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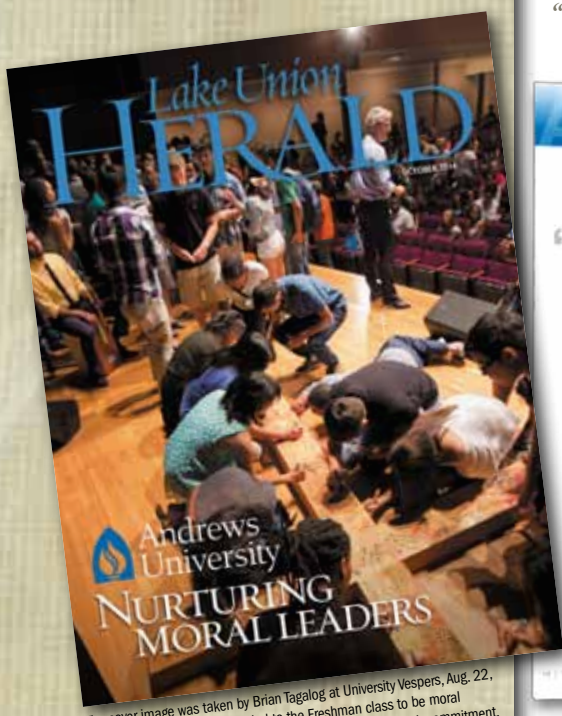
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The cover image was taken by Brian Tagalog at University Vespers, Aug. 22, when Dwight K. Nelson appealed to the Freshman class to be moral leaders on campus. Their signatures on the cross reflect their commitment.



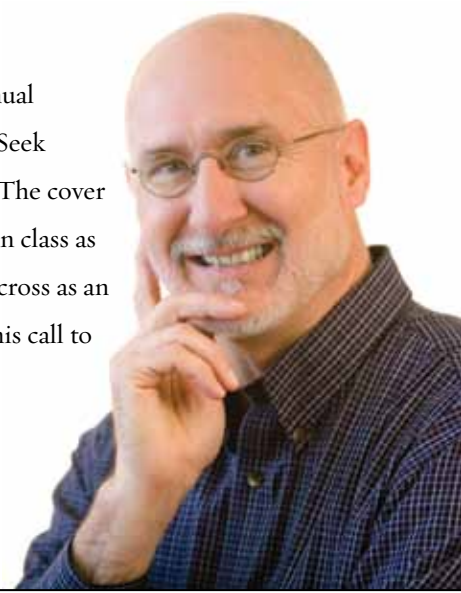
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The October edition of the *Herald* is our annual focus on Andrews University. Their slogan is: Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. The cover photo captures the energy of the new Freshman class as they come forward to sign their names on the cross as an expression of their commitment to Jesus and his call to radical moral leadership on campus. The cross now hangs in Pioneer Memorial Church.


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Jesus' Thoughts on College

Our guest editorial comes from my friend and colleague Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University. It features students, faculty and administration at Andrews University who embody its motto: Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. I appreciate this excellent institution of higher learning in our territory and the exceptional staff, faculty and administration who model a balance between theory and practice as they interact with students and, most importantly, daily share the love of Jesus. —Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union Conference

The most remarkable story in the Gospels is found in John chapter three. It tells about two men who met secretly at night for a discussion.

Nicodemus was a well-established rabbi (teacher) in the community, according to the Gospel. He wanted to check out this new phenomenon, Jesus, who enjoyed a public following, perhaps partly due to the remarkable miracle he already had performed in Cana (John 2).

Nicodemus politely opened the conversation with Jesus by addressing him as someone sent by God — but that is probably not what he wanted to discuss, and Jesus did not immediately respond to it. Instead, he told Nicodemus that to enter God's kingdom he must be born again, making the kingdom of God the real topic of conversation. Nicodemus wanted to understand if Jesus was the expected Messiah of that kingdom.

Jesus responded that the kingdom would only come when its prospective citizens were reborn. Nicodemus pretended to be surprised, and observed that a rebirth is both silly and impossible. With this, the conversation turned to the presence of God's life-giving Spirit that blows like the wind, but remains invisible. The Spirit holds the key to the kingdom.

Nicodemus was an honest seeker after truth but, even so, it was hard for him to be taught this way by a young man without letters — a bit like the reaction, in our time, of a good teacher who receives a very clever answer in class from a smart, popular student. The other students wonder, *How come he knows so much — even more than the teacher?*

I mention this story here in the special Andrews University issue to remind us how much the story of these two “rabbis” sounds like a class discussion between a highly-respected teacher and young, upstart student. As the conversation progressed, the two switched roles: Teacher to student, student to Teacher. While this may not happen at Andrews during a single evening class, over time it does happen, and I am proud to say that several of my former students have joined the faculty here and become “my teachers,” as it were.

Jesus chose this conversation between student and Teacher about the kingdom of God as the right setting for the most beloved, universally-remembered summary of the whole plan of salvation (John 3:16). And that really is the heart of the conversation.

At Andrews, we set out to repeat that intellectual journey from discussion to truth, from mind to spirit, from knowledge to action every day in all our classes. As we do so, we are reminded of our tagline: Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. It's true in both church and university that we cannot believe before we understand, and we cannot turn our knowledge into action unless we believe it. As has been said often, faith without knowledge is blind, and knowledge without faith is lame. That is what this story affirms.



Of Greatest Eternal Importance

BY JONATHAN WHEELER

They always told me that being a student missionary would change me. They always told me I would never look at life the same way after a year as a missionary. They always told me that mission life would change my perspective. I heard God's calling, so I went.

My name is Jonathan Wheeler, and I am a student missionary teaching middle school mathematics at Adventist School Bouchrieh in Beirut, Lebanon. It has been an exciting journey, and I'm not sure who has learned more in my classroom — my students or me. In either case, I know God has used this year to shape my personality and strengthen my character in ways that were not always comfortable, nor easy. The greatest lesson, and the one I wish to share in this article, is the importance of showing God's love, specifically through one-on-one relationships.

Personal relationships are challenging for me. Personality tests rank me as introverted and very task-oriented. For example, outside of teaching math, I assist in Bible classes, coordinate weekly chapels, teach music courses after school, sponsor a robotics club, help out with IT and coordinate an earliteen Sabbath school class. It is a foregone conclusion that the more time I spend on side projects, the more I tend to escape from the one-on-one personal relationships with my students.

There is a thrill in getting many things done every day, but checking things off a to-do list can turn into an



Jonathan Wheeler

addiction. For me, the addicting mechanism is a powerful one: seeing how many items you can check off by the end of the day, and witnessing the fruits of your labor almost immediately. Whereas, when it comes to teaching and mentoring, the results do not live on a checklist. They can take years to show up, and seldom does the teacher see the result of his work.

Jesus took person-to-person ministry very seriously. Luke 10 records a tale of two sisters. Martha, no doubt,

was a fantastic multi-tasker who had gifts for efficiency and productivity. She boasted huge lists of checked-off items every day. But when she sought recognition from Jesus, he pointed out that Mary's attitude of spending time building relationships held greater importance for the gospel's sake, a purpose only to be realized fully at Jesus' return.

In John 12 and Matthew 26, Mary offers to Jesus the most expensive perfume she can obtain. Judas, who was entrusted with handling all of the finances, was indignant. He argued that those funds could have been turned into an immediate tangible result on the tables of dozens of poor people. But, again in this example, Jesus recognizes and blesses the intentional one-on-one relationship that Mary



is honoring with her time and money. He reminds those present that the effects of her sacrifice would not be seen immediately but reverberate for centuries to come.

It took me until my year as a missionary to realize this weakness I have — allowing productivity and finishing dozens of tasks daily to distract me from the one-on-one relationships that hold the greatest eternal importance.

In March, the Friendship Team from Andrews University, led by Glenn Russell, conducted a week of prayer at the school in which I serve. A student by the name of Kevin, who previously had served in my position here in Beirut, was on the team, and we spent several hours together. We discussed the difficulties of teaching, and prayed for each other. At the end of the week, Kevin had seen my tendency to be super-productive with all my side projects, and point-blank reminded me that my mission here was to be a mentor to the students.

I knew he was right. I had become very distracted. That week, I wrote down a simple phrase in my prayer journal: That I make people a priority — March 25. I have kept returning to that page in my journal since then, and have been challenged to make it a continued prayer. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can override my natural tendency to indulge in short-term, feel-good projects and push me to instead water seeds that grow more slowly.

Most inspirational writers end by saying, “You should value people. So, go and do it. Good luck!” My story, however, continues.

When you make yourself vulnerable in order to build relationships with people, sooner or later you will get burned.

Teaching is hard work. No matter how hard you try or what methods you implement, somebody is always going to find fault with your approach, and let you know they’re not happy with what you’re doing. Whether it’s a parent, an administrator, another teacher, a social worker or, especially,

students, it is always discouraging. This discouragement is a huge reason why new teachers abandon their career in favor of non-personal jobs. We hate being corrected, and so we attempt to avoid situations of vulnerability, even though these offer the greatest potential to lead individuals to Christ.

But is that what Jesus did? Not at all. The effects of Jesus’ ministry were not all seen here on Earth. Jesus’ life was characterized by sacrifices to those who criticized his efforts the most. Jesus sacrificed the most for those for whom we would want to do the least (see Romans 5:7–8).

What a challenge! God catches me off-guard nearly every time when he reminds me of this at the end of a discouraging day of teaching: The students that cause me the greatest grief have the most need of seeing God. With a flock of 100, the Good Shepherd endangers his life for the one lost sheep. Those very times when my worst students press my buttons the most are the exact moments the Holy Spirit is begging me to show Christ’s patience.

We will never realize all the fruits of our labor on this Earth, especially the results of the relationships we build by the grace of the Holy Spirit. I know, for a fact, that I will not see the full impact of my work by the time I leave Lebanon and head back to the States. Only Heaven knows the effect our brief ministry on this Earth will have. The temptation to retreat to non-personal work is seeing the fruits of our effort in the here and now. But if I am to be honest with myself, I know God is ever calling me to serve his cause that is concerned with things bigger than this life. From my perspective, building one-on-one relationships for his kingdom is the greatest calling to which I can answer. May God be glorified as he strengthens each one of us for this work!

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Happily Ever After?

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

I yearn for newly-marrieds to put on their full armor of God and do their very best to create happy, successful marriages. For, after every wedding comes a marriage.

Erich Fromm wrote, “There is hardly any activity, any enterprise, which is started out with such tremendous hopes and expectations, and yet which fails so regularly, as love.”¹ He speaks to the reality that marriage is a more difficult transition than most couples anticipate. This is true even for couples who are well-prepared for marriage and feel very good about their relationship.

The newlywed stage, roughly the first two years of marriage, can be a difficult transition because partners must put some space between their families of origin, give up some previous independence, and begin to function as a couple. After a lifetime of focusing primarily on “me,” there is a need now to focus primarily on “we.”

