Welcome...

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Word On Campus

"The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ the Son of God." (Mark 1:1). Throughout the year we have been reflecting on Jesus instructions to the disciples in Matthew 10 as He sent them out carrying the good news of the kingdom of God to see how to apply these instructions to our own ministries on campus. As we come to the close of 2012 I want to draw our attention to the opening of Mark's gospel in preparation for the Advent of Christ the king. Mark says this is just the beginning of the good news about Jesus. In comparison with the other three documentations of Jesus life, the gospel of Mark is the briefest. So how could an account of Jesus ministry, arrest, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension be just the beginning? The good news originates with Christ, but continues in the lives of his followers. This is what makes our witness on campus so vitally important. The good news reverberates through our testimony about Him. As Christ has changed us from the inside out we become part of the larger gospel story! Our witness on campus is the echo of something that was only started in the good news of Jesus, but continues on in the lives we touch along the way. Just tonight as I came from our annual Christmas party among students from UC Berkeley, I was amazed to look around the room at students who have been with us over the last four years, others who have joined along the way and some new people that have just started coming. Campus ministry groups are the incubators for new life in Christ as we pass through the gauntlet of college into life on our own. It is impressive to see all that God is doing and the Christ-like communities formed in his name! When I read again about the birth of Christ and the magic of God becoming one with us - I am stunned. But again, as great as this is, I am reminded by Mark that this is only the beginning of the good news. God is still being fleshed out in our lives and the lives of our friends in the difference our witness is making on campus and in the world. Merry Christmas everyone, but don't forget - Christ's birth is just the beginning of the good news. Our witness on campus is helping complete the story!

News & Events
1. **Super-storm Hurricane Sandy**: Thousands of people living along the northeastern seaboard including New York City and the Jersey Shore were devastated by Hurricane Sandy last week. Some ACF groups may want to know what the Seventh-day Adventist church is doing for hurricane Sandy victims. To check out the Adventist Community Services Report go to: [SANDY](#).

2. **Two and a Half Men TV Series Angus Jones Testimony**: The actor from the TV sitcom Two and a Half men shares his testimony about studying the bible with Adventist Christians. To listen to an audio testimony from Angus Jones go to: [VOP.com](#). For the Youtube video interview click [here](#). Spectrum Magazine also shares a statement from the Adventist church regarding Angus's faith journey. Check it out at: [Spectrum](#). Christianity Today also interviewed Angus Jones on his recent conversion. You can read it at: [CT](#).

3. **Over A Hundred University Students Baptized In Papua New Guinea**: Close to 5,000 people were baptized in this summers evangelistic campaign in Papua New Guinea (PNG) where close to 100,000 people crammed into Sir John Guise Soccer arena to hear Adventist evangelist John Carter share the message of the blessed hope we have in the soon coming of Jesus. A number of those who accepted Christ and baptism were college and university students that were being ministered too by Adventist campus ministers on surrounding university campuses. To read more check out: [Baptism](#). To get an idea of the student ministry presence on college and university campuses in this area of the world check out: [SASA](#) (Simbu Adventist Student Association). You can also read about the role that Adventist and Adventist students are playing in government and politics in PNG by reading here: [Politics](#).

4. **Has Christianity Failed You?**: C. A. M. P. U. S., the ACF ministry in Michigan is hosting this outreach/symposium event at the University of Michigan campus, December 3-8, Mason Hall auditorium, 7:30 pm each evening. While many are turning away from traditional Christianity they often look for answers in other faiths that are lacking the answers to a real relationship with God and ultimate meaning. This symposium challenges students to separate the frustrations and disappointments with Christianity from the mission and message of Jesus Christ. To learn more go to: [CAMPUS](#).

5. **Adventist "Mission To The Cities" NY13 Evangelism Project**: Church leaders in spring mission planning meetings of the church selected 24 cities around the world to target with major evangelistic effort for sharing the gospel and outreach efforts of the Adventist church in 2012. What are the implications for this outreach effort for college and university campuses in this broad initiative of the church? How can we take seriously an outreach to these cities without a well planned effort for reaching students gathered from all over the world on these campuses? To learn more about the churches Mission To The Cities go to: [NY13](#). To learn about the mission to New York go to: [Take Gift NY](#). To join the discussion on how to involve campus ministry in the Mission To The Cities Campaign got to: [ACF/NAD](#).


7. **Urbana 2012 Student Mission Conference (December 27-31)**: The International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) sponsors a student world missions conference every three years at St. Louis, MO bringing together the best in Christian speakers on campus and world missions encouraging students to reach out to their world in Jesus name. Urbanna brings together thousands of students from around the world and connects them to mission agencies for short and long term mission opportunities. Urbana is a great event to inspire students to reach their campus for Christ. For more info go to: [Urbana 2012](#).

