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On July 21, Conant Gardens Church hosted a car show for the community. The show included free food and fellowship for the car participants and the community, as well as members. All attendees received goody bags filled with a copy of *Steps to Christ* and items donated by local businesses.



Lake Union's Public Campus Ministries (PCM) is joining with the GC's "One Year in Mission" program with a unique form of ministry — a food truck. The truck debuted at the International Pathfinder Camporee and is destined for ministry in other areas of the Lake Union.



Over 400 Karen youth from across the U.S. and Canada congregated July 17–20 in Cassopolis, Mich., for a time of spiritual renewal. The group, which meets biennially at various sites, met at Camp Wagner and heard from several speakers.



During the Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice held at Andrews University in mid-July, Willie (left) and Elaine Oliver, directors of the Department of Family Ministries for the GC, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to John and Millie (posthumously) Youngberg on July 18.

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It has been a long while since I taught video production and communication classes as a contract teacher at Andrews University. I miss the interaction with the students, their vibrant enthusiasm at learning new skills and experiencing the reward of accomplishment. In this issue of the *Herald*, we have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the life of students and faculty through their stories and experiences. I am amazed at what new things God is doing in the lives of the community we call Andrews University. ■

Gary Burns
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Editor

COVER PHOTO: DARREN HESLOP

ON THE COVER: Gena Gordon and Margaux Tan in the Andrews University Rec Center where University Sabbath School is held.



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Speaking of Love

In 1994, Steven Spielberg founded the USC Shoah Foundation with the desire to use storytelling to combat hate.



▲ Andrea Luxton

Through a visual history where characters come alive on screen, tell their stories and answer questions, Spielberg introduces visitors to individuals who have been victims of or witnesses to acts of hate: from the holocaust to other genocides around the world. His desire is, through stories, to change the trajectory of hate that destroys our communities by encouraging understanding, compassion and love.

It is a sad reality that we do not, as humans, seem to learn from our history. Too much hate surrounds us, even in this country of opportunity and promise. Whether born out of fear, desire for control or revenge, hatred can only diminish us. From acts of violence to mass killings to broken relationships, hatred too often rules our country, our neighborhoods, and even our churches and our lives. Spielberg may be idealistic in his hope that storytelling will bring change. However, it is certainly an important way, a biblical way, of engaging with another at the level of head, heart and soul.

Whether you turn to the Old Testament or the New Testament, God is ever present speaking to us through stories. We see the destructive nature of hate, whether it is in the impact of the first ever murder by Cain or the persecution of the Christians. We see how jealousy splits apart families and friends, such as Joseph's separation and alienation from his brothers. We see how fear drives individuals to poor choices, just as Peter denies Christ. As we look at these stories, we see too much repetition of the same mistakes, the same self-destructive attitudes. In short, both in the Bible and in our own history, we know only too well the words of Romans 7:15: *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*

Can we learn? Can we be a community of believers who understand what it is to be saved by a loving God? Can we help build the kingdom on this earth as well as the Kingdom to come by living a life that exemplifies love instead of hate, rejoices in the success of others rather than lives revenge, and encourages hope rather than fear? Can we be world changers by not just what we do but why and how we do it?

I am fortunate to live and work in a community that, despite its humanity, seeks to do that. We are serious about our statement, "World Changers Made Here." This is not a claim about merely the research and professional capacity of our graduates. It is about bringing change because of the values we live and the priorities we have chosen individually and corporately. In the pages that follow, we will share a few of the many stories that exemplify our serious intent at Andrews University to represent the gospel well and to bring change through love, compassion and commitment.

For now, though, I want to turn to the Bible to talk about one of those stories that gives us that frame of love and hope which encourages us in those times when it just seems we have corporately learned nothing, or when we become discouraged at the lack of success of our own good intentions. It is hard to know what really motivated Saul as he set out zealously to persecute the Christians. We know he was there when Stephen was stoned and that he was an active part in the hatred shown to the believers. He was so well known for this that when he did change, his conversion was met by active disbelief.

But it is the story of his change on which I want to focus, because here is the story of an individual who was willing to reverse the trajectory of his life, despite



Heidi Ramirez

▲ Students enjoy a group activity during New Student Orientation.

his recognition of his fallibility. Love instead of hate. Rejoicing in the faith of others rather than seeking to destroy them. Seeking to build hope instead of instilling fear. All because he heard the voice of Jesus, was honest enough to recognize Who it was, and then courageous enough to step out and make a difference, irrespective of the cost to himself. The hatred of the disciples and early church by others did not go away. Fear of what this new movement brought continued to lead to actions of violence, including to Paul himself. But one man at least showed that he could move from hate to love, from inciting fear to living hope. That change resulted in a movement of believers that spanned much of the known world. And this only happened for Saul (Paul) because he, too, was inspired by an encounter, of a living story of sacrifice and of hope.

I wish we could learn more from our history. I wish we could listen to or watch the news and see the world and our communities transformed by acts of love, of compassion, of hope. While that may not happen this side of the Second Coming, we can help tell God's story through our own lived stories. We can show what the transforming love of God does in our own lives in the way we value others, treat others and portray God's story of healing and hope. The world needs healers, those who will not be drawn into partisan hate. It needs compassion. It needs love. It needs world changers. Most of all, it needs God. ■

Andrea Luxton, president, Andrews University

When Violence is in Our Homes

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence (Gen 6:11 NIV).



▲ Melissa Ponce-Rodas

Violence destroys families, harming each member in different ways. Today, domestic violence (DV) occurs in families inside and outside of the church at similar rates. In a study of over 1,000 Adventists, Dr. Drumm found that 33 percent of members reported experiencing physical violence, 44 percent experienced emotional abuse and 23 percent experienced sexual abuse.¹ In my own study of over 100 female, Hispanic Adventists, I found that 42 percent of the women identified as survivors and 33 percent reported their abuser was an Adventist. While DV includes threats, as well as physical, spiritual, sexual, emotional, financial and other types of abuse, all are traumatizing. Our Creator did not design us for violence — not to perpetuate it, experience it, or even witness it.

Only recently has science begun to realize how abuse damages our brains and bodies. We used to think that only physical wounds left their marks on our bodies, but even the words we speak change the structure of our brains and the ways it works. Therefore, when there is violence in our homes, all family members are hurt and the family unit is devastated. Survivors of DV are more likely to develop post-traumatic stress disorder, like soldiers who go to war. Survivors also are more likely to experience anxiety, panic attacks and depression, and are more likely to drink alcohol, smoke, use drugs and overeat in an attempt to self-medicate. One study found that 90 percent of women with substance abuse problems had experienced physical or sexual violence (womenshealth.gov). Additionally, survivors are also more likely to attempt suicide.

Children who grow up in abusive homes suffer many consequences, depending on their age, gender, the types of abuse they experience and how much abuse they witness. Young children may experience bed-wetting, anxiety, stuttering or sleep problems.

Older kids also may have problems learning in school and may experience a lot of headaches and stomach-aches. Teenagers can display more behavioral problems, truancy, low self-esteem and risky behaviors including drug use, unprotected sex and depression. In their lifetime, children who witness violence growing up are also at greater risk of developing obesity, diabetes and heart disease (womenshealth.gov).

There is not a lot of research on how abuse harms the abuser, but we know they themselves get hurt in the process. Proverbs 3:31 says, *Do not envy a man of violence, and do not choose any of his ways.* Violence is not of God. Some abusers experienced violence growing up, which has already harmed them. Genetic differences were recently found in some people who commit violent crimes (goodtherapy.org). Science doesn't know enough yet about all of the consequences of violence in aggressors, but we know that a God of love did not design us to hurt others or ourselves.

Abuse can be prevented, and those who have been hurt can get better. To raise awareness, teach church leaders and members how to prevent and intervene in cases of abuse, the NAD is hosting the free, live-streamed, 2019 summit on abuse on September 4 (September 5 in Spanish). Register at enditnow.northamerica.org and encourage others to participate. Together, we can work to end the violence and restore peace in our families and homes as God intended. ■

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¹ Drumm, René; McBride, Duane; Hopkins, Gary; Thayer, Jerome; Popescu, Marciana; Wrenn, Jan. "Intimate Partner Violence in a Conservative Christian Denomination: Prevalence and Types." *Social Work & Christianity*. Fall 2006, Vol. 33 Issue 3, p233-251.

Hope in Despair

As a therapist and a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, I believe all the parts of an individual are interconnected and dependent on every other part.

What I mean by this is the number of hours of sleep we get and how and what we eat and drink on a daily basis are connected to how we treat our partner. And each of these are integrally connected to the amount and the quality of time that we spend communing with our Creator. Our ability to exercise and whether or not we feel like exercising is quite likely directly connected to all of the above-mentioned parts of us.

The importance of each one of these things is not new to us, but perhaps the degree that they are connected and even dependent on each other might be a new way to conceptualize how we treat ourselves. Think of the curves of a Slinky. Each curve is its own wave, but each is interdependent on all the other waves. When one wave goes down, the rest follow. When one goes up . . . You get the idea.

How much sleep we get might determine the choices we make regarding food and drink consumption, getting up to get to work on time and whether we have energy enough to motivate ourselves to exercise.

If you feel you're not performing in certain areas to the maximum of your potential, check the areas listed above to see if they are balanced and are being given adequate attention. It is important to remember that when one area is out of balance, it will pull the others out of balance. Take a moment to ask yourself which area is the most out of balance and choose one thing that might help you improve in that area. For example, if it has been a while since you've done physical activity, commit to going for a 10-minute walk two different days next week.

When I discuss this topic with my clients or students, they usually respond with, "I'm too busy. I don't have time." This excuse is an attempt by your brain to

resist change. Change is hard and not always welcomed by our brain, which tends to crave what it knows and resist what it doesn't know. My recommendation is to always choose a small change that is sustainable. Once you have that small change incorporated into your life, increase the frequency or duration by another small step and practice that.

