day, a camper came to her counselor and said "I am amazed that you don't yell at us." You wonder what it is like for her at home. Could it be that for her camp is a place where it is safe?

In the context of nature, fun, games, and activities, meaningful relationships are built. Young campers bond with staff members whose passion is to lead them to Jesus. Is it any wonder that last summer over 70 percent of the campers who came to Camp Wakonda chose to give their hearts to Christ, and 20 percent chose to study in preparation for baptism?

What's so special about camp? Is it the newest activity that is the craze? Is it the friends who spend a week together once a year? Is it the swimming, skiing, and horseback riding? Is it the evening campfire? Yes, but it's much more. It's an opportunity for campers to see the love of Jesus portrayed in the lives of a dedicated staff.

For more information, check out our website: www.wakonda.org, or call (608) 241-5235 and ask for Aileen.

Mike Edge is the Wisconsin Conference youth director.



Camp Wakonda Dates:

Blind Camp: July 3-10 (Ages 9-65)

Junior Camp: July 10-17 (Ages 8-10)

Tween Camp: July 17-24 (Ages 10-12)

Teen Camp: July 24-31 (Ages 13-16)

Family Camp: July 31-Aug. 7 (All ages)

Camp Wakonda ski champs ▶





Not My Power, but His

Frail health led Janice Eisaman to pray for a new ministry. She now visits hospitalized patients as a volunteer chaplain, praying for Jesus' healing and grace to overshadow them.

During Eisaman's seven-month hospitalization in 2000, she remembers hearing a chaplain's prayer for her while in the intensive care unit. She also remembers the love she felt from a nurse who always ended her shift by saying, "It's been a privilege to serve you."

Blessed by the dedication of many physicians, and the caring nursing staff at both Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial hospitals, Eisaman recovered and developed an amazing empathy for others who are hospitalized. As a result of the healing ministry she experienced, she found herself praying for a new ministry and found it as a volunteer chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

Eisaman notes, "Prayers and listening are vital to someone experiencing a health crisis. They are in turmoil waiting their prognosis. Whether they are in the hospital for one night or longer, they struggle to cope with being there."

"I had many fears and was frustrated about lying in bed so long. I felt I could relate to other patients in a ministry because I could identify with what they were experiencing," says Eisaman, who eventually enrolled in a volunteer chaplaincy program offered by Adven-



Janice Eisaman's positive hospital experience prompted her to begin a personal ministry as a volunteer chaplain.

tist Midwest Health. After training and shadowing full-time chaplains Eisaman now volunteers weekly, visiting up to 15 patients on her rounds.

When the 4-foot, 7-inch Eisaman enters a patient's room, she introduces herself as a member of the chaplaincy staff and chats with the patient about whatever is important to them. "It's a listening ministry, but I offer to pray about their concerns and remind them the chaplains will continue to pray for them."

"I want to tell others there is hope. I was not supposed to live, but here I am. Throughout my experiences, I saw the hand of God moving. I never questioned His sovereignty. God places us in situations for a reason—to help others."

"I want to be the extension of Christ's hands here on Earth. I prayed for the Lord to show me what He wanted me to do, and the answer was

to extend His love to others."

Being a volunteer chaplain is very rewarding, explains Eisaman, but she notes the experience starts with prayer the week before she comes for visits. "Jesus was in constant contact with the Father to release His power. I pray for His wisdom, His power, and for the patients to feel His love when I pray with them."

"Some patients have family and friends or a member of their own clergy who will visit them in the hospital, but they still appreciate a visit from a hospital chaplain," says Eisaman. Yet, she also has a heart for those who experience hospitalization without the comfort of other visitors. "I like to take their hands and pray for Jesus to overshadow them with His grace and healing."

Lynn Larson, Adventist Midwest Health Lake Union
Herald correspondent



From left: Cleran Hollancid, AIM chaplain; Keren Lawrence, AIM staff; Julie Christman, AIM customer service representative; and, Gelnice Kaping, staff, were kept busy answering phones during the Hope in Tragedy telethon.

AIM Participates in Tsunami Telethon

The office was buzzing; students and volunteers anxiously geared up for what promised to be a busy night at Adventist Information Ministry (AIM) on Fri., Feb. 11. AIM was asked to answer phones for the telethon, *Hope in Tragedy*, that would air simultaneously on 3ABN and the Hope Channel. Proceeds would benefit mission work in tsunami-affected areas. The show, hosted by Mark Finley, was broadcast from Silver Spring, Md. A total of 27 staff, students, and volunteers gave up Fri. night activities to answer phones and receive donations.

Located on the Andrews University campus, AIM is the central call center and coupon-processing service for Seventh-day Adventist media outreach in the North American Division. AIM answers calls on behalf of programs such as *It is Written* and *Amazing Facts*.

Calls started coming in at 9:30 p.m., and phones didn't stop ringing until past midnight, even though the program went off the air at 11 p.m. By the end of the evening, over \$83,000 was raised.

"Working as a volunteer at AIM for the tsunami fund-raiser was fun!" said Cami Cress, a volunteer. "Generous folks just kept calling, offering what they could. For some it was like

the widow's mite, yet every bit added up to over \$83,000 in just two hours! Being a part of this fund-raiser was a blessing to others, but also to me."

Beverly Stout, University Relations Lake Union Herald correspondent

Center for Adventist Research Receives Historic Review and Herald Editorial Library

Members of the Andrews University board of trustees, students and faculty, friends, and guests from the Review and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA) filled the Center for Adventist Research (CAR) exhibit room on Sat., Mar. 5, for a special dedication service of the Review and Herald Editorial Library collection.

The Review and Herald Editorial Library came to the CAR and the James White Library as a donation from the RHPA in Dec. 2004. This collection is a rich resource of Adventist church history, full of rare books, tracts, periodicals, and early advent charts.

Until now, the collection had been stored in a vault at the RHPA offices in Hagerstown, Md. Merlin Burt, CAR director, approached the RHPA executive committee with a proposal to donate the collection to Andrews

University and move it to the James White Library with the understanding the collection would be properly cared for, while making the valuable materials accessible for new generations of Adventist researchers.

