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Ten-year-old Angela Day's favorite thing to do in her spare time is read the Bible. Photo by Bellamy McKenzie.

## BELIEVER > MEMBER > MINISTRY

Spiritual growth does not happen automatically. Neither is it related to chronological age (see Angela's story on p. 6). Award-winning author Kevin DeYoung postulates that "The one indispensable requirement for producing godly, mature Christians is godly, mature Christians."

New believers need to be intentionally disciplined from day one so that their concept of the Christian life is formulated according to New Testament principles. The strategy used successfully by many churches includes a systematic program that moves people along the stages of discipleship from believer to member to ministry.

A good starting point for discipling new members is celebrating baptisms in meaningful ways, and using the opportunity each year of the baptism anniversary to reaffirm their commitment to following Christ (see p. 7). If you have additional ideas for discipling new members, please share them at [Facebook.com/OutlookMag](https://www.facebook.com/OutlookMag) or tweet us @myoutlookmag.

—BRENDA DICKERSON, editor



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# “...teaching them to observe all things...” —Part 2

by Tom Lemon



In our previous analysis of the Gospel Commission, we noted how we often stop with decisions for Jesus when He wants so much more. In focusing on teaching, we noted that a good teacher adds to the efficiency of the discipling process. Now we must consider the material to be taught.

Jesus instructed His disciples to teach all the things He had taught. While we don't have space here to include all that (see Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), I encourage you to consider the things that are unique regarding the teachings of Jesus.

He used multiple tools: direct didactic instruction, parables, figures of speech, miracles and His own example. When His disciples pleaded, “Lord, teach us to pray,” He gave them the Lord's Prayer in an informative response. When the disciples of John the Baptist questioned, “Are you the one who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus simply invited them to follow Him around for a day. When the rich young ruler wanted information on inheriting eternal life, Jesus referred him to the commandments, and then added, “Sell your goods and give to the poor...” And perhaps nothing is more remarkable than Jesus' teaching to love your enemies and pray for those who

persecute you.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus deals with the ethical realities of His own heavenly kingdom. As the Messiah, He immediately turns the ecclesiological and political landscape upside down. He was expected to speak against murder, adultery, lying, stealing and other such practical realities. Instead He expanded the definition of sin by adding prohibitions of lust, anger, theft by subterfuge and more. And both before and after His resurrection, Jesus taught the incredible worth and depth of the Original Testament: “These are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

What I would like to emphasize, however, is Jesus' use of the parable as an ageless, transforming vehicle of truth. Far too often we try to put more into the parable than is truly there. Each parable is designed to teach one lesson. The Sower tells the importance of planting where there is likely to be a harvest. It is not really about the soils, although some corollaries may be made. The Rich Man and Lazarus is not about the state of the dead. The real lesson is spelled out clearly: If they don't believe Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe if one were to come back from the dead.

The Wedding Garment is all about grace. The Great Banquet tells us the

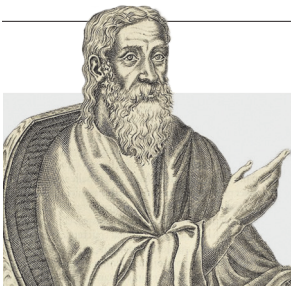
kingdom of God is for any who will come, not just those who think they belong on the guest list and then make excuses for not showing up. In all the kingdom parables Jesus is expecting His hearers to think beyond the boundaries of human devisings, be they social, political, geographic, economic, ethnic, gender, etc. No one is excluded from the kingdom of heaven based on anything other than a faith response to grace. And from the totality of what Jesus taught, the faith response is indeed reflected in what one does with his/her faith. Remember Matthew 25: “Inasmuch as you have done it [or not] to the least of these... you have done it [or not] to me.”

It does not take long for us to realize that “teaching them to observe all things” extends far beyond the baptismal vow. I know many good people, but none would go so far as to say they have arrived with the expectations of the kingdom. It comes back to grace and power to help in time of need. Jesus said, “come to me all of you...and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28).

If we would be disciplers and disciples ourselves, we must find our wellspring in Jesus only. ■

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Tom Lemon is president of the Mid-America Union.



# To the Newly Baptized

by John Patrick Clement of Alexandria

*Following are excerpts from an English translation of Clement of Alexandria's To the Newly Baptized, the earliest known concise address to new church members on growing in grace.*

**C**ultivate quietness in word and deed, and in speech and step. For the mind, seated on high on a quiet throne looking intently toward God, must control the passions. Do not be swept away by bursts of anger, nor nervous movements; so that your quietness may be adorned by good proportion and your bearing may appear something divine and sacred.

Let your speech be gentle toward those you meet, and your greetings kind. Be thoughtful in all your speech, and give back a useful answer. Take care never to speak what you have not weighed and thought through beforehand.

Learn gladly, and teach ungrudgingly. Never hide wisdom from others out of jealousy, nor through false modesty turn aside from instruction. Honor God's servants. Lead the way in wisdom and virtue. Do not wrangle with your friends, nor scoff at them. Avoid falsehood, guile and

insolence. As for arrogant and insolent people, endure them in silence.

Let everything you do be done for God, both deeds and words; and refer all that is yours to Christ. Constantly turn your soul to God and lean your thoughts on the power of Christ, as if it were resting in some refuge away from all talk and action. Communicate your thoughts to men by day, but more so to God at night as well as by day; for let not much sleep keep you from your prayers and praise to God. Show yourself always a partner of Christ who makes the divine ray shine from heaven; let Christ be to you continual and unceasing joy.

Do not relax the tension of your soul through feasting and indulgence in wine, but consider what is enough for the body. In place of such pleasures, choose the joys that are in divine words and hymns, joys which are supplied to you by wisdom from God; and let heavenly thoughts ever lead you upward to heaven.

Give up the many anxious cares about the body by taking comfort in hope toward God; because for you He will provide all necessary things: food to support life, covering for the body, and protection against winter

cold. For to your King belongs the whole earth and all that is produced from it; and God treats the bodily parts of His servants with exceeding care, as if they were His own, like His shrines and temples.

For this reason, do not dread severe diseases, nor the approach of old age, which must be expected in time. Knowing this, make your soul strong. Be of good courage and do not crush your soul by grief, but nobly confront toils with your understanding, rendering thanks to God even in the midst of your struggles.

Since His thoughts are wiser than men's, pity those who are in distress, and ask for them the help that comes from God; for God will grant grace and will provide succor for those in distress, wishing to make His power known to men, in the hope that, when they have come to full knowledge, they may return to God, and may enjoy eternal blessedness when the Son of God shall appear and restore good things to His own. ■

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John Patrick Clement, a convert to Christianity in young adulthood, was a clergyman and dean/principal of the foremost Christian institute of learning between AD 192 and 202. Manuscript edited by Dr. David W. T. Brattston.



# LET THE CHILDREN COME

by Brenda Dickerson



REAL LIFE  
DISCIPLE:  
**ANGELA DAY**



Photos: Bellamy McKenzie

**A**ngela Day has much in common with other 10-year-old Adventist girls. She loves to read, knit, crochet and helps out with the family garden. She’s a Pathfinder and plays the flute. She also sings in the youth choir and loves Sabbath school.

Yet only a few years ago, Angela’s life was very different. Before arriving as a foster child with her two brothers to live in the home of Kent and Alice Day, Angela knew nothing about Jesus or the Bible. “It has been very exciting to watch Angela grow spiritually,” says Alice. “When she started hearing Bible stories and reading from the Bible, that is all she wanted to do.”

In April 2012, Kent and Alice adopted all three children. And on December 7, 2013 Angela was baptized

into Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Salina Adventist Church in Salina, Kansas.

“I was watching others get baptized and I wanted to follow Christ also,” says Angela. “Reading the Bible and Bible stories helped me make that decision.”

Salina church pastor Otavio McKenzie, who baptized Angela, states, “How beautiful it was to watch a child at the tender age of 10 declare that Jesus was her forever friend, and that reading the Bible was her favorite thing to do in her spare time. We have nothing short of a young disciple in Angela.”

During her baptism preparation, Angela explained each of our fundamental beliefs to Pastor McKenzie. “Her parents surely did an awesome job

with her, and we are so happy to have her join our church family!” adds Pastor McKenzie.

