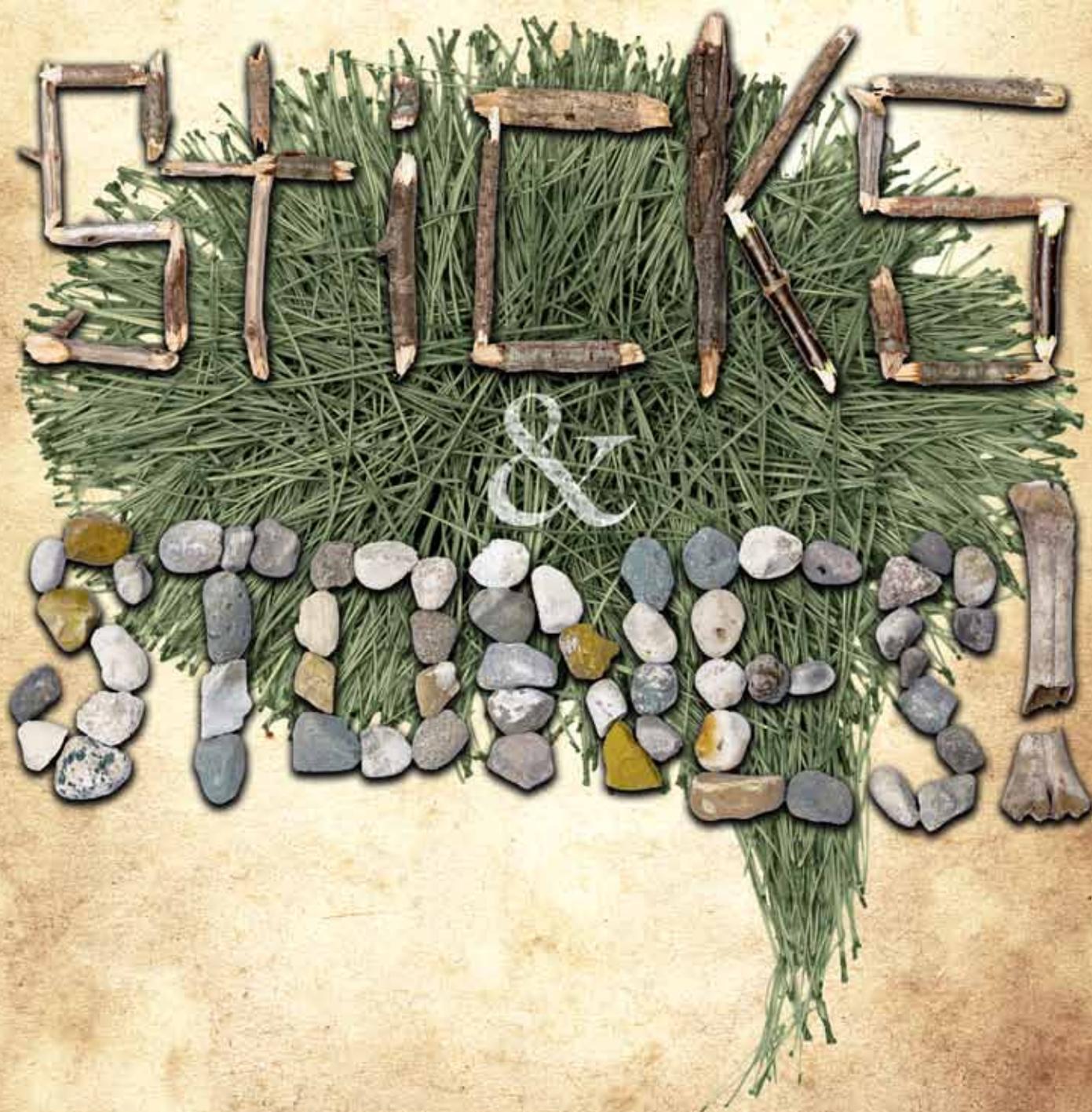


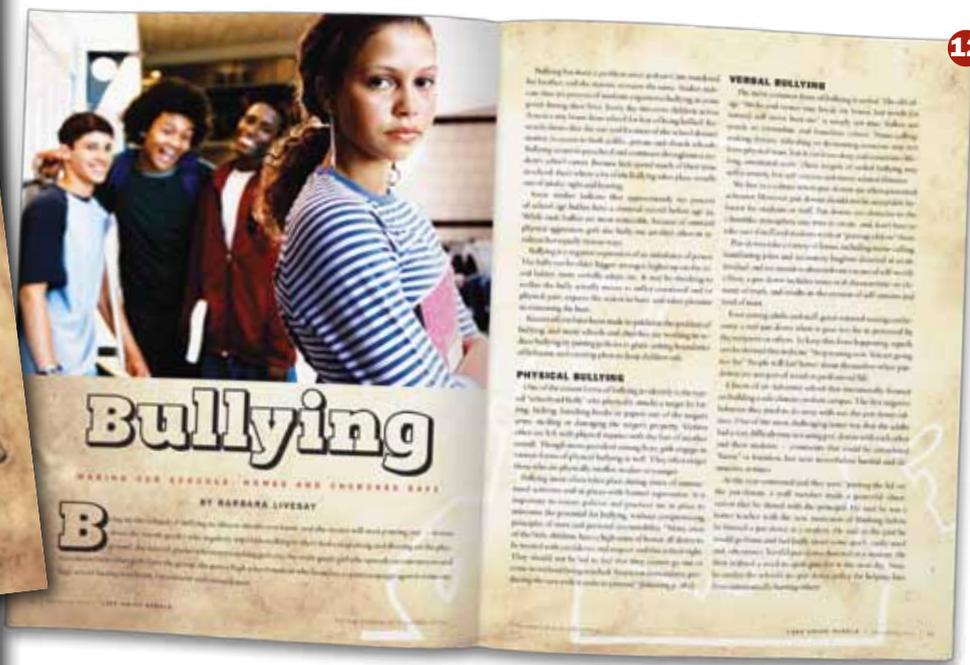
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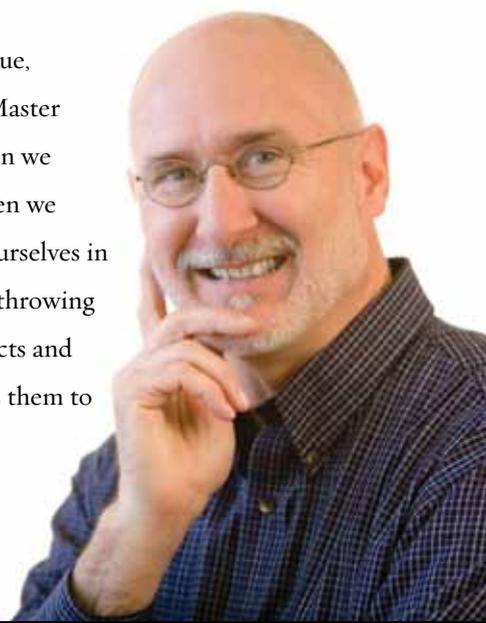
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One of the biggest problems with the church is that the members are people! Yet, people are what God has specifically chosen to use as His church-building material (see 1 Peter 2:5 NIV).

We need to see each member as having value, usefulness and purpose in the hands of the Master Builder. When we criticize one another, when we position ourselves through intimidation, when we diminish or demean one another, we place ourselves in opposition to the Master Builder. Let's stop throwing stones and cooperate with the One who selects and places these stones exactly where He intends them to be (see 1 Corinthians 12:11).

  
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## The Other Side of Stewardship

**M**y wife Barbara's parents, Dolores and Ted Cook, were a personal blessing in my life. They were generous, caring and patient with their son-in-law, splendid grandparents and people who honored God. Their spiritual journey was fascinating and linear.

When Barbara was very young, a neighbor sent the *Signs of the Times* monthly magazine to her parents. Dolores read the periodical and continued the subscription. Occasionally, she read articles to Ted, who affirmed the correctness of the truth he heard.

They were very moral Christian people who worked seven days a week. Although not regular church attenders, each Sunday they faithfully dropped off nine-year-old Barbara and her younger brother at a little Bible church. The Sunday school teacher often taught from our familiar book series, *The Bible Story*.

As the years passed, Ted and Dolores began to honor the Sabbath and return a faithful tithe. This, however, was the beginning of a financial decline. They went from a big home to a small home, from abundance to sacrifice.

Their Adventist journey included a positive medical procedure for Barbara's brother at Loma Linda Medical Center in California. Later, the family began to drive 30 miles to attend the La Sierra Church in California while Barbara also attended church on Sunday with her friends. She wanted to attend a Christian college and applied to the University of Redlands and to La Sierra College.

An acceptance from La Sierra swayed Barbara to enroll there. After taking a class on Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, Barbara was baptized midway through her sophomore year. One year later, her parents and brother were also baptized.

During the immediate years before and after joining the church, Ted tried several businesses and jobs but nothing approached his previous income or success. Finances were very tight, yet he and Dolores continued to be faithful. In time, Ted became a salesman for Loma Linda Foods and, soon, the company's sales manager. The salary and benefits were a blessing, but he was then older than 55 years of age and, at that time, ineligible for the retirement plan. We wondered how they would get along in retirement. After Ted retired, he was called back to work (at least three times) for Loma Linda Foods and later for Cedar Lake Foods.

Here's the point: Ted and Dolores made hard, God-honoring decisions, and these cost them financially. They gave up many material blessings that were never fully replaced. Barbara's mother died in 2000, after an extended illness, and, in 2002, Ted died suddenly from a heart attack. They ended life full of joy in a humble yet comfortable home, in a location they and we loved.

Most stewardship stories claim Malachi 3:10: *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it* (KJV). And we usually equate blessings with money.

God poured out His blessings, in abundance, on Ted and Dolores. They were happy and content, and their needs were more than supplied. They loved being a part of the Seventh-day Adventist family. They could surely sing the chorus, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one..." How about you?



# An Epic Church Experience

BY LISA LIEN

I grew up in a small town church in North Dakota, attended Dakota Adventist Academy, and completed a B.A. degree in psychology from Andrews University. While at Andrews, I attended the Pioneer Memorial Church. I enjoyed worshipping there, but it is not representative of 99 percent of Adventist churches. It was difficult to find a seat, even with two services, while most churches are really suffering for lack of members and talent.

I've attended church all my life, but my church participation was limited to reading a mission report or calling for the offering. While at Andrews, my faith and relationship with God grew. My teachers were a great help. They taught me to do more critical thinking, to evaluate for myself, to know what I believed and why, and to take responsibility for my own decisions.

After graduation, I moved to Chicago to pursue my Master's degree. Church-hopping in Chicago, looking for a church home was discouraging. Believe it or not, the churches in Chicago reminded me a lot of the churches in North Dakota — same program, same approach, same traditions — just different faces and more diverse, but nothing new, fresh or particularly interesting. I played the role of an observer and was bored by my traditional role of going to watch a show, so to speak, then leave. I felt un-empowered and discouraged. Despite feeling welcome, I did not feel like I fully fit in anywhere special or personally meaningful. I was looking for a place to really explore what it means to be Christian, in a way that was personally meaningful to me.

I had no social relationships within the church. I always felt welcomed, but never like I fit in or belonged. I could relate to a lot of people, but made no connection with personalities or interests.

Eventually, my church attendance was getting low. I would describe my spiritual life as loosely being related to God, with a strong interest in social causes, but spiritually I felt like a failure. I was disillusioned about what religion and church was all about and was on the path to not becoming a very religious person.

The churches I attended weren't bad, but my experience ended up being a wake-up call. I knew I wanted something more.

Then, one day, a friend of mine sent me an event invite on Facebook to a rooftop gathering called "Epic." I was curious, did some checking on the Internet, and made plans to go. My research had led me to another Epic site, so I didn't learn that it was Adventist until later. I discovered Epic held open house gatherings whenever possible to meet others with a similar vision and passion for God. These gatherings ended up being on rooftops, in theaters, at various apartments and anywhere else that Chicago would have them.

That first encounter with Epic on the rooftop, this past June, changed my whole thinking. I learned that worshipping God can be outside of tradition. It can be fun, exciting and extremely meaningful to you, by allowing you to tap into your interests, even if others do not particularly share those same interests.

My relationship with God has become more dynamic. It used to be one-dimensional, but now faith takes on a broader context. I see God in every dimension of my life. I've become one of Epic's core leaders, and helped to officially launch the new Epic Church on October 20, at the A.N. Pritzker School Auditorium on Schiller Street in Chicago. Epic (Every Person In Christ) is a movement of youth and young adults pursuing God's vision in the city of Chicago. The word about this "Epic movement" grew, and so did the supporters and crowds that showed up for each event. Thanks to the community's support and God's will, Epic is now happily nestled in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. At Epic, we believe



Andres Flores

our concept of Jesus will define our concept of church. Jesus' personality, His playfulness, His fierce intention to save us, and His abundant grace will shape everything we do at our new church.

At the launch, birds from every feather flocked together: Adventists, former Adventists, Christians and nonbelievers alike. Attendees were eager for what God had in store for them. The service was peppered with creative videos, one of which was designed to share artistic shots of Wicker Park and short personal stories of those who played a part in Epic becoming the community it is today.

The worship message, "Not Going Back," was encouraging and upbeat, challenging people to take a risk and live an exciting, fulfilling life for Jesus. The message was reminiscent of Epic's unique journey of taking big leaps of faith and trusting Jesus to make it into the passionate community of people it is.

Throughout the service, those present enjoyed watching a talented spray-paint artist create an awesome work of art, symbolic of the spiritual message. After the worship service, Kyoshin Ahn, executive secretary of the Illinois Conference, dedicated the church and its core members. Those who came to the launch were invited to become members of Epic Church, resulting in many people coming forward to symbolically sign their name as a future member.

Following a hearty potluck, the group went out to get to know the Wicker Park community better. They scrawled "Free Hugs" on poster board signs and spread the love! They were blown away by how friendly and warm the community was. More than the hugs, smiles and even the cookies they received, the Epic group enjoyed getting to know the incredible community they are now a part of.