Newlywed couples are idealistic. Premarital relationships often are filled with dreams and fantasies, especially the notion that the partner’s undesirable traits will change after marriage. Unfortunately, marriage neither changes people nor makes it easier for others to change them. Marriage often magnifies undesirable traits. A person who arrives late for a date or other activities before marriage typically will arrive late after marriage. A person who is sloppy before marriage likely will remain sloppy after marriage.

While lateness or sloppiness certainly aren’t deal-breakers, dealing with the emotions connected to these disappointments can put a real strain on a new marriage. Other difficult emotions can spring up in adjusting to family members’ expectations, living in new surroundings, changes in relationships and time spent with friends, and the fact that marriage does not necessarily cure boredom and loneliness.

“Besides these external influences on marriage, we each bring thoughts

and feelings deep inside us to the relationship. Love tends to magnify our imperfections as well as our partner’s, which makes it a prime place to experience annoyance and fear,” suggest the authors of *Building Relationships: Developing Skills for Life*.² They advise that it is important to acknowledge your feelings, knowing they are a normal part of love. “Accept your feelings and, through communication, they can increase closeness in your relationship. We often assume we should just know how to love. The truth is that love is a constant and conscious process of learning.”³

Our internal world influences how we relate to our partner. A positive attitude is essential to create and maintain a sound marital relationship. In everyday ways, we need to be very careful not to do things that are hurtful or threatening to our partner. We need to learn how and when to disagree without harming the foundation of the relationship. It’s not so much about how compatible we are, but how we deal with incompatibility.

So, march on, newlyweds! Go on in grace, knowing God always keeps his promises! Let it be said, “How tenderly you care for each other’s hearts, how sweetly you show God’s love through your marriage.”⁴

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Avocados promote a healthy blood lipid profile.

Rich and Creamy Avocados

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

The phytochemicals protect against cancer.

Avocado is a favorite fruit of many. The flesh has a rich, distinct flavor and smooth, creamy texture. Although it has a markedly higher fat content than most other fruit (80 percent of its calories come from fat), the fat is mostly healthy, monounsaturated fat, similar to that of olives. While dozens of cultivars are grown worldwide, the Hass variety of avocado is the most common variety used. The pear-shaped fruit can grow up to 8 inches long and may weigh up to two pounds.

The avocado can be used in either savory or sweet dishes. It is very popular in green salads and sandwiches, adding a unique flavor. Avocado is commonly used in a dip, such as guacamole, or as a spread on tortillas or toast. In Brazil and some Asian countries, avocados frequently are used in ice cream and, occasionally, added to other desserts. In Mexico and Central America, avocados are served in soups or salads, or mixed with rice. The avocado can be eaten mixed with other fruits in a fruit salad. Avocado oil also is available as a cooking oil.

The avocado tree is native to Mexico. The name avocado is derived from the Aztec word, *ahuacatl*. The avocado tree does not tolerate freezing temperatures, and thrives in tropical, subtropical climates without frost. About 95 percent of the avocado production in the United States occurs in southern California, mostly in San Diego County.

Green is not that common a color among fruits. Avocados, honeydew and kiwi fruit belong to a small group of green fruits. Avocados contain substantial levels of the carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin that concentrate in the macula of the eye. They also contain a variety of other carotenoids, such as beta-carotene and beta-cryptoxanthin. Absorption of the fat-soluble carotenoid antioxidants from leafy vegetables increases more than two-fold when avocado is added to a salad.

Avocados are a rich source of potassium, folic acid, vitamins B6 and K, boron and copper. They also are a good



dietary source of vitamins C and E, and phytosterols. Avocados have a high fiber content, and are low in saturated fat and sugars. They also contain up to one percent omega-3. The nutrient profile is similar to that of nuts, such as almonds.

A number of clinical studies have shown that avocado consumption promotes healthy blood lipid profiles and supports cardiovascular health. Patients with elevated cholesterol levels who consumed a diet rich in avocados for a week showed a 17 percent decrease in total serum cholesterol levels and a 22 percent decrease in both LDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and an 11 percent increase in HDL cholesterol levels, compared with a low-saturated fat diet. Vegetarian diets with avocados promoted a healthier lipid profile than a low-fat, vegetarian diet without avocado.

Data from the NHANES (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey) suggests that avocado consumers have higher HDL-cholesterol levels, and lower risk of metabolic syndrome, body mass index and waist circumference than non-consumers. Phytochemicals from avocado protect against cancer by selectively inducing cell cycle arrest, inhibiting tumor growth, and inducing apoptosis in precancerous and cancer cells.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever he goes

The Unsearchable

BY THE EDITORS

In his book, Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself, actor Alan Alda, seeks to answer life's biggest questions. After nearly dying on a mountaintop in Chile, Alan comes to the conclusion that his savior, science, is the supreme answer, and he has become one of its leading celebrity advocates. But students of Scripture in relationship with their Creator put science in its proper place. —The Editors

The word of God is given as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Those who cast his word behind them, and seek by their own blind philosophy to penetrate the mysteries of Jehovah, will stumble in darkness. A guide has been given to mortals whereby they may trace his works as far as will be for their good. Inspiration, in giving us the history of the flood, has explained wonderful mysteries that geology alone could never fathom.

It has been the special work of Satan to lead fallen man to rebel against God's government, and he has succeeded too well in his efforts. He has tried to obscure the law of God, which in itself is very plain. He has manifested a special hatred against the fourth precept of the decalogue, because it defines the living God, the maker of the heavens and the earth. Yielding to his devices, men have turned from the plainest precepts of Jehovah to receive infidel fables.

Man will be left without excuse. God has given sufficient evidence upon which to base faith, if he wishes to believe. In the last days, the earth will be almost destitute of true faith. Upon the merest pretense, the word of God will be considered unreliable, while human reasoning will be received, though it be in opposition to plain Scripture facts. Men will endeavor to explain from natural causes the work of creation. But just how God wrought in the work of creation he has never revealed to men. Human science cannot search out the secrets of the God of Heaven.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever [Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV, emphasis added]. Men professing to be ministers of God, raise their voices against the investigation of prophecy, and tell the people that the prophecies, especially of Daniel and John, are obscure, and that we cannot understand them. Yet some of these very men eagerly receive the suppositions of geologists, which dispute the Mosaic

record. But if God's revealed will is so difficult to be understood, certainly men should not rest their faith upon mere suppositions in regard to that which he has not revealed. God's ways are not as our ways, neither are his thoughts as our thoughts. In his providence men, beasts, and trees, many times larger than those now upon the earth, were buried at the time of the flood, and thus preserved to prove to man that the inhabitants of the old world perished by a flood. God designed that the discovery of these things in the earth should establish faith in inspired history. But men, with their vain reasoning, make a wrong use of these things which God designed should lead them to exalt him. They fall into the same error as did the people before the flood — those things which God gave them as a benefit, they turned into a curse, by making a wrong use of them (*Signs of the Times*, March 20, 1879).

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in a prayerful response to these thoughts:

- If you were Eve or Adam, and the Creator told you that everything you see around you he created in less than 144 hours, would you doubt his word based on the actual scientific evidence you were able to observe — evidence based on the pure physical and scientific laws that he had taught you?
- Why, or why not?

The *Lake Union Herald* editors

Everyone's at Prayer Meeting

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

The first thing the disciples did after Jesus ascended to Heaven was to pray together in an upstairs room. Why were they so eager to get to a prayer meeting? The answer is, first of all, out of obedience. Seven times in the week preceding his death, Jesus urged them to ask in prayer, and with good reason. Their ability to do what he was doing would depend on their asking (John 14:12–14). Their fruitfulness in ministry would be linked to their asking (John 15:16). Even their joy was related to asking (John 16:24). So now, responding to Jesus' promptings, they had come together to ask.

A second reason was that they needed the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, they were helpless. Jesus, knowing they couldn't get along without the Spirit, commanded them, *Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised* (Acts 1:4 NIV).

Waiting clearly meant waiting for and praying for the Spirit who would take the place of Jesus (John 14:16), who would teach them all things (John 14:26), and who would clothe them with power from on high (Luke 24:49). This was the gift the Father had promised (Acts 1:4–5). So, they waited and prayed for the coming of the One who would make all the difference.

Remarkably, everyone got to that first prayer meeting. Luke reports that they all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers (Acts 1:14 NIV). This was the praying church at its best. Luke described this prayer meeting in two ways. They were devoted to prayer — focused, energized, passionate prayer, and they prayed “with one mind.” They were together physically but, more importantly, they were together spiritually. They were spiritually one.

Ten days later, on the day of Pentecost, they were once again all together in one place praying when, with the sound of a violent wind and the appearance of flames of fire, their prayers were answered, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4 NIV).

Corporate prayer was a high priority for the first Christians. They prayed with each other. They prayed with devotion. They prayed with one heart and mind. Devotion to corporate prayer continued to be a priority for the Early Church. Of the 43 references to prayer in the book of Acts, 26 relate to corporate prayer. The church planted by Jesus' disciples valued corporate prayer. Jesus had prepared them for this. It was his vision. It's still his vision today. Anything less is less than Jesus intended.

Something to Think About

What does the corporate prayer model of the first Christians mean for us today? Should corporate prayer be a priority?

Something to Pray About

Intercede for your church and ask God to bring it to the place where “all join together constantly in prayer.”

Something to Act On

If your church doesn't provide an opportunity for you to pray with others, ask God to send you one other person as a prayer partner. Build a prayer group beginning with the two of you.

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Displaying the Works of God

BY DANIEL GONZÁLEZ

“I hope I’m wrong,” I told Perla Suarez as I watched her clean the wound on Douglas’ shoulder, “but I’m pretty sure he has the super-bug MRSA.” For a couple of weeks before we arrived in Honduras, Perla, a student missionary and nursing major from Union College, had tried to keep clean a wound that had started as a pimple and was now the size of a quarter, swollen with fluid and surrounded by dying tissue. The young patient also had cellulitis, a skin infection caused by bacteria, from his shoulder down to his elbow, including part of his chest and back.

My medical laboratory science clinical year at Andrews University and my clinical experience told me this was a by-the-book staph infection, but I wasn’t sure how to gather the evidence I needed to prove my case. Though I knew what tests to run, I had no way to access any tools for diagnostic testing.

That night, I talked to the pastor about my suspicions. I was worried that if I could not get anyone to listen to me, this young man would die.

“God placed you here for a reason,” the pastor told me. “You are the expert now.”

With renewed confidence, the next morning I called one of my former professors at Andrews. She confirmed my suspicions of staph and, with her certainty and mine, the others at the orphanage decided to take him to a private clinic.

