Judgment Day – Cause for Reflection
by Alvin M. Kibble, vice president, North American Division

The late Senator Moynihan once said, “You may be entitled to your own opinions, but not your own facts.” While he was by no means a theologian nor a religious leader by profession, his observation pertaining to the confusion between an opinion versus a fact is both profound and eternal. Indeed, everyone possesses the right to espouse what they think, even if it is a challenge to God’s Word. However, by God’s standards and instruction, no human being, especially a religious person and someone who speaks on God’s behalf, should confuse the difference.

There was no chance of missing the announcement presented by Harold Camping in USA Today warning of “Judgment Day, May 21, 2011” the “date of judgment set by God, declared in The Holy Bible and understood by a great multitude that no man can number.”

Were it not for my contemporary surroundings, it could have been a flashback to October 13, 1844. I sat there musing to myself. Stubborn. Disillusioned. Willful. How far is he going to go with this? I had heard him “hunker down” on a doctrinal postulate before. Was he just over-zealous, egregiously misguided? I had heard him speak of this for some time, well over a year in fact! But now, obviously, he was picking up the pace and was going into a “full court press” as it were.

As I observed the people around me they seemed as nonchalant as ever. It was “business as usual.”

However, CNN has picked up the story and as Jessica Ravitz wrote in her article Tick Tock Goes the Doomsday Clock, “For months they’ve been spreading the word, answering the biblical call of Ezekiel 33 to sound the alarm and warn the people. Their message, which they say the Bible guarantees, is simple: The end of the world is near.” She continues, “Earlier this year, CNN traveled with a team of believers - all of whom...
had walked away from friends, families and jobs - as they set out to share this serious message aboard a caravan of Judgment Day RV's."

As I continued my reflections, I began to question my own complacency. Camping's incoherent babblings, his years of theological gymnastics and his overt dodging and covert avoidance and perhaps disdain, in some cases, for his teachings, have been as obnoxious to me as to many others. Nevertheless, as a fellow member of the Advent community, I at least had to give him credit for sounding the alarm, crying aloud, sparing not and extending the Divine invitation.

Maybe Camping is a part of the fulfillment of prophecy. He may be among those who will preempt the coming of Christ by declaring that “He is in the desert” or “He is in the inner rooms” (Matthew 24:26). I then began to think that perhaps I should re-examine the urgency of my own eschatology.

Were my church history and my knowledge of Scripture cause for an erudite composure?

There are two lessons I felt that I could learn from Camping:

1. Whatever one’s faith, if a person is sincere, they ought to pursue faithfulness whole-heartedly. You can’t have an “End Time” message and not feel compelled to share it with passion and conviction, embracing every person within your circle of influence.

2. Having experienced our own Church’s disappointment for having ignored the clear instruction of our Lord that “Of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matthew 24:36), it would be prudent for us to resolve as did William Miller following the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844. This is what he said: “Brethren, hold fast; let no man take your crown. I have fixed my mind upon another time, and here I mean to stand until God gives me more light - and that is Today, Today, and Today until He comes, and I see Him for Whom my soul yearns.”

A wise leader once said that, Perhaps our Church has been afforded yet again an opportunity by God to once again step up to the plate and sound the true alarm. Why? Because when the pseudo-excitement and hysteria settles and believers are disappointed, the enemy will have a field day and those who were honestly deceived will become hardened and perhaps next to impossible to reach. Ultimately, yes, God is in control. But He has given us the role of Watchman to sound the true alarm. We must be able to respond when the question is asked, “Watchman, what of the night?” We can say, “The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come” (Isaiah 21:12-13).

For those who would like biblical surety there are ample resources that set forth biblical teachings on the Second Coming. See some suggestions in “Unapocalypse Aftermath” under “Resources” in this issue of NewsPoints.

Batchelor Offers $100,000 for Family Radio Network

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Family Celebration Sabbath, “Celebration of Love,” June 15-16

PSI’s International Conference on Philanthropy, June 21–24

ASI Convention, August 3–6

3rd Annual Adventist Interpreters Conference, August 3-7

Festival of the Laity, September 7–10

Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible, September 14–18

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President Doug Batchelor has offered $100,000 for the deed and rights to the Family Radio Network, currently owned and operated by Harold Camping, and predicting a May 21st Judgment Day.

