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Fire Damages Albert Conference Office, Leaving It Unusable

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Just after midnight at 12:18 on Tuesday morning, May 3, fire broke out in the offices of the Alberta Conference at 37541 Highway 2 in Red Deer County.

The fire department’s quick response to the alarm prevented the fire from entirely engulfing the building. The treasury and auditing departments were worst affected by the fire but the entire building was rendered unusable by smoke damage.
The cause of the fire remains unknown, but it is under investigation.

The directors and staff of the Alberta Conference are presently working out of the nearby Canadian University College and may be reached by the conference phone number.

“Prophecies Decoded” Speaker, Ron Clouzet, to Visit College Park Church

Dr. Ron Clouzet, Prophecies Decoded speaker, will visit College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church on May 20 and 21.

The purpose of his visit is to inspire and train members in the Durham region and beyond, to host the upcoming Prophecies Decoded series (http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/). The series, beginning on September 30, will seek to make clear what the Bible has to say about end times and reveal links between Bible prophecies and current events.

Dr. Clouzet will speak at College Park on Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sabbath afternoon, May 21, at 7 p.m. On Sunday, May 22, he will meet with pastors at Willowdale Church at 10:00 a.m.

It is anticipated that members from various churches in the GTA will attend the two presentations at College Park to learn how they can better prepare for their Prophecies Decoded event in September.

Dr. Clouzet is professor of Christian Ministry and Pastoral Theology at Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The College Park Church is located at 1164 King St East, Oshawa. For more information, contact office@collegeparkchurch.ca

Adventists Are Victims, Helping Others in Southern U.S. Tornadoes Wake

April 29, 2011 - Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Adventist Review News Roundup

Members and employees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the southern United States were not spared suffering during a day and night of violent tornadoes that swept through six states April 27. The North American Division reported late in the evening on April 30 that two church members in north-eastern Alabama and one in Apison, Tennessee are confirmed as fatalities; overall, at least 349 people have been reported as killed in the region, 250 of these in Alabama alone, according to the latest media reports.

"Two members of the Ownbey Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is located in Ider, Alabama, approximately 33 miles southeast of Chattanooga, and one member of the Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church in south-eastern Tennessee were killed during Wednesday's tornado outbreak," a North American Division statement indicated.

Also, one Seventh-day Adventist Church member in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was hospitalized following the tornado's devastation in that city. At least five members of the South Central Conference lost their homes in Tuscaloosa; several more members' homes have been reported damaged there. The tornado, which swept from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham, had an 80-mile track, winds as high as 165 miles-per-hour and was designated an EF-4, the second-highest rating, a report at the Huntsville Times Website indicated.

Church officials in the affected area are working with local and state emergency officials to assess the situation in their local communities and determining where our assistance will be most needed, but are experiencing difficulties caused by numerous downed trees blocking roads, limited electricity, and unreliable phone service.

A tornado destroyed the Piedmont, Alabama, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 29 miles east of Gadsden, Alabama, the North American Division said. No injuries were reported, however.

In Huntsville, Alabama, church-owned Oakwood University lost electricity, along with much of the northern Alabama city, and ended its semester early. Final exams were cancelled and the 2011 graduation is postponed until the end of May, school officials said. Several members' homes in the Huntsville area have been damaged or destroyed, reports indicate.
The Anderson Hills neighbourhood home of Dr. Leslie Pollard, Oakwood's president, sustained major damage, OU spokeswoman Michele Solomon said in a telephone interview. A number of other Oakwood employees and retirees are also Anderson Hills residents, she said, and many of these suffered damage. So far, in the Huntsville area, the homes of five other church members have been reported as lost, with seven others reported as damaged, the NAD report said. Two members in neighbouring Madison, Alabama, also lost their homes.

The South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists said April 29 they would postpone the April 30-May 1 Constituency Meeting, originally slated for the Oakwood campus. Conditions at Oakwood and in Huntsville have precluded having the session, expected to see 1,500 delegates, at the school, said South Central Conference president D. C. Edmond. A new date will be announced following the conference's next executive committee meeting, he said.

In Guntersville, Alabama, approximately 41 miles southeast of Huntsville, Pastor Jonathan Arroyo's home was damaged, but his family is safe.

At the same time, eight Southern Adventist University faculty and staff homes were either damaged or destroyed in the wake of the 20 tornados that swept through South-eastern Tennessee Wednesday, April 27. Among the SAU faculty whose homes were lost is Dr. Jud Lake, Professor of Preaching and Adventist Studies, whose 2010 book, "Ellen White Under Fire," seeks to answer current critics of the visionary who was a pioneering co-founder of the Church. Lake and his family are reported to be unharmed.

"We actually were very, very lucky," said Trenton Schwarzer, SAU patrol officer at Campus Safety. "The worst [damage on campus] was one tree on Cafeteria Drive that took out one car, and miscellaneous trees on campus."

While students and staff are helping clear trees in nearby neighbourhoods, Southern Adventist University is mobilizing to help displaced faculty and staff.

