Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2014
9 - 11:45 a.m.
Ages 4-12 (grade 6)

Please preregister ASAP at www.nileswestside.org/vbs!

Email secretary@nileswestside.org or leave a message at 269-683-5998 to volunteer or for more information.
Winning is Everything!

Don’t let anyone tell you that winning is not important. It is the most important experience that a true Christian can ever know. It’s not the winner-puffed-pride and arrogance of worldly success, but the humble victory of conquering the world itself. It’s not a supposed victory between spouses fighting (who really wins any fighting at home?), nor is it winning the business bid, nor even having a moment of triumph when looking at your red-faced enemy.

It’s the victory over self, selfishness and self-centeredness that is the greatest battle to fight and most precious victory to gain. It’s the triumph that only comes from selfless-surrender to the exclusive-victorious power in this war: God Himself.

Whether we want to or not, every human being is involved in an eternal war of life and death where winning or losing is literally everything! This is what John, the beloved, writes in 1 John 5 in the following verses: “4. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. 12. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.”

Then, with the apostle Paul, let us “Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses” (starting with your family witnessing it) and at the end of our fighting say “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.” 1 Timothy 6:12 & 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

Winning is everything. Fight on the side that has never lost a battle!

Be joyfully blessed,

Pastor Darrel le Roux

Swimming for Club Members Only

Thursday, July 24, from 3-4:30 p.m. Bring a little bag of snacks to share, sun screen, and a towel. If you do not swim, then you must bring a life jacket or other water safety device. Everyone will meet at Sheila Patterson’s house in Berrien Springs. We plan to have lots of fun—please come!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 7, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the church.

The Lord's Library

What we really need right now is about five ladies who can sew a straight stitch! On their birthday, every youth member of the library receives a book bag. I have no one to help me make them this year. If you have a sewing machine and are willing to donate about three hours of your time, we could make this happen.

We are also collecting a plain broadcloth type of material to make the book bags with, so now you have a reason to let it go. We only need one yard to make four book bags. Call me at 269-641-7080 or 574-596-1294, and we will figure out a time to get together.
Meet Our Members

Frank & Marilyn McCalment
by Carol Minter

Frank & Marilyn McCalment were members of the Muskegon, Michigan, Seventh-day Adventist Church for fifty-four years before they transferred to Niles Westside in November 2010.

Marilyn was born and raised in Hart, Michigan, where her family attended the Methodist church. She then moved to Muskegon to attend business college.

Frank was born and raised in Veedersburg, Indiana. His family moved to Petoskey, Michigan, and joined the Adventist church when he was a teenager. As a young man, Frank enlisted in the Navy. One of his most memorable events happened when his ship, the USS August (heavy cruiser) was part of D-day on June 6, 1944. When he looked across the water that morning, he thought that it might be his last day, as it was for so many young men. After an honorable discharge, Frank attended Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) on the GI Bill. He later moved to Muskegon and also attended business college.

Frank & Marilyn met in Muskegon, married and raised their family of two girls there. Together they built two homes. When Frank wanted to attend the Adventist church, Marilyn started walking to the library to research and learn about the Seventh-day Adventists before joining the church. Many weekends would find them camping and hiking in Ludington with their family. Frank enjoyed tennis, bicycling, gardening, and driving his John Deere lawn mower. Marilyn enjoys gardening, flowers, knitting, and many crafts. They both still walk almost every day.

The McCalments were both active in the church, serving as deacon, elder, deaconess, lay activities leader, school board member, and in children’s Sabbath School classes. Frank worked for Shaw Walker in Muskegon for thirty-one years. Marilyn worked as an administrative assistant to the school superintendent for twelve years, and as office manager for Anesthesia Associates for eighteen years. After they retired, they spent winters in Sun City, Arizona, for fifteen years. Marilyn joined many of the church ladies at the community center, making quilts there. Many friends were made there, and they still keep in touch.

They moved to South Bend four years ago to be closer to their daughters. One daughter, Cheryl Bishop, lives in Berrien Springs. Their other daughter, Carol (and Dan) Minter, are members of Niles Westside. They have four grandsons (two are in the military), one granddaughter (Amanda Boothby), and six great-grandchildren.

We’re glad your part of the Niles Westside Church family, Frank & Marilyn!

Enjoy Your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it’s easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would’ve been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus His life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (NRSV).

We’re no longer bound by sin and death. That “independence” is worth celebrating every day!
Looking for a way to have family time, yet don’t know what to do or don’t have the time to put in to make it special? We can help you with that!

In today’s world, where technology and communication rely on a screen or box, we lack time to connect as families, parents (sometimes grandparents) and children, to build memories and create bonds that don’t involve a screen. The Niles Caterpillar Adventurers are happy to say that we are able to provide a time and place for you to come and connect, play, learn, create and bond with your child or children and other families too. A time and place where everything is ready for you—the materials and tools your child and you will need for the night—all you need to do is show up!

