

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

From the President ...

Every Member Faithful



The Executive Committee of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has recently considered and adopted an organization Vision and Mission Statement. It is most appropriate for it to have done so as every organization should have a clear idea of its objectives and how it wishes to accomplish the same.

The Vision is very succinctly stated. It is "Every Member Faithful." These three brief words encapsulate the full sphere of Christian life. This Vision Statement includes what is the desired goal of the Alberta Conference for its

membership in their relationship with their God and with their fellow man.

The relationship with God can be demonstrated in faithfulness in Bible study, in prayer, in family worship, in church attendance, in sharing of one's faith with others, and in Christian stewardship, etc. It will call for taking time for God and recognizing the role He has in one's personal life. We can be so busy in our daily pursuits that we have little time for God and as a result our relationship with Him is distant and our faithfulness in responding to His love is weak. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" said Jesus (John 14: 15). As we grow closer in our relationship with Him and our love for Him increases, so will our ability to do His will improve.

The relationship with fellow human beings will be demonstrated in being faithful in our domestic situations (e.g. family relationships), faithful in our community relationships, faithful in our employment responsibilities, and faithful in our humanitarian considerations.

The Mission Statement is also quite brief and we hope to the point. It is "To Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Serving, Teaching and Preaching." It is the Gospel of Jesus that affects changes in human hearts making the recipient faithful to God and to relationships here on earth. Every conference administrator, pastor, teacher, and church member can find a part to play in this proclamation. It is our desire that our various church activities and programs will in one way or another "Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Every day it should be our prayer that God will give us the opportunity to serve, to teach, or to preach that day in a way that someone may become acquainted with the Jesus we know.

As we consider the Vision and Mission Statement of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church let us not do so in just the corporate sense. I would urge every church member in the Alberta Conference to personalize these words and ask ones self how they can be applied in your life. After all, in the words of Jesus, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...." (Luke 16:10) When Jesus comes, will He find faithfulness among the members of the Alberta Conference?



Vision

*Every Member
Faithful*

Mission Statement

*To proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ
through serving,
teaching and
preaching*

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December 31, 2005 Tithe and Offering Report

Received to Dec 31, 2005	Amount	Percent Increase 2005 Over 2004
Tithe	\$9,385,933	13.93%
Mission Offering	407,969	3.36%
AB Conference Advance	313,127	25.61%
ADRA Annual Appeal	171,034	2.74%

Many Alberta Conference members and friends must be experiencing increased blessings as a result of returning the Lord's Tithe and giving generous offerings throughout 2005.

*"Bring ye all the Tithes into the storehouse,
 "That there may be meat in mine house,
 "And prove me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts,
 "If I will not open you the windows of heaven,
 "And pour you out a blessing,
 "That there shall not be room enough to receive it."
 Malachi 3:10*

Approximately 20% of the 2005 Alberta Conference Tithe increase can be attributed to church growth, whereas an estimated 80% of the Tithe increase is a result of members and friends returning more Tithe to the Lord. Interestingly, there are no estimated increases from Adventist church members moving into the province,

because during 2005, the same number of church members moved out of the province as moved into the province.

It is estimated that 12% of the total Alberta Advance Offerings increase came from an increase in members added to the church during 2005, leaving 88% of the increase attributable to increased giving by members and friends. A goal of the conference is to double Alberta Advance Offerings to care for the many services to members and friends provided through this offering. An increase of 25.61% during 2005 is a significant step toward doubling Alberta Advance Offerings. Please prayerfully consider another increase during 2006.

The increased gifts to Missions and to the ADRA Annual Appeal are also very much appreciated and will bring God's love and care to many.

May we all experience the Joy of Giving to the Lord's ministries as we give according to the blessings entrusted to us.

*"Every man shall give as he is able,
 "According to the blessing of the Lord thy God,
 "With which He hath given thee."*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Conference Treasury

7th Annual ADRA Canada Leadership Summit

April 19 – 23, 2006

You won't want to miss this training event. Check out www.adra.ca for more information. There is an impressive group of speakers conducting workshops. This is the one event during the year where lay leadership can network and share ideas. You won't want to miss it! Rooms in the lodge will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis so get your registration in early.

New for the first time – ADRA Apparel is available for purchase to anyone attending the Summit. In response to the many requests for clothes with the ADRA Canada logo, you will find practical clothing for our Canadian winters on the web.

Brochures have been mailed to each church to be distributed one per family.

2006 Camp Meeting CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

July 7-15

*Fantastic
Music!*

GUESTS

Former Presidents

Don Corkum

Dale Kongorski

Herb Larsen

and others

James Astleford – ADRA Seminar

Henry Feyerabend – IIW Speaker Emeritus. 1st weekend

Jack Harris – VOP Field Representative

Dan Jackson – SDACC, 2nd weekend

Ed Reid – Christian Stewardship

Justis St. Hilaire – Giving Bible Studies seminar

Ed Teranski – Morning Manna talks

*International Food Fair
(Sunday, July 9)*

- Come and join in on the fellowship, worship, and celebration experience as we reflect on how God has led the Alberta Conference in the past 100 years! You won't want to miss out this special centennial camp meeting – only once in your lifetime experience!
- **ACCOMMODATIONS** Book yours now! Tent / trailer / RV sites are available. Please call Penny at the Conference office to make your reservation – (403) 342-5044, ext. 201.
- **CAMP MEETING MUSIC** Plan now to be a part of the music program at Camp Meeting. Song leaders, organists, pianists, vocal / instrumental soloists and groups are needed to add that special blessing to the camp meeting program.

If you can help, please phone Trudie Comm, Camp Meeting Music Coordinator, at (780) 532-6411 as soon as possible. Thank you so much.

There will be a band on the first Sabbath (July 8) and an orchestra and choir on the second Sabbath (July 15). If you have an instrument and / or want to sing in the choir, please contact Dr. Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or e-mail: hzinner@primus.ca.

- There will be a **CENTENNIAL PATHFINDER PARADE** on Sunday, July 9. If you have an antique car or truck, a classy motorcycle, or you want to create a float, please let the Conference know.

We want to have the best parade yet in honor of our centennial.

Call now to reserve your spot in the parade:
403-342-5044, ext. 0 for Irma or ext. 234 for Richard.

Thank you

Please consider investing in . . .

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH REVOLVING FUND

The following article is reprinted with permission from the Canadian Adventist Messenger, February 2006. It highlights the opportunity of investing in a church fund that makes loans to Adventist churches and schools, thereby reducing the interest cost to church projects, while still providing a modest return to investors.

The fund is totally administered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada but application forms are also available from the Alberta Conference Treasury Department.

A Trust document that may or may not be used accompanies each investment application. If used, the Trust document specifies how the investment funds are to be distributed upon the death of the investor. If the Trust document is not used, the investment funds become part of the estate of the investor.

Revolving Fund Questions and Answers

John Ramsay, Treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, answers some common questions regarding the Revolving Fund.

Q. For those who are not familiar with the Revolving Fund, could you explain the purpose of the fund.

A. *The Revolving Fund was established to assist the Canadian field with loans to upgrade existing churches and schools, build new ones, or purchase others, and for lines of credit in conferences and institutions.*

We are grateful to those who through the years have invested in the Revolving Fund. At October 31, 2005, the Revolving Fund had \$15,203,580 in deposits. There are currently approximately 500 depositors and the majority of the deposits are loaned out to 50 churches and schools at a relatively low rate of interest. We have reached the point where we need more deposits if we want to provide for future loan requests.

