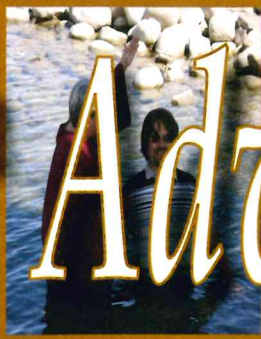
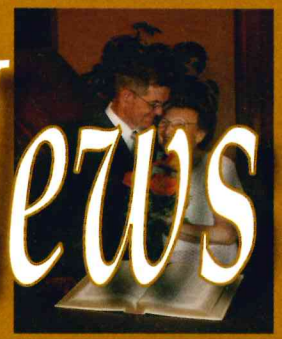


# Alberta



# Adventist News



October, 2008

*From William Olson (written September, 2008)*

## YOUR CONFERENCE

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, delegates from Seventh-day Adventist churches in Alberta met in the gymnasium of College Heights Christian School for the 49th Session of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This was a regular business meeting during which time administrative and departmental reports were received, administrative officers elected, an executive committee elected, and bylaw changes duly considered. The chosen delegates from each church essentially transacted important business of the formally organized Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta.

For many members of Seventh-day Adventist churches, "the Conference" is a little known entity. For some, it is just an office located at Red Deer, Alberta, where the staff just sits around with little to do. But, for those who are in that office it really is a "bee hive" of activity. Administrators are responsible for \$24,000,000 worth of assets; ensure payroll services for 50+ pastors, 60+ teachers and teacher aides, 21 office and Foothills Camp staff, summer camp staff, and "courtesy payroll" employees; plan camp meetings, pastors' meetings, teachers' conventions; and most importantly, encourage and support evangelism activities. The recruitment and placement of pastors and teachers is an ongoing process where a strong commitment to Christian Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs and a close relationship with God is mandatory in the selection process. The staff in the Treasury Department processes \$14,000,000 tithe and other income funds annually. The Education Department coordinates nine day schools, and offers home schooling and on-line learning for those unable to attend a church school. The Youth Department, in addition to working with youth leaders in the various churches and planning youth rallies, offers various summer camps to as many as 400 campers a summer. The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department provides resources to local churches and encourages the role of the Sabbath school in the church and the role of the individual church member in sharing the gospel message, a necessity in ensuring

that we follow the great commission Jesus gave to His disciples long ago. I would like to encourage each church member to find a time to drop by the conference office, take a tour of the departments, and see for yourself what is going on in your conference office.

During the session, an executive committee was elected which acts as a board of directors in giving direction to management, ensuring the integrity of financial activities, and to whom the President, the Vice President for Administration, and the Vice President for Finance report at regularly-called executive committee meetings. During my term of office, the Executive Committee was comprised of 18 members of whom 11 were lay persons. The Executive Committee has been instrumental in establishing the vision for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta, "Every Member Faithful," and making decisions supporting the mission statement, "To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through serving, teaching, and preaching." Many a Sunday has been spent by your executive committee members, during the past four years, in transacting the business of your conference.

This is my last editorial message to you as your conference president. I am retiring following this session. My wife, Judy, and I will be making our home in the Wetaskiwin area. (Yes, we like living here in Alberta!) We have enjoyed almost five years working in the Alberta Conference as your president. God has been good to us. We have had a great office staff with which to work. We have had a great pastoral team. We have had dedicated and hard working teachers. We have had a committed executive committee. But, best of all, we have had very strong support from the membership of our churches throughout this great conference. This has been demonstrated in church growth, annual increase in tithe and offerings, and was most recently demonstrated in the evangelism offering at this summer's Foothills Camp Meeting which exceeded \$200,000. Thank you to every one in this conference for your prayerful support of the

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## Alberta Conference Executive Committee

Mark Johnson	President
Romulo Daquila	Vice President for Administration
Robert Holdal	Vice President for Finance
John Alai	Larry Hall
Ishmael Ali	Walt Kalkan
Julie Bancarz	Terry Lachance
Ephraim Baragona	Stephen Reasor
Glen Brown	Elaine Sankey
Gloria Diwa	Wesley Szamko
Victor Fitch	Linda Weich
Hugh French	

### Administration

Mark Johnson	President & Communications
Romulo Daquila	VP for Administration
Robert Holdal	VP for Finance
Isaac Zayachkowski	Education
Richard Williams	Youth
Larry Hall	Ministerial & Evangelism
John Adams	Sabbath School & Personal Ministries

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Gerald Chipeur	Public Affairs/ Religious Liberty
Lois Graham	Singles' Ministries
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## A Message from Mark Johnson, President . . .



Becky and I are honoured and humbled by the invitation to join the Adventist family in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. We look forward to visiting with many of you as we visit the churches and communities of our Conference. Many of you have been blessed with insights which will be helpful as we join together in ministry for Christ.

We are excited about God's Church. Adventists have a message of hope and stability in these challenging times. Christ's invitation is for every person, young and old alike. We have a great opportunity to share His hope with neighbours, friends, work associates, and family members. I believe with all my heart that Heaven will bless our service.

There will be many issues which we will need to face together, but we must face every one of them in the context of the church's mission and purpose. As I understand it, God's Church is to grow both in size and in depth. Our church must be a place where the weak, the wounded, and the weary within our communities may join with those whose lives have already been changed. Our congregations must be places where men and women, boys and girls can safely grow in Christ Jesus. And as we stay close to Jesus, He will guide our plans and our lives so that they are effective for Him.

I can't wait to see Jesus. He is the Foundation of our Church.

