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As we enter 2013, changing needs and opportunities demand new and creative methods of nurture and evangelism—even as we cling to the unchanging truth as it is in Jesus (our Seventh-day Adventist message for Earth's last days). Christ came to the world as the ultimate change agent. "I have come to start a fire on this earth," He declared, "and how I wish it were blazing right now!" (Luke 12:49, Message). Unfortunately, the religious establishment threw a wet blanket on His initiatives. In the name of Moses, God's prophet, they decided that "the old is good enough" (Luke 5:39, NASB). Is your local church likewise clinging to outmoded ideas and methods? If so, please reconsider. Under the leadership of Elder Tom Lemon, Mid-America Union president, *OUTLOOK Magazine* has committed the year 2013 to the theme of "NOT business as usual." This month we focus on "NOT church as usual." See what you think as you read these pages.

—MARTIN WEBER

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2013—Not Business as Usual

by Thomas L. Lemon



When you have lived as long as I have (and some of you have), you know the adjustments and modifications that have come to our language. Western humans tend to delight in formulating clichés and other terms that seem to show new meanings and directions. But when the cultural reality sets in again, the only thing that really changes is the language itself. Reality continues unabated with business as usual.

Politically, this is abundantly clear in our election cycles. To use an old cliché, “the more things change the more they stay the same.”

In church life we are not immune to such language modifications. Adventism in the 1970s had great fear of what was then termed “new theology.” In actuality, it was nothing more than a return to the 1888 message of Righteousness by Faith in Jesus that believers everywhere find a continuing challenge. The tendency to want to save oneself by our own effort, no matter how miniscule, is part of the crucifixion of self that saving faith in Jesus requires. But self doesn’t die easily.

The 1980s and 90s brought talk of a “paradigm shift,” which gave rise to new words describing how society was moving from modern philosophical constructs to postmodern thinking—throwing out absolutes in favor of relativism. It is really nothing more than an excuse for continuing our

headstrong ways. Next came the 2000s with buzzwords like “think outside the box” dominating many discussions—even TV commercials.

So what about 2013 and beyond? With this issue of OUTLOOK we are introducing our theme—Not Business as Usual. What does this mean? Let me present five possibilities that are already modifying reality within our church.

Throughout 2013 and beyond you will see more information regarding young adults and their approach to Adventist mission. At least one of our Mid-America conferences has made a conscious decision to pass the baton of leadership to the next generation by hiring younger pastors. Our Ad-hoc Young Adult study group is finding more ways to connect across conference lines and work toward involving their generation. No, they won’t do things the way we did in our youth—just like we were different from our parents. We must make way for them to take up the reigns of leadership under the Lord’s guidance.

You can expect to see more on women coming in to leadership, including pastoral leadership. This is in full harmony with the General Conference’s North American Division and is a voted strategic building block at that level. Half of our conferences have embraced this, and more will as the months unfold.

Collaborative evangelism is already being employed across conference lines in ways I perceive as being led by

the Holy Spirit. The approach of using long view, comprehensive evangelism producing fully committed disciples and involving greater numbers of disciple-makers in our congregations is in development. You will hear more about this.

Two of our conferences are leading the way toward providing Adventist education online (often real-time), which will make our education available to more young people. While it isn’t inexpensive, the economies achieved by ramping up the scale could be significant in the long run.

For more than 80 years the Adventist Church has relied on long-format, formal media preaching to reach the masses of society. Look for more experimental online evangelism using computers, smart phones, tablets and various software platforms to get the Gospel out where people are today. Again, several of our conferences have tasked people with finding ways to move us forward in the coming year.

“Not business as usual” means exactly that. In the Mid-America Union, 2013 will be a shift toward greater involvement of more people in more ways, employing more talents and investing more resources in the mission of the church.

Welcome to 2013—Same mission, same message; new methods, new words. ■

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



The Adventist Movement Must Keep Moving

by Martin Weber

We Adventists call ourselves a “movement.” But as the new year dawns, are we still moving forward?

Movement involves making positive change. Mission and message do not change for Seventh-day Adventists, as Elder Lemon just reminded us (opposite page), but methods of fulfilling that mission and ways of expressing that message must continually adapt to changing needs around us.

Consider the meaning of the word “church.” To early Christians, church was the assembly of believers called out of the world—but not to hold themselves aloof from worldly neighbors. Like our Lord, we must be incarnate in our culture to seek and to save the lost. We come apart from the world to worship and fellowship, only to scatter again throughout the marketplace and campus as the soul-winning fragrance of Christ’s love. This is the teaching of the New Testament regarding the meaning and purpose of the church, and it cannot change.

Unfortunately, the meaning of church got lost over time. When Christianity became institutionalized and faith was fossilized, “church” became a geographic location with ornate statues of saints. This forfeited the biblical meaning of church being the living, loving assembly of saints—the body of Christ that exists even where two or three are gathered in His name.

The first Christians, lacking corporate facilities, worshiped in home settings. Likewise, the early Adventists met in each other’s homes or in rented halls.

In the 1860s, J. N. Loughborough and J. N. Andrews, Adventist missionaries to the northeast Iowa town of Waukon, had become discouraged. To get their Adventist movement moving again, Ellen White risked her life in a dramatic winter crossing of the Mississippi River. (Read her thrilling testimony in *Life Sketches*, p. 330.) She prayed and worshiped with them in their farmhouse; consequently Andrews eventually became our first foreign missionary. And a little home church in Mid-America Union territory became the birthplace of Adventist global mission.

That was 150 years ago. What about today?

Thank God, our mission and message are alive and well in congregations large and small—some of them meeting in home churches that operate harmoniously in counsel with local conference leadership (see “Simple Church at Home” on page 8.).

A few weeks ago I witnessed such an Adventist movement in the southwest corner of the Mid-America Union—San Juan County in New Mexico. I enjoyed fellowship with Farmington members in their lovely facility and also visited La Vida Mission, an outreach to neighboring Navajos. La Vida has a little chapel that hosts worship for local Adventists and students, and the

mission also sponsors two thriving home churches for outreach.

What other opportunities are available to the Adventist movement? None greater than outreach to the Digital Continent—a term describing millions of Internet users who basically live online. A staff writer for *Adweek* reports that “Google experiences 25 million church-related inquiries *a month*.”* She noted that even savvy churches seem reluctant to seize this opportunity.

Think of it! Adventists talk about knocking on doors hoping to make cold contacts, while millions of spiritual seekers are knocking digitally on the church door. Does God want us to open that door so they can come in and meet Jesus as Savior and Lord of the Sabbath? This requires more than maintaining a worn-out website and boring Facebook page. It demands the same strategic thinking and commitment of resources that secular organizations devote toward success on the Web.

Is the Adventist movement living up to its name in your life and in your church? God says, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isa. 43:19, NIV). May we all be blessed with the Spirit of discernment so that the Adventist movement can be true to its calling in 2013. **■**

Martin Weber, DMin, is editor of *OUTLOOK* and communication director of the Mid-America Union.

*<http://bit.ly/1176mNI>, Dec. 3, 2012. *Italics supplied.*





My Visit to La Vida Mission

by Martin Weber

La Vida Mission (LVM) is tucked into the southeast tip of the Mid-America Union—New Mexico’s San Juan County. It is a school for Navajo children and an outreach to their families.

