Please join us on Sabbath, January 22, at Niles Westside Adventist Church.

Dr. Nicholas Miller, associate professor of Church History at Andrews University, will speak for both services about Religious Liberty.

There will also be a vesper program at 4:30 p.m.:

Got Faith? Belief and Today’s World:
Can you give a reason for your faith to someone who isn’t a Christian? How is Christianity essentially different from other belief systems?
Come hear Dr. Nicholas Miller explore these issues at the Niles Westside Adventist Church.

Niles Westside Mission Statement

God’s enveloping love inspires us to intentionally abide in His presence and reflect His love by:
• embracing families and individuals
• serving the community
• sharing the hope of salvation
• making disciples
as we joyously anticipate His glorious return.
New Year Starts with Salvation!

“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ‘This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.’” Exodus 12:1, 2.

To Israel, a New Year meant another reminder of God’s Salvation. Exodus 12 tells us that the month Israel left Egypt was to be the beginning of their year. What a reminder of God’s deliverance and salvation every year! The first month embraces God’s mighty intervention in the lives of slaves, with the plagues on Egypt, the Passover, being thrust out, chased with intended harm, providentially protected and the unforgettable miracle of the Red sea opening up and crossing over on dry land. What a month of deliverance and experience of providence.

There is no greater priority for God than our salvation. Our priority ought to be no different as we “… cultivate your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12,13).

I trust that this 2011 will testify of God’s salvation in our lives. As we anticipate His soon return, let us ever keep these two thoughts before us:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jeremiah 29:11), as “The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan” (Desire of Ages, E. G. White, p. 311).

Blessed Blessings.

Pastor Darrel

Couples’ Corner

Couples don’t often get time to mix together without interruptions like kids, telephone or the pressure of living. Finding a safe place to let your hair down, talk about things that you enjoy, and share areas that you would like to grow in, without feeling alone, may be a rare experience. The “Couples’ Corner” is an open invitation to connect with other couples and talk about common experiences. There is no age limit to any couple, just a willingness to listen, grow and support each other. Every last Sabbath of the month, starting January 29, between 4:30-5:30 p.m., we plan to meet at the church with the pastor and his wife. Babysitting will be provided. For more information or questions, contact Pastor Darrel at 269-605-7895 or email him at evergreen4me@gmail.com.

For the New Year

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities
(1 Corinthians 15:58)
Examine yourself daily (1 Corinthians 15:58)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11)
Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

—Gus Nichols
Meet Our New Members

Verbrigghe Family
by Aliya Verbrigge

Mark, Aliya, and Jacob (3 in February) Verbrigghe live in Berrien Springs. Their baby boy is due at the end of March.

Aliya grew up in Auburn, WA. Mark grew up in Petoskey, MI. Mark and Aliya came to Andrews University for their undergraduate studies in 2002 and 2003, respectively. Mark graduated with a Master of Architecture degree in 2008.

The Verbrigges met at Andrews while they were both studying Architecture. They have been married four and a half years.

Mark is a draftsman for Keystone Designs (architectural firm), and Aliya gets to stay home full time with Jacob and is a seamstress on the side.

As a family, the Verbrigges enjoy Geocaching and bike riding. Mark’s other hobbies include wood working and reading. Aliya is passionate about sewing and photography. Jacob likes to color, read and dance.

Mark joined Niles Westside after he and Aliya looked around for a church with a great kid’s program and friendly members. [Aliya’s membership transfer is still in process.] They both enjoy working with the Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Club. Mark is also a deacon and helps to assist and teach the lessons in the Cradle Roll Sabbath School class.

Welcome to Niles Westside Adventist Church, Verbrigges!

Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Calendar

January 14-16 ~ Teen Snow Outing

Laura (Pathfinder Director) & Sam Hutchinson will be taking eight teens to the Teen Snow Outing at Camp Au Sable from January 14-16. They have one good van that holds seven people. Their other van is not able to be driven with kids in it, so they are short three seats. If you are able to loan them a car or van that holds ten for that weekend, please contact Sam or Laura (269-240-0181 or 269-240-0182). Thanks!

Pathfinders will be starting the Boxletter Printing Honor and Swimming honor this month. If anyone has a passion for Boxletter printing and would like to help the staff out with their knowledge, please contact Laura Hutchinson.

Congratulations to Erin & Tim Dockerty and big sisters Grace, Lillian & Anabel on the birth of Emma Claire! She was born on December 8 at 11:31 a.m., weighing 9 lbs 2 oz. She was 21 inches long.
**Church Family News**

† **New Contact Info for Dave & Cheryl Hamilton:**
Address: 80 Miracle Lane, RR#2, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia B2H 5C5, CANADA. Phone: 902-695-2180.

