

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Youth Ministry Breakthrough!

Todd Miller

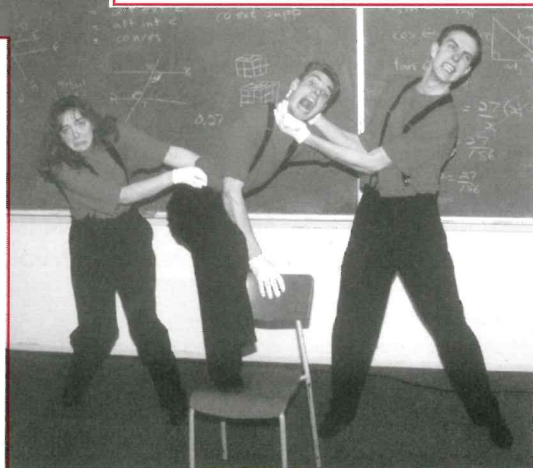
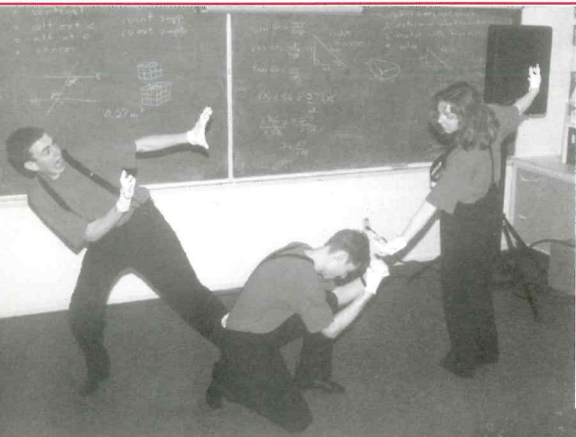
In the book, *Generation Next*, church research specialist George Barna states, "About three quarters (75%) of all people who have consciously, intentionally, and personally chosen to embrace Jesus Christ as their Savior did so before their 18th birthday." In the same book, Barna further indicates that 50% of those who make this choice, do so between the ages of 8 and 13! This would indicate that the challenge that really confronts our Church is its ability to take the message of Christ to young people, children and teens.

Where are the greatest numbers of young people assembled in our communities? Public schools. The challenge then, is to develop a meaningful ministry that provides an avenue to build relationships with young people in public schools.

To minister in a public school setting one must develop a program that deals credibly with issues in a context appropriate for the young people themselves. Using the same principles as a cooking school, stress seminar, or Breathe Free Plan—it cannot be a "religious" program.

With these issues in mind, a small group of highly committed people began to meet and prepare pantomime presentations dealing with positive

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Into the Light

lifestyle issues. In a non-threatening, entertaining, and yet thought-provoking way, pantomime gets the message across. A pilot project received funding from "Versacare" to do this very thing. In September of 1998 the team, "Silent Voices—Life Choices," was formed, consisting of Sophia Will, Steven Gabrys, Walter Rogers and Pastor Todd Miller.

Development of material, practice and preparation are grueling for

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Sophia, Walter, Steve



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Be a positive role model. What you do in your life, modeling the behavior you hope to see in your child, is more important than the rules you set or what you say, because children learn best by imitation.

Cheri Fuller, *365 Ways to Build Your Child's Self-esteem*

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From the President ...

The Consequence of Compromise



“It was the day of preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. ‘Here is your king,’ Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, ‘Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!’ ‘Shall I crucify your king?’ Pilate asked. ‘We have no king but Caesar,’ the chief priests answered.” *John 19:14 & 15 NIV*

Pilate couldn't help but milk the moment a bit. He had probably never heard the Jewish leaders shouting their loyalty to Caesar before. Since they had accused Jesus of claiming to be the King of the Jews, Pilate threw it back in their faces. “Here is your king!” Pilate told them. It's not clear to my mind if this was still a weak-hearted effort to release Jesus or if, realizing that he couldn't release Jesus without suffering major personal consequence, Pilate was taking advantage of the moment to mock the Jews a bit. When, in response to his statement the Jews continued to clamor for His death, Pilate retorted, “Shall I crucify your King?” He got what was most likely the desired response: “We have no king but Caesar.”