I hoped to visit LVM throughout my seven years as OUTLOOK editor. Finally that opportunity came in October. What a joy it was to meet Delores Bentley, the director, and her husband Larry, onsite project coordinator. I took a little iPhone video that will be uploaded to outlookmag.org

in which Delores shares her testimony and her vision for La Vida.

I also met Dorie Panganiban, office manager, and her husband Polly. Together they serve as church and community outreach coordinators for LVM. Although the campus has a little chapel, Native Americans are understandably reluctant to venture inside a church building—given their history of oppression under the sign of the cross. So the Panganibans open their home

for church. A houseful of Navajo neighbors meet Friday evenings to sing, study, pray, eat and fellowship together. I was amazed at what God is doing.

Recently LVM began another home church in Crownpoint, New Mexico, 33 miles south of La Vida. Following is Dorie’s testimony of how their ministry has developed.

Martin Weber, DMin, is editor of OUTLOOK and communication director of the Mid-America Union.

1. Home Church at La Vida Mission
2. Home Church at Crownpoint
3. Delores and Larry Bentley
4. Dorie and Polly Panganiban
5. La Vida Mission

All photos courtesy La Vida Mission except #5, by Martin Weber

Beginning a Church in Our Home

by Dorie Panganiban

When we came to La Vida Mission the local people wondered, “How long are you gonna be here?” and “Do you like it here?”

During our first year the Native people were friendly but also cautious in becoming close to us. They are wary about attaching themselves to people who would just leave anyway. But as time went on, the Native people began inviting us to their family celebrations. Now they have adopted us into their families as “big brother or big sister” or “little brother or little sister,” and their kids call us “uncle and aunt.” We can come to their homes anytime, without an appointment, and now they are coming to our home to have church on Friday nights.

Most of those who attend

are those with whom we have, over time, built a relationship of love, friendship and trust. They describe what they experience in our home every week as a “warm and welcoming church” and a “place of peace and joy in our community.”

The dream of starting another company of believers, in Crownpoint, kept burning in our hearts. We talked to some local people years before about whether they could open their house for a Bible study group, and the response wasn’t so positive. But in God’s own time the door opened. During Native Camp Meeting at La Vida, a former church member from Crownpoint—whom we had never met—expressed to us his spiritual vision for that little town. He

graciously offered his home, and so we began a Bible study in his place. Our plan is to do a twice-a-month church service there, hoping that eventually a new company of believers will be established in the area.

We pray that our relationships will grow stronger and that soon these friends will surrender their lives to the Lord and decide to become a part of His family. Please join us in prayers for our outreach to these precious Navajo Native American brothers and sisters.

To learn more about the ministry of La Vida Mission, visit www.lavidamission.org.

Dorie Panganiban and her husband Polly are the church and outreach coordinators for La Vida Mission near Farmington, NM.

They describe our home as a warm and welcoming church—a place of peace and joy in their community.



Simple Church at Home

A very old new idea

by Milton Adams

Eighty-seven percent of North America's population typically will not walk into a conventional church. Welcome to the mission field that lives where you live.

Simple Church is a term used to refer to small congregations that primarily meet in homes. These Sabbath home gatherings start with a team of four missionary-minded Adventists (commonly called a CORE4 missionary team) who focus on reaching the 87 percent of North America's population who typically will not walk into a conventional church.

Simple Churches are not small groups because they are not a side activity of a regular church. They are full churches on par with conventional churches (whose congregations own, lease, or rent a building where worship and ministry are conducted). Simple Churches tend to be smaller in attendance, 5-35, and have a simpler worship format and organizational structure. Research by George Barna (see www.barna.org) reveals nearly six million Americans

currently attend a church of this kind.

Simple Church is more effective at reaching some groups than a conventional form of church, especially for the unchurched and younger adults. Since the majority of North American residents are not active in any religious congregation, this is an approach that can be used to successfully achieve the mission of the Adventist Church.

This is not a new form of church. The New Testament clearly reveals that early Christian believers met for worship in homes (Rom. 16:5, I Cor. 16:19, and Col. 4:15). Surprisingly, neither is this a new form of church for Adventists. During the early decades of the movement, most local churches met in homes or rented lodge halls. In fact, this concept lives on in Adventist heritage under the

old-fashioned terminology of "cottage meetings." Current church attendance statistics indicate it is time to dust off this old concept and reinvent it for the 21st century.

The home church initiative is working, says Florida Conference President Mike Cauley: "Milton Adams has had success with a pilot project." North American Division leaders endorse the Simple Church model as an outreach option. Overseas church officials also have taken notice, and have requested development of a global network of house churches around the world (see www.AdventistMission.org; also www.SimpleChurchAtHome.com).

Welcome to the mission field that lives where you live.

Milton Adams is director of Simple Church Global Network.



Meet Mid-America's New VP for Administration

*Pastor Gil F. Webb is the new vice president for administration of the Mid-America Union. The Executive Committee of the union elected him to that office at its regularly-scheduled meeting on November 15. The position had been vacant since July, when **Maurice R. Valentine II** left to become president of the Central States Conference. Following are Elder Webb's convictions and reflections on questions from the OUTLOOK editor.*

Elder Webb, what does it mean to you to be chosen vice president for administration of the Mid-America Union?

By being chosen to minister in this area of my Lords' church, I believe God is giving me greater exposure for growth and service. I must confess I am humbled by this opportunity, and the thought of this privilege has intermittently been overwhelming. I am utterly dependent upon the Holy Spirit to do justice to this significant role within the body of Christ.

I am grateful to those who participated in the process of bringing me on

board to work with such a progressive, Spirit-filled, thoughtful and compassionate leadership team. My knowledge and observation of both **Elder Lemon** and **Elaine Hagele** affords me the confidence that God will bless our efforts as we strive together for a finished work.

What is your vision for our union as a member of its administrative officer team?

I see us fully engaging and maximizing processes at various venues within our purview that will facilitate greater collaboration among conferences and churches within our territory. This will galvanize us effectively "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)—not only in church but also in the community.

Tell us about your birth family.

I am the youngest of five children. There were three boys and two girls. My mother was laid to rest when I was three years old. Her youngest sister raised my two sisters and me. I presently have one sibling remaining, and she resides in Oakland, California.

What is your first memory of knowing Jesus as your Savior?

While sitting in the church's balcony at age 12, I listened to **Elder G. N. Banks**, who was pastor at the time of Elmhurst Adventist Church

in Oakland. He painted the picture of Christ living to die for us so that we could live forever. The reality of the story touched my heart. The tears flowed, and I surrendered.

As a believer in the 21st century, what particularly attracts you to the Seventh-day Adventist message?

The message of hope, victory and salvation in Jesus is still on the front burner for me. The plight of pained, poverty-stricken and sin-ridden humanity is hurtful. The message of





hope we have to present via preaching or practice is still a complete message. However, its greater value and most impactful presentation may be in the practicing.

What do you see as strengths of our church structure and practice—in the world and in Mid-America?