While some were busy giving out free hugs, a group was out raising money for orphans globally through the Rice Bowls for Hunger ministry. Epic had a great kick-off and has many great ideas brewing! The group looks forward to Epic growing, not only in numbers but, also, in loving relationships in Jesus Christ.

My faith has really become engaged and now translates into every area of my life, from my artistic interests to my career interests. Epic has helped me to do that, and I am so grateful God has led me here.

Getting to know people and appreciate their different backgrounds teaches one to appreciate different expressions of worship. We can grow individually, interpersonally and corporately as we learn to listen and cooperate with each other. Each one of us can bring ourselves to the table with all that we know and enjoy. We can learn to be more flexible, more open-minded to reach more who are not being reached. I think every church ought to embrace others in that way. Normally, it's more like, "You come and fit in to our prescribed church roles," rather than asking, "What do you bring to the table and how can we facilitate the expression of your gift in our church and community?"

Traditional church would benefit from taking more of that perspective. We cannot conceptualize church as church anymore. We have to conceptualize it as community, and we need to be engaged in the community where we live. We need to ask the question, "What is missing or needed in our community, and how can we respond to it?"

I think traditional church needs to do some perspective checking. We need to ask who isn't in church and how can we reach them. We need to reach out to the Generation Xers, dropouts and wronged members, and seriously ask ourselves, "Do they have a place with us?"

At Epic Church, we believe your abilities are valuable, a sacred gift from God. We are seeking people with all kinds of talents. You'll find a place to serve at Epic Church and make a difference in the community. Currently, we are seeking volunteers who are oriented to serve in the audio and visual arts, music and worship ministries, and video production. If you would like to know how to get involved, visit our website at <http://www.epicwiredsda.com>, or send us an email at [epic@epicwiredsda.com](mailto:epic@epicwiredsda.com). We would love to hear from you!

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## The Most Precious Gift

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

“It was the Christmas of 1949,” recalls John Smith, “and we didn’t have a tree.” As John shares his story, his dad had “as much pride as anybody and wouldn’t say we couldn’t afford one.” His mom said that even if they could afford one, “It was stupid to clutter up your house with a dead tree.”

Wanting a tree badly and thinking that if they had one everybody would feel better, John took things into his own hands. About three days before Christmas, John was collecting for his paper route. As he walked past a Christmas tree lot, the idea hit. He bought a tree marked down to \$10 for the \$8 he had collected. John recalls, “I dragged it all the way home — about a mile, I think. You can’t imagine how proud and excited I was. I propped it up against the railing on our front porch and went in.

“My heart was bursting as I announced that I had a surprise. I got Mom and Dad to come to the front door and then I switched on the porch light. Surprise!”

“Where did you get that tree?” his mother queried.

“It wasn’t the kind of exclamation that indicates pleasure,” John recalls. Very upset, she told him how irresponsible he was (to have spent all his money on the tree) and how he was just like his dad with foolish, romantic and noble notions. Angry and tearful, John stood there in shock. His mother never had talked to him like that before. Finally, she reached out, snapped off the porch light, and told him to leave it there. Even though his dad later helped him bring in the tree, and they decorated it as best they could, John recalls it as being the worst Christmas he ever had.

Fast forward... After John’s father died and his mom was visiting for Christmas, John was up late and found himself alone with his thoughts, alternating between joy and melancholy. He got

to thinking about his paper route, that tree, what his mom said and how his dad tried to make things better. He heard a noise in the kitchen and discovered it was his mom. This gave them a chance to visit. He told her how happy he was that she was with them and how he wished his dad had lived long enough to meet his grandchildren and enjoy Christmas with them.

She was quiet for a moment, and then she said, “Do you remember that time on Twelve Mile Road when you bought that tree with your paper route money?”

When he replied that he did, tears started streaming down her face and she cried, “Oh, son, please forgive me. That time and that Christmas have been a burden on my heart for 25 years. I wish your dad was here so I could tell him how sorry I am for what I said.”

The story of his parents’ financial stresses and worries unfolded and, gradually, the bitterness and sadness that had gathered up in both of them washed away as they talked. They cried, held each other, and John forgave his mother. “It was marvelously simple,” recalls John. It became their best Christmas ever!

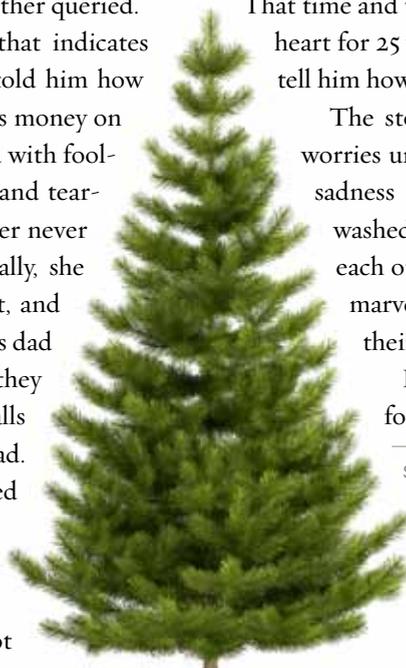
Is there a gift of an apology or of offering forgiveness you want to give this Christmas?

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Author’s Note: See John’s full story at [http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/js\\_giftof.htm](http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/js_giftof.htm).



**Sixty percent of adults have a sleep problem.**

## Tired of Feeling Tired?

**Cell phones disrupt normal sleep.**

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

**S**leep deprivation is now accepted as a normal way of life in America! Many people feel unrefreshed when they get up in the morning, which leaves them so sleepy it interferes with their daily activities.

A 2011 national poll found that 43 percent of Americans between the ages of 13 and 64 reported that they rarely or never get a good night's sleep on weeknights. About 15 percent of adults between 19 and 64 say they sleep less than six hours on weeknights. Sixty percent claim they experience a sleep problem almost every night. Why?

One main reason is that Americans actively use electronic technology within an hour before bedtime. Almost everyone surveyed used television, computers, video games or a cell phone shortly before bedtime. Exposure to light-emitting screens for extended periods during the nighttime suppresses the release of the sleep-promoting hormone melatonin, enhances alertness, and shifts circadian rhythms to a later hour, thereby making it more difficult to fall asleep.

Cell phones clearly disturb sleep. About one in ten of 13- to 18-year-olds say they are awakened after they go to bed almost every night by a phone call, text message or email. About one in five of 19- to 29-year-olds say this happens at least a few nights a week. Many young people, especially the 13- to 18-year-olds, report they struggle with sleepiness during the day. To cope with their sleepiness, people are drinking more caffeine-containing beverages than ever, increasing the risk of insomnia. On a typical weekday, the average person consumes three 12-ounce cans of caffeinated beverages.

When asked to evaluate the day after getting inadequate sleep, 85 percent said that it affects their mood, about 70 percent said it affects their family life or social life, and 74 percent of those older than 30 said that sleepiness affects their work. Sleep deprivation is often an underlying factor in the anxiety and depression seen in college students.

Sleep debt directly impacts memory and mental efficiency, while chronic sleep loss can impair the immune system function.

The following tips are provided to help you achieve the benefits of sleep.

1. Maintain a regular time for going to bed and waking up.
2. Establish a relaxing bedtime routine or ritual. A warm bath or shower and reading a book or listening to soothing music helps one fall asleep.
3. Create an environment which is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool, that is conducive to sleep. Avoid exposure to bright light before bedtime. If necessary, use eye shades, ear plugs and "white noise" to facilitate sleep.
4. Give yourself time to wind down before bed. Don't contemplate your milelong to-do list.
5. Use your bedroom only for sleep and not for answering phone calls and emails, or watching television.
6. Avoid a heavy meal too close to bedtime. Finish eating at least three hours before your regular bedtime.
7. Regular exercise makes falling to sleep easier and contributes to sounder sleep. Exercise boosts the effect of natural sleep hormones such as melatonin.
8. Avoid tea, coffee and other caffeinated beverages. They keep you awake at night, and caffeine can change the quality of your sleep.

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## Spiritual Bullying

### THE EDITORS

**M**aybe the term “spiritual bullying” is a new one, but the principle is evident in Scripture. Take, for example, the feast at Simon’s house when Mary anointed Jesus with perfume mixed with tears. *Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. “Leave her alone,” said Jesus (Mark 14:4–6 NIV).* Notice the description of the actions of the spiritual bullies and Jesus’ response: *And they rebuked her harshly. “Leave her alone.”*

Or consider the Pharisees who brought the woman caught in adultery, a mere pawn set up to trap Jesus and destroy His ministry. *When Jesus had raised himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those [spiritual bullies] of yours? Has no one condemned you?” (John 8:10 NKJV).*

Revelation 12 gives a description of the ultimate spiritual bully: *the accuser of our brothers and sisters who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down... (Revelation 12:10 NIV).*

Christ is the ultimate Defender of the spiritually bullied, the accused, the demeaned, the disenfranchised. But there are other forms of control, intimidation and manipulation that may not fit the classic description of bullying, though the effects can be just as detrimental.

“It is dangerous work to invest men with authority to judge and rule their fellow-men. ... God has never authorized any man to exercise a ruling power over his fellow-workers; and those who have allowed a dictatorial spirit to come into their official work, need to experience the converting power of God upon their hearts. They have placed man where God should be. ... Let all work of this character be done away. God forbids that this spirit shall again come into His work while time shall last” (Ellen G. White, *Loma Linda Manuscript No. 241*).

Regarding her own practice in communicating what she had learned, Ellen White stated: “I have never felt that it was my duty to make sweeping assertions. What I have said I have said under a sense of duty, but I have been guarded in my statements, because I did not want to give occasion for anyone to be a conscience for another” (*The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials*, #1376).

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in a prayerful response to these thoughts:

- Do we have a responsibility to intervene as Jesus intervened when we observe someone being the object of spiritual bullying, and state emphatically, “Leave her alone!”?
- In light of the fact that no one is to be the conscience of another, what is our responsibility to each other for accountability in the Body of Christ?
- In what ways may we inadvertently assume authority that God never intended us to have?
- How can we keep criticism in check, without adding to the problem, and promote a spiritually-safe climate in our churches?

The Lake Union Herald editors

# Prayer: A Conversation with God

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day... — Genesis 3:8 NIV*

It's clear that God regularly met Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening in order to spend time with them in conversation. It was part of Adam and Eve's regular, perhaps even daily, experience.

What regularly took place in the Garden of Eden — conversation between God and humans — was prayer. This "prayer" clearly was not a stilted, formal, cliché-filled monologue. I can only imagine it to be a relaxed, uninhibited, informal, two-way conversation. That, I think, is the first and best picture of prayer in the Bible.

What happened there in the garden shows us first that God takes the initiative in prayer. It's the Lord who comes to Adam and Eve and calls out. When you feel a desire to pray, it's God who stirs up that desire in you and invites you to meet with Him. Prayer is essentially a relationship that begins with God.

This garden event also shows us what sin does to prayer. After they sinned, Adam and Eve were reluctant to meet with God. Instead of skipping out to meet their beloved Friend, we see them hiding in the bushes, feeling ashamed and guilty. Fear had replaced freedom. Sin put a gulf between God and the first human beings. Conversation couldn't happen with Adam and Eve hiding in the bushes. Sin hinders prayer.

Have you ever felt reluctance in coming to God? At times, we are like Adam and Eve — afraid of God, hiding behind excuses and hesitant to meet Him. Unconfessed sin, harbored in the heart, cancels out prayer.

But grace restores prayer. Notice that God doesn't walk away to leave Adam and Eve in their hiding place. Instead, He calls them out and graciously helps them come to grips with the sin that has estranged them from Him. God initiates the process that leads to forgiveness, to restored fellowship, and to opened channels of communication — to prayer.

From the beginning, God intended prayer to be a restful, two-way conversation with Him, like that in the garden before sin. God brings us back to that again and again

as He comes in grace to meet us each day. God wants to walk and talk with us and to enjoy our company.

When God comes to meet you today, don't hide. Welcome Him! Grace has prevailed.

## Reflect

Do you sometimes feel reluctant to pray? If so, what is it that blocks your desire to meet God? Let God help you identify and deal with it.

When you pray, are you aware of meeting a real person — a thinking, feeling, willing, acting, talking, listening God?

Are you comfortable talking with God in plain language and in ways that are relaxed, informal and uninhibited?

## Pray

*Praise* God, who is present with us through His Spirit and eager to converse with us.

*Confess* anything that has distanced you from God.

*Thank* God for dealing with your sin and eliminating it as a barrier to your relationship with Him.

*Ask* God for a prayer life built around relaxed, enjoyable, uninhibited, daily conversations with Him.

*Intercede* for people around you whose prayer lives are constricted because they are hiding from God.

## Act

Take a pleasant walk at the end of your day and be conscious that Jesus is walking with you. Talk to Him as you would to a friend about your day — about things you are thinking, feeling and doing. Try to imagine what He would say to you.

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## His Greatest Instrument

BY ASHLEY MEYER

For Nicholas “Nic” Reichert, it was going to be just another summer working at Camp Yavapines in Prescott, Arizona. A native of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and a member of Pioneer Memorial Church, Nic had spent the last four summers working at the camp. When he arrived early to help with the Arizona Conference Camp Meeting held at Camp Yavapines, he had no idea he would soon become involved in a very unique project.

Every year the Arizona Conference Youth Department plans a community project. In the style of ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” the 2011 project was a home makeover for a local community member. Organizers decided to make a short film chronicling the work. Adam Young, one of Nic’s co-workers, was asked to direct the film. Adam suggested making the film a documentary that could be submitted to the SONscreen and Prescott film festivals.

A senior English and Spanish major at Andrews University, Nic was asked to write the script for the documentary, and he quickly agreed. “I think it is important for the world to be reminded of the satisfaction that comes from helping someone else in need, and the positive effect that reaching out to others can have,” he says.

Titled “His Greatest Instrument,” the documentary details the project while telling the story of homeowner Marie “Ducky” Panzarella. Ducky’s 18-year-old son, Kendall Linne, was found dead in his apartment in 2007. His mother believes he was a victim of a drug trafficking strategy that uses school bullies to pressure students to be used in the drug trade. As a child, Kendall received a closed head injury, causing his emotional age to be younger than his chronological age. His cause of death was initially listed as



Nicholas “Nic” Reichert (highlighted, center), of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and the Youth Empowered to Serve team of the Arizona Conference revitalized the yard and a studio of homeowner Marie “Ducky” Panzarella. Nic wrote the script for a documentary, which chronicled the work.