Once the books arrived in Berrien Springs, the work began for the staff at the CAR and bibliographical services department, who now had the job of cataloging the collection. Among the 2,500 books, there were several duplicates, and 1,213 have been cataloged so far, with 500 more items to go through. The RHPA and CAR are planning to share duplicates with other Adventist universities and research centers around the world. Each book in the collection has a special marker that indicates it is part of the Review and Herald Library.

"The most exciting thing [about the collection] is the stories," stated Burt. "It's not just dusty old books. There's a story of faith connected with it that is remarkable and thrilling."

Robert Smith, RHPA president, noted he was pleased to see the collection would remain a legacy of the RHPA. Burt has also agreed to assist the RHPA in putting together a museum of their own.

For more information about the CAR, visit their website: <http://www.andrews.edu/library/car/index.html>.

Beverly Stout, University Relations Lake Union Herald correspondent



From left to right: Mark Thomas, RHPA vice president; Niels-Erik Andreassen, Andrews University president; Robert Smith, RHPA president; and Merlin Burt, CAR director, stand in front of part of the recently-donated Review and Herald Editorial Library collection.

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Passing on the Legacy

Lake Region—The late Clinton Fall Warren and his wife Frances were known as a giving couple in the Lake Region, Northeastern, and Southern California conferences where they served. Thirty-one years later, Warren's legacy of giving continues.

His great-grand niece, Aneanna Osborne, a second grade student at Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA), along with other Rome-Warren descendants, recently provided a video projector for the school. The new technology will provide additional opportunities for students to increase their knowledge about Jesus and His will for their lives through supplemental materials integrated into the curriculum.



Charles Osborne, his daughter, Aneanna, and others donated funds for a new Epson projector for Peterson-Warren Academy.

PWA, located in Inkster, Mich., is a thriving, nurturing, and Spirit-filled institution of learning for grades pre-K through 12, in part due to the generous support of alumni, constituents, and friends. Maybe you



Charles Osborne, a pastor, presents a new Epson projector to Peterson-Warren Academy.

attended PWA or some other Christian school. Why not give your time, talents, and finances to an institution that stands as a testimony to our loving, sacrificing, and giving Savior, Jesus Christ, and continue His legacy?

Joyce Bone, Peterson-Warren Academy teacher

PWA Elementary Choir Sings at Westland Mall

Lake Region—Beautifully robed in burgundy and gold, 74 Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA) students, from pre-school to sixth grade, sing praises to God wherever they have an opportunity. Inspired by Juanita Martin, principal, the choir debuted at the Detroit Center Church. They were warmly received by the pastor and members, who

made generous contributions to their choir robe fund.

In Dec. 2004, the PWA elementary choir performed in front of the J.C. Penney court at Westland Mall, reminding holiday shoppers of the reason for the season, singing classic carols and hymns.

Under the direction of Alice Strawbridge and Elizabeth Vaughan, assistant, and with the support and encouragement of dedicated teachers, the choir has developed a reputation for representing Christ through their music, throughout the metro Detroit area. The choir concludes the school year with a busy schedule of engagements at area churches.

Liz Vaughan, Peterson-Warren Academy elementary choir representative



Westland Mall shoppers were reminded of the real reason for the holiday season as the PWA children's choir sang.



The new PWA elementary choir sang praises to God at Westland Mall.



Jessica Weaver gave the first Student Week of Prayer talk, "One Body, Many Students."

One Body, Many Students

Michigan—On Jan. 30, Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) students and faculty attended the first of eight meetings planned for this year's Student Week of Prayer.

The Student Week of Prayer is planned and presented by students, under the leadership of the Student Association (S.A.) officers. Students were involved with every aspect of the program, including speaking, conduct-

ing song services, providing special music, and leading out in prayer. Even the theme song for the week was written by Mary Ellen Barlow, S.A. sergeant at arms.

Listening to their peers deliver the messages made the Student Week of Prayer even more special for students. "There is just something about hearing your fellow classmates stand up and share a message from their hearts that touches you in a way others can't," said Andrew Sorensen, one of the speakers. Other student speakers included: Katy Van Arsdale, Michelle Roderick, Tim Gotshall, Devon VanGessel, Samantha Sawyer, Jessica Weaver, and Eric Paddock.

This year's theme was "Becoming the Body." The speakers focused on things students and faculty should remember, and do, to become a more unified school family, working together as the body of Christ. Brad Smith, S.A. pastor, said, "It was neat how there were so many different types of people speaking. It just confirms our theme. Everyone was working together, regardless of their differences."



Students enjoyed praying together in small groups after each meeting. From left: Jody Micheff and Mary Ellen Barlow

"I think that 'Becoming the Body' was something we needed to hear. But now that we've heard this, we all individually need to earnestly try to apply it in our everyday lives; by doing this, we will all be working toward the same goal and be that much closer to 'Becoming the Body,'" said Leslie Erhard.

The Student Week of Prayer was a blessing for both those who participated and those who listened. "I was really inspired by the down-to-earth way they presented their talks," said Eric Eskildsen.

The Student Week of Prayer is another way God is working in the lives of those on the GLAA campus.

Stephanie Smart, Great Lakes Adventist Academy senior

BCA Hosts Science Fair

Michigan—Battle Creek Academy (BCA) math and science departments hosted their semi-annual science fair in Jan. Bonnie Velez, BCA math and science teacher, and Carla Nelsen, BCA math, science, and computer teacher, co-sponsored the event that



Andrew Ashdon, seventh grade, demonstrates his replica of a working dam.

was open to third- through twelfth-grade students.

Ninety-five entries from six different areas of research filled the BCA gymnasium. Students could choose a project in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, or psychology.

"It was exciting to see how much work the students put into their projects. It was especially exciting to see some of the unexpected results that surfaced," observed Nelsen.

Event judging was conducted by Andrews University professors: David Steen, biology department director; Steven Warren, chemistry department director; and Mickey Kutzner, physics department director. Three Andrews University graduate students accompanied the professors: Christina Burden, Christopher Campbell, and Aimee Greene.



Camden Bowman demonstrates his prize-winning trebuchet.

The Best of Show award went to Camden Bowman, a BCA freshmen, for his authentic trebuchet. In Mar., three students attended the Regional Science Fair held in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy public relations

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Spencer-Bloomington Community Service Center Dedicated

Indiana—After entering Eagles Landing, I walked down the hall toward Suite 110. The beautiful blue sky outside was almost cloudless, the complete opposite of the past several weeks when rain seemed to fall endlessly, flooding creeks and rivers to the highest level since the 1913 flood.