The strong aiding those who are not so strong (by reason of economics, politics or region) is a great asset that exists within our structure. Not only the aiding that happens routinely but also that which comes due to some catastrophe or devastation. The church's current governance formula is flexible where required, which is also positive for the body.

What weaknesses challenge the church?

We sometimes spend an exorbitant amount of resources focusing on things that are not salvific, while we waffle on other, weightier matters. Ordination of women into the Gospel ministry and sexual preference are two areas that, as I see it, have us spinning our proverbial wheels. We preach and teach that unity and oneness don't mean everywhere, everything, to all people, in every instance. We must stick with Scripture where it is clear and precise. If it is personal preference

because of culture and climate, we need to let it be. Some areas don't need to be polemical.

Your fervor for evangelism is well known, Pastor Webb. What are some of the ways that Adventists can effectively and creatively reach out to lost people in Mid-America?

If we consider "lost" to mean they declare no relationship with Jesus, here are a few non-threatening options: establish a prayer walk ministry, host a midday activity center for senior citizens, or host seminars on current community topics (co-facilitated by a respected community person and a balanced church member).

Gil, you are not only a man of God but also a family man. How did you meet Pat, your wife of 34 years—and would you like to tell us what attracted you to her?

Pat and I first met in early fall of 1976 in the home of our campground caretaker—he and his wife set us up. Initially I wasn't interested because, at the time, I was not looking for a mate. Besides, she looked too young! Right before sitting down to eat, the caretaker remarked to his wife: "Honey, did you know Pat is older than her sister?" His wife responded, "Really?" He then disclosed their ages: Pat is one year

younger than I.

We met on two other occasions before going on our first date in January 1977. I was transferred to a new district later that month, more than 500 miles away. We prayed, fasted and talked periodically for about two months. Then Pat visited me in Pueblo, Colorado for her spring break. On March 21, I proposed—and it's been an unforgettable ride ever since. I was attracted to her smile, her timid yet adventurous heart and her increasing love for Christ. I saw her as someone who I would enjoy seeking to make happy for the balance of my life.

What would you like us to know about your children?

Pat and I have two adult children, **Gil II** and **Chalonda**. Our son lives in Omaha. He is a landscaper and the father of our only grandchild, **Gil III**. Chalonda is married to **Sidney Dwyer**; they live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Chalonda is a social worker serving as an access specialist.

Other than family members, who has been the most influential person in your life?

To narrow it down to one is very difficult. There have been so many key players in my life that have impacted me greatly. I submit the name **Perry L. Jennings**. I worked with him for three consecutive summers in evangelistic efforts.

Of all the Bible characters (besides Jesus), who are you most eager to meet in heaven?

Moses. I'm curious to have him talk with me about the different emotions he felt in the transition from slavery to freedom. I'd also love to hear him describe his initial encounter with God at the burning bush, and the close-up view of the fish on either side of the Red Sea while walking through on dry ground. And then what he felt when he heard the clamoring crowd of sinners—those whom he loved so deeply that he declared to God, "If you will not forgive them then 'blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written.'"

When people meet you in heaven, what would you like to be remembered for on earth?

The time I took with them to coach and help them process their challenges in life through Christ.

What is your favorite Scripture text?

Philippians 1:6—"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

How do you relax?

Watch my fish, go golfing, chat with Pat or read a book. (Not necessarily in that order!)



More about Pastor Gil Webb

Pastor Gil F. Webb has been serving in the Central States Conference as ministerial director and an assistant to the president. Since February 2010 he has also been pastor of Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

A native of San Francisco, Webb graduated from Golden Gate Academy and went on to Oakwood College (now Oakwood University). After earning a degree in Theology, he entered pastoral ministry in October 1976. Elder

Webb has served his entire career in Central States Conference as a pastor of 14 churches in five states—Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. He has also been a department director for youth, health and temperance, education, and stewardship.

Thomas L. Lemon, president of the Mid-America Union, states: "We are delighted to welcome Elder Webb to our administrative team. He brings more than

30 years of experience to the leadership table. In addition to pastoring churches across our union for the Central States Conference, he has led the Youth Department, served as ministerial director and currently serves as one of the CSC assistants to the president. He is highly respected for his quiet and thoughtful wisdom. As we explored the possibilities across the North American Division, Elder Webb's name came up again and again.

And having watched his ministry from a bit of a distance for more than 15 years myself, it just seems like the right fit."

Pastor Webb has international ministry experience, including a speaking tour in Tanzania where he preached and also conducted marriage and family seminars. "I just want to do God's will" is the motto he lives by. His mission statement is "full commitment to the Great Commission until its conclusion."



Lighthouse Gets a New Building

by Claval Hunter

Lighthouse Church in the heart of St. Louis, Missouri is a friendly, worship-driven, growing church. It was conceived in 2005 from the merging of two church plants, Emmanuel and New Life. The newly comprised congregation then began searching for a worship facility. The attempt was frustrating, but members continued to pray, fast and seek.

When it seemed as though hope was lost, God provided. In less than a month a building was revealed, financing was secured, and the congregation moved in.

The upstairs worship facility was move-in ready and fully furnished. The entire building has everything needed and plenty of room for growth. Only God could

have orchestrated such a masterful plan in such a short time. The joyous opening service featured the sermon, "Never Forget to Say Thank You."

Lighthouse Church in its new home has a vision to be a church without walls, a refuge for all people and a place where people can freely worship God in Spirit and in truth. Members look forward to Phase I of

remodeling their basement, which will house a fellowship hall, classrooms, pantry and baptistry. They are committed to ministering to the needs of the community while growing God's kingdom. For more information, visit www.lighthousesda.org.

Claval Hunter is the senior pastor of the Lighthouse Adventist Church.

Pathfinders Bring Holiday Cheer

by Philip Baptiste

Philip Baptiste



Pathfinders from the Palace of Peace Church working together to make a difference in Colorado Springs

The Palace of Peace Pathfinder Club is committed to community outreach in Colorado Springs. Under the leadership of club director **David Pope** and deputy director **Wanda Brown**, the Silver Hawk Pathfinders are impacting neighbors

in relevant and practical ways. With a mission to help families in need and bring holiday cheer, Pathfinders assembled over 50 Thanksgiving baskets. Community Service leader **Vi Forbes** provided food from the church pantry. Pathfinders sorted the

groceries and packed baskets full of canned goods, cranberry sauce, stuffing and other seasonal delights.

The Silver Hawk Pathfinders have planned a variety of ministry events to promote the community outreach of Palace of

Peace Church. For more information visit www.palaceofpeace.org.

Pastor Philip Baptiste is communication director for the Central States Conference.



Boston Street Hosts International Day

by Gary S. Collins



Marilyn Gadin

Samuel Akuamo-debra standing by his native Ghanaian Flag

Last fall Boston Street Church in Aurora, Colorado held its third annual International Day. The day kicked off with inspiring reports from members representing over 25 nationalities, detailing the progress of Adventism in their native lands.

Then came the Parade of Nations. Two matrons of honor, **Sylvia Bookhardt** and **Dawn Bookhardt**, highlighted facts about

each nation and its history while native music played. Concluding each presentation, church and community members stood proudly for their native national anthem.