Everything we do is about Him. And one of these days, very soon I think, we're going to see Him.

Keep looking up,  
*Mark Johnson*

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Lord's work here in Alberta and for your support of God's work around the world through your mission offerings and mission trips too.

May we all continue to be faithful and be able to spend an eternity together in the earth made new as our God has promised us. May God continue to bless you, each one, abundantly. Every member faithful continues to be the vision of this your conference and may you be found faithful when our Lord soon returns.

*William Olson*

# 49th Constituency Session Report

September 28, 2008



(l-r front) Becky & Mark Johnson, President; Romulo Daquila, VP for Administration, & Lilia; (back) Robert Holdal, VP for Finance, & Marlene.

On another beautiful, warm, sunny, fall day in Central Alberta, delegates came together at 9:30 a.m. to do the business of our Conference, hear reports of the past quadriennial period, and make plans for the next four-year period. However, the members of the Organizing Committee began their work at 7:30 a.m. that day.

Elder Dan Jackson, assisted by Corrine Vanderwerff (secretary of the Nominating Committee), presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee with respect to the administrative leadership of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the ensuing quadriennial period 2008-2012. After a PowerPoint presentation about the president-elect, the delegates and delegates-at-large voted unanimously to elect Pastor Mark Johnson to be our conference president for the ensuing quadriennial term. They also voted to re-elect incumbent officers Pastor Romulo Daquila as Vice President for

Administration and Robert Holdal as Vice President for Finance. Pastor Johnson put on his "presidential" hat October 1, 2008, and will take up residence in Alberta sometime later in October.

Recommendations also came forward from the Nominating Committee for a new Executive and Act & Bylaws Committee. The Organizing Committee also presented their recommendations for a new Norminating Committee for the ensuing quadriennial (see p. 4 for complete lists of new committees appointed).

Just prior to breaking for lunch that day, a surprise farewell / retirement cake was presented to Elder and Mrs. William Olson in acknowledgement of their upcoming retirement. The cake was shared with the delegates at the CUC Cafeteria as dessert with the meal.

In other business, the constituents voted to accept the Financial Report as presented by Robert Holdal, VP for Finance.

A very significant item on the agenda was the "Office Location Proposal." By a PowerPoint presentation, the treasurer showed and explained the recent water problems encountered in our present conference office building and what some of the challenges faced to repair a seemingly impossible situation. A parcel of land near Lacombe on the QEII was presented as a possible location for a new building. The estimated costs were given on the two options. After some discussion on the ramifications of solving the water dilemma versus a new location, the delegates:

*VOTED to approve the relocation of the Conference office building from Red Deer subject to the presentation of realistic costs to the Executive Committee.*

As the day wore on, it was then time for Ora-Lee Phillips, representing the Act and Bylaws Committee, to present the recommended changes to the delegates. After some deliberation on the technicalities of "the law," the recommended changes were finally brought to a vote. And all was well!

The last item on the agenda was the acceptance of the newly organized churches in the Alberta Conference since the last session in 2004, which are as follows:

- Calgary Maranatha Spanish
- Calgary METRO Filipino
- Edmonton Filipino
- Edmonton Mill Woods
- Edmonton North
- Parkland (Spruce Grove)



Bill & Judy Olson were pleasantly surprised and delighted with their farewell / retirement cake.

## COMMITTEES 2008-2012

Note: Members subject to acceptance

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Alai	Calgary Bridgeland	Layperson
Ishmael Ali	Calgary Garden Road	Employee
Julie Bancarz	Alberta Conference	Employee
Ephraim Baragona	Edmonton Filipino	Layperson
Glen Brown	Edmonton South	Layperson
Romulo Daquila	VP for Administration	
Gloria Diwa	Calgary Parkdale	Layperson
Victor Fitch	College Heights	Layperson
Hugh French	Edmonton West	Layperson
Larry Hall	Ministerial & Evangelism	Director
Robert Holdal	VP for Finance	
Mark Johnson	President	
Walt Kalkan	Lethbridge	Layperson
Terry Lachance	Calgary Central	Layperson
Stephen Reasor	College Heights	Employee
Elaine Sankey	Loyalist	Layperson
Wesley Szamko	Edmonton South	Employee
Linda Weich	Grande Prairie	Layperson

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Jackson	SDACC	Chair
Jack Birkett	Calgary Garden Road	Layperson
Ivania Bridges	Calgary Spanish	Layperson
Adam Deibert	Sherwood Park	Employee
Reynold Ferary	Calgary Bridgeland	Employee
Leo Ganson	Ponoka	Layperson
David Geick	Beiseker Level-Land	Layperson
Judy Knox	Lethbridge	Layperson
Debbie Letniak	Loyalist	Layperson
Sharon Long	Edmonton West	Layperson
Japheth Ndhlovu	Edmonton North	Layperson
Lorraine Popik	Edmonton Central	Layperson
Wendy Reece-Wile	Yellowknife	Layperson
Felix Richter	Calgary Central	Employee
Ulrich Unruh	Alberta Conference	Employee
Joyce Van Scheik	College Heights	Layperson
Corrine Vanderwerff	Sherwood Park	Layperson
Dwayne Wilton	Camrose	Layperson
Bob Winsor	Sylvan Lake	Layperson
Karlit Wong	Red Deer	Layperson

### ACT & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Nilton Amorim	SDACC	Chair
Eckhard Christen	Peace River	
Romulo Daquila	VP for Administration	
Sharisse McCalla	Edmonton Filipino	
Peter Miller	Calgary Central	
Ora-Lee Phillips	Calgary Central	
Loney Ziakris	College Heights	

## 2008 Session Photo Gallery



Elder Dan Jackson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, presented the recommendations to the delegates. He was assisted by the Nominating Committee secretary, Corrine Vanderwerff.