Q. How are the specific funds that I deposit used?

A. *Your funds are recorded according to the conference you are from, and are allocated for loans in that conference.*

Q. What is the rate of interest on Revolving Fund deposits and how is it paid?

A. *The interest rate paid on deposits is somewhat less than can be secured from public institutions, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that your money is being used to help carry forward the work in Canada. God's blessing will attend this kind of program.*

The Revolving Fund currently pays 2.5% interest on deposits; and loans it out to the churches and schools at 4.5%. Interest rates are reviewed periodically by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and adjusted based on current market conditions. One administrative salary is taken out of the 2% difference and the balance is returned to the conferences based on the funds on deposit from each conference at December 31 each year.

The interest you earn can be handled in three ways: it can be credited to your account and compounded semi-annually; interest cheques can be issued to you semi-annually on June 30 and December 31; or the interest can be given as a donation to the charity of your choice.

Q. Will depositors be able to withdraw funds from their account as needed?

A. *Depositors naturally wonder if they can get their deposits back when they need the funds. The answer is yes. All deposits in the Revolving Fund are accepted with the understanding that you can get your money back by giving thirty days notice. However, in case of an emergency, the deposits can be returned immediately upon receipt of a written request. Deposits in the Revolving Fund are not insured by any agency of the government. However, reserves have been put in place by the local Conferences in accordance with General Conference policy, thus protecting depositors against any loss. Additionally, all loans made from the Fund are guaranteed by the local Conferences and if the Revolving Fund requires repayment earlier than the repayment schedule, the loan shall become due and payable within 90 days through the securing of a loan from another source.*

Q. What advantage is it to me to open an account with the Revolving Fund?

A. The greatest blessing of the Revolving Fund is that the members of the church can have their money supporting the Adventist work in Canada. They have their emergency and extra dollars invested in the Lord's work and thus in a ready position for the coming of the Lord. If Jesus returns before these dollars are needed, the money has not been a lost talent.

Q. How do I go about setting up a Revolving Fund Account?

A. *If making a deposit to the Revolving Fund fits into your financial picture, you can either contact your local conference office or send a cheque payable to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, Attention: Revolving Fund, 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1H8. The necessary documents will be prepared and sent to you by mail.*

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Mamawi Atosketan Native School Newsletter

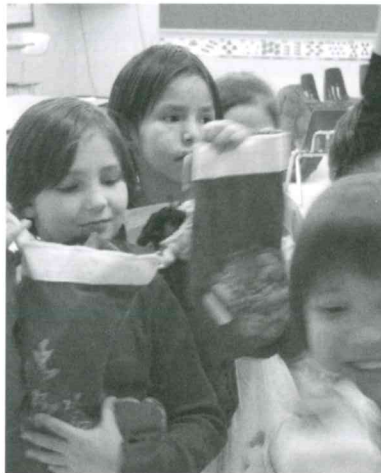
The 2005-2006 school year is now past the half way mark. Isn't it amazing how quickly time passes? There have been many great days—thanks to the contributions and donations from gracious individuals who want to help spread the love of Jesus through our school and staff. We appreciate every dollar, every item, and every prayer that is sent our way because without **you** we could not continue to exist.

This past Christmas we had several donations that helped make it a special holiday for many of our students. ADRA sent us body wash, toothbrushes, and several other toy items that had been passed on to them from Gillette Canada. We had a donation of stockings from a group in Newfoundland called "Lift High the Cross Ministry." They sent several boxes of toys that were to be given out to the students. All these gifts combined filled the donated stockings for the children and they truly loved the gifts. For many of our students these were the only gifts they would receive for Christmas. It made the smiles on their faces all the more special.

Because of the many donations our students benefit from, they also like to give back when they can. To start off



Cookie baking day was fun for Charissa Hawes' grade 2 students



Donated Christmas stockings brought joy to the children

the year, after hearing about Hurricane Katrina, they wanted to do something to help and so they brought their pennies, and whatever spare change they had to put into a jar to send to those in need. The students also made up ribbons to sell indicating that they supported those involved in Hurricane Katrina. It was great to see them working so hard to give back and to see them accomplish the goals they set out.

For Valentine's Day, several classes baked cookies that they distributed to nearby neighbors and community members. Last year we had several phone calls from many people who truly appreciated the gesture from the children. It was an event that the children could not wait to repeat this year. They excitedly looked forward to Tuesday, February 14th.

We would also like to remind everyone about our **Annual Open House** which is scheduled for May 5th and 6th. This is a major fundraiser for the school and your support is greatly appreciated. Please check out the advertisement in this issue for further details. We hope to see all of you at that time.

Julie Bancarz, Principal

Corrections to the ADULT TEACHER'S SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY

Second Quarter, 2006

An unfortunate error has occurred in both the English and Spanish *Teacher's Quarterly* for the 2006 second quarter. The Lesson Outlines for each lesson are incorrectly placed. The Key Text, Teacher's Aims, and Summary are all in their proper places, but the Lesson Outlines are not. You can use the following table to match the correct outline to each lesson.

Pacific Press and the General Conference Sabbath School Department apologize for this mistake.

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Local Church News

Boyle

Lac LaBiche and Boyle churches, which have been holding joint worship twice a month, held a wonderful



Young children render instrumental Christmas music

children program last Christmas in Boyle Church. Tamara McPherson led the program complete with script, props and costumes. Visitors from the community attended the program.

The Boyle church members, led by Rosalyn Nahorney and Fred Korbut, also brought gifts of clothing, toys and foods to families in Calling Lake last Christmas. Rhonda Harbert, a new convert teaching in Calling Lake, facilitated the community gift giving.

Other Boyle activities include the Healthy Eating Club, organized by Lisa Nakonechny. Another lady who is not yet a member of the church, and is planning to join the church, is also working in behalf of the church distributing literatures, videos, Bibles, and witnessing to people in her community. Other members are actively personally witnessing for God in their workplace and among their friends. Boyle church members, although small in numbers and living far from each other, are very zealous for God's work.

Pastor Alan Delotavo

Camrose

The Camrose Seventh-day Adventist Church has just completed a "Revelation of Hope" Seminar with Pastor Justis St. Hilaire.

God's Spirit was clearly evident as Pastor St. Hilaire presented Bible truth night by night and it was thrilling to see the reactions of the many visitors as these eternal truths were powerfully presented. The meetings culminated on Sabbath, February 11 with a profession of faith and two baptisms. Maureen Eelhart joined the Camrose congregation through Profession of Faith; Gary Blades and David DuBourt were baptized by Pastor Bob Burke. More than 100 people were present on Sabbath morning when Pastor St. Hilaire presented the message, "Heaven, A Place You



Pastor Bob Burke, David DuBourt, Gary Blades, Maureen Eelhart, Evangelist Pastor Justis St. Hilaire

Want To Be." It is believed that this was the highest attendance ever in Camrose!

There are also more than 20 *very* solid interests who are desiring to continue studying before they make the final decision to join God's Remnant Church of Bible prophecy. The Camrose group is looking forward to many more baptisms in the coming months resulting from these meetings when those who haven't yet made their stand, choose to take that final step.

The Camrose church was additionally blessed by, and appreciative of, the many, many members from other churches, particularly Sedgewick, Ryley, and Wetaskiwin, who regularly attended the meetings and encouraged the visitors. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Pastor Bob Burke

The Canadian University College Theology Club will be having their second annual Anti-Drug March on Saturday, April 15, in the Town of Lacombe, 3 pm. at the Terrace Ridge School and continue through Lacombe to the town hockey arena where a rally will be held. The Red Deer Royals Marching Band and Alberta sports celebrities will be present.

