iPerceive

I do perceive that the recent series was a total blessing to all of us who attended. I thank the Lord for the blessings He poured out on us every night. I do further perceive that there are many who are worn out and just beginning to catch their breath! I want to say a special thank you to everyone who sacrificed to be there every night and embrace all of our guests with loving assistance. Thanks to those who worked behind the scenes in prayer, planning, and setting up the venue before the meetings. Thanks to those who spent hours in meetings to set up teams, and to the teams who implemented their parts in making this a success. A big thanks to the school for embracing these meetings and finding ways to work around not being able to use the gym for more than a week. Thanks to everyone who came, smiled and shared the warmth of the environment. Thanks to those outside in the cold parking lots every night. Thanks to the team that catered food, and to everyone who assisted. Thanks to everyone . . . for the fact is, this would never have worked with just a few of us. Together we prayed, prepared, and participated. A huge thank you!

- Pastor Darrel
Erroneous theories of sanctification,...springing from neglect or rejection of the divine law, have a prominent place in the religious movements of the day. These theories are both false in doctrine and dangerous in practical results; and the fact that they are so generally finding favor, renders it doubly essential that all have a clear understanding of what the Scriptures teach upon this point.

True sanctification is a Bible doctrine. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian church, declares: “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” And he prays: “The very God of peace sanctify you wholly” (1 Thess. 4:3; 5:23). The Bible clearly teaches what sanctification is and how it is to be attained. The Savior prayed for His disciples: “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth” (John 17:17, 19). And Paul teaches that believers are to be “sanctified by the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:16). What is the work of the Holy Spirit? Jesus told His disciples: “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). And the psalmist says: “Thy law is the truth.” By the word and the Spirit of God are opened to men the great principles of righteousness embodied in His law. And since the law of God is “holy, and just, and good,” a transcript of the divine perfection, it follows that a character formed by obedience to that law will be holy. Christ is a perfect example of such a character. He says: “I have kept My Father’s commandments.” “I do always those things that please Him” (John 15:10; 8:29). The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification.

- True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need
  by Ellen G. White, pg. 22-23

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Rejoice through Worship

Psalm 96:9: *O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.*

We worship God because of who He is. Those who worship God in spirit and in truth understand the beauty of holiness. Their spirit matches the expressed desire for truth. This kind of joy is the rejoicing through surrendered worship to God. Daniel chose to worship God from the lions’ den, no matter what. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to worship God, even if they were literally “fired.”

The choice to worship God, no matter what, means that you have found something worth more than life itself, you have found value in more than being alive. To rejoice through worship is to embrace God through surrendered obedience, even when the world laughs at you because you are building a boat when it has never rained (Noah). Surrendered worship is most concerned about whom God is. May your worship be rejoicing in full surrender to Him.

Blessed Blessings,

Pastor Darrel

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What’s Your Talent?

Talent Night

Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m.
in the church and gym

The Talent Night will take place in two different venues, and categories include a unique talent or skill, music, poetry, short story, or skit. We will begin in the church at 6 p.m. and be uplifted by 30 minutes of inspirational talent before moving across the parking lot to enjoy some refreshments and Part II at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

We hope to see everyone there!

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Photo by Don Harris

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March 2013

Niles Westside News
Nicole Gray
by Gina Meekma with Nicole Gray

Nicole Gray was baptized into the Niles Westside Adventist Church on December 8, 2012. She lives in Niles with her husband, Adam, and their children. Zachary Mishler is 12, and in 6th grade at Oak Manor Sixth Grade Center. Chandler Mishler is 11 and in 5th grade at Howard Elementary. Elise Gray is 7 and in 1st grade at Ellis Elementary, and Adam Gray II is in Kindergarten at Ellis Elementary.

Adam has lived in this area his whole life, and Nicole has lived in Niles for a total of about eighteen years. Nicole met Adam when they were kids at a local skating rink, and they became fast friends. She moved away to Lansing for a while, and when she came back, they reconnected, dated for four years and have been married for five years.

