Read through the Bible in a Year

We invite you to join us this year as we read through the Bible. There are a number of Bible Reading Plans that could suit you, including electronically designed plans that can be accessed on any smart phone or computer-like device through the free YouVersion app/web site. If you don’t have access to an electronic format, we can give you a hard copy of a reading plan. Please contact the church office, Pastor Darrel, or Sue Fattic for this. Be spiritually blessed as you immerse yourself into God’s word this year. (Some of the YouVersion Bibles can be listened to on Audio recorded Bibles for those struggling to get through all the reading.) Plan on drinking from the source itself. Read God’s Word throughout this year!

Drink from the Source: On Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m., we will share the insights we’ve received from our Bible reading. Journey with us each week as we discover how awesome our God is through reading the Bible this year.
All scripture is inspired by God! (2 Timothy 3:16)
The ancient Greek word for “inspire” literally means, “God-breathed.” This picture of “God breathing” the first time happened when God breathed into Adam’s nostrils the breath of life. When that breath entered Adam, the awesome transformation of dirt (ground) to God’s image was complete as Adam became a living soul. So our souls too can be transformed from death to life as this “God-breathed” experience awakens us through the living Word of God. (John. 5:39)

There is not a scripture that does not have inspiration that can speak to our human desires that need to be aligned with God. The variety of scriptures speak to the variety of people seeking to be inspired. Literally, God wants to breathe Himself into our lives through His inspired word. When God breathes on something, it comes alive because only He has life within Himself. Do we want to be alive? Then we need to have God breathe into our souls. This does not come naturally to our humanity, but it comes through persevering humility.

Every God-breathed scripture is designed to imprint Himself into our lives. The Holy Bible is just that, Holy, as it has to do with the will of God to transform us into His likeness. God-breathed scripture is on of God’s most powerfully chosen methods to disclose Himself. To have this breath in our souls, we need to be connected with the source of life itself, and thus we may ask as we read the God-breathed words: “What does this tell me about God?” Too much time is spent studying others’ works of their discoveries of who God is, rather than going to the source ourselves. Breathe His presence as you personally drink directly from the source this year! Read through the Bible in One Year!

Meet Our New Members

Steve & Kari Prouty
by Kari Prouty with Gina Meekma

Kari, Steve, Isabel (Izzi - 5), Cecilia (Lia - 2); William (Liam - 2) Prouty live in Niles. They moved to this area almost four years ago from Lodi, CA, but have spent most of their married life in southwestern Michigan.

One reason that the Proutys decided to join Niles Westside is that they have family who are also members--Alex & Marga Prouty, and Becca & Brendan Cross, and their respective children. Kari and Steve also really appreciate the opportunities that Niles has given both of them to use their talents to help out. It makes a difference to feel needed, and they are glad to be included.

At Niles Westside, Steve has enjoyed being involved in VBS, and Kari loves the chance to teach in all forms--preaching and teaching are her favorite things! She also loves telling Bible stories in Cradle Roll. Steve works with his brothers at Ultra Camp. Kari taught art at Niles Adventist School a few years ago, and she occasionally substitute teaches at NAS.

The Prouty’s primary interest, as a family, is the pursuit of enough sleep for everybody. They are getting closer to an age where they will have a little more time to explore other interests, but for now sleep training is their thing.

Steve and Kari just celebrated their twelfth anniversary. They met fifteen years ago in the impressions drama group at Andrews University.

We’re glad that you’re part of the Niles Westside Church family, Steve, Kari, Izzi, Lia, and Liam!

January & February 2015
Formerly Known as Beyond Books Club by Phyllis Shupp, Church Librarian

We are having so much fun! Every month brings about new experiences. We love spending time in sharing our concerns, our prayer requests, and praises to God. Once a month, Steve Prouty tells us very interesting historical stories with lots of details. In December, the kids chose to make either foam or felt ornaments, decorating them with rhinestones, pearls, pom poms, glitter and a variety of other decorations.

Miss Phyllis, Miss Lauretta, Miss Alma, and Miss Jessica are planning our different events for the year, what crafts we will be doing, and what we need to do to have FUN! As always, bring your ideas, smiles and giggles, and get ready for a fun-filled year. If you haven’t joined and would like to, ask us at the library on Sabbath or contact Phyllis Shupp 269-641-7080 to sign up. For ages 8-12.

Recently, the club members decided to change the club name from Beyond Books to Faith Under Construction. They came up with many options, but the leaders felt that this was the best one.

Our January and February meeting dates are Thursdays, January 15, February 5, and 19, from 3-4:30 p.m.

Every month, children will qualify for a book bag from the library. Denise Scroggs and Helen Krall volunteered to make our book bags this year, which are very nicely done! We owe birthday book bags to the following children: Caleb Chung, Owen Cook, Adéléna Fagal, Zachary le Roux, and Havana Pagaja. Please pick them up from the check out desk at the library. A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

Notice - For library members to qualify for the ornaments or book bags from the library:
1. You can’t have any overdue books.
2. You can’t owe any monies for damaged books.
3. Check out books or DVDs at least once a month.

Our staff is dedicated to making the library a fun place to visit. We like to encourage our young members, ages 12 and under, to be responsible for returning their books and DVDs on time. When they return their items on time, they receive a sticker, which qualifies them to pick out a small little “gift.”

Before Christmas, Ramona Bibi and I designed and assembled a Christmas ornament as a keepsake for the members who are 16 and under. Each ornament depicts a story from the Bible, the verse where it can be found, and the date it was made. Next Christmas will be our fifth year making them. You will know if you qualify if you receive a card from us in December 2015.

Now, for the good part! Below are some new books and DVDs on the shelves and a little information on each, so that you can make a decision on which one you would like to check out this Sabbath.