Adventurers is for families with children age 4 (or Pre-K) through 4th grade. Any child can attend if a parent is present, creating a special time for you both. The child will go through some nights of curriculum learning, where Bible themes, social courtesy, and crafts are taught, and on other nights we focus on special awards (most with crafts too) by guest teachers.

We have Little Lambs for Pre-K, Eager Beavers for Kindergartners, Busy Bees for 1st graders, Sunbeams for 2nd graders, Builders for 3rd graders, and Helping Hands for 4th graders. The entire curriculum is provided, as well as the craft materials.

For the families that need a break, we offer the option of doing the curriculum at home and coming to club meetings only for Award nights. This is about one or two times a month, so we can always offer you an option for fun memory-making family nights!

We do like to include our families, and offer a worship time, where parents can lead out and share how they do worship at home; awards that they are interested in teaching; and special functions like our Christmas Party, where we have a meal and play games together. These all add to a special family time together.

Starting on August 25, join us on Monday nights from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Niles Adventist School gym. We look forward to having your family with us.

We are holding registration during the school’s registration: Monday, August 18, from 4-6 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Tami le Roux (269-425-2161 or nwcaterpillars@gmail.com).

Pathfinder Fair Fun and Summer Events

by April Hughes, Deputy Director

We will begin meeting on Wednesday nights again beginning July 9. Meetings will be more informal than during the regular year. We will be focusing only on earning honors such as Geocaching. Pathfinders are allowed to wear shorts at the summer meetings; shorts must be no shorter than one inch above your knee.

We look forward to seeing new and returning Pathfinders this summer. Please see the schedule at a glance or contact Janessa Howell for more information.

**Summer Schedule at a Glance**

- **Wednesday, July 9:** Oshkosh Camporee Chaperone Meeting, 6 p.m., MANDATORY, NAS
- **Wednesday, July 9:** Club Honor Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., NAS
- **Sunday, July 13:** Car Wash Fundraiser, 1-4 p.m., Walgreen’s, Niles
- **Wednesday, July 16:** Club Honor Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., NAS
- **Wednesday, July 23:** Club Honor Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., NAS
- **Wednesday, July 30:** Club Honor Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., NAS
- **Wednesday, August 6:** Final International Camporee Info Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NAS
- **August 11-17:** Forever Faithful International Camporee, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

We want to give a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support throughout the year! The club is blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Questions? Please contact Pathfinder Director, Janessa Howell at 269-240-7112 or via email: niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com.

Niles Westside News
We love seeing the familiar faces of those who are members of the library— it fills our hearts with joy! However, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to some of you who are new members and are not acquainted with our library. It’s located in the foyer of the church. We invite you to come and browse our shelves, which are filled with books of many subjects and for every age group. We also have hundreds of DVDs that will complete your Sabbath worship or entertain you during the week. Perhaps you would like to borrow a DVD for your loved one or a neighbor who can’t leave home. Do you have grandchildren that would benefit from our library? We have many DVDs for youth that are biblical-based, character building stories, or about animals. Check it out!

New to the Library

- The Emancipation of Robert Sadler is a true story of a twentieth-century plantation slave. He was sold into slavery at the age of five by his own father. This book is about his journey for freedom, and he vowed to tell it like it really happened despite the fact that it had happened fifty years before. This is a story of his life of ministry and good triumphing over evil.

- Dr. Joseph Kidder has written a book titled Majesty, and it’s very informative about experiencing authentic worship principles that will guide you into a genuine worship experience with God.

- For the youth, we have four exciting historical adventures of the Liberty’s Kids on DVD.

- In our Junior division at the library, we have a series of books called Jungle Doctor to the Rescue, written by Paul White. These stories are filled exciting adventures he had in Mvumi, Africa, while healing patients, and other thrilling and funny adventures.

- In the Primary Junior division of the library, we have a series called In Grandma's Attic. These are true stories about a little girl, Arletta Richardson (the author), who found interesting items in her grandma’s attic. These items would create many stories of lessons Grandma had learned as a child.

Church Family News

- Welcome New Members!
  - Waverly & Cindy Tyson from Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI
  - Jamie Zindoga from Village Adventist Church, Berrien Springs, MI

- Farewell to Our Member:
  - Roger Edington to Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI

- Our Sympathy to the following people. Please keep them in your prayers.
  - Family of Mattie Smith. Mattie passed away on June 11. She had just recently joined us and was at peace after finally embracing the Sabbath she had so longed to keep with her Seventh-day Adventist family.
  - Alma Carlsen & Family. Her sister, Flora Dodson, passed away in June.
  - Sylvia Budd & Family. Her mother passed away in June.
  - Tammy & Mike Kocsis Family. Her stepfather in Washington recently passed away.

- Baptism: Nathan Reitz will be baptized on Sabbath, July 12, at 5 p.m. at Warren Dunes State Park (meet at the furthest side of the parking lots on the right, facing the beach, and we will walk up the beach to a quiet spot for the baptism). A light fellowship meal is planned for afterward, so please bring a dish to pass. For more information, please contact Pastor Darrel.

- Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, July 19, after second service at the park on Rangeline Drive in Berrien Springs. Note that this is the third Sabbath of the month.

- Women’s Brunch: Sunday, July 20, at 10 a.m. at IHOP in Mishawaka. Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (269-782-8567 or kadockerty@yahoo.com).

- Beach Vespers Social: Friday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan (off of Red Arrow Hwy). Feel free to come earlier. Bring your own picnic supper, chairs/blanket, towels, swim gear, and anything else that you want/need at the beach. Invite your friends!
Mrs. Melanie Taylor – New PM Teacher for Grades 6-8
by Melanie Taylor and Gina Meekma

Melanie, her husband, Doug (“Uncle Doug” to the kids at Niles Westside Adventist Church), Michael (age 9, third grade), and Ella (age 7, first grade) Taylor moved to Niles from Battle Creek, Michigan, in January 2010.

Born and raised in Michigan, Melanie went to Southern Adventist University for her undergraduate degree. She is about one-third of the way through a Master's degree from Andrews University. She has taught in a one-room school, grades 1-4, grades 5-6, and at a Sylvan Learning Center. In all, she has six years of classroom experience and ten years of children’s Sabbath School leadership.

Melanie’s hobbies and interests include biking, roller blading, hiking, playing LEGOs with her son and Barbies with her daughter, baking, sewing, and domestic diva-ing.

According to Melanie, interacting with kids is always a “hoot.” She loves getting kids excited about things that may seem boring initially. Watching kids grow in Christ melts her heart.

Melanie has seen God lead in her life time and time again, and she knows for certain that He called her to be a teacher. After a nine year child rearing interlude, she is excited to get back into the classroom. Teaching grades 6-8 in the afternoon is a perfect fit for her and her family. Math and Language Arts are two of her favorite subjects, and she believes that she can offer a strong program to her students.

Welcome to NAS, Mrs. Taylor!

From June 23-26, Mrs. Taylor taught a math workshop at NAS for five students in grades 6-8. The math-themed worships were followed by learning how to improve math skills and set goals. The students practiced multiplication and division, and reviewed several topics including fractions, decimals, geometry, order of operations, equations with variables, and word problems.
July Calendar of Events

2  Midweek Manna .......................... 6 p.m.
4  Independence Day
5  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .......................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
6  Sunday Sunup Runners/Walkers (Plym Park) ................. 8 a.m.
9  NO Adult Volleyball
12  Midweek Manna .......................... 6 p.m.
13  Pastor Bill Dudgeon, Speaker .......................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
14-18  VBS .................................. 9-11:45 a.m.
15  Finance Committee Meeting .......................... 7 p.m.
16  Midweek Manna .......................... 6 p.m.
19  Speaker TBA ................................ 8:30 a.m.
22  Church Board Meeting .......................... 7 p.m.
23  Midweek Manna .......................... 6 p.m.
24  Beyond Books Club (Patterson’s) .................... 3 p.m.
25  Beach Vespers Social (Warren Dunes) .................. 6 p.m.
26  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker .......................... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
27  Newsletter Items Due
29  School Board Meeting (school) .................... 7 p.m.
30  Midweek Manna .......................... 6 p.m.
  Pathfinders (NAS) ................................ 6:30 p.m.
31  Newsletter Items Due

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July Birthdays

Vida Welch 1  Harold Wamscher 19
Miranda Hawley 2  Crystal Wilson
Janice Rush 3  Jason Kidder
Frances Sheeley 4  James Ringler
Kelli Coffen 5  Charlotte Boomslieter
Olivia Constable 6  David Patterson
Tami le Roux 7  Bobbie Brelowski
Isaiah Detweiler 8  Dean Snow
Douglas Fattic 9  Brian Lucas
Bong Kim 10  Emily Lucas
Tami le Roux 11  Christopher Carlsen
Kalvin Koenigshof 12  Roddy Grove
Jarrod Brown 13  John Peterson
Isabela Constable 14  Nathaniel Chung
Barbara Fox 15  Christopher Coffen
Jared Koenigshof 16  Nadia Makumbe
Isabella Coffen 17  Tracy Richter
Jared Bayles 18  Stephanie Kidder
Roberta Moersch 19  Michael Ruedinger
Celeste Schumaker 20  Rett Fagal
David Irwin 21  Nathan Horvath
Gerry Yoder 22  Ella Taylor
Yanni Coffen 23  Mark Cook
Sheila Patterson 24  Geneva Lintz
Justin Luzadder 25  
Dustin Hamilton 26  

NAS Calendar

Tuesday, July 1 - Student Aid Applications Due
Tuesday, July 15 - Early Registration Fee Due (Save $25)
Tuesday, July 29 - School Board, 7 p.m.

Monday, August 18 -
Registration, 4-6 p.m.
Monday, August 18 - School Board, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 20 - First Day of School (noon dismissal)

Services

First Worship Svc
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.

Second Worship Svc
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Manna
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.