Tara Ashlee Novak

drug-related, but it was ultimately amended to be the result of a severe, non-drug-related allergic reaction.

Since then, Ducky has fought to make officials aware of the system she believes victimized her son. “I think that it was important to give Marie Panzarella a voice and a medium through which to celebrate her son’s life and to bring a measure of

closure to the events surrounding her son’s death,” says Nic. “To be able to give her a chance to tell her story in a respectable and elevated way was very rewarding.”

During the camp meeting, nearly 100 young adults revitalized Ducky’s yard, renovated Kendall’s studio, and built a memorial representing his love of music. Although the physical effects of the project were clearly visible, to Nic it was the emotional ones that were more important. “The Arizona Youth Department cleaned up her yard and put up a new fence, but she felt something a lot deeper than that,” Nic says of Ducky. “I think it restored her faith in humanity and gave her a positive view of youth in the church, especially the Adventist Church.”

Watch “His Greatest Instrument” at <http://vimeo.com/49105405#>, released in 2012.

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## El Mundo Nos Necesita

POR CARMELO MERCADO

*No hay nada que el Salvador desee tanto como tener agentes que quieran representar al mundo su Espíritu y su carácter. No hay nada que el mundo necesite tanto como la manifestación del amor del Salvador por medio de seres humanos. Todo el cielo está esperando a los hombres y a las mujeres por medio de los cuales pueda Dios revelar el poder del cristianismo. —Hechos de los Apóstoles, p. 479*

**E**n los momentos que escribía este artículo, la parte este del país estaba siendo azotada por una de las tormentas más poderosas que esta nación jamás había visto. Miles de personas fueron evacuado de sus hogares y millones en once estados fueron afectados por pérdida de electricidad. Las noticias en la televisión daban avisos constantes sobre el peligro de la tormenta y como consecuencia se produjo mucha preocupación y ansiedad. En medio de esta situación envié un texto a un familiar en la ciudad de Boston, estado de Massachusetts, preguntando cómo estaba su situación. Pensando que quizás necesitaba algunas palabras de aliento le sugerí que leyera el Salmo 46 donde dice que “Dios es nuestro amparo y fortaleza, nuestro pronto auxilio en las tribulaciones”. Luego me comuniqué con otras cuatro personas y les mandé la misma promesa.

Como adventistas sabemos que los desastres naturales son evidencias de que vivimos en el tiempo del fin y que son señales que indican que se acerca la venida del Señor. Gracias a Dios que tenemos esa bendita esperanza, una esperanza que la mayoría de la gente del mundo no tiene. Por eso Dios nos ha dado la gran comisión de llevar este evangelio a todo el mundo. Pero

Satanás no quiere que cumplamos con esa misión y hace todo lo posible para distraernos.

Un ejemplo es el traer controversias a la iglesia. En mis años en la iglesia no han faltado discusiones sobre diferentes temas tales como la justificación por la fe, el santuario, Elena de White, la Trinidad, la música, la adoración, la creación del mundo, y el más reciente es el tema de la ordenación de la mujer al ministerio pastoral. Lo triste en todo esto es que con frecuencia ponemos tanta atención en estos asuntos



Moses Calderon, un voluntario de Servicios Comunitarios Adventista, dando apoyo a las personas afectadas por el huracán Sandy.

que descuidamos lo que es más importante. No es que yo piense que estos temas no son importantes. Como estudiantes de su Palabra debemos tener por lo menos un entendimiento básico de todo esto. Pero junto con eso debemos seguir el ejemplo de Cristo y no entrar en discusión con aquellos que no entienden las cosas de la misma manera que nosotros.

Como dice la cita que está al principio de este artículo, el mundo necesita hombres y mujeres que demuestren el carácter de Cristo al mundo. Vivimos en tiempos realmente peligrosos, y en medio de tanta ansiedad y preocupación el mundo necesita nuestra principal atención. Mi oración es que al entrar a un nuevo año todos nos comprometamos a compartir con los demás el gran amor de Dios.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice president de la Unión del Lago.



# Bullying

MAKING OUR SCHOOLS, HOMES AND CHURCHES SAFE

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**B**ring up the subject of bullying to almost anyone you know, and the stories will start pouring out — stories about the fourth-grader who regularly trips kids walking to their desks or pushing and shoving on the playground, the second-grader who enjoys making girls cry, the sixth-grade girl who spreads vicious rumors and excludes certain other girls from the group, the junior high school student who launches a cybercampaign against someone, high school hazing traditions, harassment and intimidation.

Bullying has been a problem since jealous Cain murdered his brother, and the statistic remains the same. Studies indicate that 50 percent of students experience bullying at some point during their lives. Every day 160,000 children across America stay home from school for fear of being bullied. Research shows that the size and location of the school doesn't matter; it occurs in both public, private and church schools. Bullying occurs in preschool and continues throughout a student's school career. Because kids spend much of their time in school, that's where a lot of the bullying takes place, usually out of adults' sight and hearing.

Some studies indicate that approximately 60 percent of school-age bullies have a criminal record before age 24. While male bullies are most noticeable, because of outward physical aggression, girls also bully one another, often in insidious but equally vicious ways.

Bullying is a negative expression of an imbalance of power. The bully can be older, bigger, stronger, higher up on the social ladder, more verbally adept, etc. It may be shocking to realize the bully actually means to inflict emotional and/or physical pain, expects the action to hurt, and takes pleasure in witnessing the hurt.

Recent efforts have been made to publicize the problem of bullying, and many schools and churches are working to reduce bullying by putting policies in place, setting boundaries of behavior, and creating plans to keep children safe.

## PHYSICAL BULLYING

One of the easiest forms of bullying to identify is the typical "schoolyard bully" who physically attacks a target by hitting, kicking, knocking books or papers out of the target's arms, stealing or damaging the target's property. Victims often are left with physical injuries with the fear of another assault. Though more prevalent among boys, girls engage in various forms of physical bullying as well. They often target those who are physically smaller, weaker or younger.

Bullying most often takes place during times of unstructured activities and in places with limited supervision. It is important to ensure policies and practices are in place to minimize the potential for bullying, without compromising principles of trust and personal accountability. "Many, even of the little children, have a high sense of honor; all desire to be treated with confidence and respect, and this is their right. They should not be led to feel that they cannot go out or come in without being watched. Suspicion demoralizes, producing the very evils it seeks to prevent" (*Education*, p. 289).

## VERBAL BULLYING

The most common form of bullying is verbal. The old adage "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words (or names) will never hurt me" is simply not true. Bullies use words to intimidate and humiliate others. Name-calling, making threats, ridiculing or demeaning someone may not leave physical scars, but it can leave deep and sometimes life-long, emotional scars. These targets of verbal bullying may suffer anxiety, low self-esteem and stress-related illnesses.

We live in a culture where put-downs are often presented as humor. However, put-downs should not be acceptable behavior for students or staff. Put-downs are obstacles to the Christlike atmosphere one tries to create, and don't have to take over if staff and students work at "putting a lid on" them.

Put-downs take a variety of forms, including name-calling, humiliating jokes and accusatory laughter directed at an individual, and are meant to diminish one's sense of self-worth. Often, a put-down includes some real characteristic or element of truth, and results in the erosion of self-esteem and level of trust.

Even among adults and staff, good-natured teasing can become a real put-down when it goes too far as perceived by the recipient or others. To keep this from happening, signals can be devised that indicate: "Stop teasing now. You are going too far." People will feel better about themselves when put-downs are not part of social or professional life.

I know of an Adventist school that intentionally focused on building a safe climate on their campus. The first negative behavior they tried to do away with was the put-down culture. One of the most challenging issues was that the adults had a very difficult time not using put-downs with each other and their students — comments that could be considered "funny" or harmless, but were nevertheless hurtful and destructive at times.

As the year continued and they were "putting the lid on" the put-downs, a staff member made a powerful observation that he shared with the principal. He said he was a better teacher with the new awareness of thinking before he blurted a put-down at a student. He said in the past he would go home and feel badly about some quick, easily-used and, oftentimes, hurtful put-down directed at a student. He then realized a need to apologize for it the next day. Now, he credits the school's no-put-down policy for helping him from automatically hurting others.

## SOCIAL BULLYING

Rather than acting individually, social bullies often use and depend on “the group” to ostracize and humiliate victims. They may use gossiping, taunting and threats, sometimes instigating and fueling the bullying by the group. Both boys and girls engage in this behavior, but girls tend to use this form of bullying more often.

## CYBER BULLYING

Young people use the Internet as an extension of their social networks. It can be used to spread rumors, or to post inappropriate pictures or messages. Cyber bullies may use their “position” to create cliques and control others. Some young people use the Internet to continue the bullying they started offline. This type of bullying has gotten the media’s attention.

One thing that research has identified, for sure, is that children *learn* to bully, so they can also *learn* (or be taught) *not* to bully. Children learn how to use or abuse power from what they see around them. Bullies don’t just grow up and grow out of it. They must be taught better ways to relate to others.

According to Steven C. Blackburn of Adventist Risk Management, Inc., “There is no greater responsibility than that of caring for and protecting children. As educators, that mandate becomes more challenging each day. By taking the steps necessary to minimize bullying in school, teachers take an important step in preparing healthy students for a successful future.”

## GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS

- Clearly communicate a zero-tolerance policy for bullying in the classroom/school.
- Treat students with respect.
- Model appropriate behavior in all kinds of situations.
- Teach and discuss practical ways to resolve conflicts that will become useful, lifelong skills.
- Intentionally build relationships in your classrooms and schools by teaching friendship skills and giving your students a place to practice appropriate social skills in their lives.
- Engage students in role-play.
- Use older students to develop units on anti-bullying behavior to share with younger students.
- One of the most powerful tools against bullying is mobilizing bystanders. Students are often afraid of intervening; they don’t want to be labeled as “tattletales” or

“snitches.” Teach that “tattling” is about having a negative attitude and is designed to get the other child *in* trouble, while “telling” or informing is a positive attitude and is designed to help another child, or oneself, get *out* of trouble.

- Children need opportunities to safely discuss bullying and how difficult it can be to stand up for someone. They need to be confident that if they go to an adult for help, the adult will listen.
- Empathy is the ability to identify with and understand another person’s feelings, situation, motives and concerns. When one has empathy for another person, they strive to understand how others feel. Help children to imagine themselves in someone else’s place and to think about how other people feel and, eventually, how other people might feel or would feel in response to specific events and circumstances. Use role playing and stories that provide a variety of situations in which they can consider: Suppose it was me.
- Build a classroom and school that will allow students to reach their potential and be successful. Research indicates that creating a supportive school climate is the most important step in preventing bullying. Have your students think about and discuss what an ideal classroom would be like. How would the people act and interact in an ideal classroom? What would stay the same in the classroom? What would have to change? How can they make their classroom/school better?

Help the students take responsibility. Post rules/guidelines; use student input. The Bully Free Classroom suggests, for example:

- Bullying is not allowed in our classroom.
- We do not tease, call names or put people down.
- If we see someone being bullied, we speak up and stop it (if we can) or go get help right away.
- We treat each other with kindness and respect.

Bullies will not necessarily outgrow their behaviors. Without help, bullies grow up and continue their aggressive behavior at work, at home and at church. Bullying is using power inappropriately. We adults need to behave in safe, respectful and responsible ways in every setting. We need to support and hold each other accountable in our interactions. The same techniques that need to be taught and used in our schools may need to be taught in our churches. Again, the most powerful tools against bullying is making everyone part of the solution by having an openness and an environment where people feel they are able to express their views and opinions.

Adventist Risk Management has developed a Pathfinder honor to help children and young people understand how to appropriately relate with one another. The Young Peacemaker Honor teaches children to define and understand the difference between good and bad conflicts they encounter daily. Children are taught the 12 Principles of Young Peacemakers as developed by Peacemaker Ministries.

## JESUS OUR EXAMPLE

The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus' miracles, but Jesus Himself did not emphasize them.

Peter once summarized Jesus' life by saying He went about doing good, moving among ordinary people and social misfits, healing and caring for their needs.

In Huston Smith's book, *The World Religions*, he said: "The disciples of Jesus found themselves thinking that if divine goodness were to manifest itself in human form, this is how it would behave."

Jesus challenged, *And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise* (Luke 6:31 ESV). Jesus treats us far better than we deserve; and as He has treated us, so we are to treat others.

*He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness* (Hebrews 5:2 NIV).

In Proverbs 2:1-11, God promises His wisdom when we seek it with all of our hearts, and that He will direct us to wise choices and understanding.

In *Jesus Calling*, a book by Sarah Young, she imagines God speaking, "Let me prepare you for the day that stretches out before you. ... I know what this day will contain, whereas you have only vague ideas about it. ... [In order] to be prepared for whatever you will encounter today: Spend quality time with Me."

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## Practical Help for Children

- Say to the person, "Stop that! I don't like that!"
- Keep hands to yourself. Make fists and put them in your pockets.
- Walk away.
- Find an adult. Tell the adult what happened and how you feel.

## Did You Know?

- Bullying is not just teasing.
- No one deserves to be bullied.
- Bullying is evident in both genders.
- People who complain about bullies are not babies.
- Bullying is not a normal part of growing up.
- Bullies will not go away if you ignore them.
- Not all bullies have low self-esteem, and that may not be the reason why they pick on other people.
- Telling an adult about a bullying incident to be helpful is not tattling.
- Fighting back or trying to get even is not the best way to deal with a bully.
- People who are bullied are hurt in multiple ways and may have difficulty recovering from it.

# MAKING CHURCH A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN

BY ELIZABETH LECHLEITNER

**A** new child protection program from the Seventh-day Adventist Church's risk management organization is galvanizing the church's ongoing efforts to shield minors from abuse and misconduct.

Through training for adults and children, as well as background screening for employees and volunteers who work closely with minors, Adventist Risk Management's Child Protection Plan equips local leaders to make the church a safe place, says ARM vice president and chief risk management officer Arthur Blinci.

