Barbara Hales was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she met and married her husband of 43 years, Donald Hales, who died in a tragic accident in 2007. She is the mother of four young adults and has four grandchildren. Moving to South Bend, IN, in 1981, she graduated from Bethel College in 1989, and completed a MA in Education at Andrews University in 1996. She is known in the South Bend area for her volunteer work providing services and seminars to women. She has also traveled overseas with ShareHim many times, conducting evangelistic meetings. Currently, she is a caregiver, elder at her church, and pastor of a church plant in a retirement center. Her passions include preaching, singing, writing, biking, gardening, needlepoint, travel, visiting shut-ins, and 3ABN.
**Disciples Disciple, Who Disciple Disciples, Who ...**

As long as there are true disciples of Jesus, there will be other disciples. For disciples disciple others. Who in turn disciple others, and so on. Until everyone has chosen to be or not to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We are most privileged to know Jesus as our personal Lord. We are equally privileged to be known as His disciple, directly associated with His Holy Spirit. We are honored to be asked to represent Jesus as His disciple. We are also most entrusted with the very presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, so that others can see we have been with Him. As a disciple, we are asked to be personal witnesses of Christ, who died, rose, ascended into heaven to intercede for us, and is presently preparing a place for us to live with Him forever.

To be a disciple-witness, we need such a personal experience of His life, death, resurrection, ascension and ministry. This is only possible through the Comforter He promised to send. We can be personal witnesses of the fact that, through God’s Holy Spirit, we experience that forgiving, healing, re-creating presence of Jesus, personally in order to be the best disciple-witness.

We may have fears of rejection or being despised, but that’s why the Holy Spirit is to help us with what to say when we are standing before kings, rulers and governors. But before we are imprisoned or forced to stand before governing bodies, find out how the Holy Spirit wants for us to stand before family, neighbors, friends, colleagues, the boss or CEO, etc., in all His wisdom and power, now!

How about being a part of God’s never-ending discipleship plan: disciples disciple, who disciple disciples?

Blessed Blessings.

Pastor Darrel

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**Dinner Under the Stars**

Niles Four Flags Pathfinders’ Fundraiser

Sunday, March 27, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Niles Adventist School Gym

Mexican food will be served.

Contact Laura or Sam Hutchinson for more information (269-240-0182 or salthutch@yahoo.com).

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The old standard bearers knew what it was to wrestle with God in prayer, and to enjoy the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But these are passing off from the stage of action; and who are coming up to fill their places? How is it with the rising generation? Are they converted to God? Are we awake to the work that is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, or are we waiting for some compelling power to come upon the church before we shall arouse? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.

There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must enter upon the work individually. We must pray more, and talk less. Iniquity abounds, and the people must be taught not to be satisfied with a form of godliness without the spirit and power. If we are intent upon searching our own hearts, putting away our sins, and correcting our evil tendencies, our souls will not be lifted up unto vanity; we shall be distrustful of ourselves, having an abiding sense that our sufficiency is of God.

~ True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need by Ellen G. White, pg. 9, 10
Meet Our New Members

Taylor Family
by Melanie Taylor

Douglas, Melanie, Michael (5), and Ella (3) Taylor moved to this area in January 2010, and purchased a home in Niles in October.

Melanie & Doug lived in Berrien Springs during the 2002/2003 school year while Doug finished his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Andrews University. Melanie taught at Eau Claire Adventist school. Doug then got a job in Battle Creek, where they lived for six years. Melanie taught at Battle Creek Academy until having children. They attended the Battle Creek Tabernacle where Doug was the Chairperson for the Young Adult Sabbath School, and Melanie was the Chairperson for the Cradle Roll Sabbath School.

Doug is an associate professor of Graphic Design at Andrews University. Melanie is a retired teacher/stay-at-home mom.

The Taylors had visited friends at the Niles Westside church through the years and liked the atmosphere. They were also impressed with the number of active young families, so they became members a few months ago. At Niles Westside, Melanie is a co-chairperson in the Kindergarten 2 class. Doug is a children’s story expert and helper in Kindergarten 1. Doug is also on the committee to create a logo for the church. Both helped with VBS last summer.

