Leadership Vision & Spiritual Growth Weekend

Sabbath afternoon - evening, February 6, &
8:45 a.m. - noon, Sunday, February 7
Life Action Camp, Buchanan

ALL leaders (including ALL teachers in ALL Sabbath School classes and all departmental teams) are invited to participate in a Sabbath afternoon/evening and Sunday morning leadership focus, where we wish to capture together a renewed reason to more purposefully exist as the Niles Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The retreat will be held in the dining hall at the Life Action Camp in Buchanan (1696 E Clear Lake Rd), and we invite you to set aside the time with all the other leaders, starting with lunch together on Sabbath afternoon, February 6. For more info, please contact Pastor Darrel or Walt. RSVP to Gina at 269-683-5998 or secretary@nileswestside.org.

You can accomplish more in one hour with God
than in a lifetime without Him.
What kind of “Life” do you want to be living?

Would it not be neat to have a life without ANY regrets? Is it the mundane routine or the pressure to make ends meet that we may want to change the most? Some may want a much more fulfilled marriage relationship, while others just want a relationship! Would it not be neat if life with those closest to us were like a fireplace in winter, warm and inviting? One of the closest disciples to Jesus said, “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:12. It appears that life itself, and the fulfillment of that life, is wrapped up in having one thing: “the Son of God.” The author of life also wants us to live life to the maximum fulfillment.

He said that “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly,” even in winter. Why not entrust your entire life and all its past, present and future living to Him?

Blessings, as you Practice the Presence of the Life Giver.

Pastor Darrel

Appreciation from the Pastor:

We want to thank everyone who has contributed towards offsetting our school HVAC debt in the past few months and particularly during the holiday call for sacrificial offerings. As you may have noticed in the financial aspects of the bulletin, there is a considerable reduction in our debt.

Thank you for strengthening the church with your offerings to the evangelism outreach, church programs and needs. We are stronger because you have given. A special thanks to the leadership that we have as they have spiritually encouraged and nurtured us as God’s family. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and involved family to worship with, and we trust the Lord will direct us to press together even more as we work and wait for His soon return.

Chung Family

by Gina Meekma

John & Sungita Chung live in Granger, Indiana, with their children Nathaniel (8), Caleb (6), and Noah (1).

The Chungs met in school and have been married for eleven years. John is an anesthesiologist at Elkhart General. Sungita is a retired neonatal ICU nurse. They transferred to Niles Westside mainly due to proximity and on call restrictions at work.

As a family, the Chungs like to play board games, go boating, water ski, snow ski, play tennis and soccer, listen to music, read, and travel.

Welcome to Niles Westside, Chung Family!
Hello Church, I want to thank all of you so much for your donations and your prayers. With your help, I raised enough money to buy my plane ticket to Thailand. I am working for Hope for Bangkok, a project through Thailand Missions that is developing plant churches around Bangkok. So far we have a lot of work to do, but it is definitely exiting, and the people here are very friendly. Thanks again for all your prayers and help. This mission will truly be something I will never forget. ~ Nick Leonard

Final Events: Watch Bible prophecy come to life as this amazing 43-minute documentary unfolds the dramatic events of tomorrow. We have DVDs of this documentary available for sharing with your friends. Please see Pastor le Roux or Rocco Sarli (269-684-3590) if you would like one.

The following CDs are available for checkout from the church library. You will find them to be an inspiration to listen to. Take advantage of the many hours in the day that you could be listening to Ellen G. White’s writings, gaining insight and preparing ourselves for Christ’s soon coming.

Women’s Bible Study: Mondays, February 1 and 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Please join us as we study Jesus in the Sanctuary. Childcare is provided.

Our Thursday, February 4, Lifestyle Supper Club meeting will start at 5:30 in the Junior/Earliteen Room. Please bring your favorite gluten dish to share along with the recipe. We will be having a demo on making gluten by Pastor Bill. Please invite your friends to join us.

Prayer Meeting with Pastor Darrel will continue the journey through the Gospel of Mark on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

Moms’ Group: On Tuesday, February 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will be making Valentine's treats and a really neat Valentine's craft! As always, there will be time for food and fellowship. Tuesday, February 23, is our annual Spa Day. Come prepared for a morning of wonderful relaxation as local businesses donate their services to provide some pampering. Childcare is provided for ages 0-6.

