Welcome to the Niles Westside Church Family!

Four new members have recently been baptized into the Niles Westside family. We welcome Leslie Anthony (see his profile on page 3), Bobbie Brelowski, Chris Ruedinger, and Bobbie Moersch. We’re glad that you have joined the family of God here at Niles Westside!
365 New Opportunities

_The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness._ Lamentations 3:23

God’s mercies are new every morning, so you don’t have to wait a year, with all the new years’ resolutions, to make changes in your life. Every day can be a brand-new start since God has a brand-new start called “mercy” for you every day! What a way to start “today” this 2012, knowing that God has not changed! He still has mercy every 365 days of this year. He still wants to be with you forever. He still hates things that separate us from Him: sin! He still wants to have “Nothing between my soul and the Savior.” Do we still want to “keep the way clear! Let nothing between”? You may have noticed in this verse that it begins with the fact that God’s steadfast love never ceases. This is evident by the fact that His mercies never come to an end as they are new every morning, and all pointing to God’s faithfulness. God is faithful to Himself as He is love. Love never ceases, and that is something to depend on as it is God’s faithfulness. He also is faithful toward us in that the opportunities of embracing His faithfulness, through His endlessly embracing love, are ours 365 days a year, 24/7! Don’t miss any mercy this year!

Blessed Blessings,

Pastor Darrel

Without Fail

“I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God’s failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.”

—William Carey

Sermons have been in great demand in our churches. The members have depended upon pulpit declamations instead of on the Holy Spirit. Uncalled for and unused, the spiritual gifts bestowed on them have dwindled into feebleness. If the ministers would go forth into new fields, the members would be obliged to bear responsibilities, and by use their capabilities would increase.

God brings against ministers and people the heavy charge of spiritual feebleness, saying, “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold not hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see” (Revelation 3:15-18). God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His Children.

- _True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need_ by Ellen G. White, pg. 15
Meet Our New Member

Leslie Anthony
by Gina Meekma

Leslie Anthony was baptized into the Niles Westside Adventist Church on November 12, 2011. He grew up in Illinois, and lives in Niles. Now a widower, he moved to this area almost two years ago so that his wife, Christine, could have access to better medical care. Sadly, she passed away last year. They were married for 18 years, and met at a pizza restaurant in Indiana, where he was working at the time.

He has been a packer in a popcorn factory, and is currently in the process of starting a new business, Franklin Financial, which helps people get lower credit card interest rates.

Leslie came into the Adventist church after watching Amazing Facts on TV and requesting their Bible studies. Upon finishing the studies, he agreed to be contacted by a local pastor and met Pastor Darrel, who did further Bible studies with him, as did Steve Warren. Leslie says that the Adventist church is one of the few things in this world that’s going in the right direction.

A fun-loving, outgoing guy, some of Leslie’s interests are researching things and music.

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

Niles Westside News

Upcoming Events

Weekly Meetings - Wednesdays - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Teen Snow Outing - January 13-15, at Camp Au Sable

Save the Date!
Pathfinder Dinner Under the Stars - Sunday, March 4, in the NAS Gym

December was a short month for Adventurers since we only had two meetings. We had a lot of fun on December 10 at our Christmas Party and Family Network meeting. We ate popcorn, and drank hot chocolate and spiced cider. We also played games and decorated Rice Krispy treats. There was a movie to watch and puzzles to do. Besides lots of family fun activity ideas, we discussed other things we could do as families too.

Second grade Adventurers working on an award. They wrote and drew pictures of things that make them unique on an outline of their body.

Photo by Gina Meekma

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Photo Courtesy of Sarlis
Welcome New Members!

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Bobbie Brelowski was baptized on December 3, 2011.

Christopher Ruedinger was baptized on December 3, 2011.

Bobbie Moersch was baptized on December 31, 2011.

Farewell to our Friends!

Donna & Ken Argenti to Calvary Road Community, Niles, MI
Sandra Beuley to Logansport Adventist Church, Logansport, IN
Amy & Randy Nims to New Castle Adventist Church, New Castle, PA
Angie Rodriguez to Calvary Road Community, Niles, MI
Julie Rodriguez to Calvary Road Community, Niles, MI

Our Sympathy to Jan Carlson and Family on the death of her husband, Lee Carlson, in December. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our sympathy to Betty Pfeifle and Family on the death of her husband Bob on January 5. A memorial service is being planned. Please keep the family in your prayers! Thank you for your comforting words during his illness.

A series of sermons on Facing Love Firsthand will start on Sabbath, January 7. This series will be co-presented by Pastor Darrel and his wife Tami, from a woman’s perspective, on a holistic look at the Biblical relationships of love we truly desire within our families, others at church, and in our community. Together they will share some experiences they have gone through on questions like “Who is responsible for love?” and “How do I forgive when I don’t want to?” You will want to invite a friend and be ready to experience some inspiring perspectives on the huge impact of a little word: “love.”

The pastors will be at Camp Au Sable for meetings from Sunday, January 8, through Wednesday, January 11. Contact Sue Fattic, Head Elder, for pastoral assistance (269-876-9356 or suefattic@mac.com).

