Come experience the person, presence and power of Jesus Christ in your lives, homes, and communities. This series, presented by Pastor Darrel, will focus on being so spiritually connected to Jesus that transformation takes place in our lives. This series starts in the school gym on Friday evening, April 10, and it will be every Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. through April 25. See this event on our church Facebook page, and share it with your friends and family! Fliers are available to give out also.
Living Jesus

How alive is Jesus Christ?

The Person, Presence and Power of Jesus Christ are all in question if He’s not alive. Many know the historic person of Jesus Christ. Many desire His presence, and everyone wants His power. Yet one of the greatest evidences that Jesus is alive is when we “Live Jesus Christ” through our lives. John implied this when he said, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.” (1 John 1:1)

It was not just a matter of personally knowing Him that John was interested in, but also a personal expression of a fellowship with Him that gave evidence that Jesus was alive. John’s power to endure persecution, isolation, and prison was because he was living Jesus. As John continued to write, “… and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3) When you have that kind of fellowship with Jesus Christ, you know that He is not only living, but He is living in and through you. What a powerfully personal experience is ours today, as we witness that Jesus is alive, because we are Living Jesus!

Meet Our New Members

Yensho Family
by Anke Pagaja with Lori Yensho

The Niles Westside Adventist Church is very richly blessed. One of the many blessings that we as a church enjoy is the addition of new members to our congregation. The Yensho family was strongly encouraged by several people to come and visit our church. One of the many recommendations included our great emphasis on the school and how much time, energy and resources we invest in the children of this church. We would like to warmly welcome the Yensho family to Niles Westside Church!

Brad and Lori, as well as Benjamin (19 months old), have been worshiping with us for quite a while now, and you may have seen all three of them in Cradle Roll. Brad does play the piano at times and has previously served as a deacon. Lori helps out in the Cradle Roll, and both have previously helped out with music ministries.

The Yensho family is originally from Central Indiana. They ended up in this area from Erie, Pennsylvania, where Brad attended nurse anesthetist school to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). They have been in this area since May of last year. Brad currently works at Elkhart General Hospital as a Nurse Anesthetist. Lori is a Registered Nurse and also attended photography school before they started a family. Lori is currently a stay-at-home mom to Ben. The Yenshos live in Granger, Indiana.

Brad and Lori have been married for more than seven years. They met as teenagers in Indiana at Bible/ski camp at Timber Ridge. As a family, they enjoy traveling, playing games and getting outside if the weather is nice.

The Yensho family has appreciated the welcoming spirit that our congregation has shown them. They want everyone to know that their doors are always open, and they really do look forward to getting to know everyone better. When you see them around, let them know how much you enjoy having them as part of our church family.

We’re glad that you’re part of the Niles Westside Church family, Brad, Lori and Ben!
Formerly Known as Beyond Books Club
by Phyllis Shupp, Church Librarian

Has anyone turned eight years old this month? If you have, that qualifies you to join the club take part in all the activities, and we are an active group! So, please consider joining. See Phyllis Shupp, Lauretta Mann, or Alma Carlsen to sign up. After signing up, it’s just fun, fun, fun!

We are a needy bunch, so we are asking for audience participation! If you have any OLD house, office, or car keys that you are willing to give away, please give them to any of the three names listed above. We are going to make wind chimes with them. Spring is coming, and they will sound lovely in the breeze. We also would like to ask you to bring us any 42 oz. oatmeal cardboard canisters that you may have. We will be collecting these for a few months.

I would like to remind each club member who HAS NOT brought your white T-shirt, please do so by April 2. There is no meeting planned for March 19 because of Spring Break. Remember our club meetings are usually the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Our new members this month are Zachary le Roux and Kate Hill. We are so happy you are with us, Kate and Zachary! Steve Prouty will tell us a story on April 2. I wonder what kind of adventure he will have for us this time? Miss Alma will be fixin’ up something to eat too. See you soon!

Our March and April meeting dates are Thursdays, March 5, April 2, and 16, from 3-4:30 p.m.

We have a great selection in our library! Check these books out:

- **Tale of the Three Trees** is a folk tale of three trees that stood on a mountaintop and dreamed of what they wanted to become. For ages 3-5

- **The Cure for the Last Daze** by Karl Haffner is for those of you who desire a working understanding of the events leading up Christ’s soon coming. It uses easy-to-understand applications to clear away the prophetic fog.

- **100 Creative Worship Ideas for Busy Families** is written by Karen Holford. With each family member having different schedules, it’s hard to find a specific time that everyone can come together for daily family worship. She gives guidelines on how to help your child grow spiritually and how to enjoy great family worship.

- For the Kindergarten/Primary ages we have the series *Alice, an Adventist Girl*. Follow Alice in her adventures or sorrows and surprises. Taking rides in bumpy rickshaws, getting mysterious notes and sailing to China are just a few of the interesting stories that are told in these four volumes.

