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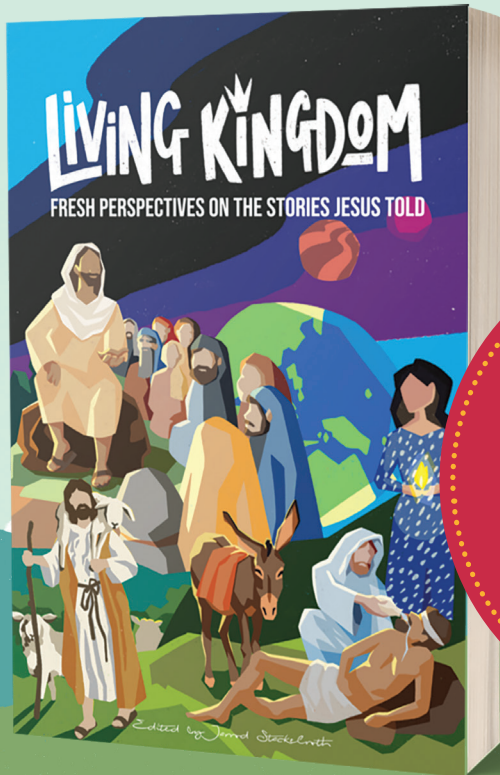
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

How's your reputation?

Juliana Muniz
Assistant editor

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As Christians, we should all strive to have a good reputation. Otherwise, how are we to successfully do the work God commissioned us to do?

One of the teachings from journalism school that stuck with me is that communication is not what we say, it is what the other person understands. This concept is not only crucial for people who work in communications. It's a concept for life; a concept for us as Christians and as a Church.

As someone who has had their fair share of cultural shock over the past three years since moving countries, I know for a fact that when communicating, there is nothing more frustrating than being misperceived or misinterpreted. It's even worse when it causes damage to our reputation and credibility.

A good reputation and credibility are two of the most precious things one can have in life. Solomon agrees: "A good reputation and respect are worth much more than silver and gold" (Proverbs 21:1).

Even though some people say they don't care about what others think of them, as Christians, we should all strive to have a good reputation. Otherwise, how are we to successfully do the work God commissioned us to do?

I'm not suggesting we should dedicate our lives to pleasing others—that would eventually drive us all to a mental health crisis. Nor should we live an inauthentic life, like modern Pharisees. When we do the right thing just for the sake of keeping appearances, we run the risk of trying to please men more than God. And Scripture emphasises that "We must obey God rather than human beings" (Acts 5:29).

Choosing to live according to Christ's standards, we must be prepared for rejection from this world. While on Earth, Jesus Himself experienced rejection for staying faithful to His mission. "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem" (Isaiah 53:3). Because His heart was in the right place, He wasn't worried about his reputation amongst the wicked.

However, whilst we shouldn't worry about our reputation before the wicked eyes of this world, a big part of our testimony to the world is setting a good Christian example to those around us.

In today's fast-paced and hyper-connected society, how we behave and what we say can take massive proportions and affect others' perceptions of us more than ever. Consequently, as members of a body, the Body of Christ, those perceptions will be projected onto our community.

Crisis management specialist Jonathan Bernstein explains why we all play a part in the reputation of the organisation we're associated with: "the fact is that every employee has a role in crisis management, like it or not, because every employee is a representative, in some level, of the organisation."

You might not be a Church employee, but regardless of titles, we were all called to be ambassadors of the kingdom. And as such, we all have a responsibility for the reputation of the Church.

Just like a tree is recognised by its fruit, we ought to cultivate a good reputation (Acts 6:3), abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22), being careful not to become a stumbling block to others so that our ministry will not be discredited (2 Corinthians 6:3).

Being mindful of what we say, how we say it and how others might perceive it is of extreme importance for the mission of the Church. The consequences of how we communicate, even in a simple Facebook comment, can be eternal.

In journalism school, they taught us that the communication process can be broken down into eight essential components, but the first four are 1. Source; 2. Message; 3. Channel and 4. Receiver. Ellen White explains our role in this process: "all is done in the name and by the authority of Christ. Christ is the fountain; the church is the channel of communication" (*Christian Service*, p20). As the channel of communication, we must make sure that we are so well connected to the Source that His message can reach the receiver without getting lost in the noise of our human flaws.



INSIGHT:

Great Controversy

Glenn Townend
South Pacific Division president

I had not read the complete book *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White for at least a decade. But because I would be giving out this book on the I Will Go Ride I decided to re-read it. Well actually I listened to it—while I rode my bike trainer in the garage on wet days and as I drove to and fro from the South Pacific Division office. I used the Sharing Hope app to listen—however the EGW Writings app has the same feature.

I was blessed with the themes of the book. The centrality and power of the gospel to change people was illustrated by the lives of those such as Huss, Luther, Calvin and Tyndale. Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ministry in heaven clearly showed that God loved them and had their past, present and future taken care of. Sins were forgiven, their identity as sons and daughters of God was real and an eternal hope was within their hearts. These facts gave them courage to stand for Jesus and the other truths revealed in Scripture. All the truths they taught were based in the Bible and whole countries were changed when they embraced Jesus as revealed in His Word. There was opposition from kingdom, government and religious leaders but God encouraged the courageous faithful.

This has been the meta narrative of history—there are those who know and follow God and those who know and follow the enemy—real battles of thought and body result. This great controversy between Christ and Satan will culminate in the last battles of earth—the same issues will be at stake.

Will people believe God is loving and just and keep His commandments and remain faithful to Jesus or follow their own path or that of the majority?

As I finished listening I found my soul warmed and encouraged to keep doing all I could for the cause and kingdom of Jesus. Jesus is worth following.

I gave out about 100 *Great Controversy* books on the I Will Go ride. I hope those who took them will read or listen (there was a QR code for them to listen to the book too) and have the same experience as I did.

Seventh-day Adventist Church South Pacific

We have much to be thankful for in the South Pacific Division. Let's come together as a church family to worship, hear stories of impact, be uplifted by beautiful music, and give thanks to God for His many blessings.

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North NSW Conference running an ELIA Wellness Snapshot (health expo).

Wellness hubs fostering connections with communities

📍 **Wahroonga, NSW** | Tracey Bridcutt

ELIA Wellness, an initiative of Adventist Health, is providing opportunities for members to connect with their communities in a meaningful way through wellness hubs.

ELIA is working with unions and conferences to establish 100 wellness hubs across Australia and New Zealand by 2025. The hubs will offer health activities, programs and resources aimed at supporting people towards whole-person health.

Already up and running—and making a positive impact in their community—is a wellness hub at the Sydney Portuguese Adventist church.

"I'm passionate about health programs and finding different ways to serve my community," said the church's health ministry leader, Miriam da Silva, an ELIA Wellness partner.

"We've had great feedback about the ELIA resources from our community members, saying they really enjoyed them. Especially during the pandemic when it was needed most."

Kempsey Adventist church in northern NSW is also establishing a wellness hub. ELIA Wellness partner Dr Paul Wood believes it will be a great opportunity to reach the local community.

"As a local GP and lifestyle medicine physician I'm really excited to see the tools being rolled out to equip people like myself to connect in a meaningful way with the patients in our community and take them on a journey to whole-person health," Dr Wood said.

ELIA Wellness was established in 2016 to promote the benefits of lifestyle medicine and whole-person health. In 2020 it was welcomed under the corporate umbrella of Adventist Health-care, and is a sister organisation to the Sydney Adventist Hospital to also tackle chronic disease. Key programs include the "Live More Project", "Enhance your Gut Health", "Forgive to Live" and "Reduce Your Risk of Cancer". A new spiritual wellness program was recently added: "Empowered and Purposeful Living".

ELIA Wellness executive director Geraldine Przybylko said 9 out of 10 deaths in Australia and New Zealand are due to lifestyle diseases that can be largely prevented and managed by better lifestyle choices.

"ELIA Wellness's mission is to empower people to health, healing and hope. We do this because we care about the community," said Mrs Przybylko.

