Adventists in NAD Stride Toward Curbing Childhood Obesity

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Check out the Let’s Move Day activity at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Other local events around NAD will be added as they become available.
Watch short video clips of some of the participants in the race, including Manny Cruz, NAD Youth Ministries associate director; Katia Reinert, NAD Health Ministries director; Ted Wilson, GC president; and Delbert Baker, GC vice president.

Some newspapers/tv news also carried stories of various Let’s Move! Day events:

**Battle Creek Academy gets moving**
*Battle Creek Enquirer*
September 26

**Runners, walkers get moving to promote childhood wellness**
*Herald-Mail.com*
September 25

**Cohansey Christian School joins with Let’s Move!**
*nj.com*
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**Macon Residents Move To Fight Obesity**
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**News Notes**

Union College Physician Assistant Studies awarded Primary Care Services Scholarship to the first five recipients of the $792,000 grant received last year. [MORE](#)

One Million Pieces of Mail were sent by the Washington Conference to promote their “Unlocking Revelation” evangelism event with Shawn Boonstra, beginning September 30. More than 80 sites will be offering evangelistic meetings. Joint plans for evangelism allow them to obtain bulk discounts on printing and postage. Conference office staff also worked together packaging Reach Washington materials for churches to pick up at a weekend Prayer Rally with Shawn Boonstra. [View a photo gallery on Facebook](#). All the event details and locations are available at three websites in three languages: English, Spanish, and Russian (from 9/20 Sailing with Jesus)

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Fairfax Co. promotes ‘Community Immunity’ flu shots
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Let’s Move Day fosters healthy bodies, minds
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Rwandan genocide witness to speak Tuesday [Colleges]
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South Sudan will receive 10000 pounds in medical supplies from local non ...
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Adventist souls are ‘under construction’
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Richmond church plans program on how to battle heart disease
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Volunteers to help out at Simi Valley community garden
Ventura County Star
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Insight: Gospel music becomes family affair for Harrises
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Society of Adventist Communicators Convention, Oct. 20–22

Special Needs Children’s Ministry Training, Nov. 11-13

Cruise With A Mission, Dec. 11-18

Adventist Ministries Convention, Jan. 15–18

2012:

Health Summit 2012, Jan. 27-Feb. 5
the One project, Feb. 13-14
Just Claim It 3, Mar. 7-10
Pathfinder Bible Experience, Apr. 21
La Red (Hispanic NET), Oct. 13-20

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News: Helping Children Understand REACH North America, and more, pp. 11-13
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Christian radio is risen: Port Townsend now a two-frequency town
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Senate chaplain preaches peace to cantankerous flock
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Southern Adventist students aim to change the world, promote business skills
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Hospitals partner with faith groups
Press-Enterprise
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The Breath of Life (BOL) Christmas Special on NBC invites all to pray for and to attend the live recording of the BOL Christmas Special entitled, "The Present: Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas," on Saturday evening, October 15, at 7:00 PM, at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

This special NBC broadcast will be shown on Christmas Eve, December 24. It will feature the preaching ministry of Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, BOL Speaker/Director; the Music Ministry of the Grammy award-winning-group, Take Six; Jennifer LaMountain; Jaime Jorge; and the Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy Concert Choir.

Check local listings for broadcast times. For more information, please visit www.breathoflife.tv or call 404-799-7288.

Official inauguration events for the installation of Oakwood University’s 11th president, Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA, will take place October 13-16, at Oakwood University. The weekend schedule of inauguration events will include a Community Luncheon, Oakwood Partners in Mission Scholarship Brunch and a Presidential Luncheon - all by special invitation; tours of the campus and the Clara Peterson-Rock Museum; vespers with a Salute to the First Family; a Presidential Forum and the Installation Ceremony and Grand Reception, which are free and open to the public. MORE
Prophecies Decoded begins Friday in over 640 sites

Pastor Ron Clouzet reports from Nashville:

Nothing is as important to the life and spiritual health of the church as personal sacrifice on behalf of others for the love of Jesus. NET 2011 Prophecies Decoded is giving many in NAD that opportunity. The enemy of souls has been diligently opposing, disrupting, and meddling in this project since the beginning, but the Lord of love is having His way in spite of it all.

- About 640 churches throughout North America have signed up to carry the NET meetings. Thousands of Andrews Study Bibles have been shipped to the churches.
- The "Astonishing Discoveries," Archaeology meetings with Dr. Clouzet and Dr. Hasel held mid-September were very well received. Many guests expressed the desire to return for the main prophecy meetings starting Friday. At the live site in Nashville, over 200 guests attended.
- This past weekend the NET 2011 Consecration Weekend was held in Nashville. The presence of God seemed so palpable that a large number were visibly moved by the love of Jesus for His people and the prayers offered for the lost. Beautiful testimonies were heard at the end of the communion service.
- Sunday night, we had a Friends Banquet with several dozen guests looking forward to attending the meetings. We ended the wonderful soiree by singing "Lift Up the Trumpet," the song that is becoming our NET 2011 theme song.
- Opening night will feature Committed, the Adventist group now known nationwide for winning NBC’s Sing Off last December. Charles Haugabrooks and Jennifer LaMountain, will also be guest soloists.
- Pray that the hundreds of thousands of handbill invitations that went out Monday will make a Spirit-led impact in the minds of searching people as well as people who are ready to receive The Three Angels’ Messages. Pray also for good weather in Nashville, so the blimp flying over the various metro freeways may have a chance to fly (it carries two 75-feet banners giving the PropheciesDecoded.com website) and will be seen by many so they can check the website and be moved to attend the meetings.
- Satellite sites should email reports to reports@propheciesdecoded.com. Audience questions should be sent to questions@propheciesdecoded.com.

NET 2011 - “Prophecies Decoded,” begins Friday, September 30, and will run through October 29. If your church is not conducting the series, invite your friends and neighbors to watch it in your home. It will be shown on the Hope Church Channel, Hope Channel, DIRECTV (ch. 368), and streamed live at www.hopetv.org.

NEW! NET 2011 video-on-demand will be available at www.PropheciesDecoded.com within 24 hours of the nightly meeting. DVDs of the entire series will be available through NADEI a few weeks after Prophecies Decoded concludes.
The Calendar of Special Days for October is now posted in the sidebar to your right, with links to relevant resources and information. More will be added as it becomes available.

Since our church has grown so much in the past ten years, it is possible that many of our newer, as well as younger members do not know anything about some of our resources and ministries. One purpose of the Calendar of Special Days is to give a balanced look at the broad variety of church outreaches and ministries that might otherwise be overlooked. Many churches might have a stronger and more active leadership in one area than others. As these Special Days are presented in churches, it will not only raise awareness, but may also inspire more interest and participation in people who were previously unaware.

