Meadowvale’s Record Year for Baptisms

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The 229-member Meadowvale Seventh-day Adventist Church, located in the north western area of the Greater Toronto Area, is celebrating 2011 as its record-breaking baptism year. On October 29, it concluded a two-week evangelistic series and baptized its 43rd convert for the year.

“I’m simply amazed and humbled by what has been achieved,” said the church pastor, Omar Palmer. “When I arrived here, I discovered that the church had a theme called ‘Each-Reach’ and I was pleased to embrace it and work along with the members to see how each of us could reach someone in the community.”
For the past three years, the church has witnessed an annual increase in baptisms but was still dissatisfied that had not reached its full potential. In 2010, after baptizing 13 people, they aimed to baptize at least 25 people in 2011. The members agreed to change their evangelistic strategy and held weekend evangelistic meetings once monthly, every month.

“We wanted to keep busy seeking out souls throughout the year,” said Pastor Palmer, “and felt that this strategy would work well.”

The strategy certainly paid off as new converts were baptized throughout the year. However, the largest harvest was reaped after the church held a two-week evangelistic series, Revelation of Life and Hope, in October. Eighteen persons were baptized.

Pastor Palmer, who was the speaker for the series, explained that the church is taking a short break but plan to resume the monthly series in the new year.

Halsey Peat

‘Women in Leadership’ Motion Voted in Trans-European Division

Seventh-day Adventist Church unions in the Trans-European Division, or TED, “can apply parity between male and female pastors” using current TED guidelines, division leaders voted November 14 during year-end meetings in Montenegro.

“We wish to underline that the TED has not voted any changes in the GC/TED policies or model constitutions,” a subsequent divisional statement said. “The TED is not authorizing ordination of women within its territory, but is waiting for the General Conference to conduct its study of the theology of ordination.”

Following a commitment made at the 2010 General Conference Session, the 2011 Annual Council received and voted a protocol of how the study is to progress. Each of the world church’s 13 divisions is “to request their Biblical research committee to study the theology of ordination and its implications for church practices in that region,” Adventist News Network reported.

In November 2013, year-end meetings in each division will review the study and refer it to the Biblical Research Institute at the world headquarters, which will also have its own study committee. From December 2013 to June 2014, that committee will evaluate the materials received, and prepare a combined report. This report will be considered at the 2014 Annual Council, and if anything then needs to be placed on the 2015 General Conference Session agenda, “it will be processed accordingly,” ANN said.

The TED action is the latest of several steps the division has taken. Last year, TED asked the General Conference for a variance to the Church’s official policy, to allow commissioned ministers to be conference or union presidents. In addition, the division asked for the study of the theology of ordination to be prioritized, and for permission to ordain women within its territories. Although no formal answer was voted at Annual Council this year, the division leadership said the understood a response “would have been negative.”

Bertil Wiklander, TED president, said: “What works best for the TED at this time is to let all know where we stand and what we want regarding women in leadership, while doing all we can to promote women as pastors and leaders in our church within the working policy. We will
continue to work with our unions to see how we can support and enable the many women who the Holy Spirit has clearly called to leadership.”

MIROSLAV PUJIC, Trans-European Division communication director

Source: Adventist Review Intouch

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 22-25
Your Health Is Your Wealth

Come and hear how to achieve your goals, reach your dreams, and live life to the fullest with speaker, Pastor Lyle Notice.

Tuesday, November 22, 7:15 p.m. – Friday, November 25, 7:15 p.m. – Saturday, November 26, 11:00 a.m. – Tuesday, November 29, 7:15 p.m. – Friday, December 2, 7:15 p.m. & Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Kanata Church, location: 85Leacock Dr. Kanata, Ontario.

For more information, call 613-899-9793 or email: lnotice@adventistontario.org

November 25-26
“Family – Where Do We Start? How Do We Finish?” at Hope Church

Hope Church invites you to these inspiring meetings, Family – Where Do We Start? How Do We Finish? With guest speaker, Pastor Arthur Nowlan & Dr. Kim Logan-Nowlin (Michigan, USA). Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Come and invite others to be blessed.
Hope Church is located at 280 Culford Road, Toronto, Ontario.

November 26
Kendalwood Home Coming

The Kendalwood Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting former members, present members and friends to join with us as we worship together on Sabbath, November 26, 2011 beginning at 9:15 a.m. with praise and worship.

We will be delighted to have you spend the day with us. A special program is been designed with you in mind from Sabbath School to Vesper.

November 26
Kingsway College Hosting Christmas Concert

Kingsway College is hosting a sacred music Christmas concert at the Rosewood Church of the Nazarene located at 657 Milner Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, on November 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Several guest musicians will be performing, along with Kingsway’s Philharmonic Ensemble and choir. You won’t want to miss this uplifting and joyful evening of celebration. For more information, contact the enrolment office of Kingsway College at 905-433-1144 ext. 211 or 212. The admission is free and the parking is free (a free will offering will be taken to benefit Kingsway’s music department).

