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*The world has been speculating a long time about mystical importance for the year 2012. This was even the subject of a recent Hollywood doomsday movie. Excitement surrounds significance supposedly given 2012 by the ancient Mayans and Nostradamus, 16th century French astrologer. But "we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention" (2 Peter 1:19). Indeed, we Adventists have been blessed with a message that the world so much needs at this time—a message not just of biblical words but also of loving deeds.*

*May God bless us this New Year as we seize its opportunity to share the truth as it is in Jesus, in the context of His grace and love.*

—MARTIN WEBER

**Cover Photo:** Wichita church member Ray Burton holds up one of 20,000 Bible study cards mailed to area residents as part of an evangelistic outreach.

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# Solid Hope for This New Year

by Thomas L. Lemon



A few days ago some banal happening triggered an old memory—the lyrics to a semi-popular song from the culture of the late 1960s. I think it was a Broadway musical production. But it got me to thinking:

*If the soul is darkened by a fear it cannot name; if the mind is baffled when the rules don't fit the game; who will answer?\**

While much has changed in the details of everyday life during the last four decades, that poignant query endures (although now, the soul can most likely name specific fears that darken it). The point of the whole piece demands that somebody somewhere—with sufficient concern and authority—step forward to do something about this messy, macabre world. The songwriter in the '60s was looking for hope—not a weak, forlorn “I hope so” but a rock-solid, you can depend on it, accountable, authentic, confident hope.

That kind of hope is what believers in Jesus wake up with every day. We call it the “Blessed Hope,” based upon Titus 2:13: “Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” While we don’t grasp all the details of the future between now and Christ’s appearing, we know the ultimate

end. Good is triumphant over evil; life is triumphant over death; the creator/redeemer God of Scripture is victorious over the would-be usurper, the abominably evil dragon—the devil.

But what if you don’t wake up with that foundational truth as the major part of your worldview? What if, as Ephesians chapter 2 asks, you are without hope, aliens, strangers and without God in your world—cut off from the promises of Scripture? My own answer is that without the confidence of the ultimate victory (hope) described in Scripture, the time between now and the inevitably dismal alternative is pointless. Scriptural hope is absolutely crucial to an ultimately meaningful life.

Hope in political leaders eventually leads to disillusionment and cynicism. Hope in scientific developments leaves us always needing more. Hope in technology does little to fix broken hearts or shattered dreams.

Most people these days don’t spend much time in such contemplation. It is simply too painful. Instead we Westerners distract ourselves with various lesser gods of our own making. Note the lower case “g,” for gods that we can control, manipulate, ignore or otherwise trifle with. We medicate our fears with various potions such as too much food or too many prescriptions or other harmful

substances. We placate our loneliness with relationships that wax and wane with the peripatetic isobars on the daily weather map. In that realm, life is increasingly drained of meaning. And a life with less and less meaning realizes ultimately less and less value. Despair is the bottom line to a life without hope.

Assuming you and I have embraced and experienced God’s blessed hope, what is our responsibility to those who don’t have it? And more to the point today: Can I share the hope that drives my life as a follower of Jesus Christ in such a way that those around me are encouraged to find that hope for themselves? If I can, I must. There is no other option. Our neighbors need what we have.

As 2012 unfolds, I can predict for you some blood, sweat and tears; such is the reality of life. But I can also promise you—on the strength of God’s word—His hope to defeat your despair, His joy to outlast your gloom and His love to warm any icy indifference. You can have life and have it abundantly in Jesus.

With that in mind, I wish you each a Happy New Year! **U**

*\*from “Who Will Answer?” By Ed Ames*

Thomas L. Lemon is president of the Mid-America Union.



# Six Essentials for 2012

by Martin Weber

**W**hy would anyone want to visit your church? And what would lure them back again and again to ultimately join your congregation? The answers will be our focus for *Outlook* in 2012. Our overall theme of community outreach will particularly explore connecting with young adults and the unreached multitudes of Mid-America's larger cities, while keeping our church schools missional and viable.

I'm suggesting six blessings that effective outreach requires from your church.

## 1) People want **Love**

"Occupy Wall Street" rudeness has given way to a mean-spirited election process. What's left of the job market is a Darwinian-style survival competition. People need a break. They crave love. Looking for it online in social media, they find instead profanity, arrogance and exploitation. As Jesus warned for the last days, the love of many has grown cold (Matthew 24:12).

What an opportunity for your church! Jesus said that love will be the distinguishing mark of His people: "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples" (John 13:35 NLT). Is there loving, authentic relationality in your congregation? Do you invite people

into your hearts, weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice?

## 2) People want **Worship**

Worship is a basic human need. We worship objects or people that attract us, but finally the Spirit convicts us that God alone is worthy of adoration. He deserves all our hearts and souls and minds. Does your church really worship Him? Or is your 11 o'clock service merely a sermon and sundry boring "preliminaries"?

This is not about one style of worship or another. Worship means adoring our God together, not being afraid of the emotion involved in that heartfelt relationship.

## 3) People want **Purpose**

Most people live their whole lives and die without knowing why they were here on earth in the first place. They yearn for a church that will help them understand God's purpose for this planet and for their lives—particularly purpose in pain. They also need a mission, some great cause in which they can invest themselves. Will they find that in your church?

## 4) People want **Help**

Life is tough. Your workplace colleagues are over their heads in debt, trapped in addictions and unable to manage their kids. Your neighbors are sheep without a shepherd. God wants to have compassion on them through your church and show them

how to cope with life. Does your church offer remedial seminars? Not just a hand out for the hungry but a hand up for the helpless?

## 5) People want **Truth**

People want to know the truth about what's going on in this wild world. The year 2012 has long been a matter of speculation. What an opportunity to teach Bible prophecy! We Adventists have answers, and we shouldn't be shy about sharing them—but only in the context of grace, love and humility. Jesus was full of grace and truth, and truth without love is a lie.

## 6) People want **Diversity**

Diversity is not just icing on the cake; it's key to relationality. Obviously this involves various ethnicities and both genders interacting peacefully and productively in your church. It also includes members of different ages, outlooks, personalities and socio-economic strata who are collaborating in the Spirit. This speaks powerfully to a world seeking diversity but lacking it without a shared spiritual experience in the church. "All of you together are Christ's body" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Does your church offer these six outreach essentials? Some Mid-America churches do. This month we feature Wichita South Church, with Pastor Michael Campbell. **10**

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*A main emphasis of the Mid-America Union in 2012 is urban outreach. Throughout this year Outlook will bring you experiences from churches with a thriving outreach program. We begin with the following report from Michael Campbell, lead pastor of Wichita South Church in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.*

# A Passion for Sharing Christ in Wichita

by Michael Campbell, PhD

My associate Sam Millen and I knocked on the door. We had been there before, but no one had answered. This time a man in his early 50s, Mr. Bible (that really is his name), greeted us. We were responding to the series of Bible study interest cards our church had mailed. I was told such cards were a thing of the past, but we mailed them anyway—praying over them—and we had 80 come back. I thought it was ironic that Mr. Bible had responded asking for Bible studies.

Before our second weekly visit, he called to inform us he had lots of questions. I thought maybe he was alerting us because he wanted to argue, but as it turned out, he needed help finding various scriptures. We showed him how to look up Bible verses. He also invited one of his friends, Larry, to join us.

On our third week he invited another friend. He asked if we could bring him a second blank study guide for the first two lessons, so he could share with his relatives about what he had been learning. Upon leaving that

Bible study, our clothes reeked of smoke. Sam reflected, “This is how Jesus would have smelled.” After all, our Lord did not come “to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Mark 2:17).

