International Women’s Day of Prayer
by Lorraine Hilliard

The International Women’s Day of Prayer is a special day in the church calendar (designated by the General Conference as the 1st Sabbath of March) for women to learn about each other, help each other, and most importantly to pray with and for each other.

On March 5, approximately seventy women from several local churches gathered in the Niles Adventist School gym to celebrate this day. The gym was decorated with soft lighting and spring colors to set an atmosphere of peace and renewal.

The guest speaker for the day was Barbara Hales from South Bend, IN. She is a graduate of Bethel College and Andrews University. She has traveled overseas with ShareHim to conduct evangelistic meetings, is an elder in her home church, and is the pastor of a church plant in a retirement center.

The morning began with violin music, followed by prayer, a special reading, scripture reading, special music, small group prayers, and then Ms. Hales’ message. The program concluded with all the ladies holding hands as they sang “Side by Side We Stand.”

The ladies and their families were invited to stay for lunch and an afternoon meeting. A hearty and healthy lunch was provided by the Women’s Ministry leaders and other volunteers. Following lunch, harp music drew us to the church sanctuary. After special music, Ms. Hales spoke, giving much practical advice on eating healthfully, raising children, and cultivating a relationship with our savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks to the many people who made this program possible!
Cross Exposed

The cross exposed God.
It exposed man.
It exposed angels,
And a Salvation Plan.

The cross exposed Satan.
His Universal lies.
Intentional Murder.
And every evil demise.

The cross exposed love,
It exposed hate,
It exposed light & darkness,
That still battles today.

We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will do more than any other class to promote and honor, by their consistent lives, by their godly example and their active influence, the cause which they represent. But how often have the professed advocates of the truth proved the greatest obstacle to its advancement! The unbelief indulged, the doubts expressed, the darkness cherished, encourage the presence of evil angels, and open the way for the accomplishment of Satan’s devices.

The adversary of souls is not permitted to read the thoughts of men; but he is a keen observer, and he marks the words; he takes account of actions, and skillfully adapts his temptations to meet the cases of those who place themselves in his power. If we would labor to repress sinful thoughts and feelings, giving them no expression in words or actions, Satan would be defeated; for he could not prepare his specious temptations to meet the case.

~ True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need
by Ellen G. White, pg. 10
Cross Family
by Becca Cross

Brendan, Rebecca, and Danny (11 months) Cross live in Berrien Springs. Brendan is from South Africa originally but moved to Chicago with his family in 2000. Becca is from Ithaca, MI. They both came to Andrews in 2002 and have been living here ever since.

Becca and Brendan started coming to Niles Westside because Becca was taking an American Sign L course at Andrews University, and Niles was where the Deaf attended the most frequently. They discovered that they liked the smaller, homey church feeling they got from Niles, even though it’s quite large (they’re both from small churches). When Becca’s brother, Alex Prouty, and family moved here, they attended Niles as well. So, when the Cross family learned they would be in the area for a while, they decided to transfer their memberships here.

Brendan is an Instructor of Physics at Andrews. He enjoys climbing and tinkering. Becca is a stay-at-home mom who likes to crochet and read. Before Danny was born, Becca was the office manager for the Center for Youth Evangelism and administrative assistant to Ron Whitehead. Danny is an explorer extraordinaire and budding linguist. His favorite activities are unfolding laundry and whatever Mom and Dad are doing. As a family, they enjoy walks and being together.

Becca and Brendan met at Andrews, where they had a few of the same classes and were in Impressions (drama group) together. They have been married almost four years, since June 17, 2007.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Brendan, Becca, and Danny!

It’s a...

Congratulations to
Aliya, Mark and
big brother Jacob!

Eric Walter Verbrigghe

was born on March 25
at 6:22 a.m.
He weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and
was 19 3/4 inches long.

Photos Courtesy of Verbrigges
**Church Family News**

**Welcome New Member!**

Jan Carlson from Coldwater Rayborn Memorial Adventist Church, Coldwater, MI

**Nominating Committee Members:** Lynn Merklin, Chair; Adrian Sarli, Doug Fattic, JB Garrett, Fred Boothby, Nancy Rader, Fred Hebard, Dorothy Metzger, Laura Hutchinson, and Pastor Darrel le Roux

**Our Sympathy** to Mary Rudlaff and Family on the death of Herb Rudlaff on March 13.

**Our Sympathy** to Ken Argenti on the death of his mother, Grace Argenti, on March 22.

**Baby Dedications:** Chloe Boothby was dedicated to the Lord on Sabbath, March 19. Alexa Leonor will be dedicated on Sabbath, April 9.

**The Women’s Bible Study** will meet on April 11 & 25 at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. ~ Sheila Patterson

**Rick and Christina Loenser** and their boys are moving to Tennessee around April 5. Their last Sabbath is April 2. The fellowship lunch that day will be a farewell for them. Please come and wish them all the best.

**On Sabbath, April 2,** we will have a *fellowship lunch* in the school gym. Please join us! The theme is Italian food. Please bring an entree, and either a salad, drink or dessert.