Barbara and Jeanette Hainey provided music at the dedication service, singing "May I Reflect Your Love."

I thought of the 300 homes affected by the recent White River flood, and was happy to be a part of the Adventist Community Services team that provided temporary housing for flood victims.

But today I wasn't coming to Suite 110 to help flood victims. Today, I was coming to do last-minute preparations for a special event—an event I had looked forward to for months—the dedication and opening of our Adventist Community Services Center's new location in Eagles Landing Complex, in Ellettsville.

After viewing the new center, guests assembled for the long-awaited program. Gary Ruba, Bloomington Church first elder, was master of ceremonies. Ruba told early childhood

memories, which included crawling under quilts his mother and other faithful members were working on at Community Services.

The program continued with an informative and interesting history of Adventist Community Services, presented by Cathryn Kuszmaul, former Indiana Conference community services and disaster response director. Next Dorothy Sowder, Spencer community services director, and Jeanette Hainey, Bloomington co-leader, presented "Visions of the Future." Both expressed visions of growth in the number of persons helped and in additional ways to reach those in need.

David Fish, Spencer Church pastor, and Fernando Ortiz, Bloomington Church pastor, offered earnest dedication prayers. I sensed Heaven draw near as these godly men prayed, assuring me the Lord will abundantly bless our feeble efforts if we will only accept His loving guidance.

Now it's time to begin sharing the incredible love of our beautiful God with our community through deeds of kindness. By letting Him love through us, His awesome character will be revealed to those we meet.

Barbara Hainey, Bloomington Church community services co-leader



Helping Hands

Lake Region—When a call went out to community churches, soliciting their help for Helping Hands of Cass County, eight local churches responded. One of the churches responding

was Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church of Dowagiac, Mich. Faith's members worked alongside other Christians to help Mary Toppy, new coordinator at Helping Hands, sort and price items. "With our ministry, we are blessed to receive clothing and household donations at least three days a week, and volunteers are always needed five days a week to sort and price it all," she remarked.

Helping Hands, a local crisis and thrift store ministry in downtown Cassopolis, Mich., meets the needs of Cass County residents through a low-cost thrift store, an emergency food pantry, medicine/medical equipment assistance, and transportation.

Greg Buchner, Wakelee United Methodist Church pastor, organized the event for his church members during their *SOUP-er Bowl Weekend*. He stated, "Our goal was to get as many people there as possible. We invited all the churches in Cass County because there is a great need in Cass County and Helping Hands helps in meeting that need. When we help those who help others, then we serve our community as we live out our faith. That's why we're here!"

Dowagiac Daily News, February 17, 2005.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefits Needy Family

Indiana—Members of the Elkhart Church's children and young-married Sabbath school class put their concern for the needs of others into action. The church is part of a community organization that screens and serves needy families. Through this organization, individuals are given the opportunity to provide Christmas for a needy family. Elkhart members have chosen to get involved for several years.

This year, the Elkhart Church provided Christmas for a husband and wife on the organization's list.



Elkhart's chef-servers delivered food to spaghetti supper guests.

In addition to delivering a full diabetic Christmas dinner basket, church members were able to provide new work jeans and t-shirts for the husband and several slacks and tops for the wife, along with many other clothing items. Christmas stockings were filled with toiletries, such as toothbrushes and paste, razors, and shampoo. Fun things were provided too, such as a book that had been requested.

Janine Finkbeiner says, "Every year the families we assist are overjoyed with what we bring. This year, I heard that the woman was especially pleased with the dress slacks we chose for her. Apparently, she [received] many compliments when she wore them."

To fund this outreach project, members of the class pooled their resources to hold a spaghetti supper that generated over \$250. The children were encouraged to assist with the project. In addition to serving meals at the spaghetti dinner, some wrapped the gifts.

"It was as much a blessing to those who helped and were involved in whatever way they could, as it was to the family we were able to assist," stated Finkbeiner.

God blessed the members' efforts. "We actually had some money left over and got some toys for some other children in the area who are handicapped," exclaimed Finkbeiner. She added, "There are always plenty of programs to help if we just take time to listen."

Clareen Colclessor, Elkhart Church communication leader, and Janine Finkbeiner, Elkhart Church member

A New Light Shines in Whitehall

Michigan—Whitehall, Mich., is famous for its lighthouse, but a new light now shines in this lakeside town. It all began when Ryan Counsell, pastor of the Muskegon and Shelby churches, shared his dream of raising up a new church in Whitehall.

On Sun. morning, Sept. 28, 2003, Counsell was awakened by an extraordinary dream. His wife found him on the couch with a puzzled expression on his face; she asked, "What's the matter?" His cautious answer was, "I just had a very challenging dream." He then shared with his wife how he was under real conviction that God wanted to raise up a new church in Whitehall!

Spurred on by this dream, Counsell conducted a little research about Whitehall and found it had been over 50 years since the Adventist message was preached there. He shared his discovery and the experience of his dream with his congregations in Muskegon and Shelby. They responded by making plans to hold a *Hope for Our Day* evangelistic series in Whitehall.

After securing permission from the Whitehall High School to rent their cafeteria, handbills were printed and mailed out announcing the meetings. Shortly thereafter, the rental contract was abruptly cancelled. Despite appeals, arrangements had to be made for the opening night service to be moved to a different location. To complicate matters, permission to use the new facility was only granted for a few days.

It seemed obvious the dream was not going to be realized unless God intervened. Responding to the spiritual challenge, church members united for a day of fasting and prayer.

The answer came when God provided the Ramada Inn as an alternative facility for the remaining meetings.

Not deterred by the disappointing events, Counsell was preparing to announce the change in venue at the opening meeting when a heavy folding table fell on Ellen, his daughter. While the ambulance raced her to the hospital, Counsell calmly explained to the audience how God provided new locations for the meetings.

Immediately, church members again united in prayer on behalf of their pastor, his daughter, and the series that just began. God blessed by bringing some respected leaders of the community to the first meeting, and the meetings were well-received by a very enthusiastic audience.

