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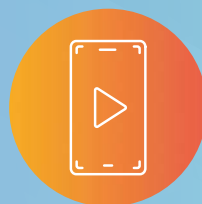
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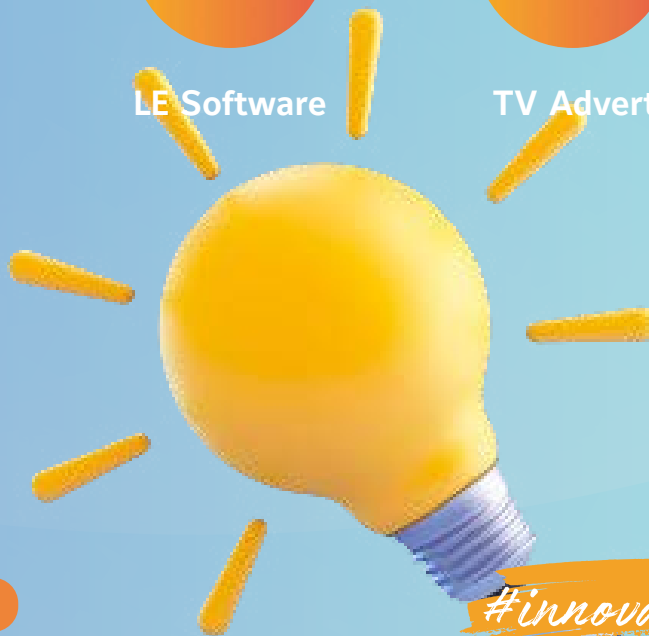
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The peace of a child

Jarrod Stackelroth
Editor

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Jesus doesn't offer an absence of resistance, conflict or pain in your life. Wholeness however is something that He can offer.

The other morning, my two-year-old daughter climbed up into our bed and proceeded to fall soundly asleep on my arm. In the minutes before my alarm went off, I spent time just gazing at the miracle of life we'd been gifted. Her long eyelashes flickered as she lay there, in the middle of an unremembered dream. At one point, as my arm started to tingle, I moved her off of it and she stretched and rolled and went back soundly to sleep. As our alarm went off and we tried to get up and start getting ready, she slept on through it, peacefully unaware of schedules, work, traffic and other early morning considerations. It took a few efforts to wake her.

There is no peace quite like a child sleeping.

Peace. Evoked by Christmas carols and nativity scenes, the word is often associated with Jesus. The Prince of peace. He who would bring "Peace on earth" (Luke 2:14).

When we think about the word peace, the idea of a world without war comes to mind. The absence of fighting. But that is clearly not our reality and not what arrived in that manger all those years ago.

This year peace is in high demand. Wars, financial pressures, the emotional drain of finding a new normal after the traumatising pandemic. This holiday season is not always associated with peace either, but with scurry, hustle, bustle, financial stress and social exhaustion. So if Jesus brought peace and goodwill to all men, what was He offering?

The peace of the world to come?

As Christians we often look towards the ultimate restoration, the eternal peace we will receive when the world is renewed. But that is not good enough in a world torn apart. If we limit our understanding to that kind of peace, we may wind up disillusioned waiting for that day to come.

The peace the gospel writers spoke of (and the angels sang) was a wholeness. An advent of completeness, the chance at reconciliation. The human image that was marred at the fall, now had a chance to be restored, not just in the world to come, but in the here and now, through the example of Jesus and His restorative power.

Jesus doesn't offer an absence of resistance, conflict or pain in your life. Wholeness however is something that He can offer. That means you and I have a chance for Jesus to bring restoration and contentment, to bring connection with God and a purpose in our lives, here and now, each and every day.

Jesus offers these things to all who believe in Him. But what about being an Adventist? Well that too can bring a special kind of peace. With the church's advocacy of whole person health, the absence of addictions such as alcohol and gambling, and hope for the future that doesn't include eternal torture, the Adventist message is one of peace and wholeness. Yet it too can be hijacked by fear for the future (conspiracy thinking), inadequacy (perfectionism) and over emphasis on one element of belief to the detriment of a complete and balanced perspective.

So as we hopefully all find some peace and enjoyment as 2022 ends and 2023 begins, let us be thankful for the peace and wholeness that is already available in Jesus.

What peace has the Prince of peace brought into your life? What peace do you need Him to give you? Is there something you need to give Him, to give up and let go of? How can we be more like children in our faith and in our lives, embracing contentment, joy and worry-free rest?

This season I wish you and your family peace and comfort. Whatever this year has brought for you, I pray that you have a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for your support of *Adventist Record* through the year. Thanks for reading, reacting, responding and sharing throughout the year. We wouldn't exist without your support so from the team here in our editorial department at Adventist Media, we wish you a happy Christmas. May you find peace and provision as you enter the new year.



INSIGHT:

Selfless sacrifice

Glenn Townend
South Pacific Division president

I've been very thankful this year for the re-opening of international borders. What a joy to be able to meet again face-to-face and share a warm embrace with colleagues and friends in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and other parts of the South Pacific. I had missed these in-person connections enormously.

While I was in Papua New Guinea, in the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission, there was one personal encounter I will never forget. After speaking at the Kama church in Goroka a man who I had never met, waited around until everyone else had greeted me at the end of the worship. He had tears in his eyes as he said to me, "I was a trainee for the fire brigade, and I pulled your father out of the wreckage." During the meeting I had reminded them that my father was one of four survivors of an Adventist Mission plane crash in Goroka in 1973. Tragically, four lives were lost. This man helped save my father's life. He bravely risked his own life to help my dad. Meeting him was incredibly emotional.

His amazing act of selflessness got me thinking of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. Jesus left the safety of eternal bliss and risked everything to come to this Earth as a tiny baby. The Creator became a creature. There were no guarantees that He would see His Father again, yet He was willing to take the risk because He loves us. Jesus could have summoned a heavenly being to pull Him out of the wreckage of this Earth. But, instead, He willingly gave up His life for you and for me.

As we come to the end of another year, let's continue to give thanks for the selfless sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf and for His continued presence in our lives. Jesus' love is a message of hope that we can share with those around us this season.

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LE Summit 2022 delegates and guests.

Literature evangelists “Lift Him Up” at summit

📍 Cooranbong, NSW | Vania Chew

More than 50 literature evangelists across Australia and New Zealand gathered at Avondale University for the 2022 Literature Ministry summit, themed “Lift Him Up”. It was the first in-person summit since 2019.