I explained my theory to the doctor there. He agreed with the diagnosis and, without delay, gave us a prescription for strong antibiotics not available at the hospital. He told us to take the patient with us and administer the antibiotics intravenously as soon as possible.

The nursing majors present, two from Union and another from Andrews University, made a list of what we



A young man with a life-threatening infection received a second chance at life, thanks to student missionaries from Andrews University and Union College.

needed to clean the wound, administer antibiotics, and keep the bacteria from spreading. Then we all pooled our cash and prayed it would cover the cost of what we needed from the pharmacy.

We were able to get everything we needed for about \$150, and found a clinical laboratory that took samples and sent them for testing for another \$50. In the U.S., treatment for this infection

would have required hospitalization, and cost the patient thousands of dollars.

A couple of days after we began treatment, the lab called to confirm it was MRSA, a life-threatening infection that has become resistant to most common antibiotics in the U.S. and is an increasing problem in Latin America.

That day, I asked God why he would permit such a thing to happen to an innocent young teenager. Suddenly, Jesus’ words echoed in my head: *But this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him* (John 9:3 NIV). At that moment, I felt so happy God had used us to share his hope for humanity, even in the remotest regions of Honduras.

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Lo que aprendí en Oshkosh

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Enseñese al niño y al joven que todo error, toda falta, toda dificultad vencida, llega a ser un peldaño hacia las cosas mejores y más elevadas. Por medio de tales vicisitudes han logrado éxito todos los que han hecho de la vida algo digno de ser vivido —La educación, p.266.

En el mes de agosto se realizó el Camporee Internacional de Conquistadores en Oshkosh, estado de Wisconsin. Unas 47,000 personas de más de 80 países asistieron al evento cuyo lema era *Forever Faithful*, que en español se traduce a “Fieles para siempre”. Cada día los jóvenes participaban en una gran variedad de actividades y en las noches asistían a un programa en el que se dramatizaba la historia del profeta Daniel. Gracias a Dios, al concluir el evento se llegaron a bautizar más de 600 personas y miles más se comprometieron a consagrar nuevamente sus vidas a Dios.

Al meditar en todo lo ocurrido en el camporee, comprendo que el Señor me enseñó varias lecciones inolvidables:

Los jóvenes necesitan el apoyo y la dirección de las personas adultas. Me impactó mucho ver la cantidad de líderes adultos que acompañaban a los jóvenes y cómo muchos de aquellos les daban atención y orientaban a sus jóvenes allí y los animaban a tomar tiempo para orar. En la noche que se hizo un llamado se me pidió que estuviera al frente para atender a los que respondían. Entre los que respondieron se me acercó una mujer sonriente que cargaba sobre la espalda a una niña que deseaba tomar el paso del bautismo. Una lección que aprendí es que necesito poner prioridad en dar mi tiempo a nuestros niños y jóvenes, y hacerlo con cariño y amor.

Los jóvenes necesitan nuestras oraciones. Tuve la oportunidad de conversar con un buen número de jóvenes y noté que muchos de ellos están pasando por etapas de crisis, especialmente en el contexto de sus familias. Una niña en particular me expresó que ella estaba preocupada por la



Un club de conquistadores orando en el Camporee Internacional en Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

salud de su madre, y también por el hogar de sus primos que estaba en peligro de deshacerse y temía que ellos se fueran a quedar sin padre. Al escuchar a los jóvenes recordé las cargas y problemas que yo tenía cuando era joven y cómo hubiera deseado tener a alguna persona adulta con quien orar.

El valor de trabajar unidos.

En mi opinión el camporee logró su objetivo de guiar a los jóvenes

a una mayor consagración porque los que trabajaron y dirigieron el evento lo hicieron unidos en propósito. No vi en el camporee un espíritu de independencia como ocurre a veces en algunas situaciones; más bien cada uno puso en prioridad hacer con excelencia su tarea asignada, para que resultara de mayor bendición a los jóvenes.

Al concluir el camporee se animó a los jóvenes a que se mantuvieran fieles a Dios y a su iglesia. Mi oración es que les ayudemos a mantenerse *Fieles Para Siempre* por medio de una obra unida que les dedique tiempo y que unidos oremos por sus necesidades.

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The Path God Wanted

BY JENNIFER BURRILL

In January 2012, I officially began my adoption journey. I had spent many years praying and planning for this life event, and knew it was the path God wanted for my future. I signed up with an international adoption agency to adopt from the country of Kyrgyzstan. For six months, I worked on the various documents needed, getting things notarized and apostilled*, and completed the lengthy home-study process. Shortly after my paperwork arrived in the country, Kyrgyzstan closed adoptions due to government corruption. I switched to Russia and went through the lengthy paperwork process once again. Within days, Russia put a ban on all American adoptions.

After these two major setbacks and almost a full year, I was back to the beginning, having made no progress toward an adoption. After some research, I decided to sign up with an American newborn adoption program. I spent several weeks communicating with my international adoption agency, asking for a return of all refundable expenses. Finally, I received a response — an email stating that they were filing bankruptcy, taking my investment of \$26,000 with them. I had paid for an international adoption in full, and, since I was counting on those funds to move forward, was devastated to learn it was gone.

When I was tempted to doubt that this was God's plan for me, I was reminded that he is in control. I was amazed as each adoption bill became due to find that God provided what was needed just in time.

Over the course of the next year, I was matched three separate times with birth moms. In each case, the birth mom changed her mind. With each new disappointment, my hope and courage wavered.

After lots of time and money lost, I still seemed to be back at the beginning. I spent many hours walking and talking with God, asking him to help me trust. I knew God wanted me to surrender the whole process to him, yet my

desire for control kept getting in the way. One night, as I walked around the Andrews campus, I told God I had lost hope and didn't want to continue this journey for nothing, but if he asked it of me, I would do it.

About 45 seconds after my reluctant surrender, my phone rang. On the other end of the line was a friend. She asked me for an adoption update, and I told her of my discouragement. She told me, "I don't have words to say because I can't imagine your heartache. But I think you need to hear 'not to give up hope; God has a plan.'" As we talked, I learned that her call was not an accident; it was a miracle. Her husband had dialed a number completely different from mine, yet God allowed them to be connected with me, just when I needed to hear his message of hope.

In April 2014, I received a call from my attorney. I had been chosen once again — this time, by a birth mom for a baby boy due in May. After so many setbacks and broken promises, how could I trust another birth mom? I tried to remember God's message of hope, but was afraid of yet another disappointment.

I talked with the birth mom about once a week, and enjoyed getting to know more about her. She assured me that she was going to move forward with her plan for adoption.

Still, I didn't trust it. Once a mother meets her little baby, things can change — it's her right, and she should change her mind if she's not sure she wants to follow through.

She finally was able to make an appointment for an induced labor, and wanted me in the delivery room. I treasured this time with her. I knew my son one day would appreciate anything I could tell him about this kind, courageous woman who gave him life.

At 11:33 a.m., my son, Timothy Simon, was born.

The attorney was scheduled to come the day after Timothy was born. Once the birth mom and I signed the paperwork, the consents would be irrevocable. I asked the birth mom if she wanted to have Timothy brought to her room before she signed. She said that was fine if I wanted it, again putting my needs before her own. When I handed Timothy to her, she stared into his face with such love mixed with pain. I asked if she wanted me to leave. She said, "No"; she wanted me to stay.

I sat in a chair next to the birth mom's bed as she held Timothy and sobbed. My heart broke for her. It was obviously so hard, yet she was so brave. At this point, a huge part of me wanted this woman, whom I had grown to love, to change her mind in order to relieve her heartache. I sat next to her and cried tears of my own, and I prayed, "Your will be done..." I asked God to bless the birth mom with peace if she was to move forward.

When the attorney arrived, I went to a room and waited. About 15 minutes later, the attorney came to me and said, "She signed. It's your turn." It took me just a couple minutes, and Timothy was legally mine. But my heart ached for the birth mom; I had to say goodbye. I immediately ran down the hall and found her as she was leaving to drive herself home. I walked her to her car, helped her put her belongings in the back, and gave her a long hug. We both cried.

She has a place in my heart forever.

My adoption journey has helped me understand the gospel in a tangible way. Ephesians 1:4–5 says: *Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us... His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!* (TLB)

God's love for us is so great that he will never stop pursuing his adoption plan — giving up his own Son in order to make us part of his family forever. He showed me that to be an adopted child is to be a wanted child. It is an honor to be God's adopted daughter.

My journey has been difficult, but I'm thankful that it was. Not only can my journey show Timothy that the Creator of the universe cares about him so much that his heavenly Father would direct my two-plus-year journey (literally around the world) right to him, but I also have a wonderful story to share with Timothy about the unselfishness of his birth mom. He is wanted and loved.

Today, as I look into Timothy's sweet little face, I am in awe — of God's personal interest in the three of us (me, Timothy and his birth mom), of God's mercy to give me such a beautiful, yet bittersweet, experience, and of the responsibility I have to raise this little boy for God's kingdom.

I am blessed.

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*An apostille is a form of authentication issued by the U.S. Department of State to documents for use in countries that participate in the Hague Convention of 1961.



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Education Is Gladness

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

“I was born into an Adventist family,” begins Samuel*. “My father was baptized in the 1960s and worked as a school teacher in the capital city until the government took the school. Although he changed his job, my father’s faithful service to the Church continued until his death in 1986. His example grew in my heart and raised my eagerness to work in the Adventist Church.”

In 1997, Eritrean citizen Samuel was among a group of four Adventist students accepted into Ethiopia Adventist College. Following his studies there, Church administration decided to send Samuel to receive further education in Uganda.

“We are severely lacking Adventist ministers in Eritrea,” explains Hudson Kibuuka, then education director for the Eastern Africa Division. “Samuel was one of our most promising young people, and he wanted to be a pastor. So, we decided to assist him with his education.”

The population of Eritrea is approximately 6.2 million. Less than 530 are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church there. Within the Church in Eritrea, there are no young pastors, and the current president of the conference is in his early 80s. All other ministers are over 60. Samuel’s interest in serving his community as a pastor was exciting to many.

“The current president is beginning to pass the baton to a younger generation,” says Hudson, now associate education director at the General Conference. “Right now, Samuel is the younger generation.”

Samuel made his way to the Uganda border, intending to continue his studies at Bugema University. Immigration officials decided his papers were not in order. With mounting tension between Eritrea and Ethiopia, Samuel



was deported to Ethiopia where he was jailed immediately. Miraculously, he was released to return home to Eritrea within a week.

“Although I was accepted to Adventist universities in other African countries, I was unable to attend due to the government preventing youth from leaving the country,” explains Samuel.

Still interested in helping Samuel gain an education that would prepare him for ministry, the Eritrean Mission Field president negotiated with the Eastern Africa Division officers for Samuel to study through Griggs University, part of the Andrews University School of Distance Education.