New Phone Apps for Reporting Adventists

InStep For Life activity are now available. The iOS app allows you to track your exercise, stay up-to-date with InStep news and events, and report miles toward the Let’s Move Day goal! New functions will be added soon. Android and iPhone users search for “INSTEP” at Android Market and the App Store.

October 4 is the deadline for ordering bulk quantities of Week of Prayer readings published in the September 22 Adventist Review to receive them in time for Week of Prayer, November 5-12. Any questions could be directed to the ABC or by calling R & H Subscriber Services at 800-456-3991 M-Th, 8-5 Eastern time. ORDER through your local ABC, online or by calling ABC Nationwide at 800-765-6955.

ViewPoints

“The Adventist Church has been a leader in health and wellness since its founding. We are so grateful in the First Lady’s office for all that you are doing, in particular with this epidemic of childhood obesity,” said Dr. Judy Palfrey (on left), executive director of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move initiative.

Listen to her entire speech given at the Vibrant Life 5K Run in Hagerstown, Md. on September 25 by “liking” to our Facebook
page at www.nadadventist.org/NADAdventist (fourth InStep video down).
Adventists in North America make strides in curbing childhood obesity

Hundreds of Adventist churches and schools promote exercise, nutrition on Let’s Move! Day

26 Sep 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN

Seventh-day Adventists at hundreds of churches, schools and hospitals in North America made strides yesterday in raising awareness of childhood obesity.

Church officials and members ran, walked and bicycled their way through Let’s Move! Day on September 25. They played sports, planted community gardens, offered health screenings, cooked healthy food and logged steps toward a goal of one million collective miles of physical activity.

In Maryland, world church President Ted N. C. Wilson contributed to the goal by joining more than 130 other Adventists -- including multi-marathoner and world church Vice President Delbert Baker -- for a 5k on the grounds of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Sponsored by Vibrant Life, the race drew government officials to Hagerstown, including United States Representative Roscoe Bartlett and Joanne Grossi, regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Grossi applauded Let’s Move! Day activities to promote fitness and nutrition nationwide and called the Adventist Church "one of [the department’s] best partners with our faith-based office."

The Adventist Church is among some 50 other faith and community organizations that pledged last year to support Let’s Move!, a national initiative of U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama to fight the epidemic of childhood obesity.

Reports indicate the nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese, increasing their chances of getting asthma, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other health risks.

Judy Palfrey, executive director of Obama’s initiative, was among government officials in Hagerstown Sunday to help launch the run. Reading a letter from the first lady, Palfrey extended Obama’s gratitude for the church’s efforts in promoting community health, specifically in reversing the trend of childhood inactivity and poor nutrition.

"I truly believe our strength as a country and our ability to responsibly shape our future depends on solving this challenge, and people like you are vital to our success," Obama said in the letter.

Church health officials are hoping the day of activity extends into a lifetime of healthy choices for church and community members and their families in North America.

"Promoting small, simple changes in physical activity and food choices in our daily and family lives can make all the difference in preventing childhood obesity," said Katia Reinert, Health Ministries director for the church in North America.

The national Let’s Move! Day is part of Adventists InStep for Life, an initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America to promote exercise and better nutrition.

Dan Jackson, president of the church in North America, added miles toward the goal yesterday when he took a break from a meeting with church officials in Canada for a walk.

In Simi Valley, California, a partnership between the church’s hospital, church and media center there is expected to help make fresh fruits and vegetables available to more children. Church and community volunteers gathered to plant a two-acre community garden on church grounds yesterday.

In a similar example of cooperation, an Adventist pastor in Virginia enlisted the support of local doctors’ offices, hospitals, schools and community centers to promote awareness of childhood obesity.
"Many times as a church we are isolated, doing things only for our own members, whereas by making an effort to build relationships within the community, others will be more interested in getting to know us better and partnering with us in our sponsored events," Reinert said.

"Health initiatives like Let's Move! Day are one of our strengths as a church, allowing us to share the good news of an abundant life in Christ," she said.

God Bless and i am praying for you all.

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Battle Creek Academy gets moving

Huffing and puffing, sneakers slapping the pavement, T.J. Andersen worked to get fit and make his mind more ready to learn.

Andersen, a 14-year-old eighth-grader at Battle Creek Academy, was one of about two dozen people walking the one-mile loop around Leila Arboretum on Sunday for "Let's Move Day," an effort of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's North America Division to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Nicole Mattson, a spokeswoman for Sunday's event and a teacher at the Seventh-Day Adventist-affiliated private school, said the church planned the event in response to First Lady Michelle Obama's charge for Americans to battle childhood obesity. Churches and schools across the country were inviting students and church families to walk, run or bike and log their miles traveled toward a collective goal of one million miles.

In addition to the obvious physical benefits of the effort, Mattson said Battle Creek Academy believes physical health can lead to spiritual and mental health that can make for better students and adults.

And, logging in his miles on Sunday, Andersen said he agreed.

"If you're not (healthy), it affects your attitude and your lifestyle," the boy said. "Being active refreshes your mind and makes you more ready to learn."

Asked what kind of impact physical health had on academic success, Mattson said: "Huge."

"How else can a teacher put that?" she said. "We know the kids that are not eating breakfast and we know the ones that had Froot Loops for breakfast... If they're eating well, they're going to be rested and performing to their highest mental ability."

In addition to the million-mile effort, the church and its schools hoped to focus on healthy diets and community engagement, according to a news release from Battle Creek Academy.

Mattson said, even without Michelle Obama, the efforts fit in with the Seventh-Day Adventists' charge.

"God created us and he wants our bodies
to be a temple,” she said. “We need to be able to carry out his work.”

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U.S. Rep Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md., tried to put things in perspective Sunday regarding the push for Americans to get more active.

“I couldn’t imagine when I was a kid growing up during the Depression that you would need to run to get exercise. We had enough exercise to keep food on the table, didn’t we?” Bartlett said.

The quote from Bartlett — emailed to The Herald-Mail Co. by a Review and Herald Publishing Association official — came as 132 people gathered Sunday for a 5K run and walk on the grounds of the publishing operation.

With nearly one in three children in America being overweight or obese, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America joined about 50 other faith and community organizations to launch Adventists InStep for Life.

As part of the focus on exercise, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America set aside Sunday as “Let’s Move! Day,” according to a news release from the church.

Events to celebrate the day were scheduled in states across the U.S. The local 5K run and walk got under way Sunday morning at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, which publishes Seventh-Day Adventist literature.

The overall male winner in the race was Dennis Coleman of Gaithersburg, Md., who finished the event in 20:27, according to Kim Peckham, event spokesman.

The overall female winner was Chelsea Githens-Brewer of Hagerstown, who finished the race in 24:45, Peckham said.
Let’s Move! Day also supported first lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” initiative, aimed at preventing childhood obesity and related complications like diabetes and hypertension, Peckham said.