8. **GYC 2012**: (December 28 - January 1) Go to [GYC](#) to learn more and
9. **Lake Union Conference Youth Congress Jesus - All Or Nothing for senior youth/young adults offering specialized training In Public Campus Ministry, Chicago, IL, (Feb 8-10-2013).** More information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or register at Youth Congress.

10. **Church Of Refuge (COR) Summit:** COR Summits exist to network and support local church leadership who value youth/Young Adults. Two COR Summit's are being offered in Chicago on February 10, 2013. Register today by contacting Justin Yang. For more info go to: COR

11. **the One project 2013:** February 11 & 12, Chicago, IL. Celebrating the supremacy of Jesus in the Adventist church. Undergraduate student and group discounts are available. For more info contact Japhet De Oliveria or go to: the1project.org

12. **InSpire 2013: (April 27, 28)** InSpire is a web community where Seventh-day Adventist members gifted in and passionate about the creative arts can share their ideas and creations in a collaborative way. Songwriting, drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, poetry and more can be used in powerful ways to convey God’s message of hope and healing to our churches and surrounding cultural environments. This website, by Pacific Union Conference Church Support Services, represents an intentional effort to stimulate dialog and creative engagement in mission among Adventist artists. Visit inSpire.

13. **2013 ECHO Conference:** July 24-26, Dallas, TX. For those new to the Echo Conference - Echo is a three-day gathering of artists, geeks and storytellers serving the church. Join Echo participants for inspiration, education, connection and worship. More info: ECHO

14. **Impact South Africa 2013:** This event is sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist's Youth/Young Adult Department as a world conference on youth and community services. Join us in South Africa bringing together world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church to focus on community service needs and harnessing the resources of our youth. For more information and additional news about GC world youth/young adult ministries go to: GC YOUTH

15. **ACF Institute Australia:** Along with the planned 2013 ACF INSTITUTE Campus Ministry training here in the NAD, the first ACF INSTITUTE will be held overseas in Perth Australia August 9-18. Presenters will include Dr. Allan Walshe: Religious Education Department chair at Andrews University Theological Seminary, Dr. Subodh Pandit: Medical Dr and acclaimed Christian apologist, Jeff Tatarchuk: Campus Evangelist and CRAVE Campus Evangelistic Tour and Ron Pickell ACF/NAD Coordinator and ACF INSTITUTE Director. Topics will include practices in Adventist public campus ministry, spiritual life on campus, answering tough questions and campus evangelism. For more information please email Ron by clicking: ACF INSTITUTE Australia

### Resources

1. **"The Great Hope":** This abridged copy of the longer "Great Controversy" may be a good resource give away on campus. This small book directs people to a real and living hope in God for end times. To order copies for distribution go to: Great Hope

2. **The Church Is Only A Means To An End:** Check out a great article by Rich Dubose on the place of the church in our lives. I share this article with you for two reasons. First because I know that our relationship with the church is often in question during the young adult phase in life. Secondly, because I think it is important to keep the priority of the church in proper balance as we share our
witness on campus. Church is good - but even more important is our personal relationship with God. Check out Rich's article on the Adventist Best Practices Face Book page at: Church and share your own comments about the place of the church in your life.

3. **Figuring Out What To Do With Your Life:** Graduation is the goal we are all working for in college, but it can also be one of the scariest times in our life when we are not sure of the next step. Check out these helpful suggestions by Shannon J. Harmon in the October issue of Relevant magazine on sorting through the challenges of finding your professional purpose in - and beyond college. Check it out at: LIFE

4. **Books & Culture:** Check out Christianity Today's online book review covering topics pertaining to Christ and culture addressing many areas and disciplines in academia engaging students today. Go to: Books & Culture.

5. **The Marks Of A True Leader:** Check out Relevant Magazines recent issue on "The Marks Of A True Leader" to see how God can use us on campus and in the lives of others. Check it out at: Relevant

6. **Two Great New Campus Ministry Resources On Christian Apologetics:** Check out two new books prepared especially for students and campus workers on non-Adventist college campuses to answer some of the difficult questions students run into on a secular campus. *Always Prepared* provides answers concerning basic doctrinal questions while *Understanding Creation* deals with the tough questions concerning faith and science. Contributing Adventist scholars from the sciences, theology and philosophy and edited by Dr. Humberto Rasi, Dr. Nancy J. Vymeister and Dr. James Gibson. Call Pacific Press @ (800) 447-7377 to order a copy of these new and great campus ministry resources.

