The StoryTeller

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The Paradise Seventh-day Adventist church has developed a unique series of dramatic sessions that feature stories about Jesus. Through video, drama and creative dialogue, Pastor Ben Mason, David Vive and others share the gospel in compelling ways. ChurchApplied traveled to Paradise in February to capture the essence of what took place.

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We Found it On TV

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Can a small independent TV station really make a difference for Christ, especially in a big market like Phoenix, Arizona? The people featured in this short video certainly believe it can and does. Discover what GNTV is doing in Phoenix and beyond to reach people with God's love.

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SONscreen Recognition

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The SONscreen Film Festival is an annual gathering for Adventist filmmakers who have a passion for using film and video for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions for social awareness, outreach, and uplifting creative entertainment. This year (2011) we are delighted that one of our ChurchApplied videos, Porn Free, took the Best Professional Film award. We value the contribution that Jonathan Bultz is making with the production of this series.
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Currently, the Pacific Union Conference is putting special emphasis on evangelism, as are each of the other Union Conferences in North America. Our church has witnessed dramatic growth in various parts of the world, and we rejoice with each positive report. But here at home it has been marginal. The obvious question is why? Why have we not seen more growth in North America? Are we using out-dated methods to try and win people? Is our message focused on answering questions that no one is asking? Have we become so sophisticated and institutionalized that we’ve lost sight of our mission — to make disciples and prepare people for the coming of the Lord? These and other like questions have been debated at length.

Sometimes I wonder, could it be that one reason evangelistic growth in North America is low is because too many of us view evangelism as an activity (a 5-7 week series of meetings) instead of a holistic way of thinking and living. Oh, we understand intellectually that it is the latter, but it’s easy to buy into the idea that evangelism is primarily about adding members to the church books, or about bringing in people so we can have more tithe for future “programs.” At times I have unwittingly viewed evangelism as a survival strategy for our institutions rather than a life-saving endeavor. Certainly this is a far cry from what Jesus had in mind when he said, “Go and make disciples of all nations...” *(Matt. 28:18, NASB).*

In my heart I know that evangelism is more than public meetings, but I’m afraid my actions often demonstrate otherwise.

As an Adventist church, and as individual members, we have a unique role to play. We are called to live and proclaim God’s last day message of hope. I say “hope” because even though our message includes an element of impending judgment, at its very core it is a promise of hope — a message of impending “deliverance.”

Some of the questions I struggle with include:

1. How can I move beyond mediocrity in my efforts to share Christ?
2. How can I resist the temptation to share a church-centered message instead of one that is Christ-centered? I love my church and have worked for it all of my adult life, but our message is not about the church. It is about Jesus (the Creator of the church). As the old hymn says, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.” The church only has significance as long as it points people to Jesus and provides opportunities for service, spiritual nurture and growth. Without these it has no lasting significance.
3. How can I stay more focused on the idea that people simply need to hear about Jesus so they can find a better life?

I’m committed to finding answers to these and other like questions; to aligning my life more decidedly with God’s purposes. Either I believe with all my heart that Jesus died for me and for every person on earth — and wants to rescue us all from certain death and misery, or, my “God thoughts” are just that — musings about what it would be like if our screwed up world could be saved by an action-hero figure who doesn’t really exist.

I believe God does exist and that He is more than a fantasy — more than a figment of my imagination. I have heard His voice and felt His presence.

Just Do It

When Saul sent David out to fight Goliath, he demonstrated his belief that there was only one way to fight—which involved using traditional battle garb. It didn’t take long for David to realize that he couldn’t fight Goliath in Saul’s armor. To win, David had to use his own implements and God-given abilities.

You and I have implements and abilities that can be used to share God’s story. We may never hold a series of meetings, or fly to Africa. We may not follow a prescribed formula for “witnessing,” or use any traditional soul-winning methods. But that doesn’t mean God can’t, or won’t use us for His purposes. Finding new witnessing methods and tools is helpful, but they are not nearly as important as simply showing up and saying, “OK, God. I’m here. What do you want me to do?”

Evangelism today is about showing up and asking God to help us love as Jesus loved. Right now, if you feel a sense of gratitude for God’s goodness, then you can be sure He is calling you to share that goodness with someone else. It really is that simple. And by the way, being Adventist is great, if we understand that it is only a means to an end. The end is Jesus.

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Evangelism Endowment

Arnold Trujillo, vice president

Do you have a passion for creative evangelism?

If your church is planning to experiment with a creative evangelism effort and your church is in the Pacific Union Conference, you can apply for special funds to jumpstart your outreach project.

The Evangelism Endowment Fund has been established to assist with projects that:

- Are creative and innovative.
- Have a high probability of meeting the stated objectives.
- Appear likely to produce measurable results.
- Have a good investment to return ratio.
- Can be replicated by other people in other places.