Do you suppose that, even in their wildest imaginations, the Jewish leaders could have thought that they would be shouting Caesar's praises when they began their doleful work against Jesus? But such is the power and consequence of sin! It leads us to shout out for the slavery we hate and submit to the control we despise! Without the freeing Spirit of God controlling our lives, abject slavery to sin and its author is the inevitable outcome! And that slavery nearly always leads us farther than we intended to go.

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When the Jewish leaders responded to Pilate's taunting question by shouting their feigned allegiance to Caesar they were but carrying on a rebellion against their True Leader that had begun in the days of Samuel when they demanded a king. God had directly governed their nation to that point but they desired a human leader and God told Samuel that in doing so they were rejecting Him. As they shout for Jesus' death it would seem that their rejection of God as their leader must now be totally complete. But amazingly to me, even now God did not reject them as His people but gave the Jewish nation another three-and-a-half years of grace and mercy to accept Him before transferring His blessings and promises to the Christian Church, thereby indicating His final rejection of the Jewish nation per se as His special covenant people! And even then the Jewish people could, as individuals, find forgiveness and salvation through Jesus and His newly-formed church. What a God of patience and mercy! What courage I take in seeing how patient God is in dealing with His children!

Thank You, Lord, for Your patience in dealing with us in our sins and our rebellion against You. Take our hearts and mold them into Your image so that we may be transformed from those putting our Lord to death into those anxiously awaiting His return!

“The greatest good that we do to others is not to give them our wealth, but to show them their own wealth.”

Around The Conference

Grande Prairie Youth Sailing Mission Trip to Bahamas

March 1998 was our special month. It was my privilege to accompany three girls, Adriana Marchis - age 16, Stephine Wombold - age 16, Mikkelle Wombold - age 14, on a mission trip. We arrived in New Providence, Bahamas and were met by Brian Randone, Christian mime artist, and the rest of the mime team, a total of 12, from other parts of the U.S.A. Brian trained us for two days in "mime evangelism" and then we were stationed on our sail boat, Bahama Star, with Captain Bruce, who is a sailing minister for the islands. We performed and ministered to an orphanage, a gang church, a juvenile prison, and schools. We had two or three appointments, approximately three hours each, every day for a week. It was educational, inspiring and powerful to be involved in such a witness program. We all grew closer to our Creator and were enriched by the association of the other beautiful Christians on our team. I personally was mostly blessed to be able to participate with my daughters in praying with and for other young people. God is so incredible! We were also fortunate to experience the under-water creations such as swimming with reef sharks. The whole trip was a thrill and well worth our fund-raising efforts of \$4000.

Denise Wombold



Red Deer Youth

Working with the youth in the Red Deer Church has been a blessing to every one! As a group of young people who have come through Sabbath School, church school, and Pathfinders, this class of 10-20 teenagers have developed a strong bond. Although school takes them to various locations, they find their way back to Red Deer Sabbath mornings!

Involvement in our church service includes praise service, children's story, scripture reading and ushering. These young people lead out in a small group which meets Friday evening—this is an integral part of the spiritual bonding that they enjoy. Activities outside the church setting includes food bank drives, visiting nursing homes and grounds clean-up. Highlights would be the World Vision 30-hour famine held in early May that raised over \$1850 or the camping/hiking trips to Siffleur Falls and Crimson Lake or maybe the canoeing trek down the Red Deer River Sabbath afternoon. (Disappointments are also part of our group: A foiled attempt to attend the Passion Play at Drumheller, due to a summer storm dampened our spirits but also, the Royal Tyrrell Museum was under repair!)