After more music and a sermonette, it was time for the Taste of Nations. Every room in the Garden Level was filled with booths displaying decorations and food specific to a particular region of the

world. A tent beside the church featured Christian music from around the globe, augmented by background conversations and the laughter of Christian fellowship in many languages. The day ended with an international musical and vespers by **Pastor Asante** of the Ghanaian Adventist Church in Aurora.

International Day attendees expressed

appreciation about how the multicultural community of the body of Christ can come together to celebrate one another's national heritage.

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Gary S. Collins is the senior pastor of the Boston Street Church.



Finding "The Divine"

Becoming a new creature in Christ

by [Jacquie Biloff](#)

Courtesy Danielle Harrison



BHHEC Spiritual Counselor Dan Gabbert baptizes Danielle Harrison

Danielle Harrison was first baptized at age nine. She remembers enjoying infrequent visits to Sunday school at the local Baptist church, but not having a personal relationship with

Jesus. At 12, Harrison moved with her family to Washington state. Their new neighbors happened to be Seventh-day Adventists—and eventually her sister would marry

their son.

“I wandered far off into the darkness,” Harrison recalls. “I struggled with depression, anxiety, eating disorders and marijuana addiction. Leaving home

at 17, life grew increasingly out of control. I quit my job, shaved half my head, drifted in and out of relationships and experimented with heavy drugs. Finally, I realized

I was tired of living a life of emptiness and lies. Sobbing, I called out to God, opening my heart to what I then called “The Divine.”

The Lord began moving Harrison steadily into a healthier way of life. She quit heavy drugs and adopted a vegan diet, fascinated with natural living and natural remedies. The need to express herself through dress and makeup diminished. She hungered for spiritual understanding and her quest led her to research various religions.

In 2010, Harrison’s sister invited her to Black Hills Health and Education Center (BHHEC) in South Dakota. There they became full-time volunteers. “I learned so much within the first four months volunteering on the farm,” says Harrison. “I completed the Certified Wellness Coach course and enrolled in their School of Massage. As my mind became clearer, the Holy Spirit continued to work in my life. The gentle spirit and powerful words of **Elder Dan Gabbert**, BHHEC’s spiritual counselor, intrigued me and I began attending church when he would speak. He opened the Scriptures in a way that shed light into my mind where before there had only been darkness. I could finally see Calvary for what it really is.”

In January 2011, **Thom Mayer** of Little Light Studios came to BHHEC to work on a film project. For Harrison’s birthday,

he gifted her with his Battlefield Hollywood documentary set. Harrison states that after watching each video, she sat weeping. “I had believed in ‘God’, yet while I saw the evidences of a battle between self and righteousness, I did not believe in Satan.” Those videos gave her the insight to see the reality of the great controversy. “I realized that I could not trust my heart,” she says, “and my life will never be the same!”

Before Harrison attended an ARME Bible Camp she had decided to be re-baptized. When **Dr. Tim Riesenberger** shared his message “The Truth That Transforms the World,” she responded to his alter call. After completing Bible studies, Danielle was baptized September 1, 2012. “I died,” she says. “Only a loving, merciful God could turn a mess like me into a blessing for Him!”

Harrison is still at BHHEC. She says that Jesus is calling her to share her story—and His love story—with the world. “I am currently saving money to go to Bible college, aspiring to travel in mission work, and longing to reach out to youth who are struggling, just as I did, pointing them to the victory in Jesus.”

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



Danielle Harrison, before and after

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Celebration of Family Weekend

by DeLois and Abraham Weekes

Jossef Galligan



Children's choir performing at the Family Celebration Weekend

In conjunction with the North American Division's designation of September for particular focus each year on family life, West County Church in Chesterfield, Missouri that month held its first annual Family

Celebration Weekend. The purpose was to strengthen Christian homes through commitment, communication and parenting. Friday evening, **Elder Tony** and **Nereida La Porte**, family ministries co-directors for the Iowa-

Missouri Conference, talked about having a vibrant marriage.

During Sabbath worship service, West County pastor **Rob Lechner** and his wife, **Dee Ann**, presented a message titled "Proverbs: Wisdom for Families."

During the service, the pastor also conducted a "Marriage and Family Recommitment Ceremony," inviting the church family to participate. The ceremony included a "Litany of Unity" and concluded with a prayer of commitment.

Celebration Sabbath concluded after lunch with a final presentation by the La Portes called "Reviving the Family: How to Establish and Sustain Christ-centered Families." Based on evaluations from church members, God was clearly the center of the celebration, and families were lifted up to Him.

DeLois and Abraham Weekes are family ministries coordinators at St. Louis West County Church.

IOWA-MISSOURI CALENDAR

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- Jan 18-20** Youth Rally
Sunnydale Adventist Academy
- Jan 21** Conference Holiday
No Elementary School
- Feb 2-4** Peacemakers Training
Camp Heritage
- Feb 18** Conference Holiday
No Elementary School
- Mar 1-3** Missouri Honors Weekend
Camp Heritage
- Mar 7-17** Spring Break
Sunnydale Adventist Academy
- Mar 9-17** Spring Break
Elementary Schools



Eric Robnetre

One Sabbath in October, Jefferson City (MO) Church honored its Sabbath school teachers for their hard work and preparation of spiritual nourishment for members and guests each week. Every teacher and assistant received a gift and special recognition.



Inspiring Sabbath School Classes

by Michelle Hansen



Michelle Hansen

Angie Joseph, IA-MO Conference lay evangelism co-director, explains how Sabbath school can facilitate evangelism.

“Only 13 percent of people living in major cities feel they have a life-changing faith that truly connects them to God,” said **Angie Joseph**, lay evangelism co-director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference. Joseph shared this statistic at a seminar about Sabbath school classes that she recently presented at St. Louis West County Church in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Joseph said that people need to be inspired in order to reach them for Christ.

She encouraged attendees to think of what inspires them about Jesus and then share that inspiration. She added, “You don’t need to memorize more verses or have a leadership position in the church—God can use you now.”

“Sabbath school is to teach us how to put on the armor of God—not literal hardware, but rather the ‘software.’ People can steal physical armor, but they can’t take away the software we have in our minds,” said Joseph. She explained that

Sabbath school class equips members to know the truth so they are ready to share it.

“The quarterly is there to help us understand the Bible. The teacher is to study the lesson and boil it down to two or three key points. Then they can go to the Bible verses covered in the lesson and discuss that in class,” explained Joseph. “I bring only my Bible to teach my Sabbath school class because when you just study from the Bible people don’t come away feeling bad for not

having read the lesson—and you can lead them through the key points using only the Bible.”

Sabbath school classes are for spiritual growth. A friendly environment for sharing facilitates this. “If you treat Sabbath school as an evangelistic event, you make it friendly to members and guests alike,” concluded Joseph.

Michelle Hansen is communication/Sabbath school director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.



NAD Director Challenges Youth

by Travis Sager

John Treolo



James Black, NAD youth director, inspired attendees of the Kansas City youth rally.

James Black, North American Division youth director, was the featured speaker at a recent youth rally in Kansas City. Co-sponsored by the Iowa-Missouri and Kansas-Nebraska conferences, youth came from Wichita, Topeka, Lincoln, Sunnydale Academy and throughout metro Kansas City. Black challenged the young attendees to go out and live the life God ordained for them.