## REJOICING IN HEAVEN... AND ON EARTH

Angela remembers that she was very excited on the day of her baptism. “I was thinking about when Jesus was baptized,” she recalls. “Afterward we had a party and cake at church and lots of members gave me gifts and cards. We plan to celebrate the anniversary of my baptism each year.”

The members of Angela’s church have nurtured her spiritually in numerous ways. “Mrs. Draget helps me sing with the church choir. And Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Easey help me play the flute for worship service each week and special music,”

Angela reports. “And my dad teaches my Sabbath school and helps me with the books of the Bible.”

Alice and Kent say they pray constantly for their children. “Our advice to other parents would be to unplug the cable, throw out the video games and fill the time with church family, Bible stories, camping, family activities—and get out of God’s way, for He is the one that leads them.”

Angela’s growing love for Jesus is evident in her daily life. “She is a joy to be around,” adds Alice. “Her love for Jesus is amazing and her sweet spirit is inspiring. We read the Bible to her and take her to church, but truly, Angela encourages us.” **U**

Brenda Dickerson is editor of OUTLOOK.



# CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

Encourage baptismal candidates to carefully prepare their guest list, inviting as many people as possible and remembering that some may come who are ready to commit to Christ if they are invited to do so.

Enlist prayer warriors to be present that day—praying with candidates and their loved ones before the event and afterward for the Spirit to draw others to Jesus as a result of witnessing this ceremony.

During the reception following the baptism, distribute loose papers so guests can write notes of encouragement to the newly baptized members. These can be assembled later into a memory book.

Have an electronic guestbook where attendees video their message on a digital camera or their phones and send it to the new member.

Baptismal certificates are an opportunity to “go all out.” Frame them nicely and present them to the candidates as gifts along with flowers, books, gift cards, etc.

Help candidates share their spiritual story in a printed program, a video or in person that day.

## Baptism Anniversaries\*

Can you remember the day you were baptized? If you have photos, cards, mementos or special stories, it is easier to recall the details of that important event.

- Set aside time each year to remember the day you were baptized and think about what belonging to the family of God means.

- Create a scrapbook with a page per year for photos of meaningful activities that helped you grow spiritually, stories of friends who encouraged you, special Scripture verses, song lyrics, etc. Or go digital and make a collection of videos and blogs.

- Share the story of your faith journey with family, friends and neighbors. It will become more precious each year as you continue adding evidences of God’s grace.

\*[www.namb.net/baptism-celebrations](http://www.namb.net/baptism-celebrations)






# OPEN ON SATURDAYS

**Many new members hear about Adventists for the first time through some type of media outlet. Cindy Smith\* is one such person who has recently come to experience fellowship in the body of Christ.**

Cindy had a good life—a job, friends and over 20 loving family members who lived nearby. Yet she was full of despair.

“I could not fill this void and sadness inside me,” she says, remembering those dark days when she wanted to end her life. Having run out of options to handle her deep depression, she turned to prayer and the Bible. In her search for spiritual encouragement, she found Hope Channel on her television one day.

“The first truth Jesus brought to me through Hope Channel was His seventh-day Sabbath. I was amazed

because I did not know about it at all. I checked the Scriptures to find out more and then I knew it was true! I was so happy for this revelation,” she says, describing the first moment of joy she had felt in years.

For weeks, every Sabbath, Cindy had church in her living room. And every week she wondered if there were people in her town who also worshipped on Sabbath. New in town and homebound by illness, she didn’t know how to go about finding a church that opened on Saturdays. Then one Sabbath she noticed her neighbors pulling into their driveway. It looked like they had been somewhere together as a family. *I wonder if they are returning from Sabbath church*, she asked herself, and then quickly dismissed the thought. That would be too much of a coincidence.

The happier she felt in her new experience with

Jesus, the more determined Cindy was to find a Sabbath-keeping community. It had been 40 years since she stepped into a church, but that didn’t stop her. Opening her phone book, she looked for churches that included their hours of operation. And that’s how she found an Adventist church. The following Sabbath, she convinced her sister to join her and the two of them stepped into a Seventh-day Adventist church for the very first time.

The people were friendly and the service was so similar to what was on Hope Channel, yet it had the added warmth and connection of other worshippers. After church, they were invited to stay for lunch.

As they walked down the hallway to the fellowship room, Cindy noticed a photograph of familiar people on the bulletin board. She looked closer; it was her

neighbors! God had nudged her to ask her neighbors about church several weeks earlier; but when Cindy hesitated, God simply found another way.

Staring at the photograph, Cindy broke down in tears, overcome by how God had been watching over her from that very first moment she turned to Him in desperate prayer.

Last December, both Cindy and her sister were baptized. “I didn’t know how real God was before,” is how Cindy summarizes the amazing way in which her life turned around in less than a year. “The Lord is so good and I never want to be without Him in my life. There’s nothing to go back to once you know the Truth.” ■

Fylvia Fowler Kline writes for Hope Channel. To learn more visit [www.hopetv.org](http://www.hopetv.org).

\*not her real name





## Establishing a NEW MEMBER MINISTRY\* in your church

People often join or remain in churches because of relationships, not just a conviction of the doctrines.

Established church members can play a vital role by intentionally mentoring those who are newly baptized.

### Goals of New Member Ministry

1. Encourage new members to develop and maintain a close relationship with God.
2. Connect new members with other members and various ministries in the church.
3. Offer training to identify their spiritual gifts, then equip them to use those gifts.
4. Be their support, and address or make referrals for issues that may arise as they adjust to a new lifestyle.
5. Encourage involvement in ministry in the home, church, workplace and community.

### Starting a New Member Ministry

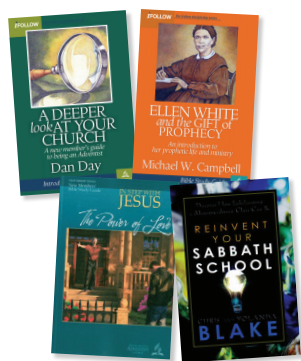
Establish a New Member Ministry committee of those who have a sincere love for people, witnessing and soul winning. They should be patient, forgiving, non-judgmental, and have a clear understanding of what their commitment will involve. Each potential member or new member should be assigned a guardian or shepherd before being baptized, or as soon as possible thereafter.

### Role of the Guardian/Shepherd

1. Spend time in prayer daily asking for God's guidance.
2. Spend time getting to know the new member and his/her family, likes and dislikes. Acquaint them with various traditions, organizations and businesses of our church, such as taking them to camp meeting, visiting your Adventist Book Center, and introducing them to books, CDs and DVDs of our outstanding speakers and musicians.
3. Encourage attendance at prayer meeting, Sabbath school and Adventist Youth programs, especially if there are young people in the family. Involve them in the social activities of the church.
4. Make them aware of our schools and healthcare institutions, and acquaint them with our rich denominational history.
5. Watch and listen for red flags that may signal a need for additional support.
6. Encourage prayer, Bible study, family worship and witnessing as they grow in Christ.
7. Be a friend, love unconditionally, and together prepare for the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## Resources for Nurturing New Believers from [AdventSource.org](http://AdventSource.org)



**A Deeper Look at Your Church: A new member's guide to being an Adventist.** Explore beyond the 28 Fundamental Beliefs to get a broader idea of where the Adventist Movement has been and how our commitment to the second coming of Jesus molds our ministry.

**Ellen White and the Gift of Prophecy: An introduction to her prophetic life and ministry.** Learn about Ellen White and the gift of prophecy through stories of her life.

**In Step with Jesus** is four, 13-week Bible studies that have been prepared for new members but have lessons that all followers of Jesus must learn. The central themes of each quarter are the journey, love, the Word and mission.

**Reinvent Your Sabbath School** (DVD or book). Chris and Yolanda Blake show—not just tell—how to start a ministry-driven Sabbath school class with real-time blow-by-blow sound bites from their functioning class. They discuss dozens of practical ideas, list the pitfalls to avoid, and offer guides to the available denominational resources.



# Communication Director Answers Call to Mission Service

by Philip Baptiste

Philip Baptiste



Pastor Philip and Dalyne Baptiste will be serving the world church as missionaries to Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya.

The General Conference has invited my wife **Dalyne** and myself to serve as fulltime missionaries for

the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) in Nairobi, Kenya, and we have accepted the call.