Fellowship lunch will be on Sabbath, January 14, after second service, in the school gym. Please bring extra food and join us!

Swiss Valley Skiing Social: Saturday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. Those who are interested are invited to go skiing at Swiss Valley in Jones, Michigan. For pricing information, go to www.skiswissvalley.com. Please RSVP to John Chung by Friday, January 13 (574-229-4542 or johnschung@gmail.com).

Women’s Night Out: Sunday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Ho Ping Chinese Restaurant in Roseland, IN. Due to the request of many, we are changing the day from Thursdays to Sundays.

March Mission Trip Fundraiser: There are 2012 Lighthouse Calendars by a table in the hallway for sale at the reduced price of $5. Funds raised will go to help people who would like to go on the mission trip to Honduras from March 14-26. If you would like to buy one or more, pick them up in the hallway and put money in a tithe envelope marked “Honduras Trip – Calendar,” and put it in the offering plate. If you are interested in going on the trip, contact Roy Kingman (574-250-8750) or Bob Benner (269-684-3478) for more information, even if you can’t afford the full amount of approximately $1,300.

Depression, unresolved grief, marital problems? Andrews Community Counseling Center offers counseling to individuals, families, couples and groups free of charge for a wide range of issues. You will be seen by a professionally trained graduate student supervised by a licensed psychologist. Please call to make a confidential appointment and experience the joy of positive change: 269-471-6238.

Father-Son/Big Brother-Buddy Retreat: January 27-29 at Camp Au Sable. The weekend is a great place to spend one-on-one time to mentor and disciple those important young men and boys in your life. In addition to fun hands-on activities, you will also be able to hear from Rey Everett, Craig Harris, and Ken Micheff. Registration Deadline: January 13. In order to register for the weekend, visit www.miadventistyouth.com, or www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idSession=36982. For questions, please call or email Alanna Knapp at 517-316-1570 or aknapp@misda.org.
How Sweet It Is
Chocolate Extravaganza and Silent Auction

Sunday, February 12, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Niles Adventist School
110 N. Fairview Ave.
Niles, MI
Ticket Sales: 269-683-5444

Tickets: $6 per person in advance or $8 at the door

This event for Niles Adventist School helps raise funds for renovations at the school. Come sample a variety of chocolates, enjoy the music, and bid on your favorite items from businesses in the area. Popular items include memberships to local parks, pools, and museums; oil changes, restaurant certificates, as well as some larger items.

NAS students enjoyed receiving a t-shirt with the school logo and theme (Commissioned by God) on it for Christmas.

T-shirts are available to order in a variety of colors. Contact the school for more information.

We bring our children to Jesus to be touched by His love, trained for service, and educated for Heaven.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
### Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the *Niles Adventist School*

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**Variety pack contains 30-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navels, Top layer 6 grapefruit & 8 tangelos**

**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.

### Upcoming NAS Events

- **School Resumes** - Tuesday, January 3
- **Citrus Fruit Orders Due** - Sunday, January 8
- **MLK Jr Day** - No School - Monday, January 16
- **NAS Music at Niles Westside** - Sabbath, January 28
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (Noon Dismissal)** - Monday, January 29

### Gift Cards Fundraiser

“Fundraising While You Shop”

Contact the school to find out how you can help the school, as well as a student’s tuition, by buying gift cards for your shopping, dining, gas, traveling, gift giving, and other needs! It doesn’t cost you anything and is a big benefit to the school. The next orders are due on Mondays, January 9 and 23.

You can sign up to order cards and pay online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (NAS Enrollment Code: AL8ELD988L1). Use Presto Pay to pay online for gift cards. A growing number of cards are reloadable, and there are cards added often to ScripNow!, which are instant e-cards sent to your e-mail.

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Contact the school or go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for a complete list of participating businesses.

We also have swipe cards for Martin’s and Harding’s, and you can sign up with GFS and Meijer to benefit the school. Keep bringing in Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Spartan brand bar codes, and Capri Sun drink pouches also. There are collection bins at the school and church. Thanks for your support!
January Calendar of Events

1st
Happy New Year!

2nd
NAS Snow Day

3rd
Niles Adventist School Resumes
Elders Meeting 7 p.m.

4th
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Praise Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

7th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sound of Rain 5 p.m.

8th
Citrus Fruit Orders Due
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
Baptismal Class (NAS) 6 p.m.
School Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

13-15th
Pathfinder Teen Snow Outing at Camp Au Sable
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch (gym) after 2nd service
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor 2:30 p.m.
Sound of Rain 5 p.m.

15th
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.

16th
No School - MLK Jr Day
Women’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Finance Committee 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
David Penno, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sound of Rain 5 p.m.
Skiing at Swiss Valley 6:30 p.m.

22nd
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Women’s Night Out - Ho Ping, Roseland 5:30 p.m.
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
Baptismal Class (NAS) 6 p.m.

24th
Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

28th
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 p.m.

29th
Newsletter Items Due
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.

30th
Noon Dismissal - NAS P-T Conferences
Women’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
Baptismal Class (NAS) 6 p.m.

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January 2012

Services

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

Sound of Rain
Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Second Worship Service
Saturdays, 11 a.m.