As a health promotion charity, ELIA Wellness needs financial support to achieve its goals. Donations can be made through egiving: <egiving.org.au> or <egiving.org.nz> (search ELIA Wellness on the website or scroll down the app). All donations above \$2 are tax deductible and ELIA is grateful for any support that helps it achieve its mission in the community.

To learn more about how your church can establish a wellness hub email Dr Christiana Leimena at <partner@eliawellness.com>.



The baptismal candidates and pastors.

Fulton celebrates baptism of 30 students

📍 **Nadi, Fiji** | Malcolm Coulson

Fulton Adventist University College witnessed and celebrated the baptism of 30 students on Sabbath, June 4.

The baptisms were a direct response to Bible studies conducted by current theology students and Fulton chaplain Pastor Anthony Sharma. Many of the baptised had also responded to appeals during the Week of Prayer held a few weeks earlier.

Dr Ronald Stone, the speaker at the Week of Prayer, also presented a special Sabbath message for the students. Pastor Arivakisati Niumataiwalu and Pastor Anthony Sharma took turns conducting the baptisms in two fonts.

The Fulton community enjoyed a great fellowship lunch to complete the morning celebration.



From left, Dr Darius Jankiewicz, Pastor Jan Jankiewicz, South Pacific Division heritage director David Jones, and Dr John Skrzypaszek, former director of the Ellen G White Research Centre. (Credit: Pastor Mark Pearce)

Polish Adventist history preserved

📍 Cooranbong, NSW | Zali Winch/David Jones

A momentous occasion has occurred for Polish Adventists in Australia, whose unique spiritual and ethnic history is now being preserved for future generations.

As of June 22, Polish Adventists can view the history and publications of the Polish Church in Australia, and be continually inspired by stories from their heritage.

The Adventist Heritage Centre was pleased to welcome three important figures of Polish Adventism in Australia to achieve this handover. Pastor Jan Jankiewicz, on behalf of Pastor Eugeniusz Majchrowski (historian and author), presented the Heritage Centre archives with these rich historical records which represent a lifetime of passionate work.

Since his arrival to Australia in the 1960s, Pastor Majchrowski has been chronicling the details of the Australian Adventist Polish community. In retirement, he compiled his book which

records more than 50 years of Polish Adventist history in Australia, from the establishment of churches to more recent events such as the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This book, and other resources given to the Heritage Centre, are valuable records of the spiritual life of Polish migrants.

"Polish Adventists in Australia significantly contributed to the life of the Church," said Dr Darius Jankiewicz, field secretary at the South Pacific Division. "We hope that other ethnic Adventist communities will be inspired to share their history and publications with the Adventist Heritage Centre, so that future generations can appreciate their cultural history."

Information of interest includes records of the first Polish church in Australia established in Wallsend on May 2, 1960.



ATSIM director Pastor Darren Garlett (right) and ASA associate national director Jacques Calais attended the event.

AUC leaders attend National RAP Conference

📍 Sydney, NSW | Lorraine Atchia

Australian Union Conference (AUC) representatives were among 720 people who attended the 2022 National Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Brave Together Conference held in Sydney from June 7 to 9.

Pastor Darren Garlett, director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) at the AUC, and Jacques Calais, associate national director of Adventist Schools Australia (ASA), joined the conference, where attendees were challenged to continue the unfinished work of reconciliation.

"The conference allowed us to sit at the table with other organisations who are undergoing the process of a RAP or already have one in place and enabled us to network with people who are on the same journey as we are," explained Pastor Garlett.

"It was really affirming to see so many non-Indigenous people in one place who are rallying for reconciliation, who support RAPs and want to do as much as they can to help us with reconciliation," he added.

Having one Indigenous and one non-Indigenous representative allowed the Union to view the conference from different perspectives.

"I have never fully understood the hurt, the inequality, the heart, the pride, the struggles and the desire for acceptance of our First Nations people," explained Mr Calais. "Attending the National RAP Conference with Darren has opened my eyes and I am so grateful."

Both Pastor Garlett and Mr Calais agree that the RAP needs to be more than a set of policies that the Church has completed.

"We need to change the way we look at reconciliation from a Christian point of view. We need to see reconciliation as important because we live in Australia and there is a divide in our nation, not just because it is the Christian thing to do," said Pastor Garlett.

The Union hopes to see many more leaders from the Church around Australia attend the National Reconciliation Action Plan Conference in 2023.



Join SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend for this year's #weRtheCHURCH program on August 5.

Thankfulness theme of this year's #weRtheCHURCH program

📍 Wahroonga, NSW | Record staff

Stories of inspiration, beautiful music and updates on significant events around the South Pacific will feature in this year's #weRtheCHURCH program. The program will go to air on Friday, August 5, and has a theme of thankfulness. South Pacific Division (SPD) communication director Tracey Bridcutt said it is a fitting theme for the times in which we are living.

"We know that the past year has been filled with significant challenges, but we have also seen God's blessings in many areas around the South Pacific as Adventists continue to make a positive impact in their communities—and for this we can be very thankful," she said.

The program will feature stories on the 150th anniversary of Adventist education, American Samoa's 10 days of prayer and baptisms, the commissioning of the first Indigenous Australian woman, Hope Channel New Zealand's launch into the Cook Islands and much more. There will be updates from Tonga, which was devastated by a tsunami earlier this year, and from northern NSW, which faced its own flooding disaster.

"#weRtheCHURCH is all about uniting our wonderful and diverse South Pacific community for an evening of worship and prayer, and to encourage and inspire members," Mrs Bridcutt added.

The program, to be hosted by SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend and Fiona Lelilio-Tiatia, will be aired in two sessions: 5pm (AEST) and 7pm to cater for the various time zones around the South Pacific. Leading into the program will be episodes of the children's show *The Tuis*. There will be various viewing options: the #weRtheCHURCH web page, the Adventist Media Facebook page and Adventist Media YouTube channel, and Hope Channel.

On Sabbath afternoon, August 6, at 3pm (AEST) a workshop on prayer and mission will be hosted by Hope Channel South Pacific director Pastor Wayne Boehm with special guests Dr Pavel Goia, associate ministerial secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, and Alyssa Truman, digital evangelism manager for the General Conference. They will be joined by SPD leaders Dr Sven Ostring, Dr Nick Kross and Pastor Danny Philip.

For more information go to <https://adventistchurch.com/werthechurch/> or email <werthechurch@adventist.org.au>.

making headlines

First Responder Training

Colombia Adventist University (UNAC) has launched training programs that will equip 9000 citizens to provide first aid to traffic accident victims. Backed by the national government, the first responder program will be taught by UNAC for a 10-year period. Thanks to more than 20 years' experience in training students in pre-hospital care, the institution won the bid against other universities nationwide.—ANN



Juice bar with spiritual twist

The Press Together juice bar, owned by the Nevada-Utah Conference (US) and co-managed by local pastors, is introducing the public to the Adventist spiritual message through raw, cold-pressed juice made from organic fruits and vegetables, as well as smoothies, bowls and non-dairy milks. The shop serves as a prototype that could be opened up by any group of Adventists around the country.—Standard-Examiner

Equipping young leaders

Adventist leaders in Mexico provided leadership skills to dozens of young people with a special program, "The Conference of Tomorrow", which seeks to involve young church members between the ages of 10 and 15 in leading at different levels of the Church, including administrative, departmental, pastoral and the local church, for one week.—InterAmerica

Dogs open a new world

A new Australian study has found the presence of a specially trained therapy dog for autistic children is giving families the confidence to venture further afield and to many more locations.

