Eryca Nelson

Concert Vespers

Saturday, January 18,

7 p.m. at Niles Westside

Former Westside member Eryca (Michaud) Nelson’s music takes you on a journey through life: from laughter, to love, to loss, to faith, and perseverance. Music is a way of life for Eryca, who has been performing since the age of six with her parents at churches and other venues. Often compared to Jewel, Allison Krause, and Laura Story, Eryca’s music strikes a familiar chord with listeners while being uniquely her own.

Invite your friends and join us for an evening of inspirational music!
Sad vs. Happy 2014
Or: Constantly Blessed?

I have not heard any “Sad New Year” wishes for 2014, only “Happy New Year.” Wishes and hopes for the future intend only to embrace the very best happiness we desire. We would love to control our own happiness. The reality, in a sin-saddened world, is that you will experience sin’s sadness between moments of happiness this year. (Or, if you prefer, happiness between moments of sadness.) Happiness is fleeting (wherever sin exists) and sadness, a guarantee. Neither is determined by date. Happy or sad, will you be blessed?

If sin destroys happiness, would forgiveness mean being blessed? There is no greater blessing than being at peace with your Creator and Savior. As David wrote in Psalm 32:1, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” May you be totally blessed this new year by coming closer to Jesus. May your character grow more like His. May your peace be beyond understanding in all circumstances, as He guards your heart and mind. May this year tell for eternity.

Wishing you constant blessings this 2014.

Pastor Darrel le Roux

- True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need
by Ellen G. White, pg. 24

Sunday, February 9
Niles Adventist School Gym
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ticket Reservations: Call 269-683-5444
Tickets: $8 per person in advance or $10 at the door
NO childcare provided.

This event raises funds for 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.
Meet Our New Members

The Mack Family
by Regina Mack with Gina Meekma

Randy & Regina Mack live in Buchanan. Originally from Grass Lake, MI, Regina moved to this area in 2000. Randy is from Eau Claire, MI, and has lived in this area all of his life.

The Macks transferred to Niles Westside from Pioneer Memorial Church in November 2013 because they liked the friendliness of the members here as well as the spiritual uplifting that they gain by attending. They are praying to make some new friends and to learn more about a relationship with Christ.

Randy is a Paint Foreman at Andrews University, and Regina is an Office Manager at Andrews University. They met through their friends, Rob and Holly Beckermyer, and have been married for five years. Interests for Regina include outdoor activities, movies, cooking, and singing. Randy enjoys handyman jobs, electronics, and games.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Regina and Randy!

Leave Your Mark
by Tami le Roux, Director

Wow! Half of the school year is gone. Did you have fun? Did you make memories that build your faith? Did you make every second count? This year the Niles Caterpillars are endeavoring to connect as families, learn more about Jesus, learn about collections, builders, handicrafts, baskets, and more! But most of all we are learning how to support and love each other. I know that not all of you are able to join us in our journey this year, so we would like to ask to do something that you can do—pray. Pray for our families, our presenters, our crafts and our game time, our leaders, and our teachers—that through all of this we will teach our families to love Jesus more, to keep the Golden Rule, and to be a strength in our church and in our community.

We have praise to report! When we did the Postcard Award, we sent postcards to four church families who are missionaries. We sent cards to the Storie family in Taiwan, the Shameerudeen family in Trinidad, the Suttons in Belize, and the Neish family in Iqaluit, Canada. Not all of the families have received their cards yet, but we have heard that the first ones to receive our cards are the Neishs in Canada. Lisa had this to say: “We are still enjoying a beautiful array of Nathan Greene’s and other postcards! On Christmas Eve, Bill stood in the longest post office line of the year, and we were blessed with a package full of cards from the Niles Adventurers. Thank you Adventurers and leaders, Tami and all—that was so thoughtful of you!” Please continue to pray for our missionary families overseas.

As we look ahead to the end of the school year, we look forward to graduating some of our Adventurers into Pathfinders. This is an exciting time! We would like to make sure that YOU know that you are invited to our Investiture and graduation. Please make sure you look out for this date on the calendar in May.