Nicole decided to join Niles Westside because she attended Niles Adventist School from K-7th grade. Another reason was that she found the members to be warm and welcoming, with kind, smiling faces.

Adam works for Morrison Industrial Equipment as a mechanic, while Nicole is a stay-at-home mom. As a family, they enjoy going to parks, doing puzzles, and playing board games.

Zachary likes wildlife, science, and history. Chandler likes sledding, fixing things, and fast cars. Elise likes to read, color, and play with stuffed animals, and Adam Lee likes cars, coloring, and helping his dad.

Welcome, Nicole and Family!

Welcome, Babies!

It’s a Boy! Congratulations to Amanda & Fred Boothby and big sister Chloe!
Fred Oliver Boothby was born on February 13 at 5:15 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz., and was 21 ¼ inches long.

It’s a Girl! Congratulations to Aliya & Mark Verbrigghe, as well as big brothers Jacob and Eric, on the birth of Lucy Madeleine Verbrigghe! She was born on February 21 at 6:23 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz., and was 19 inches long.
Our library has grown in variety and selection, as well as our membership, and now we have an outreach ministry with the youth, “Beyond Books.”

We have a few new selections for you to choose from this month, including a new set of nature videos called Above Earth. Though there are brief comments about Humanism and Evolution throughout the disks, the positive message of what is currently being done about these problems of Man vs. Nature is very clear in the shows. These videos are beautifully done and very inspiring, but they are not for children.

The book to be featured this month is by Ellen G. White: Love Under Fire. Storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, and fires devastate large areas, with huge tolls of death, injury, loss of property, and ongoing suffering. War and conflicts surround us. Economic crises threaten the security of people and nations around the globe. This book, like no other, offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of this ongoing, inescapable conflict. A thrilling presentation of the past, the present, and the future, it begins with Jerusalem’s rejection of the Man of Calvary. Continuing down through the ages, it reveals the persecution of God’s children, and the apostasy of the church in the Dark Ages; the enlightenment of the reformation; the exaltation of the Scriptures and their power to dispel every delusion of darkness; the religious awakening of the Last Days; and finally, Love Under Fire points us to a glorious future, grander than we can imagine.

This is the fifth and final volume of a series adapted by the White Estate that will bring the clear messages of the Conflict of the Ages set to a new generation of readers. Biblical texts, unless otherwise noted, are from the New King James Version.

Now news from our wonderful youth club, Beyond Books: Tara and her friends are still working out some of the details of what they have planned for this year, but she did tell me this:

The Beyond Books Club is thinking up some new ideas for the upcoming meetings. For those who are not familiar with Beyond Books, we are a book club for kids ages nine and up. However, like our name says, we do much more than read books. We are working on getting a website up and planning for new activities. The activities will be posted on our new website as soon as it is up and running. Right now we have a contest going on: whoever brings the most friends to the meetings will get a prize at the end of the school year.

I pray your March with the Lord will be a good one!

Niles Caterpillars Adventurer Club News
by Laurel Gaudin

In February, the Adventurers had a very short month, with the evangelistic series and President’s Day, but we managed to keep busy anyway. Several of our Adventurers helped out in the children’s programs during the iPerceive series, and earned their Adventurer Evangelism Award. At our last meeting, we earned our butterfly award. Later this year we will observe the life cycle of a butterfly as we raise our own butterflies and then release them when they are ready to fly away. I can’t wait!

Please watch for details of a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in March!

Niles Westside Church Garden
by Chiare Frazier

February has passed, and we come into March like a soft winter snow. I love the snow for two reasons: first, because it is a beautiful reminder of how perfectly white and clean our Lord Jesus is going to make us when He returns; and second, because as a farmer, snow means a good water table for the soil in the spring. One might think that the rain we received in the month of February was good for the soil, when in fact it was not. When it rains, and the ground is still frozen six inches to a foot down, the soil cannot absorb the water—it just runs off the top, carrying with it precious top soil and nutrients. So hooray for the snow!