—UniSA



Learning discipleship

Wanting to empower its members to make disciples, Garden City Fellowship church in Christchurch, New Zealand, held a Discipleship Summit on June 18. The program featured a line-up of expert presenters including South New Zealand Conference (SNZ) president Pastor Ben Martin, SNZ discipleship director Pastor Sarah-Jane Riley, Garden City Fellowship church pastor Younis Masih and business coach Karl Waretini. Throughout the presentations, attendees were encouraged to remember the “why” behind the “what” and to develop habits that can help them develop an intimate relationship with Jesus. Pastor Martin challenged them to hold fast to Jesus and keep on serving Him and His people faithfully.—**South News**



New biopsy option

Sydney Adventist Hospital’s use of local anaesthetic instead of general anaesthetic for prostate biopsy is showing excellent results. General anaesthetic is still the standard in routine 25-minute prostate biopsy. However, as techniques for biopsies have evolved, Professor Henry Woo has introduced the use of local anaesthetic as a replacement for general anaesthetic. “At the San Prostate Centre of Excellence, we have conducted a study of 70 patients,” said Professor Woo. Research fellow, Dr Hadia Khanani, who is analysing the data said that of the 70 patients, 69 said they would choose to have localised anaesthetic instead of general if they had to undergo the procedure again. The San is currently one of only a handful of institutions in Australia where a local anaesthetic option for prostate biopsies is offered.—**Maddi Glover**



Making room

Sepik Mission in Papua New Guinea recently donated K4300 to Wewak Adventist Primary School for a new classroom building. With the increase in enrolments, the school decided to build four new classrooms with the total project costing K150,000. Despite setbacks on the national government subsidy, the school is positive they will raise funds for the project, with plans to host a Students Concert Night in Wewak Town, expected to raise around K50,000.—**Wellington Yaninen**



Innovative school

Macquarie College, Newcastle (NSW), recently hosted educators and school leaders from across the country who were part of the Future Schools Alliance Hunter tour. With more than 100 member schools, FSA is formed by a community of innovative educational leaders. At the event, MC executive staff shared the journey of innovation and change that the school has been on, along with the importance of having a strategic intent to guide pastoral care, learning and growth in a school setting.—**Leanne Deanshaw**



Revamped resource

Aimed at empowering Sabbath school discussions, the Sabbath School Quarterly Commentary podcast, a North NSW Conference initiative, launched its new season with a brand new format.

Produced by NNSW Conference digital evangelism strategies coordinator Henrique Felix, the podcast's twelfth season is hosted by Avondale University Church associate pastor Morgan Vincent and features an array of special guests, including this quarter's lesson author, Pastor Gavin Anthony, and Australian Union Conference Sabbath school director Pastor Lyndelle Peterson.

"We're very excited about this season's guests who will bring additional insights to be shared in Sabbath school classes, and it's particularly inspiring to hear the ideas from the lesson's author," said Mr Felix.

Joining the podcast for two episodes this season, Pastor Anthony—who is currently president of the Iceland Conference in the Trans-European Division—talks about his journey to write this quarter's lesson, *In The Crucible With Christ* and the accompanying book, *The Refiner's Fire*. Both publications explore the theme of suffering and pain, which Pastor Anthony has experienced intensely, mostly during his first decade of ministry

"I wrote these lessons some years ago, as God began to unfold certain realities and truths to me. And it became a very personal journey," he said.—**Juliana Muniz**

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Homecoming

Baranamba Adventist Church, a church plant of Kukum Seventh-day Adventist Church in Honiara, Solomon Islands, recently held its homecoming Sabbath celebration. This was one of the most significant events conducted by the newly established church plant since the COVID-19 outbreak and lockdowns in Honiara earlier this year. Following the Trans Pacific Union Mission theme for 2022, "I will go to my family", the program featured a special message presented by Kukum senior pastor Johnie Tangokona with many members of the community in attendance. "They were blessed with the friendship and love extended to them by the church members," said Kukum church leader Hilton Dara.—**Record staff**



Old-times fun

Sunnyside, the former home of Ellen White, came alive once more on June 9 when grade one students from Charlton Christian College visited the historic property in Cooranbong, New South Wales. In costume, workers from the Adventist Heritage Centre greeted the school bus at the gate and were immediately met with the excited clamouring of the students. This is the first school tour with the new Heritage team and participants saw it as a fantastic success. Throughout the day, the students rotated in groups to make damper and butter, play old-time games such as croquet and quoits, set a table, wash clothes with washing boards, tote water buckets with a yoke and dress up in costume.—**David Jones**



Faith FM puts dinners on the menu

Faith FM listeners around Australia have jumped at the chance to have dinner with other listeners and Faith FM show presenters.

Over the past two months, Faith FM has partnered with churches in Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and Armidale in New South Wales, and Adelaide in South Australia, to run Faith FM community dinners. These events provide an excellent opportunity for Faith FM listeners to connect over a meal with local church members and to meet and chat with Faith FM show presenters.

During the dinner, a Faith FM presenter will give a 20-minute fast-paced, hi-octane-styled presentation expanding on their show's theme. These presentations often give listeners bonus insights and material beyond their on-air show, leaving an appetite for more. One of the highlights of these dinners is the promotion and invitation to join a follow-up series conducted by the local church, which invites people to dig deeper into the great truths of Scripture.

"We have seen tremendous success with these local church partnerships," said Pastor Robbie Berghan, Faith FM content and promotions manager (pictured above right with dinner attendees).

"For example, in Coffs Harbour, I met several long-time Faith FM listeners who had never connected with a local church. However, after connecting with Ben Rea, the local pastor, at a Faith FM lunch we held there, they have since begun Bible studies.

"And then in Tamworth, we saw more than 110 people attend the dinner, with 40-plus people joining the follow-up 'Hope' series conducted by local pastor David Cherry. And

what makes this exciting is that we have seen similar results at every location where we intentionally invite listeners to connect."

"I often get asked, 'Does radio ministry make any real difference at the local church?'," said Faith FM station manager Michael Engelbrecht. "Well, if these Faith FM community dinners are anything to go by, the answer is—absolutely! We have been working hard to develop a real intentional process for leading people to Jesus. And it is exciting to see these kinds of results coming in from all over Australia."

The most recent event occurred in Armidale, NSW, where just over 100 people from the community attended the dinner. Those who joined the meal had the chance to meet with Pastor Berghan, who is also the host of "The Faith Experiment" podcast. After sharing how "Ancient Mysteries reveal the future", a good number of listeners signed up for a follow-up series run by the local pastor. "I am so happy with the results here in Armidale," said Pastor Luke Reeves. "This was such a great event!"

"Faith FM is about more than just airing great gospel content. We are about taking a real person on an intentional journey to make a lasting decision for Jesus," said Pastor Berghan. "And these community dinners are a part of that strategy. Decisions for Jesus are rarely made in isolation. So, connecting to a local community of faith and forming relationships with real people is super important to us because it was important to Jesus.

"Please continue praying for the ministry of Faith FM in Australia and upcoming events in Newcastle and Wollongong later this year."

To find out more about Faith FM and how to get involved with radio ministry in Australia, visit <<https://faithfm.com.au/now>>.

Robbie Berghan/Record staff

Practical humility



A friend of mine once shared this experience with me which really caught my attention.

It took place at the time when the first ceasefire was brokered between the Papua New Guinea government and the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) after a decade of civil war. Normalcy in some places was being restored and basic services were slowly coming back. But this did not stop the killings in most places on the island and death was still an inevitable part of life.

One moment you see your friend, the next moment he's missing. You wouldn't dare ask, "What happened to him?", having knowledge of the things all around.

With this backdrop of uncertainty people found courage and hope in God. As the Psalmist counsels, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalms 50:15). Religious service attendance therefore, in all denominations, was high.

A Catholic youth gathering was planned to be held not far from the church agency primary school. Most students opted to go with their teachers except for a few teachers plus the head teacher.

The head teacher suggested they write a letter to the local BRA unit to guarantee their safety. But the church clergy said, "This is a religious gathering and nothing would disrupt the meeting." All except the head teacher was adamant. So the clergy gave them a choice. "Those who feel like going can go. And if you are fearful, then don't go." The head teacher, being an ex-combatant, raged with anger, punched the clergy on the right cheek and ripped off his trousers. Blood trickled down his beard. All watched helplessly with pitying eyes to see the perpetrator's next course of action. The victim, to everyone's surprise, calmly said, "Punch me on my left cheek as well and rip off my shirt too." This conspicuous act from the clergy put the head teacher off and he apologised publicly in shame.

This priest teaches us a very impor-

tant lesson. He exercised practical humility—without which forgiveness is not possible. Jesus, our greatest example, stated in Matthew 5:38–40: "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well."