Now five of us are meeting regularly in that home for Bible study.

## Prayer

Over the past year, Wichita South Church has developed a threefold approach for evangelism that is bathed in prayer. We have various prayer groups. One of my elders can meet only at five o'clock Friday mornings, so we get up early even though it's usually just the two of us praying. Several other groups meet throughout the week.

I often think we wait too long, or we wait for others to join us, when the most important thing is to just pray. “Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend” (Ellen White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 93). I would challenge you, if you want to experience renewal in your church, to create an opportunity

**“Upon leaving that Bible study, our clothes reeked of smoke. Sam reflected, ‘This is how Jesus would have smelled.’”**

**(left) Pastor Sam Millen studies with Mr. Bible (right) in his kitchen.**

All photos courtesy Michael Campbell and Bruce Reile



**(above)** Cheryl Hajjar (left) practices presenting a Bible study as Sandy Reagan offers constructive suggestions.

**(below)** Dr. David Chacko (left) looks up a text while Ray Burton poses potential objections.







to pray—perhaps with another church member or a small group. You might try a prayer walk in your neighborhood.

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

Before I came to Wichita, our church had already planned a series of small groups that were dubbed “Wednesday Night Fellowship.” They began as a result of one of our elders, Brent Wehling, having a conversation with another elder, Dr. Janna Chacko, about the need for building a sense of community for existing church members, as well as first-time visitors.

It was an instant success, with well over 100 people showing up weekly. The group meets the first three Wednesday evenings of each month and begins with a meal at 6 pm followed by Bible study at 7 pm. We have a variety of small groups: one group simply prays, another group discusses the Psalms, and yet another examines the life and ministry of Ellen G. White. Recently, our church has started two new groups—on Romans and on the sanctuary.

Various church leaders volunteer to help with everything from food preparation to leading the small groups. We strongly encourage all our church leaders to be a part of one of these small groups.

We’ve branched out to evangelistic small groups, including a Financial Peace seminar with a targeted mailing inviting our 1,000 nearest neighbors to attend. We surveyed our community and discovered that financial management is one of the top needs. It struck a cord with some of our members, too.

“Wednesday Night Fellowship has brought a spark of life to our church,” notes head elder Brent Wehling. It’s become a safe place where members can bring friends for a warm meal and enjoy meeting new people in a relaxed atmosphere. “One of my main reasons for starting Wednesday Night Fellowship was friendship

evangelism,” says Janna Chacko. “When you have busy church members, this is an easy way to get to know new members and provide a place for people to land.”

### Evangelistic Training

One of the things we did in our church was to divide up major church responsibilities among our elders. Evangelism is so important that we chose two elders to lead our outreach. They came up with a plan that began with a series of classes, coinciding with mailing 20,000 Bible study interest cards. We had 15 people sign up for the class. Eighty interest cards came back to us, which we divided among members who had time to follow up.

Church members often fall back on the expectation that only pastors can give a Bible study. “Several years ago, I had wanted to give Bible studies but was afraid to,” notes one of our elders leading evangelism, Val Duckett. “But then by taking a series of classes similar to the ones we’ve offered our members, I discovered that anyone who can talk can also give a Bible study. Bible studies are my passion. It’s what I love to do for fun! And I love showing others how easy it is.”

As I watched Val teach the class I was stunned at how excited my church members became as they went to each door to drop off the first lesson. We encourage them to go with someone else, because Jesus instructed us to go “two by two” (Mark 6:7-12). Sometimes I even get to go with our members as a “wing man.” I’ve noticed that church members who give Bible studies find their own faith strengthened and quickly become more confident as they share their faith.

Ellen White says: “Those who take up their appointed work will not only be a blessing to others, but they will themselves be blessed” (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 148). If you are seeking spiritual revival, one of the best things to do is simply share your faith. And it is so much easier than you might imagine!



### Friendship Evangelism

In conjunction with our small groups and evangelistic Bible studies, we are trying to create a presence in our community. For other churches this might happen a little differently, but I started simply by walking down to City Hall. I listened to our civic leaders and asked questions, getting to know what they regarded as the needs of our community. Several weeks later I received an e-mail nominating me to serve on the Community Service Block Grant Community, which serves as an oversight committee for the distribution of funds for various city projects for the underprivileged in Wichita. Being able to rub shoulders with our community leaders has created additional opportunities for our church to become involved.

One way we are trying to stay involved is to create quarterly “signature” events specifically targeted at bringing people to our church for the first time. Our first such event occurred December 10, 2011, when we hosted a Christmas Gospel Concert with Jennifer LaMountain and Steve Darmody. We organized the event with a hospitality crew, who served refreshments afterward, and our elders served as greeters. We used our evangelism funds to help cover the initial cost and sold tickets to generate additional revenue from church members. But the ultimate purpose of the concert was to create a quality

Head elder Brent Wehling enjoys a meal with fellow church members as part of Wednesday Night Fellowship.

“Anyone who can talk can also give a Bible study . . . I love showing others how easy it is.”



**Val Duckett, elder for evangelism, leads a class on how to give evangelistic Bible studies.**

event that would make every member of our church proud to bring their coworker, neighbor or friend to our church for the first time. We want to continue with similar events in the future. Some events we have planned for 2012 include a “God in Shoes” program coordinated by Sue Carlson and a “Mad About Marriage” seminar by Mike and Gayle Tucker. Each event is another opportunity to invite people to learn more about our faith and to feel comfortable coming to our church so they will want to learn more.

### Perspective

What I have shared here is not rocket science. It really is quite simple. We’ve just tried through prayer and friendship to reach out to our community—and it is working for us. So we want to share what’s working well in Wichita with you to perhaps inspire you to spearhead something new in your church.

Whatever we do, we are instructed that “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’” (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

Michael Campbell, PhD, is lead pastor of Wichita South Church.

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## God Saved My Life

by Pastor Campbell as told to Cassi Fitzpatrick

When I was kid, my mom was attending a non-denominational Bible study. The leader moved away and the group was looking for a replacement. One of the ladies in the group happened to be an Adventist, and her husband offered to lead. The group allowed it, imagining an opportunity to straighten out the couple doctrinally. God had a different plan, however, and my family ended up becoming Adventists.

During the Bible study, we younger kids would trade cards and play street hockey. My friend and I were the shortest kids there. His father was the pastor leading the study and he offered to be on our team for one of the games. We ended up winning! I thought he was pretty cool.

On the way home from one of those Bible studies, there was an accident involving a U-haul truck. We were headed straight for it at 70 mph. I thought there was no way we were going to miss it—that we would die then and there. My mom was driving and felt her foot become like a brick on the brake as she swerved in and out of a gas station on the side of the road without ever stopping. God saved us and I knew it. In awe I praised God and gave Him my heart that day when I was eight years old.

My dad was a banker on Wall Street in New York City. When people asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up I knew they expected I’d want to be rich and make lots of money like my dad. But instead, I told them the truth of my heart: “I’m going to be a pastor.” I remember the look of horror on their faces. “What’s a pastor?” one lady asked. “Well, its kind of like a priest,” I replied.

I knew God had plans for me to do ministry. I was led to Southern Adventist University to earn a bachelor’s degree in theology and history. That was also where I met my beautiful wife of 10 years, Heidi.

Upon graduation, I sought a pastoral position but didn’t find one available. School had always been easy for me, so I opted to go on to Andrews University where I achieved my Master of Arts in church history and my PhD with a concentration in Adventist studies.

I believe God uses our life journeys to prepare us for service. I’m thankful for the present opportunity of ministering in the city of Wichita.