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Vibrant Life Participates with Forks and Knives Premiere

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Ukiah Valley Medical Center (UVMC) Raking in Awards

UMVC, of Adventist Health, was recently awarded two Telly awards for their commercials, “Hands” and “Signs.” (Watch) The Telly Awards honor the best local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions, and work created for the Web. The 31st Annual Telly Awards received over 13,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents.

Last week the nurses at UMVC were awarded the “Best Nursing Team” award from Advance for Nurses magazine. An independent team of judges reviewed blind applications and according to Advance’s regional editor, Candy Goulette, “Once they (the judges) read the application, it was unanimous. This group of nurses (at UVMC) stood out above and beyond all the rest.

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Health Summit 2012, January 27–February 5

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Adventist World NAD Edition

Check out these stories in the May 2011 edition:
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Gonzalez to be Interviewed on TBN

Frank González, speaker/director of La Voz de la Esperanza (The Voice of Hope) is the son of an imprisoned dissident of the Cuban Revolution. He will share the inspiring story of his exit from Cuba, his religious conversion and his current activities on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s (TBN) “Praise the Lord” program. Dr. González will be interviewed by TBN's guest host, Clifton Davis, actor, singer and minister. The interview will be broadcast worldwide on TBN and can be seen in the U.S., Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. PT, 10 p.m. ET, and again Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m. PT, 5 p.m. PT.

Neville Harcombe Tributes, Memories and Memorial Service

You may wish to share your tribute or memory of Neville Harcombe, executive secretary of Columbia Union, who died unexpectedly May 1. Tributes are being posted on the Columbia Union website. Email yours to cryan@columbiaunioin.net. More

A memorial service for Harcombe will be held Friday, May 20, at 2:30 p.m., at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Md., and streamed live at http://www.sligochurch.org/sligo-webtv.

No Tobacco Day, May 31

No Tobacco Day is an excellent time to begin or promote an upcoming smoking cessation plan. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has one of the best programs available to help people stop smoking. The Breathe-Free Plan to Stop Smoking is an outgrowth of the Five-Day Plan, applying scientific information and additional behavior modification strategies discovered after the Five-Day Plan was created, including three weeks of follow-up. It is available by contacting sales@healthconnection.org or calling 1-800-548-8700.

The original Five-Day Plan, created by Elder Elman Folkenberg and Dr. Wayne McFarland, swept the country in the 1960s and 70s and was instrumental in helping an estimated 20 million people to stop smoking.
Register to Become a Prayer Partner for Prophecies Decoded

Want to enrich your prayer life by becoming a prayer warrior for NET 2011? Register at [http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com](http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com) and you will receive an email with suggestions of how you can pray for the pre-NET events, the full message series beginning September 30 and for those who will be receiving a handbill. Discover how you can pray for your family, neighbors and friends and how you can invite them to your church. Accept this invitation and enjoy the beautiful experience of communing with God.


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Millions of people have heard Harold Camping’s radio broadcasts predicting the worldwide earthquake and Jesus’ return on May 21. There are other factions predicting that the world will end in 2012, based on the Mayan calendar. From the experience of the Millerites and the Great Disappointment of October 22, which was the precursor of the Adventist Church, we know that there will be mixed reactions, and that many will decide that they cannot accept the Bible as truth. Others will be confused. That is why this is a key time to be ready with resources and answers for the discouraged and skeptics.

Here is a brief listing of resources that may be of help:

**Babylon Rising**, May 25-28 -- There is still time to register as a host site - [www.babylonisrising.com](http://www.babylonisrising.com/host) and to link your emails and church site to [www.babylonisrising.com](http://www.babylonisrising.com).

**Archaeology Seminar**, (pre-NET event), September 14-18 [http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/archaeology](http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/archaeology)


More recommendations for follow-up resources which are available at the [Adventist Book Centers](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) are posted online: [Review and Herald products](http://www.reviewandherald.com); [Pacific Press products](http://www.pacificpress.com).

Flood Safety for Volunteers and Survivors

Floods and their aftermath can expose many threats to life, health
and safety, depending on response and recovery efforts. Workers who respond to flooded areas are most at risk. Adventist Community Services has posted a list of some of the hazards.

New ANN App

Adventist News Network content is now available as an app for the iPhone and Android operating systems. It will include news, photos and opinion commentaries as they are published. More

Video Devotional: "Be Joyful Always"

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Amazing Facts President and Nationally Recognized Prophecy Speaker Challenges Harold Camping's May 21st Judgment Day

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SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 16, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Family Radio speaker Harold Camping has boldly predicted that the world will end on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at precisely 6:00pm. Promoting it nationally through his extensive radio network, as well as on billboards and websites such as http://www.wecanknow.com, Camping's assertive claims have created a media frenzy around this predicted terrifying Armageddon event that will soon end the world as we know it.