Paul Soper has been a "gift sent from above" to both the Red Deer Church and the Youth Department. His high level of energy has been witnessed by everyone in the children's story during our worship service. We will deeply miss him as he and his new bride, Tash, will be off to medical school at the University of Alberta this fall. We want to ask God's richest blessings on them as they pursue their dreams.

Doyle Steinke



Calgary Central Youth Pastor

Calgary Central SDA Church has hired Carol Tardif, a fourth-year education major at CUC, as a summer youth pastor. She has worked in youth camps for five summers and has also served as a resident assistant in the college dorm for two years and one summer.

This summer, Carol plans to keep the youth busy with various activities and events. Every Wednesday, the church plays baseball at a local park; every Thursday, the youth have supper together ("Belly & Brain:" talk to your belly and feed your brain)

at the church; every Friday, the youth meet to talk ("Youth Talk") about what matters to them as young Christians, and the youth will also have the chance to do some community outreach. The young people will also go on various outings together to do such things as camp outs and water sports.

The new pastoral team in Calgary (Carol Tardif and Randy Barber) have also extended their energy to plan a city-wide picnic for all SDA churches in Calgary on August 29. This picnic is to bring all brothers and sisters together—young and young at heart!

Campus Advent

Campus Advent is a Seventh-day Adventist student-run organization on the University of Alberta Campus in Edmonton, Alberta. It is an energetic and enthusiastic bunch of fun-loving young adults, filled with the inspiration to “Reach One, Through Grace” on the secular campuses around the city.

Campus Advent isn't something new here at the U of A. It had its beginnings in the early 1980's, when dedicated leaders worked diligently to draw together the SDA students on campus into a cohesive, enthusiastic group designed for outreach. Over the past eighteen years, Campus Advent has had its mounting and waning moments, but has never fully disappeared from the scene. Over the past four to five years, the growing activities of this student organization has drawn several SDA-born students back to Christ, and exposed numerous others to the refreshing vitality of Christianity. Along with regular weekly Bible study and song sessions,

Campus Advent actively organizes recreational activities during the entire school year, annual Spring banquets, and works closely with the Conference in coordinating youth rallies and “guest speaker weekends” in the city. The executive is currently in the designing stages for the upcoming year, and has many exciting new endeavours planned for the club. Campus Advent encourages students from other secular campuses to reach out to their fellow students with an attitude of sharing, and invites your prayers for the furthering of God's work in this “city within a city” of future leaders.

Christine Zinner writes from Edmonton, Alberta. As a student at the University of Alberta, she has been actively involved with Campus Advent for the last four years, and encourages anyone who attends the U of A, or who knows of a student on campus, to get in touch with her at 9707 Ottewell Rd., Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2E8; Phone 403-440-6013 or e-mail czinner@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

Adventurer Club Family Camp

Twenty-six families (36 children) from seven Alberta clubs attended the 3rd Annual Adventurer Club Family Camp which was held at Foothills Camp, May 29-31. The weekend was full of learning and fun activities including a family blessing service on Sabbath when parents reaffirmed their love and commitment to their children. Our congratulations go to the newly organized club from Edmonton South Church for having ALL of their members present at the camp out!

Ruth Riffin



Lacombe Community Adventurers Investiture



Lacombe Community Pathfinders Investiture



Edmonton Southside Adventurers



Eager Beavers & Adventurers displaying their hats

CUC Students Reach Out to New York, Tennessee and BC Youth

Janet Tripp, a psychology student from London, Ontario, will be working at Advent Youth Home Services in Tennessee as a group home parent for troubled youth. Chamra Otto of Etobicoke, Ontario graduated with a BA in psychology this spring and plans to continue her studies in graduate school after working as an assistant dean at Union Springs Academy in New York. A third student, who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, will be working with the church in Kelowna and the students at Okanagan Academy. Lynn Neumann McDowell



Janet Tripp



Chamra Otto

The Alberta Gospel Detonation Team

The Alberta Gospel Detonation team is starting their summer program with six members (Lani Bessara, Robbie Townsend, Candy Sheffield, Bill Heinrich, Lorenzo Fiorito, and Tov Razakaria). A one-week training session was held at Foothills Camp. *Youth With a Mission* (YWAM) sent Alan Birney, an experienced leader, and Dave Hosking, a younger assistant, to help provide the Detonation team with tools to be used in the work ahead. Some of the topics covered during the week included how to give an innovative Bible study, hearing God's voice, personality analysis and how to give an effective spiritual drama. Overall, every member enjoyed training and learned many useful ideas.