The series' climax came when five people were baptized in the Ramada Inn pool, the first of its kind in the town of Whitehall! Eight additional Bible study interests continue their quest to understand God's will as they worship with their new friends each Sabbath. Best of all, the Whitehall Branch Sabbath School was formed and meets regularly in a newly-baptized member's home.

God is blessing. Ellen was spared serious injury, and today there is a new "lighthouse" spreading light in Whitehall.

Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent



Holly Jaekel, (left), was baptized by Ryan Counsell, (right), at the conclusion of the Whitehall Hope for Our Day series. Her home is now used for the new Whitehall Branch Sabbath School.

[UNION NEWS]

Lake Union Delegates to the G.C. Session

In preparation for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 58th General Conference Session, the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee selected 17 delegates representing a diversity of ethnicity, gender, worker/laity, and administrative/front-line workers as prescribed by the General Conference bylaws. The following official delegates will represent the Lake Union at the Session in St. Louis, June 30–July 9, 2005.

Reuel Bacchus
Kathleen Beyreis
Jacci Christopher
Donald Corkum
Connie Day
Kenneth A. Denslow
Elise Dixon-Roper
Jay Gallimore
Rodney Grove
William Joseph Jr.
Samuel Koranteng-Pipim
Norman K. Miles
Ivy Posada
Brent Schalk
Glynn C. W. Scott
Gary Thurber
Walter L. Wright

Rodney Grove, Lake Union Conference executive secretary

[WORLD NEWS]

G.C. Session Update

Adventist Youth, Young Adults Train for Community Outreach

For 400 Seventh-day Adventist youth and young adults from around the world, evangelism is personal. This group will be in the streets of St. Louis, Mo., June 29–July 9, sharing the gospel with others at the same time the world church will hold the General Conference (G.C.) Session.

The evangelism event, *Impact St. Louis*, is an intense, two-week training and practicum using traditional and non-traditional methods of outreach,



Some of the unique evangelism methods being taught give opportunity for team members to get acquainted with children in the community. These contacts often lead to additional ministries to families.

such as hosting a Christian café, learning sign language, or using puppets. The event is geared for Adventists ages 16 to 35.

While the event takes place in North America, the youth delegation will be like the G.C. Session delegates—international. James L. Black Sr., North American Division (NAD) youth ministries director, says each of the church's 13 divisions has a set number of delegates.

"Anytime you expose youth and young adults to the world church there is going to be a phenomenal blessing," Black says. "Many have only been exposed to their local church. Here they will see that the church is much bigger [than their local communities]."

This will be the third such *Impact* session, whose origin goes back to the 1995 G.C. Session in Utrecht, Netherlands. Another was held in Toronto, Canada, in 2000; there, 209 youth and young adults came from 30 countries to participate.

"It is my job to teach these young people that they have an important part to play in the life of the church," says Black, referring to both St. Louis and his everyday work.

Impact St. Louis is "very important for the world church because we are preparing young people to get involved in the mission of the church through service projects, community-oriented projects," adds Baraka Muganda,

Adventist world church youth ministries director. "In every church we've got to develop a permanent lifestyle of serving."

It will also be an opportunity for students to equate evangelism with fun, says Cloveth Smith, who works with Black as his assistant and as ministries coordinator for NAD youth ministries. "Ministry is not only for old people and it doesn't have to be boring," she notes.

"It helps that those teaching the classes have been using these unique evangelism methods in their own local church communities," says Smith.

"The greatest impact will be what we leave with people there [in St. Louis]," says Smith, who was in Toronto five years ago. At the Christian Café in Toronto, Smith says she met people who were homeless, people who lived in hostels, and people who were just curious about the Adventist church.

Along with sharing God with thousands on the streets of Toronto, the group packed food to serve 6,000 meals.

"This is not something we are doing for the community. It is something we are doing with the community," Black stresses, explaining that the group will work with local churches. These churches will follow up with those who show interest in learning more about God this summer.

G.C. Session News, March 2005

G.C. Session Update:

Enjoy Meals in the Convention Center

Maryland—You like great-tasting vegetarian meals as much as we do! That's why we've made sure you'll be able to enjoy vegetarian meals every day for lunch and dinner (supper) right in the convention center each day of the G.C. Session.

You will be able to attend all the important business meetings, devotionals, musical events, worship services, and socialize with your friends from across the country and around the world without ever leaving the meeting site.

Adventist Food Service Professionals

All vegetarian entrees will be prepared by a team of Seventh-day Adventist food service professionals from several North American Adventist institutions. These pros know how to prepare tasty and appetizing vegetarian entrees that you'll enjoy.

Meal Ticket Sales On-site

After meal guarantees are furnished to America's Center, on-site meal ticket sales will be extremely limited during the Session. Buy yours today to make sure you and your family, your church acquaintances, and others you may plan to eat with will have meal tickets so you can enjoy dining together during the Session.

Individual meal tickets went on sale Mar. 1 for US\$10 per ticket. Meal tickets are still being sold in books of 20 dated tickets for US\$200.

To download the Meal Ticket Purchase Form, please visit: <http://www.gcsession.org/travel/meals.html.en>.

Food Service Locations

All of these delicious meals will be served daily in Halls 4 and 5 of America's Center. No other food or beverages may be taken into Halls 4 and 5. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:00–7:00 pm. Breakfast items and snacks will be available for purchase at the Bistro in the Plaza Lobby daily, except Sabbath, from 7:30

a.m.–6:30 pm. A snack bar will also be open in Hall 2 during exhibit hours.

Food Options Outside the Convention Center

As in many cities, food choices for vegetarians can be limited in many restaurants. The total number of restaurants and food outlets open in downtown St. Louis after 4 p.m. each day is limited.

Picnic Baskets

To control possible spills and trash, America's Center does not allow coolers, picnic baskets, etc., into the facility. If you choose to bring your picnic, plan to enjoy your meal outside the complex.

Linda de Leon, G.C. Session manager

ADRA's World Radio Is Launched

Maryland—On Mar. 19, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) will launch *ADRA's World Radio*, a weekly 30-minute show featuring stories from the front lines of ADRA's fight against poverty.

ADRA's World Radio can be heard each Sat. at 2 p.m. eastern time on the LifeTalk Radio Network. Beginning in May, you may listen to the show through online streaming at www.adra.org. You may also visit ADRA's website to view a station list to determine what station broadcasts the show in your area.