Everyone is busy! It's become a hallmark of our society. If we don't focus on improving our quality of life, we will be spending more of our time with medical interventions. ■

It is important to note that this article is not intended to take the place of medical advice or to diminish the effects of mental or personality disorders.

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▲ Brad Hinman



Righteousness by Faith and the Loud Cry

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was made bright with his splendor. And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! . . . Come out of her, my people.” Rev. 18:1-4, RSV.



▲ George R. Knight

We observed (in the previous issue) that one aspect of Waggoner and Jones' 1888 message that excited Ellen White was that they had combined the two halves of Revelation 14:12. They not only preached the commandments of God but also faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Thus they had rescued the truths of justification by faith “from the companionship of [antinomian] error” and “placed them in their proper framework” — the third angel's message (MS 8a, 1888).

From her perspective, the importance of the 1888 message was not some special Adventist doctrine developed by Jones and Waggoner. Rather, it was the re-uniting of Adventism with basic Christianity. It uplifted Jesus Christ as the central pillar of all Christian living and thinking, proclaimed justification through faith, and taught sanctification as reflected in obedience to God's law through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Once we grasp that the heart of Waggoner and Jones' contribution was the putting together of the various parts of the third angel's message, it is possible to understand her intriguing statement

regarding the beginning of the loud cry in 1888. In the Review of November 22, 1892, we read: “The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For [because] it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come . . . to lift up Jesus.”

Jones, confusing the latter rain (an outpouring of the Holy Spirit — a person) with the loud cry (a message), made a great deal of the 1892 loud cry statement, proclaiming that the latter rain had begun. But he needed to read more carefully. It was the loud cry and not the latter rain that had begun at Minneapolis.

The powerful point that Ellen White made in 1892 was that at last in 1888 the Seventh-day Adventists finally had the complete last message of mercy to claim the continuing importance of the Ten Commandments in the context of a firm faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior, all set within an expectancy in the Second Advent (Rev. 14:12).

What a message!

And God wants us to be faithful to all three of its parts. ■

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Conversations with God

As we prepare for the 2020 General Conference Session in Indianapolis, we are urging that all make prayer a primary focus.

In fact, we invite you to join us for a pre-GC Prayer Conference in Indianapolis, March 6-7, 2020. Registration is available at unitedcry2020.org. To assist in this initiative, we are recommending the book, *Prayer* by Ellen G. White, produced by the Ellen G. White Estate. It is available through your local Adventist Book Center, at adventistbookcenter.com, or as an online book at egw writings.org. Here's an introduction:

PREFACE

“The Scriptures admonish us to *pray without ceasing*. This does not mean that we are to spend all of our time on our knees in formal prayer. It does mean that we must live and serve our Lord in the atmosphere of prayer.

“Prayer is the channel of communication between our souls and God. God speaks to us through His Word; we respond to Him through our prayers, and He always listens to us. We cannot weary or burden Him by our frequent heart to heart communications.

“We have come to serious times. Events in our world call upon every follower of Christ to be totally in earnest in our relationship with God. To strengthen this relationship and satisfy our emotional and spiritual needs, we must learn the power of prayer. We must plead with the Lord, like the disciples of old, saying, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’

“That God is willing and ready to hear and respond to our heartfelt prayers under all circumstances is profoundly reassuring. He is a loving Father who is interested both when things are going well and when the vicissitudes of life deal us devastating, tough and terrible blows. When we feel like crying out, ‘God, where are You?’, it is good to know He is just a prayer away.

“One writer has said, ‘More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.’ It is also true of the church. ‘A revival of true Godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work’ (*Selected Messages* 1:121). ‘God will do things for us when we pray that He will not do if we do not pray’ (*The Great Controversy*, 525). We acknowledge that we need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But this can be accomplished only as we pray individually and collectively. When God's people pray earnestly, sincerely, individually, and collectively, God will answer. Great things will happen in and among God's people. And the world will feel the impact as the Holy Spirit comes to equip and empower His people.” ■

Gary Burns is Prayer Ministry coordinator for the Lake Union Conference.



▲ Gary Burns



Conversation and Community

By Gillian Panigot

AS INCOMING STUDENT CHAPLAIN of Discipleship in Campus Ministries, Tariro Mutindori understood her job involved giving Bible studies. She was new to the Andrews University campus and fully anticipated a list of work expectations. Instead, she was asked a question: “How would you like to do discipleship?”

Prior to attending Andrews, Tariro had started an Instagram account and blog called TeaTime where, on Tuesdays, she would post videos. “I would ask the community what they wanted to talk about,” she says. “Sometimes they wanted to focus on prayer for the month or on confidence.” Tariro would research the topic, then share personal stories or Bible stories to excite people about the Word of God.

Tariro decided to follow a similar, feedback-based format — in person — for her Andrews Bible study, which she named Fresh Brewed. She says, “We developed a mission statement: ‘We exist to help collegians gain a personal connection with God through His Holy Word, and we strive to introduce fresh perspectives on how the Bible can inform our daily living.’”

► Tariro Mutindori



Courtesy Tariro Mutindori

Initially, Fresh Brewed met in the Campus Ministries office. Tariro found additional ways to incorporate tea into the meetings, serving the hot drink and inviting people to bring their own unique mugs. Tea-themed cards, including peppermint and chamomile, noted questions for the day’s study. All of these pieces added to the relaxed setting.

Tariro facilitated and directed conversation but let the students take it from there. “They really like that they can talk amongst themselves,” she says. “Yes, I’m the one leading the discussion but, at the same time, I don’t feel like I am. A lot of times a student will ask a question and another student will answer.”

At first, two or three attended. Then Tariro told three Fresh Brewed participants about the low response to advertising and they said they would invite their friends. After that, Fresh Brewed grew to six people, sometimes even nine or 10. They moved to the Student Life office for more space. “I was so happy for the students to see the value and for them to enjoy it and share the joy with their friends,” she says.

Tariro is now in her second year at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and plans to complete her MDiv. Her classes, particularly Hebrew and Greek, have allowed her to go deeper in her study of Scripture, and she often brings perspectives to Fresh Brewed that the other attendees may not see. She also has grown because of the group. “Students have come and said it was exactly what they needed because they’ve been struggling to get into the Bible. It’s been a struggle for me, too, because I’m so used to being told to read the Bible for school. But being able to study, just to study — that has helped a lot in my own spiritual walk because it’s like, ‘I really enjoy doing this!’ I often tell the group they have really helped me out a lot. We’re in the same boat.” ■

Gillian Panigot, Media Communications manager and FOCUS editor, Andrews University

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Adorarte se creó con la idea de realizar un encuentro anual de música adventista en la Universidad Andrews. Durante este evento, los expertos en adoración, músicos, cantantes y compositores adventistas tienen la oportunidad de convivir y presentar su nuevo material. El fin es que dicho material aporte y beneficie el ministerio de la música y adoración de la iglesia adventista.

Adorarte es un proyecto que busca involucrar, apoyar e impulsar a los músicos adventistas, ofreciéndoles una plataforma que les permita difundir su música compartiéndola con la iglesia y la comunidad. Para cumplir con este propósito la programación del Festival de Música *Adorarte 2019* estará dividida en tres eventos. Viernes: Vespertina Musical, sábado de mañana: conferencistas invitados, sábado de tarde: Gran Concierto *Adorarte*.

La vespertina musical del viernes será en el auditorio de la universidad Howard Performing Arts Center, donde más de cuarenta participantes unirán sus voces

y talentos para disfrutar de la recepción de sábado. Para la programación del sábado en la mañana, tendremos la oportunidad de escuchar ponencias presentadas por Adriana Perera, Francisco Stout y Pavel Semanivsky, músicos de gran experiencia en el ministerio de la música en la iglesia. El sábado en la tarde se realizará el Gran Concierto *Adorarte* en el cual participarán grandes músicos y artistas invitados que serán acompañados por la Orquesta Sinfónica de la Universidad Andrews. El evento será totalmente en español con traducción al inglés disponible.

Gracias a Dios, al apoyo de la Universidad Andrews, la Unión del Lago, la Iglesia Hispana de Berrien Springs este evento puede ser una realidad. Estamos seguros de que Dios dirige este proyecto, que es y seguirá siendo bendición para la iglesia y su crecimiento.

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¡Sé parte de *Adorarte*! ■

Edgar Luna, director asistente de la Orquesta de la Universidad Andrews. Organizador de *Adorarte* juntamente con Adriana Perera.



Courtesy Edgar Luna



▲ Edgar Luna

◀ Músicos y colaboradores especiales en el Festival Musical *AdorArte 2018* (musicians and special staff at 2018 Music Festival, *AdorArte*)

Shawna Henry



▲ Nursing students Prerna Wilson-Pauliah and Johanna Erickson pose with a group of local elementary school students after learning about good nutrition.

Courtesy School of Nursing



▲ The Nursing mission team gets ready to assist in a union-organized community blood drive.

Andrews Nursing Students Change the World — One Mission Trip at a Time

By Shawna Trotman Henry

STUDENTS WERE DRENCHED BY THE PELTING RAIN, although there was more that dampened the atmosphere as the Andrews University Nursing class of 2019 packed the bus to begin their mission trip to Belize. “Apprehensive,” “nervous,” “exhausted,” “frustrated” — these were the words students used to describe their feelings about the next few days. Thoughts of a spring break in Belize, tropical sunshine, satisfying service and warm smiles were all overshadowed by urgent concerns of exit exams, job interviews and getting ready for graduation. One student recalled, “I wanted to live in the moment, but all I could think about were the books in my backpack that I had brought with the intention of studying during the trip.” Service was not foremost on the students’ minds at this time. Nevertheless, the crew

hesitantly embarked on what turned out to be a pivotal period in their budding nursing career.