Edmonton Central

24 Baptized

October 22nd, 1844 may have been a day of great disappointment for our church pioneers, but **October 22, 2005** was a day of joy and celebration for the Edmonton Central SDA church when 24 precious souls took their stand in the watery grave of baptism and arose to newness of life as it is in Christ Jesus. They are now a part of God's Remnant Church of Bible Prophecy due to the preaching of the gospel by Pastor Justis St. Hilaire at the Sandman Hotel.

These wonderful results of God's Spirit did not happen without tremendous effort and sacrifice on behalf of the Edmonton Central congregation and pastoral staff of John Wesley and Tyler Rosengren.

Rental venues suitable for such a campaign were next to impossible to obtain due to very low vacancy rates in the city six months in advance and conference evangelistic funds were depleted early in the year. So, the congregation had to make a hard decision to cancel or step out in faith.

There were not 10 spies to contend with amongst this people! All 12 (all of spiritual Israel) in this local vineyard took a step of faith towards Canaan Land! A sacrificial appeal for funding was made in July and in four weeks a \$34,000 budget was achieved from this working class church! In addition, due to the dedicated persistence of our



Pastors Wesley & Rosengren baptizing David & Cindy Vande Weghe



24 baptisms and other Bible study interests

Senior Pastor, we finally procured a newly renovated venue in a medium-size hotel for ¼ the regular cost of other similar sites. Surely God has honoured the commitment of His people to preach the Third Angel's Message to this community.

As the visitors came night after night, a familiar comment was, *"Why have we not heard such marvelous truths as this before. Why do our churches not tell us of these things?"*

Plans have already been made for another evangelistic effort in which Edmonton Central will host an Evangelism Field School for seminarians from Andrew University in the fall of 2006.

We praise God for each one of our new brothers and sisters in Christ and the new life that they bring to our congregation.

Pastor John Wesley

Edmonton South

The Edmonton South church would like to contact the following missing members. If you can help us with contact information, please contact the Church Clerk at Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church at (780) 970-6219 or at cbreitkreuz@cpsa.ab.ca.

Heidi Adelsberger, Kunjama Alexander, Grant Anderson, Jim Anderson, Judy Anderson, Collin Bell, Anne Boida, Larry Brecker, Mary-Jane Brecker, Joyce Brennan, Teddy Bryant, Tom Carne, Norma Carr, Adam Chalmers, John Dirks, Lucille Doyle, Tammy Eliuk, G. May Eyre, Julie Fairhurst, Rolly Fairhurst, Andrew Ferguson, Donna Fibke, Shane Fibke, Ean Forbes, Darrell Gabrys, Coralee Gillis, Giselle Gloumeau, Nadia Gloumeau, Stephen Gloumeau, Osmond Graham, Donna Hammond, Fran Hastings, Shannon Heinzman, Alphanso Hendrickson, Leanne Lo Hilgardner, Dave Hockett, Chiemela Ikonne, Chinyere Ikonne, Carol Joy Johnson, Lola Johnson, Dearing (or Desrine) Jones, Denise Joseph, Julius Kato, Carol Ann Kelly, Grant Kelly, Carol Khadoo, Ling Mien Kong, Wanda

Lamming, Eugene Landry, Allen Larsen, Frances Larsen, Corrina Lindstrom, Gladys Lindstrom, Janice Ljungberg, Irwin Maier, Lynn Marchand, Perry Marchand, Elsie Masse, Robin Mayes, Laurie McKeith, Chandra Messier, Debra Mitchell, Myrle Montague, Murray Mottorshead, Preciays Mwinga, Kelly Nadrozny, Trevor Nadrozny, Melody Nahorney, Viola Nakoneshny, Chin Chin Neo, Don Neufeld, Helen Neufeld, Ambal Nobre, Samuel Opoku, Muriel Pasko, John Patterson, Jenny Petersen, Matthew Picco, Trudy Prytula, Prema Rajeswarn, Marie Ramsay, Cleanne Raymond, Wanda Rempel, Mike Rusnak, Dennis Sabourin, Nicole Schlenker, Isabelle Schwab, Tal Schwab, John Schweiger, Ronald Sheppard, JoAnn Silla, Uwe Silla, Rodd Sulzle, Denis Swan, Mrs. T. Taggart, Ardelle Tkachuk, James Tkachuk, Ethel Toderash, Loris Turner, Lucia Van Somere, Chantho Vayaphanh, Curtis Vornbrock, Joseph Watson, Jacob Wiebe, Naomi Wiebe, Nicole Willoughby, Scott Wilson, and Mike Young.

Local Church News

Edmonton West

The West Edmonton church family launched into 2006 with a year-end service on December 31st 2005. Pastor Horrell delivered a sermonette wherein he gave God thanks for all His continued blessings to us. Many individuals gave personal testimonies, thanking God for seeing them through challenges such as illness, heartache, academic challenges, loneliness, unemployment, and for being who He is—G OD! An Agape feast followed the service where those in attendance shared food, fellowship and hope for the New Year.

Each member and visiting friend has been called to revive the family altar in the home. This is an opportunity for us to be united in intercessory prayer to pray for the needs of the nation, the Province of Alberta, the local churches, and our families. The leadership of the church has set aside the month of January 2006 as 31 days of intercessory prayer, fasting and

fellowship.

Why? Because we know that God will do great things when we pray with one heart, mind and body according to His will; to humble ourselves before God; for Him to

accomplish His purpose in and through us; for a spiritual breakthrough for the diverse groups in Edmonton; for a renewed spiritual experience for God's people which will result in transformed lives and improved attendance at church services. The prayer month wrapped up with a special thanksgiving service on February 4th 2006 to commemorate the victories and blessings received. It was a day of praise, rejoicing, fellowship and testimony.

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when

you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them" (Mark 11:24)

Sharon Long (Brown), Communication Secretary



From left: Board members, Japheth Ndhlovu, Pastor Horrell, and Shka Ndhlovu make plans for the new year

Medicine Hat

God Continues Doing Wonderful Things

Seventeen young and 'not so young' people from the Medicine Hat church are leaving on April 13, 2006 on a mission trip to the country of Ecuador in South America to build a much needed church. At the same time they will be conducting evangelistic meetings in the evenings in two different places. In their enthusiasm, they worked hard for many months and through fundraising, they reached the total cost of the trip of \$38,000!

The Medicine Hat church members are simply on fire. They are vibrant with all that God is doing for them. They are now making a series of improvements in the church facilities and working hard in preparation for the weekend of May 26-28, 2006 when the Medicine Hat church will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. Present will be leaders of different levels of the church, former pastors, dignitaries and the media. And this will be followed immediately by a major evangelistic series.

Also as part of the celebratory activities of the 80th Anniversary, a tour to the Bible lands is being organized for the month of November, 2006. The members are excited about it. The Lord lead in such a way that they are getting the cost of the tour at close to half of the normal price and

that fact is making it affordable for many. Even people of other churches and other places are asking for information and want to join in the experience of 'walking where Jesus walked!'

A number of improvements are taking place at the Higher Ground Christian School, which the church re-opened this year. They have received a donation of 21 computers, notebooks and other equipment from the 'New Start' program. The church pastor received a donation of several thousand dollars' worth of operating systems and software from the national headquarters of Microsoft Corporation. The excited church members plastered and painted walls, and carpeted the brand new computer and language lab, computer desks purchased – everything is becoming a happy reality! The intent is to provide in the future also computer classes for seniors and people in the community in the evenings.