Judy Palfrey, executive director of Obama’s program, was among the dignitaries in Hagerstown Sunday to help launch the run, Peckham said.

Runners paid a $25 entry fee, and those 16 and younger paid $15. The money helped support a charity to get books to children in developing countries, Peckham said.

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Cohansey Christian School Principal Cathy Tomlinson plays volleyball with her students Sunday.

ALLOWAY TWP. — Some of the signs are obvious, but a solution was employed here Sunday by the Cohansey Christian School.

In conjunction with the nationwide Let’s Move! program, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and about 50 other faith- and community-based organizations joined on Sept. 25 to fight for healthy lifestyles.

“All of North America’s Adventist Churches set today as the day everybody moves,” said Cohansey Christian School Principal Cathy Tomlinson.

Their goal: To log 1 million miles on Let’s Move Day.

Tomlinson’s student body of sixth- through eighth-graders exercised from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday while others stopped by to participate, as well.

Tomlinson showed off a card punctured numerous times by a hole puncher. Each mark signified three miles and participants trekked around the school property repeatedly to assist in the 1 million milestone.

First Lady Michelle Obama launched the national Let’s Move! program last year to combat childhood obesity.

Nearly one in three American children are overweight or obese, a problem with a solution sought within one generation. What’s more, that condition increases their chances of asthma, diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. Typically blamed are larger portion sizes, processed or refined foods and low-income families with poor access to fresh foods.

The North American Seventh-day Adventist Church division is focusing on increased fruit and vegetable servings by

Cohansey Christian School joins with Let's Move!
launching 100 gardens or farmers markets.

“This initiative is consistent with our church’s approach to ministering to people physically, mentally, socially and spiritually,” faith world church President Ted Wilson stated.

The gang at Cohansey Christian School had paused for lunch around 2 p.m. that, in the name of combating childhood obesity, consisted of salad, popcorn, whole wheat pasta, vegetarian hot dogs, oranges and apples.

Tomlinson noted she often prepares vegetarian dishes for her students. They had also acquired pedometers, in use Sunday, from Bridgeton’s own Let’s Move! campaign.

Three Seventh-day Adventist church members in Bridgeton, who were at the school Sunday, took a 5-mile walk with their congregation through the city park.

Members Vandella Bates, Caroline Smith and Joyce Brewer started that exercise at 9 a.m. and were still going strong after lunch when everyone broke for volleyball.

Though Sunday’s program was just for that day, Tomlinson said her students’ physical activity will be tracked for the next three months.

“They will have the pedometers on even when they’re at school,” said Tomlinson.

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Macon Residents Move To Fight Obesity

Georgia is one of the 12 fattest states in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Sunday, a small group gathered at Central City Park to do something about it. Members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Macon teamed up with Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation to put on a local Let's Move! event, part of First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign to curb childhood obesity.

"We ran 3.1 miles outside," said 11-year old Leloni Strayhorn. "It was a lot of fun but also it took a lot of work"

Strayhorn and the the group of roughly 20 people walked and ran the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

The Centers for Disease Control says if childhood obesity keeps increasing, a third of kids who are Strayhorn's age and younger, will get diabetes at some point in their life.

Erika Davis, one of the event organizers, said they put on the event to do their part to change that trend, by encouraging kids to move and eat healthy.

"Lets make it stop and stand and say our children and our generation can live a longer and more fulfilling life," she said.

Davis says she hopes the turn out at next year's Let's Move event will be better.

"Next year, we're hopefully gonna have it full blast on that one day so that everybody can participate."

Davis said the excersing and eating healthy
doesn't have to end with the event. She said the Parks and Recreation Department offers a host of programs, including an ongoing nutrition class she helps put on.
PA Program announces first Primary Care Service Scholarship recipients

Kelly Phipps, student writer

For physician assistant students like Barrett Waldrep, a veteran combat medic for the United States Army, a $22,000 scholarship will truly help him accomplish his childhood dream.

“My desire to become a PA can be traced to my upbringing in rural north Florida where medical coverage was sparse,” Waldrep said.

After witnessing the death of his grandparents and stepmother due to lifestyle related illnesses, Waldrep decided to enroll in Union College’s Master of Physician Assistant Studies program because he wanted to dedicate his life to prevention education and medical care.

Union announced the first five recipients of the Primary Care Services Scholarship on Thursday, Sept. 15, at a ceremony in the new classroom in the basement of Union College library.

In 2010, Union received a $792,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Expansion of PA Training program, allowing it to award $22,000 to five new PA students over the next four years and to expand the program from 25 to 30 spots in each class. Each scholarship is renewable one time, totaling $44,000.

One of only 28 PA programs in the country to receive the grant, “our program stood out for its clear track record with the underserved,” said Mike Huckabee, Union's PA program director. “Our curriculum is designed to give opportunities to work in locations that lack proper healthcare.”

The PA students work with underserved people in a variety of ways, including at a monthly foot clinic at the Matt Talbot Community Kitchen and clinical rotations at People's City Mission and in rural medical facilities.

Waldrep reflects these same values of service. “I want my life's work to be a tribute to God and those who have influenced me in my spiritual, academic and medical ventures,” he said.

Four other students—Jacob Ayuen, Kathryn Rabe, Lauren Kelley, and John Kilstrom—also received the scholarships for the 2011-12 school year.

The PA program also awarded the first PA Humanitarian Award Scholarship to Megan Leveranz, a second-year PA student from South Dakota. The award was funded by two alumni and is given to a student who shows an exceptional desire to serve others.

“This is part of our Christian calling,” Huckabee said. “Our program attracts students truly interested in living a compassionate life.”
PA Program announces first Primary Care Service Scholarship recipients... http://www.ucollege.edu/news/2011/09/13/pa-program-announces-first-...
Glendale Adventist Wins Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Glendale Adventist Medical Center’s has earned the national Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its knee and hip replacement program.

The distinction means Glendale Adventist’s Joint Replacement Center, with 575 patients a year, meets some of the most rigorous standards for health care quality and safety in a disease-specific care. It is the only hospital in the San Fernando Valley to win the certification.

Launched in 2002, the Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification Program evaluates clinical programs across the continuum of care. Certification requirements address three core areas: compliance with consensus-based national standards; effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, and an organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities.

Glendale Adventist’s Joint Replacement Center submitted to a rigorous on-site survey on Sept. 2. The center was evaluated for infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

“Joint Commission accreditation helps support our culture of excellence,” said Dr. Philip Merritt, medical director of the Orthopedic Center at Glendale Adventist. “This is another external endorsement of our commitment to improve the health care for our patients through quality care based on the best medical evidence available."
Memories of missionary service still vivid for employees at Adventist Church headquarters

Many reminisce during building's first annual Mission Week

27 Sep 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

ANN staff

Missionaries pray for wisdom, good instincts and trust in God while in the field, but more than a few stationed far from home have also wished for "luxuries" such as cake mixes and air conditioning.