ADRA's World Radio explores the issues and chronicles the experiences of the women and men of ADRA who

are creating long-term solutions for food security, economic development, primary health, disaster response, and basic education around the globe.

"ADRA's *World Radio* directly connects listeners to our projects in the field. It's a great opportunity to learn—in real time—what's happening in some of the world's hotspots as well as gain a greater understanding of the development process," stated Tereza Byrne, ADRA's *World Radio* bureau chief for marketing and development and executive producer.

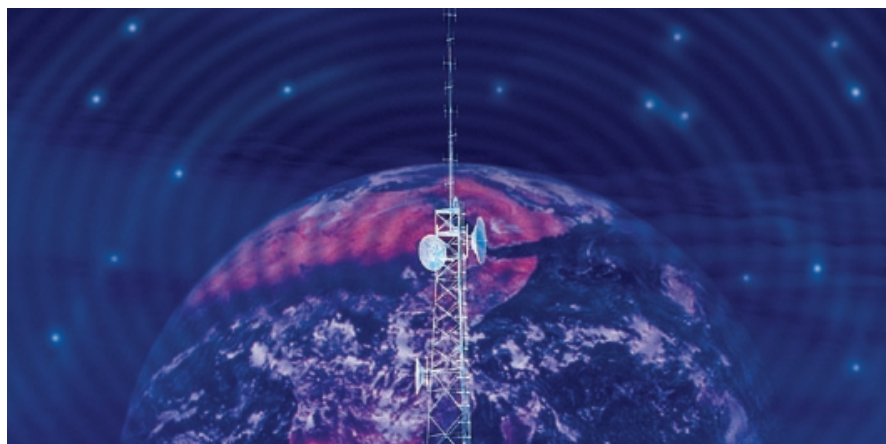
The show is hosted and produced by Charles Mills, who owns and operates Christian Communications, a media production service based in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. He is author of more than 40 published books and hundreds of magazine articles. Mills is host of several weekly programs heard on the LifeTalk Radio Network, 3ABN Radio Network, and other Christian stations. The son of missionary parents, Mills has traveled the world, living within a rich blend of cultures in both the Far and Middle East.

For more information about how you can place *ADRA's World Radio* on your radio network or station, call (800) 324-ADRA (2372).

ADRA is present in more than 120 countries providing individual and community development and disaster relief without regard to political or religious association, age, or ethnicity.

Additional information about ADRA may be found at www.adra.org.

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Reservations are limited, so don't delay.

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at luc.adventist.org/mileposts. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 51.

Anniversaries



George and Carole Knight celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25, 2003, by an open house on Nov. 13, 2004, at the Gobles Junior Academy gym. They have been members of the Gobles (Mich.) Church for 25 years.

George Knight and Carole Evans were married Oct. 25, 1953, in Gobles by Pastor Herbert Hosford. George has been a denominational worker in Calif., Mich., and Ill., for over 25 years, retiring in 1997. Carole has been a nurse for over 30 years, retiring in 1997.

The Knight family includes Connie and Steve Hodges of Calhoun, Ga.; Denise and Bert Carrion of Bloomingdale, Mich.; Michele and Larry Seely of Gobles; Carol and Terry Joyce of Berrien Springs, Mich.; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Weddings

Connie Osborne and Greg Bossert were married Oct. 24, 2004, in Warren, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bill Bossert.

Connie is the daughter of Ken and Polly Osborne of Eastpointe, Mich., and Greg is the son of Bill and Michele Bossert of Wausau, Wis., and Cassie and Steve Vistaunet of Boring, Ore.

The Bosserts are making their home in Fairfax, Va.

Obituaries

BAKEWELL, Ellsworth "Bud," age 83; born Oct. 6, 1921, in Redford, Mich.; died Feb. 19, 2005, in Garden City, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy L. (Tear); son, Brian; daughters, Sharon Peters and Janice Brummett; sister, Carol Onuska; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Novi, Mich.

COOK, Jean L. (Kipp), age 76; born Sept. 22, 1928, in Saginaw, Mich.; died Feb. 23, 2005, in Saginaw. She was a member of the Gladwin (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Randy; daughters, Laura Richman, Sheila Glover, Kay Douglas, and Pamela Foye; sister, Shirley Hauer; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Wise, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Alma, Mich.

DANFORTH, Gloria L. (Martin), age 81; born Sept. 1, 1923, in Lyons, Mich.; died Feb. 2, 2005, in Edmore, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Susan L. Jones and Debra L. Eskildsen; brother, Philip C. Martin; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mickey Mallory, with private inurnment.

EMMEL Jr., John D., age 51; born Feb. 21, 1953, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died Feb. 8, 2005, in Union City, Mich. He was a member of the Burlington (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Michael; daughters, Kristina Nichols and Katlyn Emmel; father, John Sr.; mother, Beverly (Little); brother, Rodney; sisters, Leslie Anne Cook and Joan Lancaster; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rob Hughes, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Union City.

HAUGHLAND, Peter, age 86; born Jan. 5, 1918, in Kjolsdol, Norway; died Nov. 26, 2004, in Lansing, Mich. He was a member of the University Church, East Lansing, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Anna May (Crawford); stepson, Jay Crawford; daughters, Shirley Reichardt, Audrey Scott, and Beverly Bell; stepdaughters, Roberta McElmery, Rae Petersen, and Eriann Hullquist; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Roy Castelbuono and Roy Jamieson, and Cheryl Reinhardt, Beverly Bell, Ted Scott, and Jay Crawford, with private inurnment.

JOHNSON, Robbie L., age 54; born July 29, 1950, in Hollandale, Miss.; died Jan. 26, 2005, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Eastside Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her son, Marlon B.; daughters, Terri Baker and Sarah A. Nettles;

brothers, Jesse J. and Columbus; sister, Willie M. Bryant; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor E.S. McField, and interment was in New Crown Cemetery, Indianapolis.

NICKLESS, Betty C. (Wood), age 80; born Jan. 26, 1925, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 21, 2005, in Rockledge, Fla. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her sons, Mike and Tim; daughter, Tamara Fletcher; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Terry Nelson and David Glenn, and interment was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

OXENDER, Frank V., age 84; born Feb. 14, 1920, in Shipshewana, Ind.; died Feb. 8, 2005, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elta (Barrett); sons, David and Allen; daughter, Carol Lavon Boyd; brother, David A.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Tenold, and interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan.