**Special Series on the Cross: Fake Exposed** will be presented by Pastor Darrel at the Niles District Library (620 E. Main St), starting at 7:15 p.m. on April 12, 13, & 18. This series will focus on the cross and all that the cross exposes, from a universal to a personal sin-threat. Plan to bring a friend and discover the cross in ways you may not have known before. For more information, contact Pastor Darrel (269-605-7895).

**Women’s Night Out:** Thursday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Blueberry Hill (Niles). Contact Denise Scroggs to RSVP (rn95@sbcglobal.net or 574-243-0141).

**Spring is here!** Consider hiring a group of kids for your *yard clean-up*. Donations will go toward the Junior/Earliteen SS mission trip to LaVida Mission in July. Contact Lisa Babcock at 269-684-5556 or Lynn Staniszewski at 269-683-7550.

**Sound of Rain:** We invite you to embrace “Sound of Rain” during our preaching emphasis on the book of Acts. Every Sabbath evening we invite you to actively participate between 6:30 - 7:30 (note change of time due to the daylight savings time change) in a meaningful season of prayer.

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., we have been discussing the book of John. We invite all to come and participate in understanding the work of the Holy Spirit better.

**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 Schwirzer. See bulletin board at church for details. For more information on going as a group, contact Denise Scroggs (574-243-0141 or rn95@sbcglobal.net).

**The Easter Passion Play** at Andrews University is a walking indoor and outdoor depiction of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Sabbath, April 23. Rotations begin every 30 minutes starting at 10 a.m. The last rotation begins at 6 p.m. Spanish rotations are at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Place your free event reservation at www.passionplay.andrews.edu, or call 269-471-8360. Volunteers are still needed also.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

*John 3:16*
Niles Four Flags Pathfinders

Sunday, April 3 ~ 10 Mile Hike

Sunday, April 10 ~ Clean up Niles Westside Church and School Grounds from 1-3 p.m.

Sabbath, April 23 ~ Pathfinder Easter Play at 11 a.m.

May ~ Investiture

Sunday, May 15 ~ Pathfinder Fair in Lansing, MI

Wednesday, May 18 ~ Last meeting until August

We raised around $200 at the Dinner Under the Stars! Thank you to all that attended and supported the Pathfinders. If you have any feedback on the event (cost, food, or new idea), please contact Laura Hutchinson (salhutch@yahoo.com or call or text 269-240-0182).

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Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God.
~ C. Neil Strait

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Building for Worship

Roy & Dawn Kingman, and Bob & Dagi Benner, along with a number of others, went on a mission trip to El Vergel, Chiapis, Mexico, in March to build a church.
Showing Our School Spirit
by Gina Meekma

Spring Spirit Week at Niles Adventist School focuses more on serving and helping others instead of the crazy hair and matching outfits of Fall Spirit Week. On Monday, March 7, students at NAS celebrated Everybody’s Birthday with a game where presents were passed left or right, depending on the word spoken in a story called, “Mr. & Mrs. Wright.” The party also included pizza and cupcakes, which were provided by Home & School.

Tuesday’s activity involved making chocolate chip cookies to give out to others, an idea that came from a survey that Reilly Gaudin passed out to the students when she was Principal for a Day. More than 35 dozen cookies were made from ingredients donated by the parents and teachers. On Wednesday, many of the cookies were delivered to service providers such as policemen and firefighters, as well as to some local businesses that donated to our Silent Auction, and to some of our neighbors near the school. The students also enjoyed sampling the fruits of their labor. Each classroom also planned something special for another classroom and surprised them with it. The surprises included cards and popsicles; letters of appreciation, and candy hidden in a classroom; brownies, chocolate eggs, and paper Easter eggs; and Bible verses and fun little toys. We’re not sure who had more fun—those being surprised or those doing the surprising!

Since Friday was the start of Spring Break, Spirit Week ended on Thursday with swimming at the Andrews University pool. Everyone had a great time splashing and playing in the water.

A big thank you to Home & School, the parents, teachers and students for their part in a fun and successful Spirit Week!
Upcoming NAS Events

LES Book Fair ~ April 7-12

Spanish Music by NAS at Niles Westside ~ Sabbath, April 9

Science Fair ~ Sunday, April 10 ~ 4-7 p.m.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis ~ April 11-15

Outdoor Education at Camp Au Sable ~ April 17-20 (5th & 6th grades)

School Board Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 19

School Round Up ~ Thursday, April 21 (8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - prospective students visit; 4-6 p.m. Parent Open House)

Easter Break Begins - ½ day ~ Friday, April 22

Easter Break - no school ~ Monday, April 25

Teacher In-Service - no school ~ Tuesday, April 26

Music by NAS 8th Graders at Niles Westside ~ Sabbath, April 30

Gift Cards/Scrip Fundraising News: If you order gift cards through us for your grocery, gas, home improvement, and other shopping and gift needs, it will benefit the school and the student of your choice. Home Depot will contribute 6 percent instead of 4 percent through April 15. Bath & Body Works will contribute 18 percent instead of 13 percent until April 29.