He did just that. As a man, this is hard to accept. Society says you've got to fight to be a man. No man would accept being called a coward.

My friend ended his story saying, "I haven't see an Adventist do that, turning the other cheek."

I uttered a silent prayer: "Lord, help us have this kind of spirit in the church, a spirit of true humility at times where love isn't reciprocated back to us."

In fact loving our enemies is what Jesus continued to emphasise in these verses.

Matthew 5:43: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

Jesus our Lord and Master left an example for us to follow when He prayed for His persecutors while hanging on the cross writhing in anguish and pain.

Luke 23:34: "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots."

We also see the same in the words of the first Christian martyr Stephen.

Acts 7:60: "Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep."

May we all be praying for the latter rain Spirit to fill our hearts with humility and be ready to forgive and be forgiven.

Telly Orekavala

Chaplain, Devare Adventist High School
Bougainville Mission, PNGUM.



Timely counsel & sympathetic understanding

Born in Willochia, SA, on April 15, 1900, Walter Thomas Hooper (1900–1975) became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1916 as a result of attending cottage meetings. Initially a farmer, in 1924 he entered denominational work as a colporteur before marrying Annie Hall in 1927. Hooper did not complete his formal training for ministry at Avondale College, as he was appointed into a ministerial position in September 1928 by the South Australian Conference while still a student.

There are a number of versions of the denominational employment history for Walter Hooper in the service record documentation archives of the South Pacific Division, but it would seem he accumulated two years of service credit for his literature evangelism work between 1924 and 1928 before being engaged in pastoral work in South Australia for almost seven-and-a-half years to early 1936.

He then spent a little less than two years as youth director in the Western Australian Conference (February 1936–October 1937) before accepting an appointment as the superintendent of the Fiji Mission. This appointment was short-lived (November 1937–June 1938), as by July 1938 he was in youth work again, this time in the South New South Wales Conference, before being called to Sydney to the Australasian Union Conference office as associate youth director, working with the youth director, EL Minchin, from January 1942 to December 1943.

For five years from January 1944 he was the president of the Queensland Conference and while in that role retained his interest in youth work, as it was during his administration that the Maranatha youth campsite on the banks of the Maroochy River was purchased and furnished, largely with war surplus supplies. Primitive initially, it was the beginning of a permanent youth facility that was later developed as time and money permitted.

When the new Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference

was established, Hooper was its first president, serving in that role for just two years from January 1949 to the end of 1950. He was then elected as the president of the Victorian Conference, remaining there until February 1954. At that point the formal service record ends because of an indiscretion. He had accumulated almost 28 years of denominational service.

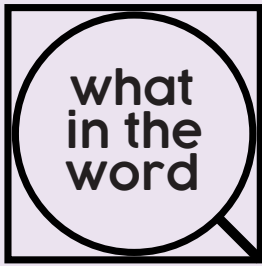
Following denominational service Walter and Annie lived in Adelaide, where he became a familiar face as he visited hospitals and comforted the bereaved as he stood with them beside many an open grave. For many years he was an important collector in the Conference for the annual Appeal for Missions. He was regarded as the “father” of the Church in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, spending several months annually building up the membership. An often-requested speaker for revival meetings, Hooper spent much of his time studying the Bible with baptismal candidates, right up until a short time before his death.

Walter Hooper died on December 31, 1975, at the age of 75. Annie Hooper died on May 7, 1987.

It was said of him: “Many struggling pilgrims have been greatly helped and encouraged by his timely counsel and sympathetic understanding. Hundreds have made decisions for eternity because of his faithful example and his deep understanding of the Word of God, and through its messages these dear people have found their Saviour.”

Dr Lester Devine/ESDA

Director emeritus of Ellen G White/Adventist Research Centre at Avondale University. Taken from the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists.



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Create

verb: בָּרָא | bara [ba-RAH] Hebrew

Moses chose the word *create* to describe how God made the world in Genesis 1:1, rendered *bara* (pronounced ba-RAH)¹ in Hebrew. It means to “create, shape, form”.² It denotes the bringing into existence things that didn’t exist in the first place. The word “*bara*” also implies internal creation in the mind of God. What He imagined and created inside His mind, He spoke into existence.³ Creation made His thoughts visible and audible. “The verb ‘*bara*’ occurs about 50 times in the Old Testament. As often noted, deity is always either the subject or the implied subject (in passive constructions) of the verb. It can therefore be confidently asserted that the activity is inherently a divine activity and not one that humans can perform or participate in.”⁴ In the creation narrative, at first there was nothing at all. Then God created all things that exist in heaven and on earth. He created without using pre-existing matter. He who is outside of space, time and matter created everything out of nothing.

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible” (Hebrews 11:3), and the Psalmist tells us “by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm” (Psalm 33:6,9). The creation story shows complex intelligence with creative power at work, that created intricately complex species with increasing complexity.

This special word used for the creative power of God is also found later in Genesis. He created the great sea creatures (1:21), and man in His own image (1:28, 5:1). But later He chose to destroy man by flood when sin increased upon the earth (6:7).

Throughout Scripture, God’s creative act out of nothing is mentioned in several places. In Numbers, God’s sovereignty enabled Him to break into history and create something entirely new by allowing the earth to open up and bury Korah, Dathan and Abiram and their families (Numbers 16:1-33). He

sent His Spirit to create anew the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30). David called on God to create in him a new heart and mind from the old heart that lusted after Bathsheba (Psalm 51:10). He is the one that creates disaster (Isaiah 45:7). God envisioned He would create a Jerusalem that is more delightful after the captivity (Isaiah 65:17).

The creative pictures of the beginning and the end speak about His immense power to create and change a dismal outlook and bring something entirely new and original into the world. The creative acts of God remind us that we must also be intentionally creative and productive in our lives and not be idle (Genesis 1:31, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15). This can help us to have a productive and happy life, and leave the world in a better shape than we found it. As the world toils in pain; (Romans 8:22), through pollution, global warming and deadly pestilences that bring havoc to the human race, we can only look to God to create something entirely new. His creative feats in the past give us hope to look beyond the often dark times of the present to a glorious future. Ultimately, He will destroy sin and sinners (Revelation 20:14), including exploitive capitalism (Revelation 11:18), and recreate the new heavens and earth in which righteousness dwell; where we can live in eternal bliss with the Prince of peace (Revelation 21:1-4; Isaiah 9:6).

1. <logosapostolic.org/hebrew-word-studies/1254-bara-create.htm>.
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3. An insight that Minister Barrie Abel shared with me and Pastor Wemin Kiri and Minister Henao Mea at the theology faculty office at Sonoma Adventist College on Thursday, 24/2/22.
4. <zondervanacademic.com/blog/>.

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THE SECRET GLOBAL CONSPIRACY

I don't know if you've noticed but I am seeing a lot of stuff on the internet lately about conspiracies.

The same theme runs throughout them all. Someone (could be aliens, the government, Illuminati, Jesuits, Freemasons or a combination of some or all depending on who you talk to) are attacking us (by chemtrails, mind control, food additives or infiltrating educational institutions) for their own desired end (could be money or to control, enslave or even kill us). In order to fight and eventually halt this unseen menace, we must "like" and "share" many questionable websites and videos and social media posts to educate the masses.

Now, I'm not denying there might be some truth to some of what is being said on some of these sites. After all, things become believable when they contain truth. And there is a fair chunk of what these websites say that is evidence-based and independently verifiable. For example, as an ex-serviceman, I know there are things that happen in the military that would shock and horrify most of the population. However, it is how these websites take a bit of truth and then run with it that concerns me. And although there is some truth in what they say, it is in fact impossible that all of it is true. The trick to it all is trying to untangle what is true and what is not.

Perhaps the biggest problem I have with them however is the fact that there never seems to be any good news in it all. It is all about evil and negativity and there is no real hope for change. If we think about these things for too long, it puts us in a very dark place emotionally and it also causes us to live in abject terror of the future. There are literally thousands of people who live in fear of death, perhaps by being infected by some kind of airborne pathogen, thanks to conspiracy

websites. The effect on their lives is not good.