PADEN, Cecil A., age 88; born Mar. 30, 1916, in Roatan, Honduras; died Dec. 30, 2004, in Pikeville, Tenn. He was a member of the Vincennes (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Stephen and Lindsay; sister, Lois Williams; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Clyde Leeds and Loran Vistaunet, and interment was in Cumberland Heights Cemetery, Coalmont, Tenn.

REID, Rebecca S. (Treadwell), age 54; born Sept. 4, 1950, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died Jan. 8, 2005, in Luther, Mich. She was a member of the Bristol (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; son, Keith C.; daughter, Marrie Bulson; half brothers, David A. and Arthur Potter; sisters, Kathleen K. Fuhr, Rosanna Gunderman, and Alice S. Dowling; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and inurnment will be in Spring 2005, in Luther Cemetery.

SAWATZKI, Alvin H., age 85, born May 4, 1919, in Saginaw, Mich.; died Jan. 26, 2005, in Saginaw. He was a member of the Saginaw Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence (Alcorn); daughters, Sandra Wagner and Susan Woods; sister, Evelyn Puchel; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and interment was in Forestlawn Cemetery, Saginaw.

SCHULTZ, Frank R., age 97; born July 13, 1907, in Phillips, Wis.; died Oct. 4, 2004, in Chesaning, Mich. He was a member of the Chesaning Church.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel (Cottrell); son, Richard; daughters, Linda Schwartz and Lenore Weikum; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Daniel Velez, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Vassar, Mich.

SONKE, Erma J. (McCallum), age 68; born Oct. 10, 1936, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 23, 2005, in Wyoming, Mich. She was a member of the Wyoming Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gerrit, Carl, and Paul; daughter, Betty Bender; brother, George McCallum; sisters, Dorothy Defeyter, Gladys VanAlest, and Mary Irwin; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip R. Colburn, and interment was in Rose-dale Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

STEMLER, John (Herb), age 90; born Feb. 15, 1914, in Lansing, Mich.; died Dec. 17, 2004, in Petagonia, Ariz. He was a member of the Portland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith (Rowe); sons, Terry, Walter, and Daniel; daughters, Carole McKay, Jeanette Ragen, and Susan Dickson; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chris James, and interment was in Danby Cemetery, Mulliken, Mich.

TROYER, Dean W., age 82; born Aug. 1, 1922, in Flint, Mich.; died Mar. 4, 2005, in Flint. He was a member of the First Flint Church.

Survivors include his son, Robin D.; brother, Vern; sisters, Eleanor Rardin, Mary Beth Gun-nels, and Linda Wahlers; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Doug Carlson, and interment was in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery.

WINDER, Betty M. (Bryant), age 61; born Aug. 31, 1943, in Netta Yuma, Miss.; died Jan. 21, 2005, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Eastside Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Walt; son, Rick L.; daughters, Dorthy M. Winder, Maria Winder, Andrea Edmonds, and Tracy Tate; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor E.S. McField, and interment was in New Crown Cemetery, Indianapolis.

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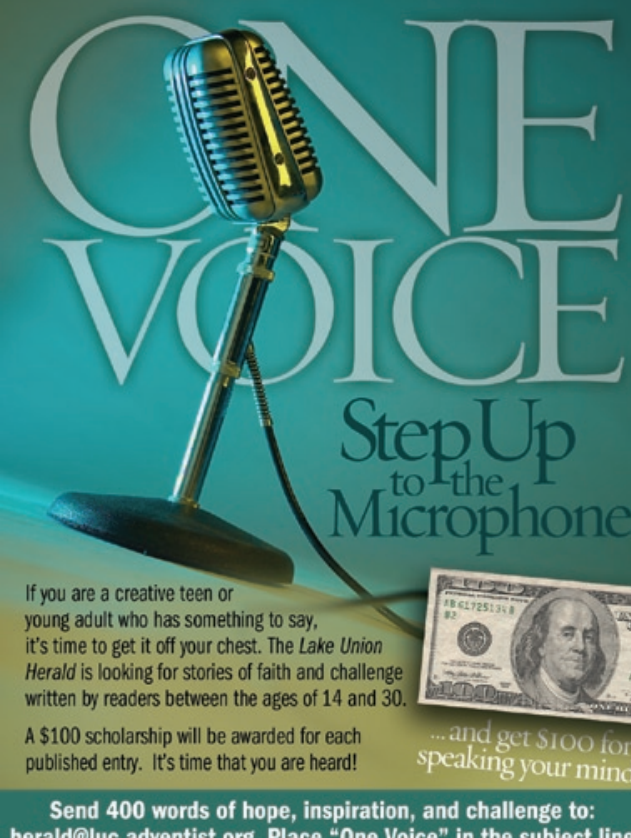
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JOSIE'S FAITH

BY GARY BURNS



PARTNERSHIP
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My cousin, Larry Henderson, still works the land in western North Dakota where our families homesteaded about 100 years ago. Things are a bit different than they were back then. Instead of several families sharing a grainery for a house, as they did that first winter, Larry and his family enjoy the warmth of a modest home with all the modern conveniences. One thing hasn't changed, however; Larry is still totally dependant on God and the weather to make his crops grow.

Last year began with a drought that carried over from the year before. In faith, Larry planted seeds wondering if anything would happen. To his surprise, there was enough residual moisture in the ground for the seeds to germinate. But, when the new wheat shoots began to grow, there was no rain to sustain them.

A neighboring farmer came by one day, as neighboring farmers often do, to see how the crops were doing down the road. His comment was, "It's drying out down there. It doesn't look that great." Larry admittedly agreed.

As the warm and windy days passed, and still no rain, he became more concerned. Little Josie must have read the worry in her daddy's face, because one morning she came up to him with her Bible in hand and said, "Daddy, I want to share this with you." She then read Proverbs 3:9,10.

The Message says, "Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over."

Larry realized he needed his little daughter's simple, childlike faith. It wasn't his job to worry—regardless of the outcome. He decided to remain faithful and trust God to take care of his family.

Without any rain, and much to his surprise, the crops continued to grow. Then one morning, he awoke to a nice steady rain that lasted for ten days. The young plants soaked it in.

