Women's Ministries Emphasis Day, June 11

June 11 is the Division’s annual Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day. It is designed to be a day to showcase the talents and contributions of women to the local congregation, the community, and the larger Church community. Ideally, the worship hour participants, including the speaker, are women. The church women’s ministries leader may also want to use this time to honor women in the congregation who have done something unusual or outstanding. Besides the worship hour, this is also an opportunity to plan a full day of activities including Sabbath School, a fellowship dinner, and an afternoon program.

To aid in planning the program, resource materials are provided on the NAD Women’s Ministries web site. Click on the “Events” or “Resources” tab. A sermon, children’s story, PowerPoint slides for the sermon, and a seminar are available in English, Spanish, and French. This year’s theme is “Love Changes Everything.” If June 11 is not a good date for your church to observe this special day, we ask women’s ministries leaders to work with their pastor to schedule it whenever it fits best into your church’s program.
Joplin Warehouse In Operation

The multiagency warehouse in tornado-ravaged Joplin, Missouri, is currently serving as a sorting center for mountains of spontaneous donations. It is staffed by Adventist members working alongside fellow volunteers from AmeriCorps. Local directors of Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response, Roy Weeden (Missouri) and Jody Dickhaut (Iowa), co-manage the facility as they continue to pastor their respective church districts. They report that additional warehouse facilities may soon be in operation. Cash donations to purchase specifically needed materials and resources would be appreciated.

Among North American Division leaders who have visited Joplin is Vice President Ernest Castillo. He accompanied Sandra Juarez of Esperanza TV who provided Joplin residents the opportunity to tell their stories of suffering and survival. Joining them was Pastor Juan Acosta, Hispanic coordinator for the Mid-America Union.

Please continue to pray for those affected by these continuing disasters as well as those who so generously give of their time to help others in need.

To help support continued ACS DR operations:
1) Donate online
2) Call 1-800-381-7171, or
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, Md. 20904

By Martin Weber, Mid-America Union communication director

Beloved Minister, Professor and Leader
Dr. Doug Kilcher Dies

On May 24, 2011, Dr. Doug Kilcher, who served as Texas Conference Secretary until October, 2010, passed away in his home with his family by his side, after nearly four years of battling the blood cancer, multiple myeloma. Doug began his ministry in 1969 as an intern evangelist in the Southern California Conference where he went on to become a full time pastor. He then served as pastor in the Pennsylvania and Upper Columbia Conferences. Afterwards he served as an administrator in the Northern New England Conference before moving to Andrews University Theological Seminary where he taught for 13 years as a professor. He later served in the Mid-America Union as Ministerial Director before going to the Texas Conference.

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Advocists in the News

The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

Adventists in the News

Boiling Springs veteran among volunteers used in experiments
GoUpstate.com, May 29

Treat the body as a temple
clarionledger.com, May 27

A miracle baby
ABC7 News WJLA.com, May 27

Napa man helps Haiti quake victims
Napa Valley Register, May 26

Local Christian radio comes with a taste of Newfoundland
BClocalnews.com, May 25

Books for One-Day Churches and Schools

The Review and Herald has launched a new mission project to provide books for the popular One-Day Churches and Schools that are being built in developing countries by Maranatha Volunteers International. They've put together two book packages, one to fit the needs of the One-Day Church, and one to fit the needs of the One-Day Schools in English-speaking countries. More
Summit on Abuse

A summit on abuse, called "enditnow: Break the Silence About Abuse," is being planned for October 15-17, at Loma Linda University. It is sponsored by the North American Division Women’s Ministries, Children’s Ministries, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, Education, Ministerial, and Youth Ministries Departments plus the Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. The summit on abuse follows immediately after the General Conference-sponsored Conference on Emotional Health and Wellness at the university, October 12-14. More (Follow the link on the home page.)

Become a Church Promoter

The Adventist Book Center is offering one family per church an opportunity to sign up to become a church promoter. Church promoters receive early copies of new books for free and tell fellow members about the new books. Sign up now to participate.

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Study Guides (workbook) with 9-10 pages of in-depth material for each lesson, which are sold separately for $9.99 or in packs of five for $44.99. Each participant will need their own Study Guide. 3) two DVDs that contain all 11 presentations and are attached to the back inside cover of the Leader’s Guide. Each DVD lesson is 30 minutes long. To learn more about the Journey of Joy Bible Studies, go to http://nadwm.org/article.php?id=219. Watch the 3-minute DVD, read the titles of the 11-week series, and view the flyer.