So am I a person who disbelieves in conspiracies? Absolutely not. In fact when I look around at the world, I *do* see conspiracy.

As I look at the food industry, the music industry, the film industry, the pornography industry, the computer game industry and the fashion industry, I see a huge number of different corporations, both large and small—the vast majority of them are motivated by the same basic underlying philosophy.

As I look around the political world, I see a huge range of things going on. I see liberals and conservatives, I see softly spoken local politicians, outspoken local picketers, protesters and dictators, both left and right—the vast majority of them are motivated by the same basic underlying philosophy.

As I look at the religious and spiritual world, I see a tremendous range of groups, practices and belief systems, everything from huge Christian churches to atheists, cults, religious orders and small spirit gatherings, and the vast majority of them are ALSO motivated by the same basic underlying philosophy.

This philosophy that underpins them all, even many who claim to be Christian, is a turning away from the God of heaven and an exaltation of *self* as god.

There is no way that such a huge variety of different groups could have so much in common if there were NOT some kind of conspiracy. However it is also impossible that any human group or individual could possibly syndicate so many diverse peoples and forces together for their own purposes. I believe this is not a human conspiracy at all, but actually a *spiritual* conspiracy.

The Bible declares in Ephesians 6:12:

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Scripture tells us that beyond the world that we can see resides an invisible spiritual world where both good and evil forces war over the future of our souls. These evil forces are attempting to work behind the scenes to manipulate and control humanity and bring about its eventual destruction. It also says that there is a God of love who is continuing to fight for and defend humanity in order to save it for the glorious destiny He has planned for us.

However, the evil conspiracy's basic philosophy of turning away from God and lifting up ourselves in His place was born in the heart of the prince of evil spirits: a being named Lucifer or Satan. Originally a perfect angel in heaven, Lucifer one day decided, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly . . . I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:13,14).

What followed was the beginning of a mighty war between good and evil which eventually found its way down to our little planet. The thing I love about God is that He did not abandon us here in this spiritual war zone. He Himself entered into it, to fight for us, and to rescue us from the clutches of evil. Colossians 2:13-15 tells us:

"You were dead in your sins and . . . God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

The Bible says that all of us have in some way, great or small, turned away from God and lifted up self. In this way we have joined Lucifer's rebellion and he claims us as his own.

But because of His great love for us, Christ came and died on the cross to take the punishment for our rebellion. If we ask Him, He will forgive our sins and rescue us from the clutches and control of the evil one. He then makes us partakers in the victory that He won over Satan at the cross! One day He will return to rescue us from this painful world, and to take us to be with Him forever!

But for the time being . . .

"All humanity is now involved in a great controversy (war) between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe. This conflict originated in heaven when a created being, endowed with freedom of choice, in self-exaltation became Satan, God's adversary, and led into rebellion a portion of the angels. He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world when he led Adam and Eve into sin. This human sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity, the disordering of the created world, and its eventual devastation at the time of the worldwide flood. Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated. To assist His people in this controversy, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal

angels to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation" Fundamental Belief 8 (Revelation 12:4-9; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-18; Genesis 3; Romans 1:19-32; 5:12-21; 8:19-22; Genesis 6-8; 2 Peter 3:6; 1 Corinthians 4:9; Hebrews 1:14).

The great Protestant reformer Martin Luther (a German monk who lived in the 1500s and founded the Lutheran Church) is credited with rediscovering the truth of the gospel in the Bible after it had been trampled on and lost by the Church during the Medieval period. He rediscovered Christ's victory over Satan, sin and death. He rediscovered the truth of God's love and grace towards humanity. When he found these truths in the pages of Scripture, he immediately began to preach them and thousands learned to know and accept a God of love.

Satan was not happy with Luther's work. One day, Luther was working at his desk when Satan suddenly appeared to him personally. In his hand, Satan held a list of every sin Luther had ever committed. It was a thick document. Satan immediately began to attack and condemn Luther. "How dare you presume to preach!" he cried. "Look at all this sin in your life!" Luther could not deny that he was guilty, and began to despair. However, he noticed that Satan was covering something on the document with his hand. "Move your hand," Luther commanded. Satan complied, and there on the document were written the words, "These sins are forgiven because of the blood of Jesus." Upon reading this, Luther took courage and, picking up his ink-well, hurled it at Satan who immediately disappeared.

For many years, Reformation tours would be shown the smear of ink on the wall where Luther threw his ink-well at the devil. It was not long after this that Martin Luther wrote the awesome hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". These are the lyrics to the second and third verses:

"Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him."

By calling on God, we have access to the powerful victory of Christ over our spiritual enemy.



Daniel Matteo

youth director and pastor for the Tasmanian Conference.



Journey for one

He is here! An inner force compels me to this place. I must try it.

I know about Him, the Rabbi, the Healer from Galilee. What is He doing so far from Judea? Escaping from Herod?

It's reported the Jewish prophet, John the Baptist, is dead, beheaded at Herod's word. Is the Rabbi hiding here? I'm told the religious leaders hate Him too. Why do I even try to see Him? He won't listen! He'll pull away like all the other "pious" Jews, afraid of contamination from my shadow.

Unclean, heathen, sinner! Why do I lower myself? Where is my dignity? What possible chance is there?

O my girl, my precious child! Each morning we face the battle together, my heart girding itself for one more exhausting day. Only a few hours of unsettled sleep, always ready to jolt up at the merest whisper or slightest rustle indicating Mahalath is restless, to take from her hand whatever she has armed herself with, or to stifle her shrieks, or to hold her convulsions close and tight. I am getting older and weaker, while she grows stronger. I know she doesn't have the knife, it's always with me. We need it to live; she would use it to die or to kill. For how much longer will I be able to restrain her? My child! My Mahalath! You are all I have!

I warned you. I nagged, I threatened, I pleaded, but you only laughed and did what you willed, until the increasing horror in your darkened eyes spread to your words and actions, consuming your sanity. Did I open the way? Did I not do as I willed too? My precious child! You are the reason I am here, to endure humiliation and hatred, for any chance.

He sits, surrounded by His small crowd of followers. They watch me with varied curiosity, disgust, condemnation, pity. Defiantly I approach, avoiding the faces now, looking only at His feet. I have my speech prepared. His disciples stand firm, a protective shield, strong men from Galilee, I can smell the fish.

So I shout, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." There is no answer. Again I shout, and again only silence.

Then rough voices from around Him coaxing, "Send her away or she'll never stop her shouting."

No! He cannot ignore me, my last, my only hope. I have impoverished myself and Mahalath—our little that we had depleted by my offerings to the gods and their greedy priests, and going beyond, to present my tired body to worshippers at the temple of Tanit. Nothing! The gods are as cold and dumb as their idols.

Does He know? Do I repulse Him? I hear quiet movement and dare to lift my eyes from feet to face. His disciples have parted and I have direct view to Him. Surely His look will match that of His followers. For you Mahalath, everything for you. I steady myself, but with shock I see only gentleness and kindness, almost . . . yes . . . a welcoming compassion. Yet I also sense His purity, untainted and spotless. I shrink into myself as my own depravity rises unbidden in my memory.

His lips move with a voice of tenderness: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

My heart contracts in crushed hope. I cannot breathe. I drop to my knees, head to the ground, my arms stretching forward as if to grasp His sandaled feet. I hear swift motion around me, but no coarse hands seize or rebuke my presumption. I heave in a silent breath. Are we not also lost sheep, me and Mahalath? Not of the house of Israel but still lost lambs.

A radical thought. The cynical scorn of our priests, disparaging Israel and their One-Only-True-God, overheard as I served at Tanit's shrine. "Look! Another Jew. Pah! Try to disguise themselves. Claim to have the truth. A light to all us polluted heathen. Hypocrites!" Am I . . . am I not then, a lost sheep that the light of Israel should shine upon? Should they not be looking for me?

With hope I shout, "Lord, help me!"