Every year, senior Nursing students take the class Intercultural Mission Service in Nursing. The goal of this class is to facilitate an experience where students learn how they can use their profession as nurses to continue the healing ministry of Christ to people of a different culture. This year, nine senior Nursing students, two community service members and two Nursing faculty traveled to Belize for the mission service component of this course. The School of Nursing collaborated with the Center for Youth Evangelism We Care mission trips to serve the people of Santa Elena in Belize.

The students engaged in a variety of service activities that included working alongside the staff of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, a very small but busy

medical facility nestled in the quiet country town of Santa Elena. People come from miles away for treatment at this hospital because of the friendly staff and the privacy that this non-government medical institution offers. La Loma Luz also operates one of the few dialysis centers in the country, meeting the needs of many Belizeans, as well as an inpatient unit, newborn nursery, emergency department, outpatient clinic, laboratory and pharmacy.

In addition to providing nursing care, Andrews students conducted a manual inventory of hospital supplies — assistance that was greatly needed by the hospital staff. The hospital was scheduled for an upcoming survey, which required an up-to-date report of their inventory. Because the hospital did not have a computerized inventory method, all supplies were accounted for manually. This tedious and time-consuming task was designated to the already overtaxed director of Nursing. The Andrews team’s help enabled him to attend to managing other demanding nursing processes at the hospital.

The Nursing students participated in service activities within the community, too. On Sabbath, the students led a local worship service. Bea Ade-Oshifogun, chair of the School of Nursing, provided CPR training to approximately 25 local school teachers. Nursing students also provided health education to 60 children from a local school on topics such as healthy choices, rest, activity and nutrition. One nine-year-old confessed that she had never jumped rope before, but what a fun way it was to exercise! The team was touched by the laughter of children learning about the importance of activity, nutrition, rest and healthy choices through fun, interactive activities.

The people of Belize melted the hearts of the students with warm smiles of appreciation. The students were touched by the caring spirit of the hospital employees, who worked alongside their patients to help them overcome challenges threatening their health. Prerna Wilson-Pauliah, one of the Nursing students, recounts how Nurse Letty was willing to be a guarantor for a patient who needed a surgical procedure while the hospital worked out details for receiving payment from a relative who lived in the United States. Prerna says, “That’s the kind of nurse I want to be. I want to

be like Nurse Letty. I want to go above and beyond the call of duty to help somebody if they are stuck somehow and need help. I am really excited to start on this journey. I feel privileged that I get to be a nurse! I get to impact people that really do need a helping hand.”

The joy of knowing they were making a difference was a game-changer for the group. The students experienced a transformation during the seven days of selfless service, cultural immersion and inspiring devotions. The Belizean ethos of love and family was contagious. Student Easter Tamayo discloses that she learned there is a lot of love to share with others. “Oftentimes,” she says, “we focus so much on our own personal worries and forget about the individuals in front of us.” Easter continues, “I didn’t know this country. I didn’t know this culture. I didn’t know these people. But I wanted them to know that although I didn’t know them, although I have not walked in their shoes, I was willing to be there for the time that we were allowed and to help them within my scope and capability.”

A new spirit of camaraderie emerged. Angst, uncertainty and dismay yielded way to attitudes of love, caring and servitude. God truly worked on the hearts of those who served. One student commented that it was a great feeling to be able to help where there was need — the same student would like to become a missionary nurse, serving in an area of need like Belize.

Hannah Smoot, another student, commented on her feelings at the end of the trip. “I no longer felt nervous or apprehensive. I felt like I had done good and had served the people I came in contact with. I left Belize feeling rejuvenated and happy that I went and experienced this with my classmates.”

As these students leave the Andrews Nursing classrooms, they take with them the knowledge that not only have they been gifted to serve but they have been gifted by the smiles and affirmation of heaven, *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me* (Matthew 25:40, KJV). ■

Shawna Trotman Henry, clinical associate professor of Nursing and Pre-licensure Program director, School of Nursing, Andrews University

By Gillian Panigot

God Behind THE SCENES

Gena Gordon grew up with her mother and father in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Her mother, in particular, placed a high priority on Gena's spiritual life. Gena was at Sabbath school every week, even if she was the only one there, and she was always at church, even if her mother was unable to attend.

◀ Gena and Margaux pose for a photo in the Rec Center — Gena was helping to prepare breakfast, and it was Margaux' first time teaching Sabbath school.

Courtesy Gena Gordon





▲ Gena speaks for Proximity Vespers in March 2018.

Clarissa Carbungco

When Gena was very young — ages 3, 4 and 5, she would line up her teddy bears like they were in pews and preach to them. “I would do the whole church service,” she laughs. “I would go back and forth between the ‘pews’ and the ‘front’ to do responsive reading.”

As Gena grew, she joined Pathfinders and attended Adventist Youth (AY). At first, she felt pressured to participate. But, as she made friends, she began to enjoy the activities and chose to become more and more involved, eventually accepting leadership positions in both programs.

Once in high school, Gena planned to study Business in college. During her final year of high school, she suddenly decided to study Theology in college as well. As Gena began to review school options, she received an Andrews University pamphlet in the mail with photos that advertised study abroad opportunities. This greatly appealed to her, as it had been something she was looking for in a university.

She also had hoped her college years would allow her to meet people her age who were serious about their Christian walks. “In high school, a lot of my friends were Christian but from different denominations. This meant lots of different opinions, and I was confused. I still

wanted to surround myself with Christians and further be able to flesh out spiritual topics and issues.”

Eventually, Gena’s college choices narrowed down to Cornell University and Andrews University. Gena’s parents favored the Ivy League Cornell, while Gena felt that Andrews was right for her. And then the decision was made. “Cornell sent me a rejection letter, and I was the happiest person ever,” she says. “I ended up at Andrews because every other school rejected me or messed up my application. Corrections would mean I would have had to wait another year. I took it as a sign that God really wanted me to go to Andrews.”



MARGAUX TAN GREW UP IN BERRIEN SPRINGS, Michigan, with her mother, father and older brother. Like Gena, Margaux was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home so was very familiar with the beliefs of the Adventist church. However, she was never strongly encouraged to be involved in church programs. On her own, she chose to join Pathfinders, but eventually she stopped enjoying the experience.

In fifth grade, Margaux told several adults that she did not believe in God. However, no one took her seriously because she was only 10 years old. “For a while there, I didn’t even feel like I was connecting with the God I was raised with,” she says, “so I didn’t care. I didn’t see a need.”

Then, at age 15, Margaux lost her best friend who took his own life. “That shook me. I didn’t see how it correlated, because he loved God.”

As Margaux began her process of deciding which college to attend, she felt limited in her choices. The tragedy she had faced in high school resulted in difficult junior and senior years, and she did not feel academically or mentally prepared to attend most schools. Andrews University was close to home and, because her mother worked at the University, Margaux would receive financial assistance.

She chose to attend Andrews, not because it was even close to her first preference but because it could serve as a steppingstone. Margaux planned to major in Global Studies, get her grades up and transfer out.



WHEN GENA STARTED AT ANDREWS (her first experience in a Christian school system), she signed up for a Business major and a Theology minor. During the second semester of her freshman year, she switched to a Theology major with a Business minor. Finally, she stopped fighting God’s prodding and dropped Business altogether so she could graduate in four years with a degree in Theology. “I thoroughly enjoyed the experiences I had in my church helping with youth ministry,” she says. “I was able to make a difference and thought I could do so much greater if I really knew about the Bible.”

Gena was at a high point in her spiritual walk and became very involved in the spiritual life on campus, even starting her own small group. Eventually, she took some time away from Andrews and, when she returned, she took on fewer responsibilities. Because she was less active, she found herself wondering how God planned to use her until one of her friends told her she should be the Andrews University Student Association (AUSA) religious vice president (RVP). A few nights later, Gena

woke up and felt God telling her to pray for the campus. “I thought to myself, ‘Only RVPs do this.’” Gena ran for RVP, and the other two candidates dropped out on the day of the speeches. Gena was affirmed that God wanted her in this role, and she began to pray for even one person to come to Christ over the next year.



ANDREWS WAS ALSO MARGAUX’ FIRST EXPERIENCE in a Christian school system and, by her sophomore year, she decided not to return. She made plans to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology to major in Advertising and Marketing Communications. She even filled out an application. But then plans began to fall through.

Because she was still signed up for a European study tour at Andrews, she was convinced to return and take Global Studies classes. The only class she enjoyed was her Intro to Film course. “It was hard work, but after every single project I had a feeling of accomplishment and pride in what had been created. That consistency had never been felt before,” she says. “A couple of the film people told me I should think about switching majors. It was the only thing I really wanted to do, and that was the first time something felt right about my major.”

Shiekainah Decano



▲ The 2018–2019 AUSA officers, including Gena and Margaux, are recognized in Pioneer Memorial Church on Thursday, April 26, 2018.



▲ Gena and Margaux prepare to tell their story.

Darren Heslop

Margaux began to feel a tweak of a change in her spiritual life, as well. For the first two-and-a-half years she had been at Andrews, spirituality and Christianity were not on her radar, but then she began to notice just a bit of God's presence. After many conversations with a close friend about spirituality and different churches and religions, Margaux's interest to join a church resurfaced. So she made a deal with God. She would make an effort to bond with Him for an entire week; if He did not respond, she was going to leave the church and never come back.

Margaux spent the week talking to God daily about anything and everything happening in her life, and He did draw near to her. "God gave me what I didn't know I needed most — peace," she says. "That week completely changed my life."