The session began with a song service by CUC's musical group (background). Seated in front l-r: Robert Holdal, Romulo Daquila, Irma Hartley (recording secretary).



The CUC Cafeteria provided a delightful lunch on session day, giving the delegates opportunity for fellowship.



The delegates in session.

## Treasurer's Report

I wish to thank you for your faithfulness in returning God's tithe and the giving of your offerings for your local church, the Alberta Conference, and for the support of the world wide mission. We belong to a church with a mission to spread the good news to all people, thank you for the part you play in fulfilling that mission. To the end of August, 2008, we have had an increase in all areas of giving. I thank God that even in these stressful financial times God has continued to bless His people.

If you were at camp meeting this year you will remember that we emphasized our desire to do great things in 2009 for evangelism. We have challenged every pastor / church to have two evangelist reaping events in 2009. Normally the evangelism offering at camp meeting is under \$20,000. We stepped out in faith and decide to ask for \$100,000 for evangelism during camp meeting. Every evening during the week we made an offering appeal for evangelism. The Lord moved upon hearts, and people responded to the challenge. During that week we raised \$189,891.84 for evangelism. Do I hear Amen? Praise God. You may wonder—did the other camp meeting offerings suffer? No, in total they equaled last year's camp meeting giving for the same four offerings. God does great things when we step out in faith. Is that all we need for evangelism in 2009? No, far from it. We will still need additional funds to be able to carry out the big plans the Alberta Conference has for reaping in 2009. If the Lord impresses you to join those who have already given, add something special for evangelism to your offering envelope this Sabbath.

Our quadrennial session is over, and I thank you for the privilege of continuing as your conference treasurer.

*Bob Holdal*  
VP for Finance

### Conference Dateline

October	17-19	Conference ADCOM & EXCOM Orientation / Retreat, Foothills Camp
	24-25	Calgary Youth Rally
	26	K-12 Board
Nov	7-9	Alberta Youth Movement Conference, Foothills Camp
	11	Remembrance Day (office open)
	14-16	Pathfinder Staff Training, Foothills Camp
	17	<i>Alberta Adventist News</i> Deadline
	21-22	Edmonton Youth Rally
	28-30	Prayer Conference, Edmonton Mill Woods
	28-30	Health Workshop/Retreat, Foothills Camp
Dec	7	Conf Executive Committee, Red Deer
		OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1, 2009 (Reopens January 5, 2009)
January	25-28	Pastors' / Teachers' Meetings, Foot hills Camp
	30-Feb 1	Ryley Winter Festival

### Retirement Celebration

#### *A 43-Year Commitment to Christian Education*

Everyone is invited to help Marion Deer celebrate her retirement from 43 years of educational Christian service. Marion Deer has been a teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary for the past 41 years. Vespers will be on Saturday, November 15, 5:30 p.m., at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary.



If you are unable to attend and wish to send your greetings or messages of congratulations, you can e-mail to the school at [reception@cwaa.net](mailto:reception@cwaa.net) or mail to Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, 10101 - 2nd Ave SW, Calgary, AB T3B 5T2.

## 2008 Filipino - Canadian Camp Meeting

The sixth annual Filipino-Canadian Camp Meeting was held on August 21-24, 2008, at Foothills Camp. The camp meeting speakers were Pastor Wilfredo Sumagaysay, Associate Director of the Trust Services Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Pastor Gregg Aguirre, Pastor of the Orlando Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida, who both gave inspiring messages on the camp meeting's theme of "Accountability."

A vesper service was held on Thursday night. Each day's activities started with morning devotions at 7:00 a.m. A musical concert on Sabbath afternoon featured performances from each of the churches represented at the camp. Saturday night activities started with several group games and competitions in basketball. Competitions in baseball, volleyball, and badminton were held on Sunday, and the winners and runners-up in the sports competitions were awarded medals.

The closing program on Sunday included a message of commitment from Pastor Sumagaysay, the announcement of the date for next year's camp meeting, and the new officers. The program closed with the traditional "Circle of Love" with everybody joining hands and forming a huge circle, and singing the song "Side by Side We Stand." By God's blessings and the tireless efforts of the officers and committee leaders, this year's camp meeting inspired and blessed those who attended.

The Executive Board was composed of John Lacanilao (President), Rameses Ladores (Secretary), Lilia Roque (Treasurer), Nimrod Montano (Vice President-Edmonton), Benjie Arias (Vice President-Calgary), Roland Arceo (Vice President-Lethbridge), and Pastor

Romulo Daquila (Advisor). The following were the Committee Leaders: Nimrod Montano (Program), Mel Roque (Prayer), Roger & Sally del Socorro (Souvenir & Fundraising), Adeline Barboza (Music), Ben Barboza (Accommodations & Reception), Jocelyn Adante (Communications), Jancet Montano (Cradle Roll), Elizabeth Bergonio (Primary/Junior), Jen Launio & Rameses Ladores (Decoration), Ben Lacanilao (First Aid), Mario Franco & Nemi Bautista (Security), Jome Sumiller & Gershon Segundo (Photographers), Ephraim Baragona & Dave Roque (Audio), Jun Lacanilao & Benjie Arias (Sports).