On the beautiful Advent Hill adjacent to the denomination's ECD headquarters and

the Adventist University of Africa sits historic Maxwell Adventist Academy, an institution of higher learning for young people whose parents are missionaries or inter-division workers for the ECD. I have been asked to serve as the dean of Maxwell Adventist Academy and Dalyne will be serving as the elementary teacher.

We are excited to have this opportunity to be fulltime missionaries for the world church. We received the call last year but turned it down as we felt there was still more God needed us to do in Central States. But when the call came again this year, we prayed and clearly knew this was God's will for our lives.

Please keep us in prayer as we embark on this new adventure and continue to engage in selfless service for the Savior.

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

# Calvary Church to Celebrate 35 Years

by Philip Baptiste

This year the Calvary Church in Davenport, Iowa will celebrate 35 years of ministry and service. **President Maurice R. Valentine II**, a former pastor of the church, shared that

he is very excited to see Calvary reach this milestone and is confident God will continue to lead the congregation in discipling members and serving the needs of their community.

**Pastor Jaden Miller**, along with church leadership, has planned a grand commemorative celebration to praise God for the past 35 years. Speakers for the July 11-12 anniversary

weekend will include **Pastor Roosevelt Williams**, currently serving in the Kansas City area, and **Pastor Gil Webb**, vice president for administration at the Mid-America Union Conference.



# New Center Facilitates Community Sharing

by David Arnold

The Shiloh Church in Leavenworth, Kansas is enriching the lives of many community people since opening its Multi-Purpose Center in October 2013. Within the past seven months, the church has hosted several community programs, including a Heritage Day Sabbath, a citywide Black History program with over 200 people in attendance, and a Mother's Day banquet.

The 4,000-square-foot multi-purpose building is also designated as an emergency shelter site for the American Red Cross. Seven Shiloh members attended training to receive certification

in operating a shelter for displaced residents due to disaster.

Recently, the Shiloh Church has partnered with the Free Community Meal Program to provide one hot cooked meal for the community every month that has a fifth Thursday. This converts to approximately five meals per year. However, the church may add additional dates as the program continues to grow.

On May 29, for its first endeavor, the church served over 200 guests. Many people thanked the Shiloh members for the delicious meal, giving the members an opportunity to witness

and offer free books and literature.

On June 1, the Shiloh Church, in partnership with the Leavenworth Mission Community Store and Food Pantry, sponsored a Day of Giving. Over 500 people from the community came out to enjoy free food, clothing, household goods, activities and fellowship. The Shiloh members passed out literature, helped set up clothing tables, helped serve food, gave out free toys and shared the love of Jesus Christ with all who were in attendance. A survey to determine the ongoing needs of the community was also distributed. It

was a joyous event as people were introduced or reintroduced to the Shiloh Church and its members.

Because of these events Shiloh has seen an increase in Sabbath attendance as people from the community have become more comfortable worshipping with the congregation on Sabbath. We have seen that when the needs of people are met first and the love of Jesus Christ is manifested in the lives of His people, more souls are added, not only to the church, but to the kingdom.

David Arnold is head elder of the Shiloh Church.



David Arnold

More than 500 community members turned up for the recent Day of Giving, co-sponsored by the Shiloh Church and the Leavenworth Community Store and Food Pantry.



# Dakota Conference

## July - August Calendar

July	Event/Location
7 - 13	Family Camp - Northern Lights
13 - 20	Junior Camp - Northern Lights
20 - 17	Teen Camp - Northern Lights

August	Event/Location
1 - 3	Spiritual Feast - Northern Lights
4 - 7	Pastors' Meetings - Northern Lights
11 - 16	Pathfinder Camporee - Oshkosh, WI
17	Dakota Academy Registration - DAA
20 - 24	DAA Camp Week - Northern Lights

### Dakota Adventist Camps Welcomes You

Young people flourish in the out-of-doors! At Dakota Adventist Camps they are introduced to the Creator of all things, Jesus Christ. This year's theme is **Reflections of the Wise Man**, Solomon. Offered activities will include archery, backpacking, BMX, caving, ceramics, climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, mountain boarding, photography, fishing, sailing, windsurfing, skiing, wake boarding, swimming, basic survival, GeoCaching, ukulele lessons and more! Camp is where children and families come together to meet Jesus.



#### 2014 Summer Schedule

June 22 - 29	Flag Mountain	Junior Camp
June 29 - 6	Flag Mountain	Teen Camp
July 7 - 13	Northern Lights	Family Camp
July 13 - 20	Northern Lights	Junior Camp
July 20 - 27	Northern Lights	Teen Camp



# And We Had a Wedding

by Kim Boyko

Kim Boyko



After an impromptu wedding ceremony for a visiting couple, members of the Bismarck (ND) Church toasted the bride and groom with sparkling cider.

November 30, 2013 started out as a typical Sabbath. I was in the foyer visiting after church when my friend, **Laurie Foerderer**, came up and told me she needed to leave for a family Thanksgiving dinner and asked if I would help her former student and boyfriend who were visiting. They had showed up unexpectedly and wanted to talk with the pastor, so I escorted the young couple to his office.

Shortly after, **Pastor Sigh** came out and said the couple was asking if he would marry them right then! Our conference president happened to be there, and the two pastors talked and decided there was no reason not to marry the couple. So we told them we would have

the wedding at 3 pm.

I went home and called around to find a dress for the bride. **Jackie Bitz**, a young church member, had two dresses that would possibly work, and when I called Laurie she said she would bring her wedding dress.

Soon we met back at the church. The bride, who was wearing yoga pants, a sweater and teal blue Converse® shoes, was not inclined to wear a dress but finally agreed to wear the blue one—as long as she could wear her own shoes.

The ladies all went into the restroom and Laurie fixed the bride's hair. We even found a ribbon for the flowers.

As we were finishing someone said, "The bride is all dressed up and the

groom is still in jeans and a T-shirt." I quickly found my husband, **Kimber**, and asked him to take the groom home and find a suit, as our son, **Matthew**, who was home for Thanksgiving was about the same size. When the groom returned he had on a black suit—fitting like it was tailored for him—a white shirt, a tie and dress shoes.

While preparing for the wedding, we asked the couple how they ended up at our church and they shared their story. The young man was leaving that day for an army base in Texas and the young woman was planning on going with him. They decided it would be better if they were married before leaving town and wanted to be married in a church. So they started driving around Bismarck and when they saw the Bismarck Adventist Church and all the cars they figured there would be a pastor who could marry them.

As we were getting the music organized and everyone in their places, Kimber thought, "Hey we need a reception!" He called Matthew and his friend, **Connor McCain**, and asked them to bring some sparkling juice from home.

**Jordan Bitz**, who was running the sound system, queued up the Wedding March. Then the bride, in her "wedding" dress with

hair curled and flowers in hand, walked down the aisle. And we had a wedding!

During the ceremony **Adam Foerderer** and his dad, **Jim**, decided to make the reception look better. They decorated a small table and had the glasses and sparkling juice ready by the time the wedding was finished. We all toasted the bride and groom and sent them on their way.

The bride texted Laurie when they arrived in Texas and shared that she and the groom had talked during the drive and decided to look up an Adventist church as soon as they were settled.

I don't know the conclusion of this story, but I do know that Sabbath was one of the best. If you ever have the chance to participate in an event like this, I highly recommend it!

Kim Boyko is a member of the Bismarck (ND) Church.



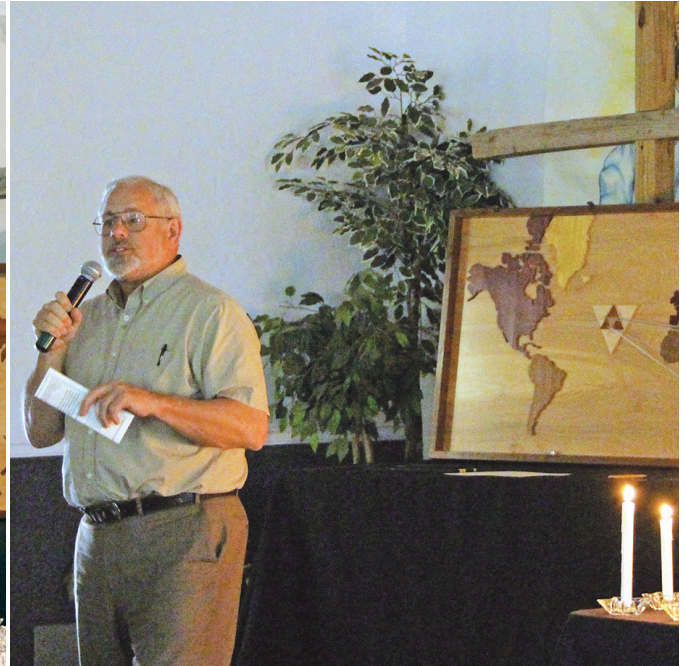
# SAA Celebrates Mission Service

by Michelle Hansen

Photos: Michelle Hansen



As pastor Scott Haakenson watches, a Sunnysdale Adventist Academy student pins a silver cord on a world map to represent his missionary travel during the past school year.