“Whatever you do for God, do it because it’s the right thing to do,” Black exhorted. “God wants to do great things through you. Do not allow distractions to

prevent God from working through you.”

The worship service offering went toward assisting victims of Superstorm Sandy.

Local pastors **Luke Self** and **Seth Clark** led an afternoon of praise, testimony, mission and prayer. Youth were challenged and inspired to turn their whole lives over to God. A pizza supper and 3-on-3 basketball tournament wrapped up the weekend’s activities.

Travis Sager is youth director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Piedmont Park Honors Veterans

by Vanessa Schaecher

Ron Hagen



Piedmont Park (Lincoln, NE) honored veterans during a special worship service.

Piedmont Park Church celebrated the service of Armed Forces veterans on November 10 during a special worship program. As the tune of **Lee Greenwood’s** “God Bless

the USA” played in the background, more than 20 veterans walked up the center aisle and gathered on the platform. **Pastor Michael Halfhill** led a prayer for them and their families.

Each veteran then received a red poppy as a memento to thank them for service to their country and the freedoms Americans enjoy. As the veterans departed, the congregation sang the chorus

“God Bless America.” Several present were moved to tears by the tribute.

Vanessa Schaecher is a correspondent for Piedmont Park Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 5 Great Bend Sanctuary Grand Opening Great Bend, KS

Jan 25-27 Pathfinder Bible Experience & Honors Festival Wichita, KS

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Wichita South Turns 125

by John Treolo

It's not often a church celebrates 125 years of existence, but that is what Wichita South members did last November. Coordinated by pastors **Michael Campbell** and **Sam Millen**, the reunion event included former ministers, members and friends. Campbell told them all: "We are so happy to have so many this weekend to help us celebrate."

Sabbath school featured Wichita Adventist Christian Academy students. Led by principal **Sharon Burton**, they related the history of their school, which has been a major factor in the continued growth of the church. Following a Thanksgiving banquet, **Roger Larsen** (2003-10), currently pastor of Sunnydale Church in Missouri, wrapped up the celebration events.

Doug Bing (1993-2000), now vice president for administration of the Washington Conference, reflected, "It's exciting to be a part of this history—to think of 125 years and all the people who have passed through these doors!" **Russell Burrill** (1983-85) added, "I wish we could hear from those people from 125 years ago. What stories they must have!"

John Treolo is communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



Wichita Adventist Christian Academy students provided music for the celebration.



Patty McCullough, Jill Downey, Janna Chacko and Debbie Manasco (l-r) helped prepare the Thanksgiving feast.



All in the Family

A pastor's joy in baptizing a teenager and her parents

by Walter James

Courtesy, Minnesota Conference



Mike, Karen and Alex Gladson were baptized by Pastor Walter James (center) on October 27.

Mike and Karen Gladson and their 14-year-old daughter, **Alexandria** (Alex), moved to Minnesota from California last summer. Their plan was to get out of the city and be near Mike's sisters, **Barbara Sayer** and **Patricia Townsend**, both of whom are members of the Lake of the Woods Community Adventist Church in Baudette.

The Gladson family has been regularly attending Friday night prayer meetings and Bible studies from Amazing Facts, as well as Sabbath school and worship services. Additionally, Barbara and Patricia shared various resources over several Sabbath afternoons with

their brother's family.

In mid-October Mike contacted the head elder, **Robert Hopwood**, and asked to come into the church on profession of faith because he had been previously baptized. After Robert provided the Gladsons with a copy of the *28 Fundamental Beliefs*, I visited with the family. Mike had been baptized in the Mormon Church in his youth, but soon withdrew his membership. Karen was a member of the Nazarene Church. I felt it was important for Karen to sit in and learn why Mike was planning to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I welcomed Karen's questions as we discussed

our fundamental beliefs. Both of them agreed with each item.

I stressed the importance of a couple coming to the Lord to be equally yoked. Karen had one question: "I like football games on Saturdays. Is that wrong?" I replied, "Isn't it interesting that Satan has events scheduled on the Sabbath to take away our focus of worshipping our Heavenly Father?"

Then Mike said, "I like to have a drink of wine once in a while, but I don't remember the last time I had one. I do have some in the house." I explained how alcohol dulls the mind and leads down a treacherous path and that I do not go along with even an occasional drink. I asked Mike to come into the next room to talk privately. I told him I would not bring him into the Seventh-day Adventist Church with alcohol in his life. Mike knelt at the kitchen cabinet and pulled out about 10 bottles of alcohol. "Here Pastor, pour it down the drain. I told you when I made this decision that I was going to go all the way with Jesus." I looked at Karen, who had joined us, and she was smiling.

After all the bottles were empty we sat down at the table again. I said, "Mike, when you were baptized in the Mormon Church were you baptized in the name of The Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" Mike said, "I

don't remember." I said, "I recommend we baptize you again." His response was heartfelt: "Yes!"

I then shared my own testimony: "My wife **Marjorie** and I came into the church through Amazing Facts in Bemidji in 2003 and asked to be rebaptized together. We had learned about the Sabbath, and we wanted to start over together. You need time to pray about this together. We'll come back next Friday to see what you want to do."

They agreed and we left for vespers. Afterward, Karen came to me and said, "Pastor, I don't need a week to think it over. I want to be baptized with Mike and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

The next morning before Sabbath worship, Karen came to me with her daughter. "Pastor, Mike and I talked to Alex last night about what Mom and Dad are doing. Alex has been watching the videos and attending church as well. She wants to be baptized with us as a family."

Elder Hopwood had asked the high school in town if we could use their swimming pool for the baptism. Permission was granted and on Sabbath, October 27, the whole congregation met at the high school to celebrate the Gladson family baptism.

Walter James is a pastor in the Minnesota Conference.



Jesus Was There on My First Day of School

Her students were stunned when she washed their feet.

by Elizabeth Rodriguez

As I packed my suitcase for the teachers' convention in Tennessee last summer, I couldn't stop thinking about so many firsts: my first day on the job, my first time in a new state and my first time at a teacher's convention. I felt overwhelmed—until I saw so many friendly faces there and soon felt right at home.

While sitting in the different meetings, my scattered thoughts focused on one thing—the first day of school. Ideas flowed and after prayer, devotionals and sessions at the conference, I knew with confidence how I would start my new school year.

Often the first day of school begins with your typical dos and don'ts, rules and expectations. But in a Christian school, shouldn't we begin with God? Our job as Christian educators is to teach holistically, and we are proud of this educational concept. Therefore, God should be presented right from the beginning as the core of all we teach. For the first time in a long while I felt inspired and recharged. I was not just a teacher but a Christian teacher. I realized that we are ministers for God. What an amazing responsibility God has empowered us with!

Upon arriving home from the convention, I shared my convictions with my husband, **Pastor Carlos Rodriguez**. We began planning the first day of

school—a day I hoped my students would never forget because Jesus would be the center of attention.