Next year's officers are Ephraim Baragona (President), Jocelyn Adante (Secretary), Violy Diaz (Treasurer), Nimrod Montano (Vice President-Edmonton), Rodel Diwa (Vice President-Calgary), Ben Lacanilao (Vice President-Lethbridge).

The next Filipino-Canadian Camp Meeting will be on August 21-23, 2009.

*Jocelyn Adante*

*Musical concert on Sabbath afternoon.*



*Sabbath morning church service.*

*Youth speaker, Pastor Gregg Aguirre.*



## REAPING EVANGELISM MEETINGS FALL 2008

- **Fort McMurray** (*Pastor Darrell Beaudoin*) has just completed a series in Sept./08.
- **Grande Prairie** (*Pastor Brummund & David Steward*) has just completed two series in Oct./08 with guest evangelist Emanuel Baek.
- **Edmonton North** (*Pastors Horrell & Smith*) has just completed a series in early Oct./08, with Kenyan evangelist J. P. Maiywa. Another series will continue with Pastor Horrell in later Oct./08.
- **Calgary Garden Road** (*Pastors Ali & O'Connor*) with guest evangelist John Scott, has just been completed in Sept./08. Next, Discoveries '08 NET series by NET evangelist Mark Finley Oct.-Nov./08.
- **Lethbridge** (*Pastor Clausen*) concluded a series in Sept./08. Next, Discoveries '08 NET series Oct.-Nov./08 with Mark Finley.
- **Ponoka** (*Pastor David Beaudoin*) has a series going on in Oct./08.
- **Smoky Lake** (*Pastor St. Louis*) will be having a series in Oct.-Nov./08.
- **Westlock** (*Pastor Condon*) and guest evangelist Pastor Victor Gill has a series in Oct.-Nov./08.

- **Olds** (*Pastor Corbel*) concluded a series in Sept./08. Next, NET series Oct.-Nov./08.
- **Calgary Metro Filipino** with guest evangelist Rodolfo Rodriguez has a series Oct.-Nov./08.
- **Drumheller** (*Pastor Streifling*) has an on-going series called "New Beginnings," one night/week.
- **Calgary Maranatha Spanish** with guest evangelist Pastor Bullon begins Dec. 10/08.
- **Edmonton Maranatha Spanish** (*Pastor Morales*) begins a series in Nov./08.
- **Edmonton Central** (*Pastors Wesley & Wong*) with guest evangelist Eric Fleckinger Oct. 24-Nov.15/08.

Many decisions have already been made for Jesus in these meetings. We invite you to pray for these new believers and the on going meetings throughout the next couple months that God's Word will change lives and many will come to walk in newness of life .

There is much power  
when God's people  
unite in prayer.

*Larry Hall, Ministerial & Evangelism Director*

## Local Church News

# Calgary Mountain View

Calgary Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated with Luke Schulze (July 26) and Boris Davidkov (August 2) this summer as they publicly declared their faith in God and their desire to do life with Him. Family, friends, and church family gathered along the Bow River to support Luke and Boris in their stand for the Lord. Boris (who is over six feet tall) had to kneel in the water to help Pastor Honey be able to baptize him!

*Pastor Honey Todd*



*Pastor Honey Todd baptizes Luke Schulze (left) and Boris Davidkov (right).*



## Beiseker

On Sabbath, July 12, 2008, the Beiseker Seventh-day Adventist church family celebrated two baptisms. Jen Turner and Christopher Dahr were baptized by Pastor Brad Dahr in the swimming pool at Foothills Camp on the last Sabbath of camp meeting. It was a beautiful day, and songs and prayers filled the air as the candidates entered the water. Jen had been studying the Bible for several months with Pastor Brad. "It was a tremendous blessing to be able to witness the Holy Spirit leading Jen and to baptize her was that much more so," said Pastor Brad. "It was an extra special day as our son Christopher gave his heart to Jesus and asked for baptism during camp meeting," he added. Christopher has been part of several Bible studies and devotionals since his dad became an Adventist Christian in 1998. However, it was the influence of a new family friend, Ann Orr, who helped him to understand that now was the time to choose Christ. While Jen returned home to the Beiseker area, Christopher, along with his family, headed for their new home in Yellowknife. "Jen and Chris are talented children of God, and I am confident that they will do many great things in the service of our King," said Pastor Brad.

*Jim Tetz*



*Jen Turner (second from left) with family after baptism.*



*Christopher with mom, Randa, after baptism.*

## Camrose

On May 10th, 2008 Violet Delzer was baptized by Pastor Bob Burke in Camrose Alberta. Violet was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in the summer of 2007 and given six months to live.

Because of the Godly witness of her uncle she believed that Seventh-day Adventists held to the Bible more closely than other Christian denominations and so in November she called the Camrose SDA Church Head Deaconess, Rosalin Wilton, and told her she would like to study for baptism.

After several months of meeting together with Pastor Burke and studying to prepare she was baptized and voted into membership in the Camrose SDA Church the day before Mother's Day with several friends and her son, Elton, in attendance.

*Pastor Robert Burke*



*Violet Delzer baptism.*



## Edmonton North

### Growth and Still Growing...

The North Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church has been in existence for two years, and in this period we have observed great potential of growth. We have celebrated several baptisms. With efforts from the members and the support of the conference, we have had many baptisms in the last 10 months. In early September, 2007, four of our members were baptized during the CAAA (Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta) Retreat. At the end of our first evangelistic campaign in September, 2007, we were blessed with eight baptisms. In December, 2007, we had one baptism. In March of 2008, the Holy Spirit led three more to be baptized. In May we again witnessed another three baptisms. Then in June 2008, we held a one week evangelism/revival meeting with the theme, "Jesus is Coming, Get Ready," conducted by Pastor Chiwena Kabanje from California. We were convicted and blessed by the powerful messages. As the Holy Spirit moved at the end of the meetings we rejoiced as we witnessed 14 baptisms. In summary, we have had 33 baptisms in the last 10 months and we expect more in the forthcoming crusade in September.