7. **Templeton Science And Religion Series:** Includes a series of nine short books concerning the sciences, humanities and religion. These books were commissioned to open intellectual doors and create discussion for readers of all backgrounds concerning the discussion of science and faith. Each expert begins with a background of their field of study with a view to the religious dimension returning to a wide variety of critical viewpoints. To learn more about these valuable resources discussing the integration of science and faith go to: Templeton.

8. **ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE:** ACFLINK.ORG is the best way for staying connected with Adventist ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses. Another great connecting point is: ACF on Facebook at ACF North America.

9. **ACF/NAD BLOG:** Check out ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Blog for continuos campus ministry news and information. Check us out and follow us at: ACF BLOG

10. **Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide:** Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at AdventSource. Quick Start guides are now downloadable from the ARC Campus Ministry Resources Web Site by going to: ARC

11. **CRAVE Campus Outreach:** CRAVE is a great approach to campus evangelism being pioneered by Jeff Tatarchuck (SECC Youth Conference Evangelist) and Marquis Johns (Youth Pastor, NY) utilizing very traditional evangelistic methods with a non-traditional message of setting up a tent on campus and preaching to students about their deepest cravings and our cravings can lead us to God, the only one who can fill our deepest needs. This traditional approach with a new relevant message has had huge success uniting campus ministry groups and introducing students to the message of Christ and his saving love. We are very excited about the prospects for CRAVE and are even now working on pre campus evangelism package and follow up materials that will introduce students to small group Bible studies and a Christian community on campus. To see more check out the CRAVE TOUR Video of Cal State San Marcos from fall of 2011: CRAVE

12. **SSRC Guide: Religious Engagement Among American Undergraduates:** Recent studies of college students' attitude toward religion
suggest that the academy is no longer the bastion of secularism it was once assumed to be. These studies further reveal that the spiritual landscape on today’s college campuses is virtually unrecognizable from what we have seen in the past. To help make sense of these changes, the SSRC offers this online guide derived from a series of essays commissioned from leading authorities in the field of higher education. Go to SSRC GUIDE to read more.

13. **Creation/Evolution Debate in Public Schools**: Check out *The Revisionaries* a documentary on state standards of education concerning the creation/evolution debate in the Texas school system. Go to *The Revisionaries* for a view of the movie trailer.

14. **Tools and Resources For College Student Bible Study**: If you’re looking for some good resources on college student bible studies and topics for Friday night meetings - go to InterVarsity’s Ministry Exchange where you can find loads of topics and bible study discussion ideas for student related questions and issues.

15. **Dream Church**: Looking for the dream church where you can belong and plug into? Check out Dr. Joe Kidder’s great article on a Jesus Centered life that leads to a dream church community. To read more go to: Dream Church

16. **Attention College Age Young Adults**, if you are ready to take a break from the classroom, without interrupting the process of preparing for life as a responsible adult, join Traverse for a summer adventure or a full gap year experience. Warning: You will be exposed to ADVENTURE • TRAVEL • SERVICE • FAITH! Learn more at traverse

17. **"Living It" Public High School Ministry**: Check out the new web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry at Living It. Here you can find resources for: visiting high school students in their world--including on campus, nurturing your personal spirituality, sharing devotional experiences, creating outreach ideas, along with resources for dealing with teenage at-risk behaviors. The site also features video testimonials from high school students and leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world. You can also download the latest issue of the Living It bi-monthly newsletter by going to: LINL or join the group on Facebook at: "Living It FB" Best of all you might win a new mini iPad by taking the survey on the Living It web site. Go to: SURVEY

18. **Are You Man Enough?**: August 2011 of Boundless Webzine published Joshua Rogers, "Are You Man Enough To Love A Woman?" where Rogers challenges men on who to date and the myth of finding the "perfect" woman. Read more: Dating

19. **A Place For Christian Refugees**: In a recent issue of Neue Magazine, blogger Jared Byas talks about the new Christian wrestling with so many questions from a skeptical culture that a place is needed for people to air their doubts and talk about living their faith amid competing values. This raises the question if our churches and campus groups are safe places for students to raise questions about living for Jesus on or off campus? For more info check out Refugee

20. **Veritas Forum; The Veritas Rif Podcast** continues to provide relevant, insightful commentary on today’s most pressing issues. Check out one of the latest in the series of campus talks on "Why Health Care Reform Needs Spiritual Reform" by Dr. Ray Barfield of Duke University. Check it out at Veritas