Employees at Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters for the building's first annual Mission Week reminisced last week about their stints as missionaries. The emphasis week was a chance for employees -- many of whom now spend their days at desks far from the traditional mission field -- to reflect on the global scope of the church's mission work.

"The emphasis on mission is at the core of what the Seventh-day Adventist Church stands for," said world church President Ted N. C. Wilson, who welcomed employees to Mission Week on September 19.

Throughout the week, employees enjoyed special worship presentations from Adventist Mission, Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. They used the video chat service Skype to speak with student missionaries serving worldwide and raised money for missions with a silent auction and offerings.

Employees also left anecdotes, advice and life lessons on a memory wall in the building atrium.

The importance of adapting to a local culture while serving as a missionary was a common theme. Several employees said they learned not to equate "different" with "wrong" while serving as missionaries.

"Listen a lot to the local people around you and don't be too quick to jump in with 'how things should be done,'" one employee wrote.

"Expect things to be different," another offered.

Loneliness also seemed to influence many of the memories shared. Employees wrote about missing calls from home and time with family, especially during major holidays.

For some of the employees who shared memories, their time as missionaries was instrumental in shaping key life choices. For one, learning to communicate despite a language barrier led to a career in teaching Bible classes.

Examples of cultural misunderstandings topped the list of "most embarrassing moments" on the memory wall.

One employee, who served in Yap as a high school teacher, said he had to learn that a simple eyebrow raise meant Yes. "I asked one student three times if he owned a guitar. He 'answered' Yes three times," he wrote. Later, when he returned to the United States, the employee said he would confuse Americans by raising his own eyebrows rather than answering Yes.

Another employee, while serving in New Zealand, was flummoxed when a local woman asked if she would "nurse" her baby. "Finally, I realized she was asking me to look after her. That was easy," the employee wrote.

A list of most missed items on the wall included air conditioning, Western-style bathrooms, books and cake mixes for birthday celebrations. But employees also wrote that missing a few everyday comforts meant they learned to depend on God. One wrote that she sensed God telling her exactly what to say while teaching Bible classes.

"Actually, I found out one doesn't need all that much [to serve as a missionary]. Your education, experience and relationships make you who you are," another employee wrote.

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Mizo-Chin Christian Fellowship Service Held in USA

27 September 2011: The 6th combined worship service of the Mizo-Chin Christian Fellowship was held at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington DC, USA last Sunday.

The once-a-year fellowship service hosted by Sizang Burmese Mission Church (SBMC) had attendance from 15 churches based in the vicinity of Washington DC, USA.

One of the key speakers, Rev. Dr. Chin Do Kham, General Secretary of the Global Zomi Alliance (GZA) told the congregation: "I feel privileged and honoured to be here tonight at the 6th annual Mizo-Chin Christian Fellowship Worship Service. When we think of the title itself 'Mizo-Chin Christian Fellowship', I really like the fact that 'Christian' is in the center."

"The very thing that has put us together tonight is not our ethnicity but it is the cross of Jesus Christ. Christ has brought the Mizo and Chin together to have fellowship in the name of the Lord," added the Christian pastor-cum-professor who recently came back from a trip to Burma and Mizoram State, India.

The evening sing-song worship programme included a series of sharing and participation such as church choirs and action songs performed by youths from different Mizo-Chin churches.

The 5th Annual Mizo-Chin Christian Fellowship hosted by Falam Baptist Church took place at the same venue last year.

In a Youtube interview, one of the Sizang leaders said: "The purpose of this fellowship is to be united in Christ, which is our motto. And we are brothers and sisters not only in Christ, but also historically and dialectically. We, Mizo and Chin, are brothers and sisters as in what they call sungkhat kual."

Executive Minister of Chin Baptist Fellowship of America (CBFA), Rev. Dr. C. Duh Kam also highlighted in the interview the fact that they are of the same blood and nation even though they are divided by the international boundaries into three different countries such as Burma, India and Bangladesh.

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A national women’s consumer group has honored four Denver-area hospitals and six other Colorado health care facilities for having some of the top patient experiences for females in the nation.

WomenCertified released a list called Top 100 Hospitals for Patient Experience that’s based on consumer assessment scores and a gender-focused consumer satisfaction study conducted by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Because the list divides hospitals into four categories based on bed size, it actually honors 400 U.S. hospitals.

University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora and Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge both ranked among the top 100 hospitals in the large category, for those with 251 to 400 beds. Avista Adventist Hospital of Louisville and Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center of Lafayette earned honors in the medium category for hospitals with 101 to 250 beds.

Based solely on female patient feedback, the rankings recognize institutions excelling in areas such as quality physician communications, responsiveness of nurses and support staff, cleanliness and trusted referrals from other women, according to a news release.

“Women set the standard for customer service, and these progressive leaders recognize that meeting high standards of patient experience is smart business, especially considering that when you meet the needs of women you will exceed those of men,” Delila Passi, WomenCertified founder/CEO, said in a news release. “Most importantly, when a woman sees one of her local hospitals on this list, she can trust that women just like her are referring it with confidence.”

Parkview Medical Center of Pueblo made the large hospitals list as well. McKee Medical Center of
Loveland, Poudre Valley Hospital of Fort Collins and the Fort Collins-based Medical Center of the Rockies were honored in the category of medium-sized hospitals. And Animas Surgical Hospital of Durango and Keefe Memorial Hospital of Cheyenne Wells made the list of small hospitals of 100 or fewer beds.

The full list. 

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Georgia is one of the 12 fattest states in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Sunday, a small group gathered at Central City Park to do something about it. Members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Macon teamed up with Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation to put on a local Let's Move! event, part of First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign to curb childhood obesity.

"We ran 3.1 miles outside," said 11-year old Leloni Strayhorn. "It was a lot of fun but also it took a lot of work"

Strayhorn and the the group of roughly 20 people walked and ran the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

The Centers for Disease Control says if childhood obesity keeps increasing, a third of kids who are Strayhorn's age and younger, will get diabetes at some point in their life.

Erika Davis, one of the event organizers, said they put on the event to do their part to change that trend, by encouraging kids to move and eat healthy.

"Lets make it stop and stand and say our children and our generation can live a longer and more fulfilling life," she said.

Davis says she hopes the turn out at next year's Let's Move event will be better.

"Next year, we're hopefully gonna have it full blast on that one day so that everybody can participate."

Davis said the exercising and eating healthy...
doesn't have to end with the event. She said the Parks and Recreation Department offers a host of programs, including an ongoing nutrition class she helps put on.
WASHINGTON - You might think you're healthy as a horse, but there are still thousands of good reasons to get a flu shot -- everyone else who lives, works, and commutes around you.

