GIVE ME SCOTLAND LEST I DIE [Jim Botha]

"Give me Scotland lest I die," the famous words of Scottish Protestant reformer, John Knox, became the cry of Pastor Dwight Nelson and 150 worshippers at the Scottish Mission Camp Meeting in Arbroath, 26 - 28 October, 2012.

While Scotland celebrated a weekend of Halloween, a yearly experience resembling the dark forces, worshippers at Camp Meeting heard Pastor Dwight present the real story of the rise of the 'Dark Night', once again realising the potential for danger right around them.

Pastor Dwight and his wife, Karen, presented the 'Pilgrimage to Calvary', sharing the prayer of one of Scotland's famous sons. "Can you imagine what would happen to Scotland if the 550 members all across Scotland began to pray that prayer?" he asked. "We might just turn Scotland upside down."

Members were challenged not just to focus on the awesome events of Calvary but to allow God to change their lives, be revived and challenged to do something different with their experience as the chosen people of God.

Pastor Nelson used the few days of the Camp Meeting to focus us on the powerful potential of Calvary to change us. He closed the weekend with two presentations on 'The Dark Night Rising', showing that while evil seems to control things, the recession, the potential collapse of the Euro, natural disasters and the primal urges that have negatively affected our communities; the strong possibility exists that in the midst of this time our God will return.

Meanwhile, SEC Teens director, Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, spoke to the youth. His ability to mix humour and yet challenge the youth to do something different about their lives helped them to think again about their calling for service.
Along with vespers by BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, a variety of seminars were presented by Pastor Eglan Brooks on Personal Ministries; Annell Smith on Singles' and Unmarried Ministries; Judith Martin on Women's Ministries; and Pastor Jimmy Botha on the use of media in our churches. Pastor Bernie Holford and his wife Karen spoke on Family Ministries and Family Life; and Pastor Clifford Herman on tips for supporting our leaders and each other in church meant that the weekend was both worship, information, learning and support.

"It has been a powerful experience in my life," confessed one member with tears in his eyes. Another added that his life will be forever changed after this weekend. One lady mentioned that she will now be able to pray every morning, something she previously struggled with. A young youth member appreciated his time at Camp Meeting so much that he already asked where we will have our Camp Meeting next year.

The theme for the weekend 'Pilgrimage to Calvary' became a reality as members indeed experienced such a pilgrimage, celebrating with a communion service on Saturday evening, before they enjoyed a ceilidh.

Members in Scotland know how to enjoy themselves spiritually and socially. "Give me Scotland lest I die" is now the prayer in their hearts.

A selection of pictures from the weekend can be found in the BUC Picture Gallery.

WISDOM ACROSS THE POND

Oscar Wilde purportedly declared that Britain and America were two nations divided by a common language. Actually he didn't quite say that, but what is significantly interesting in a BUC News video interview with Pastor Daniel Jackson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, is to find the common struggle both countries have with secularism, the challenge of diversity, and how to achieve unity in a world of differing viewpoints.

"Happy and optimistic" were two words the President used, particularly in terms of the youth in the Church. "When I'm around our young people I never feel discouraged," he said, despite the real challenges the Church is facing in America.

A serious issue openly raised by Pastor Jackson, was the lack of church growth within the indigenous white and African American communities. "In some of our major cities we no longer have indigenous congregations," he noted. As a result he believes it is "insanity to keep on doing the things we were doing before and expecting a different result." Strategies for members to use social media, to deal with needs in the inner city, and a significant input of finance to explore and study the issues of why the Church is no longer appealing to the indigenous populations is now all part of his package to move the mission of the Church forward.

Church politics entered the conversation, particularly related to the two North American Unions that voted for 'ordination without regard to gender'. Does the North American Division just go its own way? "There is nobody who is saying, 'let's get in the face of the Church and do our own thing,'" Pastor Jackson emphasised, even while passionately noting that to fulfil the mission of the Church we need to use every able-bodied, called individual, in the service of God. For him that includes empowering women both in pastoral work, and in the leadership ranks of the Church. "There is a need that we have that we will never walk away from," he stated with conviction.
Beyond Church politics, Christ is at the heart of his message, a message, he states, that transcends any culture. "In the Seventh-day Adventist Church there is only one true north and His name is Jesus."