Men’s Group: Are you single, getting married, currently married, or starting a new phase in your life? Do you want to enhance your spiritual walk with God? In today’s world, many men are spending more time at work, on hobbies, watching TV, and reading the paper than accepting their role and gift as a father, husband, and leader. To experience something that can empower and transform your life, join the guys for a light meal, study and fellowship on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Nims’ house, as we continue studying “Pilgrim’s Progress.” For more information, contact Randy Nims at 574-273-0810.

Women’s Night Out: All women are invited to eat at Home Plate (Niles) on Thursday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. Contact Denise Scroggs (rn95@sbcglobal.net or 574-243-0141) to RSVP.

February Fellowship Lunch Date Change – Sabbath, February 20. The men of the church are hosting this Valentine-themed event. Feel free to bring your wedding photos. Contact Sam Hutchinson (269-240-0181 or samuell1976@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Sledding Social: Saturday night, February 20, at 6 p.m. at the school. Bring your own sleds. Hot chocolate will be provided. Brought to you by your Social Committee.

Help is needed in most, if not all, of the children’s Sabbath Schools. Teachers, greeters, piano players, and other helpers are needed. Please help if you can!

The Finance Committee is encouraging our members to help pay off the school HVAC system loan as soon as possible. We will then work on paying off the repairs to the school roof. Thank you for your faithfulness!
If the church office does not have your contact information or picture for the church directory, please contact Gina (269-693-5998 or secretary@nileswestside.org) so that we can add you to our directory and e-mail list. Thank you!

A special offering will be taken for Haiti on Sabbath, February 6. Please mark a tithe envelope “Haiti Disaster Relief.” Note that funds given at www.nadadventist.org will reach Haiti faster.

Marriage Commitment Retreat: March 12-14, at Camp Au Sable. Reconnect with your spouse and God through seminar sessions, fellowshipping with other couples, and enjoying the beauty of nature. There will be a special marriage re-commitment service on Sunday morning. To register, see the bulletin board for an application, call Alyce at 517-316-1543, or download an application at www.misda.org.

Women’s Retreats: April 2-4, 9-11 or 16-18 at Camp Au Sable. To register, contact the church secretary or go to www.misda.org (Departments, Women’s Ministries) for an application.

Haiti: How to be a Good Samaritan by Monte Sahlin

Haiti is the poorest nation in the American hemisphere. This is the largest earthquake disaster in this hemisphere in more than a century. The Catholic archbishop of Haiti was killed in the earthquake, and the president of Haiti is sleeping in his limousine because the Haitian White House was destroyed. If you ever felt like doing something for “the least of these,” now is the time!

But, how can you get money there most effectively and quickly? I’ve had many, many emails, phone calls and text messages asking me about this.

The answer is simple. The large, established international relief agencies will do the best job both in terms of speed, low overhead and effective on-the-ground operations. I served for a number of years as the chairman of the inter-agency umbrella group VOAD [Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster] and for two years on the board of FEMA. I know the protocols and have personal friends among the key players.

You will hear lots of small organizations and individuals talking down the large organizations and urging you to give to hundreds of groups that all suddenly appear after a major disaster. Don’t be fooled. They’re playing to the prejudice that many Americans have against large bureaucracies.

But (big but) in times like these, the small groups will actually spend a much higher percentage of the funds on transportation to Haiti, shipping costs, etc., while they tell you they have “no overhead.” They will be slower to get there because the jam-up at the airport is controlled by governments, the military and the UN. Governments and the UN know the big players and their capabilities, so first priority will be given to those.

Is the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) one of the big players or a little fish? It is one of the fifteen largest agencies on the globe. It has excellent credentials. It has a better rating from independent evaluators than does World Vision, for example.

ADRA had an office and team in Haiti before the earthquake hit, and they began to respond to the need within minutes. ADRA has backup supplies around the Caribbean and “back door” routes into Haiti. ADRA has a very large global network that is mobilizing supplies and money from throughout the developed nations.

There is no better place to give your money than ADRA. It will leverage your dollar with five to ten matching dollars. It will get supplies there as quickly as the fastest responders. Most important, not only will it play a key role in the immediate response, it will stay around for months and years after CNN has forgotten Haiti and continue with the rebuild effort.

{Go to www.adra.org/haiti to learn more and to donate. You can follow ADRA’s progress in Haiti on Facebook also if you become a fan of ADRA.}
The Michigan Conference Women’s Ministries is launching a Prayer Initiative that will encourage all women to intercede daily for God’s people. It is the desire of the Conference Women’s Ministries board to empower women to make prayer an important part of their daily life and to realize the power of a praying woman. We need to focus our prayers so that we may have an awakening in our churches and move God’s work forward as well as praying for His leading in our lives as to how we can be witnesses for Him.

