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Welcome!



Allan, Alexa and Deirdre Martin

We are delighted you have joined us for Family Celebration Sabbath! Human sexuality is a wonderful aspect of GOD's creativity, and we recognize real families can benefit from a Biblically-based, helpful approach to issues such as sexual addiction and pornography. We are delighted to have Dr. Mark Laaser here to lend expertise and inspiration to us.

May you encounter God's goodness in the fellowship and worship that awaits. Pastor Terrance Taylor, as well as the entire worship team, invite you to bring God praise and to experience His presence. As a courtesy, we kindly ask that you turn your cell phone off during our services throughout the weekend. Know that we are here to be of service, so please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of help or support.

A special welcome to our Doctor of Ministry, Masters, and Graduate Certificate students on campus for summer intensives. Greetings to the variety of professionals and educators who are passionate about our families in the church and greater community. May you find refreshment and reminders of God's grace throughout this time.

Activities at a Glance

Friday, July 17

- 12:00 pm AdventSource Reception *Commons*
8:00 pm Worship *Chapel*
"Sexual Integrity in a Fallen World – Part I"
Mark Laaser

Saturday, July 18

- 9:45 am Seminary Sabbath School *Chapel*
11:15 am Worship *Chapel*
"Sexual Integrity in a Fallen World – Part II"
Mark Laaser
2:30 pm Seminar *Seminary N150*
"Sexual Addictions & Pornography"
Mark Laaser
7:00 pm Dedication *Chapel*
"When I Grow Up"
Allan Martin
Commendations
9:00 pm Reception *Commons*

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Resources

For more information on Mark Laaser's ministry and resources go to www.faithfulandtrueministries.com

Participant Bios

Dr. Willie Oliver is Elaine's husband and Jessica and Julian's dad. He received his Ph.D. in Family Sociology from American University and is an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church where for 27 years he has served in various ministry capacities such as youth pastor, senior pastor, Conference and Union Conference director of Youth and Family Ministries, Director of Pathfinder Ministries and Camp Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, and currently is in his 14th year as Director of Family Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Willie and his wife, Elaine, are the directors of "From This Day Forward" marriage conferences, as well as authors of the relationship column for Message Magazine.

Karen and Ron Flowers co-direct the Department of Family Ministries at the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters. Ron has a DMin from Denver Seminary with an emphasis in marriage and family counseling; Karen is a Ph.D. candidate (a.b.d.) at Andrews University in Religious Education with an emphasis in family life education. Living in over 80 countries, the Flowers have presented family life seminars on sexuality, marriage and family. They have two sons: Jeff, who is married to Pam and works in development in Azerbaijan, and Jon, who is a genetics researcher at New York University in Manhattan, New York.

Terrance Taylor was born and raised in Minneapolis and later moved to Seattle, Washington where he attended Auburn Adventist Academy and first felt his call to ministry. He received his B.A. in Theology from Walla Walla University and then received a call to Emerald City Seventh-day Adventist church where he served for two years as an associate minister. Terrance loves to see people worship God in their own culture and personal contexts and desires to see true diversity and unity in God's church. Praise and Worship are his passions but he feels particularly led to discipleship and finding creative ways to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 18

Seminary Sabbath School , 9:45 am

Chapel

Ere Daybreak, Chris Bartley, Esther Elems, Shawn Moss



Ere Daybreak is an acoustic folk-influenced musical group from southwestern Michigan. Their original music deals with the themes of creation, redemption, salvation, and action in a fallen world.