- For the Primary age group, we have two new books by Wanda E. Brunstetter: It’s a Case of Green Fever, a lesson that being envious and jealous of what others have is not the way to be content with life; and Big Bubble Troubles, where Mattie and Mark seem concerned about their feelings of uneasiness and uncertainty until they learn to give their worries to God. These two books come from the Double Trouble series.

- Guide’s Greatest Funny Stories has just come in! Juniors/Teens are sure to enjoy this book compiled of thirty stories. It contains stories full of humor in everyday settings. Practical jokes played, falling on a ski slope, and someone losing their shorts are just a few of the playful antics in this book. It holds both laughs and lessons!

- Gloria J. Bell, Ph.D., is the author of Help for the Harvest. This book is an ultimate training guide for Bible workers. She guides the reader through every stage of teaching the community to achieve greater success at soul-winning. She teaches how to get conversations started; incorporate prayer into your ministry; help people feel relaxed and accepted; how to respond to disagreements and common objections; and much more.

- Joe Wheeler, Ph.D., is the author of Soldier Stories. He chronicles stories of soldiers who endured the shock of war and whose spirits triumphed over it. These true accounts of those who have risen to the challenge will inspire you no matter what obstacles you may face.

If you are a member of the Niles Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church, then we encourage you to sign up at our library in the foyer of the church. We are open from right after Sabbath School until 11:30 a.m. We would love to see you!
Is Sabbath Your Happy Day?
by Tami le Roux, Director

Are you stressed every Friday? Do you find the sun setting before you are ready for the Sabbath? Do you feel frazzled and worn out before the Sabbath even begins? Do your kids find Sabbath “boring?” Would you like to make the Sabbath easier for you and your family? Would you like to reclaim the Sabbath’s joy and peace, to have the Sabbath be a delight?

We invite you to come to a special Sabbath event on February 21. Pastor Craig Harris will speak for first and second services. Our Adventurers will lead out with song service, greeting, and reading the scriptures. After second service, we will have a potluck as well, and we hope that you will come and share with us. But none of this really helps you plan for your Sabbath, right?

That Sabbath afternoon at 3 p.m., we are going to have an award that ALL of you can participate in--The Delightful Sabbath Award! In this award, we will be going over what the Bible says about the Sabbath, talk about how we can prepare for Sabbath, do a craft that helps us to welcome Sabbath, and we will be making a special box to put all our Sabbath special things in. This Award will be fun for your family as well as a great Sabbath afternoon activity. Bring your special Sabbath things and join us as we earn the Delightful Sabbath Award.

You may be wondering what you can do to get ready for this wonderful Sabbath. Here is a list of things you can bring to make the award time more meaningful for your family:

1. Bible, yours and your child’s.
2. Sabbath games and puzzles.
3. A large shoe or boot box.
4. A heart that is ready to have fun and learn.

We are praying that each of you will attend on Sabbath, February 21, as we learn how to better welcome and celebrate the Sabbath.

Cookies-in-a-Jar
by April Hughes, Deputy Director

Our club has cookies-in-a-jar for sale! Purchase chocolate chip or chocolate candy cookie mixes for you or a loved one. This project fulfills one of the last requirements of the business honor that the club has been working on since November. The club members voted on a product to create and sell. For price information or to place an order, please contact Director Janessa Howell at 269-240-7112 or email us at niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars
Pathfinder Dinner Under the Stars - Sunday, March 29

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. If you would like to pray for club members by name, a list is available from Janessa. We are currently looking for adult volunteers that would be interested in helping us at Wednesday night meetings. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Janessa (information above).
AA Mission Trip
by Amber Benjamin

I recently traveled to the Dominican Republic on a twelve-day mission trip through my school, Andrews Academy. It was a life-changing experience seeing the need in others and how little they had, but how happy they were. We went there to build a church for a congregation that was meeting in a rented facility. We also put on a VBS for the children, and some of the students preached at evening meetings. There were also opportunities to go shopping and do some sightseeing. I really enjoyed being able to get to know the local people and experience a new culture.
**NAS Family Reading Night**

Thursday, January 29, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the gym

Those with school-age and/or soon-to-be school-age children are welcome to join us for this evening of reading fun! The theme is *Snowed In*. Wear your PJs, bring a pillow, and join us for hot chocolate and other fun activities, including a book swap.

Thank you for supporting NAS by turning in Box Tops for Education, as well as Labels for Education, and Spartan brand bar codes. We recently received $553 from Box Tops!

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**Sunday, February 8, 2015, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Niles Adventist School, 110 N Fairview Ave, Niles, MI 49120

**Ticket Reservations:** 269-683-5444 or www.NilesAdventistSchool.org

Save by reserving tickets! $8 in advance, $10 at the door.

*NO childcare provided. Children must have their own ticket to attend.*

Funds raised will be used to support our teachers’ wish lists.

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*New Science Equipment*

*Photo by Staci Fagal*

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*4th & 5th Graders*  
*Photo by Lauren Snell*
Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School.

Ruby Red Grapefruit $32 p/case $16 half
California Navels $36 p/case $18 half
Temple Oranges $32 p/case $16 half
Tangerines $25 half
California Mandarins $9 p/5 lb bag

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Feb 9 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, California Mandarins

Mar 16 if enough orders: Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Florida Spring Orange, California Mandarins

*** Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order due date, at NAS. ***

To place your order, please contact Gina Meekma (secretary@nilesadventistschool.org, 269-683-5444 or 269-845-8870). Or order online at www.goldenharvestsales.com, Account #7018.
Salt, when dissolved in water, may disappear, but it does not cease to exist. We can be sure of its presence by tasting the water. Likewise, the indwelling Christ, though unseen, will be made evident to others from the love which He imparts to us.

—Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889-1929), India’s most famous convert to Christianity