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## One Person Taking Care of Another

*New Parker Adventist Hospital president is passionate about the mission of Adventist healthcare*



**Morre Dean was born at Porter Adventist Hospital, so returning to Colorado is like coming home. Now he's president and CEO of Parker Adventist Hospital, a place he calls "my dream hospital."**

Morre Dean remembers the moment it all became clear. When the dream crystallized. When a career in hospital administration and Seventh-day Adventist healthcare became his driving focus.

He was only 16, an age not typically associated with goal-oriented clarity, when he met his first hospital CEO, Ron Sackett. Now retired, Ron's career in healthcare eventually spanned almost 40 years, and his son, John, is the longtime CEO of Avista Adventist Hospital.

Being an inquisitive youth, Morre asked Ron what he did for a living, and the answer changed his life. "I have the best job in the world," Sackett responded. "Every day I get to do what I love by helping people make a difference in the lives of others."

The words had an enormous influence on the young teen. "I

know it sounds crazy, because at my age I shouldn't have known what I wanted to do. But I did," says Morre. And from that moment on, almost every decision was in preparation to be a hospital CEO himself.

He started as a part-time messenger delivering mail and lab specimens at the place he was born, Porter Adventist Hospital. After graduation from Union College with a double major in accounting and management, he took his first healthcare job at Florida Hospital, followed by vice-presidential stints at Porter and Littleton Adventist hospitals.

Now after tenures as president and CEO of Walla Walla General Hospital and Glendale Adventist Hospital, he's returned home to Colorado—this time to lead Parker Adventist Hospital.

And he's not hesitant to say that it feels good to be back. Although he carries all those other places in his heart, this is where he always wanted to raise his family, and he calls Parker "my dream hospital." With the facility only eight years old, Morre views it as an endless page on which to answer the ever-evolving question, "If I were a patient, what would I want?"

When pressed about the notorious challenges and stresses of running a hospital in the 21st century, he brushes them off as almost trivial annoyances in the quest to extend the healing ministry of Christ. "Everything we are about is one person taking care of another," he says. "If we're doing that, it doesn't matter how the regulations change or what the technology looks like."

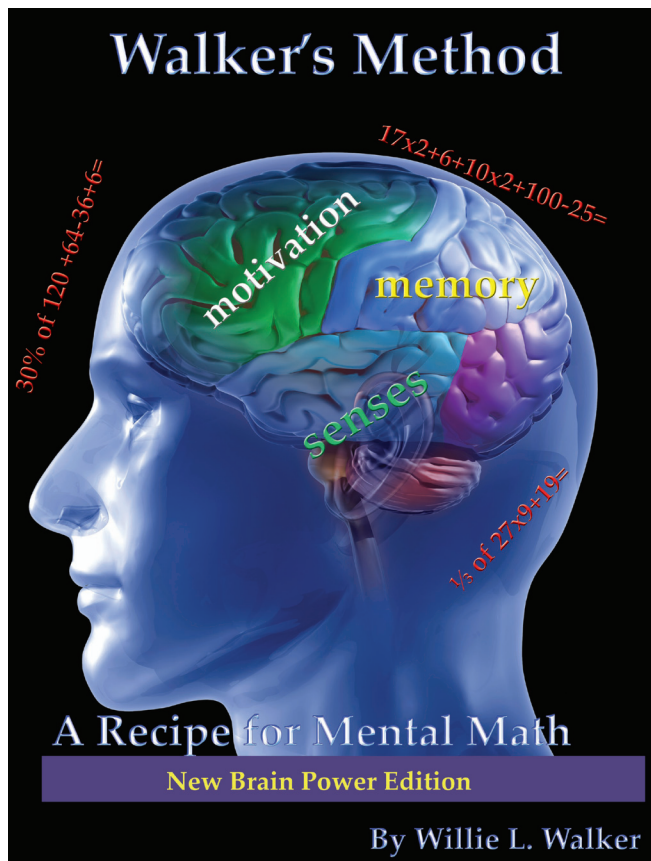
"I'm passionate about Adventist healthcare," Morre says repeatedly. And if there's one message he could share with his church about the profession to which he has dedicated his life, it is that the mission plays out in millions of positive ways each day—at Parker, across the country and around the world. "We are able to impact a population that would never be touched by the gospel in any other way," he says. "Our founders had that vision, and it continues today."

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for mission and ministry for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health System/Centura Health, where he serves the four Adventist hospitals in Colorado. It was written by CMBell Company.



# Award-winning Principal Leads St. Louis Unified School

by Anita L. Clay



**Willie Walker**, new principal of St. Louis Unified School, brings a wealth of practical and professional experience to the city. Walker is a tall, quiet, unassuming man—until he begins to talk about his two loves: teaching school and the subject of math. He motivates students by focusing on the love of God, which has powerfully influenced his life.

Students quickly learn Walker is no stranger to hard work. He is proud to say he is the son of a sharecropper, the fifth child of nine. Early in life, his mother impressed upon him there was no shame in doing an honest day's work. He picked beans, tomatoes and all kinds

of vegetables. As a 9th-grader he felt embarrassed when the bus picked him up to go to the fields, until he remembered his mother's words—which he has kept in his heart to this day.

Walker attended church school through 8th grade. Because no Adventist high school was nearby, he had to attend a public school. Through those years of secular education he held onto what he had learned in church school and stayed spiritually grounded.

After high school he furthered his education with a degree in business management. Walker credits his mother with another inspiration: after watching him help a niece with

math homework, his mother discerned his gift of teaching. Embracing this as his true gift, Walker left a business career to pursue a teaching certificate and a master's in education.

As a beginning teacher in a rough, urban school, Walker quickly learned that the old ways of teaching simply didn't work. So he adapted the curriculum to the students' lives and interests. Realizing he had the unique God-given talent to hold numbers in his head, Walker developed motivational games and strategies that generated excitement in the classroom and the school system. Observers were astonished to watch struggling students—who most people had given up on—learn to calculate up to 30 figures in rapid-fire sequence.

In his home state of Florida, Walker was so successful that his inner city kids won all competitions. In 1990 he was named Math Teacher of the Year for the state of Florida. In fact, his students so dominated the math competitions that a new competition was organized, named the Willie Walker Annual Math Competition. With the aid of the Holy Spirit and Walker's training, his students were unstoppable.

Walker is often asked the secret of his success as an educator. He believes most students don't realize they have a gift. A teacher has to show them and reinforce this concept. He begins to build confidence with a thorough, instant recall

of the multiplication tables. He shows them movie clips of other students like themselves who are able to succeed. He starts out slowly and builds speed. As the students practice, they begin to know and believe.

In 1997 Walker left teaching and founded his own consulting firm. Despite great success in presenting his mental math principles to school districts and organizations nationwide, his love for students and teaching led him back to the classroom. He is the author of three books, the most recent being *Walker's Method—Recipe for Mental Math*.

In his spare time he enjoys reading, Bible study and developing Bible games. One of his games is Bible Jeopardy, with all the bells and whistles of the TV game. Categories include Daniel, Books of the Bible, Persons in the Bible and other similar topics. One of the toughest is the Book of Revelation. Walker uses these games to challenge students and fellow church members to more intense Bible study.

Through it all, Walker remains a Bible scholar, educator and family man. He is married to **Ann Smith Walker**, is a father of two and a grandfather of three. His goal and ambition in life is to be used by God to help mold and shape the minds of young people to develop a love for God and the study of His word.

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Anita Clay is a member of Trinity Church.



