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Niles Westside Renovation Plans

We are excited to start the process of renovating our church. The plan, which the November church business meeting embraced, includes the following: A. Replacing the carpet throughout the whole church; B. Upgrading and changing the stage to a complementary wood floor with upgraded audio/visual capabilities; C. Replacing the church pews with new and improved pews; and D. Making the church brighter and lighter with upgrading the current lights. We invite you to prayerfully consider being a blessing to everyone who worships our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at Niles Westside when you plan your Gift Offerings and Pledges for this big project.

What Christ has done for us will never have a dollar value. The gifts that we return to Him are but a desire to extend His kingdom in the most effective and attractive way possible. This year we invite you to bring your gifts for God’s house to the evergreen tree. These gift offerings will go toward the renovations that the church has been waiting to implement to make God’s house more attractive and welcoming. For three Sabbaths—December 17, 24, & 31—we invite you to bring your gift offerings for the completion of the renovation plans within the church.
The Greatest Threat to Satan: A Savior

How could God resurrect a sinner? Maddened by perceived unfairness, Satan ranted and raged about the injustice of resurrecting Moses. “God’s word cannot be trusted if Moses is resurrected and taken to heaven!” Satan whined as he disputed with Michael. “Scripture says ‘The soul that sins will die – forever!’” (Ezekiel 18:4). Michael simply replied, “The Lord rebuke thee” (Jude 9). Snarling at Michael, Satan challenged Moses’ resurrection because 1. Moses was a sinner and should remain dead; 2. Michael and heaven had not won the war or proven that it’s fair, only a promise; and 3. Jesus could possibly still fail! Michael, calmly and in full authoritative self control, replied that 1. God can resurrect Moses because of a Savior; 2. God has not and will not lose a war, so it’s fair based on the promise of victory; and 3. God has not, will not and cannot fail, now or in the future. This resurrection is evidence that a sinner-saint can take Satan’s place, only because of a Savior! Satan shudders with cold realization that this resurrection means that he cannot win. He must muster all resources.

“The dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born” (Revelation 12:4). But, “her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne” (Revelation 12:5). “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17).

Satan’s greatest threat is man’s greatest defense: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

Blessed Blessings, Pastor Darrel

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~ Luke 2:11

The work is before us; will we engage in it? We must work fast, we must go steadily forward. We must be preparing for the great day of the Lord. We have no time to lose, no time to be engaged in selfish purposes. The world is to be warned. What are we doing as individuals to bring the light before others? God has left to every man his work; every one has a part to act, and we cannot neglect this work except at the peril of our souls.

O my brethren, will you grieve the Holy Spirit, and cause it to depart? Will you shut out the blessed Savior, because you are unprepared for His presence? Will you leave souls to perish without the knowledge of the truth, because you love your ease too well to bear the burden that Jesus bore for you? Let us awake out of sleep. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). - The Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.

In many hearts there seems to be scarcely a breath of spiritual life. This makes me very sad. I fear that aggressive warfare against the world, the flesh, and the devil has not been maintained. Shall we cheer on, by a half-dead Christianity, the selfish, covetous spirit of the world, sharing its ungodliness and smiling on its falsehood—Nay! By the grace of God let us be steadfast to the principles of truth, holding firm to the end of the beginning of our confidence. We are to be “not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord” (Romans 12:11). One is our Master, even Christ. To Him we are to look. From Him we are to receive our wisdom. By His grace we are to preserve our integrity, standing before God in meekness and contrition, and representing Him to the world.

- True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need
by Ellen G. White, pg. 14-15
Meet Our New Members

Joseph Family
by Althea Joseph with Gina Meekma

Elijah & Althea Joseph live in Niles with their two daughters, Naomi (6) and Camille (3). Naomi is in first grade at Niles Adventist School.

Althea was born in Jamaica but grew up in Niles. Elijah’s parents are from Haiti, and he grew up in Miami, Florida. They met at Andrews University while attending school. They have been married for more than ten and a half years.

Elijah works as a Therapist for the Indiana Juvenile Task Force. Althea is a Registered Dietitian. She does consulting work when she can but is mainly a stay-at-home mom.

Their previous membership was at Praise Fellowship Adventist Church in South Bend, Indiana. Since Naomi started attending NAS, they have been attending Niles Westside church.

As a family, the Josephs enjoy taking mini road trips. They love to travel and see new places, especially if there is a beach.

We’re glad you are part of the Niles Westside Church Family, Joseph Family!