### Achievements

North Edmonton Church was organized into a church on February 16, 2008. Within three months we raised funds to purchase a PA system. We have since then established a church choir, a youth choir, and many other singing groups who took part in a concert at the 2008 Alberta Conference Camp Meeting. We recently started a children's church and Adventurers' club.

## Fairview

### Strawberry Shortcake & Toonies Build Churches

We the Fairview Seventh-Day Adventist Church would like to thank all the folks who attended the International Food Fair at camp meeting and purchased our Strawberry Shortcake. For those who do not know, we are in the process of building a church, we just wanted to show you what we have been doing for the past seven years at camp meeting. The funds we receive from the Strawberry Shortcake sales go to this much needed cause. We are a small church group who is endeavouring to do a great big work. We also believe that our God will help us move ahead when we take a leap of faith. We are almost ready to start digging the foundation. Only need one more permit and we are on our way!

We would like to let our brothers and sisters in on a little secret (it's really not a secret, only some have not heard of this). Our Alberta Conference has put together a wonderful project called the Toonie Church Building Fund. This fund is to build churches in our beautiful province of Alberta. The idea behind it is, if every member of our church groups would set aside a toonie a week and at the end of each month turn the five toonies

into their church treasurer, the monies will be sent into the Conference for this special Toonie Church Building Fund. So when we heard about this from Camp Meeting 2007 our little church started promoting this project. It is amazing how one does not miss five toonies each month. Wouldn't it be neat when we get to heaven to see how many churches were built by giving toonies? Who would have thought that such a small amount would amount to a large sum! Jesus would be able to say, "Well done, my faithful one." So we are asking all of our brothers and sisters to join us in the giving of a toonie a week.

*Lavonne Gladstone, Fund Coordinator*



*International Food Fair at Camp Meeting.*

# Fort McMurray

On Sabbath, June 28, 2008, four precious souls were baptized as a result of our ongoing prophecy seminar campaign. There are now 20 new members and visitors attending our church. There was an electrifying atmosphere at this baptismal service as the church members witnessed, yet again, the blessings of on-going evangelism. The church family is anticipating another rich experience in the September, 2008, seminar and more planned for 2009. To God be the glory!

*Pastor Darrell Beaudoin*



*(l-r) Pastor Darrell Beaudoin, Dora, Yvette, Emma, and Ryan were baptized on June 28, 2008.*

## Prayer Event Coming Soon....

**EDMONTON**

*November 28-30, 2008*

*Mill Woods SDA Church*

*(Watch for details in bulletin inserts)*

Presenter: Ginny Allen from Portland, Oregon (Great international speaker for prayer conference and women's ministries conferences).

Registration is free (a free will offering will be taken).

Accommodation is your own responsibility.

Meals will be provided for those who call and register by November 20. (Free meals provided by Mill Woods and Edmonton area churches.) If you expect to have meals and handout material, you must register! To register, please call Pauline at 403-342-5044, ext. 210.

# Parkland

August 17, 2008, was a high day both for Rose Pridding and the members of the Parkland Seventh-day Adventist Church. After many struggles Rose was baptized by Pastor Bob Condron, and now she feels as though a heavy burden was lifted from her shoulders. Her face just radiates her love for the Lord. But it has not always been that way.

Rose Marie Pridding was born in Trenton, Ontario, into a strict Catholic family. Her experiences attending Catholic schools resulted in her running away from God as fast as she could. She was frightened by Him and thought of God as mean. She and her husband, who was a strong believer in God, had five children. Her daughter, Sharon, together with husband, Doug Kiefiuk, and son, Doug Jr, who were baptized in B.C. in 1993, later moved to Alberta and attended the Onoway Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1998. They would take Rose to church with them and over the years God worked with her. As she struggled with tobacco she finally accepted Christ into her life and was victorious. The evangelistic meetings held by Pastor Victor Gill in Spruce Grove in November, 2007, really inspired and motivated her to go all the way.

We rejoice with Rose and her family and welcome her into the church family.

*Ngaere Gill*



*Sister Rose and Pastor Bob Condron.*

# Red Deer

## Local Dentist Honoured for Service

Dr. Clifford Tym, who owns a dental practice in the town of Innisfail, was recently recognized by the Alberta Dental Association and College for being a registered dentist in Alberta for 40 years.

Clifford graduated from the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University in 1968; and in 1987, he received his Masters of Public Health, also from Loma Linda University.

Along with his dental practice, he has served on several dental association boards throughout the years here in Alberta as well as being a life member of the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists; silver member of the LLU School of Dentistry Century Club; and a member of the Dean's Circle at the university. He spent a year practicing his work in Africa in the early 1980s.

Clifford and his wife, Anne, continue to be actively involved in the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church. They have four children and four grandchildren.

*(Adapted from, and courtesy of, Innisfail Province)*

## Baptism

Jesse and Colt Proulx were baptized on September 13, 2008, and voted into membership of the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church. Their family rejoices that they have made this momentous decision to follow Christ and dedicate their lives to serving God.