## Agape Church Celebrates Family

by Anita L. Clay

The family life department at Agape Church, under the leadership of **Diane Shelton**, recently presented a celebration themed “Sharing God’s Love with Friends and Family.”

Attendees received a bulletin (designed by **Miranda Steele**) with a welcome from **Pastor Montgomery**, church information and activities, the congregation’s mission statement and an invitation to share in Agape’s story. Designed as both an informational item for members and witnessing tool for the community, the bulletin included Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs.

Guest speaker was former pastor **Cryston Josiah**. The entire Josiah family presented a model family worship during Sabbath school. The divine worship service continued to emphasize families. Pastor Josiah’s sermon contrasted dysfunctional families with healthy Christian homes. The **Randolph** family presented the children’s story, and the extended **Taylor** family “Singers for Christ” praise group offered special music. The educational component of family life featured St. Louis Unified School’s new principal **Willie Walker** and several Agape students sharing testimonies along with demonstrations of academic excellence. The service closed with a renewed commitment to family and friends.

The celebration of family continued after fellowship dinner with a Sabbath version of The Newlywed Game that emphasized relationships within marriage. Several workshops followed for various age groups. Presenters included Agape members, along with others supplied by

**Robin Ingram** from Northside Church through the Better Family Life organization. **Dr. Douglas Petty** taught “The Power of Agreement” for adults, using the ancient Tower of Babel to exemplify how agreement can be either productive or disastrous. The theme for children’s workshops

was “We Can Do It Together.” Kids’ activities varied from making pizza together to a talk from a Better Family Life presenter who is a former police officer.

Game night followed an inspirational day of celebrating the family.

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# Dakota Adventist Radio Broadcasting

Jacquie Biloff interviews KTWJ board chairman DeLane Meier

## When was the dream of a radio station born?

In 1999, the Federal Communication Corporation (FCC) opened up low-power frequencies. Bismarck Church thought it would be good to have an Adventist radio station in town. After a slow selection process, the church received a license for FM frequency 106.7, KJIT (King Jesus It's Time). The FCC expected our broadcast radius to be about three miles, but the Lord had other plans, and it reaches nine miles.

## The application process took seven years?

Yes, the process is very slow. Then we wanted to expand our territory, so we obtained a construction permit to put up a 250-watt translator, which began airing August 2007 on 100.5. It reaches 50 miles—again, farther than the FCC projected.

## Frequencies are at a premium, are they not?

The FCC opened additional frequencies in 2008 under the non-commercial, educational category, so we applied for a 25-kilowatt power station. Two others applied for that same frequency. The Lord opens and

closes doors. He closed the door to the 25-kilowatt station and opened the door to one with 100 kilowatts—the maximum power available for a non-commercial station.

Meanwhile, the other two applicants are still vying for the original 25-kilowatt slot, while we now have a station with four times that power at 90.9 FM, KTWJ (Keep in Tune with Jesus).

## What is involved in the permitting process?

First a frequency must be available. An expensive computer program is essential in that process. Next you need a tower as tall as possible to cover an area as large as possible. Then two applications have to be made. One is with the FCC and the other is with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), because when you put up tall towers, your tower may interfere with airplane traffic.

After the application is submitted, a waiting process begins to see if anyone else is going to apply for the same frequency. In our case, no one else applied for the 90.9 frequency. The FAA gave their approval, and we constructed a 570-foot tower with 100 kilowatts on land north of Wing, North Dakota.

## It looks like God has had His hand in this.

Yes, at every stage. After we

received approval from the FCC and the FAA, I got out the county maps and located the owner of the desired location for our tower. He recommended we find some other land in the area that we could use. Then I took him out to the spot and explained that we needed the tower to be on top of a hill, and that the other sites were not ideal. His site was really where the tower should be. He said, "Well, this is where it should be, then." That was a miracle, since he didn't want us there to begin with.

## I assume the studio will not be located in Wing, North Dakota.

We contacted Dakota Adventist Academy and asked about having a studio on campus. Students could be hired to help with programming and watching the studio. I'm happy to report that this has been arranged.

## What is next on the agenda?

Raising \$300,000. We have just recently started actively looking for finances to construct the new tower. Several donations have come from people who will not even be able to hear the station. These are miracles!

We've also sent flyers to Dakota Adventist churches and advertised in *Outlook*. I believe God wants this to go

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out beyond Bismarck to all the little towns, so they may have some Adventist presence as well. This is God's will and timing. Sometimes He waits until the last minute, so we know that He did this and not us.

### **What will you use for programming?**

The main programming will be Radio 74. Producing all local programming 24/7 would be a tremendous burden on all of us, but we will have some live local programming. For instance, we will air Dakota camp meeting services and local musical programs. And people who are talented in writing and/or broadcasting will have opportunity to share. Some write weekly newspaper articles or Bible studies that we can use. We would like to start doing more of this on the local radio station and then move it to the 100-kilowatt station as soon as it goes live. We'll have control of what goes on the station.

### **Are you working within a specific time frame?**

We would like to begin construction of the tower in the spring. The construction permit expires this August. We would solicit prayers and support. Anyone interested can contact me (DeLaine Meier) at 701.223.8579 or the Bismarck Church at 701.223.6830.

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



Ron Myers of Radio 74 at the completed KJIT translator tower



# Food for Jesus

by Michelle Miracle

Eddie Cabrera



Kingsville Rural Food Pantry volunteers preparing to distribute groceries to clients.

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink . . . whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did

for me” (Matt. 25:35, 40).

Members of Kingsville (Missouri) Church take this verse to heart. Last September they began a partnership with Harvesters Community

Food Network, a national clearinghouse for donated food and household products, to manage a Rural Food Pantry (RFP) at the church. Members from Kingsville and Lee’s Summit Adventist churches, along with community volunteers, distribute the food on the second Wednesday of each month out of a converted semi-trailer.

**Dennis Schoonover**, Community Services director for Kingsville Church and coordinator of their RFP, learned about Harvesters through his work with the Holden Ministerial Alliance. When he reported the needs to **Pastor Eddie Cabrera** and the Kingsville church board, they voted to take

action. “Throughout our nation, there are those in need. We cannot wait for them to knock on our church doors asking for help,” said Schoonover. From September through November the RFP provided 984 people with 9,379 pounds of food. Of those served, 32 percent were children and 14 percent were seniors.

Anyone wanting to help the Kingsville Church Rural Food Pantry may contact Harvesters Network: to donate time, 816.929.3090; to give food, 816.929.3055; to support financially, 816.929.3010.

Michelle Miracle is communication/SS director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

# Collaboration Through Cooking

By Michelle Miracle

Nyla Shireman



Don Laing and Brenda Walsh talk about the Micheff Sisters’ cookbooks.

Iowa-Missouri Adventist Book Center played a special part in the recent conference women’s retreat. In partnership with Pacific Press and the retreat planning committee, they sponsored a cooking

demonstration with the Micheff Sisters.

Des Moines Adventist Junior Academy’s gym was packed with 200 women watching the three sisters each demonstrate a recipe from one of their

four cookbooks: *Cooking with the Micheff Sisters*; *Cooking Entrees*; *Cooking for Two*; and *Cooking Soups, Salads, and Sandwiches*. Men from Des Moines, Ankeny and Cedar Rapids churches served the ladies Tuscan Four Bean Soup, Waldorf Pockets, German Potato Salad, Grandma’s Corn Bread, Frozen Carob-Peanut Butter Pie, and Apricot Oatmeal Cookies. After the event sisters **Linda**, **Brenda** and **Cinda** signed books and visited with the women.