ARM's new child protection program backs up church guidelines on child abuse with practical methods of training and screening employees and volunteers who work closely with minors.

"It's part of our mission to help protect the ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," says Arthur, citing Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Pathfinders and Adventurers as a "core component" of that mission. "Faith-based communities have a moral, ethical and legal responsibility to protect children from harm when they're in our care," he says.

The church has made significant strides toward achieving that goal. In North America, many church employees and volunteers are mandated reporters, Arthur says. This means they have a legal obligation to report abuse or allegations of abuse that occur within the church setting. By 2003, the church's North American Division had drafted protocol for dealing with sexual misconduct and child abuse. Late last year, the Division voted a new child protection policy mandating that every level of church administration implement a training and screening program for volunteers.

The Adventist world church also has been proactive

about writing guidelines and voting policies to protect minors. Indeed, at the church's 2010 General Conference Session, delegates voted to add to the *Church Manual* specific language guiding the appointment of church employees and volunteers who work closely with minors. They agreed that adults leading out in Pathfinders, vacation Bible school, children's ministries and Sabbath school programs "must meet church and legal standards and requirements, such as background checks or certification."

Still, Arthur says that policies, guidelines and good intentions go only so far. ARM routinely handles a couple dozen cases of child abuse every year and has spent some \$30 million on indemnity cases during the past two decades. Many U.S. states have open statutes of limitations, allowing older claims of abuse to be raised and litigated.

What the church needs are tools and resources to put in the hands of local church administrators and leaders, he says.

"We've heard for so many years from church members, 'How do we do it?'" Arthur says.

Now ARM is providing an answer. Through a partnership with Shield The Vulnerable, the organization's new Child Protection Plan offers online training for adults on addressing abuse, neglect, predators, bullying, boundaries and respect. It also provides age-appropriate information for children on recognizing and reporting abuse.

Shield The Vulnerable, a California-based service provider that frequently works with faith-based, non-profit

organizations, also offers background screening for employees and volunteers as a “critical” line of defense, Arthur says.

Arthur wants to put tools and resources in the hands of local church leaders. A partnership with Shield The Vulnerable equips them to better protect children, he says.

“So often, especially on the volunteer side, there’s typically no screening. ‘You want to volunteer for Children’s Ministries? Great, come on, we can use you!’” he says. “Now, when potential volunteers know before they even apply that you’re going to run a criminal background check, if they have a propensity, they’re not even going to volunteer.”

While creating the Child Protection Plan, ARM discovered that the church’s Lake Union Conference already had partnered with Shield The Vulnerable and piloted its training and screening programs in the U.S. states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and a portion of Minnesota.

Arthur expects all 59 of the North American Division’s conferences will follow suit in the coming months. Through Shield The Vulnerable, a conference or other administrative unit creates an account that tracks progress as they train volunteers and perform background screenings. “It goes all the way down to the local church and school level,” he says.

ARM resource kits for local churches include Power-Point presentations, a video clip, a sample child protection policy and reference information.

While North American Division policy doesn’t mandate the use of Shield The Vulnerable, it does require some type of training and screening. “There are other ways a conference may choose to do their own training and orientation, but they have to do something,” Arthur says.

“Abuse of children is not only prevalent in society, but is also occurring within our churches,” says Phyllis Washington, Children’s Ministries director for the North American Division. “By recognizing that the problem exists in our congregations, we are taking a crucial step toward providing a safe environment, restoring trust, promoting healing and, ultimately, preventing child abuse.”

“While the Shield The Vulnerable program may not fully apply to the world church due to differences in reporting laws, some of its elements are universally relevant and can be tailored to fit local needs,” Arthur says.

“The goal is to protect our kids, which are the greatest resources we have. Hopefully, now, there are no excuses.”

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## Whispers of a Parent's Heart

### Extending the healing ministry of Christ to NICU patients

As the chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, Elizabeth Hulford offers emotional and spiritual care to patients and their families. Hulford, the mother of a two-year-old, is expecting her second child soon. She discovered she felt a natural bond with parents of newborns in the intensive care unit.

Hulford tends to many patients who experience various illnesses — from addiction to cancer to heart disease. She covers medical and surgical units, as well as labor and delivery and the neonatal intensive care unit.

It was her work with parents whose babies needed special care that inspired Hulford to write *Whispers of a Parent's Heart: A Devotional for Parents in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit*, which was published in September.

"I wanted to write something that would speak to them and help them to pray," Hulford said. "It's a very stressful time for parents who were hoping for the perfect birth, hoping to start a perfect life with their baby right away."

Hulford's 35-page devotional offers reflections on what a mother or father may be experiencing, and includes quotes from Scripture as well as literature and music.

"Parents go through a variety of emotions," Hulford said. "They are grateful, at first, that their baby has arrived. Then they feel loss because they don't get to be with their child. There are also feelings of inadequacy — they think they did something wrong or they're not doing enough because someone else has to take care of their baby. They are relegated to an observer status. They need to be able to breathe, and know that the people who are caring for their baby are well-qualified."



Elizabeth Hulford recently published a new book for parents whose babies need special care. She hopes it encourages them on their journey.

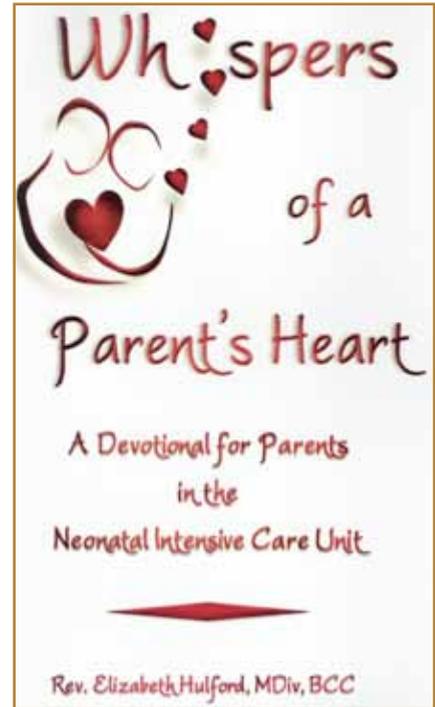
Hulford's words speak to parents who feel inadequate and helpless.

"For now, you are being asked to be present and love your little one whether or not you have the opportunity to hold him," Hulford writes in her devotional. "Know that only hands of compassion are touching your baby."

A board-certified chaplain with a Master of Divinity degree and four units of clinical pastoral education, Hulford has written sermons and newspaper articles. But she had never written a book or a devotional. As the working mother of a small child, she had to search for the time to write.

"I wrote at night when the baby was asleep and my husband was out of the house," said Hulford. "It was a labor of love. It developed out of my feelings of love and respect for the parents."

Hulford researched to determine if any other devotionals or guidebooks had been published for parents of newborns in intensive care. She found



one book written by a mother about her personal experience.

"My thought is that parents don't have the time or the energy to write something," Hulford said. "My book contains short devotionals. If they can pray, they can feel like they are doing something."

Hulford and her husband, Jeremy, a computer programmer, live in Oak Forest and attend Hope Christian Reformed Church there.

A native of Lansdowne, Penn., Hulford has served as a chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital for nearly six years. Her devotional is given to parents at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, and it is also available at <http://www.Amazon.com>.

"I wrote it to support the parents, to encourage them on their journey to get home with their baby," Hulford said.

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# CONEXIONES EXTRA

## La Familia: Institución Eterna

POR JUSTO MORALES

La familia humana fue la obra cumbre de la creación, la cual el Señor hizo conforme a su imagen y semejanza (Gén.1:25,26). El plan de Dios establecía que la primera familia se convirtiera en una réplica de la armonía celestial. El pecado produjo una separación entre Dios y sus criaturas y el enemigo se propuso generar estas mismas condiciones de desunión en el seno de la familia edénica, a fin de que el propósito original de Dios no se cumpliera.

Dios les regaló el amor como base de la vida humana y este es el vínculo divino que une a todos aquellos que se mantienen en estrecha relación con Él. El amor propio, el egoísmo, el orgullo y las manifestaciones resultantes de estas conductas, son contrarias a la misma esencia de la naturaleza original del ser humano. Todas las acciones resultantes de estas formas de vida son una réplica de las acciones malignas.

El primer trabajo del enemigo fue separar a Eva de Adán y cuando esto se produjo, el hogar entró en crisis y como consecuencia se produjo una separación de nuestro Padre Dios. La segunda estrategia

del enemigo fue crear dolor y muerte en la descendencia de Adán y Eva, despertando entre ellos envidia, orgullo, egoísmo y enfriamiento espiritual. Estas acciones dieron como resultado el rompimiento total de la familia, la pérdida de los dos hijos de la pareja y confrontaciones futuras entre ellos.

Hoy, los métodos del enemigo se han mejorado con un alto grado de sofisticación. El concepto divino de familia sustentado por la Sagradas Escrituras, ha sido completamente modificado en esta sociedad “progresista” en la que vivimos. Se considera que el matrimonio es un contrato civil entre dos personas y puede terminarse en el momento que una de las partes lo considere necesario.



*El pastor Justo Morales es el coordinador de la obra hispana en la Asociación de Illinois.*

Nos preguntamos a diario, ¿Por qué nuestros matrimonios tienen tantos problemas y terminan destruyéndose?, ¿Por qué los crímenes pasionales aumentan cada día? ¿Por qué tantos niños sin padres? ¿Por qué los jóvenes están dejando las iglesias? ¿Por qué hay tanta violencia y muerte en el mundo? Hay una clara respuesta a esta realidad: los seres humanos nos estamos alejando del plan divino establecido en el principio.

El matrimonio fue creado para que tuviera como base el amor divino incondicional, la misericordia, el perdón, la confianza, la comprensión, la paz y todas las

virtudes frutos de un corazón regenerado por la justicia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Como hijos de Dios tenemos que reafirmar nuestra fe en el Señor y ajustar nuestros conceptos ideológicos al modelo divino expresado en la Palabra de Dios. Si creemos firmemente que lo que Dios hizo es perfecto y eterno, y estamos dispuestos a vivir cada día de acuerdo al plan divino, Dios nos guiará por el camino seguro de la vida, permitiéndonos vivir juntamente con nuestros hijos y nietos por la eternidad.

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# Un viaje por el Cristianismo

POR STEPHANIE SMART

**S**i tuviera que escoger una palabra que la mayoría de las personas en la sociedad moderna conozcan y utilicen escogería “diversidad”. Actualmente se habla con frecuencia de diversidad de razas y de culturas, pero no siempre se considera la gran diversidad religiosa que existe. Incluso dentro del cristianismo hay muchas denominaciones y una gran diversidad de ideas y creencias.

La historia de Andrés Mendoza es una que incluye diversidad de culturas y diversidad religiosa. Andrés es un músico venezolano que creció en la ciudad de Barquisimeto, estado Lara, Venezuela. Como en muchos países latinoamericanos, la religión católica es dominante en Venezuela y fue la formación religiosa que Andrés recibió.

Aunque no asistía a una iglesia frecuentemente, Andrés aprendió desde temprana edad acerca de Dios en su tradición Católica y se desarrolló como músico en Venezuela, donde vivió gran parte de su juventud.

Aunque este era su hogar, Andrés también tenía el deseo de continuar su desarrollo como músico y expandir sus horizontes viajando a los Estados Unidos. Lo cual consiguió en cierto modo a los 19 años. Después de haber estudiado en un conservatorio, decidió viajar a Miami, Florida para ingresar a una institución de educación superior y aprender el idioma al mismo tiempo que continuaba su educación como músico. Esta aventura no resultó como él hubiera querido, lo cual él atribuye ahora a la voluntad de Dios.

Después de un tiempo regresó a su país natal donde continuó trabajando en el área de la música. Durante este tiempo tuvo la oportunidad de continuar sus estudios de inglés con un grupo de misioneros Bautistas norteamericanos. Andrés no conocía muchas de las creencias protestantes, pero su interés estaba en su educación.

Andrés vio una oportunidad de practicar el idioma y comenzó a asistir. Fue entonces que vio que todo el ma-



*Andrés Mendoza es el director de la banda sinfónica de Great Lakes Adventist Academy.*

terial que se utilizaba era de temas religiosos. Y fue aprendiendo inglés que descubrió verdades bíblicas que lo llevaron a bautizarse en la Iglesia Bautista.

Estos nuevos descubrimientos despertaron en Andrés un interés por la Palabra de Dios, que hasta el día de hoy mantiene en su fe como Adventista del Séptimo Día.

Después de algunos años Andrés tuvo de nuevo la oportunidad de viajar a los Estados Unidos. Esta vez para continuar sus estudios en Atlantic Union College (AUC), una

universidad que conoció a través de un amigo que asistió a dicha institución. Como todos los estudiantes de AUC, Andrés asistía a los cultos y clases de Biblia. En su estudio de las Escrituras descubrió la verdad del sábado junto con otras doctrinas de la Iglesia Adventista. Una de las grandes diferencias entre las enseñanzas que él conocía y las adventistas era el guardar el sábado. “¿Cómo es que yo no sabía esto? ... La verdad es la verdad” decía Andrés. Su reacción fue simplemente que “estaba tan convencido de las verdades que predicaba la Iglesia Adventista que no tuve duda de que [ésta] era la iglesia de la que quería ser miembro.”

Andrés se bautizó en la Iglesia Adventista en el año 2005 y desde entonces dice “estoy feliz de ser miembro de esta iglesia.” Actualmente Andrés comparte su fe con los jóvenes de Great Lakes Adventist Academy donde dirige la orquesta sinfónica y enseña música.

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# Noticias

POR CARMELO MERCADO

## Certificación de Liderazgo Femenino

El 18 de agosto la Iglesia Hispana de Bolingbrook, sirvió como sede para la enseñanza de cinco clases con el propósito de certificar en el área de liderazgo, especialmente a las damas de la mencionada iglesia. La clases servirán como parte de un proceso de certificación.

## Seminario de Salud

La asociación de Illinois facilitó un seminario de salud dirigido a parejas, el fin de semana del 15 de junio. Cuarenta y cinco parejas se beneficiaron de este evento que consistió de seminarios el viernes y sábado dirigidos por los doctores Luis y Kelly Dulac. El fin de semana concluyó con una reunión el domingo en un parque de Willowbrook donde se animó a las parejas presentes a ejercitar juntos.