As a family, the Taylors enjoy biking, rollerblading, hiking, and spending time with friends and family.

Melanie & Doug have been married for eight years. They met at Camp Au Sable. Doug was a counselor, and Melanie came midsummer to replace someone. After a brief misunderstanding about Melanie being in high school instead of being a classroom teacher/principal, they fell in love and were married one year later.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Taylors!

Pray Without Ceasing

Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too.

—J.C. Ryle

Welcome, Baby Girl!

Congratulations to Amanda & Fred Boothby!

Chloe Lynn Boothby was born on February 2 at 11:54 p.m.
She weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was 20 inches long.

Photo by Aliya Verbrigge
Jack “Barnabas” Wright
by Jack Einhorn

On Sabbath, February 12, I came to church for the first time in five months. I was only able to stay for the first service. Because I felt I needed to get back home to make sure Glory was OK, I was unable to spend much time afterward fellowshipping. But, even though I was there only a short time, what a blessing it was! It was good to see so many familiar faces and to worship together. Then to top it off, hearing Joe Kidder’s message about Balcony People with its emphasis on Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement, while sitting next to Jack Wright, was the “icing on the cake.”

Over these past many weeks, Jack has been our “Brother of Encouragement.” To keep us “in touch,” Jack, without fail, has sent us, or hand delivered, a copy of the bulletin with inserts. And, when they come out, he includes the monthly calendar and newsletter. To lighten our spirits, sometimes there is a handwritten favorite joke of Jack’s included.

Like Joe said in his message, God through His many graces puts people in our lives that make a difference. We feel that way about all of you, “Our Family of God,” and certainly that way about Jack, indeed our “Brother Barnabas!”

NAS Principal for a Day ~ won at the Silent Auction

Photo by Gina Meekma

Mrs. Boothby brought baby Chloe to the school for a visit.

Photo by Denise Kidder

Communion Service

Sabbath, March 19
11 a.m.

Note that there will be only one service on Communion Sabbath.
Church Family News

† Farewell to Our Friends:

David & Cheryl Hamilton to New Glasgow Adventist Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Pauline Hiatt to PMC, Berrien Springs, MI

† Our Sympathy to the family of Edith Schneck, who passed away on February 22.

† Free Exercise for Everyone:
✔ No Membership Dues - No Monthly Fees
✔ The school gym will be open every Monday evening from 6-8 p.m.
✔ Come walk a mile or two for your health.

† The Women’s Bible Study will meet on March 7 & 21, at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. ~ Sheila Patterson

† Everybody’s Birthday Party:
Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Niles Adventist School gym. Bring a wrapped gift, and come celebrate with us! We need twelve cakes/desserts for the party. If you are willing to provide one, please contact Erin Dockerty (erindockerty@yahoo.com/269-487-8313). Thank you!

† On Sabbath, March 12, we will have a fellowship lunch in the school gym. Please join us!

† Women’s Night Out: Thursday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. at Olive Garden (Grape Rd., Mishawaka). Contact Denise Scroggs to RSVP (rn95@sbcglobal.net or 574-243-0141).

Future nights out (third Thursday of the month) are as follows:

April - Flat Top Grill (University Park Mall, Mishawaka); May - Union Coffee House (Front and Main St., Buchanan); June - IHOP (Main St, Mishawaka); July - Papa Vinos (Main St., Mishawaka); August - Hacienda (Portage Rd., South Bend); September - Mandarin House (2104 E Edison, South Bend); October - Bob Evans (Hwy. 933, South Bend); November - Hob Knob (206 E Main St., Niles).

† The Women’s Ministries Department will be collecting items for an orphanage in Guatemala (Adventist-run) that is in need of many things. Items are being donated from churches and sent to Washington State to be shipped to Guatemala from there. There will be a container in the foyer for collection. Please feel free to purchase any items from the list below and bring to church before April 1.