Pacific Press has an incentive program for ABCs to showcase Adventist books. **Stan Shireman**, Iowa-Missouri ABC manager,

presented his proposal of a cooking demonstration to **Don Laing**, sales-trade products manager at Pacific Press, who then passed it along to **Doug Church**, vice president of sales and marketing. He awarded the local ABC with funds for the event.

Iowa-Missouri Adventist Book Center wishes to thank the Micheff Sisters, Pacific Press, the women’s retreat committee, Des Moines Church and Junior Academy, **Darlene Purdue** (the cook), and the many volunteers who contributed time and talent toward making the event a success.





## My Husband Received Grace

### *Testimony of a grateful wife*

by Judy A. Hansen

My husband's world came crashing down in 2009 when he lost his job as a radiology tech, a field he had worked in for three decades. Since no tech positions were available locally, **Gene** went back to trucking school to update his commercial driver's license.

On May 13, 2010 Gene was driving on an interstate near Charleston, West Virginia. It was a foggy morning, and when he came upon some road construction he slowed to 35 mph. When Gene thought he was past the construction, he sped up to 50 mph. Then he saw a state trooper coming toward him in the opposite direction; he saw the trooper put his lights on but didn't think much about it—until the trooper turned around and came up behind Gene.

My husband couldn't figure out why he was being stopped, but he pulled over immediately. The officer was angry when he got to Gene's cab. "Why didn't you pull up further instead of stopping on top of this hill?" he demanded. The trooper repeated himself three times and added that he was not happy about being out in the fog in the first place. He yelled again when telling Gene that he had clocked him at 50 in a 35 mph construction zone.

This whole time, my husband's career was going through his mind. One ticket would prevent him

from moving on to a better company, into a job that would allow him to be home much more often. "Help me Lord," was all Gene could think as he shook with fear. Through his agony, Gene apologized. He was noticeably shaken and soon the officer was telling him to calm down. Gene was handing the trooper all the required paperwork when the officer suddenly announced, "I'm not going to write you a ticket."

The officer went back to his car for a few minutes. When he returned, he said, "I'm the one who needs to apologize. I should never have gotten upset and yelled." He told Gene that in his patrol car he prayed and asked the Lord to forgive him. Now he was asking Gene to forgive him.

Gene told the trooper how grateful he was and explained his job loss the previous year. The officer had noticed that Gene was about his age and told Gene that he had only two years left in his career as a highway patrol officer. He said he couldn't stand the thought of writing tickets anymore and that every ticket he writes breaks his heart. As he left Gene he said, "I'm going back to my car, and I'm going to pray some more."

Was it just an accident for that trooper to stop Gene? Or was God intervening to minister encouragement—for Gene, for the highway patrol

officer, and perhaps for you who are reading this story?

As we pray for our truckers out on the highways, let's also remember that special patrolman who extended

the grace of God on a foggy morning.

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Judy Hansen is a member of Cedar Rapids Church in Iowa.

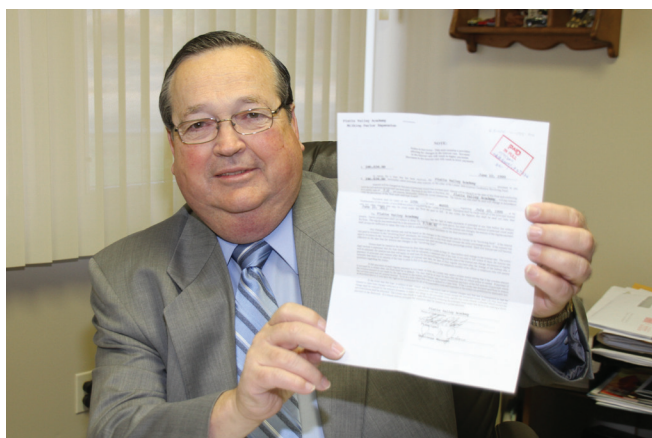


Judy A. Hansen

Gene Hansen received unexpected favor from a state trooper.



John Treolo



Don Stricker displays proof that the debt on the farm at Platte Valley has been paid.

## PVA Farm Debt-free

Platte Valley farm in Shelton, Nebraska is out of debt! Conference vice president for finance, **Don Stricker**, made the final payment recently on loans incurred against the farm more than a decade ago.

“God’s blessings of rain, sunshine and good financial

management have made this possible,” said **Ron Carlson**, conference president. “Because of our debt-free status, nearly \$100,000 of income is budgeted next year from the Platte Valley farm to benefit our Kansas-Nebraska Adventist students.”

## Midland Gives Thanks by Serving

by John Treolo

John Treolo



Students at Midland Adventist Academy help neighbors on Community Outreach Day.

It’s an annual tradition during Thanksgiving week at Midland Adventist Academy—students ditch class and their

teachers join them! Actually, students spend the day serving neighbors through raking leaves, collecting

canned food for those in need and babysitting at a local childcare center.

According to **Trudy Hoffman**, principal, it’s all part of the well-rounded education offered at Midland, where community ministry is emphasized. “At Midland Adventist Academy we believe in service, and these students are doing a wonderful work today,” Hoffman said.

Students also shared comments: “I know people are getting a blessing from our work,” noted **Hannah Orear**, a freshman from New Haven

Church.

“It gives me a chance to volunteer and help out with the kids,” said **Summer Sharp**, a senior from Lynwood Boulevard Church.

“I think it’s good for everybody and it makes everybody happy,” added **Jose Rios**, a freshman from Maranatha Hispanic Church.

For lunch, the conference Community Services department provided pizza, drinks and snacks.

John Treolo is communication director for Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

## CONFERENCE CALENDAR

**Jan 14**

Pathfinder Area Bible Bowl

**Jan 27-29**

Pathfinder Rally Weekend, Lincoln, NE  
Contact: [tsager@ks-ne.org](mailto:tsager@ks-ne.org)

**Feb 3-4**

Wichita Convocation  
Speaker: Jiri Moskala  
Details: [www.ks-ne.org](http://www.ks-ne.org)

**Feb 10-11**

Midland Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend



## Retired Pastor Honored

Although **Ed Jumper** retired from active pastoral ministry in 2009 with more than 30 years of denominational service, he hasn't retired from service to his community. Recently the American Legion honored him for 11 years of dedication to their Veteran's Day program.

The certificate read: "The

American Legion Eighth District/Department of Kansas Certificate of Appreciation presented to Pastor Ed Jumper in recognition and appreciation for his outstanding service as district chaplain. His contribution to the American Legion advanced programs and activities dedicated to God and country."



Ron Bramblett

Ed Jumper (right) was honored by the American Legion for serving as district chaplain.

## George McLain Ordained to Ministry

by John Treolo

**George McLain**, pastor of North Platte District, was ordained to gospel ministry in a heartfelt service attended by his parishioners, relatives and mentors who encouraged him along the way. Coordinated by **John Sweigart**, conference ministerial secretary, the ordination service affirmed the calling bestowed upon Pastor McLain.

"God used His loving hands in various ways to bring me here before you," McLain said during his response. "God blessed me through all these experiences—He has planned for me to be right here where I am right now."

Introducing McLain was **Jim Bracket**, director of Live Better Seminars. **Calvin Rock**, retired vice president of the General Conference (who mentored McLain in the Nevada-Utah Conference) delivered the sermon. "A church without a pastor is like a school without a teacher, a hospital without a



John Treolo

Platform participants for the ordination service: Ron and Sue Carlson, Kathy and George McLain (front row); Don Stricker, Jim Bracket, John Sweigart (middle row); Monte Rogers, Calvin Rock, Ted Evans (top row).

doctor, a team without a coach or a tour without a guide," Rock declared.