Once again, the neighboring farmer came by to see. "Looks like your crops might make it after all," he said matter-of-factly. "Don't know if mine will. The rain stopped before it got to my property."

Gary Burns is the *Lake Union Herald* editor.

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Historic Adventist Village

June 26, 2:00 p.m.: Old-Fashioned Adventist Hymn Sing; historical reenactment—Chet Damron as Abe Lincoln. For more information on events, contact Stanley Cottrell, Village director, at (269) 965-3000, or visit website: www.adventistheritage.org.

July 10, 2:00 p.m.: Musical concert—Adventist Heritage Brass; historical reenactment—Chet Damron as Abe Lincoln.

July 16, 11:00 a.m.: Walter Wright at Battle Creek Tabernacle; 90-year anniversary of Ellen White's death; celebration of Ellen White's life.

July 17, 2:00 p.m.: Battle Creek Churches' Choir Festival; special feature—Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president.

Aug. 14, 2:00 p.m.: Musical concert—Buddy Houghtaling.

Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.: Historical play—"Men of Vision"; reenactment—History of Battle Creek.

Indiana

Indiana Academy Days: All students in grades 8-11 are invited to come to Indiana Academy Days, **May 1-2**. This open house gives prospective students an opportunity to visit our campus and experience many aspects of boarding academy life. Students will visit classes, participate in spiritual and recreational activities, and experience dorm life. We look forward to seeing you here. For more information, contact Bill Hicks, vice principal, or Andrew Lay, at (317) 984-3575 and/or e-mail: bhicks@iasda.org.

Carmel Hope Fellowship will officially organize as a church on Sabbath afternoon, **May 14, 4:00 p.m.**, at their new church, 14535 Carey Rd., Carmel. Everyone is invited to share the joy of this special dedication when charter members sign the record book. For further information, contact Jose Vazquez, pastor, at (317) 774-8204.

An American History/Religious Liberty tour is being organized by the Anderson (Ind.) Church for **Sept. 25-Oct. 2**. Individuals who would like to join this spiritually-enriching trip may contact Jesse Landess at (765)

759-9937, or Clinton Meharry at (765) 642-6007, or e-mail: cmeharry@indiana.adventist.org. For more information about the tour, visit website: www.indianadventist.org then click on events and follow the links. Get your reservation in early! Capacity is 35 min./44 max.

Lake Union

Offerings:

May 7 Local church budget
May 14 Disaster and Famine Relief
May 21 Local church budget
May 28 Local conference advance
Special days:
May 7 Community Services Sabbath
May 14 Youth Sabbath

All Lake Union academies' alumni, attendees, and friends are invited to the 16th annual reunion on Sabbath, **May 7**, at La Sierra Academy, Riverside, Calif., beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call (909) 796-8593 or (909) 799-8039.

Michigan

CHIP **Leadership Training Workshop** partners with *Lifestyle Matters* of the Michigan Conference **May 19-22**, at Andrews University. This workshop prepares individuals to conduct the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) program. For more information about the workshop schedule, registration, fees, housing and check-in, and meals, call toll-free (866) 732-2447; e-mail: info@adventistchip.org; or visit website: www.indianaadventist.org and follow links to the Health and Temperance home page.

"Ye Olde CLA Alumni Reunion": All "ye olde students" in attendance at Cedar Lake Academy, 1955 and earlier, are invited to Great Lakes Adventist Academy campus

(formerly CLA) **June 9-12**, for a reunion where you will be warmly welcomed. Honor classes are 1935, '45, and '55. For more information, call the GLAA Alumni Office at (989) 427-5181, or visit GLAA's website: www.GLAA.net. Please pass the good word!

Adelphian Academy: We are looking for members of the 1955 graduating class. This 50-year class will meet at AA, **June 11**. Missing members are: Maylene McCartney, Esther Marcoe, Iva Lee Ballinger, Mary Ellen Kraft, Leonard Lawrence, Lois Moellmann, Gerald Lester, and Richard Rockwell. Anyone knowing their location, please contact Ramona Trubey, P.O. Box 6, Arcadia, IN 46030, or phone: (317) 984-3248.

North American Division

Plainview Academy Alumni Reunion: Notice to the alumni of Plainview Academy (1910-1965), formerly of Redfield, S.D. Please make plans to attend our annual Alumni Reunion get together, which has been set for the weekend of **June 24-26**. It will be held on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N.D. Honor classes are those who graduated (or attended) the classes ending in 0 or 5. A special invitation is extended to all former PVA students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. Our "family" is getting smaller and we need you! You will receive a blessing. For information, contact PVA Alumni secretary, Charlene (Scholl) Binder at (402) 489-1702, or e-mail her at: rbinder@juno.com.

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) 25th annual conference, "Christian Librarianship: Occupation, Vocation, or Ministry," will be held **July 11-16** at Union College, Lincoln, Neb. Adventist resources pre-session; school librarians concurrent sessions with a post-conference workshop, "Practical Aspects of Library Leadership." For more information, visit website: www.asdal.org, or contact Linda Mack at e-mail: mack@Andrews.org, or phone: (269) 471-3114.

Laurelwood Adventist Academy Class of 1960:

We are planning a special reunion this summer, the weekend of **July 15-17**, in Oregon. Send your home address and e-mail address to RichardSalsbery@worldnet.att.net or 12201 SW Poppy Dr., Gaston, OR 97119 for further details. Planning is in early stages so your suggestions are welcome. Planning committee: Sue Glantz Murray, Sylvia DeWees Mickelson, and Richard Salsbery.

Pathfinder Evangelism in Africa: The fire is still burning! Fifteen teams of Pathfinders who attended *Faith On Fire Camporee* in August 2004 will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings **July 22-Aug. 6** in Ghana, Africa. More than 30,000 Bibles collected at the *Faith On Fire Camporee* will be distributed during the evangelistic meetings conducted by the Pathfinders. Contact Andrews University's Center for Youth Evangelism at (800) YOUTH-2-U, or visit website: www.camporee.org for more information. To sponsor a Pathfinder, call (800) YOUTH-2-U ext. 7.