Jesse and Colt Proulx with Pastors Ian Hartley (left) and Myles Gillespie (right).



Dr. Clifford Tym holds his award for 40 years of service in Alberta. Congratulations Dr. Tym!

# Morning Star

## "Peace" Brings Peace

Earlier in the summer Kayla Simpkin was baptized in the Peace River on a beautiful Sabbath afternoon, June 28, 2008. Church family and friends were there with Kayla and her family to support her decision to live for the Lord.

*Pastor Honey Todd*



Kayla Simpkin rejoices in her new life in Christ.

## Rocky Mountain House

On Sabbath, April 26, 2008, Pastor Warren Kay presented to Brother Don and Sister Heather Johnson a beautiful flowering plant and a plaque signifying appreciation for their many years of faithful service to the Rocky Mountain House Seventh-day Adventist Church. They have also given unreservedly of their time and means to many in the community as needs have arisen over the years.

On Sabbath, April 26, 2008, Pastor Warren Kay presented to Sister Betty Leskosek a beautiful flowering plant and a plaque signifying appreciation for her many faithful years as leader of the Community Services Centre in Rocky Mountain House. Sister Betty boxes clothes for ADRA shipments, makes and restores quilts, and has brought the light and love of her precious Jesus to many people needing encouragement, both at the centre and in her community.

*Pastor Warren Kay*



*(l-r) Pastor Warren Kay, Betty Leskosek, Heather Johnson, Don Johnson.*

## Medicine Hat/Brooks

On Sabbath, September 13, 2008, Pastor Evert Potgieter conducted a baptism for Johan and Martie Botha who joined the Medicine Hat Church, along with Anika Van Aarde who joined by Profession of Faith. Also, that day, Ken and Vivian Kenschuh were baptized and joined the Brooks Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Pastor Evert Potgieter*

### Alberta Conference Website

If you are Googling “Alberta Conference” on the internet, the first two results to come up have a “TAGNET” address. The third result is the correct one to use! We continue to work with Tagnet to remove that old website address but it hasn’t happened yet!

To get to our revised, up-to-date website type in the following into your browser and save it as a Favorite, if you wish —

[www.albertasda.org](http://www.albertasda.org)

### OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE CHILDREN OF THE KABUL BLIND SCHOOL

April 2009

What has made me so passionate about going back to Afghanistan? The children at the Kabul Blind School. Most of them are blind from stepping on land mines. Walking into their classroom, I immediately determined that I would be back. On our second trip, we brought help. The third trip we are organizing will need to include eye care professionals and nurses, but anyone who has experience working with the blind is welcome. We need individuals—no more than five—who can spend 10 days changing lives in the Kabul Blind School. Please contact Eric Rajah (800-465-0534 or [erajah@rttinc.com](mailto:erajah@rttinc.com)) for more information. A Better World is a Central Alberta-based international humanitarian organization operated entirely by volunteers and a mission of the College Heights SDA Church.

*Eric Rajah*



*Blind Children at the Kabul Blind School.*

*Health Workshop/Retreat Weekend  
Foothills Camp  
November 28 - 30, 2008*

"HANDS-ON" COOKING SEMINAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Have you enjoyed the meals at Foothills Camp? Wonder how YOU can make these same tasty, yet healthy dishes in YOUR home? Then join in on a fun-packed day of learning! Darlene Blaney will share a number of recipes with you from breakfast/brunch ideas, to lunch, supper and special occasions! Then, to top it all off, join in the feast of tasting all that is prepared!

**Cost: \$40.00/person (or) \$60.00/married couple.**  
**\*Includes recipes, breakfast and lunch, & hands-on instruction for a total vegetarian diet!**

**To pre-register, call Darlene Blaney at 403-288-9293 or [rdblaney@telus.net](mailto:rdblaney@telus.net).**

ADDITIONAL CHARGE  
FOR SABBATH & SUNDAY MEALS  
PLUS TWO NIGHT'S ACCOMMODATION

Weekend Events you won't want to miss!

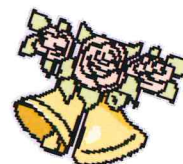
- Hands-On Cooking Seminar on Friday
- Musical concerts and testimony by gospel recording artist Michael Harris
- Praise and worship service Sabbath morning
- Walk in nature
- Presentation by Pastor Ian Hartley
- Hayride and camp fire!
- Seminar on natural home remedies such as hydrotherapy, cleansing and detoxifying, and massage therapy

*(Darlene Blaney is the Volunteer Health Ministries Co-ordinator for the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as the Foothills Camp Cook. Darlene is a Nutritionist working on a PhD degree in Nutrition. She has written three cookbooks, her last being the CHIP cookbook written with Dr. Hans Diehl.)*

**BULLETIN INSERTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL CHURCHES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, CONTACT DARLENE BLANEY AT 403-288-9293 OR [rdblaney@telus.net](mailto:rdblaney@telus.net).**

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Norman and Mary Gascoyne*



*Norman and Mary (Grosso) Gascoyne of Edmonton, AB, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 1, 2008. An open house was held in their honour at the house of Clarence and Beryl Grosso. The original bridal party was in attendance. Approximately 100 friends and relatives came to celebrate with them. It was a beautiful Canada Day so most of the guests were able to enjoy the outdoors. They have six children: Jim (Bev) Gascoyne of Hamilton, Ont., Larry (Elvira) Gascoyne of Lacombe, AB., Phyllis (Randy) Paddington of Edmonton, AB., Don (Georgette) Gascoyne of Stony Plain, AB., Joan Hager and Bonnie Gascoyne, both of Edmonton, AB. They also have twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.*

*On right of Mary Gascoyne (seated): Maid of Honour, Agnes Lyzanchuck; on right of Norman Gascoyne (standing): Best Man, George Gascoyne.*



*Norman and Lena Grange*

Norman and Lena (Moseanko) Grange, members of the Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on August 10, 2008, surrounded by their family and relatives. Present were their three children and their spouses: Darlene and Gunther Metzker, Dorothy and Ian Cheeseman, Gordon and Dani Grange. Grandchildren present were Lorena, Lynette, Elizabeth, and Jeff, and granddaughter Maya. A dinner and program was enjoyed by all, and many greetings were received from family, friends, and government officials. Congratulations to Lena and Norman on achieving this milestone in their married life!