**Ron Carlson**, conference president, offered the ordination prayer and welcomed McLain to the

Seventh-day Adventist ministry and the global family of pastors; **Sue Carlson**, women's ministries director, welcomed **Kathy McLain** into the fellowship of pastors' wives; and **Don Stricker**, vice president

for administration/finance, greeted those attending. Local leaders **Ted Evans**, **Monte Rogers**, **Marie Harvard** and **Chawnta Durham** also participated in the service.



# Abuse Prevention Day in St. Paul

by Valda Van Alstine

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Kiki Carter-Neal from Tubman Family Shelter answering audience questions during Abuse Prevention Day at St. Paul First Church

Abuse is a tragic reality within church families of every denomination. Many lives are lost or endangered.

Unfortunately, surveys of Seventh-day Adventists reveal that many members are suffering abuse. To provide

help and resources for preventing, confronting and coping with abuse, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 10 years ago voted to designate the fourth Sabbath of August as Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day.

Accordingly, the women's ministries team of St. Paul First Church coordinated an Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day for their church family, friends and neighborhood this past August. **Pastor Tony Jasper's** worship service sermon, "The Christ in the Christian Family," encouraged abused attendees to gain from Jesus the strength to stand against the evil of abuse and to seek help.

**Elaine Cook** and **LouAnne Staheli** presented a marimba duet as part of the service. Following lunch in the fellowship hall came an afternoon presentation by **Kiki Carter-Neal** from Tubman Family Shelter. Carter-Neal talked about the cycle of violence and explained how to get help for oneself or a friend when abuse occurs. Anyone who is aware of or is experiencing abuse can call Tubman's crisis line at 612.825.0000 or visit the website [www.tubman.org](http://www.tubman.org).

Valda Van Alstine is women's ministries leader of St. Paul First Church.

# Highland Country Cafe Hosts Prophecy Series

by Pastor Tom Bentley

Tom Bentley



Highland Country Store/Café storefront window sign

Members of Highland Chapel (aka Highland Country Store/Café) are growing God's kingdom in a

unique way. Located 10 miles south of historic Lanesboro in southeast Minnesota, Highland Chapel began

several years ago as a church plant from the Winona congregation. **Vicki (Starks) Hudson** purchased a country store and converted it into a café that is transformed every week into a meeting place for the group.

Highland's approach to evangelism has been to love the neighbors, minister to them physically through the health message and reach them with the Bible. **Sharyn Taylor**, Vicki's mother, has donated all of her free time to cooking for the café since its purchase four years ago. **Troy Starks** has been leading the Sabbath school program along

with **Rob Ahrens**, baptized two years ago. Rob has devoted considerable time to the ministry, which has led to several baptisms.

District pastor **Tom Bentley** participated in a recent Prophecy Seminar presented by **Harlin Hudson**, an enthusiastic and experienced Bible teacher. Pastor Bentley interacted with visitors and encouraged the members to remain committed to their outreach ministry.

Tom Bentley pastors the Dodge Center District.



## Maplewood Sings with St. Olaf Ensembles

by Laura Cummings



Courtesy: MWA

One Sunday in November, Maplewood Academy participated in St. Olaf's 109th Annual Choral Festival. St. Olaf College is recognized worldwide for a superior music program. Its choir is the pioneer a cappella choir in the

United States, and for over a century it has set a standard of choral excellence.

Maplewood Academy was one of 32 participant schools, churches and community choirs from the region that sang with the St. Olaf College

ensembles. The festival choir of over 1,000 young voices performed four songs together, including "Stay With Us," "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn," "Little David Play on Your Harp," and the St. Olaf choir's signature piece, "Beautiful Savior."

The performance, directed by **Dr. Anton Armstrong**, was held at the Skoglund Center Auditorium in Northfield, Minnesota.

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Laura Cummings is development director of Maplewood Academy.

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# Lakewood Fellowship Reaches Out

Lakewood Fellowship opened its doors as a branch Sabbath school of Golden Church on July 9, with 60 attending. Since then more than 100 visitors have met with the group at JMI Telescope Building (8550 West 14th Ave., Lakewood, Colorado). Average weekly attendance is 35-45.

Generous donations have provided needed materials. Gifts included children's supplies, hymnals, books and furniture from the closed Limon church, a piano, an organ and chairs from the Golden Church.

From this energetic start, the group set out to fill the meeting space with new members. Discover Bible School invitations were mailed

to residents in the area zip code. **Trina Harris** was first to be baptized, and dozens of interested people are being visited.

A Revelation Seminar began in October with lay members **Chuck Gadway** and **Ron Spehring** presenting. Supporting them were many dedicated volunteers from nearby churches. Nightly attendance was sustained at 40-50.

Baptisms and a graduation party took place in Golden Church on Sabbath, November 19. Fifteen recommitted their lives through baptism, and additional participants are still making decisions.

Seminar participant **Kathy Cousins** remarked that she

had been involved in both metaphysical and Wicca groups before receiving her invitation in the mail. Not being a Christian, she didn't know why she decided to attend a Revelation Seminar. But once she began, she

did not miss a night. Her granddaughter also came with her. During the meetings Kathy invited Christ into her life and decided to be baptized. She is thrilled with what she has learned and the difference it has made in her life.



Ron Spehring leads an interactive prophecy seminar

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# Sterling Church Honors Local Heroes on 9/11



Courtesy/ Rocky Mountain Conference

Community law enforcement officers and first responders in Sterling (Colorado) enjoying a picnic in their honor sponsored by local Adventists

A plaintive note from an emergency air horn, combined with the wailing of a distant fire truck's siren, sounded in many communities on September 11 as thousands of citizens gathered to remember the 10th anniversary of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center

towers in New York. In Sterling (Colorado), local Adventists took the opportunity to honor community emergency responders during a picnic and memorial celebration at Pioneer Park. A barbecue lunch and some fun family activities were shared with the emergency

responders who attended.

**Pastor Rene Lopez**, who also serves as chaplain in the Fredrick Police Department, presented plaques of appreciation to representatives from the Logan County Sheriff's Office, Sterling Fire Department and Sterling Police Department. He affirmed

them in their service to the community and declared that their selfless service makes these responders local heroes.

Comments of deep appreciation were shared by those being honored. One remarked, "No one has ever done this for us before."

## Save the Date!

Vista Ridge Academy, formerly known as Boulder Junior Academy, invites all graduates, classmates, families and friends to attend the 115-year VRA/BJA Reunion,

September 7-9, 2012 in Boulder, Colorado.

This reunion remembers/relives the history of Christian education in Boulder with Boulder Junior Academy and

the reunion of Vista Ridge Academy's first 12th grade graduates, the Class of 2008, from Erie, Colorado.

If you plan to attend, please send your name, class year,

address, phone number, and email information to **Cindy Morgan**, Alumni Coordinator, at [cindym@vrak12.org](mailto:cindym@vrak12.org).

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# Big Dreams. Bigger God.

by Kelly Phipps

Steve Nazario/Union College



Shawna Ansari dreamed of attending Union College. And God helped her dreams come true.

“Even when I was really young, I heard about Union College when **Buell Fogg** and the UCrew visited North Star Camp in Minnesota,” said **Shawna Ansari**, a freshman from Wisconsin. “I had this picture in my mind that at Union everyone would be like Buell—loving and full of life. I wanted to finally be around people who believed the same thing I did.”

Ansari attended public school all her life and was often the only Seventh-day Adventist among hundreds of students. She felt misunderstood, especially about Sabbath observance. She dreamed of going to Union, because she knew everything would be different.