ASI Annual International Convention, "Christ's Power...Our Hands," will be held in Sacramento, Calif., **Aug. 3-6**. Inspirational speakers, testimonies, witnessing and professional seminars, exhibit hall, youth evangelism programs for all ages, networking, and fellowship. You will learn new methods for "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace." For more information, e-mail: asi@nad.adventist.org; phone: (301) 680-6450; or register online: www.asiministries.org. Early bird pre-registration needs to be received by June 1; hotel reservations need to be done by July 6.

Pine Forge Academy Alumni Weekend, Sept. 2-4. Weekend features alumni career fair, Friday vespers (Charles Drake, '65), Sabbath services (MyRon Edmonds, '95), and awards program honoring Louise Henricks ('50), Ernestine Peoples ('65), Lloyd Mallory ('85), and Lawrence Martin. Spotlight classes: 1955, '65, '75, '80, '85, '95, 2000, and '05. For more information, visit website www.pfaalumni.org.

Sunset Calendar

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:50	8:57	9:04	9:11	9:16	9:20
Chicago	7:55	8:02	8:09	8:15	8:20	8:25
Detroit	8:37	8:45	8:52	8:58	9:04	9:08
Indianapolis	7:44	7:50	7:57	8:03	8:08	8:12
La Crosse, Wis.	8:14	8:22	8:29	8:36	8:41	8:46
Lansing, Mich.	8:47	8:55	9:02	9:09	9:14	9:19
Madison, Wis.	8:04	8:12	8:19	8:26	8:31	8:36
Springfield, Ill.	7:58	8:05	8:11	8:17	8:22	8:26

Sometimes God Asks You to Do Something Difficult

“GOD DIDN'T WANT A COMPROMISE”

BY ASHLEE CHISM

“I CAN'T GO ON SATURDAY.”

“Why?”

My shoe scuffed the floor. “It’s my Sabbath. I can’t.”

“Can’t you ask for the day off?”

“No. See, it’s like this ...”

“Ashlee, you’re the bass clarinetist. Do you want to let everyone down? If you don’t go, you know the consequence. Now, go.”

My band director left his office, knowing the consequence for missing the band contest was writing an eight-page report on the composer of his choice. I felt ashamed for not really explaining why I wouldn’t go.

I debated my choices—go to the contest or keep the Sabbath. My mom told me I was old enough to choose by myself. That complicated things. Every spare moment I had was occupied by my mental debate. I moped around, pretending to be happy. I struggled against the Holy Spirit, though I didn’t know it at the time.

I decided to not make the decision. I wrote a poem telling God to choose for me, and to let me know what the decision was. However, I didn’t believe He’d really do it, so I went through the rest of the week thinking I would be going to the contest.

Sabbath morning came, and I tried to sing along with one of my favorite songs. I couldn’t,

and burst into tears. I went to church, trying to make a compromise with God. But on this particular Sabbath, God didn’t want a compromise. I burst into tears, and my pastor and I went to a room to talk.

After I explained the situation, he told me the Holy Spirit was telling me God’s decision, but that I had to make the choice. That day, my pastor also encouraged me to attend Academy Days at Indiana Academy (IA).

To make a long story short, I chose to keep the Sabbath. I wrote the report. I attended Academy Days and fell in love with IA. God led me here. He has kept me here.

Sometimes God asks you to do something difficult, something with consequences you’d rather not endure. If He asks you, listen. He knows what He’s doing. He sees what you can’t see. If He asks you, do it. The choice may be between misery and joy. Had I made the other choice, I’m sure I wouldn’t be in academy today. I had been told to not even consider it.

My faith in God grew stronger over these past two years. My favorite verse says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3, NKJV). God has many great adventures waiting for you that you’ve never dreamed of. Pray, listen, and act.

It just may change your life.

Ashlee Chism is a junior at Indiana Academy and a member of the Michigan City (Indiana) Church. She will receive a \$100 scholarship because her article was selected for publication.



Maggie Billingsley, a senior at Battle Creek Academy, has a quick, enthusiastic smile that spreads infectiously. Her friends say she is outgoing, dedicated, and always cheerful. Maggie is involved in so many things; it is hard to keep track of them all. She was the pastor of her class two years in a row, and then became S.A. president and yearbook editor.

As a junior, Maggie was National Honor Society president, a Campus Ministries leader, band vice president, and S.A. secretary and treasurer. She has won numerous awards and scholarships, including being elected the Battle Creek Exchange Club's student of the month.

Maggie enjoys spending time with her friends, as well as reaching out to others. Most recently, she went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where she gave a sermon to the youth as part of the evangelistic meetings. Maggie enjoys using her many talents to witness for Christ.

When asked about life goals, Maggie said, "My purpose in life is to be an example of God so I can lead others to Him by what I do and say." Maggie will attend Andrews University this fall, where she plans to study elementary education.



Maggie Billingsley



Seth Day

Seth Day, a senior at Battle Creek Academy, is an example of how God can work through the positive influences of family, church, and a Christian school to impact a person's life. Seth is also evidence that God still performs miracles.

Seth's upper elementary years, and the first two years in high school, were troublesome times. Rebelliousness, lack of motivation, drugs, and anti-spirituality were all a part of his life. But during the second semester of his sophomore year, Seth allowed God to change his life.

Seth has now become a spiritual leader at school and in his other youth groups. He has developed into a solid, dependable individual, who can be trusted to carry out any assigned task. He likes to write music that expresses his love for God and how God can work in our lives.

Weeks of prayer, youth church services, mission trips, and the local rescue mission are all venues Seth uses to share his faith either through his music or his verbal testimony.

The recent loss of his brother, Tyler, to cancer, has only increased his reliance on God and his determination to share the truth about his Lord.

This fall Seth will attend Andrews University, where he plans to study theology.

These students were selected and profiled by faculty members at their school. To recommend outstanding students for recognition, speak with your pastor or a faculty member. Visit www.lakeunionherald.org for selection criteria.

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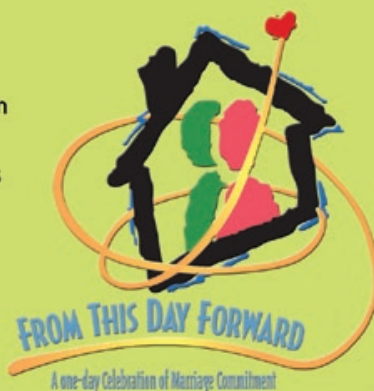
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