IN JANUARY 2018, MARGAUX STARTED ATTENDING CHURCH AND VESPERS SERVICES. A couple months later, Margaux heard Gena preach at one of the vespers services. Afterwards, Margaux approached Gena and told her how meaningful the message had been. Gena says, "I always hope at least one person is blessed, so I was really glad to see that happen."

Gena and Margaux officially met during the 2018–2019 school year when they both became involved in AUSA — Gena as the religious vice president and Margaux as the student services director.

On AUSA, their work allowed them to form a real relationship. Whenever they were setting up for events, they seemed to always end up in close proximity to each other and would begin to make small talk. Over time, the dialogue easily deepened and they learned about each other's spiritual journeys.

Margaux made a comment to Gena about becoming a youth pastor. Margaux said, "I mentioned to her that ever since I was little, somebody was like, 'You should be a youth pastor.' Even when I was an atheist. And I was like, 'how is that possible? What? A youth pastor of what?'"

Gena adds, "I told her, 'Yeah, you're gonna be a youth pastor.'"

They also began to discuss the Adventist church. Margaux had completed an internship with the Western Australia Conference and, during that time, worked in a Baptist church. She became friends with the people there, who told her that Adventists really seem to keep to themselves. She wished that the Adventist church could connect with other Christian churches overall. When she shared her experience with Gena, the two began to consider how different methods of evangelism and discipleship might appeal to more people.

Eventually Gena asked Margaux to teach Sabbath school. Margaux became increasingly involved in spiritual programming, continuing to volunteer for Sabbath school and other events. When she studied to lead a Sabbath school about the story of Saul in Acts, she had a major change in perspective.

Margaux had always thought you had to be meek and complacent to lead someone else spiritually, but that's not her personality. "With the story of Saul, God didn't ask him to change anything about himself. God just asked Saul to change the team he was fighting for. God can still use people. He made you the way you are for a reason. Realizing I can be the way I am and still be a servant for God has really helped my spirituality and how I carry myself."

Gena had still been praying that one person would connect to Christ during her time as RVP. It turned out Margaux was that person. But Margaux' connection to Christ did not happen through what many consider to be typical evangelism.

"Usually it's like this seminar, this presentation and then people come into the church but then they don't really stay because they don't make friends," says Gena. "I think that's why I didn't like church when I was younger. I had no friends at first. With Margaux, I never approached this thinking, 'I'm going to bring her to God.' I've learned that with evangelism, we should never skip the friendship stage."

"The time spent with Gena really cemented my beliefs in God," says Margaux. "I feel that's the intended nature of evangelism and discipleship. It's not supposed to feel forced or anything. Just be friends — be patient and pray — and then God will do the rest. Never underestimate what God is doing behind the scenes."

Gena, now a graduate student studying Theology, and Margaux, a senior Documentary Film major, both want to continue reaching out to people who are not Adventists and who may not even be Christians.

Margaux specifically wants to focus on youth development in the church. "I want to be the person I didn't have when I was first questioning spiritual things. A lot of people told me to just pray about it, but that wasn't enough for me. I want to experiment with different ways to disciple and try to see God in ways I haven't typically seen. For me, going forward, it's more about showing the characteristics of God in all situations and not just where the label of 'God' might not be welcomed. You shouldn't have to say that God lives within you for other people to know."

Gena advises others to try something new and allow God to show you a different side of Himself. She realizes that in the past, had she known Margaux's journey from the start, she might not have chosen to be friends with her. But now she has seen how God can use anyone and work in anyone. "Connect with others," she says. "When you get to hear other people's thoughts and their convictions and experiences, it helps you on your own journey. Be a friend, be kind, and God will work." ■

Gillian Panigot, Media Communications manager and FOCUS editor, University Communication

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COMMITTED TO WORSHIP

By Hannah Gallant

The lights faded as the sounds of the welcome video filled the expansive space of the Howard Performing Arts Center. Keyboardist Trey Bosfield sat on the stage, sandwiched between two other keyboardists, watching the video from an angle.

“We did not come to be entertained or seek a show. We came to worship Yahweh,” said the narrator in the voiceover, the congregation quiet below. For Trey, and many others in that auditorium, this was true.

Trey has been playing as a keyboardist for New Life, a Sabbath worship service on the Andrews University campus, for the past year, and this experience helped him grow closer to God.

“At first when I started playing on the Andrews campus, part of me wanted recognition for it, but I’ve learned when playing for God, don’t play for recognition,” he reflects. “When I play at New Life, I play the best I can because I’m playing for the Lord, so I don’t try and overpower other band members or be a showboat.”

Now, graduation weekend Sabbath, was Trey’s last time to play for a New Life service. He sat quietly, in a white shirt and tie, graduation cords draped over his shoulders.

Chaplain Michael Polite walked onto the stage to greet the congregation and congratulate the graduates. Trey and the other members of the band provided soft accompaniment.

Following an ordination of eldership and a passionate prayer, Trey began playing the lead part of Kirk Franklin’s “He’s Able.” The singers entered the stage from the left and the audience stood in worship, hands interlocked across the aisles, as the sounds of the song filled the space.

Music has been in Trey’s life as long as he can remember. Born in Freeport, Grand Bahama, in the islands of the Bahamas, he grew up with his parents and younger brother. Trey’s mother works at the container port in the commercial department and his father owns a solar power business, providing and installing solar panels for clients.

“Both of my parents each have a lot of brothers and sisters, resulting in me having a myriad of aunts and uncles and a variety of cousins,” says Trey.



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▲ Trey playing for New Life on graduation Sabbath



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▲ Trey playing for Chapel on Thursday, April 4

PLAYING AT NEW LIFE ALSO ENSURES THAT I AM IN CHURCH AND, SINCE I'M THERE, I LISTEN TO THE SERMONS WHICH USUALLY IMPACT ME ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

"Music was always a part of my mother's side of the family. All of my mother's siblings could play at least one instrument or sing. They were all actively involved in the church back home. And my father's mom was a music teacher, however, I never got a chance to meet her as she passed away before I was born."

As a child, Trey sat in church and tapped his hands to the same drum beat being played for praise and worship. "My first memory of music was my mom and dad buying me a toy snare drum for Christmas when I was like three years old," he explains. He played on that drum until it broke. Trey also tried piano lessons at age five. That lasted for two whole weeks. The most formal musical training he had was from his aunt who taught him to play scales on the piano.

Before coming to Andrews, Trey played at church functions near his home. "I started playing the drum set in church when I was 15. I practiced and learned the songs using pillows in my room until my parents bought me my first actual drum set. Because I loved the drums, I decided to join the steel pan band at school."

Trey played along with the New Life band, and the song leaders shifted into a powerful rendition of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Eventually the music faded and Chaplain Polite stepped onto the stage again.

"Graduation is no small thing," he said, inviting each graduate to stand. Behind him, Trey stood with a few other members of the praise team. The auditorium swelled with applause, as Chaplain June Price joined Chaplain Polite to offer another warm welcome to the graduates.

When the vocalists started the praise set, the musicians followed. Trey focused on his playing, enjoying the worship as the singers and those in attendance lifted up their voices.

"Experiencing New Life praise and worship is always pretty good, but there is just something different about it when you play for it," Trey says. "In my case, it feels like I get to express my worship through my playing, and this helps other people get in the mood to worship."

The praise time continued, moving into "Victory is Mine" and then "In the Name of Jesus." Members of the congregation lifted their hands in praise as Trey and the others played the opening notes to "Oh, Lord, How Excellent."

"Playing for New Life one last time felt almost nostalgic," Trey reflects. "I remember thinking how nice it was to be playing my last service in the Howard Center and how good it felt to see the audience standing up and worshipping as well. It's always good to see the impact music has on the audience during praise and worship."

The song service ended with a moving rendition of "Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory." As the singers left the stage, the speaker walked on, inviting the crowd to stand and join hands. He read a passage from the book of Esther and began to talk about seasons of life. "It's true that this might not be your season," he explained. "The reality of the matter is that some of us will have to go through a little bit of hardship for just a little longer . . . but the good news is that no season lasts forever."

For Trey, his season at Andrews University would end when he graduated the very next day with his Bachelor's

degree in Mechanical Engineering. Years ago, he had decided to attend Andrews because he was interested in meeting new people from different cultures, he hoped to grow in his relationship with God through the Andrews experience, and the snow!

"I heard it snowed over here all the time. As a Bahamian boy who's never seen snow, that was a very enticing reason," he recalls.

While at Andrews, Trey continued in his love for music by playing for the Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC) and for the Black Student Christian Forum's Impact vespers.

In addition to playing music, Trey also enjoyed other extracurricular activities. "My favorite and most memorable non-music extracurricular activity was doing the Passion Play my freshman year," he recalls. "It was really tiring but really fun and I would've done it again."

During his junior year, Trey tried out for a spot as a New Life musician and didn't make the cut. Prior to this, Trey had only played for New Life as part of the DMC Band and had been hoping to play regularly for New Life. However, during his senior year the music director decided to give him a chance to play. Since then he has played whenever the music director asks him to.

"Music is really important when it comes to worship, in my opinion," says Trey. "New Life doesn't necessarily have one specific band, so jamming out with different musicians was always fun and was a great way to make new connections and friends!"

His experiences at New Life taught Trey several things but especially dedication. "I had to be dedicated to learn the New Life songs in the week and then wake up early on the Sabbath mornings I was playing so I could move and set up the very heavy instruments."

"Playing at New Life also ensures that I am in church and, since I'm there, I listen to the sermons which usually impact me one way or the other," he states. "Overall, New Life was most definitely a commitment for me — a joyous one though."

As the sermon ended, Trey and the other musicians began to play softly, and the congregation stood in worship for the closing song: "You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to you."

The graduation Sabbath service came to an end as the final notes of "Amen" rang out.