*Herbert and Elfriede Koehn*



Herbert and Elfriede Koehn of Grande Prairie, AB, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 27, 2008. In honour of this milestone their three daughters hosted a celebration in the Grande Prairie Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall at 3:00 P.M. — the same time they had exchanged their vows in 1958! Friends and family shared in this special celebration. Herb and Elfriede have four children: daughters, Lorie (Larry) Ramey of Portland, OR; Dorothy (Dan) Merklin of Grande Prairie, AB; Irma (Dale) Gordey (Dale) of Lacombe, AB; and, son, Charles (Kathy) Koehn of Hardisty, AB. They also have seven grandchildren: Bradley and Brittany Merklin; Zachary, Bryson and Jayden Gordey; and Branden and Deanne Koehn.

*Victor and Patricia Latoski*



Victor and Patricia (Sims) Latoski of Edmonton, AB, were married 50 years ago on April 6, 1958, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on April 20, 2008, in St. Albert, AB, at a banquet/reception hosted by their daughters: Arloene (Larry) Johnson of Vernon, BC; Brenda (Pratap) Chokka of Edmonton, AB; and Karen (Alan) Birney, of Pasco, WA. The Latoskis have ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## ALBERTA YOUTH MOVEMENT (AYM)

With a vision to connect, inspire, and equip the young people of Alberta for the purpose of offering opportunities for evangelism, service, and growth in one's personal walk with Christ, the idea of AYM was born just a short while ago. Young men and women began to pray and discuss how best to accomplish such a goal. With support from the Alberta Conference and Alberta's Youth Director, Richard Williams, AYM saw God's hand moving in a mighty way. Ideas became reality as plans quickly fell into place. Within six weeks AYM was ready to make its first public appearance on the Foothills campground.

As young and old, men and women, boys and girls were inspired in their various meeting halls and tents this July during the annual Foothills Camp Meeting, a province-wide movement was gaining momentum and changing hearts on the same campground. Alberta Youth Movement, known as AYM, was set in motion. Led by young adults in the province of Alberta and supported by the Alberta Conference, AYM held its first official meeting on Friday evening, July 4. Over the next week God would continue to pour out His blessings upon this movement.

Speaker, Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim of C.A.M.P.U.S. Ministries, based at the University of Michigan, presented five powerful messages to the young people, challenging them to live lives of excellence - excellence in deed, in word, and in service to their fellow man and to our Lord. "The Bible is the inspired Word of God," rang true not only on the lips of Dr. Pipim as he opened each address but in the hearts of those who attended the daily evening meetings as well. Following Dr. Pipim's departure on Wednesday, young people themselves took over speaking the daily messages, standing in front of their peers, testifying to the call of God in each of their lives.

But the Lord didn't stop there! By the end of camp meeting, hearts had been changed and lives dedicated to God's high calling. Young people returned home with a new passion to strive for excellence and to serve the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The AYM Executive Committee, begun only six weeks before AYM's opening meeting during camp meeting, is now planning its first annual conference to be held on November 7-9, 2008, at Foothills Camp. With intense studies of God's Word and a look back at the history and calling of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the weekend promises to be an experience that no young person should miss. It is AYM's prayer that every young (and not so young) person in Alberta would discover a love for Christ that drives them forward as active, effective, and God-focused witnesses for Him both here in our province and ultimately around the world.

Watch for more details about AYM's 1st Annual Fall Conference! And be sure to visit our website: [www.albertayouthmovement.org](http://www.albertayouthmovement.org).

## At Rest . . .

**IRVINE ANDERST** was born December 11, 1921 in Hilda, AB, and passed away September 4, 2008, in Medicine Hat, AB. He is survived by his wife, Marion Anderst; son Dale (Judy) Anderst of Lacombe, AB; daughters Cheryl (Allen) Truitt of Lacombe, AB, and Lynn Anderst of Fort Collins, CO; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Irvine's love for God and his church were reflected in his support of ADRA, orphanages abroad, and sharing his life lessons with children and many others.

**E. LOUISE (REID) BUELOW** was born March 18, 1954, in Calgary, AB, and passed away June 30, 2008, in Edmonton, AB, at 54 years of age. Louise's sudden death leaves to mourn her husband of 33 years, Clifford Bue-

low; her children, Kelly (Christie) Buelow, Leanne (Troy) Erickson, and Phillip (Laurie) Buelow; six grandchildren, Hayley, Melissa, Zorryn, Maria, Jeremy, and Tyler. Louise is also survived by her mother and stepfather, Thora and David VanDamme, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Louise was predeceased by her father, Ken Reid. Louise was educated at PAA, graduated from high school at Wisconsin Academy, and went on to Andrews University, where she earned her Bachelors degree in Home Economics. She then earned her teaching certificate at the University of Alberta. Her formal education complete, she married Clifford and settled down on the farm in central Alberta. She would claim and love that spot as her home for the next 33 years. After a brief stint in the classroom, her focus turned homeward, and she

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became the mother of three, and partner in the farm and water well business. The Stettler Adventist Church was home while her children were growing, and the church benefited from Louise's many talents. Louise and Cliff then went on to become founding members of the Mirror Adventist Church, which again benefited from her talents. Louise did have a passion for her home, farm, and animals, but that was little compared to her passion for making people welcome at her church or home and especially teaching anyone who would listen about Jesus. Her example of loving service will echo into eternity.