When the students arrived at school they couldn't believe their eyes. They walked into a classroom where long tables were set up in the shape of a cross. They were adorned with beautiful tablecloths, food, grape juice, candles, and wicker baskets. There was also a huge wooden cross at the front of the room. Suddenly, in walked Pastor Rodriguez playing the part of Dr. Luke from the Bible. He presented to the students "How to Heal a Christian Heart," and also the story of Jesus and the sacrifice He made for us at the cross.

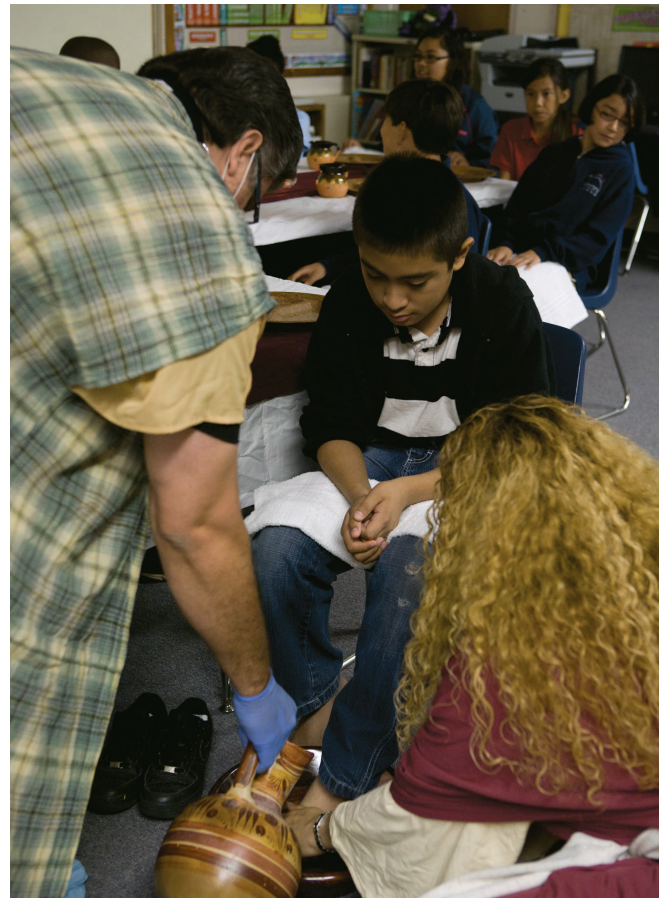
He asked the students to write on the four corners of a blank paper all their worries about their first day of school. He continued his illustration by asking them to fold the paper into a boat and explained that we couldn't get to Jesus by a boat. Then he instructed the students to fold the boat into an airplane, saying that it was impossible to get to Jesus by air. Finally, he told them they should rip the wings off the plane because they were not serving the purpose of taking them to Jesus. He guided them to the foot of the cross. One by one the students tore the wings off the plane and dropped them at the foot of the cross. Pastor Rodriguez then had them open up

their paper and instead of holding a torn airplane, they now held a cross. But best of all, their worries were gone. They were all lying at the foot of the cross.

The students then took part in communion with the bread and juice. And because I wanted this to symbolize our fresh start together, I washed their feet. As I humbled myself as their servant, I couldn't stop thinking about Jesus. He lived His life ministering to and serving us every day until He died. He gave us

an example to follow. And so I began the 2012-13 school year at Capital City Adventist Christian School ministering to my students with my eyes upon Jesus. My only hope is that as I teach I can reflect the character of our Creator and Redeemer to them so one day they can all say: "My first day of school was not just another day—Jesus was there."

Elizabeth D. Rodriguez is principal of Capital City Adventist Christian School.



Pastor Carlos and Elizabeth Rodriguez wash the students' feet on the first day of class at Capital City Adventist Christian School.

Courtesy: Minnesota Conference



Ninety-One-Year-Old Helps Fund Church Building

by Mark Bond

Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference



Bertha Lyon from Torrington, WY helped raise money to build a One-Day Church through a garage sale. Miraculously, they raised—to the penny—the exact amount needed.

You might think that the average 91-year-old couldn't do much to support church missions. But **Bertha Lyon** isn't your average 91-year-old. She and her husband, **Edward**, have been active members of the Torrington (WY) Church since 1955.

Last summer Bertha

heard about how Maranatha International and ASI have teamed up to build One-Day Churches in parts of the world where members don't otherwise have the means to build a church. Each church structure costs \$1,500.

Bertha wanted to help

build a One-Day Church, but she had no idea how she could come up with that kind of money. She shared her desire with a friend, **Darlene Willard**, along with several family members and church members.

Bertha had recently held a garage sale that brought

in \$700. They dedicated that toward the project and decided to hold another garage sale with the hope of raising the full \$1,500 needed for a One-Day Church.

Her daughter, **Lori**, came home from Nebraska to help with the sale. Her son, **Gary**, brought a truckload and a trailer full of used furniture and other goods from Cheyenne. Additional items were donated from church and family members. With many prayers, they set the date and advertised the garage sale in the local paper.

Customers began arriving early. Item after item was purchased. But by mid-afternoon, the steady stream of buyers abruptly came to an end. Bertha finally had enough time to count the money. With only three items remaining, she totaled the proceeds, and the amount came to exactly \$1,500—the very number they had prayed for!

“Our goal was met—not one penny over or under the amount,” recalls Bertha. “And at that same moment, the people stopped coming! It thrills my heart to share this miracle story!”

There's no age limit on making a difference for your church. With teamwork, prayer and determination, miracles can happen—even if you are 91.

Mark Bond is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Distance Nursing Program Comes to Denver

by Sarah Crowder



Ron Nowy

A student at the Denver site participates in a class taught in Orlando through a two-way video conferencing system.

On October 24, The Colorado Board of Nursing approved a new distance-learning nursing program on the campus of Porter Adventist Hospital. The program is an extension of the Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU), based on the campus of Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Classes will be taught using a state-of-the-art, two-way video conferencing system that provides a real-time, interactive classroom

experience among classmates in Denver and professors in Orlando.

The program was created in answer to a need for additional nurses by Adventist Health Systems' four hospitals in the Denver area. The hospital leaders invited ADU to offer distance classes on the Porter campus.

"The typical students that will find this kind of program attractive are those who call Denver home, and are looking to change careers but don't

want to travel elsewhere to accomplish their goals," says **Ruben Martinez**, vice president of operations for ADU. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to extend the reach of our program to the mountains of Colorado."

ADU has been providing educational opportunities in Denver since 2009. They offer accredited training in radiography and sonography as well as general education classes.

"Our purpose is to provide a flow of healthcare

professionals whose core philosophy is to view healthcare as a ministry," says **Jan Preston**, chair of ADU's Department of Nursing. For information, visit www.ADU.edu.

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Sarah Crowder is a communication specialist for the Adventist University of Health Sciences.



Stitching Ministry into Daily Life

by Joellyn Sheehy

Steve Nazario/Union College



Amanda Shea, a senior psychology major from South Carolina, sports a hat and scarf she knitted for Lincoln's homeless. She and two Union graduates started Stitch Ministry three years ago to crochet warm hats and scarves for People's City Mission.

