Progress on New Classrooms Addition at Niles Adventist School

We invite you to follow the progress of our new classrooms on NAS’ Facebook page (to find it, search the web for “Niles Adventist School”).

A big thank you to all who are donating their time and efforts, resources, and funds towards the completion of this project, especially Bob & Dagi Benner, Jason Hippler, Michael Jakobsons, Steve Warren, Luis Leonor, Steve Sowder, and many others! The staff and students of NAS will appreciate this for many years to come.
Summer: More Time for Spiritual Exploration

Since we seem to have more time in the summer, with the sun going down so late and rising earlier, spiritual fun does not have to be rushed. If you are having a challenging time getting the kids to sleep when it’s not dark, you may want to install darkening blinds or have longer worships. Since we are going to fill summertime with something, you may also want to plan to foster spiritual things in those hours too. Try short outdoor prayer walks with the family, worship under a tree, or “flower-zooming” with magnifying glasses. It might be distracting at first, but when the attention is drawn to God’s creation, the lessons to be learned from ants, bees, wasps, grasshoppers, snakes, etc. from scripture could be well worth the outdoor worship experience.

On a personal level, we all want a little more relaxation with family or hobbies, but don’t neglect spiritual exploring. Try fitting in an extra few minutes in prayer or Bible reading. You could even combine prayer time with some hobbies or “have-to-get-done-this-summer” stuff. Practice prayer walking or praying in the silence of a natural place. Whatever you plan to do, intentionally include time to spiritually connect with your Heavenly Father.

Be joyfully blessed this summer.

Pastor Darrel

This work [sanctification] can be accomplished only through faith in Christ, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. Paul admonishes believers: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12, 13). The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, but he will maintain a constant warfare against it. Here is where Christ’s help is needed. Human weakness becomes united to divine strength, and faith exclaims: “Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).

The scriptures plainly show that the work of sanctification is progressive. When in conversion the sinner finds peace with God through the blood of the atonement, the Christian life has but just begun. Now he is to “go on unto perfection,” to grow up “unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” ... [Philippians 3:13, 14; 2 Peter 1:5-10 quoted.]

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

The May bonfire vespers at our Chapel in the Woods is just one of the many fun socials planned by our Social Committee. If you haven’t attended a church social yet, make plans to come to one soon. Better yet, invite a friend to come with you!

Upcoming Socials
(subject to change)

Canoeing - July
Lake Day - August
Ice Cream Social & Scavenger Hunt - September
Bonfire Vespers - October
Lyons Family
by Shari Lyons with Gina Meekma

Peter & Shari, Brenna (8) & Kiera (5) Lyons and Tristan Pulsifer (17) moved to Niles in August 2012. Originally from Nova Scotia, Canada, Peter and Shari moved to the Bronx, NY, in 2006. They are quite happy to be out of the congestion of the city, but miss the convenience and multitude of activities the city has to offer. They definitely don’t miss the traffic!

The Lyons family joined Niles Westside in December 2012 because they liked the Sabbath Schools, especially the adult class that they have become a part of, and because of the proximity to their home. Shari is the new Kindergarten 1 Sabbath School leader at Niles Westside.

Peter is a biology professor at Andrews University. A music teacher, Shari is currently teaching private music lessons in her home studio.

As a family, the Lyons enjoy Geocaching, biking, going to the beach, and exploring new places.

Shari and Peter met at the Maritime Camp Meeting in Nova Scotia in 1999, where Peter was working for the summer. They were married in August 2001 and narrowly missed being grounded in a foreign country at the end of their honeymoon, since they arrived back home at 2 a.m. on September 11!

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Lyons!

From the Lord's Library
by Chiare Frazier

Welcome to all our new members and those looking at our church family. The Library Ladies wish to invite new members to come and check us out. All items are free to borrow.

Our book feature this month is called The Delay by Marvin Moore, the editor of Signs of the Times magazine and a prolific author with more than thirty books to his credit. The Delay looks at the question "How much longer must we wait?” For as long as we can remember and even before, the refrain “Jesus is coming soon” has sounded in churches around the world. Its theme is central to our message as a church – embedded in our very name, Seventh-day Adventist, yet we still wait. Author Marvin Moore observes, “There’s tension between the belief, on the one hand, that Jesus is coming soon, and the realization, on the other hand, that He hasn’t returned as soon as we hoped.” How encouraging are these words: “God’s purposes know no haste and no delay” (The Desire of Ages, p. 32). Moore concludes, “We need to apply those words to our situation. Paul said that ‘When the set time had fully come, God sent His Son’ (Galatians 4:4). We can be sure that when the time has fully come again, God will send Jesus back to take us home!”