Elder Dean Coridan, Iowa-Missouri Conference president, spoke of his recent visits to Nepalese refugee camps where the conference hopes to establish an Adventist work.

Because the faculty and students of Sunnysdale Adventist Academy (SAA) believe firmly in the gospel commission of Matthew 28, they held a Mission Celebration Service last May to recognize students, staff and volunteers who participated in mission trips during the past school year. Missionaries lit a candle and then placed a silver cord on a wooden globe board showing their journey from SAA to their mission location. Various groups traveled to Nepal to scout future mission opportunities, India to preach, Tanzania to preach and build a school and Washington, Illinois to clean up after a large tornado.

**Pastor Scott Haakenson**, Sunnysdale's C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out to

Save Souls) training director, shared how the SAA silver cord board is modeled after Union College's golden cords representing mission service.

Featured speaker **Kurtis Cowan**, SAA alumnus and veteran of six SAA mission trips, shared how the Lord opened the door for him to work fulltime and still go on annual trips. Cowan works as a physical therapist in the Kansas City area, and when applying for his current job he arranged with his employer to have a month off each year to go on a mission trip. "Don't be afraid to step out in faith; God will always be with you," said Cowan.

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



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# Pastor Presents Gospel Week in China

by Mic Henton



Courtesy Mic Henton

Pastor Mic Henton (front row, purple shirt) spent a week with students and faculty of Sam Yuk Middle School in Macao, China.

In my gut, relief washed over me as I thought, *Oh good! High school is high school, no matter where you go in the world.* This may have been my first trip to China, but I had been in gymnasiums hundreds of times speaking to students just like them.

I'm comfortable with a bunch of awkward teenagers who try so hard to portray an image that they *think* they're supposed to. Because deep down I know that past all the apparent disrespect, placid stares, and feigned indifference they are in desperate need of one thing. They are dying without it, just pouring all they can into a hole that will not fill. They need a friendship with God.

It just so happens that He's my best friend, and even if no one else had

attempted to that morning, I brought Him with me.

This past spring I was invited to speak during Gospel Week at the Sam Yuk Middle School in Macao, China. The invitation came from my college and seminary classmate who is now the Sam Yuk chaplain. This Seventh-day Adventist academy teaches grades pre-kindergarten through high school. I was surprised when I learned that the majority of the students barely had an understanding of who Jesus is, but as the reports came from teachers I learned why.

For some reason Sam Yuk has become a "last chance" school. I was told that most of the secondary students I would be speaking to had a criminal background and had spent time in prison.

Since the school is subsidized by the government, there are roughly 600 students who are split into two sections: the Chinese section and the English section, depending on their grasp of the language. The school administration cannot keep up with the heavy student load so the majority of teachers are not even Christian.

This makes it difficult for any Gospel Week speaker. When I have traveled to schools in the past I speak to young people who already have a foundation built, but in Macao I didn't have that luxury. I started scrambling to adjust stories that wouldn't make any sense to someone who's never heard of David and Goliath, Mary the mother of Jesus, or Adam and Eve.

If I've learned anything

about trying to teach people, it's that if they don't think you care they won't listen. So all week long I tried my hardest to spend time with the students. I played basketball in the courtyard, I taught in some of their classes, I hung out in the cafeteria and stayed late so I could talk with those waiting for their parents to pick them up.

On Sabbath we had three baptisms, 16 other students decided to study for baptism, and 28 more said that they wanted to join a Bible study to learn more about God. It was an experience I hope will help shape my ministry as I continue following Jesus.

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Mic Henton, who pastors Lee's Summit (MO) District, told this story to Dale Fairchild, communication leader at Kingsville Church.



# Kearney Residents View The Desire of Ages

by John Treolo

John Treolo



Pastor Lawrence Francis holds the *The Passion of Love* book while introducing the movie.

Members in Kearney, Nebraska recently invited area residents to view the theatrical production *Jesus: The Desire of Ages* at The World Theatre. Admission and popcorn, as well as the book *The Passion of Love* (the last four chapters of *The Desire of Ages*), were offered free to the community.

**Pastor Lawrence Francis** said the movie was a non-threatening way of witnessing about Christ. "This movie talks about Christ's sacrifice and death. The elders and leaders of the church wanted this to happen. I am so proud of my church."

One leader, **Chere Wehling**, added, "Christ's death and resurrection is more than a story and if we can turn anybody closer to Him tonight, that's what it's all about."

After they had seen the movie, community members said: "It was very interesting. They put a lot of factual information into it that I didn't know" (**Alice**). "Very good. A familiar story and it's taken from different books of the New Testament. Very touching" (**Jody**).

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



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## Pastor Shares Beliefs with Military Personnel

by John Treolo

John Treolo



Pastor Luke Self talked about Adventism with a group of 20 students during their World Religion class at the Fort Leavenworth base in Kansas.

It's not every day an Adventist pastor is asked to share the church's

beliefs with a World Religion class comprised of military personnel. Yet

**Luke Self**, pastor of the West Lenexa/Leavenworth District, recently had that opportunity.

Self was invited by fellow Adventist **Hewitt Adams**, a veteran taking the class held at the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas military base Army Education Center. The class was discussing Protestantism and the moderator, himself a Roman Catholic, was intrigued with the extensive knowledge Adams shared about Christian beliefs.

"The class knew very little about Adventists," Self said. "The moderator looked into our history and beliefs and spoke very highly of our church. He was amazed that our

church grew from about 50 members to nearly 19 million in only 150 years, commenting, 'You must be doing something right.'"

Following introductory remarks about our church, Self invited the 20 class members to ask questions. "They were interested in the church's stance on war," Self stated. "They knew about Desmond Doss and wondered if all members were conscientious objectors. I told them most members consider biblical principles of loving one's enemies and respecting life. I also noted others choose to bear arms. We encourage members to study Scripture and use their judgment."

Paula Correa



The annual Hispanic Women's Retreat, held in Salina, Kansas, focused on Queen Esther, who was called by God for a very special purpose.

Speaker Liz Polanco emphasized the fact that God has called each woman to be a devoted, godly woman in her home, family and community.

On Sunday morning a special coronation ceremony was held. Gifts were given in honor of Esther and all the ladies who wanted to be a part of God's kingdom.



# First Wave of Lay Bible Workers Graduates

by Karen Lewis

Courtesy Karen Lewis



Lay Bible workers recently completed 16 weeks of training at The Edge Church for giving Bible studies using the Lifting Up Jesus study guides.

Nearly 60 people graduated this spring from weekly Bible worker training classes taught at both the St. Paul First and The Edge

(Brooklyn Park) churches.

In preparation for the citywide 2015 **Shawn Boonstra** public evangelistic series, **Karen Lewis** is

training lay people how to give Bible studies using the Lifting Up Jesus study guides. Classes began in mid-January and continued for 16 weeks. Despite severe winter conditions, class was cancelled only once.

Students were trained on the importance of lifting up Christ, finding people who are interested in studying the Bible, the importance of discipleship, 10 things never to do in a Bible study, and much more.

“I had been waiting for a class like this my whole life,” said one participant who completed the first

training session. Another commented, “I never thought it would be so easy to give Bible studies.” Currently the team is giving 65 ongoing Bible studies.

A new series of classes is scheduled to begin in August at both the Minnetonka and Southview churches. There is a registration fee of \$25 that covers all materials. For more information please contact Karen Lewis at 303.898.0587.

Karen Lewis trains Bible workers and is an associate pastor for the Stillwater Church.