✔ lice treatment RED & lice combs
✔ blue jeans for boys and girls
✔ rubber boots for boys and girls
✔ melamine set of dishes for 30
✔ mattress pads for twin beds
✔ fry pans--various sizes
✔ pots--medium, stainless steel
✔ tall kitchen garbage bags
✔ rubber spatulas (5)
✔ measuring cups (2)
✔ measuring spoons (2)
✔ plastic bag sealer
✔ shrink wrapper
✔ muffin pans (10)
✔ medium loaf pans (20)
✔ ladies, various sizes (4)
✔ large metal serving spoons (4)
✔ soft ball mitts (16)

† Christmas Tree Donations: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the two projects. A total of $424 was placed on the tree in December/January. $312 went to the roof loan for the school, and $112 for evangelism. We appreciate your support!

† Tasty and Healthy - Mexican Style: This natural foods cooking class will be held Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the office of Dr. Richard Beckermeyer. Please bring your friends or volunteer to help with the set-up or clean-up. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Dorothea Sarli (269-684-3590) for more information or to register your friends.

† GET INVOLVED:
The Andrews University Easter Passion Play is a walking indoor and outdoor depiction of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sabbath, April 23. Be part of this great outreach to the community! Visit passionplay.andrews.edu and click “Volunteer” to register now. An audition time will be given to you. Rehearsals begin February 27.

† 2011 Women’s Retreats: April 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 at Camp Au Sable. The topic is The Poured Out Life, featuring Jennifer Jill Schirrzer. See bulletin board for details. For more information on going as a group, contact Denise Scroggs (rn95@sbcglobal.net or 574-243-0141).
Teen Bible Camp—Through God’s Eyes
by Michael Jakobsons

On February 17 at 12:45 p.m., seven 8th graders, Mrs. Bell, and I departed from Niles in search of spiritual treasure, and headed north. Armed with our Bibles and confidence in Camp Au Sable and everything that goes on there as “what is right,” we headed for Grayling, MI. After a couple stops for “much” needed sugar and the call of “mother nature,” we finally made it and settled into our separate cabins in the Guys and Ladies Villages.

Bible Camp began that night with Pastor Daniel Ferraz explaining to the campers that the Bible and everything in it is truth and needs to be championed by all, especially teens. The theme for Bible Camp was seeing things through God’s eyes. Every session, five in all, that Pastor Daniel spoke at touched on the subject of explaining what God wanted for the teens, and what they needed to do in order to achieve the goals and message that God has given to teens.

On Friday, the teens went to morning and evening sessions, as well as three breakouts designed to teach them about their views on life, where they should be, and where God wants them to be. Probably the highlight of everyone’s weekend was experiencing Sabbath Celebration by Pastor Ken Micheff on Friday night, in which he explained how he loves Sabbath, and how it should be a special time. He also demonstrated how his family, before his children grew up, used to celebrate Sabbath.

Sabbath was packed full of many exciting things, including a Sabbath School designed to prepare campers for their outreach activity in the afternoon. The NAS students decided to make cards for nursing home residents and sing songs with three other schools for their outreach activity. After church and outreach, the Sabbath concluded with a Sabbath Vespers filled with outreach testimonies given by campers who went to the nursing home, and also went door-to-door in the community praying with people. Sabbath officially ended with a communion service in which everyone who wanted to participated in the act of washing someone’s feet, and taking the bread and grape juice representing what Jesus gave up for us. A loud emotional ringing of a hammer and nail connecting during the partaking of the bread and juice reminded everyone exactly how much Jesus loved them.

Saturday concluded with organized activities, and everyone was sent off with another message from Pastor Daniel on the importance of looking toward heaven.

On February 20, the seven 8th graders, Mrs. Bell, and I made it safely back to school. God was surely with us as we encountered rain, snow, sleet, and ice for most of the trip back. We saw seven cars in the ditch, two accident scenes, and almost a third.

My prayer and plea is that each 8th grader that went remembers this trip and the theme of trying to see this life in God’s eyes, and the importance of becoming like Christ. Please pray for the 8th graders that went, and the ones that didn’t, that all would be touched by what they heard at Bible Camp and by those that were influenced at it.
Upcoming NAS Events

6-8th Basketball ~ Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m.

Spirit Week ~ March 7-10

Andrews Academy Day ~ Tuesday, March 8 (8th graders)

Spring Break Begins ~ No School ~ Friday, March 11

Spring Break ~ March 14-18

Bible Lab at Nursing Homes ~ Wednesday, March 23

Music by NAS 6th & 7th graders ~ Sabbath, March 26

1/2 day - P/T Conferences ~ Monday, March 28

School Board Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 29

MI Blood Drive ~ Tuesday, April 5 (2-7 p.m.)

