Christian Education is a Priority at Niles Westside
by Michael Jakobsons and Gina Meekma

In 1954, Niles Westside built two classrooms to support their children. They added another classroom in 1963, and four years later they built a large gym. In 1992, the church again added a classroom to provide for Kindergarten. This year, with two classes of 12 and 13 students, NAS could no longer contain three grades in a classroom, so the church voted to add two new classrooms—one for 5th & 6th grades, and the other for music and art.

Since breaking ground on May 31, a lot of work has been done. However, due to some delays, the classrooms will not be finished by August 19, the scheduled first day of school. Therefore, with permission from the Michigan Conference, school will begin on Monday, August 26, instead. This will give time to make more progress on the construction before students arrive at the school. Until the construction is completed and inspected (currently projected for August 30), alternate arrangements have been made for the classes that will be moving into the new classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support of NAS through your prayers, as well as your donations toward this project!
Those who experience the sanctification of the Bible will manifest a spirit of humility. Like Moses, they have had a view of the awful majesty of holiness, and they see their own unworthiness in contrast with the purity and exalted perfection of the Infinite One.

The prophet Daniel was an example of true sanctification. His long life was filled up with noble service for his Master. He was a man “greatly beloved” (Daniel 10:11) of Heaven. Yet instead of claiming to be pure and holy, this honored prophet identified himself with the really sinful of Israel as he pleaded before God in behalf of his people: “We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies.” “We have sinned, we have done wickedly.” He declares: “I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people...” (Daniel 9:18, 15, 20).

- *True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need* by Ellen G. White, pg. 23, 24
Meet Our New Members

Carlsen Family
by Jessica Carlsen with Gina Meekma

Chris & Jessica Carlsen have lived in Dowagiac for about four years. They've both lived in Southwest Michigan since they were adolescents. They met through Chris’ sister-in-law’s brother, who was living with him at the time, and have been married since June 3, 2011. Their first child, whom they plan to name Tahlia, is due on August 25.

Jessica will have her Bachelors in Accounting by December, but she plans on focusing on her growing family before pursuing a career. Chris works in the automotive repair industry. Reading, camping and outdoor activities, playing with their pets (two dogs and two cats), and spending time with family are enjoyable for them. They also like to participate in the church volleyball group.

The Carlsens had not been attending church regularly and found themselves drifting away from God. They started attending Niles Westside because a number of Chris’ relatives are members, and it has brought them back into a better relationship with God. The youthfulness and fellowship of Niles Westside, as well as the fact that we have a school that their children can attend to gain a Christ-centered education, factored into their decision to transfer from PMC in June 2012. Chris’ family members at Niles Westside include his parents, Steve & Alma Carlsen; his brother Steve Jr & wife Jessica, and their children Callie and Pace Carlsen; and his brother Brendan & wife Tara Carlsen.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Carlsens!

The library is raising money for more cabinet space for their DVDs, CDs, etc. They already have $1,000 and need to raise about $4,000 more.

If you would like to donate toward the new cabinets, please mark your tithe envelope “Library Cabinets.” Thank you!

New to Our Church Library

❖ Loving Them Back, Leading Them Home by Barry Gane, Ph.D., is about why some of our youth no longer attend church and how to minister to them.

❖ Destiny by Karl Haffner, Ph.D., addresses the questions “Who am I?” “Why am I here?” and “What am I here to do?”

❖ Draw Me Healthy by Brandon Reese is a reusable sticky note book. Keep the little ones in your life busy while they learn healthful habits.

❖ Transformation by Jim Ayer is for those who long for a fuller relationship with Christ. Jim’s stories will bring tears to your eyes and lift your spirits as he retraces his own life and shows how others have been dramatically transformed when they have come into a personal relationship with Christ.

The Clear Word eBook

The Clear Word is available as an eBook from the Review & Herald for $9.99. This popular paraphrase of the Bible lets the power of ancient texts come through today. As the meaning of Scripture becomes more transparent, you see more of God’s grace. Works on PC, Mac, iPad/iPod, Kindle, Nook, Sony and all other eBook readers! This eBook edition features resizable text, bookmarking, built-in dictionary, easy verse selector, searching, and much more. Visit the Adventist Book Center in Berrien Springs to order, or go to www.adventistbookcenter.org and search for “The Clear Word eBook.”
by Chiare Frazier

Summer has gone by like a flash of lighting, with more strange weather to add to our memories. Who would have thought that the last week in July would bring such beautifully cool weather? The church garden has not had to turn the water on at all so far this year—our Lord has graciously supplied the water needed so far this year. The Lord’s water is so much better than anything we can supply. We will continue to pray that August will be the same.

