Prayer - Petition & Praise

Atlantic Union College: AUC is closed this year. The students are searching for new schools to pursue their higher education and the faculty/staff are searching for new jobs.

Personnel Changes

Andrés Peralta: After serving as a pastor in the Greater New York Conference, Andrés has been appointed as the director of Adventist Youth Ministries for the Greater New York Conference.

Ministry Seekers

No Items This Month

If you are a youth professional seeking a position in youth ministry, send your information to cye@andrews.edu.

Ministry Openings

Southeastern California Conference: Seeking an Associate Youth Director to develop summer camp and conference-wide year-round spiritual and recreational programs. More info: Contact SECC Human Resources at "InputElement"

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Part of the CYE

411 news is a resource provided by the Center for Youth Evangelism
Bloomington/Bedford, Indiana: Pastoral position available in two-church district. Looking for someone willing to do church planting, camp ministry, discipleship and educational youth ministry. More info: Contact Van Hurst, Indiana Conference President.

Thunderbird Adventist Academy: Looking for someone to fill the position of Assistant Dean of Women for the boarding academy in Scottsdale, Arizona. Position needs to be filled immediately. More info: Contact Kristy Conklin.

Family Ministries in Central Florida: Position available in children, youth and family ministry in a large church setting. Seeking someone with a passion for these age groups. More info: Contact Vickie Boling at p7vboling@wildblue.net, or (863) 635-6769.

ACF @ UTK: Adventist Christian Fellowship on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville is looking for an Assistant Chaplain for the 2011-2012 school year (August - May). More info: Contact Michaela Lawrence Jeffery.

Adventist Resources


BAYDA-iServe iPhone App: Created by the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association, this app allows youth and youth leaders to minister, share, and testify. As well as read news stories and features on topics such as religious liberty education, mission and outreach. More Info: Visit the iTunes App Store.

Revelation Outline: Produced by Jon Paulien, Dean of the School of Religion and Division of Humanities at Loma Linda University, this website offers an outline for Revelation, as well as devotionals and insights. More Info: Visit TheBattleOfArmageddon.com.

Tech Talk: Sponsored by the NAD Communication Department, "Tech Talk" will help ministry leaders with ministry initiatives by informing them about hot items in the world of communication and ways they can use them. More Info: Visit AdventistCommunicator.org.

Non-Denominational Resources

TalkSheets: This book, available through Zondervan, offers creative ways to get your youth group talking.
about things that matter. Covering issues of life and faith, these one-page, reproducible handouts are easy to use and can facilitate meaningful discussions with youth. More Info: Visit Zondervan.com.

**Evernote:** A free mobile and desktop app that captures and organizes ideas, Web content, audio and more. More Info: Visit iTunes App Store.

**Bible Geocoding:** Find the location of every identifiable place mentioned in the Bible, along with an online topical Bible and photos. More Info: Visit OpenBible.info.

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**Book Review**

*The Seven Checkpoints: 7 Principles Every Teenager Needs to Know by Andy Stanley & Stuart Hall:* Omar Miranda’s* review of this book* can be found on CYE’s Book Reviews page.

*Omar Miranda holds a certificate in Christian Counseling from the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC) and is the founder of Abundant Life Ministries.

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**Adventist National & International Events**

**Jesus Loves Jeans Culmination:** October 8-15, Live from Nashville, Tennessee. As part of Net 2011, the JLJ youth discipleship initiative will present the culmination of its efforts with a "youth reaping" meeting. More info: Visit Host.PropheciesDecoded.com/Resources. *(Sponsored by the North American Division)*

**Leadership Training Convention:** October 14-16, 2011, in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. This event will offer training in several different areas of youth ministry, including Pathfinders and Federations. More info: Visit SNECyouth.org. *(Sponsored by the Southern New England Conference)*

**180 Symposium:** October 18-20, 2011, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Addressing the most pressing youth/young adult issues in Adventism, the 180 Symposium will be focusing this year on "Reaching the 2nd & 3rd Generation Youth & Young Adults." More info: Visit AdventistYouth.org/180. *(Sponsored by CYE & the Lake Union Conference)*

**High School Bible Retreat:** October 20-23, 2011, at Camp Kulaqua, in High Springs, Florida. The theme for this retreat will be "Made 4 This." More info: Contact Pedro Perez, Florida Conference Youth Director. *(Sponsored by the Florida Conference)*

**Lake Union Conference Pathfinder Training:** October 28-30, 2011, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. More info:
training on the campus of Andrews University in areas including basic staff training, master guide and PLA and PIA. More Info: Visit the Event Page. (Sponsored by the Lake Union Conference)

**Cruise With a Mission 2011:** December 11-18, 2011, from Tampa, Florida. A young adult annual cruise and mission trip in one! More info: Contact Fidi Mwero, or Visit AdventistYouth.org/cwm. (Sponsored by CYE & the Lake Union Conference)

**the One project:** February 13-14, 2012, in Seattle, Washington. Celebrating the supremacy of Jesus in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More info: Contact Japhet De Oliveira, or Visit the1project.org.