The hectic pace of the average college student's life makes cramming in extra activities—like helping others—seem next to impossible. But for the last three years, one Union College student and a couple of recent graduates found a way to stitch the opportunity to help others into their busy lives.

"We just wanted a project, something bigger to be a part of," said **Amanda Shea**, senior psychology major. "My friends and I did the breast cancer walk in October 2010, and when it was over we said 'OK, what's next?' The following months were cold, and I wanted to do something for

Christmas. The idea came to crochet hats and scarves and give them to the homeless."

Stitch Ministry was born from three students' willingness to use their creativity to serve others. Shea, along with 2012 graduates **Angela Chan Ashton** and **Betsy Norton**, polished crocheting skills to make hats and scarves to donate to People's City Mission, a non-profit organization providing food and shelter for the homeless in Lincoln.

"I learned to crochet back in Pathfinders," explained Shea. "Angie is really artsy, so when I mentioned the idea she was up for it and the homeless shelter was

really positive too. Now this will be our third year."

The students announced their intentions in the College View Church's bulletin and gained participation from church members and Union staff. "A lot of ladies from the church called and **Judy Joiner** [former Union employee] helped out a bunch," recalled Shea. "I met a lot of new people that year."

Having gained support, the small group was now a team of volunteers. "Angie actually came up with the term Stitch Ministry," said Shea. "When we were putting it into the bulletin, the secretary at the church asked, 'What do we call it?' Angie just threw that name out there and it's stuck ever since."

When Shea shared the idea with her family back home in South Carolina, her grandmother and aunt jumped on board to involve their local church in the project. "My grandma crochets throughout the whole year," said Shea. "She and my aunt called the companies that make the yarn, told them about the ministry, and asked if there was any extra yarn they didn't sell or couldn't use. The companies gave them tons and all for free. Our first year, my grandma sent us two boxes filled with scarves and hats. This ministry gives her a way to help even though she can't go out much. She loves it."

Shea is adamant that anyone can participate and she wants to involve as

many people as possible. "Judy Joiner and the ladies at the church know some really intricate stitches," she admitted. "I'm not a pro crocheter at all—I know two stitches—but I have this easy pattern for a scarf and I can teach it to anyone who wants to learn. Angie didn't really know much at first either, but she learned and can now do amazing things. She's even sold stuff on Etsy.com and made gifts for her friends and husband."

The People's City Mission sets aside one day each year to display the donations so customers can select a Christmas gift. Shea encourages anyone to participate, even if crocheting is not their forte. Stitch Ministry provides opportunity to incorporate making a difference and helping others into one's daily life, Shea says. "I hear a lot of people say, 'People only do nice things for selfish reasons because it makes them feel good.' But what's wrong with that? If helping others makes them happy and it makes you happy, what's wrong with everyone being happy? I'm in school and have so much to do, yet having this little project on the side makes me feel like I'm giving back. I'm not doing much—just crocheting—but you don't have to go out into the world to make a difference. You can do it right here at home."

Joellyn Sheehy is a junior international rescue and relief major from United Kingdom.



Union Students Help with Hurricane Sandy Cleanup

by Ryan Teller

A team of Union College International Rescue and Relief students packed their gear as Hurricane Sandy (dubbed a “superstorm” because of its dangerous weather patterns) churned across New York and New Jersey. Ten students and two instructors departed in the early hours of Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, before the storm had moved off the coast.

Though initially invited to the East Coast to be a part of the search and rescue operation, the international rescue and relief students quickly learned that disaster response is about being ready for anything.

“You have to be flexible to what the people need,” said **Dan Meachum**, a senior IRR major who plans to join a rescue service after graduation. Although trained as a paramedic, he and the rest of the students had never responded to a disaster situation. “The needs were different than what we initially expected.”

The search and rescue phase of the response had come to a close by the time the team had driven the 20 plus hours to New Jersey, so they spent a day helping families along the shore in Toms River clean up the mess. “They had a lot of water damage in their houses,” said Meachum.

Classroom experience and technical training can never replace working with real people in real life. “Most people knew the insurance company would help them,” said Meachum.

“But a lot of the items they lost went way beyond monetary value—personal or handmade items. They didn’t care about the dollar amount—they cared about the item.”

A couple of weeks after the team returned, thankful Toms River resident **Patty Kerr** sent this note to Union President **John Wagner**:

My entire neighborhood was flooded out due to a storm surge during Superstorm Sandy, and there is mass devastation everywhere. On Thursday, Nov. 1—All Saints Day for us Catholics—three young men walked up my driveway as we were beginning cleanup. They told me they studied search and rescue at Union College in Nebraska and offered their help in whatever way we needed. To say I was stunned is an understatement. These amazing students cleared a large amount of debris from my yard and then carried ruined furniture and destroyed appliances from my house to the curb. They were tireless, friendly and wonderful.

I couldn’t even offer them a glass of water and they wouldn’t take any money. I told them God sent me three angels and I would pray for them every day for the rest of my life. Unfortunately, I cannot remember all their names, but I just had to email their school to let you know what fantastic students you are blessed to have attend your institution. I truly believe God sent them to me that day and I

will never, ever forget their goodness and generous spirit during one of the lowest points of my life.

The students, too, felt the long hours spent traveling were worth the experience. “I think we have a very dynamic classroom experience,” said Meachum. “But going out and actually responding to a disaster solidified the education that we’ve had thus far. I’m getting ready to graduate in the spring, and I’m very thankful to have been selected to go on this mission. I feel like my classroom time has made a lot more sense as a result of this trip.”

The International Rescue and Relief baccalaureate degree program is designed for adventurous students who want to work in public safety or serve around the world through humanitarian relief. Certified as emergency

medical technicians during their first year, each student must also complete training in wilderness survival, search and rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and other disaster response skills.

Union College makes provision for IRR students to miss up to five days of classes to respond to disasters—they helped after Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, the Haiti earthquake and the 2011 tornado outbreak in Alabama—so with four days used up driving to and from the East Coast, the team was able to stay only one day with Sandy’s victims. Said senior IRR student **Sarah Steahly**, “I would have spent even more time in the van for just that one day.”

Ryan Teller is the director of public relations for Union College.



Matthew Russell (center), a senior IRR major, and nine other Union College IRR students helped Toms River, NJ residents clean up after Hurricane Sandy flooded their community.

Brian Hauff



Anderson, Shirley J. (Boyer), b. Mar. 8, 1928 in Lincoln, NE. d. Aug. 27, 2012 in Eagan, MN. Former member of Tucson AZ Desert Valley Church. Preceded in death by parents; 3 brothers. Survivors include husband Delbert; daughter Mary Kay Porter; son Kent; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Baity Sr., Joseph, b. Jan. 10, 1939 in Morris, MN. d. Oct. 27, 2012 in Ogema, MN. Member of Detroit Lakes Church. Preceded in death by parents; 2 brothers. Survivors include wife Sharon; daughters Annette Marlow and Patty Schultz; sons Joseph Jr. and William; 4 siblings; 8 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Barnhurst, Ruth, b. May 8, 1930 in Clarks Summit, PA. d. Aug. 17, 2012 in Elk Creek, MO. Member of Houston (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband William; son William Jr.; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughter Hope Gipe; sons Robert, Richard and Dale; 2 siblings; 9 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Bitterman, Malvin E., b. Feb. 28, 1924 in Delmont, SD. d. June 30, 2012 in Huron, SD. Member of Huron Church. Preceded in death by wife Doris; son James; 1 sister; 2 grandsons. Survivors include daughters Karen Spiczka; Pam Jones; Rhonda Groneberg and Roberta Drown; son Randy; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Bowers, Joyce E., b. Apr. 12, 1931 in Souris, ND. d. Sept. 22, 2012 in Mankato, MN. Member of Bottineau Church where she served as treasurer. Preceded in death by husband Walter; son David; 9 siblings. Survivors include daughters Vicky Bowers and Linda Vigil; sons Marshall, Jim and Gaylyn; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Clausen, Doris, b. June 10, 1930 in Mason City, NE. d.