Pastor Jackson made the personal visit to England at the behest of long-time friend and one-time fellow missionary to India, Kish Poddar, speaking at the Stanborough Secondary School Speech Night on Thursday evening, 25 October, and then visiting with American students and preaching at Newbold College.

Watch his full interview in the BUC News video report. Enjoy his Friday night vespers and Sabbath morning sermon via the Newbold Media website.

PRESIDENT JACKSON MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO AIM HIGH [Vanessa Pizzuto]

A motivational speech and the personal testimony of a former student will help Stanborough Secondary School students to 'aim high' in their life journey.

The memorable Speech Night on Thursday, 25 October, celebrated students' achievements throughout the academic year 2011-2012. Pastor Daniel Jackson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, was the guest of honour and focused on how "your attitude determines your altitude."

Pastor Jackson shared how a correct attitude helped one of his children to overcome his initial difficulties with learning how to read. He encouraged the students to be authentic and aim high.

He also participated in the presentation of awards and prizes, conducted by Mr Kish Poddar and Mrs Eileen Hussey (both Assistant Heads at the school). In an emotive moment, he presented Sarah Bashorun, a former student, with the Fletcher Cup – given to those who have shown remarkable courage and determination in the face of adversity.

Sarah's family emigrated from Nigeria when she was just eight years old. Coming from a vastly different culture, Sarah struggled to adjust to her new environment. Growing up in Hackney and attending an inner London school was a daunting task for a young immigrant girl. In 1990 she joined Stanborough. This meant a daily commute starting from home at 6:00 am, meeting up with fellow school mates at Euston Station, and usually arriving at Stanborough School late after travelling over two and a half hours. Sarah would get home in the evening at 7:00 pm, too tired for homework. However, she soon learnt to adapt by doing her homework on the train.

In spite of the difficult times and of all the demands on her, Sarah found Stanborough School to be "a place of escape" where she found peace. At the school she found Jesus and was baptised at the age of thirteen at the Central London church. After she graduated from school, Sarah got a Diploma in Social Work and Higher Education from Luton University. Sarah has been working in Social work for 15 years now, and often refers to her struggles and enduring experience during her time at Stanborough in her counselling sessions. She is currently working for Haringey Social Services, supporting families subject to immigration control.

In her annual report, the Headmistress, Mrs Lorraine Dixon, pointed out Stanborough's excellent academic results at KS3+ and GCSE, with 79% of the students achieving 5+ A*-C grades (64% A*-C including English and Mathematics. National Average: 58.9%). Mrs Dixon also commended the
spiritual development of the students and their active participation in local and international charities such as STOP International.

The Stanborough Secondary School Choir, conducted by Miss Ji Eun Ahn, beautifully performed 'The Prayer', while the string ensemble delighted the audience with Handel's 'Water Music' and 'Last minute'. Former student and pianist, Min-Young Bae, performed impeccably Mendelssohn's 'Prelude in E Minor' for the enjoyment of all present. The voice of the students was represented by the Head Boy, Lukonde Mwinga, who closed the evening with a wholehearted vote of thanks to all teachers and staff members.

SMALL CHURCH: BIG ATTENDANCE [Craig Gooden]

"There is nothing like preaching our precious message to an audience who are hearing it for the first time," enthused Pastor Adam Ramdin after the Southport evangelistic series got under way on Friday, 19 October.

The preparation had been done, the doors had been knocked, the leaflets had been posted and delivered, the newspaper advert had been circulated, the 'bridge' events and seminars had been done and now it was crunch time. With an attending membership of just around five, there was no way that the Adventist attendance at this seminar would 'paper over the cracks' so to speak.

As we waited on Friday evening for the meeting to start, the people started to come in and the hall steadily filled until we had to put extra chairs out. Then it reached the point where it was standing room only and the PEACE students had to give up their seats to allow some latecomers to sit down comfortably.

Pastor Adam Ramdin delivered the message 'Our Day in Bible Prophecy' to a group of over 70 people - 51 of them from the local community. He said afterwards that though this was the smallest church he had ever done an evangelistic series at it was the best non-Adventist attendance at a seminar that he had seen.

People who attended expressed how glad they are for the seminars. Beryl stated, "I have been waiting for years to study prophecy."