† **Nominating Committee Report:**
   Erica Hippler and Melanie Taylor - Kindergarten 2 Co-Leaders

† **Helen Krall and Susan Curtis** and family on the death of Jack Krall, Helen’s husband and Susan’s father, in Loma Linda, California, on December 8.

† **On Sabbath, January 8, we will have a fellowship lunch in the school gym. Please bring extra food and join us!**

† **Cardmaking Class:** Sunday, January 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the church, taught by Sandy Smith. Ladies, please bring your own scissors and double-sided tape.

† **All Women Take Notice - Free Exercise:**
  ✓ No Membership Dues - No Monthly Fees
  ✓ The school gym will be open every Monday evening from 6-8 p.m., starting Monday, January 10.
  ✓ Come walk a mile or two for your health.

† **The women’s morning Bible study will meet on January 10 and 24, at 10:30 a.m. Please note that we will be meeting on alternating Mondays again, instead of on Tuesdays. Childcare is provided. We invite you to join us as we fellowship, pray and study God’s Word. We will start with Psalm 1, and decide what will be the topic of our new studies. ~ Sheila Patterson**

† **Special Communication Boxes:** In the foyer at church, you may find two boxes that will be placed there for communication. We invite you to please share any feedback with us, like an aspect of the worship service that you really enjoyed that day or a question you had during the sermon. Any suggestions for improving the involvement of youth, children or families are also welcome and will be seriously considered. You can also email the church secretary or call the church at 269-683-5998.

† **Prayer Meeting:** For the next four prayer meetings, we will be journeying though the book of Philippians, starting with chapter 1, at 7 p.m. at the church. We will spend significant time in focused scriptural prayer after we briefly have a brief opportunity to share what Philippians 1 may have meant for you. Come, be blessed and be a blessing.

† **Praise & Report Sabbath:** January 15 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. (including supper), at Village Adventist Church in Berrien Springs. You are invited to attend and hear how God is blessing the evangelism plans of the churches in our Evangelism Zone.

† **Baby Dedication:** Peter Shameerudeen, son of Cliff & Amy, was dedicated to God on January 1.

**Holiday Cookie Exchange by Denise Scroggs**

The Cookie Exchange for 2010 was a great success. The evening started with a worship reading by Lauretta Mann. Then we all enjoyed a chili and salad supper. Good thing we were full, because when the cookies came out on the table, it would have been easy to eat too many as they all looked delicious. Everyone had a great time picking three dozen cookies to take home for their Holiday season. What a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship! Thanks to Kathy Dockerty for opening her home again this year. See everyone next year for cookies, as we have decided this MUST be an annual event.

† **Ramona Bibi, Lauretta Mann, and Barbara Harris—some of the ladies who attended the cookie exchange. Photo by Denise Scroggs**
Thanks to Mrs. Kent and all of the NAS students for their hard work on the wonderful Christmas program that was held at Niles Westside Adventist Church on December 11!

Pre-K and Kindergarten Class

Photo by Steve Sowder ~ More photos at www.nileswestside.org (flickr)

Upcoming NAS Events

Monday, January 10 ~ Fruit Orders Due
Parent-Teacher Conferences ~ ½ day

Monday, January 17 ~ Martin Luther King Jr Day ~ No School

Tuesday, January 18 ~ School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 19 ~ Five Pines Sledding/Skiing ~ 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27 ~ Career Day ~ 9-11 a.m.

Sabbath, January 29 ~ Grade 4 NAS Music Performance at Niles Westside Adventist Church

State Senator John Proos with 1st and 2nd Grades. He brought a gift (boom box) from Mrs. Kidder’s Niles Daily Star Wishlist.

Photo Courtesy of NAS

January 2011
Niles Westside News
Florida Citrus Fruit

Donations & proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School.

Grapefruit $24.00 p/case $12.00 half case
Florida Navel $26.00 p/case $13.00 half case
Honey Bells $39.00 p/case
Variety Pack** $24.00 half case only
**Variety pack contains 32-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navels, Top layer 6 grapefruit & 10 honey bells

ORDER DATES

Jan. 10 Grapefruit, Florida Navel, Variety Pack, Honey Bells
Feb. 14 Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Temples
Mar. 14 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.

Thank you for your support!