- **Born Yesterday** is a true story about a young girl who was raised in Tennessee by a father with extreme religious views. Separated from society, living in harsh conditions, without modern conveniences, they awaited the end of the world. At 16, she was forced to face the world and found herself struggling to adjust to an unsheltered life. This is an amazing story of how she received her education culminating in a PhD. She is now the chair of the Communication Department at Andrews University.

- In our parenting section, we have *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey. These habits are based on powerful principles such as responsibility, vision, teamwork, respect, and balance.

- Seth J. Pierce is the author of *What We Believe*. Written for our teens, this book is a Christ-centered approach to Revelation that is heart-warming and faithful to scripture.

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!
Making Memories with the Adventurers

by Tami le Roux, Director

In February, our Niles Caterpillar Adventurers had a wonderful time participating in a Delightful Sabbath for the church. We had families doing greeting, praise team, offering, and special music. There were also a special lunch and a Delightful Sabbath award, both of which were open to the whole church! According to our Michigan Conference Associate Youth Director, Pastor Craig Harris, this type of Sabbath had never been done before – and it was a delightful success! He will be sharing our format with all the clubs in Michigan and encouraging them to hold a Delightful Adventurer Sabbath as well. We made some lovely memories on February 22, and encouraged families to purposefully make good family memories with their children – to make the Sabbath a Delight!

We finally got to go swimming at Andrews to complete our Adventurer Swimming awards – after moving the date three times because we were snowed out! God is good, and those that attended enjoyed swimming and showing how they have grown in ability and strength since last year.

We only have a few months left of the school year, and we will be making the most of the time left to complete a few awards and finish up our last bit of curriculum. Andrews University students are coming on March 30 to help us complete our Fitness and Gymnast awards. This is always an exciting and memorable day for the kids.

The next BIG date on our calendar is Investiture on Sabbath afternoon, May 9, when we will be getting all the award patches that we are working on so hard. Please put it on your calendar now. We would love for you to be there to support us!

If you have a child (age three through grade 4) who is interested in joining us, it’s not too late. We are happy to have your family join us for award nights and to make memories together with us. Just contact Tami le Roux (nwcaterpillars@gmail.com or 269-425-2161) for more information.

Pathfinder News

by April Hughes, Deputy Director

The Pathfinder Club has been busy with many different fun projects the last few months. In January, we put personal care kits together and donated them to Veteran’s Advocate Services. Club members also had a blast creating and/or performing a variety of skits during a fun-filled activity night. More recently, the group has started earning the endangered animals honor. Hands-on games and activities have really made this honor educational and fun. Some of our activities have included an environmental circle game (see the picture on page 8) and creating endangered animal bookmarks.

Now we are getting ready for our annual Dinner Under the Stars Fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, in the Niles Adventist School gym. Once again, the dinner is free of charge. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Enjoy a buffet of Caribbean-style cuisine including dessert. Vegan and gluten free options will also be available. Then sit back and enjoy the show. We will be featuring a video of interviews with our Pathfinder members, a funny camping skit, and more. All proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a new Pathfinder trailer to haul gear and equipment for camping trips.

For planning purposes, please call or email to RSVP (as far as possible) by Sunday, March 22. If you RSVP, please let us know if you are gluten and/or dairy free. Contact information is below.

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.
Church Family News

Welcome New Members!

Michelle Oliphant from Elkhart Adventist Church, Elkhart, IN

Jason & Jennifer Payne from Highland View Adventist Church, Hagerstown, MD

Douglas Adams from Village Adventist Church, Berrien Springs, MI

Victor & Violet Khaula from Kanjedza Adventist Church, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

Rashell Rogers from Asheville North Adventist Church, Asheville, NC

Farewell to Our Members:

Phyllis Bobelenyi to Buchanan Adventist Church, Buchanan, MI

Christine Blankenship to Southern Deaf Fellowship Adventist Church, McDonald, TN

Laurel Gaudin to Dowagiac Adventist Church, Dowagiac, MI

Nada Gaye Hutchinson to Highland View Adventist Church, Hagerstown, MD

Our Sympathy to Betty Pfeifle and family. Her son, Dan Pfeifle, recently passed away unexpectedly.

Virginia Cummings' son, Craig Cummings, also just passed away. Please keep both families in your prayers.

It's a Boy! Jonathan David "JD" Cross was born on February 11. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz., and was 20 ¾ inches long. Congratulations to Becca & Brendan, and big brothers Danny and Andy Cross! (Photo Provided by the Cross Family)

Health Ministries - A Better Way: You are invited to participate in our Health Ministry’s plans to improve your health and influence our community to better health through a “Better Way.” Some of the Health Ministry emphasis includes Natural Remedies, Fantastic Cooking Experiences, ongoing health inspirations, and more. For more information, contact Dr. John Chung. Please indicate which health focus you are interested in.