On Saturday night the seminar continued with two messages, one from Pastor Ramdin and then another from Pastor Alan Hush. Including Craig Gooden, this makes a team of three evangelists who are working together over three weeks until 17 November.

SNAP FAMILY RETREAT – FAMILIES SHARING TOGETHER [Mike & Vicky Beamish]

The tranquil surroundings of Hill House Christian Retreat Centre in Somerset was the setting for the first 'Support Network for Adventist Parents' (SNAP) Family Weekend, 26 - 28 October, 2012.

Fifteen families from across the UK came to share, learn, worship and network together. The facilitators were Pastors Wayne Erasmus and Jacques Venter, along with SNAP coordinators Mike and Vicky Beamish.
After Friday evening introductions, families shared thoughts as to why they had come and what they hoped to gain from the weekend. Answers started to come Sabbath morning, as family worship told the story of early Israelite history and found participants wearing paper chains on their wrists and crossing the parted Red Sea – a blue shiny cloth – picking up stones on their way and making an altar on the other side. This was followed by a time of worshipful celebration in song with tambourines and other percussion, then the breaking of the paper chains to signify freedom from slavery.

Family groups then used their artistic skills with drawing, play dough and a tableau to show how the Ten Commandments direct us away from the power of sin and towards the mighty God who gave them to us.

Following this, the children were creatively nurtured under the leadership of Pastor Julian Thompson, Kathy Dalton, and assistants, while the adults learned about the spirituality of children from Jacques. Discussion followed.

Weekends like this are for the outdoors, so following lunch, everyone went out in their family groups, basking in the glorious sunshine and crisp autumn air, to follow a Bible treasure trail around the pleasant grounds of the Retreat Centre. This exercise was designed to encourage spiritual conversation between family members and for them to spend time together.

In the evening, while the youngsters had an organised and active social time together, the parents participated in lively discussion, predominantly on the subject of discipline. They explored the influence of individual cultures on their approaches to discipline, and how to reconcile that to Biblical principles.

On Sunday morning, families found an elaborate feast set out on the front tables in the worship room, and a piece of blue cloth stretched across in front of it. Wayne and Jacques continued the story of the Israelites as they journeyed toward the Promised Land. The group became the Israelites arriving at the borders of the Promised Land. Dramatic music came over the speakers as five 'spies' furtively checked out the land, sneaking us back samples from the table. However 'the tribes' were not convinced by the spies' report, complaining audibly and then 'dying' dramatically in the wilderness.

Fast-forwarding forty years, they then became the next generation who crossed the Jordan, blue cloth again, to feast in the land flowing with milk and honey. Sunday's lesson: God is not always able to do with us what He would like to while we are complaining.

In the last full session, the children were again looked after as parents discussed relevant issues relating to information technology and the potential impacts, both positive and negative, it can have on our families, and especially our children.

The feedback has been very positive, both from parents who stated, "We need more of this," and their offspring who are already asking, "Can we come to the next SNAP weekend?"

For more about SNAP, please contact Mike and Vicky Beamish by emailing snap.sda@tesco.net or by phone, 01242 890566.
PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692):

**The Journey**: In part 4, Victor Hulbert discovers the smallest parish church in England and in exploring the churchyard asks 'Why did Jesus have to die?' Thursday, 1 November, 8:30 pm repeated Sunday lunchtime, 1 pm. Next week: Discovering real worship while visiting the remote island of Iona, Scotland.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and [website](#). Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 2 November: 8:00 pm: The Journey pt 1: *The Tunnel*,
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to Love pt 1: *The Centre of Existence*.
Midnight: The Tunnel
Sabbath 3 November: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Tunnel,
7:30 pm: The Centre of Existence
Monday 5 November: 12:30 pm: In Conversation, Des Rafferty – A special kind of travel agent.
9:30 pm: Viewpoint: *The Sabbath* – Antidote to the 21st century
Wednesday 7 November: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: The Sabbath,
11:00 pm: In Conversation, Tim Standish – Liberated by Intelligent Design
Friday 9 November: 8:00 pm: The Journey pt 2: *In Need of Rest*.
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to Love pt 2: *The Centre of Existence*.
Midnight: In Need of Rest
Sabbath 10 November: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: In Need of Rest,
7:30 pm: The Centre of Existence