Committee Meetings in 2011: the committee will meet in conjunction with the March and November quarterly union meetings.

Submission of New Project Requests:

- After obtaining the required project director and local conference officer signatures, new project requests should be sent to: President's Office, Pacific Union Conference, P O Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359; or scanned/emailed to carol@puconline.org; or faxed to (805) 495-2644 Attn: Carol.
- Deadlines: New project requests must reach the union president's office by the end of February and October, so committee members can review them prior to their meetings in March and November.

Details of the Evangelism Endowment Fund are available so you can print them for your church.

Forms:
Memo To Applicants
Guidelines
Project Request Form
Project Evaluation Form

To access the "Memo" you must have Acrobat Reader. To receive these documents by e-mail or regular mail, e-mail or call Carol Lowe: (805) 413-7264.

Carol Lowe, administrative assistant
Carol has worked in the Union office since 2000. In addition to helping in the Gift Planning and Trust Services Department, Carol assists in the Stewardship and Literature Ministry departments and is secretary to the Union President.
Bayside Church by Subsplash Consulting

Description
This is the official Bayside Church iPhone/iPod touch application. When you download this FREE app, you’re only a tap away from Pastor Ray Johnston’s weekend messages, delivered straight from the pulpit. There is also the Community tab that features news, announcements, and blogs for kids, college-age, men’s and women’s ministries.

Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.1 or later.

Customer Reviews
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by Garrett Boatman

Great info! Easy to use! Very cool. Way to go Bayside!!!

Great Resource
by Lindsey Rogers

This is so great! I love the email option. There have been so many times I have wished my friends and family could...
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Stay Connected, Worship and Celebrate Christ!
by Nemesis D. Prodigy

It's a simple way to stay connected, worship and celebrate Christ! In addition, all the ministries and events at Bayside are at your fingertips!

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Adventist apps keep rolling out
Many ministries display technology resources at Session’s exhibit hall
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Edwin Manuel Garcia/ANN

Hoping to spread the gospel to the younger generation, several church organizations with a strong presence at the General Conference Session have released software for wireless phones and computer tablets that enable quick access to a host of information.

The software, commonly known as apps, short for applications, made their debut for the start of Session last week in the nearly five-acre exhibit hall of the Georgia World Conference Center, where some 250 vendors and organizations are displaying products and services.

At least six organizations released apps for Apple iPhones, iPads, iPod Touch players, and in some cases, mobile software that runs on the Android system.

SpiritRenew, of the Pacific Union Conference, in the North American Division, provides a daily devotional app. The General Conference Sabbath School Department’s app gives access to study lessons for adults and children. Center for Youth Evangelism shares information about the next international Pathfinder Camporee. The Ellen G. White Estate makes available 17 books from the Spirit of Prophecy. Adventist World Radio has a guide for radio station locations.

"It’s important for young people to see their church fresh and current, up to speed like the rest of their world," said Ron Whitehead, executive director of CYE, the Center for Youth Evangelism.

"This generation wants it quick, and fast and new," he added.

CYE’s app includes many resources, including one called Church of Refuge, a directory of congregations that are known to provide worship and programs where youth can feel comfortable.

One segment of the app lists churches that go through an evaluation process to determine where they stand on nine issues, including whether they are committed to: providing a "meaningful" Sabbath experience, "accepting people just as Jesus did," and if their congregation’s leadership believes in "change that leads to improved young adult ministry."

Adventist World Radio’s app contains a broadcast schedule of stations around the world that offer its programming, which airs in 107 languages. The highlight of the app, developed by Andrew Daryl Gungadoo, is a world map, which users can tap to retrieve information about stations in that region.

"We are very excited to see people are grabbing this technology and using it to good use," Gungadoo said while demonstrating the app.

Marilyn Perez, staffing the booth for the Ellen G. White Estate, said the organization’s app provides full access to 17 books, which allows users to share the Spirit of Prophecy.

"A lot of people have come by and said, ‘thank you,’" Perez said, because, "a lot of people have it on their phones."

Most of the apps that debuted at the General Conference Session were developed by the website management firm SimpleUpdates.com.

Each of the apps is available for download, for free, from the online iTunes store.
Tired of Being Stressed?

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As with Yosemite, Sabbath requires determined protection. Given the demands in today's world that all of us be "available" 24/7, the tranquility and openness of Sabbath can be preserved only by deliberate effort. Just as a weekend in Yosemite erases any doubt about the wisdom of our efforts to try and protect its beauty, so our experience of Sabbath's tranquility affirms the value of our efforts to preserve it.

Consider this an invitation to savor this magic time, to celebrate the special sense of connection with God, and enjoyment of family, friends and creation that comes with experiencing Sabbath. Come and join us in worship, sample the blessings that God had in mind when he carved in stone the ancient words, "Rememer Sabbath, to keep it holy." You'll discover joy, wonder and love in this 24-hour park in time.

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