21. **Does Our Faith Make A Difference?** For a great article on the influence we can have in life and over others check out this great article on Yes You Can Make A Difference by Reinder Bruinsma. The encouragement he shares will encourage us in living our faith on campus as in all of life. Check out: Difference

22. **Christian University Classes On Line**. Check out classes and course work for Christian beliefs at Christian University GlobalNet is a fully online Christian university, enabling to work at your own pace and from your own home, church, office or any other location equipped with internet access! Our courses are also fully available on Web-based smart phones and other mobile
devices, making CUGN an educational institution with a curriculum that is fully mobile-compatible. We currently offer three online academic programs: Certificate in Bible (16 credits), Diploma in Biblical Studies (36 credits), Master Of Arts In Religion Degree (60 credits). Next term begins April 11. First online class is free!

23. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian’s and Atheist’s. Check it out at: [Talk](#)

24. **Book Review:** *The Atheist's Guide To Reality* by Alex Rosenberg is another among the recent books that have come out in support of Atheism as the only intellectually honest approach to reality since life is nothing more than a random coming together of subatomic particles. Clifford Goldstein reviews Rosenberg's book and puts him so far over the edge that he makes "today's new atheists—Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, and the late Christopher Hitchens—look like compromising, waffling, dithering sellouts." To read more from Goldstein go to: [Fundamentalist](#).

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**Cultural Trends**

1. **Six Ways To Waste Your College Education:** For a great article on the importance of living in the world but not of the world on campus check out KC Miginnis's article in Relevant magazines University section. Read more at: [College](#)

2. **Networked: The New Social Operating System:** Daily life is connected life, its rhythms driven by email, text messages, tweets and Facebook updates. Some worry that this new environment makes us isolated. In *Networked*, Pew Internet & American Life Project Director Lee Rainie and Barry Wellman show how the large, loosely knit social circles of networked individuals expand opportunities for learning and personal interaction. Read more

3. **Five Rules For Tech-iquette:** Is a great article for those who can't stay off their smart phones and iPads while hanging out with others. You might want to share this with a close friend or significant other! Check out: [Tech-iquette](#)

4. **Rising Tide of Restrictions On Transitions**

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- **Montana Sate University:** The Montana SDA Conference recently created a new position for public campus ministry and hired Alan Newbold to serve as a campus chaplain at Montana State University in Bozeman. Welcome, Alan, to the new and wonderful world of secular campus ministry.

- **Campus Ministry In New York City:** The Greater New York Conference just created a new campus ministry position for campus ministry in New York City college and universities by hiring Ruben Sanchez a graduate student of NYU in Religious Studies and Journalism. This is an important step for what has become a growing Adventist ministry among students in the largest city of the U. S. Welcome, Ruben, and we pray for your efforts this year in helping establish campus ministry in New York.

- **Arizona Conference Young Adult and Campus Ministries:** The Arizona conference
Religion: A rising tide of restrictions spread across the world between 2009 and 2010. Three quarters of the worlds approximately 7 billion people now live in countries with high government restrictions on religion or high social hostilities involving religion, up from 70% a year earlier. Read more at: Restrictions.

5. One in Five Americans Claim No Religious Affiliation: In the last five years, the unaffiliated have increased from 15% to 20% of all US adults. Their ranks now include more than 13 million self-described atheists and agnostics, as well as nearly 33 million people who say they have no particular religious affiliation. Read the report

6. 32% - One-Third Young Adults More Likely To Be Unaffiliated: Young adults today are much more likely to be unaffiliated than previous generations were at a similar stage in their lives. A third (32%) of adults under 30 have no religious affiliation, compared with just one-in-ten who are 65 and older (9%). Read more

7. The Generation Gap and the 2012 Election: According to PEW research group, in the last four national elections, generational differences have mattered more than they have in decades. To read more click on GAP

8. A Theology Of Hazing is a look at the need for belonging and acceptance on college and university campuses. Check out Hazing to read more about the negative effects of college hazing.

9. One Voice About Our Whole Humanity: Adventist consensus on what it means to be human by the Third International Bible Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 20, 2012. To read a synopsis of what the church has come to consensus on the meaning of being human go to: HUMAN

10. Atheism On The Rise In The US: According to a new poll taken by the Global Index of Religiosity and Atheism religiosity is in decline in America while atheism is on the rise. Read more at: Atheism

11. England’s Atheist’s To Outnumber Christians In The Next 20 Years: Christianity is waning in England and could be outnumbered by nonbelievers within 20 years, according to a new study. For more info go to: Atheist

12. Pope Warns Against American Secularism: Check out the article in the

just created a new position for young adult ministry in the Arizona conference by hiring Benjamin Lundquist to serve as the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Director for the Arizona Conference. Benjamin will have his hands full as Arizona State University at Tempe boasts the largest university campus in the US with close to a 90,000 student population. We welcome Benjamin who is wearing a couple hats in his new position as well as one of our new Volunteer Coordinators for Young Adult Ministry in the North American Division.