COMING EVENTS For a full listing of Coming Events please visit [www.adventistevents.org.uk](http://www.adventistevents.org.uk)


HOLCOMBE ROAD ADVENTIST CHURCH. Sabbath, 3 November to Sabbath, 10 November. Holcombe Road Adventist church presents our Revival Campaign & Week of Prayer – "Are You Ready for Jesus To Come?" This revival has something for everyone. Come and be inspired by uplifting messages, good music with an opportunity to focus on prayer. Guest speakers include: Evangelist Costa Vaggas; Pastor Richard Jackson, NEC Ministerial Association Secretary; Elder Adrian Lee, Youth speaker; Pastor Roy Chisholm, Missionary; Pastor Eglan Brooks, BUC Personal Ministries director; Pastor Nerine Barrett, Area 6B speaker & pastor; Maslin Holness, Area 6A speaker. Sabbath mornings: 10:00 am - 1:15 pm. Sunday to Friday: 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm. Venue: John Loughborough School, Holcombe Road, Tottenham, N17 9AD. Nearest Station: Seven Sisters & Bruce Grove. Buses: 149, 259, & 349. For further information contact: 07950 387764 or email: psmholness@yahoo.com.
NEWBOLD MUSICIANS’ WORKSHOPS – DRUMS FOR WORSHIP. Saturday, 3 November & Saturday, 24 November. Targeting improving level players and above, this series of workshops are designed to help the musicians we have at Newbold get to the next level – from understanding how to control and get the most out of equipment, to better understanding the musicianship and approach for modern Praise & Worship. Reserve your place(s) ASAP, as the workshops are also open to musicians outside the Newbold community. Feel free to invite musician friends (and reserve places for them) – both Adventists and our friends. Workshop Series: Drums for Worship 3 November. Bass for Worship 24 November 2012. Contact: Andy Kydd <andrew_kydd@yahoo.com>. Phone: 0782 521 9668.

NEVER GIVE UP – AN EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL PRAISE. Saturday, 3 November. We only seem to have the zeal to do God's work when we are at church. But what happens during the rest of the week, do we let our day to day struggles get the better of us? Have we secretly given up on overcoming them? Never Give Up is a concert aimed at reviving us back to our grass roots in terms of bringing back 'Joy' into our faith. Tickets on sale via www.backstageprojects.com. Venue: 49 Tufnell Park, London, N7 OPS. Doors open 6:00 pm. Start time 6:30 pm. Refreshments on sale. Contact: Helen Rayney <events@backstageprojects.com>. Phone: 07802196734.

A LADIES’ BANQUET. Saturday, 3 November. East Ham Church presents... A Ladies' Banquet. Time: 18:30 - 22:00. Dress Code: Evening Wear. Cost: £25.00 only – All inclusive three course meal (eat as much as you like). Venue: London Darbar in Ilford. Guest Speaker: Malika Bediako. Invitation is open to our non-Adventist friends – feel free to invite them. Contact: Sakile <sakimulu@aol.com>. Phone: 07908210557.

PRAISE AND ADORATION CONCERT 2. Saturday, 3 November. An evening of gospel music from soloists, groups and choirs held at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST1 3DW. The concert starts at 7:30 pm. Entrance is free. Contact: Elizabeth Benton <stokesdachurchmusic@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07917 226572.

STANBOROUGH PRESS BOOK SALE – MIDDLESBROUGH. Sunday, 4 November. Stanborough Press Book Sale at Middlesbrough Adventist Church, Clive Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6AG. Open 10 am to 2 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.org.uk>. Phone: 01476 591700.

A SPECIAL GOSPEL CONCERT. Saturday 10 November. A concert focused on unleashing compassion and care for those in need. Great gospel music from choirs, soloist, musicians, and also poems. Refreshments: curry, roti, cakes, pies, mauby, ginger beer etc on sale. Entrance free, but bring a donation. Venue: Newbold Church, St Marks Road, Bracknell, Binfield, RG42 4AN from 19:30. Contact: Cheron Jones <lber1268@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07576920641.

STANBOROUGH PRESS BOOK SALE – SHEFFIELD BURNGREAVE. Sunday, 11 November. Stanborough Press Book Sale at Sheffield Burngreave, Andover Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, S3 9EE. Open 10 am to 2 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.org.uk>. Phone: 01476 591700.