Israeli dancing with Doug Adams, Melody Edwards, and others at Talent Night, our January church social.

Daphne Kent, Naomi Joseph, and Hevanna Hippler performing at Talent Night. Photos by Kaoma Chende
Reflections from Teen Bible Camp
by NAS 8th Graders, Photo by Denise Kidder

- Teen Bible Camp was an excellent experience. The Pastor’s talk was very thought provoking. I felt drawn to Jesus, like I wanted to be more like Him, to get in the driver’s seat and then give it to Jesus, because only after I have been in the driver’s seat is it mine to give.

- At Bible Camp, the activities consisted of interacting with other groups in the athletic shed and various snow activities. I made many new friends from at least four different schools. Overall the entire experience was a worthwhile one, and the pastors had great messages, while making it a fun and enjoyable time.

- One of the best things about Teen Bible Camp was the spiritual aspect of it. One thing that I got to better understand is how sometimes in life, there are significantly great sacrifices that God may ask us to make, and it is our choice to determine whether we agree or not. Another spiritual aspect that personally got to me is that God has a plan for each and every one of us as human beings.

- I thought that Pastor Justin Kim was a very good speaker and kept me interested in what he was going to say next. I got to meet new people and make friendships that will hopefully last forever.
Countdown to Kindergarten: Prospective Kindergartners and their parent(s) are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 24, from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. Tour the classroom, meet the teacher (Mrs. Jenni Coffen), and ask questions, and the kids can play and make a craft to take home. Please RSVP to secretary@nilesadventistschool.org or 269-683-5444.

During Spring Spirit Week in early March, NAS students donated more than $80 for Bikes for Ukraine Pastors! They also drew Thank You pictures or signed cards for the mail carrier, and UPS and FedEx delivery people, as well as gave out healthy snack bags to them.

At the end of the week, everyone enjoyed going swimming at Andrews University’s pool.
Deborah Burlingame 1
Bruce Bauer 2
Lucy Jann
Kaoma Chende 3
Cecilia Prouty
William Prouty
Walter Quist 5
Gavin Zindoga
Tami McClellan 6
Lynn Bradford 8
Sungita Chung
Marga Prouty
Michael Robbins
David Scroggs
Colton Duis 10
Alexa Leonor
Richard Makungu
Dawn Safstrom
Alison Duis 12
Helen Krall
Christopher Ruedinger 13
Beautie Mondol 15
Rand Rusher
Roy Kingman 16
Laurel Gaudin 17

Michelle Oliphant 17
Tyler le Roux 18
Charles Bayles 19
Chioma Ejiofor
Patricia Klemm
Benjamin Paramiah
Andrea Thames
Aldar Nommik 21
Abbey Bredenkamp 22
Elizabeth Patterson
Jeanne Sorensen
Brina Irwin 23
Trisha Robertson
Timothy Taylor
Benjamin Panigot 24
Tamara Storie 25
Jennifer Constable 26
Ruth Miller
Bonnie Benner 28
Jesse Boomsmiter 29
Susan Ellis
Rashell Rogers
Donald Irwin 30
Sabrina Seigal
Jamison Bennett 31

Chandel Lawrence 1
Reilly Gaudin 2
Luis Leonor
Sandra Moore
Dorothy Quinones
Peter Shameerudeen
Robert Benjamin 3
Ryan Edwards
Victor Zubar
Isabel Prouty 4
Noah Villwock
Philip Ashton 6
Walt Williams
John Einhorn 7
Sara Herzberg
Amy Shameerudeen
Regina Tyson
Claire Hill 8
Michael Ringer
Carla Snow
Zachary Benjamin 9
Christopher Corzine 10
Daniel Dennis
Craig McClellan
Katie Reitz
Susan Hobson 11
Hope Janesheski
Zelma Tenhoopen
Sharon Constable 12
Timothy Dockerty
Jason Payne
Gil Bell 14
Kimberly Corzine

Dagmar Benner 15
Chad Bell 16
Frances Burton
Adam Fenner
Denise Kidder
Callie Carlsen 18
Evan Peak
Patricia Rusher
Todd Bell 19
Dan Minter
Lucile Wadsworth
Ashley Birth 20
Nicole Gray
Daphne Kent
Derek Wright
Thandanani Mangena 21
Lynn Merklin
Zachary Safstrom 22
Caleb Snow
Melody Edwards 23
Griffin Fagal
April Hughes 24
Kara Murphy
Danny Cross 25
Randall Mack
Glory Einhorn 27
Shantel Luzadder 28
Frank Riley
Kara Benavides 29
Elinor Peshka
Salina Smith
Florencia Tudor
La Vonde Velez 30

Pathfinder Environmental Circle Game

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