“It was an incredible blessing to be able to meet together in person again,” said Brenton Lowe, literature ministry coordinator for Australia and New Zealand. “Including guests and delegate speakers, we had more than 75 people at the event. We also live-streamed morning and afternoon sessions so that those who were unable to attend in person could watch the program online.”

One of the keynote speakers was Pastor Almir Marroni, publishing department director at the General Conference. Other special guests included South Pacific Division (SPD) president Pastor Glenn Townend, SPD Centre for Discipleship and Evangelism Pastor Gilbert Cangy, Adventist Media CEO Dr Brad Kemp and representatives from the Australian Union Conference and Signs Publishing in Warburton (Victoria).

“It was so lovely to meet many of the literature evangelists (LEs) in person,” said Gayle Fehlberg, administrative assistant for the Literature Ministry department at Adventist Media. “I started summit working with a group of

literature evangelists, and by the end of the week, I was working with a group of friends.”

The week-long event included training and workshops, praise services, team-building activities and networking sessions. An awards night recognised the self-supporting service of LEs and the impact of their ministry. Significant achievements awarded included Andrew Johnson’s 55 years of service, Joe Paola as the LE of the Year who also prayed with more than 800 people, Emmanuel Higgins’ highest purchases from Signs Publishing and Sone Mariner for leadership and mentoring young leaders. An agape feast was held on Friday night, followed by a Sabbath service led by Pastor Townend and Rob Hansford, a local church elder from Eight Mile Plains in Brisbane, at the university church.

During the Sabbath afternoon program, literature evangelists shared testimonies. A new book produced by Adventist Media called *Stories of Faith* was also launched, with Dr Kemp saying a prayer of dedication over it.

“We’re thankful for this opportunity to share the incredible work that is happening in literature ministry,” said Mr Lowe. “The next summit is planned for November 1–4, 2023, in Brisbane, Watson Park!”



The change also provides new opportunities.

Change coming for Hope Channel viewers

📍 Wahroonga, NSW | Tracey Bridcutt

Hope Channel viewers in Australia are being encouraged to consider their options after a decision by Optus to decommission its D2 satellite in March 2023.

There are two options: to transition to the VAST satellite service or stream Hope Channel via your home internet.

VAST is where many of the other Christian broadcasters, including 3ABN, are transitioning to. It requires a new set-top box and an adjustment to your satellite dish. Alternatively, you can go online and stream Hope Channel via FaithStream or Amazon Fire or another streaming service.

“I know change is not always easy

nor welcomed, but change also provides new opportunities to reach people with the story of Jesus,” said Hope Channel South Pacific director Pastor Wayne Boehm. “For example, going onto VAST is giving us a totally new viewing audience of 1 million people.

“However, our key priority is to make the transition period as smooth as possible for our viewers and we are here to assist wherever we can so that you can continue receiving Hope Channel, 3ABN and other Christian channels.”

For information on where to find your closest satellite installer, or if you have other questions, go to <hopechannel.com/watch> or phone (02) 9847 2222.



Pastor David Filo is the new president of the Solomon Islands Mission.

New president for Solomon Islands Mission

📍 **Honiara, Solomon IslandsNSW** | Tracey Bridcutt

Pastor David Filo has been appointed president of the Solomon Islands Mission (SIM), following a decision by Dr Silent Tovosia to retire after five years in the role.

Pastor Filo is currently the general secretary and has also served the Mission as a church pastor, district director, chaplain, lecturer, associate ministerial secretary and associate general secretary. Pastor Clifton Mark has been appointed as the new general secretary.

Trans Pacific Union Mission president Pastor Maveni Kaufononga thanked Dr Tovosia for his "outstanding leadership".

"He is a very humble and spiritual man," Pastor Kaufononga said. "He was the most senior person among our group of leaders and very much respected by all. I will certainly miss him and I wish him all the very best as he serves God from his local church."

Pastor Filo holds a bachelor's degree

in theology from Pacific Adventist University and a master's in leadership and management from Avondale University.

"I felt that God called me into this leadership position for His purposes," he said. "I will daily seek His leading and wisdom to lead His church into the future."

His goals as president are to foster teamwork, unity and alignment within the SIM team; continue to encourage media evangelism and disciple-making programs; pursue unfinished projects for the Mission; and push for a tertiary institution for SIM.

The SIM Executive Committee also appointed William Baefua as CEO of Atoifi Hospital.

"We will uphold these leaders in prayer and continue to seek God's counsel," Pastor Kaufononga said.



Dr Gilbert Cangy (right) with Avondale University church associate pastor Morgan Vincent, who is partnering with Dr Cangy in the development of the centre.

A Catalyst for disciple-making

📍 **Cooranbong, NSW** | Tracey Bridcutt

The new South Pacific Division (SPD) Centre for Discipleship will be a space for people to explore God's unique purpose for their lives, according to centre director Dr Gilbert Cangy.

The centre is being designed to foster and support the SPD's vision for a thriving disciple-making movement. The centrepiece will be an immersive, experiential and practical training program known as Catalyst. The three-month program will be held at Avondale University, commencing in the second semester of 2023.

"Catalyst will be designed for individuals to come to terms with and pursue God's kingdom purpose for them: in other words 'what will their discipleship experience look like?'," Dr Cangy said.

"Portable and modular versions of Catalyst will be taken to the grassroots in conferences, regions and churches, upon request. Consideration is also being given to an online approach to Catalyst."

Dr Cangy said other functions of the Centre for Discipleship will include a

networking platform for initiatives and resources as well as a repository of the best tools available for pastors, individuals, small groups and local churches to foster their missional calling.

Conversations are underway to look at ways of creating synergy between Avondale University's theology department and the new centre.

"The centre will take an intergenerational approach and its initial focus will be Australia and New Zealand," Dr Cangy said.

"The plan is for all those who complete training to be part of a discipleship ecosystem in terms of coaching/mentoring with possibilities of placements ranging from local churches to overseas mission.

"I am excited at the prospect of creating a space for our people to explore and embrace what they have always been looking for—God's unique purpose for their lives."

For more information on the Centre for Discipleship go to <catalyst.c4d.au/>.



Evangelistic meetings at Newcastle University (NSW).