**Just Claim It 3:** March 7-10, 2012, in Greensboro, North Carolina. All youth and young adults, as well as youth and young adult leaders, are invited to attend this weekend of dynamic worship, community outreach and much more. More info: Visit JCI3.org. (Sponsored by the North American Division Youth Department)

**Pathfinder Bible Achievement:** March 31, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. A fun way to encourage Pathfinders to study the Bible, while they also learn team work and excellent study skills. More Info: Contact Terry Dodge, or Visit PathfinderBibleAchievement.org. (Sponsored by Lake Union Conference & Andrews University Theological Seminary)

**Pathfinder Bible Experience:** April 21, 2012, in Silver Spring, Maryland. NAD Pathfinder Ministries introduces a Pathfinder team challenge on immersion in the Word of God. More info: Contact Pam Scheib, or Visit the event page. (Sponsored by the North American Division)

### Non-Denominational Events

**Catalyst:** October 5-7, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia. A powerful gathering of young leaders and world changers who love Jesus, see things differently and feel a burden for this generation. More Info: Visit CatalystConference.com.


**5CEA - Emerging Adulthood:** October 27-28, 2011, in Providence, Rhode Island. This conference brings together a diverse international group of scholars to present research, engage and foster new development from the...
late teens through the twenties. More Info: View Event Flyer.

**Vibrant Dance of Faith and Science Conference:**

**Passion 2012:** January 2-5, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia. A movement of young believers for God's renown. Passion's mission is to continue to engage the "university moment" with the compelling message of Jesus and the story He is writing around the globe. More info: Visit 268Generation.com.

**Emerge N Engage:** December 2011, and January 2012, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. A Bible Conference designed to challenge students to go beyond the surface of casual Christianity and bring them into a lifetime commitment to Jesus Christ. More info: Visit StrengthToStand.com.

**ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Conference:** April 6-8, 2012, in New York City, New York. ACF/NAD join together, on the campus of Columbia University, to invite students from across the division to talk about campus ministry. More Info: Visit Columbia.edu.

**Planet Wisdom:** Through an in-depth look at God's specific attributes, Planet Wisdom events provide an experience for students to discover practical ways they can change the world by becoming more like Him. Event locations and dates vary. More info: Visit PlanetWisdom.com, or call (888) 346-4179.

**Acquire the Fire:** 27 hours set apart to give your teens a life-transforming experience with Christ. ATF tours occur periodically throughout the year at various locations. More info: Visit ATFTour.com.

**Dare2Share:** The 2012 "Game Day" Tour, taking place in various locations on various dates, provides training conferences to "inspire, equip and unleash" teens for the most important competition of all. More info: Visit dare2share.org/gameday.

**No Parent Left Behind:** A seminar series of three fast-paced and practical sessions led by Dr. Walt Mueller, founder and President of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. Host a seminar at your church or school. More info: Visit CPYU.org, or call (800) 807-2798.

### Spanish Resources & Events

*No Items This Month.*

### Pathfinder Camporees


Miscellaneous


In My Seat: American Airlines First Class Officer, Steve Scheibner, was supposed to be on American Flight 11 the morning of September 11, 2001. In this video, he tells his story of being "saved at a price that was paid." More Info: Watch the video.

Self-described Abstinent Teens Found with STDs: A study shows that 10% of teens who say they are abstinent tested positive for at least one STD. "Teens are given free rein to define abstinence...[they must] receive skills and motivation to truly remain abstinent." (Source: AFA Journal April 2011)

Rough Decade for American Congregations: Eric Marrapodi, a CNN Belief Blog Co-Editor shares that American congregations showing religious health and vitality are weaker than they were 10 years ago. More Info: Visit CNN.com.

