Lord Give Us Niles!
by Andrea Jakobsons

Wow, the time is almost here! We are only about a month away from the iPerceive Evangelistic series that we are expectantly awaiting. We have a lot of work still ahead of us – preparing the venue, the community and our own hearts in order to fully see and experience the work of the Lord in our town.

We have begun a time of prayer for Evangelism that occurs every Sabbath evening at 5 p.m. You are invited to join the church family every Sabbath to pray for the community, for the members who are taking Bible lessons to interests in Niles, as well as for those receiving the Bible lessons. The people of our community need our prayers, as those of us who have been delivering lessons have encountered pain, illness and suffering, hearts who are searching, people who are struggling with addictions and heartache, and souls in need of a Savior.

God wants to use our church to reach the world for Him, and we have an incredible opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people around us. May we as a church mobilize for the cause of Christ and plead on our knees to touch this community, pour out His Holy Spirit, and prepare us for His outpouring of blessing. Lord, once again we pray, “Please give us Niles!”

Time Line for iPerceive & Follow-Up Evangelism at Niles

January 12: 5 p.m. Prayer Time for Evangelism (in the sanctuary)

January 19: 4 p.m. Hospitality Workshop
All volunteers for parking lot, transportation and greeters ministries will meet for training in preparation for being intentionally friendly and making our guests feel comfortable in an unfamiliar environment.

5 p.m. Prayer Time

January 26: 4 p.m. Table Host(ess), Follow-Up, and Spiritual Guardian Workshop
All volunteers for table host/hostess and those interested in being spiritual guardians will meet for training in how to effectively interact with our guests.

5 p.m. Prayer Time

February 2: Prayer Sabbath

February 5: 7 p.m. Run-through of evening meetings (all leaders and participants present)

February 8-16:
· iPerceive Series - 7 p.m.
· Number of Meetings: 9
· Speaker: Dwight Nelson

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The law reveals to man his sins, but it provides no remedy. While it promises life to the obedient, it declares that death is the portion of the transgressor. The gospel of Christ alone can free him from the condemnation or the defilement of sin. He must exercise repentance toward God, whose law has been transgressed; and faith in Christ, his atoning sacrifice. Thus he obtains “remission of sins that are past” and becomes a partaker of the divine nature....

The first month of the year was designed to remember God's salvation as Exodus 12:2 says: “This month shall be to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you.” That was the month when the Israelite nation was delivered from slavery! That was the month that they were totally free to worship God without any hindrance. The first month of the year, appropriately, was intended to remind the people of God that they were His totally! They were a product of God’s salvation through His demonstration of providential and miraculous intervention to save His people for Himself. The love intertwined in this story demonstrates the lengths that God will go to finish and finalize His salvation for us. Even if it was only at an intensified moment of anxiety at the Red sea, where they witnessed the parting of the sea, the dry ground they walked on, and how their enemies were totally destroyed, they were promised that they would never see their enemies again (Ex. 14:13).

What salvation promises are yours this new year? What personal promise of God’s intervention for your salvation are you experiencing? What confidence of salvation do your kids and family experience this month with you? What acknowledgment of God’s salvation will your community experience because you are living with them?

There is nothing as important as salvation! Experience it today!

Blessed Blessings, Pastor Darrel

Talent Night
Date Change
Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m.
in the church and gym

Last year was such a success that we alert you to plan for this Talent Night well in advance! We invite everyone who wishes to participate in this talent evening to please let Fred or Amanda Boothby know what you wish to do for the upcoming Talent Night. Watch the bulletin for more info!
Meet Our New Members

Paramiah & Esther Benjamin
by Gina Meekma with Paramiah Benjamin

Paramiah & Esther Benjamin live in Niles. They have two sons who are also Westside members: Robert Benjamin, who is married to Judy; and Ronald Benjamin. The Benjamins are from Malaysia, and have also lived in Silver Spring, Maryland. They have been in this area since August 2005.

The Benjamins celebrated their 50th anniversary in November 2012. They enjoy reading, traveling, and getting together often with family. Paramiah is a retired pastor, and Esther is a home maker.

Esther and Paramiah transferred to Westside from the Buchanan Adventist Church in November 2011. They are happy to be a part of the “friendly” Niles Westside church family.

Welcome, Benjamin Family!

Congratulations! Niles Adventist School earned $258.50 in 2012 from Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your support!