Remember to turn in Labels for Education, Boxtops for Education, and Spartan (barcode) labels either at the church (in the Campbell’s container) or at the school. These are another way to help the school raise funds and get equipment. Thank you!

Science Fair

The NAS Science Fair will be on Sunday, April 10, from 4-7 p.m. Information is available at the school for any home school students grades Pre-K-8th grade that would like to participate. Contact Staci Fagal (whatzthebuzz@gmail.com or 269-471-9219) if you have any questions. Adult bridge building kits are available for $5. Contact the school if you would like to participate in the bridge building contest.

Starter Plant Fundraiser

Vegetable and herb starter plants, which will be started by Garden Hill Farms, are available to order. Order forms can be found in the hallway at church, or contact the school or a student to order by April 11.

In May, we will have a Mother’s Day Plant Sale (hanging baskets, etc). Thank you for your support of NAS Home & School! ~ Staci Fagal

Pre-K - 5th grades provided music and greeted the residents at nursing homes in Niles on March 23 for a Bible Lab.

Photo by Denise Kidder
Calendar of Events

April 2  Walt Williams, Speaker ........ 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch/Farewell ........ after 2nd service
Sound of Rain ......................... 6:30 p.m.

April 3  Pathfinder Hike
April 5  Midweek Manna .................. 7 p.m.
April 6  Pathfinders (gym) ............... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.

April 7  LES Book Fair at NAS
Basketball (gym) ...................... 7 p.m.

April 8  LES Book Fair at NAS
April 9  Pastor Darrel/Adam Gaines .... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Spanish Music by NAS ............... 2nd service
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor .. 2:30 p.m.
Sound of Rain ......................... 6:30 p.m.

April 10 Pathfinders Clean School/Church Grounds
LES Book Fair at NAS ............... 4-7 p.m.
NAS Science Fair ...................... 4-7 p.m.

April 11 LES Book Fair at NAS
Women’s Bible Study ................. 10:30 a.m.

April 12 LES Book Fair at NAS
Midweek Manna ....................... 7 p.m.
Fake Exposed (Niles Library) .... 7:15 p.m.

April 13 Pathfinders (gym) ............... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.
Fake Exposed (Niles Library) .... 7:15 p.m.

April 14 Basketball (gym) ............... 7 p.m.

April 16 Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sound of Rain ......................... 6:30 p.m.

April 18 Fake Exposed (Niles Library) .... 7:15 p.m.

April 19 School Board ................... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna ....................... 7 p.m.

April 20 Pathfinders (gym) ............... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.

April 21 School Round-Up ............... 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Parent Open House (school) ....... 4-6 p.m.
Women’s Night Out-Blueberry Hill .. 5:30 p.m.
Basketball (gym) ...................... 7 p.m.

April 22 Easter Break Begins - ½ day of school . 12 p.m.

April 23 Steve Grooms, Speaker ........ 8:30 a.m.
Pathfinder Service .................. 11 a.m.

April 24 Easter: Newsletter Items Due
April 25 Easter Break - no school
Women’s Bible Study ................. 10:30 a.m.
Teacher In-Service - no school

Church Board Meeting ............... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna ....................... 7 p.m.

April 27 Pathfinders (gym) ............... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.

April 28 Basketball (gym) ............... 7 p.m.

April 30 Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Music by NAS ......................... 2nd service
Couples’ Corner ...................... 4:30 p.m.
Sound of Rain ......................... 6:30 p.m.

April Birthdays

Chandel Lawrence 1  Dagmar Benner 15
Reilly Gaudin 2  Chad Bell 16
Luis Leonor, Jr. 3  Frances Burton
Sandra Moore 4  Denise Kidder
Dorothy Quinones 5  Evan Peak
Richard Rorabeck 6  Patricia Rusher
Peter Shameerudeen 7  Todd Bell
Robert Benjamin Sr. 8  Joel Klimkewicz
Ryan Edwards 9  Dan Minter Sr
Victor Zubar 10  Lucile Wadsworth
Noah Villwock 11  Sara Frazier
Adam Snider 12  Daphne Kent
Philip Ashton 13  Prince Mangena
Walt Williams 14  Derek Wright
John Einhorn 15  Judy Benjamin
Sara Herzberg 16  Lynn Merkin
Amy Shameerudeen 17  Miriam Karengo
Regina Tyson 18  Zachary Safstrom
Michael Ringler 19  Caleb Snow
Carla Snow 20  Melody Edwards
Zachary Benjamin 21  Griffin Fagal
Christopher Corzine 22  Susan Housewether
Dana Cross 23  Danny Cross
Caleb Feener 24  Tifanie Overmyer
Craig McClellan 25  Glory Einhorn
Katie Reitz 26  Malcolm Hutchinson
Susan Hobson 27  Shantel Luzadder
Hope Janesheski 28  Elinor Peshka
Sharon Constable 29  Salina Smith
Kimberly Corzine 30  Florencia Tudor
Britney Bell 31  La Vonde Velez

Services

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

Sound of Rain
Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Manna
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Second Worship Service
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.