The mark the Adventurers have left on me this year has been more than chalk stains on the parking lot for the whale award, “millions” of balloons blown up for the Fall Festival, or bees buzzing to show the way to the sweetest flowers. They have left me with a joy and a purpose to rejoice in each family that is putting Jesus first, that is reaching out to other families for their kids. Let’s all encourage this mark to be more permanent than a fleeting kite in the sky. Let your light so shine.

Be READY for Jesus!
Farewell to Our Friends:

Duane & Ruthann Adams to Edwardsburg Adventist Church, Edwardsburg, MI

Kerry & Chiare Frazier to Edwardsburg Adventist Church, Edwardsburg, MI

A Living Power Series will be presented by Pastor Darrel in January and February. He invites you on this journey that will take snapshots of what the Gospel of Jesus Christ is really all about, starting on January 4, with a New Year’s message of Turmoil Turned Over.

Special Sabbath Service: Elder Don Livesay, our Lake Union president, will be with us for a special Sabbath, including a fellowship lunch afterward, on January 11. Bring a friend to listen to an inspiring message and enjoy great fellowship.

Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, January 11, after second service, in the school gym. Please bring extra food and join us!

Games4Kids: Saturday night, January 11, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the gym. Families with kids ages 6-15 are invited to come play various games in the gym, such as dodge ball, volleyball, basketball, etc. Contact Pastor Darrel with any questions.

Communion Sabbath: January 18. We will have only one church service, at 11 a.m., so that we can celebrate Communion together as a church family.

Women’s Night Out: Thursday, January 16, at 5:30 p.m. at El Charro Feliz (Town & Country Mall, 2522 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka - by Big Lots). Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (kadockerty@yahoo.com or 269-782-8567).

Talent Night: Saturday, January 25, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of inspirational and other talents, shared by our members, friends, and NAS students. The Talent Night will take place in two different venues, beginning in the church for 45 minutes of inspirational talent before moving across the parking lot to the gym, where we will enjoy some soup and refreshments and Part II of the program. Contact Fred Boothby (269-932-8976), Amanda Boothby (574-344-8402), or Gina Meekma (269-845-8870 or secretary@nileswestside.org) for more information.

Be Healthy, Be Active Program: For children ages 7-12 and their parents. This program has been developed by senior level nutrition and fitness students at Andrews University. Each week the kids, accompanied by an adult family member, will meet to exercise, make a healthy snack, and learn together about how they can improve their health. There are three sessions to choose from:

1) Mondays, January 20 - February 24, at Niles Adventist School, from 4-5:30 p.m.
2) Tuesdays, January 21 - February 25, at Sylvester Elementary School, from 4:30-6 p.m.
3) Wednesdays, January 22 - February 26, at Niles Adventist School, from 4:30-6 p.m.

The program is $5 per child or $10 per family and requires your registration. Call Gretchen at 269-471-3371 to register or for more information.

Life Line Stroke Screening: Wednesday, February 19, at Niles Westside. Early detection is the key to prevention. See the pink flyer in the church hallway for more information. Pre-registration is required – appointments are limited, so register soon. Call 888-653-6450 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to register and receive a special discount.

I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.
—Martin Luther
We bring our children to Jesus to be touched by His love, trained for service, and educated for Heaven.

NAS Christmas Program

A special thank you to Mrs. Daphne Kent for all of her hard work each year with our students! Under her direction, the students always do a great job.

Kindergarten

First & Second Graders

Fourth Graders

Seventh & Eighth Graders

See more pictures on our Facebook page.

Photos by Heidi Beardsley
Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School.

Ruby Red Grapefruit $27 p/case $13.50 half case
Florida Navel $32 p/case $16 half case
Honeybells/Minneolas $42 p/case $21 half case
Florida Seedless Mandarins $8 p/5 pound bag
Variety Pack $25 half case only

**Variety pack contains 32-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navels; Top layer 6 grapefruit, and 8 honeybells.**

ORDER DUE DATES

Jan 12 Ruby Red Grapefruit, Florida Navel, Honeybells/Minneolas, Variety Pack, Florida Seedless Mandarins
Feb 16 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navel, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, Florida Seedless Mandarins
Mar 23 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navel, Tangerines, Florida Spring Orange, California Mandarins

**Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order is placed.**

To place your order, please contact Nicole Koenigshof @ 269-362-1482 or nicream@yahoo.com. Or order online at www.goldenharvestsales.com, Account #7018.