New AUC plan to increase young adult retention through university ministry

📍 Ringwood, Vic | Kimberley McMurray/Juliana Muniz

The Australian Union Conference (AUC) has launched a project to reach university students outside of the church and provide support for Adventist students within secular universities. Disciple Focused Life Group Leadership is a four-year initiative that will place two young adults within chosen secular universities around Australia in an effort to set up life groups on campus.

According to statistics by Barna Group, 72 per cent of young people who attend church in Australia drop out of church life as they transition into university/young adulthood. The goal of this initiative is to stop Adventist young adults from leaving the Church and to facilitate outreach to secular university students. Life group leaders will have funding for the resources needed to facilitate life groups as well as training and support from mentors at each level, from local church to the South Pacific Division.

"It is so exciting to see all of our Australian conferences wanting to be a part of this project as it rolls out over 2023/24," said AUC youth director Pastor Jeffrey Parker. All the conference administration teams see the need and want to act fast to connect with both our own Adventist young adults and other university students that can be reached for Christ."

The new project will not only provide an essential resource for conferences that want to get started, but it will also provide a boost to the ones already investing in it, such as North New South Wales (NNSW)—which has Adventist Students on Campus (ASOC) clubs in three universities, and plans to expand into all seven campuses in its territory.

"I have seen many of our young adults slip away from church as they face university life. If we give them an opportunity to connect in a regular life group setting, within the university itself, we will inspire them to continue their connection with Jesus Christ," Pastor Parker said.

According to NNSW young adults director Blair Lemke, university ministry has a local and global impact. "Not only does it help retain and engage Adventist youth, but it is an opportunity to evangelise international students who when graduate and return to their countries, take the everlasting gospel with them to their people," he said.

The AUC recently developed a new website to link up Adventist university students to other Adventist young adults in the same area: <sdauni-connect.com.au>.

making headlines

A very lice discovery

Southern Adventist University archaeologists have found an ivory lice comb with the first written Canaanite sentence dating to about 1700 BC. The engravings read, "May this tusk root out the lice of the hair and the beard." Ivory was a very expensive material and likely an imported luxury object. As there were no elephants in Canaan during that time period, the comb likely came from nearby Egypt—indicating that even people of high social status suffered from lice.—**The Pulse**



Presidential donation

The President of Zimbabwe and his business partner have donated four tractors with harvesting equipment, two trucks, a bus and cars to Solusi [Adventist] University. The donations are to help rebuild the orchard, install greenhouses and irrigate 250 hectares, to help the university become self-sufficient and give back to the local community.—**The Herald**

Comfort on All Souls' Day

Adventist teenagers in Brazil united to bring hope and support to people who have lost loved ones on All Souls' Day, visiting cemeteries to console and distribute letters with words of hope, encouragement and comfort.—**ANN**

Chronic disease drivers

A study of Australians' dietary habits has shown highly processed and refined foods are the leading contributor to rising obesity rates in the Western world. "As people consume more junk foods or highly processed and refined foods, they dilute their dietary protein and increase their risk of being overweight and obese, which we know increases the risk of chronic disease," said researcher Dr Amanda Grech.—**SU**



Gift of good health

Sydney Adventist Hospital (the San) and ELIA Wellness have launched ELIA Fitness for all hospital staff as part of Adventist HealthCare Limited's (AHCL) commitment to whole-person health. In celebration of the launch, AHCL held a group workout for all staff on the front lawn of the San on November 16. The workout was run by ELIA Fitness personal trainer and former professional footballer Todd Brodie. There were around 100 staff members gathered on the front lawn, with some even wearing fancy dress for the occasion. ELIA Wellness executive director Dr Geraldine Przybylko, who was part of the ELIA Fitness development team, said the goal is to make it easy for people to exercise anywhere and anytime. —**Maddi Glover**



Saving more lives and limbs

The launch of the 10,000 Toes Campaign in the Cook Islands and French Polynesia missions has seen much activity and excitement during the past two months, according to Adrielle Carrasco, Adventist Health Ministries director for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. In both missions there was initial training of volunteers in all areas of ELIA Wellness's My Wellness Snapshot program. The teams were excited to have a resource that would assist them in connecting with their communities and both ran a pilot expo for their church communities. This proved to be an effective strategy as church members, realising the benefits, brought their friends. "Next year," said Mrs Carrasco, "we hope to launch the 10,000 Toes Campaign in New Caledonia and I can't wait to see what can be accomplished there." —**Adrielle Carrasco/Record staff**



Setting the bar

Hope Channel South Pacific director Pastor Wayne Boehm encouraged Hope FM and Hope Channel Fiji staff to keep up their good work in media ministries. He visited the TV and radio studios based at the Fiji Mission (FM) headquarters in Suva on November 17. His last visit to Fiji was in 2020, before COVID-19 hit the South Pacific. "It is a blessing to be back and witness the progress of media ministry in Fiji," Pastor Boehm said. "Fiji is setting the bar for all missions in the Union." —**Joni Vatuvatu**



Back on the Road

Mountain View Adventist College (Sydney, NSW) hosted a Road to Bethlehem (RTB) program for the first time since the pandemic started (December 4). Many of the actors were students at the school with an "angel" choir singing the final song on the journey. With live animals, food stalls, camel rides and more, the interactive experience was a hit with families, especially with children. Teacher Matthew Jensen said this was a new generation of students who had not done RTB before but had done really well. —**Jarrod Stackelroth**



Geared up for 2023

Newly appointed local church leaders from across Goroka district in Eastern Highlands, Papua New Guinea, are ready to serve the Church in 2023 after a four-day leadership training conducted from November 28 to December 1. The training was facilitated by local church pastors, ministers, district coordinators and the district director.

The theme, “The Call to Spirituality and Functionality—to be Equipped for Service”, was emphasised in morning and evening worship services. “It is one thing to be a spiritual leader and another thing to be a functional leader,” said the evening speaker, Pastor Simeon Waiwai. “Fully having one but lacking the other may affect one’s leadership in the church. We are called not only to spirituality but also to functionality.”

The morning speaker, minister Judith Nagamisovo, also emphasised the importance of having a daily commitment with the “Master of the task” to be equipped for service. “God equips the called. So be earnest and do your task faithfully,” she said.

“The training did not only enhance leadership skills and knowledge about our roles and responsibilities in the church but also promoted relationship and social wellbeing for each church leader at the event,” expressed a leader who attended.