Photo Courtesy of Josephs

From the Lord’s Library

The ministry of the library is to serve our church family with continuing education, not just to give your children something to do on Sabbath, though for many that is a blessing in itself. We are here to provide you an opportunity to read, see and hear the Word of our Lord God in all its many forms. The birth of our Lord Jesus is truly a great cause for celebration, and thanks to modern technology, we can visually and audibly experience it for ourselves. We can get so caught up in this time of the year and easily forget that the season is not about gifts, lights, and wrapping paper. It is about getting to know our wonderful, awesome God. There is nothing like curling up in a chair with some hot cocoa or tea and opening up a book. Think of it: a window into the lives and mysteries of our Lord’s children and His awesome Creations. If reading is not your thing, or if like most of us you do not have the time to read anything except your Bible, we have all of Ellen G. White’s writings on CD, as well as testimonies and sermons from many pastors.

Church family, we also need your help. If you see or read anything you feel may not be appropriate, please let us know. It is difficult to catch everything, and we value your eyes and opinions. Also let us know if there is a particular book, DVD, or CD that you would like to see in the library, and we will look for it. There are many ways we can all help each other to become prepared for our Lord’s coming, and we are doing our small part. If you would like to help in the library, it is very simple—just walk up and say, “Here I am.” If you would like to use the library, it is also simple. You only need to be a member of our church family, and come see what we have to offer you.

As all ministries do, we need some monies to operate. If the Lord leads you to use and enjoy what we have to offer, please consider donating $1 or $2 to the library. You would be surprised how fast it adds up. We wish to thank everyone for your support.

- The Library Ladies
Niles Westside News

Niles Caterpillars Adventurer Club News
by Laurel Gaudin, Director

N
ovember taught us several lessons that will hopefully be remembered for a long time. First was the joy of giving. The Adventurers teamed up with Pathfinders again to pick up the bags full of goodies for needy families in our area. The kids collected and helped to sort 978 nonperishable food items for seven families in need of assistance this holiday season.

During our meeting on November 14, the Adventurers delivered food baskets to two different families with enough food to help out over the next few weeks. Their gifts of time and the gifts of food from the community and our church family brought tears of joy to both the faces of the recipients and some of the kids and staff as well.

With it being Thanksgiving week, we took the opportunity on the 21st to reflect on what we were thankful for. Some of the things they listed were friends, family, Jesus, God, school (yes, someone actually said school), and Adventurers! I’m thankful for them too! I’m also thankful for a church family who puts so much into our children. We also got to enjoy some tasty treats that night.

On the 28th, the Adventurers earned their Bible 1 Award. They learned how to show respect for and care for the Bible, named the first and last books of the Bible and who wrote them, told stories, read and discussed several Bible verses and memorized two of them. They also made masks to illustrate the stories they told, and at the end put on a little show for their parents.

While the Adventurers were earning their award, the parents were in the Family Network meeting, which is designed as a support system for the parents. We enjoyed a kid-free discussion about a topic that is relevant to our lives and struggles as parents--time management. We read and discussed an article and other information on the topic. I really enjoy the feedback I get about things that have worked for other parents that I may be able to try. And let’s face it, it’s always nice to know that you are not alone in your striving and at times struggling to be a good Christian parent.

In December, we look forward to our Christmas party on the 10th and will begin planning an Adventurer Family Talent Night. Look for announcements regarding the date and time for that in the future.

Upcoming Pathfinder Events

Weekly Meetings - Wednesdays - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Pathfinder Drill Tryouts - Sunday, December 4 - 2 p.m.
Babysitting in Gym - Sunday, December 11 - 1-4 p.m.
Christmas Party - Sunday, December 11 - 4-7 p.m.
Teen Snow Outing - January 13-15, at Camp Au Sable

Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Club News

Pathfinder Drill Tryouts: On Sunday, December 4, at 2 p.m. in the gym, the Pathfinders will have marching drill offs and demonstrations. This is also a fundraiser for them to be able to get berets, shoes, gloves, and braids, so they will be taking donations at the door. Any adults that want to participate should contact Laurel Gaudin at lagaudin@yahoo.com or 269-683-6368.

We are having FREE Babysitting on Sunday, December 11, from 1-4 p.m. You can leave your kids (ages 0-4th grade) with the Pathfinders and Staff at the school gym. Then just take the time to yourself or go shopping for Christmas! We will have games, toys, and crafts for your kids to do and a snack at 2:30 for them. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Hutchinson, Pathfinder Director (269-240-0182 or salthutch@yahoo.com).
Welcome New Members!

Lucilo & Isabel Acosta from Boulder English Adventist Church, Boulder, CO
Jesse Boomsmiter from Stevensville Adventist Church, Stevensville, MI
Kaoma Chende from Mission Adventist Church, Ndola, Zambia, Africa
Benjamin & Esther Paramiah from Buchanan Adventist Church, Buchanan, MI
David & Nancy Penno from Georgia-Cumberland Academy Adventist Church, Calhoun, GA
Rachel Robbins from St. Joseph Adventist Church, St. Joseph, MI

Farewell to our Friend!