Being enrolled, however, did not promise smooth sailing for Samuel. There was still the matter of getting

study materials to him, which meant sneaking items into the country by hand, since Adventist literature discovered in postal mail is often confiscated. Since the Eritrean government banned the Adventist Church in 2001, nothing religious is allowed in unless it is Orthodox, Muslim or Catholic.

Sometimes, books and study materials mailed to Samuel were never received. Hudson assisted in getting replacement materials and carried them with him to the Eastern Africa Division in Nairobi, Kenya, where he transferred them to someone who took them into Eritrea to

deliver them directly to Samuel. Then there was the issue of technology.

“The village where I live and teach is very remote,” he explains. “There is no electricity, let alone Internet connection, and it is an hour walk to the main road that leads to the capital city where they have Internet.”

Even in Asmara, the capital city, electricity and Internet connection is not a guarantee. Both frequently go out unexpectedly, sometimes making the trip into the city a fruitless effort.

“Getting to the city is hard, and the Internet is difficult and expensive to access,” explains Hudson.

Despite attempts to enroll Samuel in Griggs in 2002, governmental and resource setbacks prevented him from becoming an official student again until 2004.

“He is someone of great persistence and faith to carry on through these significant challenges,” says Glynis Bradfield, director of student services for the School of Distance Education. “Working on assignments only to have the power go out and lose all of his work, then waiting for days before it came back on so he could retype was difficult; fulfilling requirements for this program of study was no small feat.”

Class by class, Samuel progressed through the program. Communication with the outside world at a minimum, Samuel worked hard to meet deadlines, ask questions, and participate in course-required activities. This, in itself, was a major challenge, since he was required to take four classes in Greek and had no one to talk with.

“We had to develop a unique senior project just for him,” says Glynis. “Though he was concerned about how it would



all come together, especially since he could not minister openly like others in the same program would do, he really did well.”

In 2013, 16 years after beginning ministry studies and 12 years of classes, Samuel completed all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in theological studies from Griggs University. His diploma is being hand-delivered to ensure it arrives in its rightful place in Samuel’s hands.

“Education is gladness,” he says with a smile. “It means finding your place within the progress of your era and successfully serving for the good of not just yourself, but everyone around you. Mark 10:45 says that *even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister*. I want to act in that same way, by his grace.”

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Note: Samuel’s last name is withheld intentionally for his and his family’s security.

Why Pursue Education?

“It is important to continue learning every day of our lives, and getting a degree is just a concrete measurement of that learning.” —Mary, California

“Because I am unable to fit on-campus college classes into my current schedule, the distance education program allows me to study the courses needed to complete my degree at my own pace within my own time

frame. I may be doing it slowly but, because of distance education, I am getting closer and closer to my goal.” —Sandra, Idaho

“The fact that I am studying at Andrews now is totally a result of God’s saving grace opening doors. I value this education because I feel it is a result of God calling me to ministry and me following that calling.” —Isaac, Kenya

On God's Wings

NEW MEANING IN LIFE THROUGH FAITH

BY MARANATHA ODONG

The journey that led me to Andrew University was a miraculous one, and I am still amazed. I did not intend to study at Andrews, nor was any university in my thoughts. Although I had a seemingly normal life for a grade 12 student, I was depressed. Only God knew about it. I was struggling to live, play and learn, but I was sealed in a bottle, dying slowly from the inside. Each day of school was a nightmare; I started and ended every day with a different kind of bullying, and was sometimes covered in my own blood for defending my faith and my unique name. Yet, with determination and faith, I faced another day.

My mother was unaware of most of these things because I could not stand to load her with my burdens when she already had hers — which were even heavier than mine to carry. I thought of myself as a “cursed child” and always wondered how God could have created me in his image when every day was the same struggle.

In grade nine, I prayed a prayer that I did not know was answered until the end of 2012. I woke up one morning with the thought, *I am going to Andrews University*. I had never seen my mother so happy. Still, I was afraid Andrews would not accept me due to my GPA, which was quite low due to my depression and resulting lack of concentration on academics.

In addition to my low GPA, I had no idea how I would pay tuition, my visa was delayed, and I still needed to apply for student loans. In faith, I booked my flight and left the rest to God.

The moment the plane landed, the heavy burden on my shoulders lifted and I was free. During orientation week, the friendly people I met quickly deflated the defensive bubble I had kept around myself all my life. I enjoyed going to class each day just to hear devotions and a prayer. This had never happened in any school I enrolled in previously. I attended every chapel, week of prayer and, especially, Friday night vespers. I looked forward to every service.



Maranatha Odong

One night at Fusion, a combination Christian concert and vespers program that filled the Howard Center once a month on Friday nights, the topic was forgiveness. At that time, I was struggling to forgive someone, but that evening I knew God was calling me to do just that. So I did.

As my life started to change, my spiritual life grew, and I no longer felt I was in the bottomless pit of depression. Eventually, I became a social butterfly and mingled with everyone instead of isolating myself. The small chapel in Lamson Hall became my sanctuary, where I still spend time with God on a regular basis. I know I will continue to struggle with situations life gives me, but God will always be there for me.

On the last day of spring semester, I realized I was closer to God than ever before, and had gained a depth of understanding about life — especially my spiritual life, and how important it is to maintain it. Everything that Andrews does to help students with their spiritual life I was able to use to affirm my faith. My experience with God at Andrews has transformed me completely.

All the struggles and pain I have endured in my life were part of God's plan to mold me into an independent young woman, and give me the understanding that God can turn an ugly scar into something beautiful, with purpose. The pain, guilt, shame and fear that covered my eyes so I could not see

God's work in me was removed, and now I know that God has been with me ever since I was born. Because of him, I soar like an eagle. He allowed me to come to a university I never dreamed I could attend, and gave me a new meaning in life through faith in God.

I'm not sure what he holds for my future, but I am looking forward to it because if he did it before, he will do it again.

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The Cookie Man

BAKED GOODS AND PRAYER

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

It's Thursday night, and in Meier Hall a freshman is studying for his first Foundations of Biology exam when he hears a knock at the door. Opening it, he sees not a friend or a dean, but a smiling man wearing glasses and a bowtie. "It's Dr. Shepherd," the man says, holding out a plastic container. "Try one of my wife's world-famous chocolate chip cookies."

To Seminary faculty and students, Tom Shepherd is director of the Ph.D. in religion and Th.D. programs and professor of New Testament interpretation. To the young men who live in Meier and Burman halls, however, he is simply "The Cookie Man." Every Thursday during fall and spring semesters, Tom's wife, Sherry, bakes four dozen chocolate chip cookies, and he takes them to campus, working his way through the dorms, floor by floor, throughout the semester.

"I ask how things are going, what they did for the summer, what classes they are taking, about some project they're working on — just take an interest in them," he says. "And I always end the same way: 'So, who should we pray for tonight?'"

Tom's cookie ministry began 17 years ago when he was teaching undergraduate religion at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. "I was concerned for the young men," he



Seminary professor Tom Shepherd makes time regularly to visit students in the residence halls with fresh-baked cookies and a friendly smile.

explains. "They seemed like ships without rudders. One day, I was talking with a theology major about this, and he confronted me, 'You don't know what our life is like,' he said. 'You've never even been to the dorm.' He was right, I hadn't."

Tom says he didn't have any great master plan, but thought he could go to the dorm and pray with the young men. Sherry hap-

pily said she would make cookies for Tom to take along.

"In all the years since, I can probably count on one or two hands the number of times someone has said, 'No, don't pray for me.'"

When Tom came to the Seminary at Andrews in 2008, he decided to continue his cookies-and-prayer tradition. It was a simple thing to do, he says, and it's an unexpected way to show students that the faculty and staff of Andrews care about them.

“I’ll ask them to show me their photos or portfolio if they are a photographer, or that little house they have to build if they are architecture majors. If they are musicians, we talk about that because I’m a cellist. I’ve given little Greek lessons, given tips on how to study for exams. I have had students ask theological questions, and have given impromptu Bible studies on some topic.”

Tom often finds that the ministry actually refreshes and blesses him as much as the men he is serving, if not more.

“We have some very fine young men that come to our schools,” he says. “I am encouraged for the future of this Church as I see these young people preparing for a life of service.”

Sherry’s cookies have become legendary in Andrews dorms, and the ministry has inspired others to start doing something similar in other places. Tom’s daughter, Amy, a professor of biology, has begun making cookies for the young women at Southwestern Adventist University. A former student began passing out treats in the dorm at an academy. The idea is a simple one, Tom admits, but it’s something he’d love to see grow — even if only because the students in the women’s dorms at Andrews want cookies, too.

“It is my intention,” Tom says, “to continue this ministry as long as I teach at Andrews. Who knows, maybe even past that when I retire. It is part of who I am, and it is refreshing. Some people laud this as some great thing. I don’t know if it is some great thing, but I feel like I am the one most blessed.”

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Darren Heslop

After munching on cookies and chatting about what’s on their plates, students are blessed by a bit of prayer with Seminary professor Tom Shepherd.



Sherry Shepherd’s Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter (two sticks)
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs (not medium, not extra large)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon (heaping)
- 1 12-oz. bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup oats (scant)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°.
- Cream butter and sugars together, then add eggs and vanilla. Beat well.
- In separate bowl, mix together flour, salt, soda and cinnamon, stirring well.
- Gradually, add dry ingredients to sugar mixture, then stir in chocolate chips, walnuts and oats.
- Scoop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets.
- Bake 10–12 minutes.

God's Abundant Pantry

A MODERN-DAY LOAVES AND FISHES STORY

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

It's a small, plain structure, tucked behind Beechwood Apartments on the southeast corner of the Andrews University campus. If you didn't know any better, you'd think it was a garage, save for the line of people stretching out to the street. Most are young, and many hold a child's hand or bounce a toddler on their hip. While some stand quietly, most chat with friends, laugh and share news from the week in several languages. They're from Belize and Berrien Springs, Saint Joseph and Serbia, but they're all united by the same task — they're here to receive food from God's Abundant Pantry, a food bank sponsored by Pioneer Memorial Church for students.

God's Abundant Pantry is open twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6 p.m., staffed entirely by volunteers. Retirees Chuck Peck and Roger Pickell run the program, and put approximately eight hours a week into the Pantry's operation, as well as sitting on the directorial board.

"We get a couple hundred people a week," says Roger. "A lot of foreign students, a lot of graduate students with children... I think that if we were to talk to some of these people, they would say that they really depend on it."

Luz, the wife of an undergraduate student from South America, confirms this. As the spouse of an international student on a visa, she can't work, and so they often depend on God's Abundant Pantry for staples. "When we run out of food," she says, "and our card is empty, we can, you know, get essential things like bread for breakfast."

Sarah, a Seminary student and former missionary to South Korea, agrees. "It is a blessing," she says, "because right now I don't have a steady job, so it's an extra buffer. And when we have enough food, we can also bless other people who come over. Because when God fills your cup, then as it overflows you can bless others."