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**Devotional - The Unrecognizable Savior**

Ivan Williams, NAD Ministerial Director

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Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Theme: “Love Changes Everything”
2nd Sabbath in June

What is Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day?

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day is an annual event on the church's Calendar of Days and Events. The Women's Ministries leader should meet with their pastor at least six months prior to this day to discuss special plans for this Sabbath. This is an opportunity to plan a full day of activities including Sabbath School, the worship service, a fellowship dinner, and perhaps an afternoon program. The leader may also want to use this time to honor women in the congregation who have done something unusual or outstanding.

*If the second Sabbath in June is not a convenient date for your church to observe Women's Emphasis Day, please work with your pastor to find another date.
Beloved Minister and Leader Dr. Doug Kilcher Passes Away in Texas

Posted on May 27, 2011

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"The whole Texas Conference family, in and out of the office, is saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Doug Kilcher. Doug was a genuine Christian gentleman. Although a scholar, he had a pastoral heart. He was an excellent listener, and yet exhibited exceptional leadership skills at the most appropriate times. During his years here in Conference administration, he was the glue that stabilized and undergirded us in a significant fashion that few realized. He leaves a hole in our hearts and in this office, and although we will miss him dearly, we are tranquil in the fact that he now rests from his labors, awaiting that glorious resurrection morning. Our prayers and sympathy are with his beloved and faithful wife Carole, son Kevin and daughter Kristi." Carlos J. Craig, Texas Conference President.

"The impact of Dr. Kilcher's ministry will continue to be felt by many for years to come. Doug was a true friend and mentor to many and served His Lord with excellence and faithfulness. His example of grace and leadership sets a high standard for all of us who serve in ministry." Gary A. Brady, Executive Vice President.

Perhaps a crowning passion of Doug's personal calling was his commitment to the success of pastors. He was ever sensitive to the importance of appropriate training, professional mentoring, family support and a continuing experience of spiritual and personal growth and renewal. Doug knew the value of balance in the life and ministry of the pastor. He consistently encouraged pastors to be intentional in maintaining a clear focus on the important matters, even in the face of urgent issues that are constantly present.

For this reason, the Doug Kilcher Fund for Pastoral Renewal has been set up and will be administered by the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Kilcher family; however the benefits will not be limited to just the Texas Conference.

The Doug Kilcher Pastoral Renewal Fund is intended to extend his legacy of ministry and provide the opportunity for people to honor him and express their appreciation for his life and ministry. All contributions will be received with appreciation and thanks, to provide support for pastors and their families.

The Kilcher family will be celebrating, remembering and honoring Doug's life privately and as such there will be no public memorial service.

Carole is requesting that in lieu of cards, please send emails that can be shared with her children. Her email address is: thekilchers@sbcglobal.net.
Further definition on tap for Adventist fundamental belief on creation

New review committee follows 2010 Session action to 'strengthen' church’s interpretation of origins

25 May 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s newly formed Fundamental Beliefs Review Committee are expected to meet in June, the next step in a five-year process to clarify the denomination’s biblical understanding of origins.

Last year, delegates of the 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta voted to reaffirm the church’s belief in a "literal, recent, six-day creation." The vote formally endorsed a document drafted at the International Faith and Science Conference in 2004 and later that year affirmed by the church’s Annual Council business meeting. The move addressed questions from some Adventists regarding interpretation of the denomination’s Fundamental Belief Number 6.

The reaffirmation of Creation statement specifies that the seven days in the Genesis creation account are "literal 24-hour days" and that creation is "recent," while the existing fundamental belief reads, in part: "In six days the Lord made 'the heaven and the earth' ... and rested on the seventh day of that first week."

Because the Adventist Church cannot hold two official statements on the same belief, Session delegates also voted to grant top church administration what world church General Vice President Artur Stele called a "mandate" to merge the two statements’ language and intent into one comprehensive fundamental belief.

The move is also expected to close what some Adventists claim is an interpretive loophole that hypothetically allows theistic evolution to explain the Genesis origins account, said Angel Rodriguez, director of the church’s Biblical Research Institute (BRI) and Fundamental Beliefs Review Committee co-chair with Stele.