# Rochester Pathfinders Earn First Place Award

*NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience*

by Brant Muhlenbeck

Eighty-seven Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) teams from the USA, as well as four teams from the UK and two teams from Quebec, went to Takoma Adventist Academy for the North American Division PBE meet on April 12. Excitedly, the Rochester Swords filled our hard-earned place among the privileged teams.

Our team arrived on April 10. After locating our hotel and having a nice meal we headed out for some sightseeing. We enjoyed several places of interest including the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, and the White House. The next morning, the sightseeing continued

with a trip to the Holocaust Museum and the Air and Space Museum. Later the team split up to visit the Natural History Museum, MLK Memorial, FDR Memorial, Capitol Building and the National Archives.

On Sabbath, our team got on the Metro and headed to the academy. After worship and song service the long-awaited meet started. For the next four hours all the Pathfinder teams answered questions on the book of 2 Samuel and correlating *SDA Commentary*. After that, a short song service was held until the judges had time to tally the answers. Sixty-nine teams received first place, 16 received second place, and two received

third place. Our Rochester Swords received an awesome first place finish!

On our final day we made a trip to Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was inspiring to see the changing of the guard

and the changing of the wreath. After a very exciting but tiring weekend, the Rochester Swords headed home with unforgettable memories.

Brant Muhlenbeck is a Pathfinder in 6th grade.



Rochester Swords Pathfinder director Art Meyer (left) traveled with the PBE team to Washington, D.C.

Courtesy Art Meyer



# A Ministry on Parade

by Gennifer Anderson

Courtesy Gennifer Anderson



Wadena church members are connecting with their community by handing out free items during local parades.

In May 2013 **Kyle Anderson** of the Wadena Church placed an order for 2,000 bright blue Frisbees with gold inscriptions. They perfectly matched the 25 bright blue T-shirts stacked neatly in his living room and the large, bright flags he had sewn and decorated with gold decals.

It was almost time for the big event—their very first parade—and they wanted to do it right. Large groups from the church met to fold *Primary Treasure* and *Little Friend* magazines, roll and tape *Guide* magazines, and attach a mini tract to each of the Frisbees.

Kyle looks for ways to make sharing the gospel fun. And now four parades later, they have learned

a lot and have found this to be a very easy and non-threatening way to witness while having fun and getting to know the community better.

All parade entrants are asked to preregister one month ahead. Kyle says, “The entry is free and we are asked what we want announced from the grandstand area. It’s always a thrill to hear: The Wadena Seventh-day Adventist Church actively promoting Bible truth 24/7 on 3ABN TV and radio KOPJ 89.3.” Kyle also adds that the church got over 400 hits on their Facebook page that night and more in the days following.

During the parade there is something for everyone to do. Each volunteer wears

the special blue T-shirt with the church name on the front and the call letters of their radio and TV stations on the back. Team members on the trailer sit with the smallest children, waving and handing items to the walking crew. The older children and young teens do most of the distributing, while older teens follow up, looking for additional opportunities or doing a little coaching if needed.

Members **David** and **Lisa Moen** drive their shiny blue truck, and other members donate the use of their flatbed trailer. Kyle drapes the giant flags on wooden poles over the end and places banners along the sides of the trailer with the names and call letters of the church’s radio station.

There was a time when people didn’t mind a stranger knocking on their door to share. But today, that’s considered an intrusion into one’s private life and makes handing out tracts difficult. “You don’t want to be making people grouchy before you can even share,” comments **Monica Hansen**. “I had been saying for years, *We have to get into a parade; people come expecting to go home with something*. The little kids are so happy to have something just for them, and all the parents thank you and show their children the pretty pictures and talk of reading when they go home. And best of all, now our church has no more magazines sitting around in piles.”

Kyle tells of one church member who saved a Frisbee to toss to her neighbor. The next time she went to her neighbor’s house, she noticed the tract was taped to their refrigerator. It was titled “Does God Care when I am Hurting?”

Out of the 20 different available titles, she was amazed at how God arranged for that to be the one they received at a time when it was deeply relevant to their needs. To know that it is still ministering to her neighbors is such a blessing.

Gennifer Anderson is a member of the Wadena Church.



# Music Program Flourishes at HMS Richards Elementary

by Ardis Stenbakken

The halls of HMS Richards Elementary School are often filled with the sound of music thanks to **Yves Clouzet**, a music teacher from Campion Academy, who also directs music at HMS. The HMS Richards music program has exploded this year as opportunities to be involved abound.

Having taken part in Strings of the Rockies (a Suzuki violin program for the early grades) in previous years, HMS's music program continues to expand. Pre-K to third-graders are singing, learning notes and playing bells. Students in grades

one through three are playing violin for their first, second or third year. Third and fourth-year violin students are playing additional instruments and learning notes in order to participate in the Campion Academy orchestra at the sixth-grade level.

Clouzet began a first-year band program with students choosing their own instrument and learning to read music. He also started a seventh and eighth-grade praise team in which students learn to present songs, invite people to praise, to sing and to play various instruments in church. Fourth through

sixth-graders are learning hand bells, and advanced choir students can try out for the academy choir.

The music at HMS Richards prepares students for more than a music class. It provides them with the opportunity to choose the music program that they are passionate about learning.

Mr. Clouzet said he desires to show students the love of Jesus through the music he teaches on a day-to-day basis. "It brings me so much joy to work with kids, and I enjoy developing relationships with them that allow me to talk to them about what I believe in a very candid way."

Clouzet's aim is to give HMS's eighth-graders a proficiency that satisfies the standards set by the Colorado Department of Education and the North American Division. They will be ready to participate in any music program at the secondary level. HMS plans to continue developing the music program in order to build within students a long-lasting love for music and to spread the Word of God through the students' musical talents.

Ardis Stenbakken is communication director for the Campion Church.

Brittany McLachlan



Students from HMS Richards Elementary School prepare to play their violins for the worship service at the Campion Church.



## Binding Broken Hearts Inc. Shares Good News with Inmates

by Judy Mackie

More than 1,100 prisoners in Wyoming, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas are receiving letters and Bible studies through the efforts of Binding Broken Hearts, Inc., a supporting ministry of the Sheridan (WY) Church. Since November 2012, 873 bonded leather Andrews Study Bibles have been donated to inmates in these states, and there are currently 313 inmates on the waiting list to receive a Bible.

It all started with a couple of church members visiting inmates in the local county jail and leading out in worship services. That door was closed after a year, so letters began to be written and free Bibles were offered to any inmate who requested one. There were only about 22 requests received from the Wyoming prison system, but a letter to an inmate in Missouri led to an explosion in the ministry. In 2012 we gave away two Bibles; in 2013 we gave away 218 Bibles; and so far in 2014 we have given away 626.

Currently, leather-bound Andrews Study Bibles have been placed in 31 state prisons and county jails throughout the Mid-America Union. Requests have also been pouring in from federal prisons in Texas; state women's prisons in Tennessee and

Arkansas; and county jails in Kentucky and Arkansas.

Each inmate who requests a Bible is placed on the mailing list and receives a personalized letter with Bible studies every three weeks. Twelve ladies from the Sheridan and Buffalo churches fold letters and studies and stuff envelopes. The inmates love to receive these letters and most request letters and Bible studies when they request the Bible. So far this year we have sent out 5,559 letters to 1,100 inmates.

This ministry is entirely donation based, which is why there are still 313 inmates on the waiting list. Each Bible costs \$49.95, which is a discounted bulk price. But why purchase these expensive Andrews Study Bibles? First, they contain Adventist commentary and study guides. Also, they are beautiful and the inmates treasure them for their beauty and because they recognize their value. Finally, \$49.95 is a small price to pay to prepare a precious life for eternity.