For our prayers to have impact, we must be closely connected with God. Prayer is power for victory, power for transformation, and power to become the witness that God is calling us to be.

**STEPS TO SUCCESS**

1. Through the Michigan Conference Women’s Ministries board, we would like to:
   - A) Challenge each member to set aside a specific time and appropriate place to pray.
   - B) Choose one day each week and put aside all media - TV, Internet, computers - focusing on prayer, family.
   - C) Pray and encourage others in their personal ministry.
   - D) Conduct prayer breakfasts and training for all women leaders of the church.

2. Through the local church Women’s Ministries, we would like to:
   - A) Have all women commit to one hour a day in study time and prayer.
   - B) Share Prayer Initiative and tools with each church member.
   - C) Encourage each woman to attend prayer meeting, bringing prayer request and concerns.
   - D) Have agonizing prayer for organizing in the work of evangelism, ministries, etc.

**Daily Prayer Focus**

**SUNDAY - Prayers for Family and Friends**

I know of nothing that causes me so great sadness as a prayerless home. The children show the result of this neglect, for the fear of God is not before them. Parents should make a hedge about their children by prayer; they should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard themselves and their children from Satan’s cruel power. ~ *The Home Missionary*, June 1, 1889

**MONDAY - Prayers for the Michigan Conference Leadership and Programs**

They cooperate with unseen, heavenly agencies, for they are willing to spend and be spent in the service of the Master. They are laborers together with God, and their brethren should bid them Godspeed, praying for them as they go forth to fulfill the great commission. No one is authorized to hinder such workers. They are to be treated with the greatest respect. No taunting word is to be spoken of them as in the rough places of the earth they sow the gospel seed. ~ *Review and Herald*, July 4, 1907

**TUESDAY - Prayers for Education and Children**

Psalm 34:11 & 14: “Come, you children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Depart from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.”

**WEDNESDAY - Prayers for the Marketplace - Business, Banks and Industry**

Proverbs 3:5-9: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase.”

**THURSDAY - Prayers for the Media**

Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.”

**FRIDAY - Prayers for Government and Armed Services**

Romans 13:1, 2: “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

**SABBATH - Prayers for Local Churches and Leaders**

Romans 10:9, 10: “... if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

“A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to come unraveled.”
Niles Adventist School is having its 5th annual Silent Auction on Sunday, February 14, from 7-9 p.m. Come and support Niles Adventist School while you satisfy your sweet tooth with chocolate, enjoy the entertainment, and take pleasure in a few moments away from the kids (childcare provided). Invite some friends because this is an evening you do not want to miss! There is a $5/person cover charge ($7 at the door), unless you bring in a donation or volunteer to help.

Donations are currently being collected for the silent auction. If you have something you think may be beneficial to auction off, please contact Erin Dockerty at 269-471-7311 or erinldockerty@yahoo.com.

WANTED: Artificial trees (such as your Christmas tree) to use as decoration at the Silent Auction. Each tree will be marked clearly so we will make sure you get your tree back to you in good condition. Trees are needed by the first week of February.

Volunteers are needed for decorating, kitchen help, serving, set-up, clean-up, advertising, and information processing. Call Erin for more information or to volunteer. You will want to be a part of this event!

Jessica Lillie is teaching Spanish at NAS this school year. She is originally from Pickford, MI, where she grew up attending the Sault Ste. Marie Adventist Church. She has seven sisters and three brothers. She will graduate in May from Andrews University with a Bachelor of Arts with majors in French and Spanish. She is also learning Portuguese.

Jessica decided to learn languages because God gave her a passion for learning about other cultures and communicating. Ever since her roommate at GLAA, who was from Honduras, taught Jessica her first words in Spanish, she’s been hooked!

She loves it when the students really understand something, and they use what they’ve learned. For her, it’s even more wonderful to hear them having fun while they do it.

Jessica enjoys reading, journaling, and learning new things. She believes that God has called her to spend the next year as a missionary in Honduras. She will be going there to teach English to the children at the REACH high school, while living at the REACH Children’s Home (Hogar de niños). She is praying that God will provide the means for her to go. [See the bulletin board at church for info on donating for her trip expenses.]