Work begins every Tuesday, Ron explains, when he and a few other volunteers drive to Feeding America, a donation and distribution center in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where they purchase food for 16¢ a pound.

"So, a box of cereal is 16¢ instead of \$3," he explains. "I loaded the van full today; it can hold a ton of food. I had a

skid of canned goods and a skid of baked goods from Wal-Mart, and another skid of green peppers and other vegetables. And then there was a whole skid of chips, and that doesn't weigh much, so a bag of those is less than 16¢."

Each month, God's Abundant Pantry receives donations from generous supporters. The managers of the ministry take that money and multiply it many times over, turning \$750 into \$21,000 worth of food.

God's Abundant Pantry also receives donations or discounted rates from local farms. "Today," Ron says, "we had a farmer deliver zucchini and yellow summer squash. Some people bring their garden things to us, and sometimes my friend and I go pick them up. We'll get watermelon, peaches and apples straight from the farms."

Sometimes, they even harvest the produce themselves. Then it's back to the building, where they organize their supplies and figure out what they'll be giving out that day.

"We figure out how many we can give each person so that 100 people can have something. With the zucchini we received recently, we had a lot, so we could do six per person and still give zucchini to a hundred people."

God's Abundant Pantry began 30 years ago, operating under a large tree next to Beechwood Apartments, but it was the construction of the current building five years ago that enabled it to expand and flourish.

In addition to a central space for storage and tables for methodical distribution, the building contains two large freezers, full of frozen fruit and baked goods, and a

25-square-foot insulated cold room with a heavy steel door and modified air conditioner they use to keep perishable food at 40° Fahrenheit until it's needed. This helps them save stock so it can be distributed evenly, Ron explains.

“For instance, if we get corn but don’t have enough for a hundred people, we put it on the shelf. The next time we can order corn, we may well have enough for everyone to get some, so then we’ll feature corn.”

“So, see, that’s a lot of food!” He grins. “Some of it’s junk, but people still need that. It’s nice for everyone to have a treat once in a while.” As if on cue, a beaming little girl toddles by, clutching a bag of snack mix almost as big as she is.

One of the most important aspects of God’s Abundant Pantry, Ron notes, is that it is a partnership. Every family is asked to donate a dollar when they come to get food, and that dollar is an investment in the program, contributing toward buying the food they receive.

“It’s like a buying club for them — like Costco; they put some money in here, and we will double, triple, multiply

it. We are just partners; we are all in this together, and we believe in them. We want them to succeed.”

Ron pauses, a volunteer needs help with a ladder. In seconds, he is up a ladder, handing food down to a young man. He moves quickly from one side of the building to another, greeting one person by name, patting another on the shoulder, quickly addressing several small problems before he returns.

“These people aren’t going to be in poverty for very long,” he says. “It’s just because of their school situation. In a few years, they’re going to go out, and they’re going to do something. They’re going to have a degree, and they’re going to give back and be totally independent. We don’t want them to feel inferior, or like we see them as victims. This is an investment in their future.” He smiles. “We are interested in helping people out of the ditch and onto the road.”

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Christa McConnell



God’s Abundant Pantry provides a much-needed supplement to the stash of groceries students have while they study at Andrews University. Volunteers make sure everyone who comes to the Pantry gets what they need.

Enriching and Educating

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONNECTS ANDREWS AND THE COMMUNITY

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

It started as an amateur student project in a dorm room in 1923. Today, Andrews University's professional classical music radio station reaches more than 30,000 listeners a week in the South Bend, Indiana, area alone. "The University felt that a professional station would aid in positioning itself in its rightful place as a serious academic institution," explains Sharon Dudgeon, WAUS general manager. "We wanted to build bridges to people who were unaware of Andrews and Adventists."

Part of their goal is to reach more of the community by coordinating and hosting events that encourage and foster community involvement on campus and across the region. Regular events include "Second Sunday Concerts" every month, a reception following the last big Department of Music concert of the academic year, and an annual overnight trip to the Ravinia Festival in Chicago to hear great musicians such as James Galway, Lang Lang and Midori. These Chicago trips include a special activity the day after the concert such as a museum, the Chicago Botanic Garden or Navy Pier.

"Research has proven classical music to be mentally beneficial to one's emotional well-being," says Wanda Poole, underwriting director. "We're not just filling a hobby or interest niche; WAUS contributes to the overall health of the community we serve."

WAUS also has sponsored local health-focused events, such as "Health in a Hurry," a six-week health seminar for busy people, and cooking demonstrations at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.

"These events are what bring people onto the Andrews campus," says Sharon. "So, in a way, it's fantastic public relations for the University, not just WAUS, and we're proud to offer that conduit between our public and campus communities."

Keeping up with the 21st century, the station is not only on the radio; WAUS has a livestream option on its website and a free mobile app, as well.



The staff at WAUS feel what they do is not only a joy and a blessing to them, but also a ministry of which they are proud to be a part.

Though thousands of people enjoy the music on WAUS every day, the station isn't just meant for entertainment. To the radio staff, what they do is a ministry.

"WAUS is part of the Sabbath ritual for our Adventist audience. Listening to this station is a part of their entry into Sabbath rest and letting the big world around them worry about itself for a while," says Jeff Smith, program director. "Since our Adventist listeners are so vocal about WAUS, I

often get a chance to share with them one of the best parts of reaching beyond the Adventist circle and into the rest of the world: We get to share some of that Sabbath rest with an audience who may not even realize they need it."

"God has given us opportunities to grieve with people who have lost loved ones, to minister to people who were hurting for various reasons," says Sharon. "He has also given us joy in working here, with each other, for our listeners. It's wonderful to work in a public radio station where my faith is an important part of my job."

To listen to WAUS online, to learn more about events and programming, and to support WAUS, visit <http://www.waus.org>. To find the free mobile app, search for "wau" in your device's app store.

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Maria Sivacharow

Meaghan Parsons, a CREATION Health wellness specialist, delivers a vocal solo at a patriotic event this summer in which the choir also performed. "No one knows the impact music can make on an individual," she said.

Hospitals launch employee choir

The Bible says, *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise* (Psalm 98:4 KJV). At Adventist Midwest Health, a group of employees have come together to sing the praises of Jesus as part of an employee choir.

When Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital chaplain Cristina Grys joined the hospital in 2013, she loved learning about the hospital's healing arts ministry program, which uses art and music to promote healing.

"I wondered how I could contribute to this mission of using music to aid in the healing process, and how I could inspire employees through music," she said. "I have some background in directing choirs, and I thought having a spirited employee choir would be a great way to build upon employee morale."

Grys sent out a notice, inviting employees from all four Adventist Midwest Health hospitals to join the employee choir. A small group of employees formed and began to practice

30 minutes a week, usually during lunch breaks. Six weeks later, the first performance was held.

The thought was that the choir would be seasonal — that they would sing at special spiritual events at the hospital. But no one realized how in demand this joyful music would be.

"The response to the AMH choir has been very positive," said Tricia Tref, manager of pastoral care at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. "It's done wonders to create employee camaraderie, while singing about the great work of Jesus."

Currently, there are 14 choir members representing Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals, and 17 from Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. Another choir is being formed at Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital. Sometimes the groups perform together, sometimes separately. Each choir member has had a terrific experience performing with the choir, and they credit Grys for this experience.

"Christina is an amazing choir director. She makes every member feel welcome and is truly a pleasure to work with," said Sandy Mueller, director,

Service Excellence at Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals.

The choir has performed at a number of different events, including a patriotic summer event, a leadership conference for the organization's more than 400 leaders, and at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Adventist Cancer Institute and Outpatient Center.

"No one knows the impact music can make on an individual," said Meaghan Parsons, a CREATION Health wellness specialist. "When the choir comes together to sing as a group, we are able to share the same passion. It is incredibly touching."

Jared Brown, finance manager at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, said he has sung at various hospital events in the past and doesn't mind sharing his gift with others. "It's inspiring to see people from all different parts of the hospital come together and sing," he said. "We are singing and praising God for others, and we're being blessed ourselves. That's a great gift."

Katie Quirke, communications intern, Adventist Midwest Health

Leadership conference features renowned speakers

This summer, the 4th Annual Andrews University Leadership Conference, "Growing a Legacy," celebrated the 20th anniversary of the leadership program at Andrews and featured two top keynote speakers.

Marshall Goldsmith was recognized in 2011 as the number one leadership thinker in the world at the bi-annual Thinkers50 ceremony sponsored by the *Harvard Business Review* and is the author or editor of 32 books that have become bestsellers in ten countries. His presentation addressed the topic, "How Successful Leaders Can Get Even Better."

Gordon MacDonald serves as chancellor of Denver Seminary and is editor-at-large of *Leadership Journal*. He has written 20 books, including



Marshall Goldsmith, named the number one leadership thinker in the world by Harvard Business Review, presents during the 2014 Leadership Conference at Andrews University.

the award-winning *Ordering Your Private World*. His presentation was entitled "A Theology of Leadership."

"We wanted to celebrate the mission of the program in leadership development," says Robson Marinho,

chair of the Department of Leadership. "The program has enrolled and graduated participants who are CEOs of corporations, government officials, educational leaders, healthcare professionals, ministers of different denominations, and more. The 'Growing a Legacy' theme sought to celebrate 20 years of developing leaders to leave a legacy to society."

The conference began in 2011 with the vision of engaging the community in discussing current issues in leadership and their implications beyond the local community.

"This conference is crucial as it builds the bridge between theory and practice," says Marinho. "It addresses both the academic and practitioner side of leadership, applying theoretical concepts to leadership service to the community and the world."

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



Livvy Knott serves as the AUSA president for the 2014-2015 school year.

Student leaders follow God's lead

When the Andrews University Student Association officers for the 2014-2015 school year were announced last spring, one fact that stood out was

that all voted positions were filled by females — an Andrews first.

"I hardly noticed," admits Olivia "Livvy" Knott, 2014-2015 AUSA president. "All the voted positions were filled by talented, thoughtful and remarkable students; that certainly wasn't a first."

In addition to the elected positions, some officers were appointed and others recommended by their predecessors. The entire team is comprised of 16 students with a variety of majors and interests.

Though Knott has hopes and goals, just like any leader, she doesn't necessarily have a list of things she wants to change. She appreciated last year's officers and, especially, the president's (Jonathan Jacobs) encouragement of independent student projects. There was a brainstorming and problem-solving group, storytelling and artistic events, and even a movement promoting conversation between strangers.

"Jonny eagerly supported them all, never once trying to pull them under

the AUSA umbrella," says Knott. "And that's when it began to dawn on me that the job of AUSA is to make students feel awesome about Andrews, not about AUSA."