But is Camping's prediction true? And worse, is it dangerous? Those are the questions posed by international speaker Doug Batchelor, a pastor and the president of Amazing Facts, a Christian ministry known globally for its comprehensive Bible prophecy presentations.

In fact, Pastor Batchelor has directly challenged Camping, offering him $100,000 to hand over the deed and rights to the Family Radio network following the May 21 deadline. He explains, "The Bible clearly teaches in Matthew 24:36 that 'No man knows the day and hour' of Jesus' return. Christ also warned that in the last days, there would be many false teachers. It is worth asking then, does Camping's prediction match what the Bible really tells us about Christ's return? I don't believe it does. But if Camping is right, he deserves the money to spread the message; if he's wrong, he should not own a radio network." Batchelor also warns, "Reckless predictions of the second coming of Christ create an artificial excitement among believers followed by a corresponding depression. In addition, it hardens skeptics in their unbelief and provides new fodder for cynics to mock the Christian faith." Across the country, hundreds of Family Radio listeners are quitting their jobs and selling their possessions.

Pastor Batchelor hopes to set the record straight and save millions of believers the devastation, harm, and the embarrassment that will come to them having put their faith in the wild opinions of men and potentially losing everything they have. He says, "Based on Bible prophecy, we'll all still be here May 22. So what can we do to save those caught up in this deception?" Amazing Facts is a Christian media ministry sharing the Bible through radio and television on more than 650 stations around the world. It also operates AFTV, a 24/7-satellite network (http://www.amazingfacts.tv). Each year, more than 300,000 people contact Amazing Facts to receive information about Bible prophecy and other topics. Its many websites also receive more than 4.9 million hits per year.

Pastor Batchelor has frequently taught on the book of Revelation on the Discovery Channel and appeared with Tim LaHaye in the National Geographic documentary The Riddle of Revelation. He is also the author of numerous articles and books on prophecy and hosts the weekly radio program Bible Answers Live.

For more information or to schedule an interview with Pastor Batchelor, contact: Sam Godfrey@amazingfacts.org P.O. Box 1058 Roseville, CA 95678-916-434-3880 SOURCE Amazing Facts www.prnewswire.com Copyright (C) 2011 PR Newswire. All rights reserved -O- KEYWORD: California INDUSTRY KEYWORD: RAD

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Review and Herald Staff Participate in DC Premiere Of Forks Over Knives

Review and Herald staff led by editor of Vibrant Life, Heather Quintana, took advantage of the proximity of the Washington, D.C., premiere of the new documentary and distributed the Forks Over Knives special issue.

"It really felt significant to me when I stood at the side of the theater and saw everyone holding Vibrant Life," said Quintana. "I saw several people reading it throughout the night: a guy on the street waiting for his wife after the film; a woman in the elevator at the parking garage after the film; several people waiting in between the reception and the screening; people in the lobby flipping through it. It just seemed to me like we were finally getting it to the people it was meant for."

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Share Health and Faith

Many of us take our health for granted until we're forced to deal with an uncertain reality of being faced with a life-altering disease that could've been prevented by a proper diet, exercise, and spiritual life.

It's time to fight the surgeon's knife and raise your fist in the air and say you're not going to take it anymore. You want something better for your life, for your family, and your future. This special issue of Vibrant Life will help you share health as never before.

Here are some places you can distribute this special issue:

- At movie theaters during the documentary Forks Over Knives
- At cooking schools
- Health clubs, beauty salons, etc.
- Health fairs
- CHIP programs
- Church outreach programs
- You can also share it with family, friends, coworkers, church family, and church visitors

This issue provides 48 pages of content. It features full, vibrant color on every page and insightful health articles.

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. (3 John 1:2)

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Handing Out Housing To Storm Victims

Karen Zatkulak
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When hundreds of homes were damaged beyond repair in April's tornadoes, the first priority for many families shifted to finding a place to live. Since the damage is so widespread, federal and local organizations are getting creative to put a roof over the heads of all storm victims.

Southern Adventist University is just a few miles from some of the worst damage in Hamilton County. When the relief shelters closed, many victims were left with nowhere to go, so the school stepped up in a unique way.

Andrew Lechler unlocked his temporary front door and walked into his new home in a dorm building at South Adventist University. "All this is provided by school, fully furnished."