But after graduation from high school, Ansari didn’t have money to enroll at Union.

She planned to attend a state university, but even that fell through when her loan request was denied a month before classes started. Disappointed, she worked as a nanny and then decided to move to Hutchison, Minnesota to attend a community college.

“During this time I felt God’s calling to work at an academy,” she said. “It turns out He wanted me at Champion Academy.”

The Colorado school asked Ansari to serve as assistant chaplain, so she spent the school year in Loveland helping to enhance spiritual life on campus. She then returned to Minnesota for the summer to work as girl’s director at North Star Camp.

Although she loved youth ministry, Ansari still dreamed of attending Union College and decided to take a leap of faith. “I don’t have a plan B,” she told

God. “I’ve been working and working and all I want to do is go to school at Union.”

God provided the financial means for enrollment at Union—including a place to live rent-free—and she is now pursuing a degree in social work. With support from friends, academic advisors and professors, Ansari immediately got involved in life at Union by becoming the assistant for student women’s ministries activities. “I know I’m supposed to be here,” she said. “God has put awesome people in my life. I have such a solid core group of friends.”

Her experience has taught her to be careful what she asks for, because it just might come true. “Just the fact that I’m here at Union is a testament to God working in my life,” she said. “I was really nervous to come here because I got exactly what I asked for. All my life’s prayers have been answered—so now what? I’ve never had a plan for after I got to Union.”

But she now knows God will lead her to even bigger dreams in service for Him. “God truly makes our dreams come true,” said Ansari. “For me, there were no dreams bigger than coming to Union.”

Kelly Phipps is a senior communication major from Minnesota.

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# Getting Out with More than a Degree

by Ryan Teller

Ryan Teller/Union College



At Union College, Robinson Aigbokhan has found ways to strengthen his body and his spirit.

“In my home country, Nigeria, earning an education in America means getting better and higher paying jobs,” said **Robinson Aigbokhan**, a senior exercise science major at Union College. His father wanted him to become a physician, so he settled on Union because of the school’s high medical school acceptance rates for pre-med students and for its Christian values.

## Change of heart

As a devout Catholic, Aigbokhan wanted to attend a school where spiritual influences would be stronger than the American public university party scene he had heard so much about. At

Union, he got more than he bargained for. “I didn’t know anything about Seventh-day Adventists,” he chuckled. “I thought ‘SDA’ was an accrediting agency.” His father nearly took him home when he found out Adventists worshipped on Saturday, but relented because he had already paid tuition for the school year.

“That first year I decided to keep an open mind,” Aigbokhan remembered. “I had lots of doubts about my faith and was really struggling to understand Revelation. I had been praying about it, not knowing God was bringing me to Union to reveal the answers.”

Aigbokhan attended a

Revelation seminar and as he studied, the mysteries of the Bible became clear. He decided to join the Adventist Church despite fearing his family’s reaction. To his surprise, although disappointed, they accepted his decision.

## Change of mind

As Aigbokhan continued his academic journey, he decided that being a doctor wasn’t for him. Having a newfound love of exercise training, he switched to an exercise science degree, to be followed by physical therapy school. He began an internship as a personal trainer at a Snap Fitness location owned by physical therapists. “I’m

expecting to learn a lot,” he said.

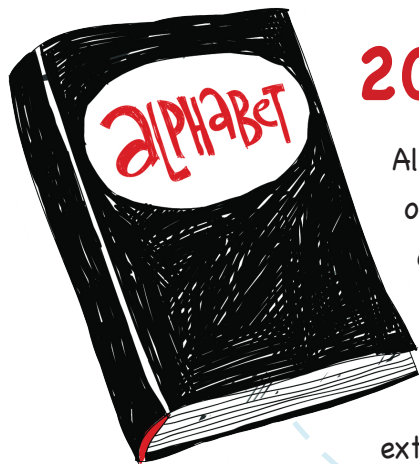
Besides the technical knowledge needed for personal fitness training, Aigbokhan feels one of the most important skills he has learned while at Union is the ability to work with all types of people. “As a trainer and physical therapist, you have to be able to relate to people,” he said. “I have learned how to approach people and make them feel comfortable.”

## Plans for the future

After physical therapy school, Aigbokhan plans to help his countrymen learn to be more physically fit. “People in my country are more concerned with looking good through material possessions, not so much by being healthy,” he said. Because of low demand for trainers and physical therapists in Nigeria, he hopes to establish himself here in the United States and eventually partner with some other medical professionals to build a clinic in his home country.

But wherever his career takes him, he will be thankful for the faith he gained while at Union. “I came to school not looking for anything but to get my degree and get out,” he said. “My experience here ended up being a lot more—it changed my life.”

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Ryan Teller is director of public relations for Union College.



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**Blann, Bryan**, b. July 2, 1965. d. Jan. 5, 2011 in Paola, KS. Member of New Life Community Church. Survivors include wife Diane; daughters Taylor and Ashley; son Brad; sister Alisha Hornbacher; brother Wesley.

**Blann, Robert (Bob)**, b. July 6, 1953. d. Oct. 20, 2011 in Leawood, KS. Member of New Life Community Church. Survivors include wife Rhonda; sons Matthew and Joshua; sister Alisha Hornbacher; brother Wesley; 4 grandchildren.

**Blann, Steven**, b. May 17, 1952. d. Oct. 9, 2011 in Paola, KS. Member of New Life Community Church. Survivors include wife Sandra; sons Jacob and Andrew; sister Alisha Hornbacher; brother, Wesley; 3 grandchildren.

**Bonjour, Viola**, b. May 27, 1923 in Fredericksburg, IA. d. Oct. 21, 2011. Member of the Hawkeye Church. Preceded in death by husband Clayton Bonjour; 1 sister; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include daughter Eileen Birth; sons Richard, Daniel and John Bonjour; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

**Christensen, Bella (Gjerde)**, b. May 17, 1913 in Harvey, ND. d. Nov 25, 2011 in Harvey, ND. Member of Harvey Adventist Church.

**Davis Fritz, Harriett "LeGay,"** b. Sept. 2, 1937 in Atlanta, GA. d. July 2, 2011 in Jackson County, MO. Member of Oak Grove Church. Preceded in death by husband Harold Davis; daughter Peggy Stine; sister Sarah Baker; brother Ver Hadley. Survivors include daughters Janet Moser and Sarah Garland; son Frank Stine; brothers Edward and Bill Hardley; 7 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

**Fesler, Bob L.**, b. May 14, 1930 in Genoa, CO. d. Feb. 5, 2011 in Highlands Ranch, CO. Member of LifeSource Adventist Fellowship. Survivors include wife JoAnn; daughter Jan Tikker; sons Scott and Kurt; sister Carol Wills; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

**Hahn, Daisy**, b. Apr. 17, 1922 in Everly, IA. d. Nov. 14, 2011 in Hartley, IA. Member of Spencer Church. Preceded in death by husband Harold; son Dean; sister Katrina Kruse; brother Harm

Kruse. Survivors include daughter Elsie Bernhardt; sister Edna Gunderson; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

**Hanson, Yvonne**, b. Oct. 9, 1935 in Waterloo, IA. d. Oct. 4, 2011 in Waterloo, IA. Member of Waterloo Church. Preceded in death by husband Lester Hanson; daughter Debbie Sue; sister Maxine Lott; brother Robert Cronan. Survivors include daughter Yvonne Sturtz; sons Lester Jr., David, Lloyd and Daniel Hanson; sisters Evelyn Robertson, Mary Decker and Madeline Allensworth; 4 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

**Harris, Evelyn "Poncho,"** b. Jan. 15, 1948 in Wilson, AR. d. Oct. 26, 2011 in Davenport, IA. Member of Davenport Church. Preceded in death by brothers Danny and Edward Harris. Survivors include daughters Wyvette Harris, Angela Robinson, Elisha Carpenter, and Sonya Harris; sisters Rose Morrow and Dorothy Davis; brother Charles Harris; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

**Hewitt, Elwin R.**, b. Nov. 19, 1928 in Vineland, NJ. d. Sept. 24, 2011 in Broomfield, CO. Member of Chapel Haven Church. Preceded in death by son Kevin. Survivors include wife Esther; daughter Kimberly Carr; son Jarrett; 4 grandchildren.