Our first duties were to assist the Kindergarten and Primary programs at Alberta Camp meeting. This gave us skills to be used in the upcoming Vacation Bible Schools. We are currently at Leduc, running a door to door campaign to find Bible study interests. The first night out, the six of us set a goal of 50 Bible study interests. By the end of the evening, we had gathered 60 Bible study interests in two hours! The second night, we acquired 40 Bible study interests in an hour! In three nights, 210 Bible study contacts had been established in Leduc. Our experience from last year has told us that about 35% of these interests will continue if we follow up the interests ourselves (as opposed to 1% by mailouts!) It is the goal of the church in Leduc to funnel these interests into Net '98 meetings.

Over the summer, we will be assisting with VBS in Fairview and Leduc. We will make an impact also in Valleyview, Peace River, Yellowknife, and Hay River. If you want to know more about this program, contact Keith Heinrich, Alberta Conference, 403-342-5044, ex. 202, or Bruce Proud 867-873-6767, or visit our web site at <http://www.cnet.com/public/lorenzo/>.

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an initiative of this nature. In fact, in many ways it has been a two-year process for this group which had grown out of previous mime teams in Calgary and at CUC. Steve Gabrys reflected on those early efforts: "It was tough, we had nothing, and we were reaching for something we didn't know, finally we got it! The experience has challenged me to think of many new and creative ways to do ministry." Time spent in preparation of music tracks, material, practice, travel and performance likely averaged eight to ten hours per week for 24 weeks. Sophia Will expressed the sentiments of each of the group members: "In the end there was a tangible reward, all those hours were worth it. I've also been challenged to minister using new and unusual methods."

The goal of the group was initially realized when the team presented a program at the Lacombe Composite High School. The audience was a "Career and Life Management" class of thirty grade 10 and 11 students. The presentation, in this case, consisted of a number of pantomimes, followed by a discussion. What followed exceeded our wildest expectations—very positive, direct discussion of the relevant issues raised. Following the class presentation, the group went on to perform during lunch hour. The response from both students and staff was tremendous—and a number of additional performance invitations followed. The credibility of the material and manner, opened doors for future opportunities.

These opportunities included a presentation in the local junior high school to a drama class, and a key presentation at a local Youth for Christ Outreach event. The group made a number of other presentations, secular and Christian, to a school audiences numbering 8 to 100, and held their own training seminar at the Pathfinder Winter Retreat. We found that the element of discussion combined with good dramatic material was a most effective way to communicate.

The group praises God for a number of things: First, that a funding grant was provided which made this ministry possible. Second, we started with the goal to reach secular senior high students, and these proved to be our most favorable and responsive audience. Third, the group praises God for the inspiration for the material. Fourth, one of the goals the group was most excited about achieving was that of a performance video. This will provide the material that was developed at painstaking effort - and field proven for others interested in pursuing the same kind of ministry.

There is great excitement about the success to date with this approach and the group prays that God will use what has been developed for bigger and better things yet. Walter Rogers reflected on the entire experience, "I really appreciated the fruit that came out of the team commitment." Walter puts forward a challenge for all, for it truly is amazing what takes place when people come together committed to a ministry cause - mountains can be moved! If this sounds like a ministry you're interested in, and you would like a copy of the performance video, or other resource material, feel free to contact myself at the following address: Pastor Todd Miller, St. Albert SDA Church, 15 Corriveau Ave., St. Albert, AB T8N 5A3, Ph: 403-458-4644; e-mail: millertime@digitaldove.org



Who Has Come to Sabbath School...?