The Fairfax County Health Department is urging everyone six months and older to get vaccinated as a way of building up "Community Immunity." That's the benefits everyone reaps when a large portion of the community is vaccinated.

Those who are immunized are far less likely to spread the disease to others than people who get sick from the virus, county officials say. If many people are vaccinated, it reduces the risk of an outbreak.

The Health Department has even put together a video to explain the concept:

"Even if people feel that they are healthy, and don't need the vaccine, I'd urge them to get vaccinated every year. To do it themselves, to do it for their families, and to do it for our community," County Health Director Gloria Addo-Ayensu says in the video.

On Tuesday, WTOP and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital are hosting a free flu shot clinic. The clinic will be at the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center in Germantown. The first 103 flu shots are free. The clinic runs from 6:30 to 9 a.m.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone six months and older get the flu vaccine every year, especially people in at-risk groups. That includes children under five, adults over 65, pregnant women, people with breathing problems and other illnesses, and people who are extremely overweight.

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Let's Move Day fosters healthy bodies, minds

Huffing and puffing, sneakers slapping the pavement, T.J. Andersen worked to get fit and make his mind more ready to learn.

Andersen, a 14-year-old eighth-grader at Battle Creek Academy, was one of about two dozen people walking the one-mile loop around Leila Arboretum today for Let’s Move Day, an effort of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s North America Division to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Nicole Mattson, a spokeswoman for today’s event and a teacher at the Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated private school, said the church planned the event in response to First Lady Michelle Obama’s charge for Americans to battle childhood obesity. Churches and schools across the continent were inviting students and church families to walk, run or bike and log their miles traveled toward a collective one million miles.

In addition to the obvious physical benefits of the effort, Mattson said Battle Creek Academy believes physical health can lead to spiritual and mental health that can make for better students and adults.

And, logging in his miles today, Andersen said he agreed.

“If you’re not (healthy), it affects your attitude and your lifestyle,” the boy said. “Being active refreshes your mind and makes you more ready to learn.”

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Carl Wilkens, an American aid worker who was the only U.S. citizen to choose to remain in Rwanda after the 1994 genocide began, will speak at Bellarmine University this coming Tuesday, September 27 at the Amy Cralle Theater. As the former head of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Rwanda, Wilkens sent his wife and children away and remained to help prevent the massacre of 400 Rwandan orphans at the hands of the Hutu Akazu militia.

Wilkens is the author of *I'm Not Leaving* (2011), a memoir about his experience, and was
featured in *Frontline*'s “Ghosts of Rwanda” on PBS. His humanitarian work has been recognized with a 2005 Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Wilkens’ visit is cosponsored by the QEP and the Bellarmine chapter of STAND, a student anti-genocide coalition.

The event, which begins at 7:00 p.m., is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jason Cissell, director of media relations and social networking, at 272-8329 or jcissell@bellarmine.edu [3].

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South Sudan will receive 10,000 pounds in medical supplies from local non-profit group

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- The newly liberated people of South Sudan will be receiving a 10,000-pound care package from their friends in Cleveland.

MedWish International is a Cleveland-based nonprofit organization formed in 1993. The organization retrieves what would normally be discarded and unused medical supplies and recycles them by sending the supplies to developing countries. The organization obtains the items from hospitals across the country and through private donations.

At 7 a.m. Friday, 15 people will meet at the MedWish International Supply Depot in Cleveland to load up a 40-foot cargo container with medical supplies, including bandages, masks, beds and hospital furnishings, that will be sent to South Sudan. The country declared its independence on July 9.

The cargo should arrive in South Sudan in about 30 days. Once there, the supplies will be distributed to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, a humanitarian group formed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1956, according to a MedWish representative. The group helps with the creation of health clinics, community development, disaster relief and food distribution worldwide.

About half a dozen of the so-called Lost Boys of Sudan will be on hand to help load the cargo at the MedWish depot. The Lost Boys started fleeing Sudan in 1983 to escape their homeland’s civil war. The young boys ended up in refugee camps in Ethiopia, and when war broke out there, they headed for Kenya. By 1999, about 4,000 Sudanese youths had come to the United States, with about 40 arriving in Northeast Ohio.

MedWish is also working with the G-Team, the philanthropic branch of the daily deal consumer website Groupon, for the Save South Sudan Campaign. Groupon users in Cleveland, Akron, Canton and Youngstown can log on to their Groupon pages and donate money in increments of $10 or more from Tuesday to Thursday. Every $10 donation adds up to $260 of medical items and equipment for the ADRA Clinics in South Sudan.
"South Sudan is in desperate need of life-saving medical supplies and equipment that we have readily available in the United States," Dr. Lee Ponsky, founder of MedWish International, said in a news release.

"As the first organization in Northeast Ohio to ship aid to South Sudan, we feel privileged to partner with Groupon's G-Team to fill this container knowing the powerful impact it is sure to make in the lives of these people in need," he said.

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Adventist souls are ‘under construction’

Ira Philip

The Annual Community Service Day was observed Saturday last at the Somerset Seventh-day Adventist Church on Beacon Hill. In past years the church singled out individuals or institutions for special recognition and citations for specific community service.

But this time around Pastor DeJuan Tull proffered the entire congregation that included such dignitaries at the Minister of Community Affairs Michael Weeks, his wife, other Ministers, staff from the Cabinet Office, and various VIPs.

He declared, “It is time we honour each other!” After a warm welcome, the Pastor extended an invitation for them to lunch in the church hall after the service.

Pastor Tull said the Somerset church is strategically implementing a programme of community services revolving around the theme of “Under Construction.” His sermon initiated what he said is a seven-part series designed to encourage the Present Christians with hope to win, persuade, and reclaim back former believers who have left the faith and fellowship because of discouragement and feelings of defeat.

Taking his text from 2 Peter: 1-11, and utilizing all of the church’s modern audio-visual facilities, Pastor Tull preached an engrossing sermon. His props at the altar included concrete blocks and visuals generally seen on a construction site. He admitted speaking from practical experience of having worked only four months in the construction field before going off to college.

The devil, he said, has caused many of us to leave our first love because we felt defeated and walked off the job early before being given instruction on how Christ was going to build or understanding. That once accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior “we are all “Under Construction”.

Some to their unfortunate detriment, have ignored, forgotten it, and some in all sincerity did not know it. One of the reasons of neglect may have caused 21st century disciples to go into great despair and at times because life was not going as spiritually or physically planned, they are tempted to give up or have given up. Some do not overcome bad habits and lack spiritual victories in this present life because they do not understand the life transforming and saving principal that once accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour “we will be involved through the Holy Spirit.