"We are working at finding housing for them for tonight. Where there are transportation issues--cars damaged to the point where they cannot be driven -- we're working on providing transportation for them. If they need to move things that are not damaged out of a damaged home...we're going to provide warehouse space on campus," said Bob Young, senior vice president of Academic Administration at Southern.

"Our prayers and condolences are with all those in the Southern Union who have been affected by these storms," said Pastor Gordon Retzer, president of the Southern Union Conference territory. "In this time of turmoil, we can be comforted by God's grace and mercies."

-Rainey Park of Southern Adventist University and the North American Division contributed news reporting for this article
Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 6-8
Kingsway College 2011 Alumni Homecoming & Alumni Golf Tournament (May 8)

Calling ALL Kingsway College graduates, former students, and former staff! You are invited to the Kingsway College Alumni Homecoming on May 6-8, 2011 to be held on the campus grounds. All classes welcome. Classes to be recognized are 2001, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1971, 1961, 1951, 1946, and 1941. For more information, visit kingswaycollege.on.ca. You may also contact the Alumni Relations office by e-mail - alumni@kingswaycollege.on.ca - or by phone - 905-433-1144, ext. 210.

Participate in Kingsway’s 2011 Alumni Golf Tournament and have a chance to win GREAT prizes including an all new, fully-loaded, 2011 LTZ Chevrolet Cruze!

Location: Stonehenge Golf Club, 3033 Taunton Road, Bowmanville
Date: May 8, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Cost: $70 Green Fee
Benefit: All proceeds raised will benefit the Kingsway College Worthy Student Program.
For more information, visit kingswaycollege.on.ca

May 7
FREE Black Tie and Red Carpet Musical Extravaganza at Kendalwood Church

Attention Music Lovers! Kendalwood Adventurer Club is hosting a FREE Black Tie and Red Carpet Musical Extravaganza on Saturday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. Come dressed in your finest, walk the red carpet and enjoy a variety of vocal and instrumental talent from all over the GTA, including Ladine Dowe, Norwill Simmons, LYNC and others. The concert is FREE, but a monetary donation to the Adventurer Club would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be on sale. Kendalwood Church is located at 300 Kendalwood Rd. in Whitby.

May 7 – May 21
Hope for Today’s World

The Toronto North Seventh-day Adventist Church invites the entire GTA Adventist family and friends to the "Hope for Today’s World" youth community outreach series. Come and listen to God's world presented in a fresh, "youth-centric" manner. Hope for Today's World begins on May 7 Until May 21, at 7:15 p.m. nightly on Saturdays, Sundays, Weds, and Fridays. Come and be blessed with music from the Cuffy sisters, and Jennifer Alvarado. The venue is the Macklin Public School, located at 136 Ingleton Blvd (McNicholl and McCowan). All mothers are especially welcome to an Agape feast at 6:00 p.m. on May 8th preceding the nightly service.

May 7 – 28
Youth Evangelistic Series – Theme: “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting their 1st Youth Evangelistic Series in support of “The Year of Youth Evangelism” from May 7 – 28. There will be feature presentations, dynamic singing and preaching from our youth. Meetings will take place nightly except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 7:15 p.m. Join us for our launch this week Sabbath, May 7. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). We look forward to welcoming you, your youth, family and friends!

For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

May 8
Mount Olive Church

Mount Olive’s Community Services Department will be hosting a Mother’s Day fundraising brunch on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. to benefit our church’s emergency food bank and soup kitchen. The church is located at 1030 Albion Rd. Albion/Islington.
Tickets: children 5-12 years $12, youth and adults $20. For further information, please call Elder Lennon 416-417-4238.

May 11–15
Creation vs. Evolution

The College Park Church will be re-broadcasting In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate series, from Wednesday, May 11, to Sunday, May 15. Guided by the expertise of research scientist Dr. Timothy G. Standish and theologian Dr. Ron E. Clouzet, this series will explore such issues as genetics, the age of the earth, the flood and fossils. The presentations will take place at 7:30 p.m. each night. The schedule is as follows: May 11 - The Way We Were: God and the Big Bang * May 12 - Life of Creatures: Wonder and Trouble in Paradise: May 13 - Genes and Genies: What We Know and What We Don’t * May 14 - The Flood and the Fossils: Record of a Lost World * May 15 - Father God or Mother Earth: The Problem of Evil and a Loving God. The College Park Church is located at 1164 King St. East, Oshawa. For more information, contact office@collegeparkchurch.ca

May 14
Ontario Prison Ministries Convention
Ontario Prison Ministry Convention at It Is Written Church will be held May 14, 2011.

May 15
Apple Creek’s Sunset Bowling League Presents

What: Inter-Church Invitational Bowling Tournament
When: May 15, 2011
Time: Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Categories: Singles, doubles, 3-person teams (including 1 female per team)
Cost: $25.00 per person
Where: Kennedy Bowl, 2300 Lawrence Avenue, East, Scarborough.
For more information, contact: vlangdon@adventistontario.org ASAP.