School Round Up ~ Thursday, April 21
(8:30 a.m.- noon - prospective students visit; 4-6 p.m. Parent Open House)
Calendar of Events

March 1  Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
March 2  Pathfinders (gym)  ............. 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
March 3  Basketball (gym)  .............. 7 p.m.
March 5  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Women’s Day of Prayer (gym)  11 a.m.
        Family Lunch (gym)  ............. after service
        Afternoon Meeting for All  2 p.m.
        Sound of Rain  ................. 5:30 p.m.
        Everybody’s Birthday Party  7 p.m.
March 7  Women’s Bible Study  .......... 10:30 a.m.
        Walking in Gym  ................. 6-8 p.m.
March 8  Finance Committee  ............. 7 p.m.
March 9  Pathfinders (gym)  ............. 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
March 10 Basketball (gym)  .............. 7 p.m.
March 11 Spring Break Begins - no school
March 12 Bruce Bauer, Speaker  ........ 8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Fellowship Lunch  ............... after 2nd service
        Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor  2:30 p.m.
        Sound of Rain  ................. 5:30 p.m.
March 13  Daylight Savings  - Spring Forward 1 Hour
March 14 Walking in Gym  ................ 6-8 p.m.
March 14-18 Niles Adventist School Spring Break
March 15  Midweek Manna  ................. 7 p.m.
March 16  Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
March 17  Women’s Night Out - Olive Garden  5:30 p.m.
        Basketball (gym)  ............... 7 p.m.
March 19  Communion - 1 service  ........ 11 a.m.
        Sound of Rain  ................. 5:30 p.m.
March 21  Women’s Bible Study  .......... 10:30 a.m.
        Walking in Gym  ................. 6-8 p.m.
March 22 Church Board Meeting  .......... 7 p.m.
        Midweek Manna  .................. 7 p.m.
March 23 Pathfinders (gym)  ............. 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
March 24 Basketball (gym)  .............. 7 p.m.
March 26 Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker  8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Music by NAS  ................. 2nd service
        Couples’ Corner  ................. 4:30 p.m.
        Sound of Rain  ................. 5:30 p.m.
March 27  Newsletter Items Due
        Pathfinders’ Dinner Under the Stars  5:30 p.m.
March 28 Walking in Gym  ................. 6-8 p.m.
March 29 School Board  .................. 7 p.m.
        Midweek Manna  .................. 7 p.m.
March 30 Pathfinders (gym)  ............. 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting  ................. 7 p.m.
March 31 Basketball (gym)  .............. 7 p.m.

Deborah Burlingame  1  Chioma Ejiofor  19
Bruce Bauer  2  Leonita Jedlowski  20
Lucy Jann  3  Patricia Klemm  21
Mya Vivier  4  Andrea Thames  22
Helen Kline  5  Tony Hutchinson  23
Laura Hutchinson  6  Tanya Vivier  24
Walter Quist  7  Elizabeth Patterson  25
Tami McClellan  8  Jeanne Sorensen  26
Lynn Bradford  9  Trina Irwin  27
Sungita Chung  10  Benjamin Panigot  28
Marga Prouty  11  Tamara Storie  29
Michael Robbins  12  Jennifer Constable  30
David Scroggs  13  Melissa Frood  31
Alexa Leonor  14  Richard Makungu  32
Dawn Safstrom  15  Jaiden Vivier  33
Timothy Robertson  16  Bonnie Benner  34
Helen Krall  17  Paula Whyde  35
Christopher Ruedinger  18  Susan Ellis  36
Beautie Mondol  19  Donald Irwin  37
Rand Rusher  20  Cameron Klimekewicz  38
Roy Kingman  21  David Mann  39
Laurel Gaudin  22  Adrian Sarli  40
Tyler le Roux  23  Tony Hutchinson  41

Services

First Worship Service  Sound of Rain
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.  Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

Sabbath School  Midweek Manna
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.  Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Second Worship Service  Prayer Meeting
Saturdays, 11 a.m.  Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

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