Theistic evolution posits that evolution is a natural process of creation, overseen by God, and seeks to make the biblical creation story compatible with natural evolution.

"We as the Adventist Church strongly believe that the Lord is our creator. If you take that away -- it's such a foundational belief -- or even compromise it, then there is an effect on other beliefs," Stele said.

Because theistic evolution stretches each creation day into epochs, many Adventists fear the theory threatens another of the church’s core beliefs: observance of the seventh-day Sabbath as a celebration of the creation week.

While amending the church’s fundamental beliefs might seem exceptional, it’s neither unprecedented nor unsolicited. The preamble to the church’s 28 Fundamental Beliefs invites revision as the church’s understanding of truth expands.

"We state, 'This is how we understand Scripture,' but we also state that if we find a better expression or better wording -- or if our understanding is broadened -- then we will be open to change," Stele said. "We don’t have doctrines like some other denominations -- unmovable, unchangeable.

Why not?

Early Adventist Church leaders were adamant that the emerging church not be corralled by creeds. "Making a creed is setting the stakes, and barring up the way to all future advancement," church co-founder James White said during a discussion in 1861. "Suppose the Lord ... should give us some new light that did not harmonize with our creed?"

Ten years later, the then Review and Herald magazine published a list of "Fundamental Principles," drafted by early church leader Uriah Smith. They were printed with a disclaimer that sought to allay any remaining unease: "We have no articles of faith, creed or discipline, aside from the Bible. We do not put forth this as having any authority with our people, nor is it designed to secure uniformity among them as a system of faith, but is a brief statement of what is, and has been, with great unanimity, held by them," Smith wrote.

Those core beliefs shifted in number and content over the decades, but were never officially voted by the church until 1980.
Two years before the 1980 GC Session in Dallas, Texas, a few church administrators at church headquarters wrote a preliminary draft of what would become the Fundamental Beliefs. Shortly afterward, scholars and theologians at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, participated in rewriting the beliefs, launching a revision process involving academics, administrators and church members.

What emerged were a set of beliefs that condensed and codified key Bible-based principles universally held by the church.

"A major reason we've been able to achieve widespread agreement among Adventists worldwide is because the Fundamental Beliefs keep very close to the wording of Scripture. They either quote Scripture directly or paraphrase it," said Bill Johnson, who was among the group of scholars and theologians at the Seminary tasked with rewriting the preliminary draft.

**How a belief is changed**

The Fundamental Beliefs were first formally changed to accommodate the "Growing in Christ" belief [voted in 2005](http://news.adventist.org/2011/05/further-definition-o.html) at the 58th GC Session. During that same Session, church administrators also voted to adopt a protocol guiding any further changes to the Fundamental Beliefs.

Suggested changes to the church's beliefs must be rooted, the protocol states, in a "serious concern" for the "well-being of the world church and its message and mission," as well as be Bible-based and "informed" by the writings of church co-founder Ellen G. White.

A suggestion can come from the world field or world church headquarters. In this case, then newly elected world church President Ted N. C. Wilson called for revision of the church's belief on creation, responding to challenges to the church's interpretation of origins.

Protocol states that once a revision is entertained, world church headquarters should create an ad hoc committee to "coordinate" the revision process -- this time, the Fundamental Beliefs Review Committee, co-chaired by Stele and Rodriguez.

Joined by Adventist Review Editor and Publisher Bill Knott and BRI Associate Director Gerhard Pfandl, Stele and Rodriguez will draft the first revision of Fundamental Belief Number 6 in the coming months.

Cue church administrators, theologians, scholars and local church members, all of whom will review the suggested draft as it circulates church business meetings at headquarters and each of the church's 13 world divisions.

Later, to solicit feedback from members worldwide, the draft will appear online and in the Adventist Review, which historically published the church's beliefs as they evolved over the years.

"We want to make it as accessible to as many people as possible," Rodriguez said. "The committee will set up criteria by which to evaluate [the suggestions], trying to be as objective as possible."