We thank God for what is happening in the Southeastern corner of Alberta. We are determined to do our part in the finishing of the work. And we request your prayers for what is being done.

Medicine Hat District Communications Department

Mamawi Atosketan Native School

Annual Open House

May 5th & 6th, 2006

Native Traditional Festivities to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5th.
Praise Service at 2:30 p.m. on Sabbath, May 6th,
with a concert and supper to follow.

Contact the school @ (403) 783-4362 to reserve a seat for the banquet/concert.

Please see church bulletins in April for more information!

Everyone Welcome!



Edson

On October 21-22, 2005 Darlene Blaney, the Alberta Conference Volunteer Health Ministries Coordinator, presented a Vegetarian Seminar / Cooking School at the Edson church. On the first day Darlene spoke about foods that we should avoid and foods that we should eat more of. She explained the benefits of following a vegan diet and discussed the negative effects of caffeine, meat, and sugar. The next day she gave the sermon on the topic of God's love and healthful eating. She showed us the texts in the Bible that show God's diet for us. Darlene suggested that God gave us this diet because He knows that some



Darlene Blaney uses PowerPoint to present healthful eating seminar

foods hinder us from having a relationship with Him, as they cause our bodies and minds to break down. Then that evening, Darlene had the grand finale that everyone was looking forward to – the food samples. She prepared a four-course meal, complete with bread, soup, entrée, and dessert. Everyone that attended had a great time helping Darlene with the cooking and, most of all, everyone enjoyed the food.

Thanks so much, Darlene, for presenting this message to us. We really appreciate it!

Local Church News

Parkland Company

Once a month the Parkland church Spruce Grove, visits and sings at the Everglades Home, a residence for 62 mentally handicapped folk. The home is also financially challenged as it does not receive any government aid, so we decided to prepare special Christmas packages containing fruit, cookies, and needed garments together with a Christmas story for each of the residents. But we received the greater blessing, as we watched the excitement on their faces as they unwrapped their gifts, heartily ate the cookies and fruit, then joined us heartily in singing Christmas carols. "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." We are thankful for the opportunity.

December 10, Visitor's Day at the Parkland church, was another

blessing. Many of the people who came were from our Parkland Vegetarian Diner's Club that meets once a month and all enjoyed the Christmas message and luncheon to follow. All the visitors received a small Christmas gift including the "Final Events" DVD.

The Lord is greatly blessing and exciting things are happening in the Stony Plain / Spruce Grove area. Please include us in your prayers as we look for a building of our own in which to worship and witness for the Lord.

Ngaere Gill, Communications Secretary

Rimbey

The Rimbey church, with the help of several Canadian University College students, is on fire to reach the community with an evangelistic thrust. IMPACT Ministries recently gave a drug awareness presentation to the Rimbey Christian School students. We at the Rimbey church will be presenting a series of outreach events for the next 12 months and ending it with an evangelistic series to reap the harvest. Upcoming events such as the "Genesis Conflict" in March, and "Man For All Time" in April, are a couple of seminars we'll be presenting to our community of Rimbey. Friendship evangelism is crucial to winning souls for Christ. We ask for your prayers as we continue to preach the Gospel through the efforts of the Canadian University College students and members of the Rimbey church.

Pastor Toby Wong



Red Deer

Steve Wohlberg Seminar Coming

Steve Wohlberg, Speaker / Director of White Horse Media, book author and host of the National radio show, "World News and the Bible," will be featured at the **Red Deer Memorial Center, 4214 - 58 St., on April 21-23, 2006** at a series of meetings based on his recent "Hour of the Witch" production, on Wicca, Harry Potter, and the explosion of spiritualism in our society. There will be additional presentations, incorporated into the seven lectures, from his newest production series, "Deadly Delusions about Death. . ."

This timely exposé will be of interest to young and old – intending to open the eyes of all to the massive deceptions that are current and tightly focused on our young people, especially manifest within the entertainment industry. Load up your vehicle! Bring your friends! These lectures are designed to be of interest to all faiths and non-Christians, alike. Further information and hand-out flyers and posters will be provided as we approach the date. For further information on how you can be involved in promotions, please email Kevin Straub straub@direct.ca

Pastor Awarded a 2005 Centennial Medal

On October 7, 2005, Mary Anne Jablonski, MLA for Red Deer North, awarded the 2005 Centennial Medal to Pastor Ian Hartley of the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist church. The award quoted the following: "Along with his many duties as a spiritual advisor, Ian is a Past President of Rotary East and a very active member. He spends many hours above and beyond the call of duty helping others who need a hand. He speaks for those in our community who cannot speak for themselves. Ian is a tremendously giving man who believes in family and community values. Ian Hartley, through his actions and deeds, makes our community stronger."

Mary Anne Jablonski, MLA (left), presents the award to Pastor Hartley (center)



Some thoughts on serving God in His temple

It has been said that 5% of the congregation in a given church do all the work. The other 95%, these over-worked children of God believe, find it easy to lean back and make suggestions of how things could be better.

This letter is to all who see themselves as part of the 95%, or the wallpaper on the walls, who come to Sabbath School and Church feeling they have no important contribution to make.

Have you ever wondered what important thing you can do in this body of Christ? Here are some strategies that have worked for me:

- 1. Study your Sabbath School lesson and think how you can share what you have learned. Maybe there is some point that gave you a wonderful ah-ha insight, or perhaps you don't really agree with a point, or you could expand on that idea.*
- 2. Start a prayer group, or join the one already existing that meets before Sabbath School. This group, in our church, prays earnestly that the Holy Spirit will meet with us to inspire, direct and comfort. If you are unable to come early, privately pray that what is done and said will be a blessing to yourself and to others.*
- 3. Share with, and listen to members of the Sabbath School class, believing that God has made you an important part of an important group, and that it is also your responsibility to nourish His children. What you share may be exactly what God wanted someone else to understand.*
- 4. Pray for each person|group who leads out—the praise group, the one who offers the main prayer, and the one who presents the sermon. Pray for the Pastor. He carries a heavy load, and only God can give him strength. Choose to believe that each presenter is God's child and as such has been given to the body so that you and others will be blessed. Believe that this is true.*
- 5. If you are impaired musically, still mouth the words, staying with the tune as you can. These words will sustain you and build you for the future. If you really want to emphasize your love|admiration|commitment to the Redeemer lift your hand toward heaven, pouring out your love to Him. He understands anyway, but it emphasizes the point in your own mind and heart and helps to liberate you from the deadly do-nothing mentality.*
- 6. During the sermon, give the speaker eye contact, a nod, some quiet response to let him|her know that you heard, are listening or just to encourage. If you disagree with a point in the sermon, thank God for bringing it to your attention through whatever instrument. Thank God for the speaker—remembering that truth is an ever expanding eternal net in its goals and being.*
- 7. When the Pastor makes a call for commitment, praise to God, or for any other reason, listen carefully. Then take this important opportunity to respond, making public your commitment|praise|belief in or love for God. This commitment "grows" you.*
- 8. After responding to the blessing at the end of the church service, shake the pastor's hand thanking him for his ministry. Then choose at least three people who you don't already relate to: shake their hands, give them a hug; let them know that you are aware that they are also a part of the body of Christ.*
- 9. Eventually choose someone you don't know well and invite that person to your home. Share with him|her about your love for Jesus.*

These suggestions are self-evident, but perhaps not often thought about. Go home believing that you have served God in the Sabbath School and Church services. He has a place on this earth for you as surely as He has a place in Heaven.