Again the tender voice, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

Hope rises higher. They might not be children, but even dogs have a claim on their master. I lift my face again to His. Those clear eyes read my life, they see my degradation and my filth, yet only His concern for me shows, a one-on-one enclosed moment where only we two exist, encouraging me to speak. Yes, I can be called a dog, my own people label me such, yet the dogs are entitled to the leftovers.

"Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

A wild joy surges across His face. His hands raise with His eyes to His followers, pointing to them and then down to me, as if to ensure they concentrate on His next words. His shining eyes fix onto mine.

"O woman, your faith is great!"

Once more my heart contracts, but this time in beautiful hope, as those glorious words are spoken that my mother-heart seeks.

"It shall be done for you as you wish."

A release of sobs burst out, as my all floods out to Him in gratitude and praise. Mahalath is free. I do not need to see it. I know it. His large, workman hands gently cup my face. His whole being is alight with that fierce joy; He is delighted with me! Again it is just the two of us, as I comprehend a pure love that has always been and always will be. The hands drop and already He rises, leaving, departing with those who came with Him, starting on that long, dreary 30 miles back to Galilee.

What a strange thing. He comes and then immediately He goes.

Why did He come at all? No. No! How can it be? He came for Mahalath! He came for me!

Pam Driver

attends Glen Innes church, Auckland, NZ.



Red cabbage and haloumi stir-fry

 Serves 4  Prep 5  Cook 10

Bursting with colour and flavour, this stir-fry is packed full of nutrients and antioxidants. A quick and easy meal that's good for you and tastes great.

Ingredients

2 tsp olive oil
100g haloumi cheese, rinsed and sliced
2 tsp olive oil, extra
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated
¼ red cabbage, chopped
1 bunch broccolini (or 1½ cups broccoli florets)
125g baby corn
4 shallots, sliced
1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce, optional
1 lime, juiced

Tips

Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve with rice. Haloumi cheese is high in salt (sodium), so use in small amounts only to flavour the dish.

Method

1. Heat oil in a large frying pan, add haloumi cheese and cook for 1 minute on each side or until golden. Remove and keep warm.
2. Heat extra oil in a large frypan, saute garlic and ginger for 1 minute. Add red cabbage, broccolini, corn and shallots. Stir-fry for 5 minutes, or until tender.
3. Top with haloumi, and drizzle with sweet chilli sauce and lime juice.

Nutritional Information (per serving)

ENERGY	CALORIES	PROTEIN	FAT	SATURATES	CARBOHYDRATE
739kJ	177	8g	10g	4g	10g
SUGARS	FIBRE	CALCIUM	SODIUM	IRON	POTASSIUM
9g	4g	190mg	902mg	0.9mg	348mg



Recipe of the Week

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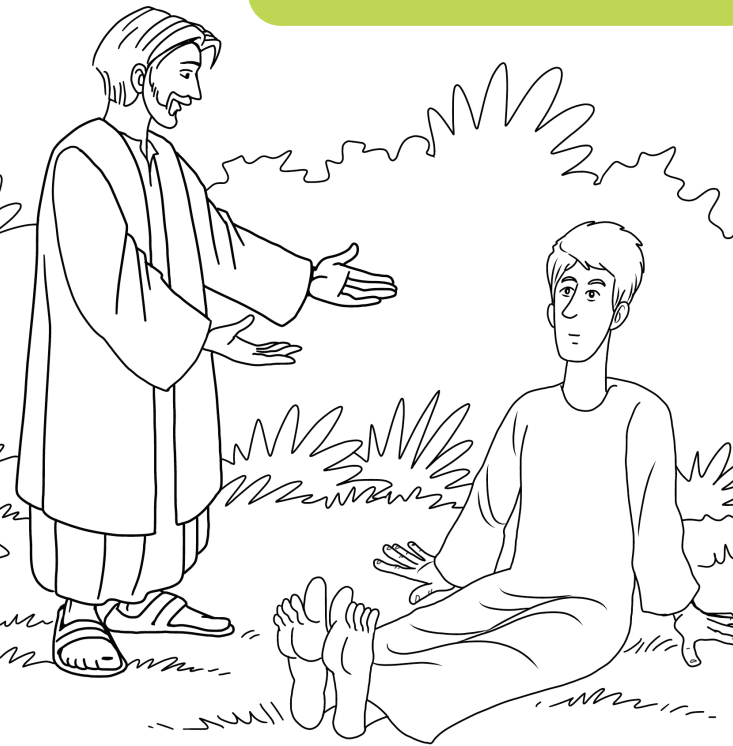
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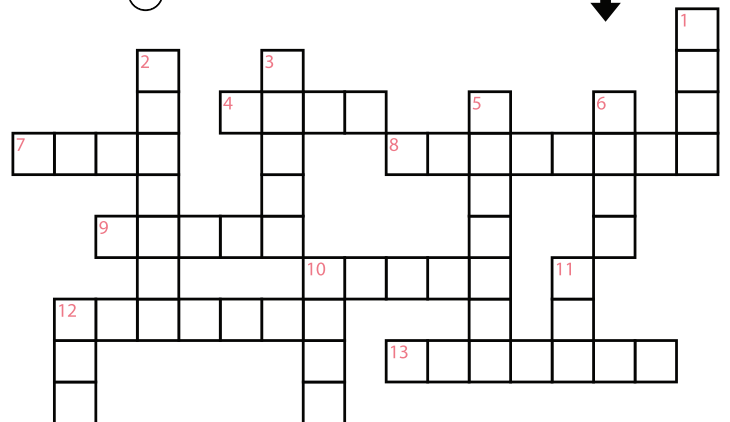
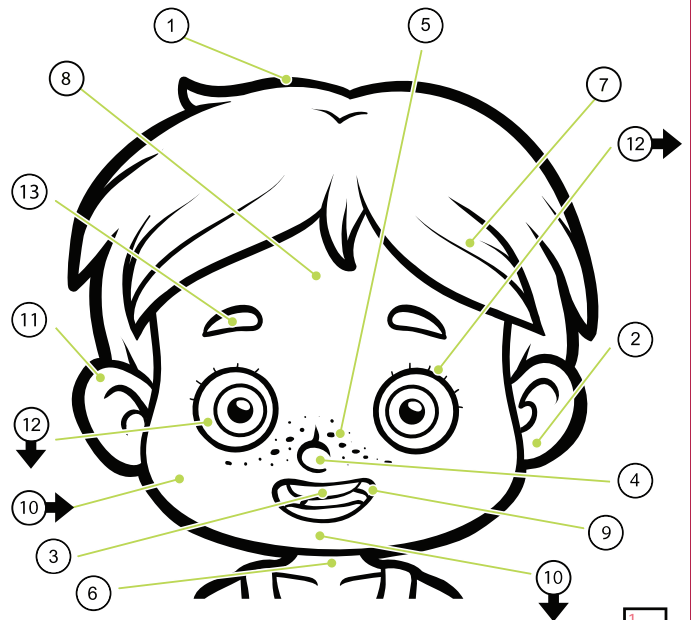
MASTER DESIGNER

On the sixth day of creation God made humans in His image to reflect His character. Being made in the image of God means more than external resemblance. **Humans were intended to reflect in character their Creator's image.** Unlike other earthly creatures, we were created with the capacity to think rationally, to make free choices, and to love God and one another. Because God created humans capable of making decisions and able to love God, He enables us to worship Him with our lives.

Colour in Jesus & Adam



LABEL THE FACE



MEMORY VERSE

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them"(Genesis 1:26, 27).



Conversations

Never again

Commenting on the article, "Imagine undoing racism" (Feature, June 18), I remember in the island missions in the latter part of the last century when they had transit accommodation exclusively for white workers transiting through. Workers from the Islands couldn't use those facilities.

When a delegation of pastors from Papua New Guinea were (maybe for the first time) given accommodation at Wahroonga, they conveniently did not show them how to turn on the heater, therefor leaving them no option but to light a fire in the room in order to keep warm.

A white Australian staff member at Pacific Adventist College, with glee, told us the story. Maybe the smugness stems from the "fact" that "Natives are uncivilised".

This is our history as a Church; let us discuss it so that it will never happen again.