Personally I cannot contain my excitement at the thought of our Lord Jesus returning for us. The world outside of our Lord Jesus is a world of hate without hope. We see it every day, while we are driving, shopping, walking in the park, or in our everyday business conversations. Our world is falling to bits—we are losing mammals, insects, and fish at a rate never seen before in history; the weather is totally out of control; and nations around the world are exploding, while the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

Our Lord tells us to work hard during this time, introducing Jesus to the lost, the hated and the hopeless. I pray every day that Our Lord will guide my steps, words and actions toward His will and His lost sheep.
Beyond Books has continued their meetings into the summer days and are planning for many fun activities in the future. Our members are bursting with ideas, and give us a variety of suggestions: pizza nights, mini golfing, and obstacle courses . . . We love hearing what our members have to say.

Currently, we are reading books in the Trailblazers Series by Dave and Neta Jackson. *Spy for the Night Riders* was one book in this series that we recently discussed. It is a historical fiction book, and in this particular book, the readers get a taste of life during Martin Luther’s time. - Tara Staniszewski

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The church garden is up and running, and we still have two rows open for anyone who would like to utilize it. The raspberries that were given to the garden last year are growing beautifully. Kerry and I are hoping to add to the berries this year, and the open field area that was plowed up will be sewn in a cover crop this year. We are feeding the soil this year in preparation for fruit trees and an asparagus patch going in next year. Slowly but surely we are trying to gather enough gardening equipment for the church garden, so if you have any old or new tools that you do not need or want anymore, please let us know. We are also in need of 6-8 metal T posts for the fence this year. ALL equipment donated to the garden stays with the church.

Slugs, caterpillars, and aphids can all be totally devastating to a garden, and if you are like me, you do not want anything even remotely related to chemicals on your food. So what do you do? There are hundreds of books out there telling you how to handle these bugs. Over the years, I have found four things that are VERY effective. 1) Plant flowers around and in your garden to invite all the GOOD bugs to come and eat the BAD bugs. Flowers also bring in pollinators, and with the continued decline of the honey bee, your garden will need this very important step in their life cycle to produce food. 2) Purchase ladybugs and release them in your garden. This works for aphids. You can provide a ladybug house, and if you’re lucky, you can start a colony in your own yard. 3) NEEM Oil Spray: 100 percent natural Neem Oil is used as a leaf-eater deterrent. It does not kill the insects interested in your plants. It just keeps them at bay. There is zero taste to humans, but bugs take one small bite and leave with a bitter taste. A couple of tips: **ONLY** spray in the evening at sundown or on very overcast days. It is an oil, and so it will burn/cook your leaves in the sun. By spraying in the evening, the plant has a chance to absorb the oil before the sun hits hard. Tip 2: Mix 1 ½ teaspoons oil with 5-6 drops of dish soap, lemon or orange scented, and medium warm water, shake very well and apply every couple of days until you no longer see bugs or bug damage. 4) To get rid of slugs, you can make a yeast solution--2 cups very warm water, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, and 1 ½ teaspoons yeast. Mix well and pour. Place a small bowl on the ground where you see slug damage, something they can climb into easily, and pour the solution into the bowl. Now take an old plastic flower pot, something you would throw away, and cut a small door in the top of the container. When you turn the pot upside down, you have made a little house with one way in. Place the pot over the bowl. After 24 hours, the slugs will smell the mixture and climb into the bowl, drink the yeast solution and drown. Once you get two or three, pour them out and fill the bowl again.

You can get on the Church Garden Facebook page to get in touch with us, or you can call us at these new numbers: Kerry (574-300-3195) or Chiare (574-323-4311).

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by Chiare Frazier
**Church Family News**

† **Our Sympathy to Brad Hill & Family.** Brad’s mother, Linda Conner, passed away from cancer in mid-June.

† On Sabbath, **July 13**, at 9:45, **Pastor Bill’s Sabbath School Class** will begin another series of verse by verse studies of the book of Revelation. This class will meet in the pastor’s study.

† **Fellowship Lunch:** Sabbath, **July 13**, after second service. We will meet at Rangeline Park (on Rangeline Rd., just off of Old US 31). Please bring extra food and join us!

† **Women’s Night Out:** Thursday, **July 18**, at 5:30 at Ho Ping, Bell Plaza in Niles. Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (kadockerty@yahoo.com or 269-782-8567).

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**St. Joseph River**  
**Sabbath afternoon, July 20**

We will meet at 3:30 at Shamrock Park campground in Berrien Springs. There will be two places that canoeists can get out: at the Andrews University farm or further on down the river, at Jasper Dairy Farm.