Tweens: In May 2011, Delta Sky Magazine, published the following statistics:

- Tweens spend approximately $30 billion each year on clothes, music, toys and entertainment.
- There are currently 16 million tweens (ages 9-12) in the US.
- 50% of 12-year-olds use some type of social networking site.

(Source: deltaskymag.com May 2011)

Quote: "If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would only have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man." - Albert Einstein
The Seven Checkpoints

**Title:** The Seven Checkpoints: 7 Principles Every Teenager Needs to Know  
**Author:** Andy Stanley, Stuart Hall  
**Review:** Omar Miranda

**Summary**

Authors Andy Stanley and Stuart Hall have written this book based off of their experiences founding and operating Northpoint Community Church, in Atlanta, Georgia.

This book not a curriculum, but a youth ministry plan that turns the youth ministry model on its head. In short, the authors assert that when planning and creating youth ministry programs, typically both context and content are crucial for effective student ministry. The context—the environment—is what keeps them coming back. The content—what we communicate—is what equips students for life. In short, historically, creating the right context has absorbed a larger amount of time and content falls by the wayside. The authors have come up with a solution: context should drive content. This book is just that; it is an explanation and justification of why teaching these seven “irreducible minimum” principles of life to our teens are important. Then the book lays out both a sample two and four-year curriculum plans for how to incorporate this ministry model in whatever specific ministry arena God has planted you in.

Below I’ve listed the Seven Principles in the author’s order:

**Principle #1:** God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students trusting God with the critical areas of their lives?  
**Authentic Faith:** Putting Your Trust in God

**Principle #2:** When you see as God sees, you will do as God says.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students developing a consistent devotional and prayer life?  
**Spiritual Disciplines:** Seeing With God’s Eyes

**Principle #3:** Purity paves the way to intimacy.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students establishing and maintaining godly moral boundaries?  
**Moral Boundaries:** Paving The Way for Intimacy

**Principle #4:** Your friends will determine the direction and quality of your life.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students establishing healthy friendships and avoiding unhealthy ones?  
**Healthy Friendships:** Choosing Friends for Life

**Principle #5:** Walk Wisely  
**Critical Question:** Are your students making wise choices in every area of their lives?  
**Wise Choices:** Walking Wisely in a Fool’s World

**Principle #6:** Maximum freedom is found under God’s authority.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students submitting to the authorities God has placed over them?  
**Ultimate Authority:** Finding Freedom Under God

**Principle #7:** Consider others before yourself.  
**Critical Question:** Are your students putting the needs of others ahead of their own?  
**Others First:** Considering Others Before Yourself

**Critique**

This book, like other Andy Stanley books are clear, concise, and very well written. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and felt like it was in the top 5 important books on youth ministry I’ve read in the past several years; however, what it’s greatest strength is also it’s greatest weakness: it lists little to no actual quantifiable statistics on what principles are the most important to teach youth. Now it just so happens that more than twenty years of youth ministry experience has taught me that these seven principles are the basic minimums that need to be driven into the minds and lives of our youth. Folks with youth ministry experience will likely agree with me that these 7 principles are the most important, but my concern is two-fold:

1. That those coming fresh into youth ministry with no previous youth ministry experience or from formal education may embrace this book as the youth ministry bible and will only teach these 7 principles to their youth.
2. That those coming fresh into youth ministry from formal education may not embrace this book and will discount it solely because of the lack of statistical information and lack of other quantifiable research studies.

Application

This book was well-written, and I’m sure will be a blessing to both teachers and students alike. This book was specifically written for youth leaders, and includes in the appendices Sample Lesson Plans and Lesson Menus for both Middle (aka “Earliteen”) and High School (aka Youth and/or Senior Youth) Youth ministry. Also sold separately, is a student version of this same book entitled “The Seven Checkpoints Student Journal.”

This book would be great to be used as both formal education, but I see it’s strength as a wonderful resource for both youth leaders and parents. I envision using this book at the beginning of brainstorming/planning with youth leaders for the upcoming year and/or a training/vision casting session with parents in order to get everybody on board with what will be happening with your youth ministry.

Conclusion

This book was well worth my time because it not only let me know that I was on the right track with what I have been teaching my youth, and gave me some wonderful ideas about how to design my programming (context) but clearly put the youth ministry model in the right perspective: content drives context, not the other way around! But this book also gave to me some clear guidance as a parent the most important principles I need to be focusing on teaching my own children (ages 9 and 5) so that they will live a happy, successful and fruitful life in order that God may fully use them to magnify Himself and spread His Good News to as many people as they can.