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Gift cards are available for many stores and businesses through NAS, and a portion of the money will go towards tuition for any child (that attends or will attend NAS) you choose, and part of the money will go to the school.

This is an ongoing fundraiser for our school. Some of the participating retailers are Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, Olive Garden, Speedway, Starbucks, iTunes, Michaels, Lowes, Panera Bread, Cabela’s, and many more (see the full list in the school office or at www.glscrip.com).

A selection of cards are on hand at the school. Gift cards are ordered every Friday, but you can place your order at any time.

The Chocolate Extravaganza & Annual Silent Auction will be on Sunday, February 13, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Plan now to attend this exciting fundraiser for NAS! Contact a NAS student or the school to purchase a ticket ($5 or $7 at the door).

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

NAS students love to go sledding! Photo by Denise Kidder

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ January 17
### Calendar of Events

**January 1**  
*Happy New Year!*
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  . 8:30 & 11 a.m.

**January 3**  
School Resumes

**January 5**  
Pathfinders  ................. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting  ............... 7 p.m.

**January 6**  
Basketball  .................. 7 p.m.

**January 8**  
Walt Williams, Speaker  ....... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch  .............. after 2nd service
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor  . 2:30 p.m.

**January 9**  
Elders Prayer Breakfast  ....... 9 a.m.
Cardmaking Class  .............. 2-4 p.m.

**January 10**  
*Fruit Orders Due*
Women’s Bible Study  .......... 10:30 a.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences - ½ day of school
Women Walking in Gym  .......... 6-8 p.m.

**January 11**  
Midweek Manna  ................ 7 p.m.

**January 12**  
Pathfinders  ................. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting  ............... 7 p.m.

**January 13**  
Basketball  .................. 7 p.m.

**January 15**  
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ....... 8:30 a.m.

**January 17**  
*Martin Luther King Jr Day* - no school
Women Walking in Gym  .......... 6-8 p.m.
Worship Committee (church)  .... 7 p.m.

**January 18**  
School Board Meeting  ......... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna  ................ 7 p.m.

**January 19**  
Pathfinders  ................. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting  ............... 7 p.m.

**January 20**  
Basketball  .................. 7 p.m.

**January 22**  
Dr Nick Miller, Speaker  ....... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
*Got Faith?* by Dr Miller  .... 4:30 p.m.

**January 23**  
*Newsletter Items Due*

**January 24**  
Women’s Bible Study  .......... 10:30 a.m.
Women Walking in Gym  .......... 6-8 p.m.

**January 25**  
Church Board Meeting  ......... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna  ................ 7 p.m.

**January 26**  
Pathfinders  ................. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting  ............... 7 p.m.

**January 27**  
Basketball  .................. 7 p.m.

**January 29**  
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  ........ 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Music by NAS  ................ 2nd service
Couples’ Corner  ............... 4:30 p.m.
Women Walking in Gym  .......... 6-8 p.m.

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### Services

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

**Sabbath School**  
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

**Second Worship Service**  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

**Midweek Manna**  
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting**  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

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### January Birthdays

Jill Howell  1  Ida Jordan  16
Jesse Burns  2  William Wood
Natalie Makumbe  3  Ester Crawford  17
Linda Munroe  4  Allen Chole  19
Tammy Kelley  5  Julie Richter  20
Stanley Morse  6  Rich Sutton
Robert Detweiler  7  Reginald Curtis  21
Floy Fralick  8  Andrea Jakobsons
Zachary le Roux  9  Katelyn Robbins
Eleanor Eager 10  Virginia Wedman
Marilyn Bowder 11  Terri Hebard  22
Amber Franklin 12  Gary Kelley
Gary Hillebert 13  Regina Bernet  23
Vasity Manda 14  Marc Grooms
Justin Peak 15  Larry Ringler
Kenneth Scherrerr 16  Holly Boykins  24
Lorelie Lechner 17  Brooklyn Wood
Tori Meekma 18  Jeff Bauer  25
Lauren Bell 19  John Chung
Cindy Hart 20  Tyler Hutchinson
Crystal Robbins 21  Amy Nims
Sandra Beuley 22  Chandra Stafford
Linda Timm 23  Owen Cook  27
Elijah Villwock 24  Luke Minter
Linda Bauer 25  Max Rusher
Ann Meredith 26  Lester Merklin  28
Beverly mann 27  Havana Pagaja
Holly Messner 28  Ryland Cherry  29
Adelena Fagal 29  Dianne Cherry  31
Melinda Morgan 30  Mabuta Eager
Carol Benjamin 31  Seth Nelson
Caleb Chung

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