While Lechler is a student, he usually lives off campus in this home on Alabama with his mom and sister. "It's kind of a sobering feeling, sobering sight to see your house, but it doesn't look like your house anymore, you don't recognize it."

He was home when the tornado hit, and they hid the basement. While they were able to keep some of their belongings, half their house is now gone. Now the whole family lives in Hickory. Lechler says, "It feels good to be taken care of."

The Univeristy is taking care of dozens of other storm victims as well, like Susan Dick. "Back to college days I guess, we've become like a big family, all of us affected by the disaster, lots of us came from same shelter."

She, her husband, and their therapy dog lost their home, and are thankful for this home throughout this month. "We actually have 2 rooms with bathroom in middle, turned one into kitchen and storage."

While some students still come and go, it's the victims who appreciate their room and their roof here more than most. "It's nice to see good in people, they say there is no good in people anymore, but we've seen the opposite, everyone is going out of their way to help us."

We're told those victims will be able to stay in the dorms through May. As for Lochler's family, they've already found a new apartment and will be moving next week.
LOMA LINDA: Adventist lifestyle permeates the city

10:00 PM PDT on Monday, May 16, 2011
By DARRELL R. SANTSCHI
The Press-Enterprise

You won't find a fancy steakhouse or a full-service liquor store in Loma Linda, but the town is the place to go if you are hungry for a tofu hamburger or your newborn child is in need of a heart transplant.

For 106 years, Loma Linda has been a haven for Seventh-day Adventists, whose religious regimen shuns meat, liquor and tobacco, embraces vegetarian dining and observes Saturday as its Sabbath.

The church helped the town build a reputation for health care that centers on Loma Linda University Medical Center -- home to a proton treatment center for cancer patients and pioneering infant heart surgery -- and the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center, where 65,000 Inland military veterans come for treatment.

Loma Linda's earliest settlers were American Indians, who called the place Guachama, which means "plenty to eat."

Railroad companies promoted the area for tourism and development in the early 1800s and the community was known as Mound City, for the large hill in the center of town, when the Adventist church bought a hotel on the hilltop in 1905 and converted it into a sanitarium.

Adventists poured into town and the sanitarium morphed into Loma Linda University, an Adventist college that now enrolls more than 4,000 students in health professions.

The university's first hospital, erected in 1913, served only 26 patients at a time, but led to the development of three hospitals, with 880 patient beds, and a network of medical care support facilities throughout the town.

In 1987, Loma Linda University Medical Center unveiled the world's first hospital-based proton treatment center, where more than 10,000 patients with cancers of the eye, brain, spinal cord and other areas have undergone radiation treatment.

The medical center gained international fame, and, in some quarters, infamy, in October 1984, when pediatric surgeon Dr. Leonard Bailey performed the world's first cross-species transplant: sewing the heart of a baboon into the chest of an infant given the fictitious name Baby Fae.

Baby Fae lived less than three weeks, but the procedures developed during her surgery enabled Bailey to perform surgery two years later on Baby Moses and Baby Eve, the...
first two newborns to receive transplanted human hearts.

They still survive and Bailey's Loma Linda surgical team now performs 20 pediatric heart transplants a year.

While Loma Linda has gradually become more cosmopolitan, Adventists remain its core population. Thousands belong to its various congregations, including specialized churches for Adventists with roots in China and Romania.

Their strict vegetarian diet and healthy lifestyle prompted the owner of the Wienschnitzel franchise in town to gain, with the mayor's help, permission from the fast-food chain to offer its first veggie hot dog.

With Adventists on the City Council leading the campaign, three years ago Loma Linda enacted one of the most restrictive smoking bans in California. It is against the law to light up a cigarette in almost all public places, including streets and sidewalks.

With Saturday observed as a Sabbath day by Adventists, youth sports teams play their games on Sundays and many businesses close on Saturday.

The U.S. Postal Service dealt a blow to Sabbath observers last month when it announced that it was ending an 81-year-long practice of Sunday delivery in Loma Linda -- one of only three places in the country where such delivery is provided -- and would be delivering on Saturday instead.

Loma Linda's population is about 23,000 at night, but nearly triples during the day as patients and employees flood into town.

Housing growth and traffic problems have dominated public discourse over the past decade.

A 2006 ballot measure imposes 7,200-square-foot minimum lot sizes, and the city has purchased more than 1,600 acres of the South Hills to protect the area from development.

Concerned that red-light cameras on two of the city's busiest streets were angering residents and driving away customers, the Loma Linda City Council pulled the plug last year on cameras that had been in place for five years.

