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DO ANCIENT PROPHETS, POETS AND SONG WRITERS HAVE ANY LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT?

WHEN AND WHERE? 02/20/14 @ 7 PM
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YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE
YOLO
BUT IS THIS THE LIFE YOU SIGNED UP FOR?

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:
HOW DO I START OVER?
HOW DO I MAKE SENSE OF THIS WORLD?
WHY IS THERE SO MUCH SUFFERING?
AM I ALONE?
Blessed Horror

There is such a blessing in mourning. Mourning can be an expression of a protest that will not accept the presence of sin, however large or small. The things that are wrong, when felt in its horror at the cross, convulse the soul with weeping, thus preventing any embrace of sin, and indeed, at the cross, will repulse it for all eternity. The blessing of this “sin-horror-repulsing” moment comes with an understanding of what crushes the heart of God as seen through the agony of the cross. When there is no rest or relief until that which is a horror to God is removed from the soul, then weeping and mourning is turned to joy. The anguish has produced surrender, and surrender has not disappointed the horrified soul, for it meets the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

Yes, there is such a blessing in the understanding of the horror of sin and its total abandonment. Be blessed when you stand at the cross and become horrified at sin.

Pastor Darrel le Roux

Talent Night Winners

Sacred Talent - Most Uplifting: You Raise Me Up by Jay Cheong; Most Creative: Jesus Loves Me by Chloe Boothby, Emma Dockerty, Claire Hill, and Dan Minter [Sacred Talent winners not pictured]

Part II - Best Performance: National Anthem by Jalen Thomas & Kendra Jeremiah [pictured above left]; Most Unique: Bubblegum Mania by Hippler, Dockerty, Prouty Girls, & Kara Murphy [pictured above]; Audience Favorite: My Favorite Things by the Lemon Twisters (Martha Rentfro, Nicole Koenigshof, Terri Hebard, Denise Kidder, & Laurel Gaudin) [pictured left]

Photos by Pastor Darrel le Roux
Meet Our New Member

Kimberly Cruz
by Kimberly Cruz with Gina Meekma

Kimberly Cruz lives in South Bend with her mother, Ruth. Other members of her family include Al (dad), Kareema (sister), and Barry (brother-in-law). She moved to this area in August 2013 from Spokane, WA (where she lived for a cumulative of eight years) in order to be closer to family.

Initially, Kimberly chose to attend Niles Westside because of the number of members stated on a conference list of all Adventist churches in the area. When she visited the first Sabbath, she was impressed by the warm welcome she received right away. She wanted to be part of this church because it felt like home, and transferred her membership in November 2013.

Kimberly is pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in General Studies with a concentration in Human Services at Bethel College. She works as a Transporter in the Radiology Department at Memorial Hospital. She was trained to be a firefighter, and practiced as an EMT with the local fire department when she lived in Southern WA. She is also a certified horseback riding instructor; Executive Director for a small Christian movie production company; and is working toward the goal of one day opening a rescue ranch for abused, neglected, and abandoned horses and children. Kimberly wants to work with troubled youth to give them the life skills that they need to rise above their situations, and to give them the hope of Jesus Christ, not only to ensure their salvation, but also their success in life until that glorious day.

When she’s not working or in school, Kimberly loves to read, write, sing, ride horses, draw, listen to music, go camping, target shooting, hiking/walking, and go to the beach, along with many other hobbies. In 2011, she went skydiving for her birthday on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

Welcome to the Niles Westside Church family, Kimberly!

Are You Snowed In?
by Tami le Roux, Director

As some of you are aware, Adventurers was cancelled in January more than we actually met! Of the four Mondays in January, one was a holiday, and two were snow days! Even our swimming award was cancelled. That brings us to one meeting for the WHOLE month. At that meeting, we worked on our curriculum and then moved to the kids favorite time - family games! Pastor Darrel lead the families in games to get them moving and working together.

Whew . . . are you tired of the snow yet? Here are some fun things you can do with your kids indoors to bond, keep them busy and just while away the time.

- Build Lego stories. Tell a story using Legos or other small build-able toys and really use your imagination.
- Download school worksheets. You may not be popular for this one . . . BUT it may help your child’s grades, and you may get a better insight as to what your child struggles with.
- Use SpellingCity.com. Go over the spelling words now, give your child a head-start on them. Besides, they think it’s a game to get 100%, at least mine do. ☺
- Build forts. Use blankets and pillows to make a fort in your living room, and let the kids use this area in a way that does not require screen time.

Enjoy your snow days as a special bonding day with your child. If you work, make that time after you pick them up extra special with some of these ideas.

Make a memory today, it’s the only day you have to make one!

Thank you for your donations to the Pregnancy Care Center!
- Terri Hebard and Jennifer Smith

Photo Provided by Kimberly Cruz

February 2014 Niles Westside News
Pathfinder Dinner under the Stars:
A Night in the Hanging Gardens
by April Hughes

The Pathfinders are very excited to host this year’s Dinner under the Stars fundraiser: “A Night in the Hanging Gardens.” This year the dinner will be very different from past years. For starters, we are changing the evening to include entertainment. As a result, we are asking that everyone arrive between 4:45-5 p.m., to be seated. Attendees will enjoy a buffet of Mediterranean cuisine, salad bar, and dessert. Vegan, gluten free, and American options will also be available. Then, sit back and enjoy the show. We will be featuring a video about the International Pathfinder Camporee, personal testimonies, and more. Secondly, this year the dinner will be free of charge. We are accepting donations to support our trip to the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee this August.