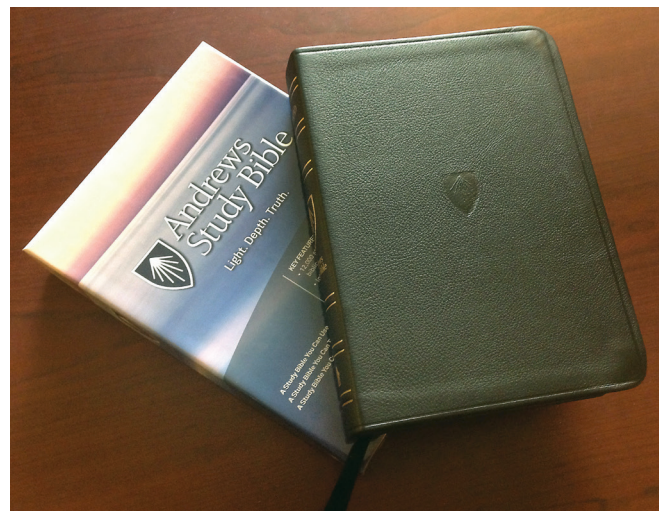
Judy Mackie is a member of the Sheridan (WY) Church.

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*Read letters received daily from inmates by visiting [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/bindingbrokenhearts) and searching for "Binding Broken Hearts."*



Prisoners are hungry for the Word of God. There are currently more than 300 inmates throughout the Mid-America Union waiting for Bibles.



More than 800 leather-bound Andrews Study Bibles have been distributed to prisoners so far. But there are requests for many more.

Mark Bond



# Union Students Declared Heroes by American Red Cross

by Pablo Colindres

Ryan Teller/Union College



The Union College Red Cross Club regularly responds to emergencies and disasters in Lincoln and the surrounding area—often supporting firefighters with food and drink during night time fires. For their work, the club was recently honored at the Cornhusker Chapter of the American Red Cross 2014 Tribute to Heroes.

For students in Union College’s new Red Cross Club, being a hero doesn’t always mean committing acts of selfless bravery such as rescuing someone from a burning building or raging river.

Sometimes it’s the little things that count.

At their annual Tribute to Heroes banquet on May 1, the Cornhusker Chapter of the American Red Cross honored Union College students with the Tribute to Heroes Disaster Relief Award for “unconditional service and support to the Cornhusker Disaster Action Team.”

The campus club, formed this school year by International Rescue and Relief program director **Rick Young**, assists with Red Cross disaster response throughout the state of Nebraska—supporting first responders fighting fires, helping to provide for the immediate needs of disaster

victims and assisting with tornado damage assessment.

“I don’t have the coolest of stories,” said **Jonatan Rojas**, a senior IRR premed major who was deployed in the aftermath of several tornados last fall. “Mostly, we reviewed damages done to communities and were available to help out however we could.”

Yet Rojas considers the experiences preparation for his life calling. “Being in the club allows me to be more focused on serving others while at the same time giving me valuable experience for my future as a medical doctor.”

Nursing major **Shelby Hayes** also understands the value of serving her community. “The importance of a cup of water is huge,” she said. “Most of the calls I’ve responded to have been canteening calls.”

Canteening refers to providing first responders, such as firefighters, with

water and food during an emergency response. During the winter months, this usually means making coffee and hot chocolate at a time most people are sleeping soundly.

“One canteening call came around 2 am, and the temperature had dropped to a horrible minus 22 with the windchill!” Hayes remembered the firefighters covered in ice. “A house had caught fire and we went out in the Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle. We had snacks, hot chocolate and coffee, and one of the firefighters later told us they couldn’t do it without us.”

Union College’s International Rescue and Relief Program is a baccalaureate program that combines survival, rescue, emergency medical and disaster response training into a unique degree that prepares students for careers in healthcare,

law enforcement and emergency management.

As part of their training, IRR students already take the American Red Cross courses in Shelter Operations and Disaster Services Overview. Young thought it would be a great idea to not only allow students to put those skills to work, but provide another way for Union to connect with and serve the Lincoln community.

Thus, the Union College Red Cross Club was born in the fall of 2013. The club usually handles all Red Cross emergency calls one week each month. Active members include IRR staff members Young and **Tyler Anderson** and students **Arelli Dicken, Emilian Grigore, Jeremy Howard, Connor Kraegel, Amy Matsuda, Megan Prescott, Tobias Watson** and **Lauren Young** in addition to Rojas and Hayes.

For Hayes, being a hero isn’t always doing the big things that get noticed. “These experiences have shown me time and time again the importance of the little things,” said Hayes. “In service, whether you go on a mission trip far away or next door, you can share those little things.”

Young said he is very proud of these students who give of themselves to serve the Lincoln community. “They embody the spirit of Union College and truly are heroes.”

Pablo Colindres graduated from Union College in May with a degree in communication.



# Dr. Vinita Sauder Named Union College President

by Ryan Teller

**Dr. Vinita Sauder**, most recently vice president for strategic initiatives at Southern Adventist University, has accepted the invitation of the Union College Board of Trustees to serve as Union's next president.

The appointment fills the position vacated by **John Wagner**, who retired in June. Wagner joined Union College for a third time in 2011 to help complete the \$14.5 million *Our Promising Future* campaign and build the new Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics.

Although Union College has experienced growth both in the student body and on the physical campus in the form of new and remodeled academic facilities, it was the people who attracted Sauder to the small Midwestern campus. "The personal nature of Union College and the culture of the campus is very appealing to me," she said. "Union has a strong spirit. It is evident in the way they treat their students and the way the students lead."

But her attraction to Union goes even deeper. "I was interested in transitioning to a presidential role on a small campus because I know what makes for a good education." Sauder can draw from her own published research comparing outcomes in Adventist education to public universities. "It's that personal connection

available on a small campus. That doesn't mean Union can't grow. But what Union has now is something very special—something that some colleges lose as they grow. We need to hold on to that spirit."

Sauder's extensive experience in higher education began as the public relations director at Southern Adventist University (then Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists) in the early 1980s. Since then, she has taught in the School of Business and Management, served as vice president for Marketing and Enrollment Services, and now in her current role as vice president for strategic initiatives.

"Union has a strategic plan in place," said Sauder. "I am looking forward to joining the administrative team to help accomplish the vision and goals that have been laid out."

After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism from Southern Adventist University in 1978, Sauder worked in public relations and as a reporter until joining the Southern staff in 1983. She later earned an MBA from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga School of Business in 1989 and then a doctorate in leadership from the Andrews University School of Education in 2008.

"Dr. Sauder understands

and resonates with the Union College culture," said **Tom Lemon**, chair of the Union College Board of Trustees. "Her experience as both a faculty member and an administrator in Adventist higher education has prepared her for this new role, and I believe she will interface well with our current administrative team to effectively lead Union College into the future."

Sauder and her husband, **Greg**, will transition to Lincoln during the summer. The parents of two grown sons, they look

forward to exploring a new hometown. "We love to travel and we love small towns. Sometimes we like to just get in the car and visit a small community," she said. "I think Lincoln will be a good fit for us. We're looking forward to experiencing all that Union and Nebraska have to offer. I can't wait to get involved and support the Union College team as they accomplish their goals and move to the next level."

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Ryan Teller is director of public relations for Union College.



Courtesy Southern Adventist University

**Dr. Vinita Sauder**, who most recently served as vice president for strategic initiatives at Southern Adventist University, was named president of Union College by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting in May.



# SMH Cares for Physicians' Well-being

by Emily Becherer

Courtesy, SMH



Providing quality healthcare mandates a busy lifestyle for physicians, complete with an ever-growing list of tasks to juggle. From playing a leading role in the most critical part of patients' lives to handling administrative duties and regulations, physicians often find it difficult to take a moment to focus on themselves and their own well-being.

"There are many factors changing the face of how medicine has traditionally been practiced," said **Gordon Kelley**, MD, neurologist and member of the Shawnee Mission Health (SMH) Physician Well-Being Committee. "We are all facing growing mountains of red tape, frustration with the limitations of electronic medical records and loss of margin in managing our practices and time for our patients and families."

By keeping themselves well in all aspects of their own health, doctors can

provide the best care possible to their patients. SMH is committed to providing a high level of whole-person care not only for its patients, but for its physicians and their families as well.

Formed in 2009, SMH's Physician Well-Being Committee is made up of 12 physicians from a variety of specialties, such as internal medicine, pediatrics, general surgery and family practice. The committee was formed "by the medical staff, for the medical staff," said Kelley.

The committee promotes whole-person health in physicians and their families. They used a validated test, the Physician Well-Being Self-Assessment Tool, to survey the well-being of their medical staff last summer. The test gauges well-being on biophysical, psycho-emotional, socio-relational and religio-spiritual dimensions. While

the medical staff scored favorably compared to national norms, Kelley says there is always room for improvement.