With love from one who has also felt like wallpaper.

Local Church News



Pastor Potgieter baptizes Dulu

Sherwood Park

Dulu Modi (12) is part of a loving Christian family who emigrated from the Sudan to Langley BC in 2001. She is now a vibrant healthy young woman who always wears a smile as big as all outdoors, and who shares her love in many ways; she is a student at Coralwood Academy, which she says she loves attending; she is part of the youth group whenever possible; she has a beautiful soprano voice which she loves lifting to sing God's praise both in the choir and in the congregation; and, she is a good friend to others her own age as well as to the 'little ones.'

Her dad, Abraham, a deacon who also sings in the choir; her mom Rose, who is also ready to smile, can usually be found in the kitchen or the nursery; and Dulu are kept busy with Yugu (6) her little brother, and Juwa (4) her little sister, who were born in Langley BC just before they moved to Edmonton in 2003. That is when they transferred their membership to Sherwood Park, where they are a vital part of the community.

Dulu had been studying the baptismal requirements as part of her education at Coralwood Academy and desperately wanted to give her life to Jesus, and so she kept 'nagging' her Dad to make the arrangements for her baptism. His quiet reply was always; "It will happen in God's time." Well, God's time was February 4, 2006. What a marvelous Sabbath for Dulu, her family, and the congregation of Sherwood Park Adventist Church! She gave the most precious gift she could, both to God and to us. We thank our Heavenly Father for the Modi family, and especially for this very special young woman, Dulu.

Lesley Bishton-Fox

Sylvan Lake

Baptism

On Sabbath, November 26, Pastor Kay had the joy of baptizing two people who had completely surrendered all to the Lord. Greg Fairbrother was first introduced to our church through a men's

study group many years ago. During that time he had to go to Calgary to have surgery to remove a brain tumor. The men's group went down to be with him through the ordeal, and that love and concern really made an impact on him.

Through the years he



Pastor Warren Kay, Frank Webb, Greg Fairbrother

came to church whenever it was possible, and gradually his heart was given to the Lord.

When Frank Webb first moved to Sylvan Lake, he came across the street to the church one day and asked the pastor if he could come to our services since they wouldn't interfere with his regular church. The pastor welcomed him and after going to both churches for a long time, he finally asked for Bible studies and took the *Discover Bible School* lessons. He then asked to study for baptism and after completing that, he knew what he must do. He decided to commit his life completely to God and that this would be his only church. Frank is always very willing to help whenever needed.

The Sylvan Lake church family is so thankful to have both Greg and Frank a part of their fellowship.

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Wetaskiwin

On December 10, 2005 the Wetaskiwin church celebrated a wonderful conclusion to the Prophecy Seminar, presented by Pastor Justis St. Hilaire, with 15 wonderful people becoming members.



Back row, from left: Pastor Justis St. Hilaire, Chad Ta-ala, Don Gross, Terry Page, Gordon Kutryk. Front row, from left: Jean-Noel Desrosiers, Annette Cymbaluk, Amanda Suffers, Anne Kutryk, Janice Kutryk. Not pictured: Sheldon Kupser, Paul Rondeau, Robert Weiss, Steven Deschamps, Kevin Deschamps and Michelle Newville

Many thanks to the Wetaskiwin members for their support, prayers, and personal involvement in the Prophecy seminar which make this such a wonderful and fun experience.

Pastor Justis St. Hilaire

Sylvan Lake continued

Annual Christmas Concert

The 18th Annual Inter-Church Sacred Christmas Concert was held on November 27, 2005 and hosted by the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. Once again, the church



Inter-Church Christmas choir

was filled to more than capacity for both the afternoon and evening programs. Since the inception of the annual concert in the Sylvan Lake community, more than half of the concerts have been held in the Adventist church. It is evident that the community appreciates the acoustics, fine décor and warmth of the church. Each year, several Sylvan Lake church members sing in the Sacred Massed Choir and there were many other church members who help organize, set up the PA system, and collect the offerings. The offerings collected this year were for the Sylvan Lake Extended Care Society and to provide "Bibles for Grads."

Some of the Sylvan Meadows school children played the bells as a special feature of the program. Incidentally, the bells are on loan from the Presbyterian church to the Sylvan Meadows school on the condition that the students play them at the annual Christmas program.

Sylvan Meadows Adventist School – A Testament of Dedication and Blessings

Sylvan Meadows Adventist School is a true "country school" situated just a short distance outside the beautiful town of Sylvan Lake – a vibrant, growing, young community. The school was established in 1975 and initially offered grades 1-10. After three years they changed to grades 1-9 and for the next 27 years they have operated with these grades available.

It all began with the dreams of a small church congregation who saw the importance of an Adventist

education and wanted it available for their young people. After much hard work and determination the school was finally built and has since educated a couple of generations of students from the Central Alberta area. With the vision that put this dream into reality, there was also immense faith. The local church, over the years, has continued to exemplify this kind of faith, as there have been many changes as well as challenges presented. But each one of those instances have shown how involved God is in this school and the many blessings He has provided for Sylvan Meadows and our young people.



The school year 2005-2006 began with the hiring of two fantastic teachers: Carol von Gunten, Principal and ECS-Grade 4 teacher and Chris Dubyna, Grades 5-9 teacher. The enrollment increased this year to 17 students, with the implementation of two factors. One was to focus on the ECS program and early grades and concentrate on making them



Gillian Holly, Daylen Renner, Gavin Williams on bells

exceptional. The other was to make the tuition for the school FREE. Once again the Lord has truly blessed this school. The enrollment nearly doubled! A Tuition Replacement Fund was developed in the budget to try and make up for the shortfall that would result from not charging tuition. Half way through the school year the fund has

grown to a balance higher than if tuition had been charged the standard way. Praise God!

If you are wondering about Adventist Education for your children, check out Sylvan Meadows Adventist School. It's an exceptional program with excellent teachers and a very supportive church family. It is also a part of a vibrant, growing community and is making a difference in the lives of the people in the community. – Doug Seland, SMAS Board Chairperson

Jerralyn Severtson, Communications Secretary

Local Church News

Vegreville —Pastor Appreciation Sabbath

The month of October is designated by various denominations as “Pastor Appreciation Month.” Accordingly, the members of the Vegreville church celebrated this occasion on October 22, 2005. The members



*Anne D. Samograd, Pastor Felix Richter,
Joe Elkow (Head Elder)*

expressed their love and appreciation to Pastor Felix Richter and his family. He was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and his wife DeAnne was given a large bouquet of fresh flowers. A poem, “The Pastor’s Life” was written and read by church member Miss Anne D. Samograd. After the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious fellowship dinner. Attached is Miss Samograd’s poem dedicated to her pastor.

Sandra Elkow, Communications Secretary

The Pastor's Life

Anne D. Samograd

The pastor’s life is an easy life,
They say he has nothing to do;
But listen to people day and night
And hope that those stories are true.

I’m sure he gets weary of all the complaints
As he travels from place to place.
Offering counsel and helpful advice,
With a willing heart and God’s Grace.

There are weddings and funerals, conventions,
committees,
Baptisms, dedications and lectures to say.
Responsibilities beckon in an endless array,
Until there is hardly any time left to pray.

He must be so thankful when evening draws night.
As he heads for rest and for home.
But there he’s confronted with telephone calls,
E-mails and computers to roam.

His redeeming factor, children and wife,
Are holding his home together.
While he’s away, on God’s errands and calls.
In dull or in sunny weather.