Dorothy Shepard to Cadillac Adventist Church, Cadillac, MI

Nominating Committee Report:

Brad Hill – School Board Member

Church Business Meeting: At the Church Business Meeting on November 13, the new logo was approved, as well as the concept of a welcome kit for new members. We also voted to move ahead with church renovation plans, including fundraising. Watch for more information.

March Mission Trip Meeting: Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. All those who are interested in going to Honduras in mid-March should come to the church that evening to learn more about the trip from Roy Kingman. The Maranatha project is to build five One Day School Classrooms, fully equipped with desks and sidewalk. Each completed classroom costs $10,000, so even if you can’t participate with one of the crews in erecting the classrooms, you can contribute to making it happen financially. Feel free to contact Roy Kingman or Bob Benner for more information.

Christmas Cardmaking Class: Sunday, December 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the church, taught by Sandy Smith.

Fellowship lunch will be on Sabbath, December 10, after second service, in the school gym. Please bring extra food and join us!

Women’s Ministry Cookie Exchange: Sunday, December 11, from 4-6 p.m. at Sandy Smith’s home 11450 Lake Chapin Road, Berrien Springs. Soup and salad supper will be provided. Bring three dozen of the same type of cookie and go home with three dozen of a mixture of cookies. Or just come for supper and fellowship. For more information, contact Denise Scroggs (574-243-0141) or Sandy Smith (269-471-0256).

New Year’s Eve Supper: Sabbath, December 31. You, your family and friends are once again invited to a special supper at 5 p.m. in the school gym. We plan to enter a new year with an evening expressing, in word or song, our gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father whose providence has sustained us this year. Come prepared to share your gratitude for God’s blessings as we fellowship at the beautifully decorated tables over good food.

Praise Prayer Meetings: On the first Wednesday evening of every month, come prepared to share your song and gratitude to our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all good gifts. The Philadelphia church will be participating with us for these Praise Prayer Meetings, between 7-8 p.m. at the church.

Operation Christmas Child Update: 21,338 shoe boxes were collected from Michiana at Niles Adventist School this year! This was a 29 percent increase over last year’s 16,571 shoe boxes. Thank you for all of your support! Please keep the recipients of the shoe boxes (needy kids around the world) in your prayers. Esther Jones reports that her friend Monica, an OCC Collection Center Coordinator in Indianapolis, said that the last shoe box she received this year was brought in by a young man who grew up in Uganda. He told of growing up and not having any shoes until he was seven years old, and how he was given one pencil a year. His grandmother would tie the pencil to his pants so that he wouldn’t lose it. Receiving an OCC shoe box made an amazing impact on his life that he will never forget! He now lives in the U.S. and loves to pack shoe boxes.
Kari Prouty – NAS Art Teacher

My family includes my husband, Stephen, daughter Isabel (2 and 1/2), and twins due in early March.

We lived in Michigan while I attended the seminary at Andrews University and for undergrad (BS in Art Education and BA in English). Following Seminary, I worked as a pastor at Union College’s Collegeview Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, and then as a Bible teacher/chaplain at Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska. I was then called to Lodi Academy in California for four years. Recently, Steve was offered a job working with his brother Alex Prouty, and we returned to this area in June 2011.

I got my art degree because I’ve always loved creating things and enjoy recording different kinds of beautiful things in the world around us.

It’s been a lot of fun getting to know your kids. I love kids, and I enjoy helping them to make connections between what they know and can already do, and what they are capable of doing. I really miss teaching Bible and preaching at our home church in California, but teaching art allows me to stay in the classroom and also be at home with my daughter (and get ready for the twins).

We love spending time with family, and coming back to this area has been a real blessing in that area. We like to read together, and draw. I am hoping to start a PhD in Ethics or Systematic Theology, but I’m not sure the twins will let me.

While I was finishing my art degree (about ten years ago), I painted the murals in the Primary Sabbath School classroom at the Niles Westside church. It’s nice to see that they’re still there.

“Light of the World”
Christmas Program
Sabbath, December 10, at 11 a.m.
at the Niles Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church

Come to our annual Christmas concert and hear songs that you haven’t heard before, as well as sing some of your favorite Christmas songs.

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Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the *Niles Adventist School*

Ruby Red Grapefruit  $24 p/case  $12 half case
Florida Navels  $26 p/case  $13 half case
Tangerines  $22 half case
Variety Pack**  $24 half case

**Variety pack contains 32-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navels, Top layer 6 grapefruit & 10 tangerines**

**Pick up date is usually 11-15 days after order due date.**

To place your order, please contact
Gina Meekma at gmeekma@gmail.com or 269-845-8870.
Or call Niles Adventist School at 269-683-5444.