Photo Provided by Benjamins

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Follow-Up: (February-May)

· Theme: Prophecy You Can Trust
· Speaker: Darrel le Roux
· Wednesday Evenings (7-8 p.m.) & Sabbath Mornings 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
· Total Number of Meetings: 20

Several leaders have been appointed to oversee the areas of ministry that are essential for ensuring a smooth crossing. If you haven’t signed up for a ministry yet, you can still do so. The leaders are listed below.

iPerceive Ministry Leaders:

Prayer Ministry: Walt & Carol Williams, Bruce & Linda Bauer
Bible Study Teams: Jared Browne
Visitation Teams: Jared Browne
Spiritual Guardians: Sue Fattic
Table Host/Hostess: Nicole Koenigshof
Children’s Programs: Tami le Roux
Parking and Transportation: Eric Tudor
Data Entry: Lauretta Mann
Greeters: Greg & Jacquelyn Barney
Gym Set-Up Team: Peter Lyons

“Transitory gods are not able to save or bring happiness to the human heart. Only God is able. It is faith we must rediscover.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.
2012 was a wonderful and fulfilling year for the church library. We acquired many new books and videos, and one of the most exciting developments out of the library is the creation of a book club by and for the youth. They have been very active this last year. I believe that God gave us the ability to write and then to read that writing, so we that may know Him and then know His will for us. The greatest gift we can give our children is a book, for I believe reading is one of the greatest gifts God gave to us. I believe He smiles inside whenever we use that ability (reading) to comfort, uplift, encourage or calm someone or ourselves.

Now back to our new Book Club: Tara Staniszewski is the leader of the club, which is overseen by Phyllis Shupp, and they have named it “Beyond Books.” Their motto is Isaiah 42:16: “I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.”

Tara says, “We meet every first and third Thursday of the month from 4-4:45. We call ourselves a book club, but we don’t really stick to books in every meeting. This year we did a booth at the Fall Fest; we started reading A Summer Secret by Kathleen Fuller; we had a pizza party; and most recently, we decorated pinecone ornaments to give to the elderly at nursing homes. In every meeting, we have a devotional to start out with. Then we usually share about our week (almost like show and tell), and a few of our members have brought in something they wrote or brought a song to sing. And depending on the meeting, we either go into reading a book or doing another activity. We have our own rack of books that members can check out. At one of our meetings, we did a fun activity where each member picked out of a bag a noun and an adjective (for example, bright and kitchen). Then we wrote a description of our words, without using the words we picked. In the end, the members read our work and tried to guess what we were each describing.”

A great book to start out the year with is a new one that we have in the library called, Where Are We Going? by Elder Jan Paulsen, our General Conference President from 1999 – 2010. He states in his book, “Do we know where we are going and why? Are we focused on the task at hand, or have distractions drawn us away from the priorities to which Christ has called us?” This book isn’t advice recycled from other books. Instead, Elder Paulsen shares the perspectives on leadership that he’s developed though a lifetime of service. He gives us a series of reflections on issues that are important to our church today and tomorrow, including the following:

- The role of women in ministry
- The loss of our young people, particularly our young professionals
- How we can build relationships with fellow Adventists that will strengthen Christ’s Kingdom
- How we as individual members and as churches should relate to Adventist immigrants and refugees
- The “us” and “them” of Adventists and other Christian believers
- How God views other religions and what that means for us
- How we can preserve unity when we disagree among ourselves
- What we need to do to find and train the leaders our church needs
- What lies ahead

Leaders experience more than their share of pain and vulnerability. But we can have a tremendous sense of purpose, joy and fulfillment, because no matter what circumstances we face, we can be sure of the abiding presence of our Lord—for this is His church, and we are His servants.

Everyone is welcome to write and tell me about a book you are reading or a movie that touched your heart (e-mail: Zaphod.2112@yahoo.com).
Pathfinder Pizza Fundraiser and Baby Shower for Aliya Verbrigghe
by April Hughes

The Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Club has a pizza fundraiser coming up! We are asking our church family and friends to support our fundraiser by going out to eat. It’s simple: all you need to do is go out to eat at CiCi’s Pizza on Sunday, January 27, between 11 a.m.-9 p.m., and put your receipt in the container on the counter. At the end of the day, all the receipts in the container will be tallied for sales total, and a portion will be donated to our Pathfinder Club. CiCi’s Pizza is located at 4320 Grape Rd., Mishawaka, IN (turn into the parking lot where PetSmart, Kohl’s, and other stores are located, if you go through the light at Day Road you’ve gone too far). For those not familiar with CiCi’s Pizza, it is a family-friendly restaurant that features a delicious custom pizza buffet that also includes pastas, salads, soup and desserts for a great price. Pay one price for the all-you-can-eat buffet (drinks not included).