BUGS, Bugs, Bugs: Some are good and some are bad, but which is which? Of course wasps and bees are good bugs, right?—pollinators that keep your plants producing throughout the year. Mostly we ignore them, hoping they will do the same for us. Yet did you know that there is one wasp look-a-like that lives around here that will take down a huge, healthy zucchini or summer squash plant with one “sting?” It acts like a wasp, but it’s a moth, and it does not sting, it bores. Its name is melittia cucurbitae or squash vine borer. This particular moth has clear wings and is sometimes mistaken for a wasp. The vine borers overwinter in cocoons in the soil and come out as adults in late spring. They deposit eggs on the underside of the leaves. When they hatch, the larva cause yellow leaves on zucchini, and the zucchini to suddenly die. If you find your zucchini dying, check under the leaves for signs of the borer. If you find zucchini leaves wilting, the borer is probably present in the stem. The best thing to do when you see this is to rid your garden of the entire plant. If you remove the worm before you put the plant in the compost, you will hopefully keep them from coming back next year.

Another pesky critter is the tomato worm/tobacco worm/pepper worm. All are related and do the same damage. It is sad to think that one of the creepiest garden worms turns into one of the most beautiful moths. The hawk moth is also known as the hummingbird moth. After gorging themselves on your lovely tomato or pepper plants, they too cocoon themselves just under the soil and await the next spring to emerge as an incredibly beautiful moth. We do have a friend in nature who loves to use the tomato worms as a host for her babies, and she is just as amazing. Adult cotesia congregata wasps are very small (less than 1/8 inch) and pose no threat to humans—they do not sting.

How to Attract Braconid Wasps

Grow an abundance of flowers and herbs that produce nectar from numerous small florets, such as sweet alyssum, chamomile, feverfew, catnip and buckwheat. When allowed to produce flowers, dill, fennel and other members of the carrot family will also attract braconid wasps.

For more information:
Niles Caterpillars Adventurer Club
by Tami le Roux

What is Adventurers? Why should my child and I join?
Adventurers is open to all children in grades Kindergarten - 4, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Whether from our school or church or the local community, this is a great opportunity to bond and share time with your child, other parents, and children in the club.

We have fun curriculum meetings, where the kids go through their workbooks and earn required awards for each class, as well as memorize scripture, read and explore how God is reaching and teaching them. This year, we have the option of doing the curriculum as homework and having you and your child attend only the Award nights and functions, which we hope will assist with those who feel a weekly commitment is too much.

Speaking of award nights, we will be having at least one a month. I know the kids look forward to this night where we all participate in working on one award, and like last year we are hoping to get a few guest teachers come to help us complete these new awards. About once a month will be our Family Network Meeting where the parents will get together to discuss parenting, media, discipline, and other important issues with each other. We will also be having guest presenters in at times to speak on relevant topics.

In addition to these meetings, we have Adventurer Family Camp from September 6-8, a booth at Fall Festival, the Christmas party, and singing at a nursing home with the Pathfinders, just to name a few fun events.

We are continuing to meet every Monday night that there is school at NAS from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Registration is on Wednesday, August 21, from 4-6 p.m. at NAS. We will have a table and all the forms ready for you to fill out in order to join us for the 2013-14 school year!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to teach an award or assist in Adventurers, please contact Tami le Roux (Director) at nwcaterpillars@gmail.com or call 269-425-2161.

Get Ready for a New Pathfinder Year!
by April Hughes

We are very excited for a new Pathfinder year to begin this August! The Pathfinder Club is designed for kids and teens in grades 5-12. The Pathfinder Club meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Niles Adventist School gym. If you are interested in joining the club, registration for new and returning Pathfinders is at our first meeting, on Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents will need to plan on coming to this meeting to complete paperwork (consent to treat forms, uniform agreement, etc.). We have an exciting year ahead of us as we plan for events that will encourage our members to develop a deeper and more personal relationship with God.

We are also looking for more staff members to assist with the club this year. If you are interested in working with this youth ministry, we invite you to come to the Introductory Staff Meeting at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, August 10. We will be meeting at Niles Adventist School. All current and incoming TLTs (teen leadership trainees) are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

In closing, we want to thank everyone that assisted with the Rummage Sale in July. We appreciate all the donations, assistance with set-up/clean-up, and attendance at the sale. Again thank you for your consistent prayers and support. Please email niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com with any questions, or call Director Janessa Howell at 269-240-7112.