Ultimately, the church's Annual Council will vote whether to add the revision to the agenda of the 2015 GC Session in San Antonio, Texas, where a final vote would occur.
11 Comments

I applaud the efforts to adhere closer to the Bible account of creation where God 'spake and it stood fast', instead of the millions of years that are being promoted by some types of scientists. I suggest that the church go one step further and make a clear book and website answer to the challenges of some - i.e., What do we do with carbon dating? (usually the first question I've found). A link to creation.com or something similar would be be helpful in providing not just an answer from a theological point of view, but also from a scientific point of view. An answer to the existence of dinosaurs and their origins is also needed (as best as is able). Perhaps an official Adventist 'answers page' would be helpful, rather than relying on creation.com and other websites that may potentially have another view of interpretation.

Hugh Ross is one that attempts to combine science and the bible and has a lot of 'scientific' attempts at explanations, but unfortunately when conflicts arise, sides with millions of years. We need a bible and science website that seeks to remain true to both, as a true understanding of science will uphold the bible. "True science and inspiration are in perfect harmony. False science is a something independent of God. It is pretentious ignorance." IMCP 310.3

Stephen de Bruyn | May 26, 2011 2:27 AM | Reply

I respect all four persons who will prepare the preliminary draft (Rodriguez, Stele, Knott and Pfandl), but could the group not have been a bit larger and somewhat more representative of different theological orientations within contemporary adventism?

Reinder Bruinsma | May 26, 2011 11:38 AM | Reply

I Praise God for our new President’s bold stand against what I, at least, see as a watering-down of the Bible truth of creation. I am not a theologian, just an old retired pastor, but I see that although all Scripture is inspired by God, there is one section that was written by his own hand. In that section He says that He created the heavens and the earth and ALL THAT IS IN THEM in six days. I hope that we can be humble enough to stop trying to “fit in” with those who would deny what the Lord has declared in plain language and let Him have the final say.

Barry Satchell | May 27, 2011 5:20 AM | Reply

As the Belief is currently written, it's worded as the biblical creation account states it. As Bill Johnson said, "A major reason we've been able to achieve widespread agreement among Adventists worldwide is because the Fundamental Beliefs keep very close to the wording of Scripture. They either quote Scripture directly or paraphrase it".

Am I the only one that's alarmed that we're taking something that already directly quotes Scripture, and adding words that DON'T appear in the Bible so we can make people feel more comfortable?

In our evangelistic crusades, we always warn against other denominations whose teachings adulterate the word of God and add things to suit their interpretations. Is it ok to do it now simply because it's OUR interpretation??? This is a dangerous path. We teach and preach Sola Scriptura! If we really believe that, then we shouldn't attempt to make "improvements" upon the direct quoted words from the Bible.

C. | May 29, 2011 5:08 PM | Reply

If the Fundamental Beliefs do get reprinted, Uriah Smith's original disclaimer ought to be added as a preamble in bold type:

"We have no articles of faith, creed or discipline, aside from the Bible. We do not put forth this as having any authority with our people, nor is it designed to secure uniformity among them as a system of faith, but is a brief statement of what is, and has been, with great unanimity, held by them."

If we really held to this sentiment, we'd have alot less drama...in fact this entire dialogue would be moot.
C. R. | May 29, 2011 5:09 PM | Reply

If I could expand on Reinder Bruinsma’s comment, if we are truly interested in "TRUTH" we probably should have broad representation from the scientific community--people qualified in the disciplines of geology, biology, paleontology, and physics among others.

If on the other hand we are only interested in rallying around a historic understanding, then the committee as constructed is likely adequate.

Jan Long | May 29, 2011 10:14 PM | Reply

I applaud the effort and intent of the SDA leadership for clarifying this important issue. I hope the committee members will continue to rely on our historical creed of relying on the Bible and the Bible alone for inspiration, guidance and doctrine. The phrase "literal 24-hour day" would be more biblical if it were shortened to "literal day" without the reference to the # of hours, as Genesis makes no mention of this. It would also be more consistent with current observations, that a day is not literally 24 hours even in 2011. 24 hours is just an average. In reality, every day is slightly different by a few microseconds. On the day the "sun stood still" recorded in Joshua 10, it was most definitely longer than 24 hours. I wonder how long the days were before the flood?

Stan Martin | May 30, 2011 2:59 PM | Reply

"We are not unmindful of the noble service the Protestant churches have rendered to the world, to humanity, and to religion, by introducing and defending, so far as they have, the great principles of Protestantism. But they have made a fatal mistake in stereotyping their doctrines into creeds, and thus taking the first steps backward toward the spiritual tyranny of Rome."
--Uriah Smith, The United States in the Light of Prophecy, Chap. 9

11th Commandment | May 30, 2011 5:23 PM | Reply

Continue ti stand firm on the doctrines that define who we are as a people.
Are there any intentions to look at the subject concerning the name of God and its relevance in our time?