Jese Temo, Fiji

Making church accessible

Re: "Is online church real church?" (Feature, June 18). Yes, online church, church in my living room airplayed from my phone to my large

screen TV IS REAL CHURCH!!!

What an insensitive and tone deaf post. There are many of us who would choose to attend in person but their church is completely inaccessible. Massive stairs to enter or to get to the basement etc.

Until the Seventh-day Adventist Church makes a policy that all churches must be accessible, these kinds of posts need to stop! In this day and age with all the technology God has blessed us with, I think it's time we made the best use of it and stopped these hurtful, negative posts. Perhaps you can find ways to include the many of us that have to listen to these comments and provide more online content because we crave more—we don't all have the choice to attend, the church itself is the barrier.

Yoyo.sullivan.official,
via Instagram

Forgotten

Re: "Is online church real church?" There are only six of us in my congregation. I wish there were more. We are forgotten about where I live.

Deb Aschenbrenner, US

Shop window church

While I generally agree with the sentiments of the article "Is online church real church?", I'd like to think there's room to explore more of a hybrid approach that can offer some form of community even though it may not be in-person. For many, their local church experience can be a negative experience, and an online church community may be as close as they get to "real church". It may be the stepping stone that someone needs to actually attend in-person church.

Also, for your community around you, it is an easy way for them to experience a little bit of what it is like to attend your church . . . it can be the "shop window". This is why we need to really think about the language and presentation of whatever we do online.

Rod Long, NSW

Affirmation

I know this is very late but I would like to commend Megan Southon for her remarkable piece of writing in "Chloe's battle", *Adventist Record* (Feature, October 30, 2021).

Well done Megan and may you continue to write all the more.

Pam Driver, NZ

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Anniversaries



BUDDEN. Neil and Kay were married in Denman, NSW, in 1962. In 1965, they were baptised by Pastor Noel Smith, becoming one of the foundation families of the Muswellbrook church, worshipping there for almost 40 years and instrumental in building the church. In their retirement, they have been involved with the Forster-Tuncurry church, and more recently, Wye. Kay has served for many years at all these churches as treasurer. Neil has served in various roles from Pathfinder leader to deacon and elder. Neil and Kay celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends at an afternoon tea at Wye Point Adventist Lifestyle Village.



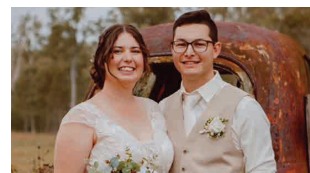
ROY. Donald Roy wed Barbara Staniland (of Woy Woy, NSW) on Monday, May 14, 1962 at Woy Woy church. Their first home was in Garah, north-west NSW, where Don had been appointed to a tiny one-teacher school. Since then, they have been blessed with three children, Robert, James and Michelle; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. With two missionary stints in PNG and Fiji, Don has dedicated more than 55 years to Adventist education, with Barb being his constant support and companion. On May 15, 2022, Don and Barb's family gathered at Ettalong to celebrate their 60 years of life and love.

Weddings



STEPHENS—CARTER. Brian John Stephens and Donelle Joy Carter were married on 1.5.22 at Rossmoyne Waters Adventist Retirement Village Chapel, Perth, WA. Brian and Donelle's marriage was a "high day" witnessed by their family, children and grandchildren on both sides and their many friends from Rossmoyne Waters, their church and the community.

Roger Millist



WILSON—WAKELIN. Kody Lain Wilson, son of Michael and Kylee Wilson, and Jessica Ellen Wakelin, daughter of Damien and Loretta Wakelin, were married on 2.5.22 at the family property, Cedar Vale and Forest Vale, Monduran, Qld. The guests spent the evening in celebration of the newlyweds in a newly erected shed, hearing funny stories about the bride and groom from family and friends. Hailing from Mackay and Gin Gin, Kody and Jess met at Townsville Big Camp in 2017, spending time in Emerald and Hervey Bay and now residing in Bundaberg.

Tim Ah Sam, Mark Turner

Obituaries



ALEXANDER, Robert, born 19.11.1944 in Armadale, WA; died 28.5.22 in Armadale. In 1971 he married Nola Gilbert. He is survived by his wife

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(Armadale); son, Kim; daughter, Nicole and David Bates (Geraldton); grandchildren, Kristyn and Luke Griffiths (Cockburn) and Katelyn (Armadale); great-grandchildren, Alexander, Sophia and Lylliahna; and sister, Glensy and Bob Hunter (Thornlie). Robert was baptised in 1971 at Gosnells church and both Robert and Nola renewed their vows in 2013 at Armadale church under the ministry of Pastor Lyn Burton. They attended Armadale church. Robert had not been well for many years but patiently endured.

Kyle Richardson, Don Fehlberg

BURROWS, Moira Isobel (nee Fox), born 27.7.1929; died 4.5.22. In 1953 she married Bruce, who predeceased her in 2008. Moira is survived by children, Colleen, Stephanie, Roslyn and Bruce; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Moira was born in Singapore to missionary parents, Lawrence and Beryl Fox. As a teenager Moira endured the Japanese occupation. In 1947 she moved to Australia, attending Avondale College for two years followed by nursing training in Sydney. Moira was a caring and loving person whose main passions in life were her family, friends and her faith. For the last 20 years of her life, Moira lived in Raymond Terrace, attending the local church.

Warren Fedorow



CHRISTIE, Gail Evelyn (nee Mildenhall), born 18.10.1958 in Crookwell, NSW; died 22.5.22 in Tara Hospital, Qld. On 26.8.1990 she married Larry, who predeceased her in 2018. She was also predeceased by her daughter Kerry Ann in 1981. She is survived by her children, Linda and Terry Kozak (Tara, Qld), Kim and Tyson Williams (Townsville), Kelly and David O'Connor (Dulacca), Steven and Kim (Gladstone), and Casey and Trent Hughes (Maryborough); 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Gail was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Phil Downing



COOPER, Elaine Margaret, born 7.7.1933 in New Lambton, NSW; died 17.5.22 in Lake Macquarie Private Hospital. Her

husband, William Cooper, predeceased her in 2010. She is survived by sons, Gary and Adele (Mandalong) and David (Toronto); four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Marilyn (Brisbane, Qld). Elaine faithfully served the church in various capacities and was strong of faith. She loved her family dearly and was a kind, generous and selfless Christian.

Roger Nixon, Lionel Smith

COTTER, Heather Martha, born 17.9.1928 in Balmain, NSW; died 21.4.22 in Bayside Nursing Home, Bonnells Bay. In 1952 she married Arthur in Parramatta. He predeceased her in 2011. She is survived by her son, Geoffrey and Debrah (Cooranbong); and granddaughter, Martha (Karuah). Heather trained as a teacher in dressmaking and tailoring and taught in Lithgow. She was industrious, kind and generous. Heather loved her family and was strong of faith.

Roger Nixon



EASTMAN, Kenneth Edwin Beckford, born 20.9.1937 in Mt Lawley, WA; died 26.1.22 in Perth. On 8.12.1968 he married Jan. Ken is survived by his wife; children, Terina, Melisa and Nevin; son-in-law, Evan; grandchildren, Nicholas, Anthony, Seth and Ebony. Ken was a third generation solicitor and joined the family firm in 1966 where he worked for a few years before accepting a position at the Division office in Wahroonga as the Church's legal counsel. He worked there for 17 years before returning to Western Australia with the family to practice in a number of firms. Ken retired from work in 2011 but used his keen mind in helping friends and others.

Andrew Olsen



HYDE, Reginald Walter, born 28.4.1925 in Mayfield East, NSW; died 9.4.22 at his home in Salt Ash, just prior to his 97th birthday. On 26.1.1948 he married June Walker, who predeceased him in 2012. He was also predeceased by four grandchildren. Reg is survived by his children, Lyn Miller, Pam LaFrentz, Gary, Neal, Chris and Alan (Reg); 22 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; sister,

Joyce Carter (Newcastle), and brother Colin (Gold Coast, Qld). Reg served as a deacon at Hamilton (NSW) for many years, then as an elder at Stockton and Raymond Terrace churches. He had two great loves outside of his family: the Bible and boats. When he wasn't talking boats, he was sharing the Bible. His passion led him to share many regular Bible studies along with impromptu studies for more than 65 years.