- Minnesota Campus Ministries: The Minnesota Conference recently created a part time position for young adult and campus ministries by hiring Anna Romuald to serve in this capacity. Anna will be serving under the Minnesota Youth Ministry Director, Jeff Wines. We welcome Anna to her new position and look forward to the growth of young adult/campus ministries in Minnesota under her leadership.

- Florida Conference Campus Ministries: The Florida Conference has committed to hire one new campus chaplain in 2013 and is now in the process of gathering names for a long list for this new position. We celebrate and congratulate the Florida Conference in the development of this new position. For inquires about Florida Campus Ministries please email Youth Director Pedro Perez at: Florida Campus Ministries.
Adventist Review about a recent address given by Pope Benedict XVI to American bishops about the secularization of America and its negative affect on the Christian faith. Go to: Secularization

13. Recent Methodist Decision On Homosexuality and Christian Teaching: Despite emotional protests and fierce lobbying from gay rights groups, United Methodists voted on May 2 to maintain their denomination's stance that homosexual acts are "incompatible with Christian teaching." To Read More Go To: Methodists

14. General Conference Leaders Affirm Care and Principal On Gay Issues: This church's recent statement on Gay's and Lesbians emphasizes compassion. To read more go to: GC Statement.

15. Seventh-Gay-Adventist Documentary: This film documents the life and struggle of three Seventh-day Adventist families in their life journey as gay Seventh-day Adventist. Form info: GaySDA

16. Sorting Through The Gay SDA Issues: Check out point and counterpoint discussion on the issue of gay's and the SDA church as first Andy Nash contributing editor for the Adventist Review discusses the Seventh-Gay Adventist Documentary: Adventist Review. Then take a look at the Spectrum magazine blog by Steve Moran and their take on the same subject at: Spectrum

17. Why American Churches Are Loosing The Less Educated: A new study reports that while Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher educated counterparts has many possible explanations. To read more click here

18. Boomerang Generation: Feeling

Campus Ministry Training

**ACF Mission Year** is a 10 month task force campus missions program where students learn how to practice and share their faith on a non-Adventist campus while helping others maintain their faith. Take a few classes, make friends, participate in Bible studies and engage in campus outreach through **ACF Mission Year**.

**ACF Institute** is a two week concentrated introduction to campus outreach. ACFI prepares students to win students for Christ, learn about friendship evangelism, on-campus witness and Christian apologetics. This years ACF-I was a huge success as participants learned helpful campus ministry tools and were instrumental in helping gather names for a new ACF group at UC Riverside campus. Watch for information about ACFI 2013. For more info about ACF Mission Year or ACF Institute go to ACF. You can also find us Face Book at: ACF-I.

If you are a student or a campus minister
OK about Living with Mom and Dad? Most young adults living with their parents do not see a stigma in that arrangement. More than three-quarters of them say they are satisfied with their living situation and upbeat about their financial futures, in part, perhaps, because it has become such a widespread phenomenon. Read more.

My Campus: Eastern Ontario ACF

Students gathered in idyllic Gatineau, Quebec for the Eastern Ontario Adventist Christian Fellowship Retreat September 14-16, 2012. The theme for the weekend was "Reaching In, Reaching Up and Reaching Out." Some 50 students from Ottawa area campuses were blessed and inspired by Pastor Elizabeth Pule and ADRA Programs Coordinator Azalea Lehndorf. Many picked up new ideas for ministry back on their campuses.

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My Campus: Georgia Cumberland ACF

"Leadership Reboot" - October 18 & 19 was the first student leaders conference sponsored by ACF Georgia Cumberland Conference. Students from seven different states across Georgia and East Tennessee, learned skills in listening, interfaith dialogue, balancing ministry with studies, bible study, leadership transitions, budgets and reaching out to students. Campus Minister Michaela, Lawrence Jeffrey commented on how great it was to bring student leaders together for inspiration and training.

My Campus: Berkeley ACF

Berkeley ACF celebrated their first alumni weekend with many returning students September 14 & 15 weekend. Current ACF
students were blessed by the testimony of returning students about how God had lead in their lives while attending UC Berkeley. It was a great weekend reconnecting with old friends!