Chaia Danae | May 31, 2011 2:49 AM | Reply

Like C. I am concerned that we are putting 21 century observations into an explanation of a Biblical Text. Have we stopped to ask ourselves when "time" was divided into 24 hours for our measurement? There is no Biblical support for saying 24-hour days. Why then would we, the people of the book, add such extra-biblical annotation?

PL | June 1, 2011 8:31 AM | Reply

@ Jan Long & Reinder Bruinsma: Our mandaet if from God through His scripture. We are to represent His way as He directs from His book. We are not here to represent "wider Adventism" or scientific disciplines that hold sway among the intelligencia. If God indicates something in His word, whether it conflicts or agrees with science; whether or not it seems reasonable, we accept it. God is the arbiter of ALL truth. His word is absolute. Scientific explanations and social mores must bend to scripture, not the other way around.

Audley Mitchell | June 1, 2011 8:40 PM | Reply

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Boiling Springs veteran among volunteers used in experiments

Army researchers relied on ‘Whitecoats’ for test subjects

By Kim Kimsey
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BOILING SPRINGS — When Ernie Boughman Jr. tells people he served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, they ask, “Ooh, you went to Vietnam?” And I say, ‘No, I didn’t go to Vietnam.’ ”

People want to know where he served. What did he do?

“I start telling them and they say, ‘That sounds weird.’ ”

Boughman did not serve on a battlefield but in a program called Operation Whitecoat. He was one of about 2,300 Seventh-day Adventists who volunteered for medical research. Participants consented to be test subjects in the research of vaccines and safeguards against biological weapons.

Operation Whitecoat was carried out at Fort Detrick in Maryland from 1954 to 1973. In the early days of Operation Whitecoat, the country was in the midst of the Cold War and there was concern about biological threats from the Soviet Union.

“For much of the Whitecoat era, the United States was still engaged in offensive biological warfare research. That program was ended in 1969 by President (Richard) Nixon, but the Army continued to study diseases of military interest and to develop medical defenses against biological weapons,” according to a written statement from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Boughman’s uncle was a “Whitecoat” and told Boughman, a native of Santuc in Union County, he should try to get in the program.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

As a Seventh-day Adventist, Boughman registered as a conscientious objector.

“We’re not against defending our country, but we just don’t bear arms or kill,” Boughman said.

Leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist church and the surgeon general of the Army agreed that church members could participate in the research since members’ beliefs forbid combat.

He trained as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. While stationed there, representatives from Fort Detrick interviewed servicemen for Operation Whitecoat.
Boughman and his newlywed bride, Sandy, (they wed a couple months before he went into the Army) returned early from their two-week leave to Spartanburg County for Boughman’s interview.

Operation Whitecoat participants were of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Boughman recalls that about 200 men interviewed for the program and 19 were recruited. Those selected had their names posted on a bulletin board near the mess hall.

“My heart was just beating as I was looking down all those names and there it was and I said, ‘Alright.’ I knew I wasn’t going to Vietnam then.”

Sandy was home in their apartment praying he would be recruited. Yet the couple’s happiness was dampened by the realization that friends were not selected for the program.

Sandy said it was hard to be happy and Boughman felt “guilty” to be among those chosen while friends were sent to Vietnam and Korea.


Boughman participated in three “projects.”

Dr. Arthur Anderson, director of the Office of Human Use and Ethics and Research Integrity Officer with the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, confirmed Boughman participated in two yellow fever studies. Those studies and additional research ultimately resulted in the licensure by the FDA of a yellow fever vaccine, Anderson said.

Boughman also participated in a study for the antibiotic chloromycetin.

Anderson said in a phone interview that volunteers were recruited from Ft. Sam Houston because it was thought their training as medics made them more prepared to understand the risks and benefits of participating in studies. Soldiers did not have to participate in studies, though about 80 percent did.

Research subjects were informed of the studies before agreeing to participate, according to a statement from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

The program also adhered to ethical standards in the Nuremberg Code to recruit and treat volunteers. Boughman said doctors closely monitored the servicemen. Fortunately, he never became ill from studies he participated in. Test subjects were quarantined for each operation.