**ORDER DUE DATES**

- December 4  Grapefruit, Florida Navels, Tangerines, Variety Pack
- January 8  Grapefruit, Florida Navels, Minneola Tangelo, Variety Pack
- February 12  Grapefruit, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, California Mandarin, California Navels
- March 18  Grapefruit, Tangerines, Pineapple Orange, California Mandarin, California Navels

There is also an online order form at www.nilesadventistschool.org. Thank you!

Gift Cards Fundraiser

The last gift card orders of 2011 are due on Monday, December 5, by 3:45. *Meijer and Taco Bell gift cards are now available.* Contact the school or go to www.glscrip.com for a complete list of participating businesses.

If you are buying gift cards to give for Christmas, please consider buying them from NAS and support the school and a student of your choice!

Upcoming NAS Events

- Citrus Fruit Orders Due - Sunday, December 4
- Christmas Program at Niles Westside - Sabbath, December 10, 11 a.m.
- Nursing Home Bible Lab - Tuesday, December 13
- School Board Meeting - Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m.
- Noon Dismissal - Friday, December 16
- Christmas Vacation - December 19-30
- School Resumes - January 2, 2012
December Calendar of Events

3rd
Communion, Baptisms (one service only) .......... 11 a.m.
Worship Committee (Fattics) .................. 4:30 p.m.
March Mission Trip Meeting .................. 6:30 p.m.

4th
Citrus Fruit Orders Due
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) .......... 8 a.m.
Pathfinder Drill Tryouts (gym) ................. 2 p.m.
Christmas Cardmaking Class .................. 2:30 p.m.

5th
Women’s Bible Study .................. 10:30 a.m.
Adventurers (gym) ................. 6-7 p.m.
Baptismal Class (NAS) .................. 6 p.m.

6th
Elders Meeting .................. 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna .................. 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) ................. 6:30 p.m.
Praise Prayer Meeting .................. 7 p.m.

10th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .......... 8:30 a.m.
NAS Christmas Program ........... 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch (gym) .......... after 2nd service
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor .... 2:30 p.m.
Sound of Rain.......................... 4:30 p.m.

11th
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) .......... 8 a.m.
Babysitting by Pathfinders (gym) ........ 1-4 p.m.
Women’s Cookie Exchange (Smiths) .......... 4-6 p.m.

12-21 Pastor Darrel on vacation

12th
Adventurers (gym) ................. 6 p.m.
Baptismal Class (NAS) ........... 6 p.m.

13th
School Board Meeting ........... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna .................. 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) ................. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting .................. 7 p.m.

16th
½ day of School - NAS .......... 12 p.m.

17th
Joseph Kidder, Speaker .......... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sound of Rain.......................... 4:30 p.m.

18th
Sunday Sunup Runners .......... 8 a.m.

19-30 NAS Christmas Vacation

19th
Women’s Bible Study .......... 10:30 a.m.

20th
Midweek Manna .................. 7 p.m.

21st
Prayer Meeting .................. 7 p.m.

24th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .......... 8:30 & 11 a.m.

25th
Merry Christmas!
Newsletter Items Due
Midweek Manna .................. 7 p.m.

28th
Prayer Meeting .................. 7 p.m.

31st
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .......... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Baptism .................. 11 a.m.
New Year’s Eve Supper (gym) ........... 5 p.m.

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December Birthdays

Duane Adams
Alexis Detweiler
Wanell Krieger
James Lintz
Angela Rodriguez
Julie Rodriguez
Edward Herzberg
Clarence Joyner
Timothy Murdock
Eric Tudor
Kendra Ellis
Kristine Horvath
Ron Coffen
Lynda Bell
John Bernet
Emma Dockerty
Kimberly Gagnier
Joshua Klimkewicz
Moriah Klimkewicz
Elaine Morgan
Janna Teleso
Loretta Nave
Amanda Ash
Marlin Sluiter
Amanda Ash
Chifunilo Manda
Hallie Corzine
Donald Hilliard
Wilma Warren
Donald Irwin Jr
Nicole Koenigshof
Nicole Koenigshof
Michael Schadler
Monica Constable
David Wood
Isabel Acosta
Karen Waterhouse
Brian Hart
Samuell Hutchinson
Natasha Makumbe
Kristina Benjamin
Bradley Danless
Alex Leak
David Storie
Jason Wood
Jack Wright

Services

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

Sound of Rain
Saturdays, 4:30 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.