After the service, Pastor Tull said he is confident like Paul, Timothy and even Peter, that this seven-part series will be used to transform the lives of its hearers; and by the Grace of God to produce confident, mature Victorious Citizens that will impact the world around them for good.
Students host animal food drive

Jennifer Colton | Posted: Friday, September 23, 2011 11:23 am

A group of fifth- and sixth-grade students brought in more than 700 pounds of food during a recent donation drive, but when they delivered the donation on Tuesday, the bus didn’t pull into a food bank: It arrived at Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue in Hermiston.

“I’m overwhelmed,” Pet Rescue manager Beau Putnam said. “They’ve been calling and saying they were doing a drive for us, and we expected a few bags. We don’t know any of them, this is strangers helping out. We are very grateful. We’re always amazed how people go out of their way to help animals.”

The students were from the Milton-Stateline Adventist School and 26 fifth- and sixth-graders traveled an hour and a half to reach the Hermiston animal shelter.

“When I found out we were coming to Hermiston, we made a day of it,” teacher Crystal Oltman said. “We climbed up to the cross at the Butte, talked about the reason for the food drive and did some team bonding.”

Although it evolved into a full-day field trip to Hermiston, students said the drive started as a community service project.

“Our teacher asked us to do an outreach project,” Kiezer McKinney, 11, said. “We thought of doing a car wash or something like that, and Kiley came up with the idea to do a food drive for animals.”

The students contacted multiple animal shelters in Eastern Oregon and chose Pet Rescue for a simple reason: it had the biggest need.

“We called the shelters to find out who needed it the most, and Hermiston did,” said Adam Birdwell, 11.

The drive ran Sept. 2-19, and the students worked to recruit classmates and promote the drive.

“We went around to every class and made posters,” Skyler Erb said.

By the end of the two-week period, the students had received more than three times the amount of food they expected, and when asked if they would do an animal food drive again, every student answered a definitive yes.

“We hope other people will do the same thing,” Makenzi Gastin, 12, said. “Even a little bit will help.”
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Volunteers to help out at Simi Valley community garden

By Karen Hibdon

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Organizers of a Simi Valley community garden are inviting folks of all ages to get out, get down and get dirty Sunday for "Let's Move! Day."

Inspired by first lady Michelle Obama's efforts to decrease childhood obesity by getting Americans off the couch and active in their communities, the national event is part of InStep for Life, an initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.

Simi at the Garden broke ground in February on 2.3 undeveloped acres at the back of property owned by the Simi Seventh-day Adventist Church and School on Sinaloa Road. The ground has been leveled and the irrigation system installed, but there's still plenty to do before the nondenominational public garden opens.

Volunteers are needed beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday to paint murals, build owl boxes and raptor perches, plant native California plants provided by the Calleguas Municipal Water District, distribute wood chips and soil, and help construct model plots.

When it opens, the garden will feature about 200 plots for lease to individuals, families, service organizations and youth groups. Rent will be $75 to $100 a year, depending on water rates.

"No matter what your faith or financial ability, this is a loving community project that can involve everyone," said Beth Dooley, Simi at the Garden executive director.

"'Let's Move! Day' is all about getting up, outside and moving" and at the same time making a difference in the community, she said.

Salina Perry proposed the garden to church and school officials. She attends the church and her oldest son attends the school.

"People often ask me, 'How is your little garden growing?' " Perry said. "I tell them, 'It's not little and it's not mine.' "

A lab technician at Simi Valley Hospital since 1997, Perry, president of the garden board, said the idea is rooted in her daily encounters with patients who could benefit greatly from a healthier lifestyle.

The same day Perry contacted city officials with the garden proposal, Dooley sent out feelers to the same, soliciting an independent-study grant-writing project she needed to complete to earn a bachelor of science degree at California Lutheran University. A
civilian crime scene investigator with the Simi Valley Police Department, she wanted to
do something to benefit the community.

The pair meshed and the project got a green light, receiving a city resolution on
Valentine's Day. A board of directors was organized, and Simi at the Garden received
its nonprofit status.

"They've been really ambitious," said Simi Mayor Bob Huber. The garden "has really
solid leadership, and that's important. I'm enthused about what they're doing for our
community."

The biggest hurdle is raising money for a wrought-iron fence that will stretch from
Sinaloa Road to the garden, separating the garden and nearby school. The lowest bid
for the fencing is $13,000, Perry said, about half of which has been raised.

Much of the garden's infrastructure is in place, thanks to donations and volunteer
efforts. The garden plan was drafted by architect Darin Gaines, board chairman. Debra
James designed an entryway that will lead into the garden. Cal State Rent-a-Fence
has donated chain-link fencing around the garden for six months, and Caveman
Construction and West Hills Landscaping leveled the ground and installed the
irrigation, Perry said.

Founding board member Dave Watkins recently visited the garden and was amazed at
the improvements.

"It's graded, water lines are in and there are raised water spigots. Once, it was nothing
but a sea of weeds," he said. "We've all been out here with wheelbarrow and shovels
— it's humbling to see."

But there's still much to do, including fundraising. Garden paths, Perry said, will be
marked with signs bearing the names of major benefactors such as Thrivent Financial,
which donated $5,000, and Simi Valley Hospital, which gave $1,000.

Then there's the ongoing need for tools, sheds, garden supplies and volunteers.

For "Let's Move! Day," the hospital is pledging support through its Scrubs program,
said Michelle Foster, director of marketing and communication. The program
reimburses employees who take time off work to volunteer in the community.

The garden will include several larger community plots — an education garden for
school field trips, a flower garden with bounty to be shared with area hospital patients
and shut-ins, a water conservation area and a communal herb garden.

In keeping with the healthy lifestyle theme, educational programs will be offered,
including "yoga in the garden" and seasonal cooking classes.

"We're trying to involve everyone," Dooley said. "We want the next generation to
understand that food does not come from a drive-thru window. It grows from the ground
up and should be healthy."
Gospel music becomes family affair for Harrises
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THE HARRIS BOY Andrew, Bryan and Jordan Harris practice at home. The boys play in a gospel music group with their parents, Karen and Kenneth Harris.

A family that makes music together stays together – at least that is the Harris family's motto.

A family of musicians that have dedicated their lives to praising God and ministering to others through music – Karen and Kenneth Harris singing and their sons – Andrew 16 on the keys; Bryan 13 on the drums; and Jordan 10 on the bass. That’s what life’s all about in the Harris’ household.

“There is only one sole purpose to music – to praise God,” said Bryan Harris as he jammed on the guitar. "Why would God give you a talent if it wasn't for him?"

Andrew Harris said he enjoys ministering to others through music so much that he spends his Sunday mornings playing for a church outside of his denomination.

“If it wasn't for me to serve the Lord, I wouldn't be playing in another church,” said Harris whose family belongs to Seventh Day Adventist Church. “He has given me an opportunity through music to witness to others about me being an Adventist.”

But the brothers didn't always enjoy playing.