“I couldn’t even touch him,” Sandy said.

The couple talked through glass with a mesh opening, similar to what you see at a movie theater, they said. They held their hands up on either side of the glass.

The longest period Boughman was quarantined was three weeks. He said each serviceman had his own room, and the building was air conditioned. The facility also had a dayroom where service members could work on puzzles, build model airplanes and race slot cars.

The grounds also had a walled-in courtyard where they could play basketball and volleyball.

“He had to be just with that group. He couldn’t come out and nobody could go in,” Sandy said.
She said he remained “upbeat” no matter how long the quarantine. She, on the other hand, was concerned and worried if there would be long-term effects.

“I worried more than he worried,” Sandy said. “I felt like he was a guinea pig.”

He said volunteers received the same time off for the duration of their quarantine. “It was more like a job to me,” he said of his service time. If he wasn’t participating in a project, Boughman went to his job from the couple’s home off base.

Operation Whitecoat resulted in development of several vaccines. Researchers gained knowledge of how to prevent, diagnose and treat patients through about 150 studies. Additionally, research advanced development of equipment and safety precautions in laboratories (decontamination procedures, incubators and much more) and techniques to help patients with compromised immunity.

**ASSESSMENTS**

The Department of Defense and the Seventh-day Adventist Church developed a study of participants in Operation Whitecoat to assess their health.

More than 500 men completed questionnaires between 1998 and 2002. A summary of the survey indicated there was “no adverse impact on the overall health of Operation Whitecoat volunteers that could be conclusively attributed to participation in research studies at Fort Detrick.”

Boughman said he had no long-term effects. He had melanoma skin cancer several years ago but attributes that to sun exposure.

Asked if he ever worried about participating in medical research, Boughman replied he did not. He was 21 years old when he was drafted into service. Like many young people, he said he considered himself invincible.

Boughman said he would participate again if he were drafted to serve his country.

“I have never regretted serving in the Army. Would I have volunteered? No,” he said.

He added that Seventh-day Adventists are patriotic and love this country.

They just serve in a different way, Sandy said.

“(Whitecoats) tend to be extremely humble,” Anderson said.

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Pearl resident Danyelle Carroll, 40, became overweight following the birth of her first child in 2000 and remained that way for more than a decade.

Regularly attending church and taking part in many religious social gatherings didn't help her drop the pounds.

"Baptist churches love to eat," said Carroll. "Everything we do is centered around food, and I mean really good food, too."

That's why Carroll decided to take part in the spiritual fitness trend, creating a program at her church that would help participants lose weight while growing closer to God.

"A lot of women have admitted to me that food is one of the things that keeps them separated from God," she said. "God created food for our pleasure. We're not to overindulge."

Carroll said she spent a lot of time praying that God would take her food cravings away, until one day, she realized that wasn't going to happen.

"God told me one day: 'I can't just make you
120 pounds. You are going to have to put forth some effort,” she said.

So she created a program at Pearson Baptist Church in Pearl called Walk the Walk.

"I'm an RN as well, so that part of me was telling me we needed to get practical with our health," she said. "Instead of bringing desserts, we would bring something a little more diet friendly to fellowship."

The group usually meets once a week at 5:45 p.m. and spends 30 minutes to an hour walking a 1.5 mile track at Bright Park three times. Sometimes they work out with weights. There is no age, gender or church membership requirement.

"We have ladies who are 88 years old," she said. "Everyone does it at their own pace. We incorporated a Bible study along with the fellowship. We are just prayer warriors now.

"The whole key of the concept is to treat your body as a temple and fuel it with good things not bad things."

Francine Wallace also started a fitness ministry at her church, St. Stephen United Methodist Church of Yazoo City.

"I've always been physically active, and when I decided I was going to start thinking about retiring, I knew I wanted to have something that was going to keep me challenged," she said.

"About three years before I retired, my husband and I took a course and received our personal training certification. We work out at home. In fact, I'm getting ready now to go on our morning three-mile walk."

Wallace said she also was looking for a way to become more involved with her church when she created Wellness Wednesday.

The program offers nutritional education and short exercise sessions.

"I've heard members say they eat better," she said. "They've seen some weight loss. They feel stronger and sleep better."