November 26-28
Christian Education on It Is Written Canada
Kingsway College, Crawford Adventist Academy and College Park Elementary School have partnered with “It is Written Canada” to create an episode on the benefits of Christian education. Please tune in or set your DVR to record this very special program. The times and channels that this program will air are:

- Saturday, November 26, 2011
  - 11:00 a.m. on CTV coast to coast in Canada (11 a.m. local time, regardless of time zone)
  - 7:30 p.m. ET on 3ABN
- Sunday, November 27, 2011 - 8:30am on CTS
- Monday, November 28, 2011:
  - 3:00 p.m. ET on Hope TV

November 27
International Night & Concert

International Night and Concert: Kendalwood Seventh-day Adventist Church presents an exciting fundraiser for to raise money for ADRA African Famine relief. Nov. 27th, 4 p.m. at College Park Church, 1164 King St. East, Oshawa. Tickets: Adults $10, teens $5, Children under 11 Free.

After the concert, please join us for international cuisine from over 15 countries at College Park Elementary School, 220 Townline Rd, Oshawa. 

Meal tickets can be purchased at the door.

December 3
Youth Praise and Thanksgiving Service

A Sabbath afternoon service to give thanks as we conclude the Year of Youth Evangelism. This service will take place at Toronto Kingsview Village Church, 70 Kingsview Blvd., Toronto, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Come and join in thanking God for what He has done this year through the youth of our church.

February 10-12
Date Change for Campus Ministries Retreat

Because of the 2012 Reading Week timeslot, the campus ministries retreat has been rescheduled for February 10 – 12, 2012. Contact Pastor Millett, campus ministries director, via email at cmillett@adventistontario.org, for details.

December 10
Woodstock’s 40th Anniversary

All friends, family, and former members and pastors of the Woodstock, Ontario church are invited to join us on Sabbath, December 10th, 2011 for a special anniversary service entitled “He Led Us All the Way! Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Leading in Woodstock.” We will enjoy Sabbath School, Worship, Fellowship lunch, and an afternoon service together. Our featured speaker will be Pastor Nilton Amorim, recently retired secretary for the SDACC and former pastor of the Woodstock congregation. Our afternoon program will feature a brief history, a slide show, and testimonies and stories of God’s leading over the years. Come and join us as we reminisce and celebrate together!

December 11
An Evening of Elegance and Entertainment

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church cordially invites you to join us for our Annual Church Gala on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, starting at 4:00 p.m. In addition to a sumptuous buffet, entertainment will be provided by Jones & Jones Productions. Tickets are $55/adults, $25/children (ages 6 – 12yrs) and children 5yrs and under are FREE. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 33 Carlson Court, Etobicoke, ON M9W 6H5. All proceeds will go towards our Church Building Fund. For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

December 16 & 17
“Victory! We’ve Crossed Over!!” at Philadelphia Church

This is the theme for Philadelphia Church as we celebrate our move to our newly acquired church home at 65 Grand Marshall Dr., Scarborough (Sheppard & Morningside), doubled with our Thanksgiving/Homecoming Day. Celebration services begin on Friday, Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m., and Sabbath, Dec. 17, 9:15 a.m. Join us in giving thanks with a tangible offering of gratitude to God for His providential guidance to our earthly “Promised Land”.

May 25-27
59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend

Our 59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend will be held on May 25-27, 2012. Honoured classes are Classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987 and 1982; TJA Grade 10 Classes of 1977 and 1972. The 4th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic will be held on Friday, May 25, 2012; Alumni Sabbath on Saturday, May 26, 2012 and the 7th Annual Walk ‘n Roll 4Education on Sunday, May 27, 2012. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, Toll-free 866.960.2125 Ext. 234, dhall@tadsb.com; or Judy Cardona-Gamez, Ext. 248, jgamez@tadsb.com Visit our official website www.tadsb.com

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Gerald Osmond Burton - Marie-Eve Duval, and Maria Cecilia Manusoc.

If you have any information, please contact Pastor Jim Rieder at: 807-983-2659 or jrieder@tbaytel.net

Leamington Church is requesting any information re. the following individuals. If you know their whereabouts or have information on how they can be contacted, please contact Dirk Zinner, pastor, at 519-322-1644 or email: dzinner@adventistontario.org.

Sheila Adams - Sheryl and Marley Holland - Brian and Scott Johnson - Heather Mason

Prayer Help at Kendalwood

Prayer help is at your fingertips, and now its toll free. Introducing Kendalwood prayer line's toll free number, 1-888-554-3005. You can also call us at our local number at 905-434-8470. Call and someone from the prayer team will be there to pray with you. You can also send in your requests by email at prayer@kendalwood.com. All requests will be answered.

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