No life of faith can be lived privately.
There must be overflow into the lives of others.
— Eugene H. Peterson

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Church Family News

★ Our Sympathy to Frank Chole and Family. Frank’s sister passed away in July.

★ Address Change: Gerry Neidigh, The Timbers of Cass County, 55432 Colby St., Room 504, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please keep Gerry in your prayers.

★ Pack a Backpack: Women’s Ministries is collecting school supplies for NAS students. The supplies list is available in the hallway at church. If you would prefer to donate funds instead, mark your tithe envelope “NAS Backpack.” Thank you!

★ Pastor Darrel and his family will be away at Family Camp at Camp Au Sable from July 28 - August 4. If you have pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Bill Dudgeon (269-362-5247) or Sue Fattic, Head Elder (269-876-9356).

★ Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, August 10, 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, August 15, at 5:30 at Villa Macri, Toscana Park in Granger. Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (kadockerty@yahoo.com or 269-782-8567).

★ First Aid/CPR/AED Class: Wednesday, August 21, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Niles Westside, taught by the YMCA. Reservations are required. Please arrive on time. Registration will open at 7:30. Please bring a brown bag lunch for the half hour lunch break. Drink will be provided. You will receive a two-year certification. The reduced fee of $85 includes a manual. Please RSVP to Lauretta Mann, YMCA Volunteer/Member, at lcmann@sbcglobal.net or 269-683-5953 by Sunday, August 18. There may be a class size limit.

★ Bible Study: If you are struggling to find time to meet with others to refresh your soul in God’s Word and if you pick up kids at our school (NAS), then we have a study for you! Every Thursday at 2 p.m., there is a Bible Study that meets at the church for an hour - so you can pick up kids feeling refreshed and spiritually ready to face the rest of the week. If you do not have children and afternoons work for you, please join us as well. We generally meet in the Youth Room, and will start up again on August 29. We do not provide any child care.

★ Moving Help Needed: The Verbrigghes are moving out of state soon and would like help loading the truck. Please call Mark if you are willing to help (269-487-6388). Thank you!
New Spanish Teacher: Mrs. Valeria Cruz-Gonzalez

by Valeria Cruz-Gonzalez

Valeria Cruz-Gonzalez was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but lived most of her life in Keene, Texas, and Orlando, Florida. She completed her first year of college at Florida Hospital College, but decided that the medical field was definitely not for her. Instead, Valeria decided to go study for a semester at River Plate Adventist University in Argentina to better her Spanish-speaking skills.

When she returned, Valeria went to Southern Adventist University in Tennessee, where she finally decided on majoring in Elementary Education. She had grown up around teachers (her mother is a teacher and many cousins as well), but didn’t think it was for her until she worked at a daycare and realized how much she enjoyed being with children.

Valeria met her husband Roberto through a series of interesting events. He had also been in Argentina, but their paths did not cross until her last year at Southern when they began dating.

After graduating in December 2010, Valeria went to work right away at Forest City Adventist School in Altamonte Springs, Florida, where she started teaching 2nd and 3rd grades. In the summer of 2012, Valeria and Roberto were married, and stayed in Altamonte Springs where Valeria entered into her third year teaching 1st and 2nd grades. With these grades, she learned more than she thought possible, especially about teaching her 1st graders how to read. In the end, it made her realize how much she actually enjoyed teaching students how to read.

During this time, Roberto was looking for a position with the Florida Conference. However, God had different plans for them. In February, Roberto was given the opportunity to interview with the Michigan Conference. He was hired as the Berrien Springs Spanish Adventist Church youth pastor. By the end of February, Valeria and Roberto were packed and driving up to Berrien Springs. Valeria returned to Florida to finish off the school year with her students, and came back to Berrien Springs in June.

Valeria is still getting acquainted with the area, but has especially enjoyed being able to go fruit picking and visiting St. Joseph whenever given the chance. She enjoys reading, hiking, knitting, and finding new ways to teach her students to be successful and develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the NAS family, Mrs. Cruz-Gonzalez!

School starts on August 26!

Upcoming NAS Events

Registration - Wednesday, August 21, at 4-6 p.m.

School Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 21, at 7 p.m.

Teacher Dedication - Sabbath, August 24

First Day of School (Noon Dismissal) - Monday, August 26, at 8:15 a.m. (Free Breakfast!)

Parent Night - Thursday, August 29, at 6 p.m.
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