Onoway

Sabbath School at the Onoway Church has always been an integral part of our worship experience. Here are some factors that I feel are reasons why Sabbath School continues to be successful in our church:

1. The entire church family recognizes the Sabbath School program as a high priority. Our Nominating Committee has made a consistent effort to select and place individuals in various capacities according to their spiritual gifts.
2. Our Sabbath School superintendents have been committed to overseeing the programming and supporting the teachers. The current superintendent possesses strong managerial and people skills. She firmly believes that it is to the church's benefit to participate in quarterly Children's Church services - whereby the children's divisions demonstrate to the whole church, during the 11 o'clock worship hour, some activity they have learned during the quarter.
3. We have outstanding greeters at the front door first thing on Sabbath morning. Members familiar to the greeters are greeted with a smile, a handshake or a hug. Less familiar church goers are greeted with a smile and a handshake and/or a touch on the arm. Our greeters succeed in making people feel warmly welcomed.
4. The Adult Division has minimum time given (5-10 minutes) to the general superintendent's comments and maximum time given (40-45 minutes) to Sabbath School lesson study.
5. Our adult Sabbath School classes promote an open-minded atmosphere. Members are encouraged and expected to freely contribute their thoughts. The success of the lesson discussion depends as much on the members as it does on the teachers. This, hopefully, results in the members feeling a certain degree of "responsibility" for the lesson study.
6. It is sometimes difficult, in a relatively small church, to find enough leaders and teachers for all the children's divisions. In our church, the membership has felt it important enough that in addition to the adult classes, we have six separate divisions from Cradle Roll to Young Adult.
7. Our Collegiate class (Young Adults) is led by two well grounded Christians who are not afraid of questioning minds on controversial subjects.
8. Music plays a large role in every area of our church.

Do we have members who do not attend or who come late for Sabbath School? Yes, of course we do. But the overall desire of the Onoway Church is to support and encourage Sabbath School attendance. As a result, our Sabbath School program is not in decline but is a joyful, enriching part of our worship and fellowship together.

Heidi Huedepohl

Drumheller

We are a very small church with a very few, but faithful, members. Our pastor comes to minister to us once in three weeks or more. So, the 3ABN satellite program has become a very valuable resource for us. One of our members who has a satellite dish records and brings the complete program each Sabbath morning. We have a full-meal deal! Our Sabbath School, special music, lesson study and sermon all from the 3ABN. Our worship has become a delight with Pastor Doug Batchelor for the Sabbaths our pastor is not able to be with us. We view Mission Spotlight and read the Mission Quarterly to keep in touch with what is happening around the world.

Sudha Medavarapu

Sylvan Lake

Wednesday prayer meetings have slid off the track. Is Sabbath School next? By the grace of God NOT AT ALL AT SYLVAN LAKE!

We are trying to revive our Sabbath School. Not only trying, but to a degree, succeeding because our Sabbath School Council is focused on renewal. It is also asking for more accountability from leadership. The old patterns of looseness, lateness, and okayness are slowly being whittled away. Little miracles of growth are beginning to take root. More adults are present. Our Sabbath School Council is the centre of this renewal. The strength of the Sabbath School is proportionate to the effectiveness of the council and its leadership.

Our Sabbath School Council meets at least once a quarter and makes definite plans and programs. We have a general superintendent who is in charge of all divisions including the adult Sabbath School. This has made a definite difference at Sylvan.

Pastor Bob Schafer

(Calgary) Bridgeland

We have a very vibrant Sabbath School. Approximately one-third of the church members attend. We have five superintendents, two of whom are youth. Although we follow the Sabbath School guide, we encourage our leaders to be innovative and improve the quality of programming. They include drama, musical programs and a general lesson study with active participation. Youth involvement in planning and presenting has improved our Sabbath School attendance.

Pastor John Adams

Red Deer

We have changed the name from Sabbath School to "Sabbath School Fellowship Groups." Instead of meeting in the sanctuary first, we go directly to our fellowship groups. Any special features, such as Mission Spotlight, are incorporated as part of the worship service. There is a leading question or ice-breaker activity to start the sharing time, followed by prayer.