The training ended on a high note, with the ordination of new elders and deacons and the consecration of all church leaders for service.—**Ronald Luke**



A man with a big heart

Adventist doctor John Knight is being remembered as a kind, humble and wise man who cared greatly for others, as tributes flowed following his death on Sunday, November 27, aged 94. In his public persona, Dr Knight, known as Dr James Wright, was the “merry medic” who regularly appeared on daytime television in the 1970s and ‘80s, and hosted *The Good Health Show* on a Sydney radio station. To his family, friends and colleagues, he was a warm-hearted man who made a significant contribution to society. Pastor Tony Knight, director of resource development and children’s ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, described his uncle as a “larger-than-life character, full of laughter and good humour—a larrikin of the first order”.—**Tracey Bridcutt**



Mums meet-up

Twenty moderators from Australia and New Zealand met for the first time since Mums At The Table local groups were created two years ago. The meeting happened as part of Mums At The Table’s inaugural three-day moderators’ workshop, held in conjunction with the Greater Sydney Conference Women’s Ministries Breathe Conference at Stanwell Tops, NSW. Mums At The Table, a ministry of Adventist Media, supports mums in the community through online content as well as local events held in partnership with volunteer moderators from local churches, many of them mums themselves. The workshop enabled moderators to hear what other groups are doing, as well as offer and share plans about the future of Mums At The Table.—**Melody Tan**

the PROMISE

As the angels swung the huge gates closed, our first parents were stunned. They couldn't believe what had happened. Why just yesterday everything was fine, they had been happy, living in freedom and best of all, walking and talking with their Father. There was harmony in heaven and earth but today, today the gates were shut—with them on the wrong side looking in. Little did they know that these gates were not to reopen for at least another 6000 years!

Sadly, they turned away into a life that would become their new normal. With every newborn, they imagined and prayed—could this be the promised Saviour? All the while sin was growing exponentially—from eating the "apple" to killing one's brother took only one generation!

But our first parents didn't forget the promise and it continued to be passed from father to son. Time went on so long that many forgot the promise. They were tired of worshipping a God they couldn't see or hear. There was lawlessness around every corner, no respect for parents, and certainly not for God, and unbelievably little respect for themselves. Within a very short time sin had so infested this little planet that in order to save the world, God ironically sent a flood to destroy it. In the end there were only eight people who got on the boat—they along with a zoo-filled ark were preserved to begin life again.

After a year at sea, and after the oceans had subsided, Noah's little family disembarked to find a world that was much different to the one they

remembered. There was no hint of the Garden that had once stood as a reminder that they were in lockout. They found themselves all alone in this strange new world! They literally had to restart their new normal from scratch.

Even though the world had changed, the promise had not—the Saviour would come! As the years rolled on, prophets came and went. They foretold, warned and shook their fingers at the crowds laughing, jeering and a few believing, while the prophets pleaded with the people to repent and turn to God.

In Jerusalem the temple priests took seriously their job—so seriously in fact that in addition to the 10 laws God had given, they wrote a new, improved version with more than 600 laws. It was nigh impossible for the people to keep them all and God forbid if you broke their Sabbath rules, but that is exactly what happened when Jesus came to town.

The church leaders of the day were so preoccupied with legalising every last detail of people's lives that they missed the event of the centuries—the coming of The Messiah. Oh yes, there had been many messiahs—all false, of course, but in their haste to dismiss all of these, the priests also dismissed the true—The Promised One!

But there were a few . . . there were the shepherds who had little else to do as they tended their flocks but to recall the stories. God's words had been passed on to them by their parents and their parents before them. They had no Bible in their rucksacks, but they remembered the stories. And there were a few senior citizens who spent a lot of



time in the temple archives reading the scrolls. They prayed daily that they would live long enough to see the promise fulfilled—the signs were pointing to the soon arrival of the Messiah. And there were Gentiles, wise men from the East, known for their interest in astronomy, who found themselves excitedly studying the Books of Moses in their quest to find the meaning of life. All of these were looking for "The Way" out of lockout.

But Jesus came and went unnoticed by most. He had been born in a back room and murdered on a cross. When He was born there was not much of a fuss and when He died it was much the same. Well, except for the sun refusing to shine—that should have been a clue! And then there was the temple curtain in the Most Holy Place that was mysteriously ripped from top to bottom, but other than that—life as usual!

Even when He rose from the dead there was little fanfare. There were only a handful who knew, and the church leaders unbelievably tried to keep that quiet. They had spent their lives predicting the coming Messiah. Now, they couldn't very well admit they had been wrong, not when they had just crucified their own Saviour! Why is it that the world still does not want to know and why do so many fear the proclamation of Jesus' soon return? What if they're wrong—again!

Yes, for most, but not all, life went on pretty much as normal.

Now here we are in the 21st century—the year 2031 will mark the 2000th anniversary of the year Jesus gave His life for ours. The promise is just as real as it was when Jesus spoke

it to our first parents all those years ago in Eden. Those who had seen the risen Saviour were never the same again. They went on to preach that Jesus would return and most of them paid the price with their lives. The apostle Paul, whose life had been changed completely when Jesus met him on the road to Damascus, spent his last years in prison. Paul had learned when he couldn't preach, he could still sing about the promise—even behind prison doors.

Do we sometimes find ourselves feeling a little like the disciples and Paul in their darkest hours? Here we are with our churches closed one moment and open the next, and when they do re-open, we are not allowed to sing? Even when the laws of the land limit song, thankfully, the God we serve can hear the song in our hearts. He has promised that the lockout will soon be over—forever. Every day brings us one day closer to the day when the angels will open wide the gates, never again to be closed. Then, along with the redeemed, we will be forever free to sing praises to our Saviour. God surely does want to hear us sing!

Rhondda Hortop

enjoys writing. Australian by birth, raised in the USA, but returned to the land Down-Under in 1980. Now retired, Rhondda and her pastor husband live in Morisset Park, NSW.



The Child

He came as a baby...
Not in might and glory as a
god might be expected to.
There was nothing in this
infant to single him out as
anything extraordinary.
Beyond his story...
Just a tiny, helpless baby.
Vulnerable and sweet.
Appealing to our softest
nature, as every baby does.
In this little one, God
was speaking to us of his
intentions in this venture.
He had no desire to conquer
and control us as a vengeful
lord might.
No thought of demanding his
creative rights.
He wanted to win hearts.
To show us that he was with
us! On our side! Ready to be a
part of our lives.
To melt our hearts.
As an infant does.
So we'd understand.
He wasn't here to seize us.
He was here to lead us to
freedom.