The International Pathfinder Camporee is a life changing experience. This gathering only happens every five years, and Pathfinders attend from around the world. This year the theme, “Forever Faithful,” will focus on the life of Daniel. It is the inspiration for our dinner theme. We are stepping out in faith that God will bless our fundraising efforts with this dinner so that we will raise the rest of the necessary funds to attend the Camporee this year. We are praying that it will be a blessing to our church and community, and that everyone will witness some of the many blessings that God has bestowed on our club.

We look forward to seeing you at this year’s dinner at 5 p.m., on Sunday, March 2, at the Niles Adventist School gym. Once again, the dinner is free of charge. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. We will not be making individual phone calls to church members this year. However, to prepare the proper amount of food, we would appreciate it if interested guests would RSVP by February 23 by calling Janessa Howell at 269-240-7112, or April Hughes at 269-462-1662, or RSVP via email: niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com.
Chocolate Extravaganza & Silent Auction
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Niles Adventist School Gym
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ticket Reservations: Call 269-683-5444 or on our web site at www.nilesadventistschool.org

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

This event will raise funds for new playground equipment and a wireless microphone system for the school. Come sample a variety of chocolates, enjoy the music by Jasmine Good and Maggie Martin, and bid on your favorite items from businesses in the area. Popular items include memberships to local parks; night’s stay at a B & B; and restaurant certificates, as well as some larger items. See our web site for details.

Since we’ve gotten so much snow this year (and had seven snow days already), it’s a good thing that NAS students enjoy the snow and sledding on the hill behind the school!

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
California Navels $35 p/case $17.50 half case
Tangerines $30 p/case $15 half case
Temple Oranges $30 p/case $15 half case
California Mandarins

ORDER DUE DATES
Feb 16 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, California Mandarins
Mar 23 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Florida Spring Oranges, California Mandarins [if we have enough orders]

**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.

Michiana Jones and Adventures in Reading by Jenn Cook

Have you heard? Michiana Jones is hosting our NAS Family Reading Night! Who is Michiana Jones, you ask? Well, you’ll just have to come and see! Do you like adventure, mystery, and intrigue? Then come on out to this year’s NAS Family Reading Night, dressed in your most rugged outdoor camping and hiking gear for a fun evening of stories at Michiana Jones’ camp. And don’t forget to stop by the Book Swap to get all set for National Reading Month. NAS Family Reading Night is Tuesday, February 25, starting promptly at 6 p.m. and ending at 7:30.

NAS February Calendar

Tuesday, February 4 - Gift Card Orders Due

Sunday, February 9 - Chocolate Extravaganza & Silent Auction, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

February 9-12 - 8th Grade Bible Camp at Camp Au Sable

Tuesday, February 11 - School Board, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 16 - Citrus Orders Due

Monday, February 17 - President’s Day - No School

Tuesday, February 18 - Gift Card Orders Due

Wednesday, February 19 - Tubing at Five Pines

Saturday, February 22 - 1st & 2nd Grades Music at Niles Westside

Tuesday, February 25 - Family Reading Night, 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 - Science Fair, 4-7 p.m.

Come Grow with Us!
Prospective Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 6 p.m. at NAS. Please RSVP.
February Calendar of Events

1. Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker. ..................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
2. Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park). .... 8 a.m.
3. Super Bowl - Men's Ministries (NAS). ............. 5:30 p.m.
4. Adventurers (Curriculum - gym). .................. 6 p.m.
5. Elders Meeting. .................................... 7 p.m.
6. Pathfinders (gym). .................................. 6:30 p.m.
7. Praise Prayer Meeting (Niles Philadelphia). .... 7 p.m.
8. Women's Bible Study. ................................. 2 p.m.
9. Beyond Books Club. .................................. 3 p.m.
10. Choir Practice. ...................................... 7 p.m.
11. Jared Browne, Speaker. .............................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
12. Sunrise Band at Riveridge Manor. ................. 2:30 p.m.
13. Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park). ... 8 a.m.
14. Chocolate Extravaganza & Silent Auction (gym)... 6:30 p.m.
15. Adventurers (Curriculum - gym). .................. 6 p.m.
16. School Board Meeting (school). .................... 7 p.m.
17. Pathfinders (gym). .................................. 6:30 p.m.
18. Prayer Meeting. ...................................... 7 p.m.
19. Women's Bible Study. ................................. 2 p.m.
20. Choir Practice. ...................................... 7 p.m.
21. Jared Browne, Speaker. .............................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
22. CareNet Donations Collection
    Fellowship Lunch (gym). ......................... after 2nd svc
    Sledding & Games Social (gym). ............... 6:30 p.m.
23. Citrus Fruit Orders Due
    Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park). ... 8 a.m.
    Zama Baby Shower (Kidder's Home). ............ 1 p.m.
    Adult Volleyball (gym). ............................ 7 p.m.
24. President's Day - No School
25. Finance Committee Meeting. ....................... 7 p.m.
26. Life Line Stroke Screening
    Pathfinders (gym). ................................ 6:30 p.m.
    Prayer Meeting. ................................... 7 p.m.
27. Women's Bible Study. ................................. 2 p.m.
    Beyond Books Club. ................................ 3 p.m.
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29. Music by NAS 1st & 2nd Graders. ................ 2nd svc
    YOLO Seminar (gym). ............................... 7 p.m.
30. Newsletter Items Due
    Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park). ... 8 a.m.
    Adventurer Swimming (AU). ....................... 9:45 a.m.
    Adult Volleyball (gym). ............................ 7 p.m.
31. Adventurers (Award - gym). ........................ 6 p.m.
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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 1 Corinthians 13:4

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.