But he knows that his Captain stands by his side,
Who will help him all through the day,
And with faith and hope he carries on
In his journey the heavenly way.

Yellowknife

The Yellowknife church family has a good share of children of varied ages. On Sabbath, January 21, 2006 a special dedication service took place for two families: Earl & Sharon Lambert and their three children Chesley Inuk, Casey Inuk and Nyssa,



From left: Ken and Andrea Sollazzo with their children Ayesha (dedicated earlier) and Joshua Anthony Cyrus and Earl and Sharon Lambert with their children Chesley Inuk, Casey Inuk and Nyssa

Casey Inuk and Nyssa, and for Ken & Andrea Sollazzo and their son Joshua Anthony Cyrus. What was so unusual about this dedication service? All of these beautiful children were just recently adopted or are in the process of adoption by these two families who are extending their circle of love.

The theme for the pastor’s Sabbath sermon was based on the New Testament concept of the adoption process—because of God’s love for us, we all become members of God’s family and that Jesus’ love for the children is heaven’s high priority. Parents were encouraged to bring them to Jesus early in their life. During the dedication prayer at the end of service both parents and children were presented to the Lord asking for His blessing, guidance and help in their upbringing. The Yellowknife church fellowship treasures the younger members of their spiritual family. They are attempting to create best possible environment for their spiritual development.

Two sisters from the church, Vivian Silverio and Prescilla Sabit, planned and decorated the adjacent gym for the potluck banquet following the church service. Several visitors stayed throughout the day and commented on how meaningful and enjoyable church attendance was to them.

Pastor Karel Samek

Retirees

Blake Retirement

As of January 1, 2006, Pastor and Mrs. Blake have retired from regular pastoral work, most recently with the Bentley church, but are continuing their specialized ministry to deaf people as before their 'official retirement.'

Blake's began pastoring in 1964 in the Bridgewater area of Nova Scotia. John had just finished his theology training at CUC and Alberta had completed one year of teaching church school in Silver Creek BC. Blake's spent their first nine years of pastoral work in the Maritimes including working with the building of two new churches, one in Zealand NB and the other in New Glasgow NS.

Blake's then spent eight years with the BC Conference pastoring in the Trail/Nelson/Grand Forks area, and in McBride. After their work in the BC Conference, they moved to Arkansas where Pastor Blake became Director of the *Christian Deaf Center*, an independent Adventist ministry for deaf students. Alberta taught her two deaf teenagers and others who joined for the three years spent at the Center. Here Blake's deaf daughter, Judy, found herself as a 'deaf person!'

In 1985 Blake's moved to Alberta where John spent two years in independent Deaf Ministry while Alberta interpreted the for their daughter in her first year of classes at PAA and then the following year at Red Deer College for some deaf students. Blake's then spent seven years in regular ministry in the Beauvallon/Bonnyville district and the St. Albert/Onoway districts. During this time Alberta organized the first Mini Campmeeting for the Deaf held in Hope BC during the regular BC camp meeting. In 1994 they began combining both deaf ministry and regular pastoral ministry with Onoway, and more recently while pastoring the Bentley church. They worked from 1/2 - 3/4 time in deaf ministry, but though counted as 'full time' workers, worked without salary for deaf ministry. They very much appreciated adequate help with travel and full credit toward retirement!

Blake's have three daughters, the middle one being deaf. They also adopted a deaf son to be a companion to their deaf daughter. Mrs. Blake, after an intense year of training at the deaf school in Amhurst NS, added a "Teacher of the Deaf" diploma to her education training at CUC which later

enabled her to teach her own deaf children. (Their deaf daughter became deaf at the age of three months from a high fever after contacting chicken pox.) Blake's believe that God called them to their special ministry as a whole new world opened to them – the world of deafness.

Blake's have worked in the preparation of Easy English materials for deaf, sign language video and DVD materials for deaf, and have helped coordinate deaf ministry in Toronto, here in Alberta, and for 19 years a Canadian Mini-Camp Meeting for Deaf people during the BC Camp Meeting.

A recent project has been a sign language DVD called, "*Earth: A Theater in God' Universe*," which Blake wrote in conjunction with several deaf pastors. This video, a two-hour panorama story of the *Great Controversy*, is widely circulated across the nation. The Alberta Conference Evangelism Committee voted to supply 200 free copies to deaf people here in Alberta.

Pastor Blake has now become very involved in helping develop deaf ministry in other parts of the world. He is cooperating with Dorothy Watts

of the Southern Asia Division in helping foster 14 full-time deaf ministry workers in India. Blake's are also working to help build churches for the deaf in India. One has already been built, a second is under construction and a third is soon to be purchased.

Blake's have purchased three acres on the edge of Clive, have built their garage, and this spring their builder will start construction of a modest home for them nestled in the trees on their property. They plan to do some gardening, clearing of undergrowth and fallen trees, and planting fruit and other kinds of trees. They will have a nice sun deck to enjoy "sunny Alberta." They plan to enjoy the walking trails in the surrounding area and more birding with their new binoculars.

Their home will become their headquarters for deaf ministry here in Alberta and across Canada and what they hope will become an expanded ministry to deaf beyond what is already started in India and China.

(Blake's would like names and addresses from you of deaf people in your area.)



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and across Canada*

Seidel Retirement

January 1, 2006 began another phase of life and ministry for Pastor Werner and Geri Seidel when they officially retired from pastoral ministry in the Beiseker / Drumheller district.



Having been raised in a devout Seventh-day Adventist home, at the age of 12 while attending camp meeting, Werner responded to an invitation to accept Jesus. At 16 he was baptized and then

attended CUC for high school and college where he continued to receive an ever expanding knowledge of the Bible and of God. Werner's desire to serve God through pastoral ministry became clear to him during this time. He graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Union College. While receiving his education, he also fell in love with a sweet American young lady who came to attend CUC – Geraldine (Geri) Bliss. They were married on September 8, 1963. Geri has been a wonderful companion in ministry. She became very involved in church activities wherever they served. The Seidel's have two adult sons Brent (Brenda) and Kevin, who are a blessing to them.

Pastor Seidel's first appointment as an elementary teacher was in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. The Seidels then responded to a call to pastoral ministry in the Newfoundland Conference. From there, they served in the

Ontario, Quebec, and Maritime Conferences. In 1981 they received a call to the Alberta Conference and their term of service continued in Camrose / Sedgewick / Ryley and Beauvallon / Bonnyville districts until they went on a two-year mission assignment in the Zaire Union.

After their permanent return from mission service in 1989, the Seidels were invited to the Hanna / Loyalist district. While carrying on his pastoral duties, Werner graduated from Loma Linda University with a Marriage & Family Therapy degree through Canadian University College. Little did he realize at this time just how much this specialized training would benefit and bless his pastoral ministry in the days ahead.

Because deep down in their hearts they still felt the missionary spirit, they gladly accepted a call as "missionaries" to the Yellowknife church. They lived and served faithfully for four years and left there with fond memories of an enriching experience in the Far North. Their ministry continued in the Beiseker / Olds / Gleichen / Drumheller churches from 1997 until retirement.

For approximately six years, Pastor Seidel also served as Volunteer Family Ministries Coordinator in the Alberta Conference. The Seidels were invited by various churches around the conference to conduct family life workshops along with coordinating an annual Couple's Retreat.

We wish them God's continued blessing as Pastor Werner and Geri find new and more relaxed ways of serving the God whom they love by being of service to mankind in whatever ways the Spirit leads.