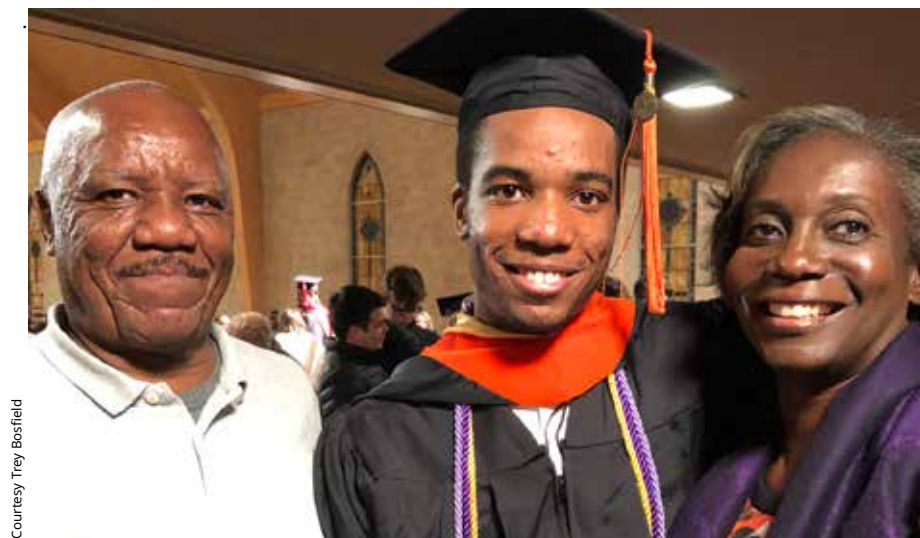
Although Trey has completed his time at Andrews, he will continue to find ways to be involved in music. He loves getting into the moment when he plays and always hopes that what he plays will make someone's day a little better, even if only briefly. "Music is my way of expressing my feelings, expressing what I can't or just don't want to say," he says.

After graduation, Trey plans to play in his local church and work with music software to broaden his skills at making tracks and beats. He also is interested in learning to play the bass guitar.

His advice to others who like music is, "Practice constantly and try to get yourself out there. Try playing music whether it be in church, a small band or anything. Music is a great way to connect and make friends."

Trey also recognizes God's hand in his time at Andrews. "God has been leading throughout my life at Andrews, just based on the people I interact with and friends I've made. He's put them in my life to help guide me. Even though it's pretty scary going off and trying to be an adult now, I'm ready to face the next chapter in life. God hasn't led me down the wrong path yet, so I know I'll be fine no matter how He chooses to lead me." ■

Hannah Gallant, University Communication student writer



▲ Trey poses for a photo with his parents, Carlton Bosfield and Thelma Sturupp-Bosfield, at the spring graduation consecration service.



Courtesy of Jeanine Rapp

▲ Last fall, Jeanine Rapp accepted her boyfriend's proposal of marriage. One day, while caring for a patient, Robert Dabney passed by. "I chased him down the hall to ask if he would officiate our wedding ceremony," said Rapp. "I told him I would be so honored because he took such good care of all of us."

Life-changing encounter creates bond between nurse and chaplain

When Jeanine Rapp woke up on September 17, 2017, she knew something was wrong. Little did she know she would soon be in the Emergency Department at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center La Grange fighting for her life.

When chaplain Robert Dabney arrived for work at the hospital that same day, little did he know he would witness a miracle — and make a lasting connection.

Earlier that morning, Rapp, a 49-year-old nursing student, believed she was dealing with bronchitis symptoms that had

progressed. But four minutes after arriving at the hospital, a blood clot caused her to go into cardiac arrest. Dabney was on duty and answered the code to provide spiritual support in the ED.

Despite 90 minutes of CPR, Rapp was struggling. Medical staff told Dabney and Rapp's boyfriend to bring her two daughters from the waiting room to say goodbye to their mother.

Rapp spent several days on a ventilator in the ICU, receiving many hours of dialysis for kidneys that were shutting down. At

the same time, Dabney spent many hours offering prayer and comfort to the numerous family members who continually occupied the ICU family room. When Rapp began to recover and was moved to a different unit, Dabney followed. "At that time, she was day-to-day," he said. "No one knew if she would recover, and it was a very hard time, especially for her daughters."

"After I was awake, Robert would visit me every day, and I couldn't thank him enough," Rapp said. "He was fielding groups of people coming to see me, and my daughters came to love him."

To the surprise of many, Rapp was discharged in October, and back at nursing school in January. On September 17, 2018, a year to the day she arrived in the ED, Rapp walked into AMITA Health La Grange to begin work as a nurse with some of the same people who saved her life. "It's crazy to work with doctors who shake their heads in amazement that I'm standing here," she said.

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Rapp and the man who loved her through her near-death experience were married March 23, 2019. "To think I was here for the code and able to help the family, then Jeanine ends up working here and asks me to officiate... It's amazing," said Dabney. "In their most difficult and most joyous of times, I was able to play a part in the life of this family. God truly has everything intricately planned and we just stumble into His miracles." ■

Julie Busch, associate vice president, Communications, AMITA Health

Connecting theory and practice

This past May, six graduate students and one undergraduate had the opportunity to spend nearly four weeks in Madagascar on a study tour hosted by the Community & International Development Program (CIDP) at Andrews University. Of the seven students, four were pursuing their CIDP degree and three were working on their social work degree. Over the course of the tour, they spent most of their time in Madagascar's capital city, Antananarivo, visiting key players working in the development, humanitarian and social work sectors. They also assessed activities and organizations in Tamatave and visited the local rural clinic in Foulpointe.

The goal of this trip was to give participants an opportunity to observe development and social work practitioners in the field, and bridge the gap between the theory learned in the classroom and its practical uses in communities.

While on the tour, each student took two courses, Poverty Analysis & Reduction Strategies and Humanitarian & Development Practice. The first examined urban and rural poverty, the causes and consequences of poverty, and the various sources and means of anti-poverty programs. The second dealt with issues addressing the challenges, ethics and principles of humanitarian and development work.

In addition to completing their coursework, students went on daily site visits with humanitarian and development organizations, including local non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and government departments. Each of these

organizations contributes to the anti-poverty and development work in Madagascar.

During these site visits, students were given a chance to apply content from their classes. They primarily observed how the organizations worked as practitioners but also were able to conduct a needs assessment in a rural village called Ambatolampy. They used a participant observation method which allowed them to collect information and interpret it from the local population's point of view. For graduate student Danielle Barnard, this was her favorite part of the trip. "It really solidified for me that I made the right decision to join this program and pursue this field," she says.

The students also were able to partner with several groups on four different projects: distributing shoes to a rural school, providing relief materials and equipment to a shelter and rehabilitation center, visiting an eco village, and helping children who needed medical treatment. "This year, the

emphasis was on using the four principles of humanitarian actions: humanity, independence, impartiality and neutrality," explains Joel Raveloharimisy, trip leader, associate professor and director of CIDP.

In their free time, the students enjoyed spending a few days on tourist activities, such as visiting a local lemur park to learn about Madagascar's plant and animal life, and enjoying time at the beach.

Overall, this tour helped students such as Danielle see where they can fit in the humanitarian-development continuum. "I have the personality and heart to spend a decade working toward small systemic changes in an area, whereas other classmates want to be on the ground during conflict and provide immediate assistance during distress. Both are necessary."

Raveloharimisy notes that the purpose of this tour was to teach students about sustainable goals and the humanitarian purpose of "leave no one behind." He says, "We had three weeks to learn from observation and actions. It was a great tour." ■

Hannah Gallant, University Communication student writer



Courtesy of Community & International Development Program

▲ Madagascar study tour participants stand in front of the U.S. Embassy.



▲ Latoria Thomas-Lee of Chicago's Shiloh Church helped to pass out bags filled with health and spiritual info to Black Women Expo attendees

Chicago expo-goers receive message of health and hope

LAKE REGION—Health and community engagement is front and center at Lake Region this year.

During the weekend of April 12–14, the Lake Region Health Ministry Department participated in a major expo in Chicago. Thirty thousand people filled McCormick Place for the Black Women's Expo, making it a gigantic opportunity for the Lake Region Health ministry to share God's plan for everyone's health in a practical way.

Lake Region Health director, Christina Wells, and her team passed out almost 1,200 bags which contained health educational materials, GLOW tracts, Who are the Adventists magazine, and a Ministry of Healing book. Over 1,500 people were engaged, in alignment with Touch 10K, an

evangelistic outreach effort adopted by regional conferences and aimed at reaching 10,000 people in major cities across the United States.

In Chicago, visitors to the Lake Region booth expressed that they were eager to learn more about their health. "People were so interested in their health and were excited that we were giving them free information," said Wells.

One lady stopped by the booth as Wells was sharing about who they were. She was thrilled to tell them about her time with an Adventist naturopathic doctor whom she said helped heal her of cancer.

Volunteers from the Shiloh, New Life and Independence churches in Chicago provided assistance, and said they enjoyed interacting with people at the expo. One of the volunteers, Nina, from the Independence Church, said she was "so excited to have the opportunity to allow her light to shine." As there is a plan to



▲ Lisa Abrams, Tonya Nisbeth, Sheron Mesadieu and Wennie Watson of Chicago's Shiloh Church.



▲ Wennie Watson, Lisa Abrams and Sheron Mesadieu

stay connected via a health newsletter, volunteers also collected names and contact information of visitors.

"Medical missionary work is an open door through which many will be reached by the gospel," said Wells, a medical doctor. "This medical missionary work starts in our own neighborhoods."