City officials have been pressing for construction of a reconfigured interchange where Interstate 10 meets Anderson Street, which carries traffic to the local hospitals and to a K-12 Adventist school. With several traffic lights sandwiched together in tight spaces,
traffic at the intersection backs up and frustrates commuters.

Work on the intersection is expected to begin next year, but will take 18 months to two years to complete.

The good news in the interim is that the Anderson-Barton Road intersection, busiest in town, no longer has red-light cameras.

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Franklin tennis player bows out of tournament for religious reasons

By John Bombatch, Staff Writer

Updated 7:49 AM Tuesday, May 17, 2011

FRANKLIN — Moments after winning his fourth-round match in the Division II sectional tennis tournament last week, Stefan Mangroo’s defeated opponent told him he hoped Stefan would go far in the postseason. But Mangroo, a senior at Franklin High School, knew all along that he wouldn’t be going anywhere.

For the second year in a row, Mangroo refused to play his sectional semifinal match on Saturday, a day considered a day of rest among Seventh Day Adventists.

“Last season, I didn’t expect to be disqualified and I let my doubles partner down,” Mangroo said Monday.

Then-senior Cody Buffenbarger saw his high school tennis career end as a result of last season’s disqualification.

Mangroo was at the Franklin Community Park tennis courts with former Wildcat player and 2009 graduate Mike Earach, hitting balls against Franklin senior district qualifier Zach Young. “This season, I purposely played singles, because I didn’t want to let down another teammate like before,” Mangroo said.

“As a Seventh Day Adventist, it wasn’t a tough decision not to play on Saturday. I knew it was the right thing to do.”

As a result, Fenwick’s Mike Dreher — who had lost to Mangroo 6-0, 6-2 on Thursday — played Saturday’s semifinal match in Mangroo’s place. Dreher and Young lost in their respective semifinal matches, but then Young came back and defeated Dreher 6-1, 6-1 in the third-place match.

Mangroo was content to do what he could to help his Franklin teammate get ready for Thursday’s district tournament.

“I think he can do well,” Mangroo said of Young. “As long as he keeps playing the way he’s been doing lately, he’s got a chance.”

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Restoring more than just a home

By Monisha Martins - Maple Ridge News
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Phyllis Sharpe was hit with more than just the smell of a warm apple pie when she walked into her renovated home last week.

Cheered on by a long line of volunteers who’d spent three days fixing up her townhouse, the scent of cinnamon, sweet apple and a crisp crust brought back a memory.

It reminded her of a trip to a museum in Victoria with her children, now grown up, where a century-old kitchen was recreated, filled with the mouth-watering aroma of an apple pie.

“It reminded me of good times,” says Sharpe, who then sat down to eat a piece of pie with her parents.

“We just reflected on what had gone on and how beautiful it was.”
A lot had happened inside Sharpe’s Maple Ridge townhome in a span of three days.

The scuffed parquet flooring was removed, dull paint stripped of walls, holes fixes, pipes sealed and piles of stuff – collected over years – removed.

It took volunteers from the Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist Church 15 trips to the dump to clear her house.

Helped by 10 students and two teachers from the Parkview Adventist Academy in Alberta, who gave up a week of their spring break to travel to B.C., the team worked day and night to paint, patch holes and redecorate Sharpe’s home.

The church has completed seven similar home-makeover projects in Coquitlam since its started the Home Team.

Pastor Stevan Mirkovich says the Home Team projects are a concrete way to live out their faith.

“It’s because Christianity stands for restoration of the whole person,” he explains.

“Often times we’ve receive a bad rap for just being concerned about a person’s spiritual well-being. There is just so much brokenness in this world, it is easy for us to remain self-absorbed and unaware of it. When it’s right here in your own backyard, it behoves us to do something, make a difference – at least a little one.”

Sharpe’s townhouse is the first renovation the Home Team has done in Maple Ridge.

Nominated by her brother Les Hobson, she was a deserving candidate, a grandma and widow who took in two grandchildren when their parents fell on hard times.

Now 62, Sharpe spent most of her 50s struggling to make ends meets and care for her granddaughter and grandson, all this while recovering from open heart surgery. She wiped out her retirement savings because she was unable to work while the kids were toddlers.

“I wasn’t putting them in care. That wasn’t an option,” said Sharpe, whose grandchildren have since moved out and live with their parents.

“It’s been a long haul, but it’s been worth it.”