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SPD events examine Adventist history, serve world Church

Two events, hosted in the South Pacific Division (SPD) toward the end of this year, highlighted Adventist heritage and history in important and accessible ways that reached right around the world and will serve the world Church.

Ellen White Symposium

The South Pacific Division hosted a symposium on Ellen White and Contemporary Adventism—an all-day, online event that featured six keynote presentations, four short videos about Ellen White's life in Australia and live Q and A sessions with the presenters.

"The event addressed the role of Ellen White's writings in Adventism," said Dr Darius Jankiewicz, organiser and SPD field secretary. "The relationship between Scripture and White's writings was well defined by the Adventist pioneers; however, over time, we have tended to neglect or forget the guidance of early Adventists regarding the role of Ellen White's writings. Consequently, we need frequent reminders of the responsible use of Ellen White's writings in the life of the church."

The November 6 symposium was the result of close collaboration between four entities—the SPD Field Secretariat, the Ellen White Research Centre, the Adventist Heritage Centre and Adventist Media.

One significant challenge to overcome was the loss of internet during the second presentation but, thankfully, the show sailed on as the keynote was uploaded to the Cloud and the hosts were able to use mobile phone hot-spotting to host the next segment.

Viewers tuned in from around the world, including places as diverse as Nigeria, California and Portugal. Students and faculty gathered together at Pacific Adventist University, Fulton Adventist University College and Sonoma College to watch.

By the day after the event, the minutes watched had already reached almost 28K.

Hosted by creative, writer and artist Maryellen Hacko and *Adventist Record* and *Signs of the Times* editor Jarrod Stackelroth, the question-and-answer segments were enjoyed by viewers and presenters, who explored topics beyond what was covered in their presentations.

Topics included "The nature of inspiration and how it works", "Reading Ellen White's writings responsibly", "The

Godhead in the writings of Ellen White" and more.

The short documentary pieces featured anecdotes and re-enactments from Ellen White's life in Australia, including her impact on the local community and the legacy she left on the Church in this part of the world. The videos were produced by Adventist Heritage Centre and filmed at Ellen White's former home *Sunnyside*, in Cooranbong (NSW), by Adventist Media. One of the organisers of the conference, and instrumental in pulling together the videos, David Jones, director of Adventist Heritage, had his staff supporting the moderation of comments.

The symposium was the first of three planned events and is available to watch online.

The Great Appointment

The same team that created the documentary clips was instrumental in creating the Sabbath afternoon "appointment" on October 22.

The Great Appointment, a live program streamed from Avondale University Church and *Sunnyside*—looked back at the Great Disappointment of 1844 and how that shaped the Seventh-day Adventist movement.

Viewers tuned in on Facebook and YouTube from all parts of the South Pacific along with a number of countries outside the Division, including South Africa, United States, Philippines, Canada and Singapore.

Hosted by Avondale University students Rahel Gungadoo and Olivia Morton, The Great Appointment was engaging, interactive and full of variety. Among the highlights was a heritage drama live from Avondale University Church, written by first year theology student Hadassah Liebke. The Kahoot! quiz was very popular, as was the launch of specially designed Heritage Heroes cards. Several Pathfinder groups tuned in to complete their Adventist History and Heritage honour.

Viewers expressed their appreciation for the program and how it provided an important reminder of the Church's heritage. Mr Jones has begun working on concepts for 2023.

If you missed either program, they are still available for viewing on Adventist Media's YouTube channel.

Jarrod Stackelroth/Tracey Bridcutt

O HOLY NIGHT: WHAT ABOUT OUR WORTH TO GOD



CHRISTMAS SAYS

This time of year comes with its own unique soundtrack. A steady stream of carols and Christmas songs that are played on repeat in supermarkets and shopping centres. We hear them performed in concerts and Carols by Candlelight programs and sing some of them at church.

I love Christmas music. The familiar tunes and lyrics, and the sense of nostalgia and memories they evoke. Although I admit I often sing or hum along without paying too much attention to the words. "Walking in a winter wonderland" and "chestnuts roasting on an open fire" aren't so relevant in the searing heat of a South Pacific summer!

However, I recently realised I might be missing a lot by dismissing the text of some of our familiar carols. Take for example my favourite Christmas song "O Holy Night". Listen to these lyrics from the first verse:

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Doesn't it feel like the world is pining? The war in Ukraine and armed conflicts in many other countries. The COVID-19 pandemic. Increasingly more frequent environmental disasters including bushfires and floods. Do you feel weary when you listen to the news? I know I do. It feels like now, more than ever, we need "a thrill of hope".

But the phrase that really stuck out for me was this one—"Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth".

What comes to your mind when you think of Christmas? Often for me it's the practical—Will I get any time off work? Whose turn is it to host Christmas dinner? What gifts do I need to purchase? When I think about the Christmas story, I feel for a young Mary giving birth for the first time in a barn. I imagine the wonder the shepherds must have felt at hearing the angels sing. I recognise the fulfilment of many prophecies in Scripture. But my thoughts don't often turn to my own worth.

Yet that is what Christmas is all about. Jesus came. As a baby. He who spoke the universe into existence "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing" (Philippians 2:6,7). Why? For me. For you.

You are God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10). He knows the number of hairs on your head (Luke 12:7). He has your name engraved on the palms of His hands (Isaiah 49:16). And before you were born, He committed Himself to coming to this earth and giving His life to pay the price for your sins, so that you can live forever with Him (John 3:16).

Ellen White tells us that "The soul that has given himself

to Christ is more precious in His sight than the whole world. The Saviour would have passed through the agony of calvary that one might be saved in His kingdom" (*Desire of Ages*, p 483).

The last verse of "O Holy Night" goes on:

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

If you are of infinite worth to God, then so is every other person for whom He came to die. He calls you to recognise their value—and to act on it.

In His parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25, Jesus asks you to give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty and clothes to the needy. He invites you to befriend the lonely, care for the sick and visit those in prison. Why? Because "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (v40).

I also believe that as His people, God calls us to "loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke" (Isaiah 58:6). He asks us to use our voices, our votes and our influence to advocate for those who may not have a voice themselves. Refugees, the elderly, the disabled—there are many in our communities who are vulnerable and often overlooked.