Cooper 50TH Wedding Anniversary

On June 19, 2005 more than 200 friends and family members gathered to enjoy a delicious Ukrainian dinner and wish Art and Alice Cooper God's blessings as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple's five grandchildren formed the bridal party. Art and Alice have been blessed with two children: Murray and Kathy Cooper of Collegedale TN, and Carole and Scott Schafer of Walla Walla WA; five grandchildren: Mason, Austin and Katara Cooper and Kelsie and Krista Schafer.

Edmonton Central church has been blessed for five decades with Art's contribution to music. He led the church choir for over 40 years and continues to sing in the church quartet.

We wish them God's continued blessings as they continue to serve their Lord.

New Pastors in Our Conference

Nathan James

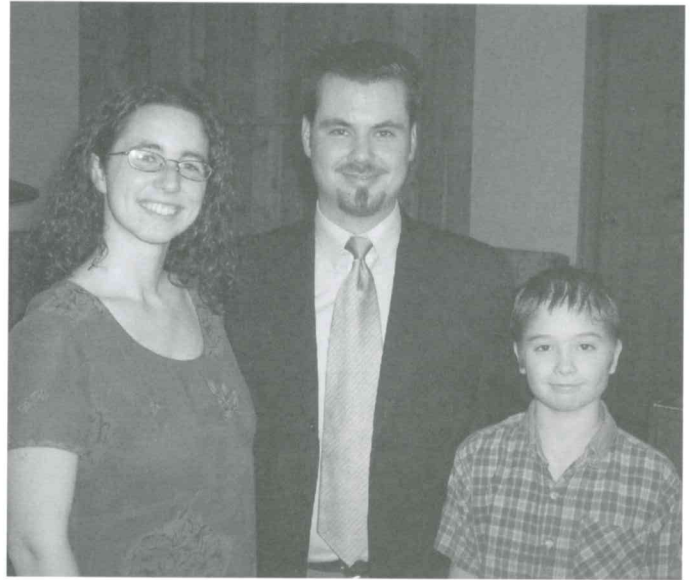
On February 4, 2006, Pastor Nathan James took over the mantle of leadership as pastor of the Bentley Adventist church.

Pastor James was born and raised in Northern California where he grew up to love the outdoors and animals. In high school he was a strong spiritual leader and used his first year after graduation as a student missionary in Scotland. This is congruent with the missionary mindset of his family, who in the past has worked in India, Tibet and even Leduc, helping to start Alberta Industrial College. On returning to California, Nathan began full-time employment at a ranch for severely troubled boys. The story of how Nathan married a Canadian girl, Charlotte James, and is currently a landed immigrant in Canada, begins with a broken leg. It continues with Nathan and Charolet recently assuming the care of their 10-year-old cousin, Cody, and co-owning and operating a yard care company, Horizon: Home & Yard. Nathan is committed to following God's leading and standing for what is right.

He is eager to learn, willing to work, and is always seeking new ideas as to how to reach the community of Bentley for God. Already he is enquiring about Eckville and

surrounding areas for expanding the Advent Message.

Let us remember Nathan, Charlotte, Cody, and the Bentley Church in our prayers.



Karel Samek

Karel was born in Czechoslovakia in 1947. His parents became Adventists in 1951. Karel left the church when he was 14 years old. Because of the family's faith, he was not allowed to study, but took industrial tradesman school. He then immigrated to Canada in 1968 after the Soviet invasion. When he joined the Adventist church in 1974, he attended Kingsway College for two years studying theology. While there

he got involved in student colporteur work and eventually felt the call to this ministry. Since 1976 Karel worked as a literature evangelist, LE assistant, and departmental publishing leader. From 1993 – 2005 he most recently served as an interdivisional missionary in EUD – primarily in Czecho-Slovak Union on both Union and Conference levels. Since September 2005 he has been serving the Lord as pastor of the Yellowknife church and its district.



David Streifling

A native of Central Alberta, Pastor David Streifling grew up on a farm a few miles southeast of Lacombe. He completed high school at Canadian Union College in 1963, and went on to Walla Walla College where he graduated with a BA in Religion five years later. After working as an assistant pastor for a few months during the spring and summer of 1968, he returned to Walla Walla for a "fifth year" program in education in 1968-69. Since that time, he has worked as an Adventist educator, having served in four Canadian conferences and on two overseas

mission appointments. Over the years he has completed Masters and Doctoral degrees in Educational Administration from Loma Linda and the University of Alberta respectively.

Dr Streifling married Jean Gay in 1974. They have two grown children – Jeffrey works as an electrical engineer in Edmonton, and Julianna is a veterinarian in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The Streiflings are delighted to accept the call of the Lord to serve as a pastoral team in the Hanna / Loyalist district.



OBITUARIES

Anderson, Agnes – b. June 15, 1907 in Red Deer; d. Dec. 11, 2005 in Red Deer. Agnes was a math teacher at Canadian Union College for many years. Prior to that she taught at College Heights Junior Academy as well as in Kelowna, BC, Level Land (Beiseker), and several one-room schools in Central Alberta. In living to an amazing age of 98 she outlived the rest of her immediate family.

Busch, Mark – b. April 3, 1946 in St. Boniface, MB; d. Feb. 9, 2006 in Lethbridge. Surviving: spouse Kathryn Busch; daughter Chelsea Busch of Lethbridge; sister Virginia (Bob) Fadoe. Predeceased: parents Freda and Frederic Busch; one brother Frederic Busch. Mark was a member of the Lethbridge Adventist church.

Frape, Eleanor – b. June 4, 1920 in Truax, SK; d. Dec. 7, 2005 in Grande Prairie. Surviving: spouse Walter Frape; son Larry (Lorraine) Frape of Wanham, daughters Lucy Nesbit of Blenheim ON, Sharon Ferguson of Tarzana CA, Joan Petick of Grande Prairie, Lynn Darby of Bradford; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Eleanor was a member of the Grande Prairie Adventist church.

Gabrys, John – d. Oct. 9, 2005 in Edmonton. Surviving: spouse Anne Gabrys; daughter Audrey Sharun, Delores (Larry) Rubuliak; brothers Paul (Ruth) Gabrys of Edmonton, Leo (Esther) Gabrys of Lacombe, Ed (Sylvia) Gabrys of Lodi CA, Peter (Rose) Gabrys of Lodi CA; brother-in-law Paul Hryhirchuk of Innisfree; sisters Jean Haluschuk of Edmonton, Elsie (Sandy) Lupul of Edmonton, Cecile (Napoleon) Shavoley of Lodi CA, Estelle (Rudolph) Skoretz of Tennessee; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He served as a deacon for many years in the Edmonton Central Adventist church.

Harrison, Suzanne – b. Feb. 17, 1925; d. Jan. 28, 2006 in Edmonton. Surviving: Sons Royce Glanzer, Ken (Linda) Harrison, Bill (Patricia) Harrison; daughters Yvonne (Marv) Johnstone, Susan (Gary) Thomas; 15 Grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Edmonton Central Adventist Church.

Larson, Ernest – b. Oct. 3, 1916 in New Norway; d. Dec. 20, 2005 in Wetaskiwin. Surviving: Brother Orval Larson of Sydney BC; sisters Ruby Larson of Wetaskiwin, Marjorie Sayler of Calgary.

Larson, Lola – b. Sept. 6, 1918 in New Norway; d. March 6, 2004 in Wetaskiwin. Surviving: Brother Ernest Larson of Wetaskiwin, Orval Larson of Sydney BC; sisters Ruby Larson of Wetaskiwin, Marjorie Sayler of Calgary.