Through working with children, God has given Jessica abounding joy. She hopes to be able to devote her life to teaching and working with kids. She is very grateful to God and to this community for giving her the opportunity to do so at NAS.
Florida Fruit

Donations & Proceeds will help the
Niles Adventist School

- Grapefruit $26 p/case $13 half case
- California Navels $29 p/case $14.50 half case
- Valencias $28 p/case $14 half case
- Temples $28 p/case $14 half case

Orders due Monday, February 22

Due to an increase in orders, and a lighter than normal orange crop, there are no more Florida Navels. Therefore we will be selling California Navels.

NEXT ORDER DATE

April 5 Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Valencias

******Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order is placed.******

To place your order, please contact:
Dawn Kingman at 574-340-9637 or dawnkingman@comcast.net

Upcoming NAS Events

- Sunday, February 14 ~ Chocolate Extravaganza & Silent Auction ~ 7-9 p.m.
- Monday, February 15 ~ President’s Day ~ no school
- Tuesday, February 16 ~ School Board Meeting ~ 7 p.m
- February 18-21 ~ Bible Camp
- Monday, February 22 ~ Fruit Orders Due
- Sabbath, February 27 ~ Music by NAS

NAS Students Enjoy the Outdoors at Five Pines by Michael Jakobsons

On January 21, the whole school headed to Five Pines Christian Camp in Berrien Center. With more students than NAS has had in a long time, the bus was filled to overflowing. Students were all bundled up for cross-country skiing and tubing and enjoyed a warm bus ride driven by David Willauer, our volunteer bus driver.

Once there, students tumbled out and made their way inside the barn to listen to instructions and set up for lunch. Divided up into three groups, the Polar Bears, Walruses, and Penguins organized for the day. The 6-8 graders enjoyed a cool morning of country skiing. Because of the slick trails, many were not able to go down some of the hills, except for a group that somehow got lost. Even though they would much rather go downhill skiing, most had a great time. The Pre-K through 5th graders enjoyed a morning of tubing on the slick, icy tubing hill and learning about the wily fox.

After a delicious lunch, everyone had a great and purely exhausting time tubing in the afternoon. As the afternoon progressed, the sun came out and the snow started to soften creating a slower hill, but not before the 6-8 graders got to experience what some staff called the fastest hill ever. The afternoon turned out perfect though, and in the end students had a great time and finished the day off tubing, some with their jackets off—it takes a lot of energy to pull a tube up a hill every five minutes!

Photo by Heidi Beardsley

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### Calendar of Events

#### February 1
- **Women’s Bible Study.** 10:30 a.m.
- **Home & School Meeting.** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 2
- **Elders Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 3
- **Lifestyle Supper Club.** 5:30 p.m.
- **Basketball (gym).** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 4
- **Joe Kidder, Speaker.** 8:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Leadership Retreat (Buchanan).** after 2nd svc

#### February 5
- **Leadership Retreat (Buchanan).** 8:45 am-12 pm

#### February 6
- **Deacon Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Moms’ Group.** 9:30 a.m.
- **Finance Committee Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 7
- **Basketball (gym).** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 8
- **Joe Kidder, Speaker.** 8:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Leadership Retreat (Buchanan).** after 2nd svc

#### February 9
- **Deacon Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Moms’ Group.** 9:30 a.m.
- **Finance Committee Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 10
- **Women’s Bible Study.** 10:30 a.m.
- **Home & School Meeting.** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 11
- **Elders Meeting.** 7 p.m.
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 12
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.

#### February 13
- **Basketball (gym).** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 14
- **Valentines Day - no school**

#### February 15
- **President’s Day - no school**
- **Women’s Bible Study.** 10:30 a.m.
- **School Board Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 16
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 17
- **Women meet at Home Plate (Niles).** 5:30 p.m.
- **Basketball (gym).** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 18
- **Newsletter Items Due**
- **Services**
  - **First Worship Service Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.**
  - **Second Worship Service Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.**

#### February 19
- **Fruit Orders Due**

#### February 20
- **Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker.** 8:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Fellowship Lunch.** after 2nd svc
- **Worship Committee.** 4:30 p.m.
- **Sledding (NAS).** 6 p.m.

#### February 21
- **Personal Ministries Council Mtg.** 7 p.m.

#### February 22
- **Newsletter Items Due**

#### February 23
- **Moms’ Group.** 9:30 a.m.
- **Church Board Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 24
- **Pathfinders.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Meeting.** 7 p.m.

#### February 25
- **Basketball (gym).** 7:30 p.m.

#### February 26
- **Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker.** 8:30 & 11 a.m
- **Music by NAS**

#### February 27
- **Church Business Meeting.** 6 p.m.

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### February Birthdays

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**Services**

- **First Worship Service**
  - Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.
- **Second Worship Service**
  - Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.