This Christmas, if you find yourself getting frustrated by the extra long lines in the supermarket or the lack of available parking spaces at your local shopping centre, remember that each person you meet is of infinite value to God. Look for ways to show His love to them. As you plan your Christmas celebrations, ask God how you might share with those in need. Is there someone He is prompting you to invite to share a meal with you? Is there someone you could visit? Are you able to donate to one of the many charities helping to meet needs in your local community or around the world?

This Christmas, when you send your annual email to family and friends updating them on what has happened over the past year, remember that your value is not based on your achievements. It is not based on your education, your career, your relationship status or how your children behave. As you take family photos on Christmas Day, know that your worth is not found in your appearance or in the size of your clothing. And as you exchange gifts, recognise that you are worth far more than your bank balance. To God, you are worth the life of His Son.

Julie Finnegan

Physiotherapist. Lives with her husband and three daughters in Brisbane, Qld.

ANGEL

MONOLOGUES

Monologue One

It is night. Three figures in a small, gloomy room. A young woman asleep. A dark hooded shadow stands beside her and a veiled light emanates from a third figure who stands away from the other two. The dark shadow speaks.

It comes to this. Did you think I would be vexed? How little you know me! I relish this with my entire magnificent being. The celestial chessboard is set. Do you hear and see, you burnished muscle-bound clown? Your Master is doomed. This is my world, my terms. As tiny as the width of a hair, the Son of God a zygote cell, within the feeble flesh of an inconsequential human cockroach. She isn't even aware of it yet! How easy to crush the life from them both.

The veiled light takes a step forward.

But that would be too simple, too painless, would it not Gabriel? For millennia I have studied the human vermin. I know every weakness, every fissure in human nature. Adam could not withstand me. Nor Noah, Moses, Daniel, Job. Name for me one person, just one, who resisted me? You remain silent ... and well you do. He comes as a frail human *the shadow sniggers quietly* ... who would have thought. He too ... will fail. Who then will rescue mankind from me?! My prey. My legitimate reward. They will be mine forever. O the plans I have. No longer cloaked in shadow, I will burst forth in splendour as almighty god. The best of my past protégés will be as saints when I am unhindered. Your Master will walk the path first. His every breath baptised in temptation, betrayal, hatred, lies, pain. My glory ... human suffering ... their stupidity. In His I will glory the most. And when He fails ... O the bliss of the thought ... He too ... will be mine!

The shadow's outline quivers as it releases an ecstatic groan.

Have you no imagination Gabriel? Watch and see what I inflict upon your Master. Stand and brace yourself, for you cannot touch me, you are forbidden. He must tread the human pathway fully as a human, not as a god. This I know ... for am I not the god of this world! Tremble Gabriel. Tear your ethereal robes in despair. Your Master says He comes to save the human race ... but who will save Him?!

Monologue Two

Gabriel moves, veiled glory flowing as liquid gold across the floor, stopping just short of the shadow.

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You speak some truth Lucifer.

No, stay your words, it is my time to answer. We stood united amidst the holy fire on the mountain of God, eternal brothers beside the glorious throne of the Exalted One. We knew nothing except joy and bliss, the whole creation pulsating only with selfless love and delight.

I would have given my very existence for you. Why?! What have you gained?! If you desired the anguish of all heaven then you have it. Now go! Your time is not yet come.

The shadow laughs as it delivers a mocking bow. As it bends, the top of its head enters Gabriel's light. A sound like the sizzling of burning flesh. The laugh cuts-off, the shadow disappears. Gabriel goes to the bedside of the sleeping woman.

Sleep on favoured lady, I am with you. I am not God to know your future, yet I am certain the way will not be easy. Within your womb is the One who created you, who created us all. He has arrived into enemy territory. O that He would come with the armies of heaven. One day but not this time. He comes to do hand to hand mortal combat as a frail human being, against the most powerful of angels ever created. Lucifer is correct; I tremble for my Commander.

Lucifer despises my Lord beyond all reason. When Love is rejected, only the cadaverous stink of hatred remains. He must greedily feed on the pain and corruption of others, as he has starved himself of all that truly satisfies.

Twice I have seen rebellion Mary. Heaven's pain; one third of my heavenly comrades denying their Creator in petulant insurrection and egotism, forever lost yet forever wounding Love's heart. I know every name. Every unique individual precious. And when your first parents joined the rebellion, I thought it meant earth to be lost forever also, helpless under Lucifer's despotic rule.

Elation filled all of heaven when our Father and Son told us there was hope; there was a plan. Yet our triumph became horror as we learned the cost to the Son, the Creator of all, the exact representation of our Father. God the Son to become human, live as a human, suffer and die as a human ... to recover mankind. No! It could not be. I offered myself. I wince as I think of it now. Only the Creator can redeem His creation.

Rest Mary. Soon you will know. Your body cradles the long-awaited Messiah, the only hope for all nations, your Lord and mine. God with us.

Pam Driver

attends Glen Innes church, Auckland, NZ.

End.

How to stay healthy this *festive season*

With summer and Christmas holidays on the way, it can be a little hard to stay on track with your weight goals when there's heaps of party invites coming in.

A study shows that extra weight gained over this period isn't lost during the rest of the year, meaning those taking part in the research, continued to gain weight every holiday season. To be fair though, from family dinners and get-togethers with friends to BBQs and eating out, the food table at any party can be a trap for even the healthiest person in the room.

But with a little planning, you can navigate your way through the holiday season's parties with these easy tips to keep your body and health on track for the new year.

1. Eat dinner before going to a party

The easiest way to successfully avoid the food table at any party is to eat beforehand. Having a light, healthy dinner before heading out means you'll be feeling full and less likely to overindulge.

2. Eat smart

Most party food tables will have healthier food options. Instead of a handful of chips, choose cut up vegetables dipped in hummus or salsa, fruit pieces, sushi or a handful of nuts.

3. Don't skip breakfast

Breakfast is one meal in the day where it's easy to eat light and healthy. Start the day right by making the most of healthy options provided where you're staying or step out and buy your own. Eating breakfast can also help reduce your chance of overindulging later in the day.

4. Snack attack

Don't fall into the snacking trap of chips, chocolate and



lollies. It'll leave you feeling sluggish and your hunger won't be satisfied. Instead, bring something to share that you know you can enjoy without hurting your progress. Head to the local supermarket and stock up on nuts, oat-based muesli bars, fruit and wholegrain crackers to keep you going when you get peckish. If you're tempted to taste everything, think bite-sized portions to avoid overfilling your plate.