**DOROTHY CORA FISHER** was born November 7, 1907, in Emery, SD, and entered into rest November 9, 2007, in Olds, AB. Dorothy lived a full and healthy life and was able to fight off her sickness fairly well in her remaining days. During that time she often spoke about God and family, two things that mattered most to her. Dorothy is predeceased by her husband, Bill; grandson, Karl Hansen; and granddaughter, Elaine. She is survived by her younger sister Magie of Langley, BC; daughter Arlene (Don) Hansen of Olds, AB; grandson Wayne (Pam) Hansen; great-grandchildren Casey and Haylee Hansen of Vacaville, CA; and numerous other nieces and nephews in Canada and the US.

**DR. RALPH HAYNES** was born in 1915 in Dominiac and called to rest on March 24, 2008, in Lacombe, AB, just one month before his 93rd birthday. The *Lacombe Globe* honoured him during Black History Month in February, 2007. His childhood was in Barbados, and his first profession as a tailor in Trinidad where he was a student at Caribbean Training College. His career in the Adventist Church began as a champion of literature evangelism who extended the church into new regions. His young wife Winifred Florence Mitchell, a nurse mid wife joined him in ministry. He was a legendary literature evangelist in Grenada, Barbados, and St. Lucia before assuming the role of dean of men at Caribbean Training College (now University of the Southern Caribbean). As an ordained minister he went on to serve as publishing director of South Caribbean Conference from 1948–50 and publishing Director of British Guiana Mission from 1950–52. In 1954 he immigrated to Alberta and enrolled at Canadian Union College. He was soon accepted into Pacific University in Forest Grove Oregon, US, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (1958) and a Doctor of Optometry degree (1960). During those years of study he spent his summers in southern Alberta as a literature evangelist. Many were introduced to the message through song by a quartet in which he sang bass. After completion of his optometric studies he returned to Canada and established an optometric practice from 1960-1993. During this time he was active in the community as a member of the Rotary club, an Alberta Marriage Commissioner,

and a mushroom farmer. He was an ambassador for Canadian University College, a member and president of the Committee of 100. His commitment to evangelism and community service never waned; he, his wife, and daughter Miriam, were charter members of the Red Deer SDA Church. With Florie, at his side as his optometric assistant, he went to Cambodia in 1982 to serve with SAWS now ADRA. During his years of optometric practice in High Prairie he was an avid supporter of First Nation issues. Dr. Haynes' life of faith and fortitude has been an inspiration to many. He now rests with Florie, his wife of 67 years, to await the Savior's call. He is survived: by his children, Roland, Miriam, Joy (Gilmore), and Jessie; grandchildren Jason, Michael and Charece; brothers, Dr. Alfred Moses Haynes, Dr. Aaron Haynes; his beloved sister, Nurse Ruby Haynes; sister-in laws Hazel, An, and Evelyn; 10 Haynes/Francis nephews; 7 nieces; and the Mitchell family.

**JOHN KARTIK, Sr.** was born August 12, 1921, in Czechoslovakia, and passed away May 20, 2008, in Stoney Creek, ON. During his 21 years of service as a pastor in Czechoslovakia in 1948-1969, he provided church members with Adventist literature during the time when the church was banned by the communist regime in the 1950s. In Canada, John printed and distributed Czech *Signs of the Times* until communism in Czechoslovakia fell. He served in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference as caretaker of the former Blackstrap facility, and prior to retirement he worked at College Woodwork on the campus of King-sway College. He is predeceased by his parents, John and Anna Kartik; his spouse, Margaret (Vyhnalek); and son, Peter Kartik. He is survived by his daughters Gabriela (Robert) Pohle of Lloydminster, AB, and Pavla Kartik of Saskatoon, SK; brothers Milan, Ludovit, and Daniel, all of Slovakia; daughter-in-law Anna Kartik of Hamilton, ON; sisters Anna Badinska, Maria Zatrochova, and Lydia Turcerova, all of Slovakia; and ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**ANNA (PYLYPIUK) SAMOGRAD** was born December 25, 1910, at Musidora, AB, and entered into rest May 4, 2008, in Lacombe, AB. For many years Anna was involved with MV progressive class work and was honoured as Pathfinder parade marshall at the 2006 camp meeting parade—at the age of 95 years! She worked tirelessly sewing hundreds of quilts for ADRA as well as participating in community service projects too numerous to mention. Studying God's Word was one of Anna's passions. She is predeceased by her husband Phillip; her daughters Gladys and Alice; her sister Pearl Radomsky; her brothers Metro, Bill, John, Eugene, and Mike; and great-grandchild Brandi. Surviving are: sister Mary Krysowaty; daughters Elizabeth (Alex) Tym of Lacombe, AB, Lillian (Ed) Matiko of Millet, AB; Esther (Ernie) Polishuk of Edmonton, AB; son-in-law Karl Bancarz of Innisfree, AB; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.