"The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago — a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished" (Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143). ■

Christina Wells, Lake Region Conference health director, with Herald staff

Wisconsin ACS volunteers aid storm victims

WISCONSIN—"Two major storms hit across Wisconsin on July 19 and 20, bringing 16 confirmed tornados and lots of straight-line winds," reported Alice Garrett, Wisconsin Adventist Community Services director. "Many were without power for days ... I don't believe there was any loss of life, for which we are grateful."

Just one week after completing their training in Disaster Response Donations Operations, Greg and Wendy Larson, members of the Living Faith SDA Church in Little Suamico, responded to requests for help in hard-hit Langlade County where lack of power and water were immediate needs. Walking down debris-strewn streets, Greg and Wendy went door to door, offering bottled water to each resident. Wendy described her experience saying, "Greg and I were blessed by going up north and giving out water to people who were devastated by the recent storms ... so blessed!!!"

Many Clear Lake church members lost power for 39 hours; volunteers were able to get some generators going for most of the families involved. For some members of area Seventh-day Adventist churches who had trees down, volunteers came to help clear out their yards. "These efforts to help our church brethren were definitely a blessing," said Garrett.

The Antigo SDA Church reported that their members have been busy helping the community. One incident reported a tree crushing both cars of one family. Volunteers were able to help the stranded family and acquire the items they needed.

"As with any disaster, reports came in slowly," said Alice, "but God is good. Both Polk and Barron counties on the west side [of the state] experienced a lot of tree and structure damage. Centers in each county were opened, where volunteers met then

went out as teams to help remove debris from roads and private homes."

Adventist Community Services (ACS) volunteers provide disaster response services through the ACS Disaster Response Ministry to assist individuals, families and communities affected by natural

and manmade disasters and unforeseen tragedies. Their purpose is not only to share the good news of salvation, but also to demonstrate the love of God to people who are in need. ■

Juanita Edge, Communication director, Wisconsin Conference



Selfie photo by Greg Larson



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Raeanne Stukenberg



▲ More Michigan Pathfinders are choosing to remain in the Teens in Leadership Training (TLT) program. Pictured here are some members of Eau Claire Critters, a club that retains the most third- and fourth-year teens.

Michigan retaining more Teen Leaders in Training (TLTs)

MICHIGAN—After years of fewer third- and fourth-year Michigan Pathfinder Teen Leaders in Training (TLTs) staying the course, new numbers are signaling encouraging growth. For the Pathfinder year that just ended, (2018–2019 school year), there were 14 fourth-year TLTs compared to 10 the previous year and just two in 2016. Third-year numbers were a little lower this year, 21, compared to 25 the previous year, but still up significantly over the eight in 2019.

According to Craig Harris, Michigan Conference associate Youth director, the jump is attributed to several factors. “We have been making sure the TLTs are doing worthwhile work at the major events, such as Camporee, TLT Squared, Teen Snow Outing, Pathfinder Fair, Camp Meeting, and also are really encouraging/training the club

and TLT directors to raise the bar in the local level leadership,” he said.

The TLT program was designed to challenge and empower teens with new and increased responsibilities, using six major departments: Administration, Outreach, Teaching, Activities, Records and Counseling. Within each of these are several service areas which must be completed, depending on the size of the club.

Harris explained that the highest retention numbers are coming from those clubs that fully embrace this philosophy of challenging teens in the mission and ministry of Christ.

One such club is the Eau Claire Critters. This year, a total of 18 TLTs completed the program, of which five were third-year and five were fourth-year participants, the most of any Michigan club.

We ventured to find out why they’re having this high level of success, in the hopes of inspiring and encouraging other clubs. Brandon Lubbert, club director for the last two years, said that it’s pretty simple: “We

give the youth a reason to feel invested in the ministry. The club is run by TLTs,” he explained. “We make every effort to give responsibility to the TLTs and have them do almost everything. Adults are in the background providing help, if needed, and making sure things are running well.”

TLTs are responsible for teaching the Investiture Achievement (IA) curriculum, presenting worship talks, packing trailers, setting up and tearing down during camping trips. “Anything we can get them to jump into and do, we let them,” said Lubbert. “It’s their club and we want to encourage that ownership and leadership.”

He recounted the time on a recent trip to Pathfinder Fair when their trailer lost a bearing. TLTs, along with the other Pathfinders, sprang into action, managing to unload the 8’x10’ trailer and stuff all of its contents onto the bus, within 30 minutes. “That couldn’t have happened without their diligence and hard work.”

Eau Claire gives the Pathfinders plenty of opportunities to grow, and also space to fail. Caleb Capps, a fourth-year TLT who recently earned Master Guide status said that, although responsibilities were heaped on him, he always felt encouraged to do his best. “The leaders trusted me,” he said. “They count on me and trust me to get the job done.”

Leaders were willing to guide 19-year-old Caleb. Whenever he erred in dealing with a situation, they pulled him aside and gently counseled him. “They’d say, ‘maybe you didn’t phrase that so well; you could say it this way.’”

Caleb also pointed out that even before he became a TLT, he felt it was his duty to give back to the club, since it was TLTs before him that gained his trust. “They made you feel really special and now I have to live up the high standard of those people older than me. I wanted to pass it forward.”

Standing on the shoulders of giants Rahel Wells was the Eau Claire club director for 13 years until relinquishing the role

after her marriage. Rahel, now an assistant professor of Religion at Andrews University, credits the club with keeping her engaged in the mission of the Church. Rahel was a young staff member in college when Gordon Atkins was Eau Claire’s Pathfinder Club director, and it was Gordon who taught her much of what she implemented. He trusted her, at 25, to take on leading the club, and empowered her to lead the team.

When she was club director, she learned that it was best to “treat our Pathfinders like you’d treat any adult,” she explained. “Give them free rein — sometimes things flop —

but more often than not, they will step up to the challenge.”

Over the years, the club has hovered between 50 and 60 members but, despite those numbers, Rahel says that having the TLTs take over most of the responsibilities resulted in freeing up the director to walk around and affirm the kids even more. “The church was started by young people,” she said emphatically, “so there’s no reason we can’t trust these young people to finish the work.” ■

Debbie Michel, Lake Union Conference associate director of Communication

Breakdown of Michigan TLTs over the last four years

Third-year TLTs:

2016 – 8	2018 – 25
2017 – 13	2019 – 21

Fourth-year TLTs:

2016 – 2	2018 – 10
2017 – 5	2019 – 14



▲ Northeastern Conference president Daniel Honore (left) and Southwest Region Conference president Calvin Watkins, Sr., in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, with an Adventist family from Honduras.

Regional conference presidents make humanitarian visit to the US–Mexico border

LAKE REGION—On July 24–25, a group of administrators and pastors visited Ciudad, Mexico, where migrants who are refused entry into the U.S. are housed, pending asylum interviews at the border.

Northeastern Conference president Daniel Honore reported in a Facebook post, “The conditions are heartbreaking. Poor housing

and sanitary conditions, [people] without medical care.”

He described two or three families living in two-bedroom cabins with no beds, only thin mattresses on the floor. “These families cook their meals outside on improvised grills of stone and bricks. We saw children with skin and ear infections but no medication.

The migrants are primarily from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. We met an Adventist family in which the dad was an ordained deacon in El Salvador. They told us about giving up everything and fleeing when gangs threatened to kidnap their

daughter from her SDA school unless they made regular ‘protection’ money payments.”

In addition to Honore, Southwest Regional Conference president Calvin Watkins and 13 Southwest pastors delivered six carloads of hygiene and grooming supplies which the detainees greatly appreciated.

Each of the nine regional conferences contributed \$1,000. Lake Region Conference president R. Cliff Jones says the plan is for Lake Region to be represented on a future trip. “We’ve got to separate politics from people, especially the vulnerable and feeble. We’ve got to see people the way God does, especially the stranger and alien. We’ve got to work at restoring families, especially those fleeing inhumane conditions and persecution.” ■

Debbie Michel, associate director of Communication for the Lake Union Conference



▲ Southwest Region Conference Community Service director, Durandel Ford, with the team at the border mission.



Courtesy of Ann Gibson

▲ Annetta Gibson, professor emerita

New title from Annetta Gibson

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich.—Annetta Gibson, professor emerita, recently completed a new book titled, *"Honorable in Business: Business Ethics from a Christian Perspective."* Written with contributions from Daniel Augsburger, professor emeritus who passed away in 2004, this book combines a Christian worldview with business ethics to present Christians with a mental framework for approaching the world of business as an ethical Christian.

The book begins by laying the foundation for a Christian worldview with principles garnered from Genesis and the Ten Commandments. It then applies these principles to a number of business ethics topics including employee rights, discrimination, technology and privacy, insider trading and accounting fraud, and working internationally. The goal of the book is to help new and experienced employees in business consider how the foundation of a Christian worldview can impact their ethical decision-making in their business careers.

Former dean of the School of Business (1995–2006) and the Hasso Endowed

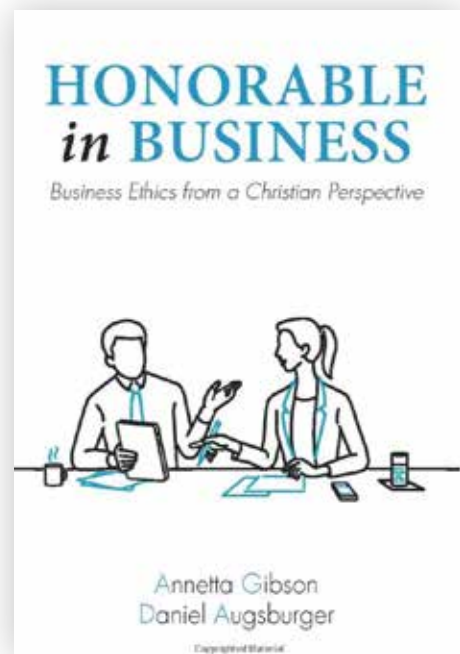
Chair for business ethics (2006–2013) at Andrews University, Gibson is the current assistant to the General Conference treasurer for treasurer training. She lives in Berrien Springs, Mich., and has published other work in several journals, including the *"Journal of Business Ethics and the Journal of Applied Christian Leadership."*

Augsburger taught at Andrews University in the Modern Languages and Religion departments as well as the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary from 1942 to 2003. His love of teaching and his students is honored by Andrews University's annual teaching award being named the "Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award."