Aug. 28, 2012 in Kearney, NE. Member of the Kearney Church. Survivors include husband Thurman; daughters Marcella Luhn, Elvena Forke and Patsy Clausen; 1 sister; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Everinggim, Rebecca "Becky" S, b. Oct. 8, 1960 in Columbus, GA. d. Sept. 1, 2012 near Sidney, NE. Member of Sidney Church. Preceded in death by fathers Johnny Martinez and Albert Rawley. Survivors include husband Nicholas; daughter Rebecca "Brooke" Davis; son Richard; mother Alfreda Martinez; 2 sisters; 3 grandchildren.

Erickson, Benjamin, b. Nov. 1, 1922 in Story City, IA. d. Aug. 18, 2012 in Story City, IA. Member of Nevada (IA) Church. Served in the US Air Force during WWII. Preceded in death by wife Ruby; brother Kenneth Sr. Survivors include nephew Kenneth Jr.

Fiegenschuh, Evelyn, b. Mar. 22, 1929 in Sidney, NE. d. Sept. 11, 2012 in Sidney, NE. Member of Sidney Church. Preceded in death by parents; 2 siblings; 1 son. Survivors include husband Harold; daughter Renae Ellis; son Lanny.

Gifford, Beverly Jean, b. Sept. 10, 1941 in Ottawa, IL. d. Oct. 30, 2012 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors include husband Steve (former KS-NE president); sons Trent, Jon and Michael; 3 siblings.

Hendricks, Vera, b. Oct. 30, 1921. d. June 20, 2011. Member of Kimberling City (MO) Church.

Imaly, Arlene (Campbell), b. July 7, 1930 in Minneapolis, MN. d. Oct. 28, 2012 in Lincoln, NE. Attended Piedmont Park Church. Preceded in death by parents; 1 sister; son Dale. Survivors include daughters Diane Teale, Julie Haught and Linda Johnson; son Michael;

17 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Larson, Jodi Ellen, b. May 7, 1972, in Karlstad, MN. d. Oct. 2, 2012 in Thief River Falls, MN. Member of Thief River Falls Church. Survivors include husband Brian; parents Glenn and Joyce Meekma; brother Glenn Jr. "Chip" Meekma.

Page, Curtis, b. Mar. 10, 1938; d. July 8, 2012 in Boone, IA. Member of the Boone Church. Survivors include wife Kaye; daughters Patti Jones and Sharon Pritchard; sons John, Curtis and Charles; 1 brother; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Reiswig, Ardella V., b. Apr. 17, 1930 in Butte, ND. d. Nov. 1, 2012 in Harvey, ND. Member of Harvey Church. Preceded in death by parents; 1 brother. Survivors include husband Berdette, daughter Renaye Wartner; son Kent; 2 sisters; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Renk, John, b. May 25, 1920 in Dodge, ND. d. Nov. 7, 2012 in Overland Park, KS. Member of New Haven Church. Preceded in death by wife Ella. Survivors include children Ronald, Irllys White, Norman and Kimber; 10 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Riels, Charles, b. July 24, 1972 in Poplar Bluff, MO. d. July 5, 2012 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Member of the Poplar Bluff Church. Preceded in death by mother Debra Boyd; Survivors include father John; sister Christine Boone.

Shepard, Betty A. (Edson), b. Sept. 20, 1924 in Council Bluffs, IA. d. Nov. 14, 2012 in Lincoln, NE. Charter member of Piedmont Park Church. Preceded in death by parents; 1 sister; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include husband Calvin; daughters Karen McCabe, Diane Morrison, and Lori Macke; son Steven; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Smith, Marjorie E. (Greet), b. Apr. 11, 1917 in Big Trails, WY. d. Aug. 18, 2012 in Cheyenne, WY. Member of Ten Sleep (WY) Church. Preceded in death by husband; 1 brother; 1 grandson. Survivors include sons Ronald, Athur, Leroy, Kenneth; daughter Lorinda; 4 siblings; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Vaughn, Roy, b. Apr. 30, 1919 in Nevada, IA. d. Nov. 4, 2012 in Raymore, MO. Member of Marshfield (MO) Church. Preceded in death by wife Winifred; 2 siblings. Survivors include daughters Phyllis Van Wyk, Lois Floyd, Ruby Baker and Vivian Ribeiro; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Webb, Nadine, b. Sept. 8, 1937 in Muleshoe, TX. d. Dec. 3, 2011. Member of the Kimberling City (MO) Church. Preceded in death by 9 siblings. Survivors include husband Lynn; daughter Lorna Greenlee; sons Robert and Ken; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Westerbeck, Duane, b. Apr. 10, 1951 in Riceville, IA. d. Nov. 5, 2012 in Maynard, AR. Member of Doniphan (MO) Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include wife Norine; daughters Andrea Farris and Michelle Steele; 3 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

Woll, Kathy "BJ", b. Feb. 4, 1960 in Spokane, WA. d. Nov. 16, 2012 in Hurdsfield, ND. Member of Bowden Country Church. Survivors include husband Robert "Bob"; sons Jared and Jason; parents; 2 siblings.

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	Denver	4:49	4:56	5:04	5:12	5:20
	Grand Junction	5:05	5:12	5:20	5:28	5:36
	Pueblo	4:52	4:59	5:06	5:14	5:22
	Iowa					
	Davenport	4:46	4:53	5:01	5:10	5:19
	Des Moines	4:58	5:05	5:13	5:22	5:31
	Sioux City	5:06	5:14	5:22	5:31	5:40
	Kansas					
	Dodge City	5:35	5:41	5:49	5:56	6:04
	Goodland	4:37	4:44	4:51	5:00	5:08
	Topeka	5:14	5:21	5:28	5:36	5:44
	Minnesota					
	Duluth	4:34	4:42	4:52	5:02	5:12
	International Falls	4:32	4:41	4:51	5:01	5:13
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	North Platte	5:28	5:35	5:43	5:52	6:00
	Scottsbluff	4:37	4:45	4:53	5:01	5:10
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	Williston	5:15	5:23	5:33	5:44	5:55
South Dakota						
Pierre	5:16	5:24	5:32	5:42	5:51	
Rapid City	4:29	4:36	4:45	4:54	5:04	
Sioux Falls	5:04	5:12	5:20	5:29	5:39	
Wyoming						
Casper	4:45	4:52	5:01	5:10	5:19	
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