On a different note, we are throwing a baby shower for Aliya Verbrigghe! The shower is open to any ladies (daughters are invited too) that would like to attend. Please RSVP by January 20 to Janessa Howell via email at janessa.howell@gmail.com or phone at 269-240-7112. The baby shower will be on Thursday, January 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the foyer of the Niles Westside Church. Please bring a plate of snacks or treats to share. Aliya and Mark are expecting a girl. Colors that have been chosen for the nursery are pink, yellow, and gray. On Pinterest, Aliya has a board that you can check out for gift ideas titled “Wish List: Baby Girl:” http://pinterest.com/alverb/wish-list-baby-girl/.

As always, please keep the Pathfinder Club in your prayers. If you would like to give a monetary donation or sponsor a Pathfinder, please contact Marlin Sluiter at mjsluiter57@yahoo.com or Janessa Howell at janessa.howell@gmail.com. Thanks and remember to tag Jesus!

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Welcome, New Members!

Nicole Gray was baptized on December 8.

Sue Ann Rose from Dillingham Adventist Church, in Dillingham, AK

Farewell to Our Friends:

David Mann to the Michiana Filipino-American Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, MI
Dorothea & Rocco Sarli to East Ridge Adventist Church, East Ridge, TN
Adrian Sarli to East Ridge Adventist Church, East Ridge, TN
Nathan Sarli to East Ridge Adventist Church, East Ridge, TN

Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, January 12, after second service. Please bring extra food and join us in the gym!

Personal Invitation to 3 P’s: Pastor Darrel invites everyone to practice 3 P’s in their attendance at Niles Westside: Prayer, Participation and Presence. Pray with earnest surrender that God, in your home and your heart, will work miracles; Participate in the opportunities of this Gospel going to all the world, starting with Niles and the iPerceive lectures by Pastor Dwight Nelson; Your Presence at all church activities and functions cements friendships and embraces new members coming to church.

Volleyball Social: Saturday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Niles Adventist School gym. Invite your friends, and come have a ball!

As a part of our discipleship program, we are offering another men’s small group experience, beginning on February 19. We will meet for eight weeks, one night a week. Six of us went through a similar experience in the fall, and we can testify that the Lord blessed us and bound us closer together as a Band of Brothers. We have room for six more men this time around. We are also intentionally starting right after Dwight Nelson’s meetings so that any men who connect with the Niles Westside Church during that time will have the opportunity to join us in this journey. For more details, contact David Penno at penno@andrew.edu or 770-401-5252.

Volleyball: January 3, 6, 13, 20 and 31 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Adults are invited to come play volleyball on Thursday or Sunday evenings. Watch the church bulletin and calendar for exact dates each month.

Family Worship Meals: We are inviting all families to join us for a very simple meal and family worship together every Thursday evening, starting with supper at 6 p.m. (soup, salad and bread for the first one) and ending at 7 p.m. Our first Thursday evening Prayer Meeting Meal will be January 10 in the Junior/Earliteen classroom. For more information, contact Pastor Darrel.

CARE Homes: Starting in January, we plan to begin some CARE (Christ Actively Reaching Everyone) Homes. Two homes are preparing to launch this warm, friendly, and spiritually focused experience. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Darrel for more details and information.

Free Stress Management Seminar: January 17 (Part 1) and 24 (Part 2) at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Dr. Peter Pribis, from the Nutrition and Wellness Department at Andrews University, will help you discover the joy of living without stress and anxiety by learning healthy ways to manage stress. Invite a friend! Please RSVP to 269-684-4547 or janelope11@gmail.com.