"To be able to carry out the things God wants us to carry out, we've got to have our physical being intact. I think churches should show people how to have a better life, spiritually and physically as well."

Jay Richardson, pastor of Highland Colony Baptist Church, said his congregation recently started a 12-week weight loss competition called Losing to Live.

"We are now about 10 weeks into it and have had some great results," he said. "This whole idea comes at diet and exercise from a biblical perspective.
"We had around 100 people sign up. Probably half that number has stayed with it losing a total so far of around 800 pounds."

Javier Diaz, pastor of College Drive Church in Pearl, said church members will sponsor a 5K run, health fair and seminar called CREATION Health in September.

CREATION Health is a lifestyle program with eight principles - choice, rest, environment, activity, trust, interpersonal relationships, outlook and nutrition.

"We are a Seventh-day Adventist Church that overall believes in living a healthy lifestyle," he said.

Carroll said she has lost 65 pounds since starting Walk the Walk.

"Get out of your house," she said. "Get out of your shell. Put the Oreo's away. If you are not where you need to be physically, start an activity.

"How can you do God's work being over 250 pounds? You can, but you are limited. Obesity can be a huge disability. It was for me for over 10 years, and it kept me from doing a lot of things I really wanted to do.

"I think Walk the Walk is a wonderful tool to be able to reach people who are really in bondage with food.

"Your body is God's creation, so what you are doing with it is important. I don't want to get to the pearly gates and have him say, 'What did you do to the body I gave you?'"

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A miracle baby

By Greta Kreuz
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Amy and Michael Vallarino know their little girl, Margarita Isabella, or Maggie, is a miracle.

Vallarino had a C-Section this week at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital – two months after being diagnosed at six months pregnant with stage 4 breast cancer. Dr. Thomas Pinckert hoped to get the baby to 32 weeks gestation before delivery. But Amy began having difficulties, and was delivered at 31 ½ weeks.

“She came out and was robust and spunky – she did great,” Pinckert, a maternal fetal medicine specialist, said about the baby girl.

Despite the early arrival, Maggie weighed three pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 inches long. She’ll spend the next month in the hospital getting bigger and stronger.

She already seems like a fighter – just like her exhausted mother.

While pregnant, Vallarino, also a mom to a 2-year-old son, had chemotherapy and took pain medication. She couldn’t receive radiation or an antibody called Herceptin. She’ll begin those critical treatments next week.

Michael Vallarino will care for his wife and kids and is hopeful the outlook for his wife and newborn daughter.

Vallarino’s cancer has spread to her liver, lungs, spleen and spine. There’s no cure for stage 4 breast cancer. But Vallarino’s oncologist said the treatment’s she’ll begin next week will give her the best chance of going into remission.

Vallarino has set up a website that includes a calendar to indicate when the family might need help with meals, babysitting or other errands.

A fund has been established for the Vallarinos:

Amy Vallarino Cancer Fund
Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union
Acct: 000439650
Routing # 255077477
PO Box 2270
Germantown, MD 20875

For questions about the fund, you can email amyscancerfund@gmail.com.
Napa man helps Haiti quake victims

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Kyle Eckhart of Napa Valley Prosthetics and Orthotics spends his days helping people who need prosthetic limbs or orthotic braces.

Eckhart barely gets a break for lunch, but in early May he was able to steal away from his business to travel to Haiti to help victims of the January 2010 earthquake.

On May 6, Eckhart flew with another certified prosthetist orthotist to Miami and then to Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital.

Eckhart went to the island nation for eight days to volunteer with ProsthetiKa, a nonprofit in Santa Rosa. ProsthetiKa works with a Seventh-day Adventist-run hospital in the capital city to provide artificial limbs and braces.

When he first saw the Third-World conditions and destruction from the earthquake, Eckhart admitted that at first he felt overwhelmed.

“As soon as you leave the airport you see crumbled houses that are collapsed,” Eckhart said. “There is rubble in the streets. There is garbage everywhere.” Plastic bottles and Styrofoam food containers clog the rivers, he said. “Everyone is in need.”

“I knew it would be poor, but you don’t truly appreciate that until you get there and see how poor it is,” he said.

“The problems seem so big, you wonder what you can really do,” Eckhart said. “You realize the only thing you can do is something.”