Knott trusts the team all will work well together. During the summer, she saw them becoming friends — not mere teammates, and sensed a general spirit of wanting not only one's own department to be successful, but to be involved with and supportive of the other departments whenever possible.

"So many of these students are deeply committed to Christ and eager to bring this quality with them into their position," says Knott. "Our dreams for the year — big as they seem to us — are tiny when compared to what the great Leader can do with a student body turned over to him."

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[PATHFINDER NEWS]

Andrews University hosts traveling Pathfinders

On Sunday, Aug. 10, more than 100 Andrews University volunteers welcomed over 700 Pathfinders onto campus. The first-ever Pathfinder Day, coordinated by Rebecca May, community relations coordinator; Shelly Erhard, director of student visits; and Brittany Felder, student visits coordinator, introduced attendees to the University — some for the first time — and many of the great things it has to offer. Representatives from 29 states, as well as from England, Papua New Guinea, Brazil and the British Virgin Islands, were among the groups who came as a precursor to their arrival at the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., which began two days later.

“About a year ago, several areas on campus started receiving inquiries from Pathfinder groups who wanted to stop by on their way to Oshkosh this summer,” says May. “While we wanted to provide that opportunity, we also knew it would be impossible to accommodate multiple groups coming to campus over the course of a couple of weeks at that time of the year.”

At the same time as Pathfinders would make the trek to Wisconsin, Andrews had summer graduation and the arrival of freshmen for the upcoming school year, in addition to many staff and faculty heading to Oshkosh themselves to assist with the Camporee.

“It’s a challenging time to have an influx of campus visitors for an extended period of time,” says May.

So, in January, she got together with three other staff members and decided to create a one-day event for Pathfinders to visit and experience Andrews. With no additional budgetary allocations for the event, the involved departments stretched their collective resources and made a plan.



Each Pathfinder club that attended Pathfinder Day, Aug. 10, at Andrews University, was given a complimentary group photo at the globe near the entrance to the campus. Pictured here are members of the Pathfinder club from White Memorial Church in Los Angeles, Calif.

“We decided to cap the event at 1,000 people,” says May. “When a registration link was posted on the Camporee website for Andrews University Pathfinder Day, in less than a week we had over 1,000 registered, and we quickly closed registration!”

The number eventually settled to 625, with a few groups showing up unregistered on the day of the event.

Participants had 16 different activities to choose from, all staffed by volunteers from across campus. Those who participated in at least four events were eligible to receive the coveted Andrews University pin to wear proudly around Oshkosh.

Activities included a musical petting zoo, tours of the Horn Archaeological Museum, hayrides to the dairy, disc golf, campus tree walks, pipe organ demonstrations and swimming in the pool, in addition to three honors offered: Flower Culture, Livestock, and Bones & Muscles.

“Andrews has so much to offer students academically, socially and spiritually,” says Ron Whitehead, executive director of the Camporee. “Most of the 50,000 student Pathfinders are in

public education and do not know much about Adventist higher education. So, it was a great opportunity to give them a look at a university that represents the world.”

In addition to the volunteers, the event could not have happened without the financial partnership of several areas of campus. Andrews Airpark provided a pancake breakfast, for which Enrollment Management provided eggs and pancake toppings. Andrews Student Gardens obtained fruit at wholesale prices for lunch. Apple Valley supplied cookies for dessert at lunch, and Dining Services offered an extremely good price for lunch and supper to make the meals affordable. Guest & Convention Services paid for the Pathfinder Day pins that participants received at the end of the day, and the Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication produced and paid for printed promotional materials.

“We will definitely do this again in five years,” says May. “It was a blast, and I think next time will be even better.”

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication at Andrews University



Musicians lead opening night worship and praise.

International Pathfinder Camporee inspires Pathfinders to be 'Forever Faithful'

Nearly 46,000 people converged in Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 12–16, for the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee (FFIC).

"This was my first camporee, and what an experience! I saw a glimpse of Heaven throughout the week. Not just from a programming, activity and Pathfinding perspective, but from a relational perspective. In a country where, and at a time when, racial tension is evident, I witnessed a togetherness in the Lake Union Conference. From the parades to



The Buchanan, Mich., Orion Constellations are excited to be at the camporee!

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flag lowering and flag raising, from sharing camping space to shower house duty, and even in worship, there was cooperation, collaboration and friendship. It was a sight to behold, seeing our conferences working together and enjoying it. What a testament to the unifying presence of the Holy Spirit at Forever Faithful International Camporee 2014,” testified Jason North, youth director of the Lake Region Conference.

According to Ron Whitehead, FFIC executive director, the Camporee actually is an every-five-year world youth evangelism event. He says that ages 9–16 are the most important years for young people to establish and settle their faith and, on a regular basis, Pathfinders and summer camps may be the most significant factors. The camporee builds on these events and also the daily influence of the local church and school, providing a worldwide evangelistic family gathering every five years.

The theme for this seventh camporee was “Forever Faithful,” sending a message of integrity and courage in the context of God’s faithfulness. The theme was presented through a live stage production that demonstrated the impact Daniel and his three companions had on their Chaldean captors. The pagan culture portrayed in some scenes, with wizards, sorcerers, astrologers and philosophers, provided opportunity to address the issues our young people face in secular culture in current media.

Representatives from each conference in the Lake Union participated in the Thursday evening flag lowering ceremony.



Pieter Damsteegt



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Early arrivals get muddy from rain on Monday night.



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The Lansing (Mich.) Capitals have fun together at the camporee.

From left: Gary Thurber, Don Livesay, Jay Gallimore and Barbara Livesay discuss the Wednesday evening baptism. During the camporee, more than 600 individuals were baptized.



The Lake Union helped organize the North American Division's Native Village where 993 Pathfinders earned their Indian Lore honor.

Alisha Cook (center), of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Kampers, met native dancers, Tami Sprague, Little River Band Odawa, and Dennis Ghost, Lakota Oglala, and appreciated learning more about Native American culture at the North American Division's Native Village.

At the end of each evening presentation, keynote speaker Sam Leonor made the evening message personal. Leonor says that, at its heart, Pathfinders is about "finding and clearing a path to Jesus." That was the focus of each of his messages, which concluded with an appeal so that, Leonor said, "those who have not made a commitment to Jesus will do so, that those who have drifted or wandered away from Jesus will recommit to him, and that those who are faithful will be reminded that our greatest joy is found in leading others to him." Volunteer chaplains were present after each evening message to pray with the many young people who responded to Leonor's concluding appeal.

Because of the overwhelming number who desired baptism at the 2009

"Courage to Stand" camporee, preparations were made ahead of time for those who requested to be baptized at this year's event. Baptisms were scheduled by Union and International Division each evening at 6:00, beginning with the Lake Union on Wednesday. In addition, a special Sabbath morning baptism was scheduled for those who made decisions during the week.

Each person who preregistered for baptism received a commemorative baptism pin, an embroidered baptism hand towel provided by the North American Division Ministerial Department, a FFIC baptismal certificate, and a new Pathfinder Bible provided by the General Conference Sabbath School Department. Others will receive the baptism pin and FFIC baptismal certificate by



The Pontiac (Mich.) Warriors surround a golf cart.



The Indiana Conference hosted a group from Kenya.

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The sunset was beautiful over the assembly area on Thursday night of the camporee.



There was a daily parade on the camporee campground with various unions participating in each one. Lake Union Pathfinders marched in the Friday parade, Aug. 15.

Though most of the week was dry, the very beginning was quite rainy and left a lot of puddles and mud. The opening night fireworks reflected in the puddles around the evening program assembly area.



Nearly 46,000 people traipsed campground roads throughout the day en route to various activities and programs.

mail. In all, over 600 young people were baptized at the camporee — 57 from the Lake Union, and countless others made decisions to be baptized when they returned to their local churches.

Prayer played a prominent role at this camporee, as it did in the life of Daniel. On Friday evening before the Pathfinders arrived, the staff and volunteers assembled for worship and prayer. “Prayer is the cornerstone for all that happens here,” stated Gary Thurber, Lake Union executive secretary and coordinator of chaplains, baptisms and prayer tents for this year’s event. Groups then were formed and asked to pray for the programs, activities and campground areas which the young people would encounter during the camporee.

To help make prayer a focal point, prayer tents were erected close to the evening program site, near the activity area and across from the Red Barn, located at the “1st and Main” intersection of “Camporee City.” The prayer tents provided a place for Pathfinders to talk and pray with one of more than 30 volunteer chaplains scheduled throughout the week, and Pathfinders also could receive guidance on their path in life or for their baptism decision. The chaplains distributed a variety of age-appropriate brochures on topics such as how to develop one’s relationship with God, prayer, depression, grief, coping with chronic illness, overcoming fear, etc.

Connected to the prayer tents, Daniel’s Upper Room was a place where a Pathfinder could come personally, or as a group, to pray openly as did Daniel. A prayer scroll was mounted in each Upper Room, which provided a place for the Pathfinders to write prayer requests. At the end of each day, the three scrolls were brought to the main assembly area, and requests were prayed over each evening by a designated Pathfinder. Each scroll, which contained paper over 30 feet long, was filled with heart-felt requests by the end of the camporee, and answers to some of these prayer petitions now are being shared.

Building on the tradition from which Daniel came, an authentic ram’s horn shofar from Israel was given to each Pathfinder club to announce a call to prayer three times a day by an appointed Pathfinder. At each call to prayer, campers were asked to stop what they were doing to find a prayer partner and pray. At the end of two minutes, some blew another blast of the shofar, which signaled the time to resume activities. During the evening program, attendees were given a corporate prayer request for the next day. At each of the prayer tents, Pathfinders also could try to blow a four-foot shofar, and many were thrilled with this experience. To learn more about what the Pathfinders experienced in prayer and to complete the requirements to receive the prayer honor, visit: <http://www.bit.ly/prayerhonor>.



The North Shore (Ill.) Stars perform in the Drum Corps Competition.



Wisconsin Conference president Mike Edge leads prayer at one of the prayer tents. Pathfinders could pray individually or as a group, or share their prayer requests on a prayer scroll.



M.A.S.H. stands for Missionary Army Serving Heaven. This entry is for the Wisconsin Rapids Pathfinder club.



Chicago Independence Blvd (Ill.) Jaguars gather by their club’s sign.



Don Livesay, Lake Union president, meets with the Holland (Mich.) Huskies before the Sabbath morning program.



Pieter Damssteeg

The Lapeer (Mich.) Pathfinders are making welcome signs for their guests from Australia and New Zealand.



Members of the Joliet (Ill.) Creyentes Des Jesús club are ready for another episode of "Daniel."



Pieter Damssteeg

Blowing straw helped dry up the mud after the welcome rains



Pieter Damssteeg

Monroe (Wis.) Pathfinders gather for morning worship.



Pieter Damssteeg

The "Camporee City" of nearly 46,000 is organized by unions. This sign welcomes Pathfinders to the Lake Union Conference section.