Giving Tuesday – ADRA Fundraiser

In December, we raised $101 for the Adventist Development & Relief Agency! Students who brought in donations were allowed to wear screen printed shirts, a hat and/or Mr. J’s tie.

First graders participating in Giving Tuesday.
Photo by Linda Murphy

Upcoming NAS Events

Monday, January 6 - School Resumes
Tuesday, January 7 - Gift Card Orders Due
Sunday, January 12 - Citrus Orders Due
Monday, January 13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Noon Dismissal
Tuesday, January 14 - School Board, 7 p.m.
Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
Tuesday, January 21 - Gift Card Orders Due
Tuesday, January 21 - Science Fair Meeting
Saturday, January 25 - Kindergarten Music at Niles Westside
January Calendar of Events

1 Happy New Year!
4 Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
5 Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park) ........ 8 a.m.
   Adult Volleyball (gym). ............................. 7 p.m.
6-9 Pastor Darrel Away
6 School Resumes at NAS
   Adventurers (Curriculum - gym). .................... 6 p.m.
   Elders Meeting. .................................. 7 p.m.
8 Pathfinders (gym). ................................ 6:30 p.m.
11 Elder Don Livesay, Speaker ..................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
   Fellowship Lunch (gym). ........................... after 2nd svc
   Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor .................. 2:30 p.m.
   Games4Kids (gym). ................................. 6:30-8 p.m.
12 Citrus Fruit Orders Due
   Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park) ...... 8 a.m.
   Adult Volleyball (gym) .............................. 7 p.m.
13 Parent/Teacher Conferences at NAS - noon dismissal
   Adventurers (Curriculum - gym). ..................... 6 p.m.
   School Board Meeting (school) ...................... 7 p.m.
15 Pathfinders (gym). ................................ 6:30 p.m.
16 Beyond Books Club ................................ 3 p.m.
   Women’s Night Out (El Charro Feliz) .............. 5:30 p.m.
18 Communion - 1 service only ........................ 11 a.m.
   Eryca (Michaud) Nelson Concert Vespers ............ 7 p.m.
19 Newsletter Items Due
   Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park) ...... 8 a.m.
   Adult Volleyball (gym) .............................. 7 p.m.
20 Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School
21 Finance Committee Meeting ........................ 7 p.m.
22 Pathfinders (gym). ................................ 6:30 p.m.
25 Walt Williams, Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speakers 8:30 & 11 a.m.
   Talent Night (church and gym) ...................... 5:30 p.m.
26 Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park) ...... 8 a.m.
   Adventurer Swimming at AU
   Adult Volleyball (gym) .............................. 7 p.m.
   Adventurers (Award - gym). ........................ 6 p.m.
28 Church Board Meeting .............................. 7 p.m.
29 Pathfinders (gym). ................................ 6:30 p.m.
   Prayer Meeting. .......................... 7 p.m.

Jill Howell 1
Jesse Burns 2
Natalie Makumbe 3
Stanley Morse 4
Robert Detweiler 5
Floy Fralick 6
Regina Mack 7
Zachary le Roux 8
Eleanor Eager 9
Virginia Medina 10
Marilyn Sowder 11
Amber Franklin 12
Gary Hillebert 13
Vasity Manda 14
Justin Peak 15
Lorelie Lechner 16
Victoria Meekma 17
Lauren Bell 18
Cindy Hart 19
Crystal Robbins 20
Lauren Snell 21
Linda Timm 22
Elijah Villwock 23
Linda Bauer 24
Ann Meredith 25
Laura Nomnik 26
Beverly Mann 27
Holly Messner 28
Adelena Fagal 29
Melinda Morgan 30
Carol Benjamin 31
Caleb Chung 32

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Welcome 2014!

Services
First Worship Svc
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.
Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Second Worship Svc
Saturdays, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

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