## Retiro de Parejas

Cuarenta parejas en la Asociación de Illinois fueron bendecidas durante el retiro de parejas el pasado 5-7 de octubre. El orador principal del retiro fue el Dr. Ricardo Norton de la Universidad Andrews.

## Congreso Hispano

La comunidad hispana de la Asociación de Illinois pudo disfrutar de una asamblea especial el sábado 20 de octubre en la Iglesia Hispana Central de Chicago. El orador de este evento fue el pastor Kenneth Cox. Aproximadamente mil personas estuvieron presentes en esta programación especial.

## Nueva Iglesia Abre Sus Puertas

Una nueva Iglesia Adventista tuvo su comienzo en Chicago el 20 de octubre de este año. La iglesia se llama Epic Seventh-day Adventist church, la cual es dirigida por el Pastor Andrés Flores. Esta nueva congregación tiene como meta especial alcanzar adultos jóvenes, lo que ha resultado en un liderazgo compuesto principalmente de jóvenes de diferentes culturas, como hispanos, filipinos, coreanos, anglosajones, etc. Además, tiene como misión principal alcanzar a jóvenes que no asisten a ninguna iglesia. Es interesante que entre las personas que han alcanzado hasta ahora incluye algunos que por varios años dejaron de ir a la Iglesia Adventista, pero ahora están asistiendo con mucho entusiasmo. Esta Iglesia ofrece sus cultos en inglés.

Para conocer más de esta iglesia innovadora, puede entrar a la siguiente página web: <http://epicwiredsda.com>.

## Seminario Adventista Laico

Hace tres años fue creado el Seminario Adventista Laico (SAL) en la Asociación Regional del Lago. Con el apoyo y respaldo de la Universidad Andrews y otros líderes como el pastor Eddie Allen, vicepresidente de la Asociación Regional del Lago, y el Dr. Ricardo Norton, director del Instituto de Ministerios Hispanos en el Seminario de la Universidad Andrews. El seminario laico ha estado ofreciendo cursos dictados por los mejores profesores de cada área.

El SAL ha experimentado un crecimiento constante cada año. Durante cada programa los participantes asisten a clases desde las nueve de la mañana hasta las cuatro de la tarde un domingo al mes. Aunque esto implica un esfuerzo de parte de los estudiantes que deben viajar hasta Chicago desde diferentes ciudades y estados, el seminario ha incrementado su número de participantes graduados cada año.

El primer año durante el curso de instructores bíblicos se graduaron 89 personas. El segundo año se dictaron cursos para formar predicadores y se graduaron 126. Finalmente, este último año en los cursos de liderazgo se graduaron 146 personas.

El SAL ha sido una gran bendición debido al crecimiento que han experimentado los mejores laicos de las iglesias que vienen cada año a recibir instrucción. Actualmente se está preparando el curso para el 2013 con un énfasis en historia denominacional.

## Campestre Hispano de Wisconsin

Por primera vez en la historia del Ministerio Hispano de Wisconsin, el Campestre Hispano se llevó a cabo de miércoles a domingo, del 15 al 19 de Agosto, 2012. Durante la semana hubo muchas actividades espirituales, deportivas y recreativas así como también seminarios.

El pastor César Cárdenas fue el orador principal del campestre. Además de presentaciones orales, los presentes disfrutaron de servicios de cantos dirigidos por el grupo musical hispano de Wisconsin y un concierto por el cantante Wander Bello.

La Escuela Sabática y la lección fueron presentados por los Jóvenes Adventistas Hispanos de Wisconsin (JAHWI), quienes dramatizaron las Escrituras para enseñarnos el triunfo espiritual de varios personajes bíblicos. La participación



juvenil se vio no solo en el liderazgo si no también en las decisiones tomadas para el bautismo y consagración.

### Día de la Movida

Más de cuarenta y cinco participantes de las iglesias hispanas del área de Indianápolis se dieron cita el 23 de septiembre en el parque municipal Northwestway de Indianápolis para celebrar el segundo Día de la Movida ("Let's Move Day"). En la caminata se logró alcanzar un récord de 344.000 pasos.

### Changed Latino Youth!

Los jóvenes de la Iglesia Central de Indianápolis aceptaron el desafío de involucrarse en la iniciativa evangelística juvenil "Changed Latino Youth". Esta serie se llevó a cabo vía satélite desde el pasado 13 hasta el 20 de octubre. La campaña generó mucho entusiasmo y un gran número de visitas. Parte de este esfuerzo fue premiado cuando el 27 de octubre 12 preciosas almas rindieron sus vidas al Señor mediante el bautismo.

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

## Anuncios

POR JOSEFINA SÁNCHEZ

### Congreso de Evangelismo Juvenil

Con el lema: "Jesús, Todo o Nada", el Departamento de Jóvenes de la Unión del Lago, llevará a cabo un Congreso de Evangelismo Juvenil del 8-10 de febrero del año 2013.

El propósito del mismo es capacitar a los adultos jóvenes con herramientas de evangelismo práctico que puedan implementar en sus iglesias locales. La Unión del Lago igualará dólar por dólar (hasta \$15,000), cada iniciativa evangelística que sea lanzada por los delegados de este congreso.

Para más información sobre este evento, visita la página: <http://www.jesusallornothing.org>

### Proyecto Uno

El 11 y 12 de febrero del año 2013 tendrá lugar en la ciudad de Chicago el programa denominado "Proyecto Uno".

Este programa busca, a través de reuniones, conversaciones, contenido basado en la red y publicaciones enfocadas en Cristo, estimular la predicación, alabanza, y adoración de Jesús dentro y a través de la Iglesia Adventista.

El costo de la inscripción es el siguiente:

#### Registración tardía

16 de noviembre, 2012 – 1 de enero, 2013

\$195.00

Si estás interesado en obtener más información, entra a la página: <http://theIproject.org/>.

### Seminario Contra el Abuso

Reconociendo que el abuso es un problema real en nuestras comunidades, del 22 al 24 de febrero, 2013, el Departamento de Ministerio de la Mujer de la Unión del Lago, está patrocinando un seminario de entrenamiento para identificar aquellos que están lastimados. Nuestra Iglesia proclama el mensaje de temperancia y un estilo de vida saludable, pero hay una necesidad más profunda y que no se ve en tu ciudad y en nuestras iglesias.

Este entrenamiento está abierto tanto para hombres como mujeres que estén interesados en aprender a amar y ayudar. Puede ser una mujer bondadosa, un equipo de esposo y esposa, o un pastor que tenga una pasión por hacer algo diferente.

El programa se llevará a cabo en: Adventist Frontier Missions, en Berrien Springs, Michigan y puede registrarse en la siguiente dirección: <http://www.Adventsource.org> o llamando a los teléfonos: 800-328-0525; 402-486-8800.

Josefina Sánchez es la asistente administrativa del vice presidente de la Unión del Lago, en Berrien Springs, Michigan.

## New James White portrait unveiled at the James White Library

In a continuation of this year's celebration of the James White Library's 75th anniversary, a new portrait of James White, an Adventist pioneer and the library's namesake, was unveiled on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the library on the Andrews University campus.

Months ago, Larry Onsager, dean of libraries at Andrews University, envisioned a new portrait of White that would resonate with students and faculty and help them feel a new connection with White. "My hope is that the James White portrait reminds students and faculty of the origin of the library name. Having the opportunity to utilize the talents of an award-winning artist like Harry Ahn is a bonus," said Onsager.

Ahn is known as one of the leading portrait artists in the United States. He is internationally recognized and has won numerous awards, including the Michelangelo Buonarroti 500 Celebration International Award in 2008, the Leonardo da Vinci International Award in 2009, and the Grand Prize in the International Portrait Competition in 2010, to name a few. He has been a contract teacher for the Art Department at Andrews University since 1990.

Kathy Demsky, director of the Architecture Resource Center, and a friend of Ahn, initiated the conversation about the portrait with him during the 2011–2012 school year, and was intricately involved in the planning for the portrait. "He brings the human spirit into his paintings," remarked Demsky. "We knew of no one else that could paint James in such a manner."

Ahn's response to the portrait idea was immediately positive. "As a Christian and a Seventh-day Adventist, it's an honor for me to be asked to



A new portrait of James White was unveiled at the James White Library on Thursday, Oct. 18. Harry Ahn, a leading portrait artist in the U.S. and internationally recognized, expressed his honor in being asked to paint the portrait. He also remarked, "God helped me do this."

do the painting," Ahn said. The Center for Adventist Research provided Ahn with background materials about James White, including a photograph. But the portrait came out very differently than the photograph. The portrait was created in Ahn's heart and mind. "God helped me do this," he said. Ahn used oil paints to create the 30 x 40-inch portrait, and also constructed the custom frame. Ahn hopes to create a companion portrait of Ellen G. White.

During the unveiling ceremony, Ahn was presented with the President's Medallion, an honor that recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in causes that the University views as congruent with its own idealism, mission and Christian outreach. Ahn was surprised by the medallion presentation. "I don't know if I deserved that," he said. "You just do your best. To me, just doing the painting was an honor."

"I believe art is another source of information that helps define who we are as a people," says Onsager. "This portrait contributes to the integration of faith and learning at Andrews, and

helps provide an account of our history for the next generation."

White became a minister in 1843 and married Adventist pioneer Ellen G. Harmon in 1846. When the first Adventist college was established in Battle Creek in 1874, White was the chief promoter of the college that would eventually become Andrews University. A committed worker for God, traveling widely to preach and encourage, White died in 1881 at the age of 60.

The James White Library holds print books, bound periodical volumes and multimedia materials totaling more than 1.6 million items. The Seminary Library, the Center for Adventist Research and the Mary Jane Mitchell Multimedia Center are housed in the main library. The library also operates two extensions: the Architecture Resource Center, located in the Architecture Building, and the Music Materials Center, located in Hamel Hall.

Ashley Meyer, student news writer, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

# Our Amazing Maestro!

BY CATHE MORSE

“How would you like to take handbells to the Philippines?” my principal asked, and then stared dumbfounded as I hopped up and down, squealing with excitement, unable to contain my joy. “Yes!” I managed to utter between squeals.

“Are you sure?” he inquired with disbelief.

This was the beginning of God’s amazing plan to bring handbells to the Philippines. It started in the heart of our amazing Maestro, who planted the melody in the mind and heart of a doctor in California, a friend of my principal. A new health outreach ministry was being formed in the Philippines, and they



Health Enablers Ringers share their musical ministry all around the island of Luzon. They saw God’s leading as the musical group was organized.

wanted to include the healing touch of music. Bells! In all the 7,000 islands of the Philippines, there was only one bell choir. Why not use bells to ring in this new ministry?

Armed with 4.5 octaves of Malmark bells (purchased and donated by the doctor), some mallets, used gloves (donated by my students at school), a few bell recordings, some music, a Malmark bell maintenance kit and many prayers, I boarded the plane to Manilla. The Lord provided for all our needs and opened all the doors to make this dream happen. My job was to go to Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) to train ringers and directors. *But, what would I find when I got there? Would anyone be interested? Would anyone have time? Who would take over for me when I had to return home to my school?* The questions circled around and around in my mind, sometimes causing me to doubt the wisdom of what I was doing. *What was I thinking when I said, “Yes?”* I’ve never traveled internationally by myself. I’ve never been to the Philippines. I know no one in that country. I’ve never even met

the California doctor who had paid all my expenses to travel to this island country. But, the Lord calmed my fears and gave me His peace. Everything would be okay. This was His symphony He was writing, and it was going to be awesome.

I met the most wonderful, kind, warm, Spirit-filled Christians on my journey.

United in our desire to serve, we were instantly bonded as brothers and sisters. The AUP students were delighted to have bells come to their campus; and while I was there, we had six bell groups meeting at all different times and every day of the week. My biggest concern, from the very beginning, was finding someone to direct the groups when I left. Since there was only one bell group in the whole country, there were obviously no trained directors waiting for a call, or so I thought.

One day, as we were practicing, a young man wandered into our rehearsal. He sat and listened, smiling. My friend, Lorna, and I looked at each other and wondered who he was. During the lunch break, we approached him to introduce ourselves and welcome him. To our utter amazement, he was a student from Columbia who was working on his master’s in music education at AUP. He came in because he heard the bells ringing, and was curious. He had rung bells in Columbia and even directed a bell choir. After the

dream and plan for the health/music ministry was shared with him, he agreed to serve as the group's director. What an amazing God we serve! He carefully orchestrated the organization of this new ministry and had all the people needed in just the right place at just the right time.

Today, the Health Enablers Ringers share their musical ministry all around the island of Luzon. With great joy and

excitement, the members are ringing to God's glory and playing their part in the beautiful new symphony of praise He is writing. It would warm their hearts to know that you are praying for them!

Cathe Morse teaches fifth and sixth grades, directs several bell choirs and teaches high school art at Hinsdale Adventist Academy in Illinois.

# Rejoicing by the Water

BY OLIVER PAGE

**O**n Sabbath, July 28, there was much excitement among the congregation gathered at the Burns Church, in Detroit, as eight precious souls sealed their commitment to Christ through the waters of baptism.

Under the direction of first elder Kevin Jones, the candidates publicly confirmed their baptismal vows. Each candidate had a personal story to tell of how Christ brought them to this point in time. The youngest candidate, Ernest Hankins IV, 7, had wanted to get baptized for some time. He took the initiative and learned key texts in the Bible supporting his decision and, at last, his special day arrived.

If you were to speak to Erica Gardner or Kenyatta Jones-Hunt, you would understand that their life journeys have not been easy but, on this day, they sealed their commitment to follow Christ and confirmed that "With Christ in the vessel, we can smile at the storm," lyrics in a song by an unknown author. There was much rejoicing, alleluias and tears as each candidate was immersed into the baptismal pool by Cory Jackson Sr., pastor. Also baptized were Janetta Ward, Pauline Smith, Charnita Champion and Nakia Champion.