“Playing music wasn't always as fun but after a while I started to enjoy it,” Andrew Harris recalled. “Once you know what the talent God has got for you, he opens many more doors.”

Parents Karen and Kenneth Harris said they are dedicated to getting the youth involved in church through music and different activities that are fun and interactive, yet fundamentally important in both the physical and spiritual lives of the youth.

“We lay out different activities like Youth Retreats where youths get together and talk about what is important to them in general and in terms of spirituality,” said Kenneth Harris who coordinates the youth retreats. “I believe in strength in unity. Like minds come together to create a strong bond.”

According to Bryan Harris, music brings people together, and likewise, it has brought his family together and continues to strengthen the bond his family shares.

“We wouldn't be as close if we didn't play together,” the teen admitted when asked whether they would get along if the family didn’t play music together.

“I didn't even know siblings didn't get along,” added Jordan Harris with a laugh.
The Harris brothers were taught the fundamentals of music at a very early age. According to their parents, the trio began playing their first instruments at six years old just like their mother, Karen, who began performing at church at the age of 13.

Karen Harris said music has a big presence not only in her home but added it crosses over into their extended family as well.

“We practically have a whole orchestra in the house when (the boys’) cousins come to visit,” Karen Harris said with a laugh.
Christian radio is risen: Port Townsend now a two-frequency town - PortTownsend - Port Townsend - Jefferson County - by Nicholas Johnson of the Leader.

Hallelujah!

Christian radio has come to Port Townsend, making it the second locally based radio station to go on the air since KPTZ-FM 91.9 launched in mid-May.

KROH-FM 91.1 – Radio of Hope – took to the airwaves on Aug. 12 after streaming programming to listeners through its website since September 2010.

From a cramped apartment in the 1500 block of Franklin Street, 61-year-old Joe Mann runs the radio station, which is owned by Port Townsend’s Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“As we say, ‘If you’ve got a spiritual emergency, dial 91.1 on your radio,’” said Mann, who moved to Port Townsend in July 2010.

Though KROH considers itself a local radio station, transmission from its broadcasting tower – 2,100 feet above sea level on Blyn Mountain in Clallam County – reaches Port Townsend, Sequim, Whidbey Island, the San Juan Islands and Stanwood, as well as many other areas of northwest Washington.

“‘When you think about it, a small church in a small- to modest-sized town deciding to become a broadcaster is rather ambitious,’” Mann said.

Aside from its Christian programming – about 60 percent of which is spoken while the other 40 percent is music – Mann said he intends to provide public service information such as changes in ferry times, weather alerts, tsunami warnings, road condition reports and school closures or delays.

“There are things we want to do to cooperate with the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center and everyone who lives in this area, even though our signal extends well beyond the primary service area of Port Townsend,” he said.

With the help of KPTZ’s Bill Putney, the station plans to work closely with Jefferson County’s Department of Emergency Management.

The station also hopes to reach out to other Christian denominations in Port Townsend to allow them a platform to communicate with the greater community.
“Now that a little bit of the dust is beginning to settle out from the construction phase, we’re going to initiate more interaction with various churches that have things people should be hearing,” Mann said.

Programming consists of nationally syndicated programs, though Mann said he plans to narrow that focus to programs created in the northwest Washington region as much as possible.

Because the station already has been broadcasting online for about a year, Mann said, he’s been able to fine-tune the programming schedule, which includes such pieces as “Voice of Prophecy,” “Science, Scripture & Salvation,” “The Bible in Living Sound” and “Got a Minute for Your Family?”

Tune in or visit radioofhope.org to stream live or download the station’s iPhone app. Contact Mann at 379-8383.
The Senate doesn’t do it on purpose, but it begins every day by acting out a drama in three parts and with the moral arc of a Shakespeare tragedy.

Act one is a prayer. Barry C. Black, the Senate’s chaplain, asks God for unity, wisdom and cooperation, pleading for the Senate in a voice as slow and solemn as a hearse.

Act two is the pledge. Lawmakers from both parties both pledge allegiance to the flag of one nation, indivisible.

Act three is the plot twist. After all the talk about unity and cooperation, the leaders of both parties stand up for their part of the morning ritual.

Which is denouncing one another as enemies of progress, abusers of the public trust, and raw sewage in the great river of American ideas.

“Do nothing, and protect the millionaires.” That was Sen. Richard J. Durbin (Ill.), the Senate’s number-two Democrat, one day this week. He was accusing Republicans of abandoning the middle class during the economic crisis.

“This whole thing is a charade.” That was Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.). He stood up after Durbin, to ridicule the Democratic plans for economic recovery. “I think the American people deserve better.”

The bitter turn of this daily ritual has been particularly notable this week, as the two parties returned to fighting after an ultra-brief experiment with cooperation. Both had pledged to find common ground on the issue of jobs. Then both remembered there was almost no common ground to find.

In his office, tucked away down a quiet Senate hallway, the Senate’s chaplain said he doesn’t take it personally — this week or any other — when his flock goes back to squabbling.

“I don’t take it as any kind of litmus test on the efficacy of my intercession,” Black said.

The Senate has begun its working sessions with prayer since 1789. It has never been an easy job preaching peace to a flock whose main job is to fight one another: Peter Marshall, chaplain in the 1940s, said he was the...
Senate’s equivalent of parsley — mainly there for decoration.

Black, who has the job today, is a Seventh-Day Adventist who rose to the rank of rear admiral as a Navy chaplain. His job now is bigger than giving the Senate’s morning prayer: He counsels senators privately and leads Bible studies for the Capitol’s cooks, cops and janitors.

But Black still takes the parsley role very seriously. He writes his opening prayers in a Capitol office with stunning views of the Mall’s monuments — reminders, for him, of how God has helped America through past crises.

“There’s something about this view that drives home to me the sovereignty of God, and the unstoppable nature of providence,” Black said in an interview. “Like the coming of morning, [it] will not be restrained.”

His prayers, generally, ask God to instill senators with virtues of good government. Often, there are nudges toward bipartisan cooperation — in a Congress that has seen very little of it so far.

“Lord, infuse them with a spirit of reconciliation,” Black prayed Sept. 13, “that will break down divisive walls, bringing harmony and cooperation.”

“Give them also a spirit of unity,” Black said the next day. “And the wisdom to have respect, one for the other.”

“Today, enable the members of this body to experience your presence, and to receive your wisdom,” Black said Wednesday. “May they receive these blessings — aware of your counsel that to whom much is given, much is required.”

But often, there are few senators in the chamber to hear him. And those that are there often don’t seem to have listened.

The proof of that usually comes in “Leader Remarks,” when the two parties’ bosses come out to utter the first complaints, accusations and deprecations of a long day. This tradition of tit-for-tat “Leader Remarks” dates to about 1986, when C-Span cameras began broadcasting from the Senate.

