**Inspirational Quotes**

"The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless."

- Billy Graham

I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand-shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (The Message)

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**Prayer - Petition - Praise**

**Praise:** Praise God that most Adventist summer camp numbers were up over 2014.

**Petition:** Pray for the new school year and the safety of students both physically and spiritually.

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**Ministry Openings**

**Oregon Conference:** Youth Director

**Minnesota Conference:** Youth Director
Ministry Movement

Lake Union: Gary Thurber former Michigan Conference Youth Director and current Lake Union Secretary has accepted the invitation to be Mid-America Union President.

Upper Columbia Conference: Jeff Wines has been the Minnesota Conference Youth Director for five and a half years, and has now accepted the Upper Columbia Conference invitation to be their Club & Family Life Director.

Ministry Seekers

Experienced editor, author, writer, counselor, lay-pastor, consultant seeking full-time ministry work that can be done from home. For more info contact Omar Miranda
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Adventist Resources

Pathfinder Bible Experience Study Guides: Ready Answers is a ministry developed by active members of the Lake Region Conference of SDA, providing free Exodus study guides up to chapter 22 in English, Spanish, and French. Learn more...

Christian Family Adventures: This new branch of One Mustard Seed ministries allows families to experience God's nature in an adventure trip to Costa Rica. Sponsored by One Mustard Seed ministries Learn more... For more info, RichAguilera@gmail.com

Non-Denominational Resources

Instant Church Directory: This is a no-hassle way to produce a photo-directory that only authorized members can quickly and easily access. Learn more...
Youth Leader Webinar: This webinar offered by Dare 2 Share took place on August 27, 2015, and has been archived for youth leaders to discover the missing accelerant in the disciple making process. Learn more...

Non-Denominational Events

Urbana Student Missions Conference: This 16,000 person triennial event will be December 27-31, 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri. It gives the opportunity to meet with leaders from more than 250 missions organizations and seminaries. Learn more...

KidMin Conference: This dynamic and interactive conference sponsored by Group will be September 25-27, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Learn more...

Dare 2 Share presents Live It Up, the 2016 teen evangelism training conference that will provide practical teen faith sharing tools. For dates visit www.dare2share.org

Don't Look Back: This conference presented by Strength to Stand will take place December 28-30, 2015 and January 16-18, 2016 at the Le Conte Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Learn more...

Adventist National / International Events

NAD- Just Claim It: World Changers event will be in Ontario, California, February 17-20, 2016. To register 800-328-0525 Learn more...

BAYDA ( Black Adventist Youth Directors Association ) United Youth Congress: iServe Movement - 4 GIVEN - April 13-17, 2016 Virginia Beach , Virginia Convention Center. www.unitedyputhcongress.org

Generation Youth Conference (GYC) 2015 "Called, Chosen,
Faithful™ will be in Louisville, Kentucky, on December 30, 2015-January 3, 2016. Learn more...

Pathfinder Camporees

August 12-17, 2019 Chosen International Camporee Tickets:
For more information www.camporee.org or call 269-471-8380 or www.cyc.org The first 2,500 tickets sold will receive a special souvenir lapel pin and backstage tour pass. Deadline for this offer is December 31, 2015.

FFICamporee Free MP3 Daniel Bible Story Music: All Daniel Bible Story songs are now available FREE at www.camporee.org


Southern Union Camporee: This camporee will be October 12-16, 2016 in Camp Kulaqua, Florida. Learn more...

Lake Union Camporee: This camporee will be September 15-18, 2016 at the Berrien County Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Learn more: Craig Harris charris@misda.org union camporee director or Ron Whitehead pastorron@andrews.edu, union youth director. More info: (517) 316-1570

Atlantic Union Camporee: This camporee will be May 18-22, 2016 in Burlingame, Rhode Island. More info: (978) 368-8333

Southwestern Union Camporee: This camporee will be October 13-16, 2016 at Lake Whitney Ranch, Clifton Texas. More info: Gene Clapp, Camporee Director (210) 380-0698

North Pacific Union Camporee: This camporee will be September 13-16, 2017.
**Mid-America Union Camporee:** This camporee will be July 26-29, 2017 in Custer, South Dakota. More info: Hubert Cisneros (402) 484-3009

**Pacific Union Camporee:** This camporee will be October 4-8, 2017.

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**Research and Surveys**

**Divorce Divides More Than Families:** In a study done by Lifeway Research, new data reveals that pastors are divided as to when divorce is sinful, and whether they would perform the wedding of someone who has been divorced. [Learn more...]

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**Miscellaneous**

**Checking Your Credit Report:** This article from USA Today explains the benefits of checking your credit score at least once a year. [Learn more...]

**New Ways to Finance VBS:** In this article for Christianity Today different churches share their experience with VBS, why some charge fees, and others don’t. [Learn more...]

**U.S. Social Security:** Learn how and when to apply for social security, and the steps to apply. [Learn more...]

**Best Road Trip App:** According to Smarter Travel, the best app to use while on the road to receive live updates on traffic, accidents, and more is Waze. [Learn more...]

**French Petition for Vegetarian Public School Meals:** In an article for the BBC, French MP Yves Jego has started a petition to introduce vegetarian meal options for students who’s religions prevent them from eating pork. [Learn more...]
Personal Finance: The company Thrivent Financial, a Christian financial company, provides tips on how to live within your means. Learn more...

Do You Need A Smile?

Lessons From Nature