Although both grandchildren have been gone for five years, Sharpe has found it hard to part with their memories. She kept their toys, books and clothes.

In January, she had a full-knee replacement, but is back at work five days a week at Burger King in Abbotsford as a manager.

“I would love to retire, but financially I can’t,” Sharpe says, still believing she didn’t deserve the
makeover that has transformed her house into one she is now proud of.

The walls are painted in variations of beige and there is new bamboo flooring throughout.

Her favourite place is the living room, with its beige and chocolate feature wall and carpet in the sitting area, so she has somewhere warm to place her feet.

She got a new loveseat, coffee table and her French provincial chair has been reupholstered.

She can finally use her patio, now that's it cleared of junk. Her empty planter boxes have bright coloured flowers.

“You walk in the house and it echoes now, because there is not a whole lot of stuff,” says Sharpe.

“It's night and day. It's just wonderful to say the least.”
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Some Advice on Floods - May 12, 2011
Prepared by FEMA to share with staff and volunteers working within flooded areas.

Overview:

Floods and their aftermath can expose many threats to life and safety, depending on response and recovery efforts. Workers who respond to flooded areas are most at risk. Safety and health hazards can be expected in flood zone areas.

Some hazards associated with floods and cleanups are listed below:

- Airborne microorganisms; microbial growth (e.g., bacteria and fungi)
- Heat stress
- Mosquitoes
- Slippery and unstable surfaces
- Fatigue or exhaustion from working long shifts
- Floodwater exposure; contaminated floodwaters
- Sharp or jagged debris
- Electrical hazards
- Contact with animal and human remains
- Air contaminants/Chemical exposures

Please contact your site safety and health official for area specific guidance.

General Safety:

- Seek immediate first aid treatment or medical evaluation for any injuries and illnesses.
- Report injuries or illnesses to your supervisor and site safety official.
- Do not walk through flowing or standing water.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Watch for animals, especially snakes.
- Look before you step.
- Be alert for gas leaks.

Personal Safety:

- Get Immunizations and be sure that they are current, e.g., Tetanus.
- Use hand sanitizer. Wash hands with soap and clean water, preferably. When available, wash hands before work breaks, meal breaks and at the end of the work shift.
- Keep safe potable water close by for drinking and washing. Consider all water unsafe until local authorities announce that the public water supply is safe.
- Use insect repellant
- Use sunscreen
• Have watertight boots with steel toe and insole (not just steel shank; slip resistant).
• Wear long sleeved shirts and pants. This may decrease the risk of mosquito and other insect bites.


ANN releases smartphone apps

*News, photos, Commentaries free on iPhone, Android*

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ANN released smartphone apps for iPhone and Android. Above, a user downloading the app on an iPhone.

Adventist News Network content is now available as an app for the iPhone and Android operating systems.

The newly released apps include news, photos and opinion commentaries as they are published. The apps also offer the ANN Styleguide and Glossary, which explains the rationale behind corporate news for a worldwide Christian denomination.

"Regular communication can help keep members and leaders worldwide better connected with each other as well as enhance the church’s corporate transparency to its members and the public," said Arnel Oliver, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's assistant Communication director.

The app was produced by Simple Updates, a Michigan-based developer, and is available in the iPhone App Store and the Android Market.

Users may also contact the editor or submit photos and story suggestions on the ANN website at news.adventist.org.

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6 Comments

Keep up the good work...I take my smartphone everywhere and it is a tool that I use on the go. I have my Bible and many EG White books installed not to mention the Sabbath School lesson and Sabbath Media App. This is an important outreach and I share with other smartphone users. May God bless you in your continued work. Thank you!!

In Christ's Service
Stephen Corke

*Stephen Corke | May 12, 2011 1:07 PM | Reply*

When will we see a Blackberry App?

Shane | May 13, 2011 11:45 AM | Reply

Congratulations! I believe especially in these times, not only do church members want to be kept informed, but others are watching too. It is all about providing hope through community. Your app helps to build community. Praise the Lord!

David Gibbons | May 13, 2011 6:28 PM | Reply
Wonderful news! Praise the Lord for the new technology.

Ruth | May 14, 2011 6:35 PM | Reply

Cuando Desarrollaran aplicaciones para Blackberry? buena iniciativa continuen asi!

Josue | May 17, 2011 4:13 PM | Reply

This is great! Please keep up this great work. But will there be an app for WebOS? It would be great if there was and the PDK for the WebOS platform is easier to work with than iOS or Android...

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