Up in that office overlooking the Mall, Black said — slowly, solemnly — that he never feels as though he failed when he hears the day’s debate turning bitter again.

“These statements that are usually being read,” he said, “have obviously been prepared before the prayer.”

On Thursday, the Senate’s prayer was done by a guest chaplain, Silvester S. Beaman of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del. Beaman, like Black, also called on God to awaken the Senate’s better angels: “Use the collective resolve of our United States Senate as your instrument, bringing wholeness and peace.”

Then, right on schedule, the Senate demonstrated that wholeness and peace were not on its agenda.

Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) stood up to give a speech denouncing House Republicans for a budget bill that would cut more funds than Democrats want. It was “so wrong,” Reid said, and “very, very unfair.”

“We really are at an impasse here,” Reid said, talking about the bill. Continuing disagreements threatened to shut down the federal government at the end of the month. “Not just because of what we’re doing. But
because of what they’re doing.”

As soon as he finished, McConnell was waiting to speak.
Students involved in a nonprofit organization at Southern Adventist University said they are getting priceless real-world experiences that will ultimately make them better business people while helping make the world a better place.

“Our main goal is obviously to better the world, but there are selfish factors of learning more, getting more experience and getting a job out of this,” Kayce Foote, public relations coordinator for Southern’s Students in Free Enterprise organization, said. “It’s a great experience.”

More commonly called SIFE, Students In Free Enterprise is a worldwide nonprofit organization that puts leaders in business and higher education together to help university students contribute to society while also learning to become responsible business leaders, according to the website.
There are SIFE operations in 39 countries and about 1,500 active teams, according to the website. About 48,000 students worldwide participate in SIFE.

The organization has an event planned for Nov. 6, when they will host a movie in the park and farmers market-type event with food and craft vendors, SIFE member Karla Coupland said.

She said the organization’s goal is to take care of people, planet and profit. “We like considering it much more of a sustainable business practice, rather than just looking after the money,” she said. “So you are making money, but also taking care of the people who are helping you do it. And taking care of the planet.”

Southern’s SIFE students are also working with their university to make it more environmentally friendly by implementing recycling programs and working to get solar panels installed on a building.

But their biggest project has been to start a bakery in Uruguay.

“We are starting a bakery in South America,” Foote said. “It’s had it’s ups and downs with red tape and it being in another country, but the idea is to start a bakery for students to work at to pay for their high school education and to give them (work) experience.”

The students have been working with a liaison in Uruguay and are in the process of getting the LLC status secured, she also said.

The first step was to write a business plan and the project has been progressing for the last couple of years.

“We are working with different lawyers to make sure we do it the right way,” Foote said.

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WASHINGTON - In a quest for ways to reduce the cost of health care without lowering the quality, officials from Loma Linda University Medical Center and a handful of other hospitals around the country gathered Tuesday at the White House to compare notes on an emerging strategy: partnering with churches.

Loma Linda, a Seventh-day Adventist faith-based institution, is coordinating efforts to improve health across Inland Southern California with a wide array other religious congregations, ranging from mega-churches to storefront houses of worship.

The idea is to connect the medical center's 80 outreach programs, which range from childhood obesity prevention to drug and cancer treatment, to people before the problems grow in severity and cost. Religious congregations represent solid networks that can be tapped to help make that connection, said Dr. Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda's vice president of Mission and Culture.

"Traditionally, health systems would take care of people when they're sick and injured, but probably did not see their main emphases to prevent illness and injury in their communities as a priority," Winslow said. "How do we partner with faith communities to lower the incidence of diseases that cost so much?"

That was the primary question at Tuesday's conference, attended by roughly 70 people from 18 hospitals and health systems around the country.

Mara Vanderslice, director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, said participants were selected from some of the most innovative programs they could identify.
"They're engaging congregational leaders or community leaders outside of their walls to improve outcomes of their patients and to help them save money," Vanderslice said of the invited groups.

Loma Linda’s four-person contingent included Winslow, CEO Ruthita Fike, director for community health development Dr. Dora Barilla and pastor-turned health care leader Michael Knecht.

Winslow said the conference centered on finding models that the federal government could use to address the skyrocketing cost of health care, particularly in the Inland Empire, where there is a shortage of medical professionals.

"I think what the White House and the federal government realizes is that faith-based health care has some answers that need to be explored and then see if that can be scaled up for larger use in the country," he said.

The meeting was seen as the beginning of that process, and no federal funds have been committed to the effort, said Joshua DuBois, director of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.
Inauguration of Oakwood University’s 11th President

Wednesday, September 07 2011 00:00

Official inauguration events for the installation of Oakwood University's 11th president, Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA, will take place on Thursday, October 13, through Sunday, October 16, 2011, on the campus of Oakwood University, located at 7000 Adventist Boulevard, NW, in Huntsville, Ala. Inauguration events will commence on Thursday, October 13, and span four consecutive days, culminating with the Installation Service on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Oakwood University Church, 5500 Adventist Boulevard, NW, Huntsville. The inauguration weekend schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Community Luncheon

12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. at the Bradford Cleveland Brooks Leadership Center

~ By Special Invitation ~

The favor of a reply is requested by September 16, 2011.

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Friday, October 14, 2011

Oakwood Partners in Mission Scholarship Brunch

in support of the Presidential Scholarship

10:00 a.m.-12 noon at the Wade Hall Multipurpose Room

~ By Special Invitation ~

Cost Per Individual: $100

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Family, friends and guests are welcome to tour Oakwood’s award-winning campus and visit the Clara Peterson-Rock Museum in the Eva B. Dykes Library.

Vespers
Salute to the First Family

6:00 p.m. at the Oakwood University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

~ Program is free and open to the public ~

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Sabbath School

9:15 a.m. at the Oakwood University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Divine Worship Service

11:00 a.m. at the Oakwood University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Presidential Luncheon

1:30 p.m. at the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center

~ By Special Invitation ~

Presidential Forum

3:30 p.m. at the C.T. Richards Chapel – Moseley Complex

Vespers

6:00 p.m. at the Oakwood University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Installation Ceremony

Witness the Installation of Dr. Leslie N. Pollard

as the 11th President of Oakwood University.

This ceremony will feature special guests,

including the Aeolians of Oakwood University.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oakwood University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Delegates: The favor of a reply is requested by September 16, 2011

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~ Ceremony is free and open to the public ~
Grand Reception

Immediately following the Installation Ceremony

at the Garland J. Millet Activity Center

~ Reception is free and open to the public ~

Dr. Pollard has served as Oakwood University’s president since January 3, 2011. However, due to an extremely full 2010-2011 academic calendar, inauguration events were postponed until the 2011 Fall Semester to allow sufficient time for the planning and preparation necessary for his official installation.

An interactive online version of the actual presidential inauguration invitation will be posted on the Oakwood University website within the next 48 hours, at www.oakwood.edu.