If you would like to go, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway at church, indicating whether or not you have access to a canoe or kayak. Contact **Bob Benner** (574-340-3478) for more information.

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**The Importance of Prayer**

Prayer is the Christian’s life. Though every other ordinance be attended to, yet if this one be neglected, all is in vain. It is as impossible for the soul to be spiritually alive and active without a punctual course of fervent and believing prayer, as for the body to be alive and active without breath.

Prayer has more influence on the sanctification of the soul than all other ordinances. It is going directly to God to receive the life-giving Spirit according to an absolute and often repeated promise: “Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

—Edward Griffin

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**Rummage Sale**  
**July 25, 26, and 28** in the school gym

Please contact **Janessa Howell** at 269-240-7112 or niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com if you would like to donate items for the sale.

Watch the bulletin for sale hours. Thank you for your support!
New 5th & 6th Grade Teacher: Miss Lauren Snell
by Lauren Snell with Gina Meekma

Miss Snell is the youngest in her family, which includes her mother (Rena), father (Doug), and two older brothers (Naaman and Nick). She also has a sister-in-law (Deanne) and a niece (Eden). Born in Berrien Springs, Miss Snell grew up in Sister Lakes, MI, while attending school in Berrien Springs, where she currently lives.

Originally a Psychology major at Andrews University, Miss Snell planned to become a Child Psychologist. God had different plans in mind for how she could care for, love, and have an impact on more of His children, however. During her Sophomore year, she changed majors and graduated in December 2012 with a degree in Elementary Education, and an emphasis in Language Arts.

As a teacher, Miss Snell most enjoys getting to know her students—their likes, dislikes, and how to best meet their needs in helping them to achieve the potential God has placed in each one. Each student has their own story, and she counts it a great blessing to be a part of it.

In her spare time, Miss Snell likes to exercise, play sports (primarily volleyball and soccer), cheer on the Chicago Bears, participate in outdoor activities (including camping, hiking, going to the beach, riding motorcycles, etc.), read, bake, and spend time with family and friends.

Welcome to the NAS family, Miss Snell!

It’s a Girl!

Congratulations to Mrs. Baltazar, our Art teacher!

Eliana Elise
Lowry Baltazar
was born on July 1 at 7:05 p.m. to Carolyn and Tiago Baltazar at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph. She was 7 lbs 10 ozs, and 20.25 inches. Mom and dad are super tired, but insanely happy! They think she is the cutest baby in the world!

Upcoming NAS Events

School Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.

Early Registration Fee Due - $150 per student if paid by July 15, $175 after July 15

Registration - Wednesday, August 14, 4-6 p.m.

School Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m.

First Day of School (Noon Dismissal) - Monday, August 19, 8:15 a.m. (Free Breakfast!)
July Calendar of Events

2  Women’s Bible Study ........................................... 10:30 a.m.
    Midweek Manna ............................................. 6 p.m.
    Elders Meeting ............................................ 7 p.m.
3  Praise Prayer Meeting ...................................... 7 p.m.

**Independence Day**
6  Pastor Julius Everett, Sr, Speaker ...................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
7  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ..................... 8 a.m.
    Adult Volleyball (gym) .................................. 7 p.m.
9  Midweek Manna ............................................. 6 p.m.
    School Board Meeting (school) ......................... 7 p.m.
13  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker ......................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
    Fellowship Lunch (Rangeline Park) ..................... after 2nd svc
14  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ..................... 8 a.m.
    Adult Volleyball (gym) .................................. 7 p.m.
15  Early Registration Fee Due to NAS
16  Women’s Bible Study ........................................ 10:30 a.m.
    Midweek Manna ............................................. 6 p.m.
    Finance Committee Meeting .............................. 7 p.m.
18  Beyond Books Club .......................................... 3 p.m.
    Women’s Night Out (Ho Ping, Niles) .................. 5:30 p.m.
20  Team Preaching .............................................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
    Canoeing (Shamrock Park Campground) ............... 3:30 p.m.
21  **Newsletter Items Due**
    Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ..................... 8 a.m.
23  Midweek Manna ............................................. 6 p.m.
    Church Board Meeting .................................... 7 p.m.
25-26 Pathfinder Rummage Sale (gym)
27  Darrel & Tami le Roux, Speakers ....................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
28-8/4 Pastor Darrel & Family at Family Camp
28  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ..................... 8 a.m.
    Pathfinder Rummage Sale (gym)
30  Women’s Bible Study ........................................ 10:30 a.m.
    Midweek Manna ............................................. 6 p.m.

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