The congregation has often sung Nina Simone's "Take Me to the Water" at many baptisms but, on this particular Sabbath, this phrase became reality. Following the example of John the Baptist, baptizing in the River Jordan, one of the



The Burns Church family, in Detroit, rejoices because of those who were baptized in July. From left: Donnie Campbell; Kenyatta Jones-Hunt; Erica Gardner; Cory Jackson Sr., Burns Church pastor; Janetta Ward; Pauline Smith; Charnita Champion and Nakia Champion



Ernest Hankins IV

eight candidates, Donnie Campbell, requested to be baptized in a river instead of a baptismal pool. After the morning worship service concluded, the Burns Church family gathered at Belle Isle Beach on the Detroit River.

As Tim Gardner, elder, and Cory led Donnie out into the Detroit River, it was a moving experience. This was the first time a prospective member of the Burns Church family had opted to be baptized in the Detroit River. Burns members sang

songs and many onlookers asked what was going on. As Donnie came up out of the water to a new life in Jesus, cheers and shouts of joy went up from the watching crowd. The perfect setting provided a unique, lasting opportunity for Christian witness.

Passionate about soul-winning, Cory admonished the Burns Church family to continue their witness of discipleship and to show love for each other through Christian fellowship. The Burns Church family can

expect God to continue to do great things on the Detroit east side as "Now Is the Time!"

Oliver Page is the communication leader of the Burns Church in Detroit.

## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

### HAA students paint the town pink

Illinois—Three Hinsdale Adventist Academy students won first prize in their divisions in the 2012 Pink Ribbon Art Contest, conducted by Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. The competition was a part of the hospital's annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month program. An optional silent auction benefited Open Arms, the hospital's breast cancer outreach fund for families affected by breast cancer.

HAA's newly-appointed art teacher, Cathe Morse, said, "I am extremely proud of our students. They all incorporated a beautiful message through their art and truly glorified God with their talents!" Morse also teaches grades 5 and 6 at the academy.



First-grade student Cassidy Seralde won the 1st and 2nd grade division.

Winners of their divisions were first-grade student, Cassidy Seralde; fifth-grader Yulianna Franco; and sixth-grade student, Daniel Ferrusquia. Mikenna Healy earned the runner-up prize in the fifth-grade division.

HAA submitted a total of 45 entries, with many creative interpretations of the competition's instruction to include breast cancer awareness, education or personal experiences. The



Runner-up Mikenna Healy and winner Yulianna Franco display their submissions.

art categories included 2D paintings, drawings, photography, etc., and 3D sculptures, jewelry, etc.

"One in eight women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Those women are our mothers, our sisters, our friends, ourselves," according to the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital website.

Cherie Jackson, communications coordinator, Hinsdale Adventist Academy

### Andrews Bookstore recycling initiative aids ADRA

Michigan—The Andrews Bookstore has been recycling for a cause, turning old, outdated books into cash for a charity. On Friday, Sept. 21, Andrews Bookstore staff presented a \$2,120 check to Adventist Development & Relief Agency. The funds were collected from the bookstore's participation in the One Planet recycling program, run by Missouri Book Systems, a used book supplier.

For each box of old, outdated books the Andrews Bookstore sends to One Planet for recycling, they receive \$10. This was the second donation the Andrews Bookstore has made to ADRA from funds raised through One Planet. Since they started recycling in 2010, the Andrews Bookstore has donated a cumulative total of \$4,130 to ADRA.

"This is a great way to recycle books and not throw them away," says

Cindy Swanson, Andrews University's textbook manager and bookstore manager for Griggs University and Griggs International Academy. "There is very little we have to do to generate money for ADRA, which goes everywhere and helps everyone." In addition to responding in emergency situations, ADRA provides aid for those lacking in basic needs such as food, water and sanitation. It also works to provide literacy training and offer financial assistance in establishing livelihoods.

"Donations that come into ADRA help alleviate poverty and suffering throughout the world," says Tina Hudgins, director of constituency development at ADRA and the representative who accepted the donation. "What makes ADRA different, when it comes to relief, is that we respond immediately, but then we stay behind to see what needs to happen to move them into development, so they are not left alone and in trouble after the relief goods are gone."

The Andrews Bookstore is always accepting books for recycling. They'll accept any old, outdated books, including outdated textbooks. Simply drop off your books for recycling at the Andrews Bookstore during regular business hours.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University



On Sept. 21, Cindy Swanson (left), textbook manager for Andrews University, presented a check in the amount of \$2,120 to Tina Hudgins, director of constituency development for ADRA. Since starting recycling in 2010, the Andrews Bookstore has donated a cumulative total of \$4,130 to ADRA.

## Gurnee School students see prayers answered

Illinois—Historically, the Gurnee Christian School consisted of two programs. The school now operates harmoniously as one Seventh-day Adventist Christian educational program from preschool through eighth grade. The preschool, led by director Elsie Carera, is for students ages 3 and 4. The K-8 program teachers include Robin Tucker, grades K-1; Francess Lindsey, grades 2-4; and Carl Bandy Sr., grades 5-9 and principal. The program has social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity, due to the close proximity of the Great Lakes Naval Base and Joint Force Command in North Chicago.

For many Gurnee students, the school is their first exposure to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education. As part of the school's mission to make Jesus Christ a personal friend of each student, there is daily worship in each classroom. In addition, the preschool joins the K-8 students for weekly chapel each Wednesday. Daniel Pabon, pastor of the Gurnee Church, serves as chaplain for the school and frequently presents a worship talk/story for the children. Once a month, Richard Sylvester Sr., pastor of Shalem Church, in Waukegan, Ill., is also scheduled.



In addition to the spiritual programming offered at Gurnee School, students and staff enjoy field trips together. On Sept. 27, they visited Apple Holler, a 74-acre apple orchard in Sturtevant, Wis.

Students lead out in song service, read the Bible and pray. The classrooms rotate, and provide songs by a group, skits or recitations. It is not uncommon for students to volunteer to sing solos on an impromptu basis. Everyone looks forward to weekly chapel. All receive a blessing and have a good time.

The school is in need of significant upgrades to its existing technology program. A list was created and placed on the bulletin board. Daily, the students prayed for these items. Recently, two donors provided funds to acquire some of the much-needed equipment. The students are seeing their prayers answered, which has gone a long way to strengthen their faith in the power of prayer.

The K-8 students are playing bell chimes as part of the regular music program. They perform during chapel, and the goal is to visit other churches. The bell choir has performed at programs sponsored by the City of Gurnee and Lake County. The school plans to continue this outreach program.

The school is excitedly preparing to present its first Christmas musical, titled "The Unfriendly Beasts," which is about the birth of Christ. Students at all grade levels will be featured. The program will be held at the Gurnee Church on Sabbath, Dec. 15, at 11:00 a.m. If you are in the area, come see Christian education in action.

Carl Bandy Sr., principal, Gurnee Christian School

### [ YOUTH NEWS ]

## Dooms Day Preppers' festival booth draws crowds

Indiana—What do four youth, two adults, 224 Bibles, 250 *Final Events* DVDs, 200 "Dooms Day or Distraction" tracts, 100 very nice military-grade bags, 170 string backpacks with the words "JESUS LOVES ME" written in bold lettering, 150 *Bible Promise* books, and persimmons (yes, I

said, "persimmons") all have in common? Evangelism 2012 for the Bedford Church youth group at the Mitchell, Ind., Persimmon Festival!

The Bedford Church youth group was challenged to come up with some way to share Jesus with their community. At the time, they were meeting every other week. They were asked by leadership to begin praying, and to pray every day during the course of the next two weeks, asking God what He wanted the youth group to do for Him this year. So that is what they did. When the group

met again to discuss their thoughts two weeks later, they came up with an awesome way to distribute God's Word and help others come to the realization that the doomsday some people fear is really a day we should all look forward to.

The group decided to rent a booth at the Mitchell, Ind., Persimmon Festival and distribute what they like to call, "Dooms Day Kits." They wanted to give the name to the team, "Dooms Day Preppers." The goal was to educate the public about God's plan for His created planet and children, and let them know

what the Bible says about His second coming.

The Dooms Day Preppers spent countless hours and had many meetings to make decisions about what should be included in their Dooms Day Kits. Many felt that even the planning was such a blessing for everyone. They prayed countless times that God would lead, and that all would be done in His time and for His honor and glory.

More than a few roadblocks popped up for the Dooms Day Preppers but, every time, God led the young people safely around the obstacles. In short order, the booth was designed, created and paid for, bags filled, T-shirts created and ordered, ink pens and water bottle covers with Bible verses on them prepared, and there were four very nervous youth and two exhausted leaders ready to go!

The Dooms Day Preppers praised God! They never imagined they would be blessed as much as they were. Their booth was the popular one this year! Hundreds of people came to their booth each night, looking for their give-away bags. With a limited amount of bags, the Dooms Day Preppers only took a certain amount to give away each night. So, within half an hour of the tent opening each night, the bags were gone! The Dooms Day Preppers were at the Persimmon Festival Tuesday through Friday from 6:00–9:00 p.m., so the last two-and-a-half hours they gave away loads of *Final Events* DVDs (also



*Dooms Day Preppers spent countless hours preparing for their outreach at the Persimmon Festival. They hope that each one they encountered will remember that the day Jesus comes to take them home will be the happiest day ever!*

exhausted their supply each night), ink pens, mints with Bible verses on them, lightsticks and lots of other literature they had purchased from the Adventist Book Center.

The last day of the festival, which happened to be Sabbath, Dooms Day Preppers gave away string backpacks with “JESUS LOVES ME” printed in big, bold letters. They were bright lime green and bright pink with black letters. Many people came and said they could see the bags all day on Sabbath up and down the streets! What an awesome Sabbath message to give to the people in Mitchell!

The one thing that meant the most to the young people, their leaders, and all who came to the booth were the prayer request cards. The amount of

people who trusted the group with their personal cares and concerns was amazing to all involved. It is the group’s prayer that God will bless each and every person who stopped at their booth this year. They hope each one always will remember that the day Jesus comes to take us home will be the happiest day ever! The Dooms Day Preppers pray they will see many of these people in Heaven!

Through this experience, the young people and leaders learned that the group may be small but with God’s help anyone can do mighty things! *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me* (Phil. 4:13 NASB).

Crystal Lowden, youth group leader, Bedford Church

## Camp Wakonda sees significant growth

Wisconsin—Camp is evangelism. It is one of the most successful evangelistic efforts a conference can support, and it is my privilege to be a part of it.

Every summer, churches budget camp as part of their evangelism budget. Members are encouraged to invite their non-Adventist friends and families to come spend a week at camp. The Lord has blessed this effort tremendously. This past summer during Family Camp I



*Camp ministry is about partnering with God. Last year, 31 percent of campers at Camp Wakonda, in Oxford, Wis., made decisions for baptism.*

at Camp Wakonda, in Oxford, approximately 20 percent of family campers attended as guests of their Adventist

friends. On Friday night, many made decisions for baptism. One girl made not only a decision for baptism, but also shared she believes God is calling her to the ministry.

Camp provides a safe environment for our young people to become unplugged from their music, movies and other media, and experience Jesus in nature. This can provide for some of the most life-changing experiences. This is why we make such an incredible effort to get our youth to our camps. We know God will change lives.

Our camp promotion effort this year was, “Don’t let money be the reason you don’t come to camp.”

As a result of this step of faith, Camp Wakonda has grown from 340 campers two years ago to a total of 520 this year. That’s a 53 percent increase in

the last two years! Junior camp doubled, and we now are looking at the possibility of adding another week.

Most importantly, 31 percent of campers made decisions for baptism this past summer. I praise God for the opportunity to partner with Him through

the incredible ministry that happens at Camp Wakonda.

Greg Taylor, youth ministries director, as shared with Juanita Edge, communication director, Wisconsin Conference

## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Rae’ven Davis, Rebecca Fortune, Lolita Hartwell (Tabernacle of Hope Pathfinder club director), Jazmin Jones and Sara Fortune were invested June 16 in the new Deliverance Youth Pavilion at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Mich.

## Tabernacle of Hope rejoices over new Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs

Lake Region—“We need to have a Pathfinder club at Hope!” This was the core of a conversation in which some were engaged one Sabbath after church at Tabernacle of Hope in Indianapolis, Ind. Time passed and, eventually, all went home, but the thought never really left their minds.

There were other conversations about a club, and some committed to find out how to start one. Then the news came that the Lake Region Conference youth director would speak at the church one Sabbath. Excitement mounted because they could ask him how to get a club started at the church.

Ten individuals crammed into an office and excitedly questioned the youth director, Ralph Shelton, about the matter. He was just as enthusiastic about the idea. He answered all their questions and promised to put a couple of them in contact with conference

personnel. There was a Pathfinder Council meeting scheduled in August at Camp Wagner, in Cassopolis, Mich., which he wanted them to attend.

They were asked to gather the pertinent information, and return with a report. “We all will do it together!” they were told. “We will learn together and get our club started.”

The pastor called them into his office and asked if he could recommend to the Church Board that one lady be the Pathfinder director and the other the Adventurer director. They gave a quick glance of uncertainty at each other, shrugged their shoulders and replied in unison, “I guess!”

The Church Board accepted the recommendation and voted Lolita Hartwell and Cheryl Buchanan as directors. *Wow! What have we gotten ourselves into?* they thought.

Hartwell and Buchanan moved forward using the little information they were given, and promoted the newly-forming clubs to get members to sign up. There was no turning back. They ordered materials and set a date for the first club meeting.

The doors opened for the first meeting on Sept. 11, 2011, with the directors not fully knowing just how many to expect. A total of five Pathfinder-age children and four Adventurer-age children showed up. They were ecstatic! And with each successive meeting, the enrollment numbers increased. Eventually, during the first year, they reached a total of 18 Pathfinders and 21 Adventurers.

God had His plan in place long before they even realized what was going on. Only in hindsight did they get a glimpse of what He had started months earlier. One of these ladies was fairly new to the church, but had supported

the other by attending several of her AY (Advent Youth) programs. Then, at Prayer Meeting one week, they were asked to choose prayer partners. Their friendship developed as they interacted more frequently, and they called each other at 4:00 a.m. every day for several months.