10:30 am, Class Options: N108 with Bob and Fran Wilkins, for college students
 N110 with Robert Johnston and Friends
 N150 with Jacques Doukhan, Jiri Moskala, Ranko Stefanovic, Denis Fortin
 N235 with Peter van Bemmelen, Russell Burrill, James North and Larry Schalk
 N310 Russian Sabbath School
 S120 French Sabbath School with Paul Moulema
 S340 Upper Room Sabbath School

Worship, 11:15 am

Chapel

Introductions and Greetings
 Scripture Experience
 Family Prayer
 Worship & Praise
 “Sexual Integrity in a Fallen World – Part II”
 Special Music
 Benediction

Willie Oliver, Karen & Ron Flowers
 Jody & Chad Washburn
 Bryan Reid
 Terrance Taylor
 Mark Laaser
 Terrance Taylor
 Karen Flowers

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 18

Seminar and Q & A, 2:30 pm

Seminary N150

“Sexual Addictions & Pornography” Mark Laaser

Dedication, 7:00 pm

Chapel

Praise & Worship	Terrance Taylor	
Homily: “When I Grow Up”	Allan Martin	
Commendations	Graduate Certificate Presentations	Allan Martin
	AAFLP Youngberg Award	Karen & Ron Flowers
		Willie Oliver
	NAD Distinguished Service Award	Willie Oliver
Consecration	Allan Martin	



NAD Distinguished Service Award 2007

Reception, 9:00 pm

Commons

NAD Distinguished Service Award Recipients - Gasper & May-Ellen Colon



Gasper and May-Ellen were married in 1972, and have two children, Ivan, a dental student at Loma Linda, and Sara-May, a chaplain-in-training.

In 1980, Gaspar and May-Ellen attended a Marriage Encounter weekend, which launched them into the blessings of family ministry. Shortly after, they participated in an intense training program facilitated by Ron and Karen Flowers and Nancy Rocky that used the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) model pioneered by David and Vera Mace. Gaspar and May-Ellen put what they learned into practice by holding marriage enrichment weekends in the church district where Gaspar pastored.

From 1988-1993 they served as Co-Directors of Family Ministries in the African-Indian Ocean Division (AID) of the Adventist Church, headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. Moving to the former Soviet Union in 1994, they founded and directed the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) Department of Family Ministries until 1997.

In the 1990's May-Ellen and Gaspar completed the Andrews University Family Life Education Certification that was offered at that time, while May-Ellen worked on a Ph.D. in Religious Education, with emphasis in Family Ministries, which was finished in 2003.

From 1998-1999, May-Ellen served as Administrative Assistant for NAD Family Ministries. One of her projects was being managing editor for the *NAD Family Ministries Curriculum for Local Church Leaders*.

May-Ellen served as AAFLP VP for Membership from 2005-2007.

Currently, in between their busy work responsibilities, they do Family Ministries seminars and activities as opportunities arise and as they are able. They are also involved in partnering their home church with churches of other denominations to run community marriage enrichment seminars and follow-up.

Mark Laaser, Ph.D., CCSAS



Dr. Mark Laaser is an internationally known author and speaker. His first book, now called *Healing the Wounds of Sexual Addiction*, was the first Christian book to address the issue of sexual addiction. He has since written six other books including, *Talking to Your Kids About Sex* and *The Pornography Trip* (with Dr. Ralph Earle). He has also authored two workbooks for men which are being used by Christian and church-based support groups around the world.

Dr. Laaser currently serves as director of the Institute for Healthy Sexuality of the American Association of Christian Counselors and as executive director of Faithful and True Ministries. He has been a member of the National Council on Sexual Addiction/Compulsivity, the National Advisory Board of the National Association for Christian Recovery, and the Interfaith Sexual Trauma Institute at St. John's Abbey and University. Dr. Laaser is a frequent guest on both radio and television and has been a lecturer, workshop leader, seminar designer and presenter both nationally and internationally for the last 25 years. He is currently an adjunct faculty member of Denver Theological Seminary, Fuller Seminary, and the Psychological Studies Institute. He and his wife frequently teach around the world with Youth with a Mission (YWAM).

Dr. Laaser holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Psychology from the University of Iowa, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor's degree in Religion and Philosophy from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. He currently resides in Minnesota with his wife Debbie. They have three grown children: Sarah, Jonathan and Benjamin.

Friday, July 17

Commons

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Chapel

Worship, 8:00 pm

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