The Pathfinders had a profound impact on the community as well. Charlie Thompson, Indiana Conference youth director, has been involved with the off-site sailing activity since the "Dare to Care" camporee in Morrison, Colo. Five years ago, while participating in the "Courage to Stand" off-site sailing activity, Charlie met Steve Eliassen, a local sailing enthusiast who runs a sailing school in Oshkosh. Through their friendship, Eliassen offered to share his sailboats and sailing instructors at this camporee.

"Steve and his sailing instructors teamed up with our camp staffs from Camp Au Sable, Camp Akita and Timber Ridge Camp," reported Thompson, "to provide lifeguards and sailboats for the beach at Menominee Park on Lake Winnebago. Steve, his wife, Sarah, and I were able to spend quality time together as our group took over 800 people on sailboat rides. On the last day, as we were eating supper together, Steve told me he was very impressed with the Pathfinders — so impressed that he sent a letter to the newspaper describing his experience."

In addition to the Daniel influence the community experienced during the Pathfinders' many off-site adventure and recreational activities, nearly 7,000 young people also were involved in outreach with All-Roar Compassion Ministries and other community service activities planned for them.

The next International Pathfinder Camporee is scheduled for Aug. 12–19, 2019. Its theme is "Chosen," and Pathfinders who attend will be able to learn biblical principles from the life of David. To register for the next camporee and to learn more about the 2014 camporee, visit <http://www.camporee.org>.

For Lake Union FFIC photos, stories and videos, visit <http://www.lakeunion.org>.

Gary Burns, director of communication, Lake Union Conference, with additional reporting by Pathfinder TODAY staff

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Five family members of three generations are involved with the Terre Haute Church Prison Ministry Team. From left: Charles Schlunt, Janet Schlunt, Benjamin Middaugh, Sylvia Middaugh, Glen Middaugh

Three generations reach out to inmates

Indiana—Charles and Janet Schlunt became part of the Terre Haute prison ministry team in 2005. Members of the team conduct services at 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. every Sabbath in the Federal Prison Complex. Some also engage in one-on-one mentoring, job

fares and other educational activities. In 2011, Charles was honored as volunteer of the year for his work in all three sections of the prison.

When the Schlunts left in August 2012 to serve a year as volunteers at Nile Union Academy for Adventist Volunteer Services, their daughter, Sylvia Middaugh, and her husband, Glen, decided to step into the prison ministry void that resulted with her parents' departure. Benjamin Middaugh joined his parents in taking the required training to become a prison ministry volunteer. Now, there are five members from three generations of the family engaged in prison ministry.

"Threshold" is a six-month program offered in the maximum-security section, designed to aid inmates preparing for re-entry into society. During the topic of families and their influence on their members' behavior, Charles was asked to bring his family members on Sabbath, June 7, to share their suggestions on how the inmates could strengthen spiritual values, educational aspirations,

family togetherness, as well as a spirit of service, when they are reunited with their families. Inmates also were given the opportunity to ask questions since the presentation took the form of a panel discussion. Before them was a living example of the positive effects of religious training, volunteer service and family togetherness.

"The Terre Haute Seventh-day Adventist Church has been involved in prison ministry at the Terre Haute Federal Penitentiary for over 20 years. This program depends on many faithful volunteers to provide both an early morning and an afternoon chapel service at the minimum security camp each Sabbath.

"Charles and Janet Schlunt are active in this ministry, and have recruited their family members to become involved as well. As the pastor, I appreciate their commitment to this ministry," stated Ernie Peckham, pastor of the Terre Haute Church.

Janet Schlunt, member, with Ernie Peckham, pastor, Terre Haute Church

[WORLD NEWS]



Andrews University Theological Seminary releases Statement on Church Headship

On Thursday, Aug. 21, the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary voted and released a major statement on headship in the Church. This document is based on careful study of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy. It represents a consensus of the Seminary faculty who created this document as a service to the worldwide Church.

"I am excited to offer to the Church this biblical-theological study that uplifts the unique headship of Christ in the Church," says Jiří Moskala, dean of the Seminary. "It is my hope that it will significantly contribute to the current debates on leadership."

The statement's preamble says, "While there exists legitimate leadership in the church, no other human being may rightfully claim a headship role in the church. As head of the church, Christ provides the ultimate manifestation of God's love, demonstrating and vindicating God's moral government of love, and thus defeating the counterfeit government of the usurping 'ruler of this world.'"

The seven-page document includes detailed discourse on God's moral government of love, the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan, the unique and non-transferable headship of Christ, and a section on affirmations and denials compiled by the faculty of

the Seminary.

"I am grateful for the faculty that is dedicated and committed to the church and its mission," says Moskala, "as they worked diligently and prayerfully to produce this statement. I pray that this document will prove to be a unifying influence in the church."

To read the full statement, visit <http://www.andrews.edu/sem>.

Founded in 1874, Andrews University is the flagship institution of higher education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers more than 200 areas of study, including advanced degrees. Its main campus is in Berrien Springs, Mich., but the University also provides instruction at colleges and universities in more than 30 countries around the world.

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication at Andrews University

Announcements

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* website at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org> and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>.

Andrews University

Howard Performing Arts Center: To see a list of the upcoming events at HPAC, visit <http://howard.andrews.edu> and click on the Events & Tickets tab. For more information, call the Box Office at 888-467-6442.

Illinois

Hinsdale Adventist Academy alumni will celebrate their centennial (1914–2014) this year! Homecoming weekend will take place **Oct. 17–19**. We would love to see any and all former principals, teachers and students along with their families. A 100-Year Gala is planned for Saturday night, with a recreation day on Sunday. For more information, check the HAA Alumni Facebook page or contact Heather Hoffman at hsa@haa.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lake Region

“The Wonderful Land of Awe” Musical: A one-of-a-kind captivating journey from Eden to Heaven and more, to be held **Oct. 18**, 5:00 p.m., at the Beverly Hills Church, 9356 S. Justice St., Chicago. All original music. Come and witness the live dramatization of The Creation, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and The Journey to Heaven. Bring your family and friends for a memorable, fun evening, then commune and break bread with the cast and friends. For more information, contact Josie Essex at 708-672-1017.

Lake Union

Offerings

Oct. 4 Local Church Budget

Oct. 11 Voice of Prophecy

Oct. 18 Local Church Budget

Oct. 25 Local Conference Advance

Special Days

Oct. 4 Children’s Sabbath

Oct. 18 Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath

Oct. 25 Pathfinder Sabbath

Biblical Stewardship Conference: Learn practical biblical stewardship principles that can equip you to better plan and manage your finances to live debt-free with the resources to support the causes you care about. Sponsored by the Lake Union Conference Stewardship Department, this conference will be held at Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., on **Nov. 16**. Stewardship leaders, seminary students, pastors, conference staff and anyone interested in learning how to find financial freedom in Christ are invited to attend. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.adventsource.org> and click on “Events,” or call 800-328-0525.

Heritage Wall Planned in Lake Union Office: We invite you to share your photos and slides of the work in and around the Lake Union territory for the planned heritage wall. Please mail them to Communication Department, P.O. Box 287, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-0287. Include your

address if you want photos and slides returned. Hi-resolution scanned photos can be emailed to circulation@lakeunion.org.

Michigan

The Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association invites all alumni from Adelphean, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge and Great Lakes Adventist academies to Alumni Weekend planned for **Oct. 10–11** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. This year’s honor classes are 1964, ’74, ’84, ’89, ’94 and 2004. Come, join us for a memorable weekend. For more information, visit <http://www.glaa.net>, or call the Alumni Office at 989-427-5181.

Grand Rapids Adventist Academy’s Alumni Homecoming 2014 is Sabbath, **Oct. 18**, 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be Kimberley Bulgin. Come and see friends old and new! For more information, contact Justin Lawson at lawsonju@mail.gvsu.edu, Marian Cruttenden at macruttenden@gmail.com, or Phil Engelman at pengelma@misda.org.

“Celebrating God’s Leading” is the theme of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church as members celebrate its 100-year anniversary, **Oct. 31–Nov. 2**. Featured speakers for the event include Bill Knott, editor of the *Adventist Review*, and Don Driver, both former pastors of the Village Church. The original 42 members knew the importance of forming this new church and providing Christian education for their children. The Village Church will celebrate God’s leading in the

formation of an eight-grade school and for church membership growth to as high as 1,256. Expansion through the years has led to over 20 different ministries, including family life, evangelism and mission projects, leading souls to Christ. Former members, pastors and friends are invited to see how God has led through the years. For more information, contact the church office at 269-471-7795.

North American Division

Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend, Oct. 2–5 – Honor classes are 1949, ’54, ’59, ’64, ’69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, ’94, ’99, 2004 and ’09. Activities begin Thursday evening with the Silver Showcase Banquet, and continue on Friday with Career Day. Sunday is the Alumni Golf Tournament. For additional information, call 573-682-2164 or visit <http://www.sunnydale.org>.

2014 Sandia View Academy Alumni Association Annual Reunion will be held in Corrales, N.M., **Oct. 9–11**. Honor Classes: 1944 (70 years), ’54 (60 years), ’64 (50 years), ’74 (40 years), ’84 (30 years), ’89 (25 years), ’94 (20 years) and 2004 (10 years). The first Academy 12th-grade graduate, Max Martinez (’42), will be in attendance! For more information, call or email Jerry Ruybalid (’54), Alumni Association president, at 405-570-3833 or jrsleeper1@gmail.com.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7
Berrien Springs, Mich.	7:25	7:13	7:02	6:52	6:42	5:33
Chicago, Ill.	6:30	6:19	6:07	5:57	5:47	4:39
Detroit, Mich.	7:12	7:00	6:49	6:38	6:28	5:19
Indianapolis, Ind.	7:25	7:14	7:04	6:54	6:45	5:37
La Crosse, Wis.	6:44	6:32	6:20	6:08	5:58	4:49
Lansing, Mich.	7:18	7:06	6:54	6:43	6:33	5:25
Madison, Wis.	6:37	6:25	6:13	6:02	5:52	4:43
Springfield, Ill.	6:39	6:28	6:18	6:08	5:59	4:51

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Anniversaries



Richard and Dixie Scott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2014, at their home in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, and have been members of the Lake Union territory for 50 years.

Richard L. Scott and Dixie L. Beardsley were married Aug. 23, 1964, in Gobles, Mich. After graduation, the Scotts served on staff as physical education teacher and Dean of Boys at Cedar Lake (Mich.) Academy until 1971; served as Dean of Men at Andrews University for 13 years; accepted assistant manager and camp cook positions in 1984 at Camp Au Sable; returned to Andrews University in 1991 where Richard accepted the role of Manager of Plant Services and Dixie joined the staff of the Department of Physical Therapy, the Dean's office, and Director of Admissions in the Department of Physical Therapy where she retired. Richard continues as Plant Administrator on Andrews University campus.