“It took planning, organizing and determination, but we put in much time and effort to see our children through the end of our first year. It required extensive traveling, strength of mind and fortitude as we had also taken on the challenge of a high-level training for ourselves with only a few months for completion. We thank God for His keeping and for showering us with staying power,” stated Buchanan.

On Sabbath, June 2, the first Investiture service was held for the Pathfinders and Adventurers who successfully completed the requirements of their respective classes. Then, on Sabbath afternoon, June 16, at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Mich., Hartwell and Buchanan were invested as Master Guides. Also invested into the TLT (Teen Leadership Training) program were Rae’ven Davis, Rebecca Fortune, Sara Fortune and Jazmin Jones. Together, they made history, and all became part of the first class to be invested in the new Deliverance Youth Pavilion at Camp Wagner.

“Look, Tabernacle of Hope! Look what God has done for us. We have our own thriving Pathfinder Club and Adventurer Club for our children. ‘It is no secret what God can do! What He has done for others, He’ll do for you.’ Look, Tabernacle of Hope!” exclaimed Buchanan.

Cheryl Buchanan, Adventurer club director, Tabernacle of Hope, Indianapolis, as shared with Lake Union Herald staff

## Mission opportunities abound as thousands of Karen and Mizo people emigrate

Indiana—Than Than Aye threw herself into the slurry-like water, swinging each limb with fervor to sink completely under the river's surface as the knocking pattern of machine guns vibrated through the air. The scrambling whirl of frantic speech, panicked breathing and pounding feet on packed-down soil clouded around the fleeing villagers and ransacking soldiers alike.

"Lord, if You just make it stop, I will serve You with every bit of me 'til the day I die!" Aye prayed in her dark, liquid refuge.

Many near-death adventures led Aye to one of nine Taiwanese refugee camps located along the Thai-Burma border. Keeping her promise to serve God, Aye shared the education she had received from the E.B. Hare Memorial Academy in Burma (since 1989, also known as Myanmar) with other tribes who also took sanctuary from military dictatorship.

Now relocated to the United States, many Adventist refugees in Indiana, like Aye, continue to serve God. Three primary communities of Adventist Burmese, the Karen, Chin



Burmese emigrants attend the Fort Wayne Church in Indiana. Several of the young ladies currently attend Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind.

Kortnye V. Hurst

and Mizo tribes, are represented in Indiana.

Both resilient and gentle, Burmese Adventists see the U.S. as a new mission field. "People are spiritually hungry," said Muanpui Chawngthu, a Mizo Adventist who relocated in January and now serves as a pastor-figure among the growing Burmese population in Indianapolis. "Now is a good time to tell of Christ. We can fill the cravings people have for certainty with the good news of a heavenly home."

Burmese American Community Institute reported in July 2012 that, since 2001, 97,713 Burmese refugees have resettled in the U.S. There are 12,225 Burmese refugees in Indiana (13 percent of the whole Burmese population in the U.S.).\* Additionally, with more

than 5,000 Burmese in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 2011, the city may possibly be the largest community of Karen immigrants in the U.S.

Nearly 40 Burmese adults and their children now call the Fort Wayne Church their "family." Silas Jo Naing, a Karen pastor and fellow refugee, cares for the growing Burmese Adventist congregation. He reports there were three more who committed their lives to Jesus and were baptized on Sabbath, June 9.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

\*See <http://www.baci-indy.org/resources/burmese-refugee-population-in-the-us>, accessed Oct. 26.

## Young people share get-well messages

Lake Region—Boys, girls and some grown-ups from the Burns Church Kindergarten and Primary Sabbath school classes in Detroit went to visit children who were sick at the St. Johns Hospital in Grosse Point, Mich., on Sabbath, Aug. 25.

When the Burns Church young people arrived, they all had to be very quiet since some of the sick children were sleeping in their rooms. As they passed a room where someone was sleeping, the young people placed a door hanger



Parents, Kindergarten and Primary Sabbath school teachers, and children from the Burns Church, in Detroit, witnessed for Jesus to sick children at the St. Johns Hospital.

Oliver Page

of love. Every hanger was handmade by one of the children at Burns Church, and contained a get-well message and drawing.

The sick children were happy to see the young visitors who sang to them and

offered prayers that they would get well soon. Linda Rhodes arranged this trip and the opportunity to witness for Jesus.

Oliver Page, communications leader, Burns Church



The Michiana African Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., conducted its first-ever vacation Bible school, Aug. 6–11. Nearly 68 children attended every day.



During the weekend of Oct. 12–13, a Revival Weekend for Children at the Michiana African Church drew children and teenagers from the church and community. On Sabbath evening, the church's children's departments and parents sponsored a banquet at Andrews University for the young people.

## Michiana African Church holds first-ever VBS

Lake Region—The Michiana African Church located in Berrien Springs, Mich., conducted its first-ever vacation Bible school, “Kids’ and God’s Communication Network,” Aug. 6–11.

On average, about 68 children attended every day. A total of 103 children attended at least once; 94

were from Adventist churches and nine visited from the community. The event was a success, in part, because of the 29 teen and 26 adult staff volunteers.

The children rotated to each of the different stations every day. The stations included Good News — God’s News Tour (beginning of program daily); History Mystery (a drama); Play-by-Play (games); Builder’s Square (hands-on crafts); Snack Attack (a healthy snack with a visual application); Do It Yourself (a puppet show

amplifying a Bible point); and Good News — God’s News Live (used to express a daily headline). All the stations incorporated a daily common theme, which emphasized communication with God.

The climax of the VBS was the graduation program, which took place on Sabbath, Aug. 11. After a powerful presentation, a special call was made for children to dedicate or rededicate their lives to Jesus. Children responded overwhelmingly to the call.

As a follow-up to the VBS held in August, Michiana African Church planned a Revival Weekend for Children for Friday and Sabbath, Oct. 12–13; the weekend theme was “The Greatest of Them All Is Love,” with an emphasis on the Ten Commandments. Children from the community were again invited to participate.

Children and the teenagers recited the Ten Commandments, explained them and sang the theme song about the Ten Commandments which was composed by one of the parents, Milomfa Ayite. Eni Masaka Ng’andu, pastor, spoke Friday night and Londy Ncube spoke Sabbath morning; both eloquently emphasized the relationship between the Ten Commandments and love. During Sabbath school, some teenagers gave a moving report from a mission trip experience in Panama where each was involved in an evangelistic campaign. They challenged the young children to get involved in the Lord’s work and emphasized that it is never too early to start.

Sabbath afternoon, the children held a concert together with Chapter X, a well-known singing group. Young talents were on display, and the Lord’s name was greatly exalted. Sabbath evening the children’s departments together with the parents sponsored a banquet at Andrews University for the children.

Mary Ngugi, director, Michiana African Church vacation Bible school



## [WORLD CHURCH NEWS]



### World Church calls for worldwide prayer

Church members around the world are invited to participate in the upcoming 10 Days of Prayer initiative (formerly called Operation Global Rain), Jan. 9–19, 2013. The theme for the 10 Days of Prayer is taken from 2 Peter 1:1–11, where Peter sets forth the Divine plan for the development of Christian character (see *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 529, 530). Hope Channel and the General Conference Ministerial Association will partner to produce a nightly live broadcast of “Let’s Pray.” *Ministry* editor, Derek Morris, will join “Let’s Pray” host, Kandus Thorp, to discuss the daily points of focus, while host, David Franklin, will be on location with various church groups participating in the 10 Days of Prayer initiative.

The purpose in setting aside ten days in January for prayer is for Seventh-day Adventist Church members to saturate every aspect of their lives in prayer as they start the year, so they can live and proclaim God’s last-day message of love and truth to the world (see Revelation 14:6–12).

“Heaven is anxiously waiting for God’s people to awake and seek the blessing of God’s Spirit,” says world church president Ted N.C. Wilson. “It is the power of God’s Spirit working in the lives of His people that will effectively enlighten the world with the glory of God so that Jesus can return.”

Congregations of all sizes, small groups and individuals are encouraged to sign up for the upcoming 10 Days of

Prayer in 2013 by going to <http://www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org>. There you can also download united prayer guidelines for leaders, daily theme sheets, daily intercession themes, journal pages, a printable flier, bulletin inserts, postcards, a free e-book, *Praying for Rain*, as well as other supporting materials.

During the 10 Days of Prayer in 2012, Adventist churches in more than 100 countries experienced the renewal of the Holy Spirit. Church elders, pastors and lay leaders led out in prayer groups held in homes, schools, churches, online forums and teleconferences. Below is a sampling of their testimonies:

“God is faithful! The Ten Days experience can’t be quantified. Hearts were surrendered, souls were convicted, and requests for prayer were answered.”

“We prayed for members who left to return. We challenged every active member to sign up to pray for three or four members in our church. This past Sabbath, we had seven members return to church.”

“We have never experienced so much spiritual growth and so many answers to prayer in any past event. ... The drops of rain are beginning to fall.”

“The Ten Days of Prayer revived the midweek and Friday prayer meetings. ... This ten-day session taught us that the power rests in prayer and brought unity amongst church members and a zeal to work for the Lord.”

God wants to pour out His Spirit on us today, just as He did for His disciples during Pentecost. Won’t you join the World Church in praying for that blessing during Jan. 9–19, 2013? Sign up today at <http://www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org>. If your group is unable to meet during the designated days, choose an alternate ten days, and you will be just as blessed.

Jackie Ordelleide Smith, communication manager, Ministerial Association, General Conference World Headquarters

### InPrayer app launched to facilitate global prayer chain

InPrayer is a mobile application developed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is designed to facilitate a global prayer chain that prays for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This prayer movement, called “777” is designed to encourage Seventh-day Adventists to pray seven days a week at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. It is part of a larger initiative to encourage revival and reformation within the Church.

The InPrayer mobile app includes the following features:

1. A configurable daily reminder to pray at 7:00 a.m. and 7 p.m.
2. A map view that shows users where every other member interacting with the app is located
3. A daily devotional focused on the Holy Spirit global prayer request
4. A local prayer request module which allows users to track their own personal requests
5. Facebook integration that pushes a configurable status to a user’s Facebook account
6. Twitter integration that pushes a configurable tweet to a user’s Twitter account



InPrayer, available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and German, is available for iPhone, iPad and Android at the App Store and Android Market. For more information, visit: <http://www.revivalandreformation.org/apps>.

Staff, Ministerial Association, General Conference World Headquarters



Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* website at <http://www.LakeUnionHerald.org> and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at <http://www.LakeUnionHerald.org>.

## Andrews University

### Howard Performing Arts Center Concerts:

Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560. More information also can be found on our website at <http://howard.andrews.edu>. Ask about our Flex Series tickets.

**Sat., Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.:** HPAC commences the holiday season with Dailey & Vincent: "A Bluegrass Christmas." Headed by Jamie Dailey and Darin Vincent, this Grammy-nominated band's lineup includes the banjo, guitar, mandolin and fiddle. Their brand-new Christmas repertoire will include original Dailey & Vincent music along with traditional Christmas carols with a Bluegrass twist.

**Sun., Feb. 17, 2013, 7:00 p.m.:** Charles Reid, the newest faculty member of the Andrews University Department of Music, will be in concert. Reid is being recognized as one of his generation's leading lyric tenors. Pianist Trina Thompson, associate professor of music theory, will accompany him.

**Sun., Feb. 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.:** The month of February will end with Christian veteran artist Kathy Troccoli. Her numerous accolades include 22 recordings, 17 number-one radio hits, two Dove Awards and three Grammy nominations. During this concert she will perform favorite Christian hits from her memorable career.

**Sat., March 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m.:** Multi-Stellar Award winner Jonathan Nelson is one of the brightest young faces in Gospel music. His Top 10 smash hit, "My Name Is Victory," won him a Dove Award nomination as Best New Artist

of the Year. This concert is an evening of worship and praise.

**Sun., April 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.:** The last concert of the season features Christian artist Laura Story. With hits like "Blessings" and "Mighty to Save," this four-time Dove Award winner continually presents a heart of worship. Join us for an uplifting evening of music and ministry.

## Indiana

**Second Annual 'Night of Hope':** Indiana Academy and the Cicero Church will host their second annual "Night of Hope" Christmas program, **Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Cicero Church. For more information, contact Kathy Griffin at 317-984-3575 or [kathyagriffin@gmail.com](mailto:kathyagriffin@gmail.com).

## Lake Union

### Offerings

- Dec 1** Local Church Budget
  - Dec 8** Inner City Ministry
  - Dec 15** Local Church Budget
  - Dec 22** Local Conference Advance
  - Dec 29** NAD Evangelism
- ### Special Days
- Dec 1** Bible Sabbath
  - 13th Sabbath Offering**
  - Dec 29** South American Division

**Ministering Hope to Hurting Hearts** is a training seminar by the Lake Union

Conference Women's Ministries Department to be held **Feb. 22-24, 2013**. The seminar will help your church: 1) recognize hurting hearts, 2) learn the steps for the healing process, 3) understand how to help hurting people, 4) vision for ministry in your community, and 5) provide resources and ideas for ministry. Roberta Fish, associate professor for the Adventist University of Health Sciences in Florida, is the guest speaker. This seminar will be held at Adventist Frontier Missions in Berrien Springs, Mich. Register online at <http://www.AdventSource.org>. For more information, call 269-473-8292.

## North American Division

**Loma Linda Vegetarian Congress:** Researchers and experts will present the latest scientific facts about plant-based diets and health, **Feb. 24-26, 2013**, at Loma Linda University. Speakers include Gary Fraser, principal investigator of the Adventist Health Study-2, and Neal Barnard, author and advocate. For more information, visit <http://www.vegetariannutrition.org>.

**La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend, April 26-28, 2013.** Celebrate our 91st year! We invite all former students, faculty, staff and supporters. Golf Tournament: Sun. morning, **April 21**; Fri. evening Welcoming Reception; Sabbath morning services on campus, campus potluck and reunions (Apr. 26-28); Ladies Gala Tea: Sun.

afternoon. Honor classes 50+, '3s and '8s. For more information, call 951-351-1445, ext. 244, email [jnelson@lsak12.com](mailto:jnelson@lsak12.com) or visit our website: <http://www.lsak12.com/alumni>.