Much more time is spent on fellowship and study of the quarterly lessons. Each group has a named hostess who keeps a record of names and phone numbers of visitors as well as missing members, which is passed on to members of the group for follow up. Once in a while we get together for fellowship in someone's home during the week. This has improved the relationship as well as the attendance. There is a direct correlation between keeping in touch by phone and attendance.

Nicola Straub

...You Have, You Have!





Children's Ministries Leadership Training

Pictured is Barbara Manspeaker, speaking to children's ministries leaders from Edmonton and neighbouring churches on May 22 - 23. Thanks to the Edmonton South Church for hosting the seminar and for their wonderful support and assistance with meals and overall organization to make this weekend a success. Leaders returned to their churches with valuable resources and renewed determination to minister to children.

Children's Ministries at Camp Meeting

Juniors, Everett & Joan Matiko

What an exciting year for the Juniors at Camp Meeting 1998! Between 80 to 90 children attended during the week and approximately 110 on Sabbaths. The guest speakers were David Oakley from Michigan who dramatized Bible stories and who loved to play Bible tic-tac-toe, and Kingsley Palmer from the BC Conference who challenged the Juniors "to get a grip on Christ and you will fly ... into eternity." The week was fully packed with features from guest speakers, sports activities—base ball, soccer, dare base; crafts (T-shirt painting) and other fun activities. Summer camp staff added much to our program. "What a blessing they are! Continue to raise them in Jesus" was the comment expressed by Everett and Joan.

Primary, Janet Griffith

An average of 100 children attended in the mornings and 140 during children's church in the evenings with 200 children on Sabbaths. Puppet Amy, and Kelsey Hallett were our special guests. Children's church crew, Pastor Ruffus, Clem, Zelda and Harvey made each evening exciting. Sunday through Friday, we had crafts: bird feeder, key ring, angels, paper animals and sachets. One of the highlights was when the children collected Primary pennies for helping out and cashed them in at the Primary Store! Some of the enjoyable activities were canoeing, swimming and horseback riding.

Kindergarten, Donna Kutzner

What an incredible eight-day journey the Kindergarten division had at camp meeting! Between 60 to 90 children started out with baby Moses and concluded in Canaan land. We all build walls of different sorts that keep us from having freedom in Christ. However, they can be knocked down by surrounding them with prayer and praise, just like the walls of Jericho. It is our prayer that Kindergarten children and their parents would experience this freedom.

Cradle Roll, Dorothy Crombie

Going Home with Jesus! was the theme of the Cradle Roll Division at Alberta Camp Meeting 1998. Daily attendance had 35 little people walking on the streets of gold and entering the heavenly mansion surrounded with trees and large animals.



Important Notice!

Adult Sabbath School Teacher Certification Curriculum

If you are committed to equipping yourself to adding new ideas and skills to your teaching repertoire, then a key nurture resource is the Sabbath School Leadership Teacher Certification Curriculum. It consists of 6 modules: *The Vision, How Temperaments Affect Sabbath School, How People Learn, The Caring Class, Group Dynamics and How to Teach*. Registration fee for each module is \$5.00 (U.S.). Write to J. Alfred Johnson II, Adult Ministries/NAD, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

"Satan presents many temptations to the youth. He is playing the game of life for their souls, and he leaves no means untried to allure and ruin them. But God does not leave them to fight unaided against the tempter. They have an all-powerful Helper."

Messages to Young People, p.95

Looking for help to make your Sabbath School vibrant?

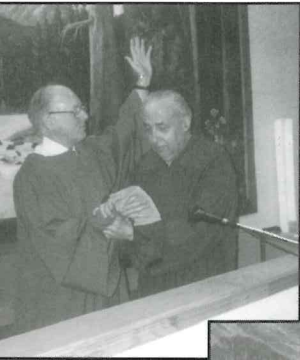
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Looking Back

Lacombe Community

Left: Nick Sidorko and Doug Batchelor's satellite series were instrumental in Howard Jones' re-conversion and commitment to God, March 21, 1998.