May 20
“A Ray of Hope” at Berea Church

Looking for God’s truth in this world of unrest, turmoil and unfairness? Look no further! Coming “live” to Toronto, Friday, May 20th, 2011 Amazing Facts television ministry presents nightly “A Ray of Hope”, Bible seminar by Evangelist Tim Jones, a dynamic speaker of over 25 years experience sharing Bible truths with thousands of people on four continents.
Location: Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church, 353 Sherburne Street. S/E corner at Carlton Street, Toronto, ON M5A 2S3.
Free admission for everyone.
Right now we offer “free” Bible study guides. Call Berea Church at 416-924-8741 and leave your name and telephone number (via voicemail).

May 20-22
Christian Single Adults Retreat


Keynote speaker Pastor Adolph Sinclair of the Bridgeport Tabernacle in the North-eastern Adventist Conference will inspire you to find courage in God and bring might to His calling in your life.

Retreat Package: $134/person shared accommodation or $145/per person for single occupancy (includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast, packet and taxes). Register by May 5, 2011 at www.AdventistOntario.org (click on events) or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204, Toronto Line 905-668-5757.

**Please remember to share this event with your bulletin secretary and computer technicians**

May 27-29
TJA/CAA Homecoming Alumni Weekend

Join us on May 27-29, 2011 for the 57th Toronto Junior Academy/Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend. Honoured classes: TJA Gr. 10 Classes of ’76 & ’71; CAA Gr. 12 Classes of ’01, ’96, ’91, ‘86 and Gr. 11 Class of ’81. We look forward to welcoming all alumni, friends, parents, supporters and former/current faculty and staff.

- Friday, May 27 - 3rd Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, 9:00 a.m. at Station Creek Golf Course. To register, contact Patrick Henry (905) 947-4295 or Ian Meikle (416) 562-7193.
- Sabbath, May 28 - Alumni Sabbath, 10:00 a.m. at CAA - guest speaker: Dr. Carlton Byrd, Sr. Pastor, Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, Atlanta, GA and speaker/director, Breath of Life Telecast.
- Sunday, May 29 – 6th Annual Walk’n Roll 4 Education, 9:00 a.m. / Alumni Basketball Game 3:00 p.m. at CAA. For event, volunteer and table rental information, please contact Beverly Edwards Miller, chair at (416) 203-0451 or Angella Favours, co-chair at (416) 723-0205.
May 28

**Kingsway College’s Aerials Gymnastic Team at Richmond Hill Church**

Aerials Gymnastic Team will be performing at Richmond Hill on May 28th 9:30 p.m. at the Bayview Secondary School, 10077 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill. For additional information and directions, please visit the church website [www.rhsda.ca](http://www.rhsda.ca) or contact the church at 905-884-5989.

June 3,4,5

**Getting to Know HIM - Biblically Oriented Christian Retreat**

To Everyone, come and join us in this beautiful adventure in marvellous and relaxing nature setting to meet with the most wonderful teacher that ever existed, JESUS CHRIST.

**Weekend cost:** $50.00/person, meals included.
Children 12 years and under no charge
**Date:** June 3,4,5 2011
Nestled among the white birch on pristine Chapman lake, 55 kilometres from Schumacher (Timmins) Ontario, Camp Bickell.

**Guest speaker:** Pastor David Schwinghammer

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For registration and information, please call Leona Selman 705-642-3838; or email selman@ntl.sympatico.ca.
Website to view camp [www.campbickell.com](http://www.campbickell.com)

June 4

**Corporate Day of Prayer and Fasting**

Theme: “Youth – The Repairer of Broken Walls the Restorer of Dwellings”
The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a Corporate Day of Prayer and Fasting in support of the “Year of Youth Evangelism”. There will be an Agape Feast to end the program. We are hoping that all Prayer Ministry Coordinators and their teams will be able to join us as we lift our youth in prayer – more prayer, more Power! Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

June 4

**The Use of Technology in Evangelism**

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 4th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ajax Seventh-day Adventist Community Church, 55 Emperor Road, Ajax, Ontario, L1T 3R1

**WHAT:** The Use of Technology in Evangelism - sponsored by the Communications Department.


How are you communicating the world's most important message? The use of internet technology can be lots of fun. Take advantage of this exciting session that will guide you through the basics, while providing up-to-date information on the latest online tools and techniques.

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**Portuguese Bible Study – Sunday, 7:30 p.m. at College Park Church’s Spanish Room**

We started a new meeting for those who are interested and want to learn and hear more about the Bible in Portuguese Language. Last meeting, we had eight people who enjoyed the Bible study so much.
If you wish to participate or know someone who would, please come and join us. **We meet on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at College Park Church in Oshawa, in the Spanish room.** College Park Church is located at 1164 King St. East, Oshawa.

For more information, please contact **Fabiane Campos** at **289-600-9632**.

**Monte Carmelo Spanish Adventist Company is looking for the following members:**

If you have any information, please contact Janie Cruz, church clerk: montecarmelospclerk@adventistontario.org; phone: 905-383-7565.

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