Ralph Trecartin, associate provost and dean of the School of Business Administration at Andrews University, states that this book is "really an outstanding accomplishment since, to my knowledge, this is the only book of its kind."

To learn more about the book or purchase it, visit the Wipf and Stock Publishers website at wipfandstock.com/honorable-in-business.html. The book also can be purchased at amazon.com. ■

Hannah Gallant, University Communication student writer



Courtesy Roberto Gonzalez

▲ Ruben Vargas serves at the Eau Claire Spanish Church in Berrien Springs.

Mentored seminarians provide spiritual boost to Lake Union churches

At the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, MDiv students don't just have their heads in the clouds, adrift in academic jargon and all things Hebrew and Greek. The Seminary ensures its students also keep their "boots on the ground" via practical church and ministry-related work.

In partnership with the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI), the Seminary employs a program of mutual benefit to students and local churches alike with its Theological Field Education program. The TFE program provides churches with the ministerial equivalent of an intern, only more impactful when you consider the industry.

Michael Taylor of the Paw Paw Church shares that his church has been blessed by seminarians who have shared profound insights from the pulpit. Often TFE students preach their first sermon during their tenure at mentoring churches. The experience is a benefit for both parties.

The work of TFE students, however, does not have to be limited to the pulpit and most

often is not. For example, because of the influence of TFE students, Taylor reports that Paw Paw has been able to add "a handful of advanced and modern administrative and organization tools to our ministry, such as worship scheduling calendars and member tracking software. In addition, student pastors have led ministries and planned events, including 10 Days of Prayer." Going above and beyond the call of duty, Taylor's TFE students also have ministered to heartbroken members who have had to deal with unspeakable tragedies. To his amazement, he's seen them drop everything in order to comfort and support those in need.

For Timothy Nixon, the TFE students serving at All Nations under his mentorship "have been given free rein to become involved in every aspect of church life. They have served in every church office from Sabbath school to Pathfinders to AY to deacons and elders. They also have been given regular opportunities to preach on Sabbath."

TFE participation at All Nations is truly comprehensive. With a desire to address their unique needs as servant-leaders, the Seminary students at All Nations formed their own organization: SANE (Seminarians of All Nations Engaged) which encourages all attending seminarians to be engaged in the church's work, life and support. To ensure the mutual benefit of the program, Nixon meets with his students monthly — not just to address church issues but also for matters involving their ministerial and professional development and preparedness. In-the-field pastoral mentoring is one of the benefits students receive.

Recognizing that TFE is a requirement for MDiv students, mentoring pastors like Roberto Gonzalez of the Eau Claire Spanish Church inform their TFE students at the onset that they desire true commitment from their student-leaders. It is important to Gonzalez that the students working with him "commit themselves to the church beyond a course requirement. It takes time for the church members to know them, and I want to make sure they have an impact in the local

church beyond the pulpit or the Sabbath school class they are teaching." With committed students, Eau Claire Spanish Church has been able to attract more people, especially youth. Gonzalez notes, "Our small church attendance three years ago was around 35–40; we doubled the regular Sabbath's attendance, thanks to their support and work. On some special Sabbaths, we made it up to more than 100 people."

Cris Suarez recently completed his Theological Field Education at the Eau Claire Spanish Church. He recounts a personal conversation he had with a new believer who was also new to the area, having left family and friends. During the course of the conversation, he was able to note the person's loneliness and relief in finding a church home in Eau Claire. Recalling the conversation, Suarez continues, "It reminded me of my purpose. Why do ministry? It's about people and not a building; it's not about fulfilling a class requirement but about serving God's people."

Strategic relationships and collaborations between universities and external entities are not new. Businesses are increasingly pursuing strategic partnerships with their local colleges and universities for the benefits they bring. These benefits include increased human resources via student interns and the thought-leaders who teach them.

With both of these groups comes trend awareness and greater possibilities for innovation — what's true for businesses also can be true for churches and has been true for most of those involved with the Theological Field Education initiative. Partnering with the Seminary brings impact. ■

Esther Green just completed her first year at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.



Courtesy Michael Taylor

▲ Michelle Odimna, seminary student, helps out at Paw Paw and Otsego churches.



Courtesy Michael Taylor

▲ Left to right: Shawna Henry, Michael Taylor, Murvin Camatchee, and Karina Sheldon. Murvin and Karina are currently pastoring in the NAD, and Shawna will be graduating soon. Michael pastors at the Paw Paw and Otsego churches.



▲ Team before leaving Andrews University campus

Andrews University students get hands-on training during Milwaukee evangelism series

The Andrews University Department of Religion and Biblical Languages held its 2019 Field School of Evangelism, a three-week joint initiative with the Wisconsin Conference, in Milwaukee, Wis., May 13–June 2. The first week of Field School began with students attending classes taught by Rodney Palmer, assistant professor and praxis director.

Fifteen Theology majors conducted their own meetings for the remaining weeks of Field School, rather than joining an experienced evangelist who was leading a series. Placed in teams, students alternated sermons in the 10-part series captioned, “Pathways of Hope.” Sabbath and nightly meetings were held in nine locations. The two weeks of preaching climaxed with six baptisms, one profession of faith and twelve additional decisions for baptism at a later date. As part of the post-campaign activities, two students

remained in Milwaukee for ten additional weeks to assist with follow-up work.

According to Rodney Palmer, Field School director, “The 2019 Field School of Evangelism greatly aided our students in their ability to preach the gospel, work with congregations and, through the Holy Spirit’s leading, bring people into a saving relationship with Jesus. Above all, it demonstrated the passion and dedication of our Theology majors in fulfilling the gospel commission of Jesus Christ.”

One student summed it up best when he stated, “The Field School opened my eyes to more of what evangelism and ministry are like.... God stretched me, but also confirmed His call to me. I hope to be a better evangelistically minded pastor, a better preacher and a more holistic pastor, focusing not just on the reaping but the preparation and the nurturing as well, because of this experience.”

In addition to the preaching and visitation assignments, students who took the Urban Missions class also volunteered at the Sharon Church. They assisted with arranging the church’s food pantry and clothing room, along with serving some of the community members who sought

assistance, plus a special donation of Bibles and back-to-school supplies were made to Karen children.

Students involved in this year’s Field School were Jonathan Baker, Samuel Barrett, Nicolas Chaij, KhaiKhai Cin, Michael Cuke, Jeremiah Davis, Jonanette Deverson, Jocias Diaz, Becky Doristil, Raabe Garcia Luis Gomez, Delaneira Kuntoria, Kim Mung, Carlos Tavaréz and Silas Yeung.

Providing mentorship and invaluable support to the student evangelists were pastors Sheldon Bryan, Adam Case, Danilo Colindres, Freddy De Los Santos, Myoung Kwon, Cid Leopoldino and Evelio Miranda, and Aung Tun, Karen group leader. ■

Rodney Palmer, assistant professor of Religion and Field School director, Andrews University



▲ Top: Karen people group at Milwaukee Central Church; Bottom: Rodney Palmer (center) and Sheldon Bryan (left) handing over back-to-school donations to Karen group leader Aung Tu.



▲ The proposed site plan for the Agriculture Education Center

Andrews University approves concept for Agriculture Education Center

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich.—Andrews University has approved the concept for an Agriculture Education Center within the Department of Sustainable Agriculture. The Center would be housed in the facilities of the former Dairy and be designed specifically to emphasize responsible, sustainable agricultural practices that reflect a commitment to serve as good stewards of the environment.

“While we will miss the Dairy very much, we are excited about this Center and how it will take the education of our students to the next level,” says Katherine Koudele, chair, Department of Sustainable Agriculture. “At the Center, they will develop the skills needed in their future careers and put into practice what they have learned in the classroom.”

Ideas for the Agriculture Education Center were benchmarked with similar schools that have successfully transitioned from an industry to a wholly educational facility. The finished site is proposed to eventually include seeded, fenced pastures for rotational grazing; small animal and calf barns; greenhouses; a classroom; an Animal Science Complex to house sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas, yearling cattle, horses and miniature horses; an indoor riding ring; an outdoor horse arena; an outdoor horticultural garden production space; a growing out pond for fingerling fish; and recreational paths along the St. Joseph River and around the Center.

The Center would enable students to have immersive experiences in raising and caring for animals and plants in conjunction with class requirements, research and senior projects. It also would allow the Department of Sustainable Agriculture to partner with other

departments on campus for therapy programs, preparation for national and international mission service, and collaborative research and teaching.

Connections would be facilitated with the local community, as well. Teachers in K–12 classrooms could bring their students to the Center for outside-the-classroom scientific learning experiences.

Completion of the Agriculture Education Center is projected in five phases over the course of five or more years as funds become available. The first educational phase was approved to begin in April (2019), with educational operations at the Center starting in September.

“We are excited for the educational opportunities the Center will bring but also for the chance to preserve the agricultural legacy of Andrews,” says Koudele. “We have been a part of our county’s agricultural community for 118 years, and it is an honor to carry on the tradition of our founders.”