Oshust, Lucy – b. Feb. 25, 1932; d. Feb. 11, 2006 in Edmonton. Surviving: Son Kevin (Gladys) Oshust of Edmonton; one brother and two sisters of Edmonton. Lucy was a faithful member of the Edmonton Central Adventist church and leaves many friends behind who await the resurrection morning when we can all be united with Christ.

Proud, Lauralyn – b. Mar. 27, 1963 in Lacombe; d. Feb. 20, 2006 in Red Deer after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Surviving: Parents: Ted & Ruth Proud of Red Deer; sister Heather (Jeffrey) Calkins, niece Dianna, nephew Alexander, of Calgary; brother Quentin (Darlene) Proud, niece Hanna, of Nanaimo BC; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends who loved her so very much. Lauralyn was very active in the Red Deer Adventist church and pursued her passion for song in many venues, most recently as a member of "Highest Praise," a ladies a cappella ensemble.

Roque, Olympia – b. Dec. 20, 1918 in the Philippines; d. Jan. 19, 2006 in Lethbridge. Surviving: Sons Melham (Zeny) Roque, Nester (Reby) Roque, Nolenia Roque, Joel (Lilia) Roque and Misael (Evelyn) Roque – all of Lethbridge, and Elden (Elaine) Roque of Fountain View, BC; daughters Rebecca (John) Lakanilao of Lethbridge, Emelin (Richard) Lavoie of Oshawa ON, Rita Roque of the Philippines; brothers Ladislao Lozano of California, Simon Lozano of the Philippines; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Lethbridge Adventist church and a faithful devoted mother and grandma.

Schafer, Sam – b. Oct. 17, 1915 in Edmonton; d. Oct. 21, 2005 in Edmonton. Surviving: Spouse Lilian Schafer; son Timothy Schafer of Edmonton; daughter Corrine (Everett) Nielsen of Ft. Saskatchewan; brother Ben (Violet) Schafer, George (Donna) Fritz; sister Phoebe (Audley) Rogers of Mayfair SK, Mabel (Sam) Steinke of Millet; two grandchildren. He was a long-time member and historian of the Edmonton Central Adventist church.

Schooff, Moneca (Lena Marcia Carpenter) – b. May 10, 1918 in Windthurst SK; d. Jan. 27, 2006 in Lethbridge. Surviving: Son John (Kim) Schooff of Seattle WA; daughters Elizabeth (Bob) Thompson of Bend OR, Jeri (Roy) Adler-Miller of Salt Lake City UT, Aleyna Sheradha (fiancé Cameron McLean) of Lethbridge; Evelyn (Marcus) Garfield of Forest Grove OR; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Lethbridge Adventist church.

Trenchard, Violet – b. June 5, 1912 in St. John's NF; d. Jan. 11, 2006 in Lacombe. Surviving: Warren (Marilyn) Trenchard of Riverside CA; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She taught in Newfoundland for two years and later worked for 13 years in food services at Hinsdale Adventist Hospital.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
John 11: 25, 26

Names needed for photos for the Heritage Book

Photo 1 — Four pastors at Old Bluesky camp meeting in either 1923 or 1924

From left: 1. _____ (Fred Johnson?), 2. J. J. Reiswig, 3. _____, 4. Peter Rick.
Who are the first and third men?

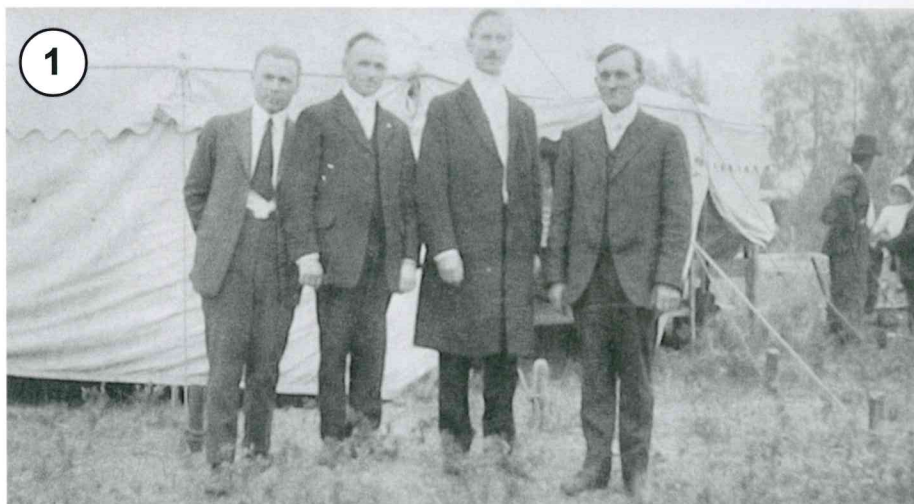


Photo 2 — Taken at the dedication of the Beiseker Church in 1945

Back row (from left): 1. Mrs. Voth, 2. C. C. Voth, 3. _____, 4. Roy Hampton, CUC music staff.
Who is the third person?

Middle row (from left): 1. Arlene Taylor, 2. Warren Taylor, 3. Kathleen (Cafferky) Taylor, 4. Margaret (Jolin) Campbell, 5. _____, 6. _____, 7. _____, 8. Willie Sulzle, Beiseker member, 9. Charles Mackintosh. Who is the 5th – 8th person?

Front row (from left): 1. Hugh Campbell, 2. H. L. Rudy, Canadian Union President, 3. C. W. Degering, Alberta Conference President, 4. _____ Elder Christman, PPPA ??, 5. Mrs. Macintosh, 6. Donald Macintosh, returned missionaries. Who is the 4th man?



If you know those whose names are missing, or if there are any who are incorrectly identified, please email the information to heritagebook@telus.net or call Marlene at the Conference office (403-342-5044, ext 206) or Corrine at 780-721-7951.

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Junior 1 Camp	July 30-Aug 6	10-12	\$260
Sherwood Forest 2	July 30-Aug 6	10-12	\$285
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Sherwood Forest 3	Aug 6-13	11-14	\$285
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Dateline

March

- 18-19 CUC Constituency
- 24-26 Prayer Coordinators Retreat, Red Deer
- 25 Edmonton Region Town Hall, West Edmonton church, 7 pm
- 26 NE Region Town Hall, Smoky Lake church, 10 am
- 31-Apr 2 Men's Convention, Foothills Camp

April

- 2 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 7-9 Women's Retreat, Red Deer
- 9 EXCOM, Red Deer
- 13-16 Prayer Retreat, Lacombe
- 15 Anti-Drug March, Lacombe
- 17 Easter Monday (office closed)
- 19-23 ADRA Symposium, Foothills Camp
- 22 EDUCATION SABBATH
- 28-30 CUC Graduation / Board

May

- 5 Mamawi Atosketan Native School Openhouse, 1 pm
- 6 Mamawi Atosketan Native School Concert & Banquet, 2:30 pm
- 12-14 Adventurer Camp Out, Foothills Camp
- 14 Mother's Day
- 19-21 Pathfinder Camporee, Foothills Camp
- 22 Victoria Day (office closed)
- 25 All School's Sports Day, CHCS
- 28-31 Grade 5-6 Outdoor School

June

- 2-4 CUC / PAA Alumni Homecoming
- 2-4 Native Camp Meeting, Foothills Camp
- 12 Alberta Adventist News deadline
- 18 Father's Day
- 25 EXCOM / Financial Statistical Review, Red Deer
- 25-31 Summer Camp Staff Training
- 30-Jul 2 PAA Graduation