Mission Trip: Some members and friends of Niles Westside are going to Ambato, Ecuador, from March 13-25 to build two one-day school buildings. The buildings will have block exterior walls and be part of 21 buildings that Maranatha is building on the school campus. We are in need of more building help. If you do not have construction skills, we will train. There will be something for everyone to do. Contact Roy Kingman, group leader, at 574-250-8750 or roy@rekexpress.us for more information. There is a $1,500-1,700 cost per person.
NAS News

Niles Adventist School
www.nilesadventistschool.org  ☎ 269-683-5444  ☐ Michael Jakobsons, Principal
“Like” us on Facebook!

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

As one of their Bible Labs, NAS students packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Since NAS is a collection site, they also helped unload boxes that people brought to the school. Thank you, students, for helping others with a smile!

Photos by Heidi Beardsley

Thank you, Mrs. Kent and NAS students, for a wonderful Christmas program!

Photo by Heidi Beardsley

Each NAS student received a school shirt for Christmas!

Photo by Gina Meekma
Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School.

Ruby Red Grapefruit $25 p/case $12.50 half case
California Navels $32 p/case $16 half case
Honey Bells $40 p/case $20 half case
Variety Pack** $25 half case

**Variety pack contains 15-20 honey bells, 8-10 grapefruit

**Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order due date.**

To place your order, please contact Dawn Kingman at 574-340-9637 or dawnkingman3@gmail.com.

ORDER DUE DATES
January 7 Grapefruit, California Navels, Honey Bells, Variety Pack
February 11 Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Temples
March 18 Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Valencias

Thank you!

Upcoming NAS Events

Christmas Vacation - through January 4
School Resumes - Monday, January 7, at 8:15 a.m.
Citrus Fruit Orders Due - Monday, January 7
Gift Card Orders Due - Tuesday, January 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Monday, January 14 (noon dismissal)
School Board - Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
2nd Quarter A’s & B’s Lock-In - Saturday, January 19
MLK Jr Day - No School - Monday, January 21
Gift Card Orders Due - Tuesday, January 22
Science Fair Info Meeting - Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2 Music at NAS - Saturday, January 26

Sunday, February 17, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Niles Adventist School

Ticket Reservations: 269-683-5444 or www.nilesadventistschool.org

Tickets: $8 per person in advance or $10 at the door
NO childcare provided.

Funds raised will go towards updating our playground equipment.
January Calendar of Events

1st
Happy New Year!

2nd
Praise Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

3rd
Adult Volleyball (gym) 7 p.m.

5th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
PowerHour 5 p.m.

6th
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
SS Council Meeting 10 a.m.
Adult Volleyball (gym) 7 p.m.

7th
Citrus Fruit Orders Due
NAS Resumes 8:15 a.m.
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study 10 a.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Elders/Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Family Worship Meal 6 p.m.

8th
Pathfinder Teen Snow Outing - Camp Au Sable

9th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Family Worship Meal 6 p.m.
Free Stress Management Seminar (gym) 7 p.m.
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Evangelism Workshop: Hospitality Teams 4 p.m.
PowerHour 5 p.m.

10th
Newsletter Items Due
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Adult Volleyball (gym) 7 p.m.

11th
Parent/Teacher Conferences at NAS (noon dismissal)
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
School Board Meeting (school) 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Family Worship Meal 6 p.m.
Free Stress Management Seminar (gym) 7 p.m.
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Evangelism Workshop: Hospitality Teams 4 p.m.

12th
Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School
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13th
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Adult Volleyball (gym) 7 p.m.

14th

15th
School Board Meeting (school) 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Free Stress Management Seminar (gym) 7 p.m.
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.

16th
Evangelism Workshop: Hospitality Teams 4 p.m.

17th
PowerHour 5 p.m.

18th

19th
First Worship Service
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.
First Worship Service
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

20th

21st
Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School

22nd
Women’s Bible Study 10 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Family Worship Meal 6 p.m.

23rd
Baby Shower for Aliya Verbrigghe (foyer) 6:30 p.m.
Free Stress Management Seminar (gym) 7 p.m.
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Music by NAS 2nd svc.
Evangelism Workshop: Hosts/Hostesses 4 p.m.
PowerHour 5 p.m.

24th
Volleyball Social (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) 8 a.m.
Adventurer Swimming Honor (AU)
Pathfinder Fundraiser at CiCi’s Pizza 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

25th
Adventurers (gym) 6 p.m.
Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Family Worship Meal 6 p.m.

26th
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker 8:30 & 11 a.m.

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Adult Volleyball (gym) 7 p.m.

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First Worship Service
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Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Second Worship Service
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

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