**Hyatt, Serenia Anna (Purcell),** b. Mar. 29, 1928 in Mohall, ND. d. May 5, 2011 in Watertown, SD. Member of Watertown Church. Survivors include daughters Linda Gross, Valerie Lightbourne and Charlene West; son Brian Hyatt; sister Edith Davis; brothers Merle, Lloyd and Wilbur Purcell; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

**Monteith, DuWayne J.**, b. June 15, 1934 in Ada, MN. d. Oct. 25, 2011 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Bowdon Country Adventist Church. Survivors include wife Gretchen (Detwiler) Monteith; daughter Deana Cooke; son John Monteith; 4 sisters; 5 brothers; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**Nerpel, Bette Mae (Eurich),** b. May 29, 1927 in Worland, WY. d. Nov. 16, 2011 in Bottineau, ND. Member of Bottineau Church. Survivors include daughter Sue Bixby; sons Wilfred, Michael, Harvey, Ted and Gordon Nerpel;

sisters Olynda Pigeon, Erma Peltier, Marie Beachler and Eva Paulson; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren.

**Scott, Lewis E.**, b. Jan. 1, 1945 in Mercedes, TX. d. July 5, 2011 in Pueblo, CO. Member of Pueblo First Church. Survivors include wife Karen Scott; daughter Nicole LaConte; sisters Bertha Clecker, Leona Hester and Opal Peters; brother Pat Scott; 5 grandchildren.

**Smith, Evelyn B. (Prunty),** b. Sept. 6, 1944 in Los Alamos, MN. d. Nov. 3, 2011 in Hot Springs, SD. Member of Hot Springs Church. Survivors include husband Duane Smith; sons Bradley, Jeffrey and Timothy Smith; brother Fred Prunty; 2 grandchildren.

**Turner, Laverne**, b. Feb. 5, 1915. d. Nov. 18, 2011. Member of Goldsberry Church.

**Uehlin, Debra**, b. Oct. 10, 1969. d. Oct. 1, 2011. Member of Three Angels Church. Survivors include husband Dwight Uehlin; parents David and Jean Tucker; brother Daniel Tucker.

**Willis, Jean**, b. Sept. 12, 1937. d. Nov. 2, 2011 in Lee County, IA. Member of Burlington Church. Survivors include daughter Debra Brandon; sister Elizabeth Osborn; 5 grandchildren.

**Winter, Leonard "Buddy" J.,** b. May 29, 1929 in Williston, ND. d. Nov. 19, 2011 in Williston, ND. Member of Conference Church. Survivors include wife Cynthia Ellen (McCalla) Winter; daughter Lisa Baker; sons Mike, Craig and Les Winter; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

Colorado	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
Denver	4:44	4:51	4:58	5:05	5:14
Grand Junction	5:01	5:07	5:14	5:21	5:29
Pueblo	4:47	4:53	5:00	5:07	5:15
<b>Iowa</b>					
Davenport	4:41	4:48	4:55	5:03	5:12
Des Moines	4:53	5:00	5:07	5:15	5:24
Sioux City	5:01	5:08	5:15	5:24	5:33
<b>Kansas</b>					
Dodge City	5:30	5:36	5:43	5:50	5:58
Goodland	4:32	4:39	4:46	4:53	5:01
Topeka	5:09	5:15	5:22	5:30	5:38
Wichita	5:20	5:26	5:32	5:40	5:47
<b>Minnesota</b>					
Duluth	4:29	4:36	4:44	4:54	5:04
International Falls	4:26	4:34	4:43	4:53	5:04
Minneapolis	4:40	4:47	4:55	5:04	5:14
<b>Missouri</b>					
Columbia	4:56	5:02	5:09	5:16	5:24
Kansas City	5:05	5:11	5:18	5:25	5:33
Springfield	5:05	5:11	5:17	5:25	5:32
St. Louis	4:49	4:55	5:02	5:09	5:17
<b>Nebraska</b>					
Grand Island	5:14	5:20	5:28	5:36	5:44
Lincoln	5:08	5:14	5:21	5:29	5:38
North Platte	5:23	5:30	5:37	5:45	5:53
Scottsbluff	4:32	4:39	4:46	4:55	5:03
<b>North Dakota</b>					
Bismarck	5:03	5:10	5:19	5:28	5:39
Fargo	4:47	4:54	5:03	5:12	5:22
Williston	5:09	5:17	5:25	5:35	5:46
<b>South Dakota</b>					
Pierre	5:11	5:17	5:25	5:34	5:44
Rapid City	4:23	4:30	4:38	4:47	4:56
Sioux Falls	4:49	5:06	5:13	5:22	5:31
<b>Wyoming</b>					
Casper	4:40	4:46	4:54	5:02	5:11
Cheyenne	4:39	4:46	4:53	5:01	5:10
Sheridan	4:36	4:42	4:50	4:59	5:09



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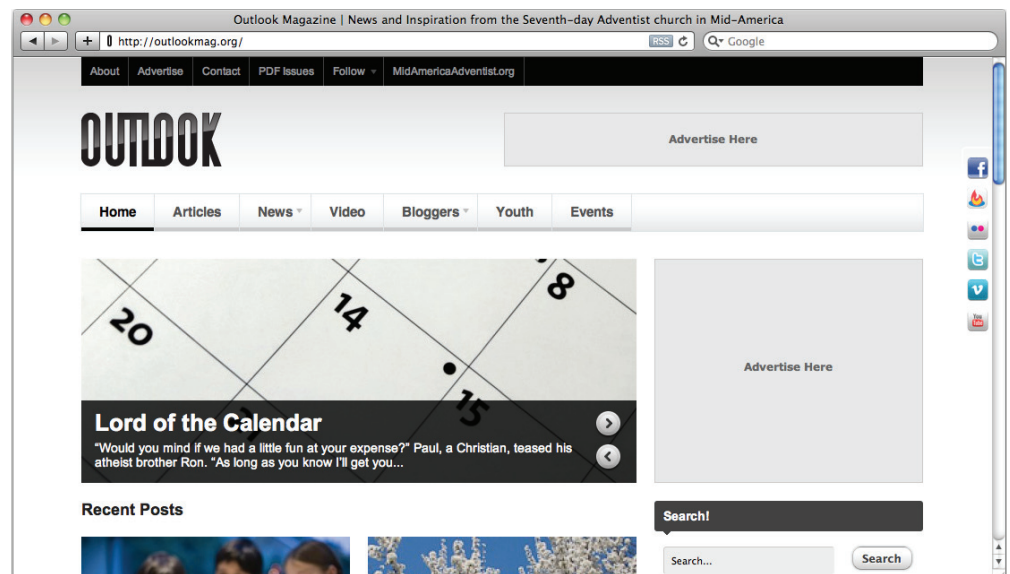
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