5. Carry water

Always have a bottle of water handy. It's the best drink for you and will also help stop you from overindulging when you're feeling hungry.

6. Dining out decisions

The way food is cooked can have a significant impact on the amount of calories it contains. When navigating a menu, choose grilled or baked rather than fried or battered, as these cooking methods result in less fat.

7. Healthy swaps

Choose dishes based on wholegrains like brown rice or wholegrain pasta and plenty of vegetables or ask to swap fries for extra vegies or a salad. Choosing tomato or vegie-based sauces over creamy and cheese-based ones is better for your waist.

For more information and research references check out the full article on the Sanitarium website.



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Reconnecting with our retirees with special needs

"How will I get on this double cabin LandCruiser with my wheelchair?" Mary Kerry asked the two volunteers who came to escort her to church that Sabbath morning to celebrate World Pathfinder Day.

Though she was beautifully dressed in her Pathfinder uniform, she had some thoughts that troubled her mind.

"How will I get off this truck when I reach the church compound?" she added.

"We will assist you Mum," replied the male volunteer.

"Oh okay . . . but will I be able to ride my wheelchair into the church entrance and the wash room?" Mrs Kerry demanded. "Yes Mum," replied the female volunteer. "The church has constructed ramps at the church door entrance and at the wash room entrance for special people like you," replied the two volunteers with much assurance.

"Oh, thank you very much," replied Mrs Kerry, a retired primary school teacher who had served in both government and mission schools since 1983. She has served in the Pathfinder department in the local church as a Pathfinder counsellor, deputy director and director for more than 15 years.

Mrs Kerry asked some important questions that need to be considered in our churches today. Some of our retirees residing in our communities may be knocked down with

non-communicable diseases or may be sitting in a wheelchair due to amputation of either foot. With their old age, poor health conditions and the special needs they have, it creates many difficulties for them that may stop them from being able to attend Sabbath worship services.

We can help our retirees with special needs by providing a lift on Sabbath mornings, building ramps at the church entrance and wash room for wheelchair users, train a Sabbath school teacher to gather them for their Bible study classes and inform church ushers to assist them upon their arrival and departure after church worship.

May God bless you as you share your act of kindness and support towards such people with special needs this and every coming Sabbath!

Pictured: Norah Dick, Sanma Master Guide coordinator assisting retiree Mary Kerry (in wheelchair) on Pathfinder Sabbath.



Christ Keleb

is an intern minister serving in Vanuatu Mission.



Conversations

Spiritual filter needed?

The editorial (*Record* newsletter, November 18) stated that lots of generations of monarch butterflies are involved in the migration since they only live two to three weeks. This is incorrect. It is correct [to state] that Monarch butterflies have a two to three week lifespan. However, the migration generation of butterflies live for six to nine months while they migrate. The butterfly that begins the migration is the same butterfly that arrives at the destination.

This is astounding and can only be contributed to programming in the DNA, ie a creator God.

Loren Pordage, *via email*

Editor's note: Hi Loren, thanks for your message. Upon further research, it appears it takes multiple generations of butterflies to complete the journey from Mexico to Canada. Amazingly, a "super generation" is born in autumn that lives longer and travels farther than their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. They, as you said, can live up to nine months. Unlike the generations before that required an international relay team to complete the journey, this super generation begins the journey home and arrives

to see the final destination. That's what makes the monarch migration so unique. And you're right, it's something that can only be attributed to our mighty Creator. Hope that clarifies things.

Grow into faith

"New AUC plan to increase young adult retention through university outreach" (Facebook, November 30).

There's a very simple reason why –we don't teach our kids an adult faith, that will have meaning and relevance into their independence. Often we continue to feed our teens a Sabbath school diet that belongs to the primary/junior age groups, and we shut down their questions because we don't trust their motives or don't know the answers ourselves. In short, we treat them like children. What other result can we expect but falling away, when only the secularist philosophies at university seem, in our kids' minds, to treat them like the adults they are?

My youth leader at church actually treated us like adults. He was the older brother of one of my best friends, and was asked to lead us because none of the "real" adults wanted to. He took us on a

comprehensive tour of Adventist beliefs in adult language, and that's one of the big reasons why all but one of us are still Adventist today—and that other one is still spiritual.

Teach your kids a faith they can grow into, not a faith they will grow out of.

Mitchell Strahan, *NSW*

Fantastic cake

Re: "Making banana cake" (Insight, November 5).

Fantastic illustration Pastor, that illustrates exactly what is happening today.

Thank you.

Bill Gates, *NSW*

Editor's note: Thank you to all who have read, responded and commented in 2022. You've reached out via email and social media, you've joined our discussions on Record Live and even sent literal letters. We appreciate your engagement and your conversations, adding richness and value to our church family and our magazine. Have a safe and happy Christmas season and may God continue to bless you in 2023.

HELLO KIDS!



DREAMS, JOURNEYS AND A STAR

Wise men saw a strange new star - the sign of the birth of a King. They began a long journey, following the star and bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. When wicked Herod heard about the child King he was jealous and sent soldiers to find Him. But the wise men did not tell Herod where Jesus was. And by trusting God, Joseph was able to lead Mary and baby Jesus to safety.

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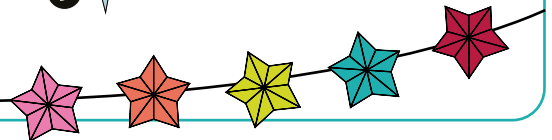
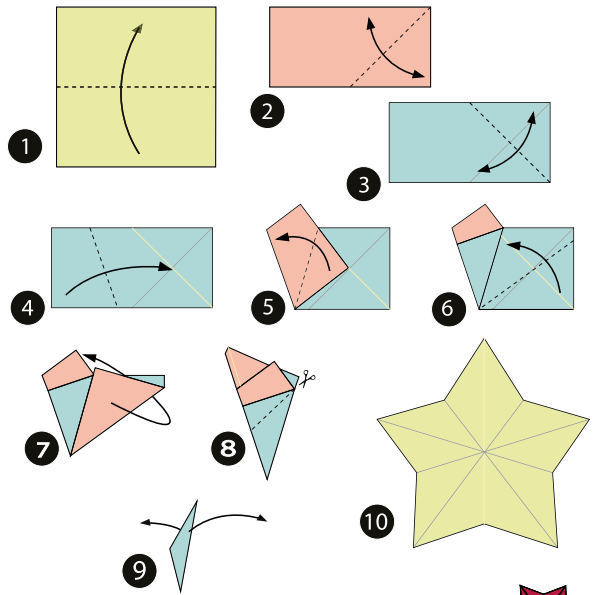
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HOW TO CUT A PERFECT 5-POINT STAR

Cut out lots of these and use the stars as decorations during the holiday season to remember Jesus' birth.