For more information or to contribute to the project, visit andrews.edu/agriculture. ■

Gillian Panigot, Media Communications manager and FOCUS editor, University Communication



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September

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

GENERAL EVENTS

- Sept. 4-5: *EndItNow*
- Sept. 13-14: *State of the Dead, Hell and the Worship of Ancestors, IFAMS/Mission Conference*
- Sept. 16-20: *Fall Week of Prayer: David Asscherick*
- Sept. 19-21: *ArtsFEST: Image & Influence Workshop*
- Sept. 19-21: *SciFEST VII 2019 "Light"*
- Sept. 24: *Change Day*
- Sept. 26-29: *Alumni Homecoming Weekend*
- Sept. 26: *Andreasen Center for Wellness Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening*

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENTS

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- Sept. 13, 7 p.m.: *Adorarte Music Festival 2019*
- Sept. 15, 4 p.m.: *Sunday Music Series: Guilhaume Andreas*
- Sept. 22, 7 p.m.: *Howard Center Presents...Aruna Quartet*
- Sept. 28, 8 p.m.: *Alumni Gala*

ILLINOIS

- Sept. 13-15: *Pathfinder Leadership Training, Camp Akita*
- Sept. 20-22: *Adventurer Family Campout, Camp Akita*

INDIANA

- Sept. 6-8: *Adventurer Family Weekend, Timber Ridge Camp*
- Sept. 13-15: *Pathfinder Camporee, Timber Ridge Camp*
- Sept. 20-22: *Brown County Blowout! Mountain Biking, Timber Ridge Camp*

LAKE REGION

- Sept. 12: *Michiana PARL Day, Gary Mizpah Church, Gary, Ind.*
- Sept. 15: *Health Ministries' Let's Move Day*
- Sept. 19: *Men's Ministry, Independence Boulevard Church, Chicago*
- Sept. 21: *LRC Congreso de Vida Familiar, Chicago*
- Sept. 26: *Conscience & Justice Convention, Atlanta, Ga.*
- Sept. 27: *Chicagoland Youth Federation, Chicago Shiloh Church*

MICHIGAN

- Sept. 6-8: *Adventurer Family Camp, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 7: *Men of Faith, Great Lakes Adventist Academy*
- Sept. 8-11: *Senior Camp, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 13-15: *Pathfinder Leadershop, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 20-22: *Family First, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 22-24: *Literature Evangelism Retreat, Great Lakes Adventist Academy*

WISCONSIN

- Sept. 3-5: *Outdoor Education, Camp Wakonda*
- Sept. 13-15: *Adventurer Camporee, Camp Wakonda*
- Sept. 28: *Northern District Meeting, Rice Lake Church, Rice Lake*

LAKE UNION

- Sept. 15: *Free Health and Dental Clinic, Fort Wayne, Ind.*
- Sept. 20 and 22: *Free Health and Dental Clinic, Cadillac, Mich.*

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OBITUARIES

GILLIAM, Denise; age 63, born Jan. 16, 1956, in Gary, Ind.; died July 12, 2019, in Gary. She was a member of the Mizpah Church in Gary. Survivors include her brothers, Leander (Birdine) Gilliam and Marvin Gilliam. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor LeeRoy Coleman; interment was at Evergreen Memorial in Hobart, Ind.

GREEN, Sandra; age 64, born Sept. 30, 1954, in Detroit, Mich.; died June 28, 2019, in Merrillville, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church in Gary. Survivors include brothers, Warren Green and Carlston Green; sisters, Patricia Negroni, Lisa Boone, and Carleatha Green. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor LeeRoy Coleman; private inurnment.

KARS, Eleanor (Dunnewin); age 91, born July 30, 1927, in Holland, Mich.; died March 30, 2019, in Holland. She was a member of the Holland Church in Holland. Survivors include her son, Terry Kars; daughters, Beverly (Arthur) Grimes and Kimberly (Bruce) Bos; brothers, Earl "Duke" (Dorothy) Dunnewin; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Sean Reed; interment was at Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland.

MOYER, Bruce Campbell; age 82; born May 3, 1937, in New York City; died May 11, 2019, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Nagy) Moyer; son, TJ Moyer; daughter, Lisl Moyer Sukachevin; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted on August 31 by Lawrence Downing; private inurnment.

THOMPSON, David N.; age 80, born Nov. 25, 1938, in Marion, Ind.; died May 17, 2019, in White Cloud, Mich. He was a member of the Fremont Church in Fremont, Mich. Survivors include his wife, Edith J. (Bement) Thompson; daughters, Dawn R. Thompson (Gary) Geigle, and Darla J. Thompson (Jeff) Wilks; brothers, Jan (Dorothy) Thompson, and Gary Thompson; sisters, Debbie Thompson (Joey) Gibson, and Diana Thompson (Lonnie) McDaniel; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jason Sliger; interment was at Lincoln Township Cemetery, Mich.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANDREWS ACADEMY INVITES YOU TO ALUMNI WEEKEND, Oct. 18-19. Come and reunite with your EMCA/AUA/AA family. Remember the defining moments of your past and reconnect with old friends. We look forward to seeing all of you once again at our Alumni Reunion! Friday: 7 p.m. - Vespers. Saturday: 9-9:45 a.m. - Continental Breakfast; 10 a.m. - Sabbath School and Roll Call; 11:15 a.m. - Alumni Worship Convocation followed by Honor Class Photographs and Fellowship Haystack Luncheon. We will be honoring graduating classes that end in '0s and '5s.

GRAND LEDGE ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. Honoring the Class of 1969, Michigan SDA Conference Office, 5801 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI. Direct inquiries to Betty: text or call 517-290-5717.

CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 2019

- Sept. 7 Local Church Budget
- Sept. 14 World Budget (*Emphasis: Fall Mission Appeal*)
- Sept. 21 Local Church Budget
- Sept. 28 Local Conference Advance

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

- Sept. 28 East-Central Africa Division

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Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:10	7:58	7:46	7:36
Chicago, Ill.	7:15	7:03	6:51	6:41
Detroit, Mich.	7:57	7:45	7:33	7:23
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:08	7:56	7:45	7:35
La Crosse, Wis.	7:31	7:19	7:06	6:56
Lansing, Mich.	8:04	7:51	7:39	7:29
Madison, Wis.	7:23	7:11	6:58	6:48
Springfield, Ill.	7:22	7:10	6:59	6:49

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 More info at: parl.lakeunion.org/jesus-and-politics-conference

A scholarly conference and community gathering sponsored by Andrews University, the AU Seminary and the Lake Union Conference; featuring experts in church history, theology and activism, seeking to translate biblical teachings to our day through careful study, thought, and dialogue.

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 Ganoune Diop, *GC Religious Liberty*
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 Michael Nixon, *Andrews University*
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 1. *Jesus and the MeToo Movement*
 2. *Jesus Among the Ethicists & Political Scientists*
 3. *Jesus Among the Social Justice & Life Activists*
 4. *Jesus and the Immigrant*
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A Firm Foundation

By Austin Rodgers



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In Mark 2:27, during one of the many occasions in which the Pharisees (laughably) attempted to catch Jesus “violating” one of their many arbitrary statutes, Jesus emphatically replies that *The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*. While many sermons have been written on this verse’s implications as to how Seventh-day Adventists should keep the Sabbath, I would argue that a simpler truth surfaces from these words — humans need the Sabbath, not only for rest but also for fellowship and community.

We are social beings, and leading solitary, work-driven lives would result in widespread feelings of un-fulfillment and outright depression in many cases. As a college student, balancing a full course load while simultaneously participating in extracurriculars and holding down a job leaves precious little time to hang out with friends in a non-stressful context. As I’ve progressed in my academic and faith journeys, I’ve come to appreciate the church not only as a place of worship but as an institution providing much-needed community and an outlet from my responsibilities during the week.

Like a large portion of my generation, our world church’s recent decisions on issues such as women’s ordination frustrate and dishearten me. Many of my peers feel as if our voice remains unheard on these matters, causing several of my fellow students to seriously question their religious affiliation. However, an important (albeit unfortunate) truth that applies to everything from religious organizations to nation states and the business world is easily forgotten: *no organization is perfect*. Bearing this in mind, no organization grows, prospers or progresses in any meaningful way by members of a disenfranchised group simply giving up and leaving. Instead, young adults, such as me, must continue to speak up on important issues. We are the next pastors, educators and leaders who will shape the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and I intend to be part of the influence that takes on that challenge. ■

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Elected to Serve

By Gillian Panigot



▲ John Kent speaks at Student Week of Prayer in 2018, his junior year.

JOHN KENT BECAME CONSCIOUS

of God in a personal way during his later years in elementary school. “Before this, I was never opposed to God but instead only found Him to be a friendly, nice Guy that I just happened to believe in.”

In eighth grade, John began reading his Bible more regularly and spending time in prayer each night. “I loved the feeling of peace and joy that I experienced with God,” he says. “My discovery that He wants to have a personal relationship with me and the joy I found resulted in an openness to God’s plan for my life.”

When John started his freshman year at Andrews Academy, he wanted to become

involved in the school’s extracurricular activities. He considered running for class office but, coming from a small school, John only knew two or three people in his Academy class. He wasn’t sure he would receive enough votes to win any election. He felt impressed, though, to take a leap of faith and run for class pastor. “On the day of elections, I remember trembling as I sat down with the whole class,” he says. “All I knew was that, if I was to be elected class pastor, it was up to God. He was the only way I would win the election.” John was elected.

That year John was repeatedly pushed out of his comfort zone as he spoke for multiple vespers programs and helped plan events and worships. People expressed how they felt compelled to follow Jesus more closely after hearing John speak. He also was able to pray individually with a number of students.

John continued to serve as the Student Association pastor for two years and the National Honor Society pastor his senior year.

“It’s all about a relationship with God,” John comments. “I have found that Jesus wants to give us abundant life, like He says in John 10:10. When God calls us to step out in faith and follow His leading, He is calling us on an adventure with Him. View your call to service as a good gift from God, a gift that will give you abundant life in a relationship with Him.” ■

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