To foster a greater sense of community among SMH physicians and their families, the group helps plan community events throughout the year. A sample of this year's events includes a Sporting Kansas City soccer game, a tour of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, a golf tournament and a family trip to a children's farmstead.

Positive, relaxing social interactions can play a pivotal role in the health of physicians, whose busy lives can leave little room to spend time with one another.

"We are increasingly isolated," Kelley said. "Many doctors seldom get out of their offices, and we progressively know each other only by our letterheads."

Kelley was inspired to get involved with SMH's physician well-being projects by **Steve Jeffers**, former chaplain and director of Spirituality in Health at SMH.

"Steve was very concerned with the role of spirituality in healthcare," Kelley said. "He had a way of coming up with one great idea after another to promote dialogue and growth and getting the rest of us [physicians] to volunteer to serve."

To promote spiritual well-being in SMH's physicians, Jeffers, Kelley and other

physicians worked together to start the CARES (Compassion, Availability, Respect, Encouragement, Safety) support group 11 years ago.

The group consists of about 20 physicians who make themselves available to their colleagues if they need to talk about any of the stresses in their life or career. For physicians, a listening ear could play a crucial role in dealing with the challenges that come with such a demanding profession.

"There are the lawsuits, the divorces, and then there are all the other stresses all families are facing with the change in our culture and economy," Kelley said. "I spent a couple of long phone calls consoling a doctor who was emotionally frustrated in the late phases of a lawsuit, and he is now one of our group members."

Whole-person health is critical for physicians, since they not only provide care for their patients, but also serve as an example to their patients, families and peers.

"Doctors need to be healthy themselves to care effectively for others," Kelley said. "I learned a long time ago when raising my children that we teach our best lessons by example."

SMH's focus on physician well-being is just one of the many ways it fulfills its commitment to providing much more than medicine.

Emily Becherer is a writer for Shawnee Mission Health.





# Mile High Academy Partners with Adventist Hospitals

by Mark Bond

To compete in today's world, students need exceptional proficiency in technology. But many fall short of their potential due to limited computer access. To help students achieve their potential, administrators from the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health System/Centura Health have initiated the One-to-One program, which provides every student in grades 5-12 at Mile High Academy with a personal laptop computer at the beginning of each school year. The students have 24/7 access to their laptops throughout the school year and simply return them when the year ends.

This innovative program is making a remarkable difference in students' lives. "We have 100 laptops in the hands of students right now," says **Toakase Vunileva**, principal of Mile High. "The Adventist Hospitals in Denver have played a huge role in making that happen. Without our hospitals taking the lead, I don't think we could have launched this program. It guarantees that each student, regardless of means, can have access to state-of-the-art technology."

In addition to purchasing the laptops, the One-to-One program has provided for upgrades to servers and wireless transmitters necessary to operate such a large computer network. The school is also investing in security software to monitor student laptop locations and to protect

students from online threats.

"By unifying the computers, operating system, and software packages that each student has access to, it makes it easier for teachers to assign 21st century homework," says **Morre Dean**, president of Parker Adventist Hospital. "We no longer use pencil and paper in the workplace. Students should have similar access to the digital tools they need to thrive today."

The teachers are just as excited about One-to-One as the students. They can now use technology to enhance coursework and assignments, drawing on rich media resources as well as traditional textbooks. Students often make on-screen presentations, preparing them for college and future careers.

Some teachers are actually "flipping" their classrooms instead of employing the traditional educational approach. Traditionally, students take notes while listening to lectures, later completing assignments at home without input or direction. In a flipped classroom, students use their laptops to watch or listen to lectures at home, and then return to the classroom ready to tackle assignments with help from their teachers. This approach leverages teacher-student interaction, allowing teachers more time to assist those who struggle with certain skills and concepts. Overall, it's

a more productive and satisfying approach for everyone involved.

A trickle-down effect has benefitted other students as well. Lab computers previously reserved for upper-grade students have made their way into lower-grade classrooms. In addition, numerous computers with still-useful lifespans have been distributed to other Adventist schools at affordable prices.

Additionally, Mile High Academy has established an innovative partnership with the hospitals in Denver that helps students beyond the classroom. Four 11th and 12th graders are currently interning at Avista Adventist Hospital. This new internship initiative is expected to expand to other local Adventist hospitals in the near future, opening doors for more students to prepare for rewarding careers.

Each intern completes three 5-week rotations in engineering, healthcare and administration. This affords them a bird's-eye view of potential fields of interest before someday choosing a college major. Meanwhile, our hospitals build strong ties with potential future employees.

"We're excited to partner with Mile High," says **Randy Haffner**, president of Porter Adventist Hospital. "By investing in our schools, we are investing in future leaders and care providers, and ultimately in the future of our church."

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by Mark Bond, communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Mark Bond

**Kaylyn Bernhardt (center), freshman at Mile High Academy, appreciates the computers that she and her classmates have received as part of the One-to-One program spearheaded by Adventist Hospitals in the Denver area.**



**Bentley, Alice G.**, b. Oct. 10, 1921 in Williams County, ND. d. Apr. 25, 2014 in New Hope, MN. Member of The Edge and was a longtime member of Brainerd Church. Survivors include son Lester; 2 granddaughters.

**Bettelyoun, Terry**, b. Dec. 1, 1953 in Pine Ridge, SD. d. Mar. 31, 2014 in Martin, SD. Member of Dakota Conference. Preceded in death by wife Violet; parents; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughter Marlys Robinson; stepdaughter Tillie Dubray; son Michael Poor Thunder; 4 siblings; 8 grandchildren.

**Bland, Evelyn**, b. Dec. 10, 1911. d. Sept. 12, 2013 in Aurora, CO. Member of Arvada Church. Survivors include daughter Janetta Thompson; 7 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-great-grandchild.

**Brach, Thomas**, d. Jan. 29, 2014. Member of Grand Junction Church.

**Brugman, Joyce M.**, b. Mar. 4, 1923 in Armour, SD. d. Feb. 22, 2014 in Watertown, SD. Member of Watertown Church. Preceded in death by husband William "Bud." Survivors include sons Douglas, Alan, William Jr. and Peter; 3 siblings; 8 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

**Christensen, Marvin E.**, b. June 6, 1916 in Bath, MN. d. Mar. 3, 2014 in Albert Lea, MN. Member of Albert Lea Church. Preceded in death by son Dennis; 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Tracy (who has since passed); daughters Lynette Holm and Joyce Cochran; sons Loren and Lowell; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

**Christensen, Tracy E.**, b. Sept. 18, 1922 in Gordonsville, MN. d. June 3, 2014 in Portland, OR. Member of Albert Lea Church. Preceded in death by husband Marvin; son Dennis;

4 brothers. Survivors include daughters Lynette Holm and Joyce Cochran; sons Loren and Lowell; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

**Cunningham, Reece E.**, b. Dec. 3, 1926 in MO. d. Mar. 9, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include wife Esther; daughters Denise White, Nancy Hein and Jamie Krein; 1 sister; 1 grandchild.

**Devitt, Alta L.**, b. Jan. 14, 1918 in Sydna Township, ND. d. Mar. 1, 2014 in Meridian, ID. Member of Mitchell Church. Preceded in death by husband Percy; son ValGene; 12 siblings.

**Draper, Elsie**, b. Nov. 26, 1922 in Lincoln, NE. d. Mar. 28, 2014 in Albany, MO. Member of Albany Church. Preceded in death by husband Duane; daughter Barbara Hines; son Austin; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughters Jackie Eastland and Elly Stevens; son Richard; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren.

**Grice, Waunita D.**, b. Oct. 12, 1915 in Bucklin, MO. d. Apr. 29, 2014 in Brookfield, MO. Member of Marceline Church. Preceded in death by husbands Clyde Edens and John Grice; stepdaughter Delma Scanlon; stepson Keith Edens; 3 sisters; 1 grandson. Survivors include daughter Charlotte Asbury; son Leroy Edens; 5 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**Guill, Florence "Bonnie" B.**, b. Mar. 17, 1917 in Liberal, KS. d. Mar. 15, 2014 in Columbia, MO. Member of Columbia Church. Preceded in death by husband Elbert; son Richard. Survivors include daughter Susan Scott; sons Kenneth and Russell; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

**Jackson, Fleta**, b. Feb. 1, 1923 in McKinney, TX. d.

Mar. 12, 2014 in Armstrong, MO. Member of Moberly Church. Preceded in death by 2 brothers. Survivors include husband Elwood; daughters Becky Dometrorch, Patty Yeo and Denise Klinger; 5 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**Jacobsen, Florence**, b. July 5, 1933. d. Mar. 23, 2014 in Council Bluffs, IA. Member of Council Bluffs Church. Preceded in death by husband Ralph Sr.; 1 sister. Survivors include daughters Carolyn Jacobsen and Debbie Fitinghoff; sons Ralph Jr. and Kenny; 1 brother; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren.