## Wisconsin

**Youth weekend of fellowship, fun and spiritual renewal: Jan. 11-13, 2013**, all Wisconsin high-school age youth are invited for a weekend of spiritual renewal at Camp Wakonda. Our keynote speaker will be Steve Carlson. We also have invited the ever-popular STANDOUT CREW from Andrews University to come and lead us in worship. Those in attendance will spend Fri. evening and Sabbath in a time of fellowship, food and fun; on Sun., we will hit the slopes at Cascade Mountain. It will be an incredible weekend, and we hope to see you there! Register with Nancy Martling by email at [nmartling@wi.adventist.org](mailto:nmartling@wi.adventist.org).

**Men's Conference:** The weekend of **Jan. 18-20, 2013**, the Wisconsin Men's Conference will take place at Camp Wakonda. It will be a weekend of spiritual fellowship. The theme for the weekend is "By His Grace." We are blessed to have Van Hurst, president of the Indiana Conference, come and be our speaker for the weekend. Participants will experience a relaxed weekend with wonderful food, inspirational messages and entertaining fellowship. You can register with Nancy Martling by email at [nmartling@wi.adventist.org](mailto:nmartling@wi.adventist.org).

# Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11
Berrien Springs, Mich.	5:14	5:15	5:17	5:22	5:27	5:34
Chicago, Ill.	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:26	4:32	4:38
Detroit, Mich.	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:07	5:12	5:19
Indianapolis, Ind.	5:20	5:20	5:23	5:27	5:32	5:39
La Crosse, Wis.	4:28	4:28	4:30	4:34	4:40	4:47
Lansing, Mich.	5:05	5:05	5:07	5:11	5:17	5:23
Madison, Wis.	4:23	4:23	4:25	4:29	4:35	4:42
Springfield, Ill.	4:34	4:34	4:37	4:41	4:46	4:53

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## Weddings

**Laura Cizmar and Max Martin** were married Oct. 7, 2012, in Hinsdale, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Ron Schultz.

Laura is the daughter of Teotim Cizmar of Chicago, Ill., and Judy Cizmar of Hinsdale, and Max is the son of Lisa Martin of Lisle, Ill.

The Martins are making their home in Lombard, Ill.

## Obituaries

**COOK, Cara L.**, age 18; born Feb. 4, 1994, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Oct. 22, 2012, in Ada, Mich. She was a member of the Lowell/Riverside Church, Lowell, Mich.

Survivors include her father, Gene; mother, Carla; half-brother, Isaac Coleman; sister, Kayla Cook; and half-sister, Erica Gregory.

Funeral services were conducted by Bob Stewart, with private inurnment, Lowell.

**FERRIS, V. Winston**, age 81; born May 8, 1930, in Watseka, Ill.; died April 7, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Doris M. (Ray); sons, Richard and Bruce; daughter, Barbara Ferris; sister, Judy Dern; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Bruce Hayward and Larry Lichtenwalter, with private inurnment.

**GILL, Dawn (Petrik)**, age 71; born July 27, 1941, in Berwyn, Ill.; died Oct. 3, 2012, in Chicago, Ill. She was a member of the Gurnee (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lawrence; son, Brian David; daughter, Linda Lee Gill; sister, Joyce Lang; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Daniel Pabon, with private inurnment, Antioch, Ill.

**GILLESPIE, Merna R. (Leist)**, age 83; born June 17, 1929, in Boyne City, Mich.; died Oct. 18, 2012, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dennis and Clifford; daughter, Sylvia Gillespie; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Larry Thompson, and interment was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

**HEISIG, Howard "Howie" L.**, age 83; born Oct. 12, 1928, in Columbus, Wis.; died May 29, 2012, in Monona, Wis. He was a member of the Madison (Wis.) East Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Olson); sons, Greg and Jim; daughter, Julie Ganske; sister, Dorothy Miller; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Titus Naftanaila, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Madison.

**HENDRICK, Gerald D.**, age 74; born Sept. 18, 1937, in Blue Mound, Ill.; died Mar. 29, 2012, in Castle Rock, Colo. He was a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church, Columbus, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, Geri (Schwarz); sons, Gerald Jr. and Gale; stepsons, Carl and Ronald Voss; stepdaughter, Sheri Cislo; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Gale Hendrick, with private inurnment, Humbird, Wis.

**MALONEY, Olive B. (Janke)**, age 93; born April 6, 1919, in Adams Cty., Wis.; died Oct. 17, 2012, in Amery, Wis. She was a member of the Clear Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Delmar and Dennis Maloney, and Ron Olney; daughter, Darlene Current; brother, Leland Janke; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ron Olney and Curtis Denev, and interment was in Wagner Cemetery, Whitehall, Wis.

**MULSKE, William "Bill,"** age 84; born Jan. 28, 1928, in Hazelton, N.D.; died June 28, 2012, in Illinois. He was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances (Mc Coy); daughter, Jolene Wright; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ron Schultz, and interment was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

**PARRIS, Eddie A.**, age 81; born Aug. 23, 1931, in Detroit, Mich.; died Oct. 15, 2012, in Gaylord, Mich. He was a member of the All Nations Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Anne (Akre); sons, David, Keith, Donald and Jerry; daughters, Lauren and Sharilyn Parris; brother, Enos A.; sister, Lora F. Fickess; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Trevor O'Reggio, John Reeve, R. Clifford Jones and Watson Afaese, and inurnment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

**SCHULZ, Patricia C. (Olson) Adair**, age 88; born March 24, 1924, in Madison, Wis.; died July 31, 2012, in Madison. She was a member of the Madison Church.

Survivors include her husband, William; and sister, Betty Heisig.

Funeral services were conducted by Dale Bossenberry, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monona, Wis.

**SEBRING Lorna D. (Potter)**, age 82; born Dec. 18, 1929, in Bethany Twp., Mich.; died May 18, 2012, in St. Louis, Mich. She was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, David and Steven; daughters, Deborah Fritz and Terri Sebring; brother, Donald Potter; sister, Sharon Ruby; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Willie Iwankiw, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis, Mich.

**SEVERSON, Erica (Blonk)**, age 89; born May 6, 1923, in Latvia, Germany; died Aug. 8, 2012, in Rice Lake, Wis. She was a member of the Rice Lake Church.

Survivors include her son, Orlando; daughter, Marlene Rohde; brother, Harold Blonk; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Curtis Denney, and interment was in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake.

**SHIPPY, Monnetta M.**, age 100; born Dec. 15, 1911, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died June 3, 2012, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison East Church.

Graveside services were conducted by Titus Naftanaila, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Madison.

**SUTHERLAND, William**, age 80; born Feb. 19, 1931, in Escanaba, Mich.; died Feb. 11, 2012, in Hermansville, Mich. He was a member of the Iron Mountain (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Carson); sons, William B., Lee and Stephen; daughter, Nonda Henshaw; brother, Robert; sisters, Iva Love and Genieve Floriano; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Jim Nephew, and interment was in Gardens of Rest Cemetery, Escanaba.

**ULLAND, Gary N.**, age 66; born July 13, 1946, in Mayville, N.D.; died Aug. 4, 2012, in Rochester, Minn. He was a member of the Rice Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rena (Johnston); sons, Denver and Erik; sister, Sandra Fontaine; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Curtis Denney, and interment was in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Wis.

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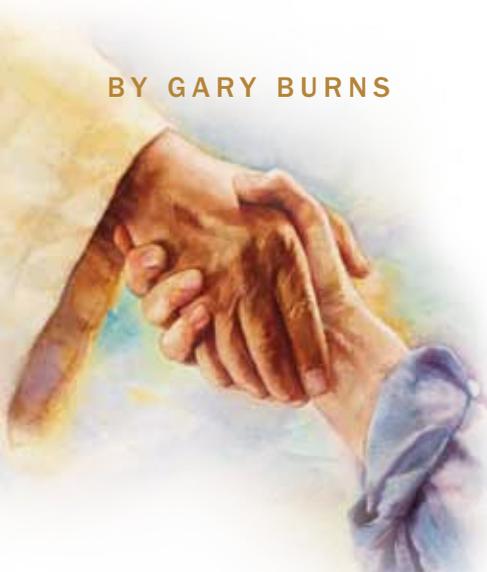


'HERE I AM' 'SEND ME'

# PARTNERSHIP with GOD

## A Willing Heart

BY GARY BURNS



A couple of years ago, I was scheduled to speak at a church company where some of our family attended, but I became ill and was not able to travel. We called to let them know I would not be able to come with my wife, Maryann, and evidently, they took that to mean that Maryann would preach in my place. To be honest, I had unsuccessfully encouraged her to do so.

At the conclusion of Sabbath school, the elder stood up to announce that I was not able to come due to illness, but Maryann would be speaking in my place. This came as a great shock to Maryann, who immediately whispered to her family, "Pray!"

In her honest, transparent and disarming style, Maryann shared the privilege of prayer, how it provides an opportunity for healing, forgiveness and power in praying

for our children. After Maryann shared our prayer journey with one of our children, a young, single woman stood up, told the church she was pregnant, asked the church for forgiveness and solicited their prayers and support. The company of believers immediately surrounded her, embraced her, laid hands on her and began to support her in prayer.

What followed was a wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit as, one by one, the members shared and confessed their own struggles and weaknesses, and supported one another in prayer.

God had a purpose to accomplish through Maryann's heart and testimony, simply because she was willing to work in partnership with Him.

Gary Burns is the prayer ministries coordinator of the Lake Union Conference.

## A Journey

BY EMILY FERGUSON

I grew up about as Seventh-day Adventist as they come. My dad is a pastor, my grandfather is a pastor and my great-grandfather was a pastor. This was the beginning of my love/hate relationship with the church. As a pastor's kid, I was privy to some of the church politics that no young person should be exposed to. I knew I loved Jesus; but, as I reached high school, I began to foster an animosity against the Adventist Church in my heart.

I resented my peers who were baptized after a week of prayer. I thought there was no way they were making a genuine commitment to Christ. I took the mantra of not doing it just because everyone else was doing it a step further, and decided that if anyone else was getting baptized I didn't want to. It became about how people saw me.

I remained active in the church, studied the Bible, became involved in praise and worship, and led out many times at my high school and then in college. I began to lead in a more active role and was viewed as a spiritual leader at Andrews University. I was involved in the One Place church plant on campus, as well as chapel and Fusion (a multi-cultural worship experience) at Andrews.

I continued to struggle with Adventism. I believed the church's theology was the most truthful of any religion I had studied, but it was the little things that bothered me. I hated some of the arguments we regularly have in the church. I hated that I had to change my appearance, or what I said to fit the Adventist mold when I led worship. But I did it. Every week I took off my nail polish and jewelry, and led others in worship. It was exhausting — like living two lives. I was resentful, inauthentic, and it was killing me.

During this time Japhet De Oliveira, the chaplain at Andrews University, began to ask annoying questions. He asked why I hadn't been baptized, and if I loved Jesus. I retorted, and argued with him. Naturally, we began meeting regularly to do this. Every Tuesday



Emily Ferguson

morning, I knew he would try to convince me to be baptized.

One weekend, I was able to interview my favorite musician, Michael Gungor, of the band, Gungor. He told me to answer to God and my work first. He told me not to try to please everyone, but to be real, and that God's people would accept me.

Be myself? Let everyone see I do not have everything figured out, and that sometimes I struggle with God? I know it may sound scary, but I found it liberating.

When I met with Japhet the following Tuesday, I suddenly felt at ease about committing to the Adventist Church because now I wasn't hiding anything. It felt like something we would get through together, not something I had to change about myself. If there were things I thought were petty and wrong about the Adventist Church, I could be a change agent from within.

I decided to be baptized. I wanted to forge the way for others who struggle with the same things I did. I wanted to encourage people to take action in their church if they want to see change, not just leave it. There is something so sweet about adding the element of commitment to a relationship, and my relationship with the Adventist Church and Jesus is no different.

I will be baptized November 17. I am excited to continue this journey with my brothers and sisters, and with Jesus.

Emily Ferguson is a junior at Andrews University studying communication and event management. She is the praise and worship leader for University Chapel, and often leads at her church, One Place, as well.

## A Leader for Christ

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

“It’s a lot of fun, and you get to create friendships and bonds with people in your church,” says Kelly Gabriel about working with her church family. The Andrews University student has been involved in church leadership for nearly six years. An obvious passion for Christian leadership has her involved in all sorts of witnessing groups at Andrews, and she claims it all started at her home church in Hinsdale, Illinois.



Brian Tagalog

Kelly Gabriel

As an eighth-grader, Kelly first became involved as a church youth leader. During the next four years, she was given more and more responsibilities, like planning events and working with Pathfinders. She especially enjoyed working with the other youth leaders who she had long looked up to. Kelly says these experiences were memorable and taught her the importance of teamwork.

“Being a part of the youth group gave me the opportunity to work with different people,” she recalls. “They talked with me and gave me a sense of belonging and church family. I love that.”

Kelly’s ministry didn’t stop there. During her senior year at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, Kelly and her classmates went to Barbados. The class spent a week on the island, volunteering in nursing homes and orphanages. It was Kelly’s first mission trip and one filled with hard work.

Experiences like these created a foundation for Kelly to grow as a leader, and it didn’t stop when she graduated from academy. Kelly continues to be involved in ministry alongside classmates at Andrews. Here, she is president of the junior class and plays percussion in the orchestra. She also plays a role in the Filipino club and sings in the Deliverance Mass Choir. Around campus, she also is known for her photography.

Kelly has learned the importance of being a Christian leader, and she encourages other young adults to take part in ministry. “When you get involved, especially in organizations within Andrews, you get a sense of community and acceptance,” she says. “Look for something to be a part of! Everyone has certain skills, gifts to give, that we can’t get from anyone else but you.”

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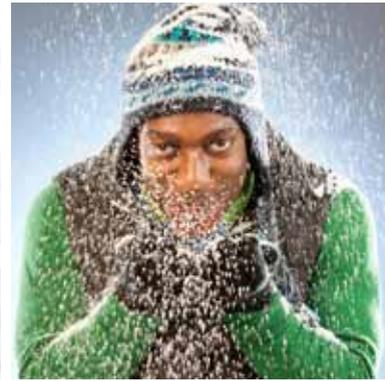
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