BUC NATIONAL LAY BIBLE WORKERS’ CONVENTION. Friday, 16 November to Sunday, 18 November. Held at Staverton Park Hotel this event will offer you essential skills and training on how to be effective in leading people to Christ. The convention will cover issues from the first contact with a non-Adventist to developing that person so that he or she will become an active member of the Church; even skilled enough to lead out in their own evangelistic outreach. Presenters include Dr Errol McLean from NADEI and Pastor Jeremiah Weeks from ShareHim. Also BUC/Conference Departmental directors and field pastors will also hold crucial seminars. Contact: Catherine <cpalmer@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

WORSHIP CAFE @ CLC. Friday, 16 November & Friday, 14 December. Friday evening 16 November you will find Central London church totally changed into an inviting Worship Cafe, a place
to meet each other and being met by God. Called 'The Dialogue', these monthly worship evenings are a perfect opportunity to praise God and to bring friends along. Open-minded, creative, thought-provoking, non judgemental, Cafe-style, enjoyable. Free of charge, refreshments are provided. Doors open from 7:00 pm, the evenings will last till 9:00 pm. Easy to reach by bus and underground. Parking in the area from 6:30 onwards. www.centrallondonchurch.org. Speaker: Pastor Paul King-Brown. Address: Crawford Place / Corner of Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE. Contact: Pastor Geert <g.tap@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07747568942.

ISDXI - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY XI FROM 10:30 AM. Sabbath, 17 November. Featuring Pastor Jeff Tatarchuk (USA), Peter Tabornal (Philippines), Josiah4 (West Midlands), Asher Moodie (London), Kim Muneri (Man South), Vocal Witness (Manchester), and John Timothy (India). International lunch. Afternoon Qtime12, Praise Fest IX hosted by Manchester Student Praise Team. Dress code: international preferred. Venue: St Peter House, University Precinct, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9GH. Contact: SDASS1 <sdass1@aol.com>. Phone: 07515671532.

LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP: "THE MOUNTAIN WITHIN". Sabbath, 17 November. Central London church is hosting the final part of "Leadership Boot Camp: The Mountain Within". 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm with Herta von Stiegel – perfect to invite friends and family. Contact: Svetla <office@centrallondonchurch.org>. Phone: 07956196643.

TRAINING: HOW TO GIVE A BIBLE STUDY. Sunday, 18 November. Would you like to lead others to Christ but don't know how? Attend our training and learn more about how to conduct Bible studies. Venue: Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JL; the church sanctuary, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact: Pastor Ivana Mendez <ivanamendez@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07539326780.

STANBOROUGH PRESS BOOK SALE. Sunday, 18 November. Adventist Book Centre Food & Book Sale at Manchester South Adventist Church, 13 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 6JS. Open 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.org.uk>. Phone: 01476 591700.

THE JOHN LOUGHBOROUGH SCHOOL - SPEECH NIGHT. Monday, 19 November. You are invited to our annual Speech Day. This year the theme is 'Aspiring to Greatness: Nobody Greater than You'. Monday 19 November, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Gladesmore Community School, Crowland Road, London, N15 6EB (parking will be available). Special guest – Rt Hon David Lammy MP and other special guests will be present. The programme will start promptly at 6:00 pm, please be on time. Contact: Ms V Hoilett <secretary@johnloughborough.haringey.sch.>. Phone: 0208 8087837.

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VISCOUNT ORGAN: MODEL NO. DK500: We are happy for this organ to go free to a new home/church. Not sure how old it is as we purchased it second-hand. It appears to be fully operational, comes with stool, and foot pedals, 3 speakers. Anyone interested can contact Douglas on 07548651560 or email me at douglasmcc@me.com. You will have to collect it yourself from Southampton area.

AU PAIR NEEDED: IPSWICH. Lunda Mweemba is looking for a lady to help her look after her 10-month-old baby from January 2013. The person would have to stay with the baby three days a week from morning till 5:00 pm. They would need to feed her for the day and watch over her. Live-in accommodation and free other days. Email [lukim18@yahoo.com](mailto:lukim18@yahoo.com) for more information.

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