**King, Brenda**, b. May 31, 1962. d. March 27, 2014 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Survivors include 1 daughter; 2 sons.

**Lashier, Larry**, b. Apr. 20, 1942. d. Mar. 19, 2014 in Brooklyn Park, MN. Member of Minnetonka Church. Preceded in death by parents. Survivors include wife Charlene; daughters Michelle Rosas and Nadine Lashier; 1 sister; 1 grandson.

**Nalley, Lois**, b. June 20, 1929 in Unionville, MO. d. Dec. 22, 2013 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Centerville (IA) Church. Preceded in death by husband Rollie; 4 siblings; 1 grandson. Survivors include daughters Joyce Jumper and Janet Frink; son David; 3 siblings; 7 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

**Nickum, Roy**, b. Dec. 23, 1923 in Sioux City, IA. d. May 7, 2014 in Sioux City, IA. Member of Sioux City Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Neva; daughter Karaleen Finley; son Larry; 2 siblings; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

**Ortner (Voth), Evelyn M.**, b. Mar. 27, 1919 in Blaine County, OK. d. Mar. 31, 2014 in Hutchinson, KS. Member

of Hutchinson Church. Preceded in death by husband Vernon; son Ron. Survivors include daughter Janice Sexson; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. Served as LE in Kansas.

**Putnam, Patricia J.**, b. Mar. 15, 1937 in Joplin, MO. d. Apr. 23, 2014 in Joplin, MO. Member of Joplin Church. Survivors include 1 brother.

**Rideout, Joyce A.**, b. Aug 13, 1924 in Kenmare, ND. d. Mar 17, 2014 in Brainerd, MN. Preceded in death by husband David; son Brian; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Kathleen; son Lowell; 1 sister; 3 grandchildren.

**Righter, Opal**, b. June 18, 1922 in Duquoin, IL. d. Mar. 10, 2014 in Nevada, MO. Member of Nevada Church. Preceded in death by husband Leonard "Pete;" son Peter; 2 sisters; 1 great-grandson. Survivors include children Leonard "Joe," Barbara Lavell, Pat Jackson, Dan, Diane Nicolaou and Doug; 2 sisters; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**Russell, Myrtle E.**, b. Oct. 7, 1916 in Scottsbluff, NE. d. Apr. 7, 2014 in Scottsbluff, NE. Member of New Hope Church. Preceded in death by husband Robert; son Roger; 2 sisters. Survivors include son Ron; 6 grandchildren.

**Sanders, Kathleen J.**, b. Apr. 14, 1924 in Pueblo, CO. d. Mar. 7, 2014. Member of Greeley Church. Preceded in death by husband Freeman; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughters Barbara Thimgan, Loretta Sanders and Arleen Richardson; sons Bob, Leonard, Dale and Lee Roy; 1 sister; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

**Savoca, Alice L.**, b. Jan. 21, 1917 in Kansas City, MO. d. May 1, 2014 in Eskridge, KS. Member of Gladstone Church. Preceded in death by husband Anthony. Survivors



include daughters Carol Retrum and Rita Knoles; son Ron; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

**Schult, Rose**, b. Jan. 18, 1933 in Marshalltown, IA. d. Apr. 21, 2014 in Marshalltown, IA. Member of Marshalltown Church. Preceded in death by first husband Alfred Moore Jr.; son Terry Moore. Survived by husband Ray Schult; sons Glenn and Alfred Moore; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

**Semmens, Vivian L.**, b. Mar. 30, 1929 in Los Angeles, CA. d. Mar. 15, 2014 in Lakewood, CO. Member of Denver First Church. Survivors include husband Bruce; daughters Debbie Young and Laurel Ullerick; son Jeffery; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

**Shepperson, Mary**, b. Nov. 7, 1922 in Moorcroft, WY. d. Mar. 30, 2014 in Sundance, WY. Member of Spearfish Church. Preceded in death by husband Melvin; daughter Becky Jean; 5 siblings. Survivors include son Bill; 6 siblings; 4 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-grandchildren.

**Vollmer, Wilmer**, b. May 28, 1924 in Mobridge, SD. d. Mar. 30, 2014 in Mobridge, SD. Member of Mobridge Church. Preceded in death by wife Ruth; son Robert; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughter Sandra Anderson; sons Keith and Ken; 3 sisters; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

**Westman, Emma A.**, b. May 28, 1920 in Fessenden, ND. d. Mar. 5, 2014 in Harvey, ND. Member of Harvey Church. Preceded in death by husbands Wesley Johnson and Willis Westman; son Kenneth Johnson; 10 siblings. Survivors include daughter Geraldine Johnson; son Ronald Johnson; 4 siblings; 6 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren.

**Wilson, William J.**, b. June 2, 1937 in Clinton, MA. d. Mar. 17, 2014 in Punta Gorda, FL. Preceded in death by father; 1 grandson. Survivors include wife Frances; daughter Tralese Syvertson; son James; grandchildren. Served as pastor in West Virginia, Arizona, Washington, Wisconsin and Minnesota and as Trust director for the Minnesota Conference.

**Wunderlich, Richard G.**, b. May 20, 1949 in St Paul, MN. d. Apr. 12, 2014 in Hanska, MN. Member of Mankato Church. Survivors include wife Mertinsia; sons Malachi, Benjamin, Adli and Caleb; 1 sister.

**Yang, Malyae**, b. July 17, 1916 in Nam Won, South Korea. d. Feb. 26, 2014 in Belleville, IL. Member of St. Louis Korean Church. Survivors include daughters Kyung Sook and Tesia Yang; sons Wan Ju and Wan Su; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

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**“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”**

**—Rev. 14:13**

SUNSET CALENDAR	Colorado	June 27	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
	Denver	8:32	8:31	8:29	8:25	8:20
	Grand Junction	8:44	8:44	8:41	8:37	8:32
	Pueblo	8:26	8:26	8:23	8:20	8:15
	<b>Iowa</b>					
	Davenport	8:40	8:40	8:37	8:33	8:27
	Des Moines	8:53	8:52	8:49	8:45	8:39
	Sioux City	9:07	9:06	9:03	8:59	8:53
	<b>Kansas</b>					
	Dodge City	9:06	9:05	9:03	9:00	8:55
Goodland	8:18	8:17	8:15	8:11	8:06	
Topeka	8:53	8:52	8:50	8:46	8:41	
<b>Minnesota</b>						
Duluth	9:07	9:05	9:02	8:56	8:49	
International Falls	9:20	9:18	9:14	9:08	9:01	
Minneapolis	9:04	9:03	8:59	8:54	8:48	
<b>Missouri</b>						
Columbia	8:38	8:38	8:36	8:32	8:27	
Kansas City	8:48	8:47	8:45	8:41	8:36	
St. Louis	8:30	8:29	8:27	8:23	8:18	
<b>Nebraska</b>						
Lincoln	9:02	9:01	8:59	8:55	8:49	
North Platte	9:20	9:19	9:16	9:12	9:07	
Scottsbluff	8:34	8:33	8:30	8:26	8:20	
<b>North Dakota</b>						
Bismarck	9:41	9:40	9:36	9:31	9:24	
Fargo	9:26	9:24	9:21	9:15	9:08	
Williston	9:59	9:57	9:53	9:47	9:40	
<b>South Dakota</b>						
Pierre	9:30	9:29	9:26	9:21	9:14	
Rapid City	8:40	8:39	8:36	8:31	8:25	
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<b>Wyoming</b>						
Casper	8:48	8:47	8:44	8:40	8:33	
Cheyenne	8:36	8:35	8:33	8:28	8:23	
Sheridan	8:58	8:57	8:54	8:49	8:42	

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