This sky needs more stars, would you draw some?



MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11).

Wedding



WATTS—HALL. Daniel John Watts, son of Peter and Maree Watts (Rokeyby, Tas), and Hailey Melissa Jade Hall, daughter of Sheree Ashton (Cooranbong, NSW) and Clayton Hall (Auckland, NZ), were married on 9.10.22 at Tanilba House, Tanilba Bay, NSW. Daniel and Hailey met at Lakeside church and began their relationship at Avondale School. The journey from high school sweethearts to their wedding day was celebrated with great joy. They are enjoying married life in Cooranbong.

Peter Watts

Obituaries

BOWDEN, Gwendoline Lorraine (nee Gall), born 15.8.1936 in Bowral, NSW; died 31.7.22 in Wyong. She was predeceased by her husband, Hans in 2010. She is survived by her son, Stefan Botczek and Dee Jones (Brisbane, Qld); daughters, Michele and Don McGill (Buttaba, NSW); granddaughter, Melissa and Alex Randle (Toukley); grandson, Daniel and Elle Martlew (Buttaba); and great-grandchildren, Harrison and Indy Martlew. Gwen always put others first, was a dear friend and devoted mother and grandmother.

Lionel A Smith

BURT, Jenny Dawn (nee Wilkes), born 9.1.1961 in Port Macquarie, NSW; died 9.11.22 in Port Macquarie. She is survived by her husband, Ron; mother, Hazel; children, Emily, Luke, Katie and Julia; grandchildren, Dahlia and Henry; and sisters, Heather, Cheryl and Kathy (all of Port Macquarie). She was affectionally known as Aunt Jenny to many within the Port Macquarie church family and community. Jenny loved and served her family, church and community faithfully with encouragement, warmth and plenty of hugs.

Lachlan Campbell



CROW, Mervyn Allen, born 23.5.1927 in Singleton, NSW; died 16.5.22 in Cooranbong. Mervyn was

married to Sadie, who predeceased him in 2011. He is survived by his children, Gail Bowditch, Garry, Annette Dansie and Wayne; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Mervyn lived a long and fruitful life and was a man who loved his God and his church. From his conversion in the 1970s through to his last days of life, he actively served in the one local church, holding various positions like that of deacon and assistant church treasurer. He rests peacefully awaiting the call of Jesus.

Leticia Moreno

GLOVER, Eileen Mavis (nee Dawson), born 2.11.1924; died 24.10.22 in Warburton, Vic. She was predeceased by her husband, James in 2003. She was also predeceased by her son, Neil. She is survived by her sons, Wayne and June, and Paul; granddaughters, Katie and Andrew, and Rebecca; and great-grandson, Zackery. When Eileen was 15, the family moved to Warburton, where Eileen worked at the Sanitarium Health Food factory to earn money to attend Avondale College as a stepping stone to nurses training at the "San". Eileen will be fondly remembered by many family and friends for her radiant, welcoming smile, her warm hospitality, accompanied by delicious food and her love for and faith in Jesus.

Kevin Geelan, Clifton Maberly



HOBBS, Ian Robert, born 29.1.1947 in Ferntree Gully, Vic; died 14.9.22 in Box Hill Hospital. He was

predeceased by his wife, Catherine. Ian is survived by his children, Evan (Vic), Jeanette (NSW) and Melanie (Vic). Ian lived life to the full. He loved his wife and missed her deeply after she passed away. He loved his family and enjoyed his restored WW2 Jeep and his good friends who shared his passion. He had a strong lifelong faith in Jesus

that was reflected in how he treated people. He was a true gentleman who found friendship and a church home at Yarra Valley church. He now awaits the return of Jesus.

Darren Croft



JOHNSON, Frederick John, born 1.8.1935 in Atherton, Qld; died 21.10.22 in Kings Langley, NSW. In 2001

he was predeceased by his son, Frederick (Rick). He was also predeceased by his sister, Ellen; and brothers, Allen, Lindsay and David. Fred is survived by his wife, Karen Smith; daughter Stephanie and Robert Crnkovic (Sydney, NSW); son, Andrew and Leeanne (Sydney); and grandchildren, Katherine, Amanda and Dane. Fred trained as a nurse at the Sydney Adventist Hospital and after graduation, went into psychiatric nursing where he did a lot of work with drug and alcohol dependent patients. He gave his life fully to his

Lord in the 1990s and became a much-loved member of the Hoxton Park church.

Andrew Russell, Arthur Hudson



LITTLEWOOD, Margaret (nee Wattie), born 19.3.1937 in Kerang, Vic; died 25.12.21 in Moorool-

bark, Vic. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill in 2015. Margaret is survived by her children, Stephen and Maa (Melbourne); Jenny and Hugh (Christchurch, NZ) and Sharon (Coominya, Qld); and grandchildren, Derek, Justin, Monique, Grace and Anna. A down-to-earth and practical lady, Margaret lived a life of service for others, training first as a nurse at Sydney Adventist Hospital. A foundation member of Lilydale church, her service at church included serving as church clerk, in Pathfinders, children's Sabbath School and the caring threads ministry. Margaret lived a life of faithfulness to Jesus and was

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looking forward to His soon return.
Darren Croft



POWRIE, Dorothy May (nee Sewell), born 30.9.1938 in Lithgow, NSW; died 4.10.22 in the Gold Coast Private Hospital, Qld. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Leon; sons, David, and Jonathan; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; grandsons, Jack, Daniel and Bradley; twin sister, Betty Culver (Wondai, Qld); sisters, Colleen Watt (Kingaroy) and Norma Managrave (Griffith, NSW); brother-in-law, Terry Managrave (Brisbane, Qld); and nieces, Julie Watt (Hornsby, NSW) and Susan Donnelly (Kingaroy, Qld). Dorothy has left a legacy of faithfulness to God in service, for many years served as a missionary to Bangladesh and PNG alongside her husband Pastor Leon Powrie and their children. Dorothy also served passionately and faithfully for many years as treasurer of the Reedy Creek church.

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