The Scott family includes Shelley and Duane Bolin of Charlotte, Mich.; Bill and April Scott of Buchanan, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Donald and Myrtle Siewert celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 30, 2014, with family in Moberly, Mo. They were members of the Hillsdale (Mich.) Church, and were members of the Lake Union territory for 60 years.

Donald Siewert and Myrtle Brueggeman were married July 30, 1949, in Bay City, Mich., by Pastor Shoupe. Donald has been a Michigan Conference pastor. Myrtle has been a Michigan Conference teacher.

The Siewert family includes Richard and Annie Siewert of Moberly; Susan Manke of Berrien Springs, Mich.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

BARNABY, Carl R., age 77; born Aug. 15, 1936, in Stoneham, Mass.; died May 13, 2014, in Belfast, Maine. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Fessenden); daughters, Sheryl Calhoun, Rhonda Peak and Sharon Shinn; brother, Arthur F. Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bob Farley, and interment was in Grove Cemetery, Belfast.

CLARK, Lorraine V. (Lewis) Foll Wilkins Bullis, age 90; born March 21, 1924, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died July 5, 2014, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was a member of the Holly and Grand Rapids (Mich.) Churches.

Survivors include her husband, Harold V. "Hal"; daughters, Delores E. Foll-Gilliland and Cheryl J. Simpson; brother, Daniel W. Lewis; sisters, Gwen M. Howard and Etta M. Stolin; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by James King, and interment was in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery, Apopka, Fla.

HARPER, Annie Mae (Bell), age 86; born July 23, 1927, in Holly Springs, Miss.; died June 20, 2014, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her brothers, Johnny, Robert and J.B. Bell; and sisters, Leania Bradley and Esther Elboy.

Funeral services were conducted by Skip MacCarty, and interment was in Union Cemetery, Berrien Center, Mich.

HUTCHISON, Florence F. (Iverson) Kuhn, age 89; born Sept. 1, 1924, in Masonville, Mich.; died June 26, 2014, in Wausau, Wis. She was a member of the Merrill (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Timothy Hutchison; stepsons, Delmar F. and Darrell G. Kuhn; daughter, Sarah Popelka; stepdaughter, Linda B. (Kuhn) Patterson; foster children, Steven Boucher, Joan Siemers, Joy Mohley and Rebecca Kleinschmidt; sister, Ellen Hurkman; 16 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rowell Puedivan, and interment was in King (Wis.) Cemetery.

MAYHUGH, Richard M., age 84; born June 16, 1930, in Green Bay, Wis.; died July 26, 2014, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary (Valentine); sons, Kevin, Kelly and Shannon; daughters, Megan Mayhugh, Paula Van De Laarschot and Jody Mayhugh; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Delmar Austin and interment was in Nicolet Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Green Bay.

McCLELLAN, Donald E., age 74; born Nov. 26, 1939, in Chippewa Falls, Wis.; died June 23, 2014, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Beal); sons, James and Joseph; brother, Darel; sisters, Sharon Bridge and Vicki Legge; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by William J. Ochs, with private interment, Green Bay.

SEVERSON, Lloyd B., age 90; born Feb. 17, 1923, in Onalaska, Wis.; died Jan. 10, 2014, in Westmont, Ill. He was a member of the LaCrosse (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Joel K.; daughters, Naomi R. Croak, Lydia A. Severson, Rachel L. Duever and Rebecca J. McClellan; sisters, Odessa Moore and Ardis Anderson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Michael Ehm and Larry Mahlum, and interment was in Oakland Cemetery, Dresbach, Minn.

SMITH, Aretta E. "Betty" (Wilson), age 98; born Nov. 2, 1915, in Minneapolis, Minn.; died June 11, 2014, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the South Bend (Ind.) First Church.

Survivors include her son, Stanley D.; daughter, Sylvia M. Budd; half-brother, David Hale Wilson; several step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; and several step-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Darrel Le Roux, and interment was in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

STEAKLEY, Ethel M. (Hinkle), age 91; born Feb. 11, 1923, in Morley, Mich.; died Aug. 10, 2014, in Morley. She was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include her husband, Louis; son, Stephen; daughters, Susan Steakley and Sally Steakley-Condon; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bob Stewart, and interment was in Aetna Township Cemetery, Morley.

STRAMAN, Minerva E. (Constantine), age 81; born Jan. 14, 1933, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; died July 10, 2014, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Timothy and Thomas; brothers, Emil and Greg Constantine; and sister, Aurelia Rae Holman.

Funeral services were conducted by Don Dronen, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

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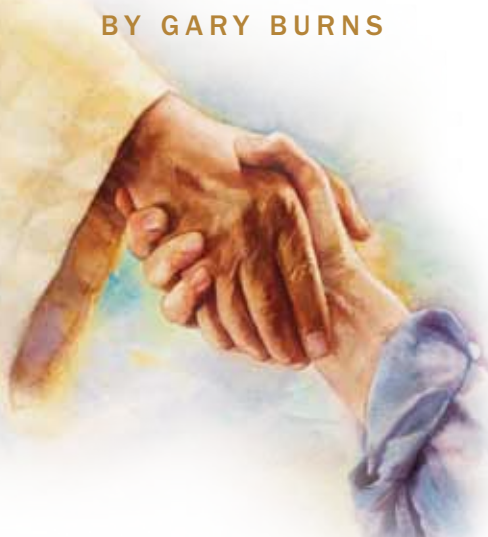
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Fondly Remembered

BY GARY BURNS



As I look back on my years in Adventist education, I don't remember classes or content as much as I remember people and experiences. My fifth-grade teacher, Grace Jacques, told us stories about growing up with her grandmother, Ellen White. How fond we were of those stories and her very special, kid-loving and playful grandma!

I guess I learned a lot in classes like Bible I from Herb Brendel, who took us through every cross-reference imaginable in *The Desire of Ages*. George Akers shared his passion for the "Blueprint" principles, and Jack Blanco taught us more about Jesus than Greek as we waded through the book of Revelation. Trudi Johnson fanned the spark of creativity in me to write. Jon Albee, a very creative, demanding and fun-loving humorist, inspired me in film, television

and stage production, launching me into my first career.

Ed Peterson never taught a class, but he took us on the road almost every weekend to share our faith in churches throughout our union. It was like graduate school in caring, sharing and ministry. I never took a class from Winton Beaven, but he guided me through the school of hard knocks.

My point is this: I remember people who, in partnership with God, had a profound impact on my personal faith, life, career and ministry. Maybe he is calling you to be a fondly-remembered person in the lives of the next generation. It takes a very special kind of person who is willing to work in partnership with the Creator to accomplish his purpose in the lives of others.

Gary Burns is the director of communication of the Lake Union Conference.

Trusting God

LESSONS LEARNED WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

BY REBECCA OVERSTREET

I’ve noticed that most people are afraid of change. Let’s just say that in my seventh- and eighth-grade years, I was not enjoying the changes in my life at all.

The summer before seventh grade, I moved to Michigan, and left all my friends behind. I was not happy about moving, but when I arrived, I met Andrew*. Andrew and I grew quite close, which is why my heart was broken when he told me the news that his younger brother had been diagnosed with cancer and had only a few months left to live.

Only 12 at the time, I didn’t know how to handle this. There were a lot of other situations going on in my life that were very hard for me, and it all became too much. I felt like I was drowning. I sat on my bed for hours the night I found out about my friend’s brother. Hour after hour, I poured out my heart to God, telling him how much I needed some help or comfort — anything, really. And hour after hour, I got nothing in response.

I, along with everyone at the school we attended, spent many days pleading for Andrew’s brother to get better. It didn’t happen. Andrew’s brother passed away. I prayed harder than ever for solace; yet, I still felt empty. Eventually, I became angry. One night, I told God that I was done. I was done hoping, done praying, and done believing.

At that point, I don’t think anybody understood how much pain I felt. My nights got longer, my sadness grew greater, and my heart became harder. I wish I could tell you there was some big moment when I came running



Rebecca Overstreet

back to God and accepted everything that happened, but it didn’t happen like that.

Honestly, it’s true that time heals. My heart eventually became happier, to the point where I could begin to trust and believe in God again. I realized I expected God to comfort me differently than he was. I expected him magically to give me a feeling of peace but, instead, he sent people and circumstances into my life to help and lead me back to him.

I thought all this change would be the end of me, but here I am, three years later, still growing and learning more about how to trust God in both good and bad times. God is patient, and I am learning more and more that I can trust him even when he doesn’t do what I think he should.

Sometimes, I think that people focus too much on the times in the Bible or in other people’s lives when God answers prayer in a miraculous way. I am learning that I can trust God even when the miracle I am hoping for doesn’t happen. It’s a hard lesson, and I don’t like it very much sometimes, but God is helping me learn.

Rebecca Overstreet is a sophomore at Andrews Academy.

*Not his real name

Living Like Jesus

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

“At the end of last school year, I wanted a summer activity that was uplifting spiritually,” says Wandile Mthiyane, junior architecture major at Andrews University. “I realized that, although I’ve been here for two years, I still faced a bit of culture shock and felt a little out of place. I wanted to combat that by finding a hands-on way to increase my spiritual life.”



Wandile Mthiyane

Growing up in South Africa, Wandile was not used to the individualistic society of the U.S. For example, he noticed that many times when people ask “How are you?” they don’t really want to know — they’re simply asking as a courtesy.

“We’re good at acting humble but not necessarily at being humble,” he says. “So, my biggest question to God this summer was whether I could be authentically humble — if I could ask how people are and actually mean it.”

Shortly thereafter, Wandile was presented with an opportunity to accompany a group from Pioneer Memorial Church on a mission trip to Pichucalco, Mexico, in July and August.

“The people who took me from the airport to the hotel were so humble and genuinely loving,” says Wandile. “I could barely speak Spanish, but we were able to put some words together, and you could tell they were genuinely happy to have us around.”

By observing the locals interacting with each other, it was clear to Wandile that Pichucalco had very loving, genuine people. Through translators, Wandile presented 17 sermons, some of which he, with the help of native speakers, translated into Spanish for the less-fluent translators to simply read while he spoke.

Despite setbacks and challenges, Wandile was determined to deliver his sermons, feeling God’s calling to bring these messages to the people of Pichucalco. As a result, Wandile’s church had more visitors during his time there than any of the other churches at which the missionaries ministered.

“The biggest lesson I learned was not to let your circumstances determine your life or your joy,” says Wandile. “Those people had nothing — sometimes only enough food for those of us they were hosting — and yet, they served us with a smile and went to bed hungry and happy. They genuinely loved like Jesus did. That’s the whole message he brought of humility and love. And if we live our lives like Jesus did, everything else will fall into place.”

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