We will be having gardening classes beginning Sunday, March 10, at 10 a.m. Depending on the weather, we may have part of the class outside at the garden (so bring shoes that can get muddy). The class title is Breaking Ground, Soil and Composting Made Easy. There is no fee for this class. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us (M-F, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) at 574-271-4229 or Zaphod.2112@yahoo.com (Subject: Gardening). I can’t wait to see you all there! Spring is on the way, just like our Lord Jesus.
**Upcoming Pathfinder Events**

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**Swimming at AU Pool** - Sunday, March 10

**Dinner Under the Stars** - Sunday, May 5

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**Church Family News**

**Welcome, New Members!**

Benjamin Nichols from Forest Lake Adventist Church, Apopka, FL

Peter & Shari Lyons from Morris Park Adventist Church, Bronx, NY

Tristan Pulsifer from Tantallon Adventist Church, Tantallon, Nova Scotia

**Business Meeting:** Sunday, March 3, at 6 p.m. The church board is calling a special business meeting for all members and interested persons, concerning a decision to expand our school with one more classroom due to the pressing need for space at the school. Please plan to attend this very important discussion and process the best decision for our current need. For more information, please contact Bob Benner; Doug Fattic; the School Principal, Michael Jakobsons; or Pastor Darrel le Roux.

**Fellowship Lunch:** Sabbath, March 9, in the gym, after second service. We are trying something new this time. Please go to www.perfectpotluck.com and under “Find a Meal,” enter in the following information: Coordinator Last Name: Sowder, and Password: ConvErSe. Then click on “Let’s Go” and choose what item you plan to bring. Enter your name and e-mail address on that line to sign up to bring the item(s). Thank you!

**Connect Card:** Please use the new Connect Card in the back of the pews at church for prayer requests, to let us know of any spiritual way that we can assist you, to give us a change of contact information, or to be added to the church e-mail list (for monthly newsletters, weekly announcements, prayer requests).

**Prophetic GPS:** You are invited to a seminar series on Prophecy that Pastor Darrel le Roux is holding. This series is taking a journey through prophetic fulfillment and anticipated events mentioned in the books of Daniel and Revelation, as we near the soon return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you want to be ready for Jesus’ return, plan on taking this journey through prophecy on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Sabbath mornings at 11 a.m. at the church.

**iFollow:** Walt Williams begins his class series on Sabbath, March 2, in the school gym from 9:45 – 10:45. iFollow is a weekly study resource for developing Christians. Each Sabbath morning, Walt Williams will explore a practical, reliable, Biblical topic relevant for living for Jesus during these challenging times. “More than learning bare-bones doctrine, our goal is to help you find tools that will keep your spiritual life vibrant and help you grow in Christ.”

**Maranatha 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. Please keep the group in your prayers. Contact Roy Kingman, group leader, at 574-250-8750 or roy@rekexpress.us for more information.

**Passion Play 2013:** The Andrews University Passion Play is Saturday and Sunday, April 6 & 7. Free wristband reservations open March 1 at www.andrews.edu/passionplay. Wristbands are required. Rotations are limited to 300. To add to the ambiance of the Passion Play while also helping with crowd control, Roman guard checkpoints will ask guests to show their "papers" or wristbands to ensure guests are traveling with their assigned tribe.

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“Dare we set our hope and hearts in the hands of a small-town Jewish carpenter? The answer rests in the Jerusalem graveyard. If Jesus’ tomb is empty, then His promise is not.”

—Max Lucado, Fearless
Teen Bible Camp

From February 21-24, the NAS 8th graders joined other teens from Michigan at Camp Au Sable for Bible Camp. Afterwards, the following statements were made by our students:

- At Teen Bible Camp, we learned where our religion began and who our pioneers were. - Krista

- I learned that flowers are our “smiles from God.” Corina and I had tons of fun riding snowmobiles. - Heather

- I learned that no matter who you are, God can use you for what He wants. - Nathan

- I learned that the time to act in the church is now! - Chris

- It was an awesome experience that not only strengthened my faith, but it put a new view on just how much Jesus loves us! - Corina

- I learned more about what you can do in the church when you are baptized. I also learned that young people around my age started our religion. - Dallas

Congratulations to Mrs. Amanda Boothby on the birth of Fred Oliver Boothby on February 13!