Each day, Eckhart and the other volunteers would open the prosthetic clinic doors at the hospital to see patients. Besides amputee victims from the earthquake, they also saw diabetic patients and children with cerebral palsy.

“We saw some polio patients. It was an eye-opener to work with those patients,” Eckhart said. “In the States, you don’t see that.”

“We saw a paraplegic patient from the earthquake. We set him for braces so he can stand up without his legs buckling.”

Eckhart said he was inspired by the other volunteers from all over the world who have been working in Haiti. While one person can’t make a change, “with all these other people we do what we can,” he said.

Besides treating patients in Haiti, ProsthetiKa also wants to help set up prosthetic and orthotic care centers and train locals about prosthetics and orthotics, Eckhart said.

“The goal is to work with the local prosthetists on-site and help them become self-sustainable so they can carry on the prosthetic work,” he said.

Eckhart called his visit to Haiti humbling.

“My perspective got a reality check. You realize how little you need. It makes you appreciate fresh air and clean streets and a clean river,” he said.

Even so, he hopes to return to Haiti to help. “I look forward to going back,” he said.
Local Christian radio comes with a taste of Newfoundland

Andre Boruck, Cynthia Dillen, and Doug Pond cut the ribbon marking the opening of the radio tower at Kinnaird Community Church which carries Voice of Adventist Radio to listeners in the Castlegar area.

By Kim Magi - Castlegar News
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If you’ve ever listened to Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR) in the West Kootenay, you may be wondering why you’re hearing weather reports and local news from Newfoundland.

That’s because for many years, VOAR was the only Christian radio station allowed to broadcast in Canada due to a grandfather clause from when Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949.

Since then, the CRTC has allowed for more religious broadcasting, but VOAR had already expanded across the country, including right here in the West Kootenay.

Two years ago, Andre Boruck became involved with bringing VOAR to the area when he realized his church in Trail had the equipment but it was just sitting there.

“I was listening to a sermon one day and the pastor was saying something along the lines of, ‘get out there and do something,’” he recalled.

“I thought, ‘I need to go and put this tower up, this station up, and find out why we haven’t done anything with it.’”

Boruck connected with Nadine Crombie in Nakusp, who had put a station up there and was working on expanding to other communities.

The first tower in the area went up in a Fruitvale family’s backyard, as some areas are better than others, Boruck explained.

“In Trail, because of the mountain ranges the way they are, there’s very few places that are actually any good,” he said. “I think most of the radio stations in this area have most of their towers on Red Mountain.”

Since Red Mountain was full, Crombie went back to knocking on doors when it was time to expand to Trail.

She had nearly exhausted her options and had one more door to knock on — luckily, they said yes.

In Castlegar, the station is broadcast out of Kinnaird Park Community Church.

“We dug the hole and put the tower up and whatnot and we had a little bit of a celebration but one of the issues we had was that it was interfering with their sound system within the church,” Boruck said.

A radio technician for KBS happened to be a member at the church, and Boruck said he was able to help them out and continue broadcasting without interfering with the church’s microphones and speakers anymore.

“It was a blessing, actually,” he said.
The way the station works is that the signal from Newfoundland is broadcast onto Bell Expressvu satellite. People with this system already can listen on channel 950.

“What we do, is we install a Bell Expressvu satellite system in the homes or wherever the towers are located,” he said. “We take that signal from the satellite and it goes into the tower and broadcasts into the valley.”

Boruck said the station is different from most Christian stations, which feature mainly music.

“If you listen to it, it’s Christian radio. There’s some music, there’s some talk on it and some stories. It’s got a real mix.”

Down the road, Boruck said he’s hoping to replace the Newfoundland news and weather reports with more local content.

Until then, he said he’s been really happy with the new friendships he’s made because of the station.

“We have been able to build relationships with Christians and other organizations in the area with similar interests,” he said. “In the past we never had those relationships or a reason to come together.”

Boruck hopes other communities will embrace the idea and consider putting stations up.

“This is providing the opportunity that even a small community like Nakusp, or Salmo or Rock Creek, these pretty small centres ... we can put up one of these stations ... and be able to give them an opportunity to have a radio station.”

VOAR is available at 105.9 FM in Castlegar, 92.9 FM in Nakusp, 102.1 in Fruitvale, 92.5 FM in Nelson, 106.9 FM in Grand Forks and 89.9 FM in Trail.