Ken Love



IRVINE, Wallace Lindsay, born 5.8.1926 in Auckland, NZ; died 3.6.22 in Osboine Contemporary Care, Bayswater, WA. On 3.2.1949 he married Ruth, who predeceased him in February, 2022. Wal is survived by his sons, Warren (Qld), Graham (WA) and Lindsay (NSW); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A person of precision and quiet humour.

Graham Irvine



JELOVAC, Ilka, born 8.7.1938 in the former Yugoslavia; died 12.5.22 in Brisbane, Qld. Ilka was one of nine children. She is survived by four siblings, brother Eddie, sister Julka and two overseas; children, Steven, Mitch and Mary; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered as a woman who had a big heart and smile. She loved to serve in the community and honour her Lord by faithfully attending church every week. Though her life was filled with challenges, she never complained and continually put her trust in the Lord.

Sasa Todorovic, Jacob Kelava, Dusan Milosavljevic, Danny Milenkovic

JOHNSON, Helen Patricia, (nee O'Shannessy), born 1.4.1944 in Coburg, Vic; died 16.5.22 in Kinglake West. On 24.2.1965 she married Barry. Helen is survived by her husband (Kinglake West); daughter, Carolyn Quine, (Beveridge), Suzanne Smith, (Beveridge), Michelle Demarchi, (Kinglake West); son, Michael Johnson (Whittlesea); and nine grandchildren. Helen was a devoted wife, loving mother and protective grandmother.

Paul Atherton



JOHNSON, Sylvia (nee McCrow), born 18.5.1932 in Concord, NSW; died 2.2.22 in Quakers Hill. On 27.2.1951 she married Albert Vernon (Vern) to whom she was married for more than 50 years. He predeceased her in 2003. She was also predeceased by her sons, Wayne in 1970 and Noel in 2018. Sylvia is survived by her children, Ross (Cooranbong), Brian (Perth) and Cheryl (Quakers Hill); 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons. Sylvia was a talented high school maths teacher and a faithful servant of Christ.

Wayne Krause

LITTLEWOOD, Roberta (Bobbie) Janet, died 13.5.22 in New Plymouth, NZ, aged 78. In 1964 she married Ian. Bobbie was predeceased by her foster daughter, Lillian and foster son, Paul. She is survived by her husband; children, Honor and Calvin, Leighton and Charlotte; foster son, Tim; and grandchildren, Alecia, Kalia, Julie and Alex. Loved friend to many.

Tony Parrish

LIVINGSTON, Ashley, born 27.8.1953; died 19.8.21 in Mercy Care Hospital, Albury, NSW. On 21.5.1972 he married Sharyn. He is survived by his wife; and children, Tim (Wodonga, Vic), Sarah (Perth, WA) and Sam (Taiwan). Ashley is greatly missed by his family, church and community.

Tony Moala



MITCHELL, Shirley Violet Ann, born 31.3.1935 in Sydney, NSW; died 18.5.22 in Alton Lodge,

Cooranbong. She was predeceased by her brother, Norman in 2019. Shirley is survived by her sister-in-law, Ann (Newcastle); and several nieces and a nephew. For several years, Shirley was employed at Sydney Adventist Hospital and in charge of the sterilisation department. She was highly regarded for her thoroughness and professionalism. In everyday life Shirley was seen as a kind and generous person and a selfless, beautiful Christian woman. She was a people person and loved her family dearly. Strong of faith, Shirley awaits the coming of Jesus.

Roger Nixon



PEPPER, Loloma (Loma) (nee Fraser), born 23.4.1929 in Prospect, SA; died 15.3.22 in Royal

Adelaide Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Brian Pepper. Loma is survived by her children, Cyril (Penwortham), Faye Bott (Launceston, Tas), Wayne (Ulverstone) and Julie Smith (Bardon Ridge, NSW); nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Loma is remembered as a kindly, dedicated Christian. Her love for her Lord and His church was evidenced in her willing service in church activities.

Matthew Hunter

PRICE, Eric William, born 7.6.1923 in St Peter's, NSW; died 21.7.21 in Elizabeth Lodge, Normanhurst. He was predeceased by his wife, Hazel in 2014 and his son. He is survived by his daughters, Anne (North Turramurra), Julie (Adelaide, SA) and Karen (Thornleigh, NSW) and their spouses; six grandchildren; sister, June (Normanhurst); and brother, James (North Turramurra). Eric was a hard-working and conscientious man. He experienced the tragedy of losing his only son in a car accident and went through other difficult times as well, but through it all he demonstrated a strong and resilient faith summed up in the words of Job: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. May the name of the Lord be praised."

David McKibben

REDMAN, Jean Verity (nee Reddan), born 20.3.1918 in Kingaroy, Qld; died 27.5.22 in Macksville, NSW. On 10.7.1940 she married Walker, who predeceased her in 1995. Jean is survived by sons, Donald and Dorothy (Mitchell, Qld) and Kenneth and Julie (Macksville, NSW); six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Jean was a much-loved family member and friend who lived a life to bless others right to the end of her 104 years.

Neil Redman, Quintin Dutlow

ROBSON, Pansy Lorraine (nee Townend), born 1.11.1919; died 13.5.22 in Kerikeri Retirement Home, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband Ted on 3.5.1987. She is survived by her children, Annette Lindsay (Kerikeri), Earle (Gosford, NSW) and Ladelle

Mike Collum

Mazzaferri (Brisbane, Qld); five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

SUTTON, John Vincent, born 30.9.1939 in Brisbane, Qld; died 19.5.22 in Melbourne, Vic. On 12.12.1960 he married Daphne. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Kathryn and Kendall Holmes (Marmong Point, NSW), and Lesley and Dragan Antolos (Warrandyte, Vic); grandchildren, Ellen, Levi, Hayley and Shannon; and sister, Robyn and Peter Butcher (McGraths Hill, NSW). John's family and faith meant everything to him and he served his church in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne in many roles, the last being treasurer of Nunawading church for 12 years. He faced his problems with courage and steadfast hope in the promise of the resurrection and eternal life. John was known for his beautiful singing voice.

Paul Kleinmeulman

WELLS, Owen Douglas, born 1.4.1930; died 12.5.22 in Sash Ferguson Eldercare, Mt Barker, SA. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret. Owen is survived by his children, Douglas, Shirley, Peter and Susan; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Owen was previously from Strathalbyn. The funeral service took place at Wistow church on May 18.

Ricardo Scheffer



WILLIAMS, John Victor, born 6.8.1936 in the UK; died 2.2.22 in Brisbane, Qld. On 13.12.1964 he

married Carol. His is survived by his wife (Munruban); children, Cheryl and Paul Coburn (Adelaide, SA), John and Colleen Williams (Port Hedland, WA), Caroline and Ray Phillips (Bundaberg, Qld) and Cylie and Mark Ellis (Seaford, Vic); 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was devoted to his church, spent many years supporting Pathfinders and teens, and was actively involved with fundraising activities and events for young people. John had many talents and personally led in opportunities to improve church facilities at Park Ridge church. He loved the Lord, had a strong faith and peacefully went to sleep with the promise we will meet him again when Jesus returns.



WILSON, Neville John, born 9.1.1936; died 12.1.22 in Lilydale, Vic. On

11.5.1960 he married Margaret Stott at North Fitzroy church. Neville is survived by his wife; sons, Neil and Mariley, Gary and Deb, Craig and Cheryl (all of Melbourne); daughter, Kaylene (NSW); grandchildren, Bonita, Sharleen, Kerilea, Cameron, Melissa, Stacey, Corey, Joel, Ryan, Katie and Jodie; and eight great-grandchildren. Neville was a man of many talents and a respected businessman. He loved the Lord and was always involved with church activities and was heavily involved in the building and construction of the Lilydale church. He was a beautiful Christian man who adored his wife and family and was a caring friend to all.

Darren Croft

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