Welcome to Mrs. Kathy Dockerty, AM Pre-K & K teacher, and Mrs. Karon Davis, PM 6-8th grade teacher, both of whom are filling in for Mrs. Boothby while she is on maternity leave.

Upcoming NAS Events

March is National Reading Month!

Gift Card Orders Due - Tuesday, March 5

Career Day - Thursday, March 7

PM Pre-K & K Music at NAS - Saturday, March 9

Talent Night - Saturday, March 9, 6 p.m. (church and school)

Daylight Savings Begins - Spring Forward 1 Hour - Sunday, March 10

Spring Spirit Week - March 11-15

School Board - Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Spring Break - Friday, March 15 (noon) - 22

Gift Card Orders Due - Tuesday, March 26
NAS Science Fair
Sunday, April 14
4-7 p.m.

Come and view the science projects and bridge-busting competition at this year’s Science Fair!

Any homeschooling student interested in entering a project for the Science Fair should contact Staci Fagal (whatzthebuzz@gmail.com) to get information and to register.

NAS Round-Up
Thursday, April 18
8:30 a.m. - noon

School Round-Up (for prospective students who will be in grades K - 8th next year) will be on Thursday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. There will also be a Parent Meeting that evening at 6 p.m. Watch for more information. Please RSVP at www.nilesadventistschool.org or by calling the school at 269-683-5444.

Please note that students need to be 5 by September 15 to be in Kindergarten.

Tubing at Five Pines on February 8. Miss Hannah DeLuca (left) is a student teacher from Andrews University in grades 3-5 this semester.

Photo by Heidi Beardsley

On February 28, a Dr. Seuss-themed Family Reading Night kicked off National Reading Month (March) at NAS. Activities included voting for best costume, reading some Dr. Seuss books, Dr. Seuss activity pages, snacks to go along with the theme (green eggs and “wham,” etc.), and a used book swap.

NAS students have a goal of reading for a total of 700 hours during March. Their progress will be noted by fish “swimming” on the walls of the hallways, one for each hour read.

March 15 (starting at noon) through March 22.

Enjoy!

Photo by Gina Meekma
March Calendar of Events

2 Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker…………………… 8:30 & 11 a.m.
3 Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park)………………… 8 a.m.
Church Business Meeting………………………… 6 p.m.
Adult Volleyball (gym)…………………………… 7 p.m.
4 Adventurers (gym)……………………………… 6 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study……………………………… 10:30 a.m.
Prophetic GPS……………………………………… 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna…………………………………… 6 p.m.
5 Pathfinders (gym)………………………………… 6:30 p.m.
Elder’s Meeting…………………………………… 6:30 p.m.
Praise Prayer Meeting…………………………… 7 p.m.
7 Bible Study……………………………………… 2 p.m.
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Music by NAS.……………………………………… 2nd svc.
Fellowship Lunch (gym)…………………………… after 2nd svc
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March Birthdays

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Bruce Bauer 2
Lucy Jann 3
Kaoma Chende 4
Helen Kline 5
Walter Quist 6
Tami McClellan 7
Lynn Bradford 8
Sungita Chung 9
Marga Prouty 10
Michael Robbins 11
David Scroggs 12
Alexa Leonor 13
Richard Makungu 14
Dawn Safstrom 15
Helen Krall 16
Christopher Ruedinger 17
Beautie Mondol 18
Rand Rusher 19
Roy Kingman 20
Laurel Gaudin 21
Tyler le Roux 22
Chioma Ejiofor 23
Leonila Jedlowski 24
Benjamin Paramiah 25
Andrea Thames 26
Jeanne Sorensen 27
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