Below: Wally & Helen Albers with Pastor Ian Cotton, May 2, 1998.



Jed Roberts Visits MANS

Jed Roberts, a Native who has played professional football with the Edmonton Eskimos for the last seven years, visited MANS on March 19, 1998. "Sports," he said, "takes the highest level you can reach. You must be dedicated, committed and focused." Jed holds the Eskimos' career record with 107 special team tackles in 107 games over seven seasons. He tied for fifth place in the league and was first among Eskimos with 23 special teams' tackles in 1996.



Peoria-Smoky

A beautiful outdoor baptism at Elk Island Park on June 6, 1998. Pictured left to right: Janet Gelech, Verna Gelech, Gloria Furstenwerth, and Pastor Justis St. Hilaire.



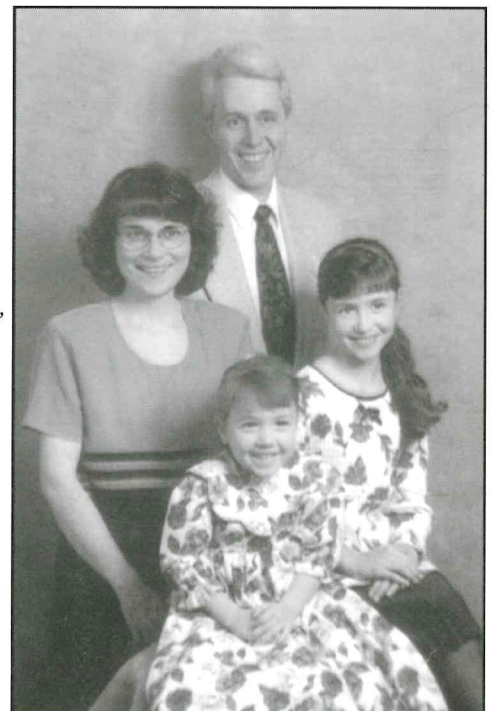
Tribute to Local R.C.M.P.

On March 28th, the Sylvan Lake Church gave recognition to the R.C.M.P., the guardians of our society. Cst. Anne Cherron, looking very smart in her red tunic, was the guest of honour and represented the local police detachment. She was visibly touched by Pastor Schafer's words of appreciation and by his prayer.

Pastoral Ordination

Justis St. Hilaire was ordained at Foothills Camp on July 4, 1998.

Justis and Roseann St. Hilaire, Janaya (10) and Michelle (4)



Sherwood Park

Baptism on April 4, 1998. Pictured left to right: Pastor Jim Burgess, Gilda Hartman, Dawn Lushney, and Sherry Harvey.



CUC Offers Summer Service Scholarships for Students

For the third summer, CUC is helping students who want to serve others through volunteering with charitable organizations or working for the church. Last summer, 44 CUC and PAA students took up CUC's offer and volunteered or worked for the church, and it appears the numbers will be about the same this year.

The student volunteers worked on projects ranging from crisis phone lines to ecological studies. For their time, students are given credit on their CUC accounts.

"I was very comfortable with the way the program ran last summer," says Debra Chenowith, Director of Student Finance. She loves to see students developing the habit of service, and her advice to students is, "Be creative, be tenacious, be busy! And let us work with you to help provide the Christian education you desire."

Government Board Reaffirms CUC degrees

After a comprehensive evaluation of CUC's programs, faculty and facilities that took more than a year and culminated in an on-site visit on May 7, the Private Colleges Accreditation Board (PCAB) voted unanimously to reaffirm CUC's degree programs and accredited status. In its written decision, the PCAB noted the following: "The College has a long history of providing recognized educational services in Alberta and the institutional loyalty of the administration, faculty, students, trustees, support staff and alumni is impressive. This provides a learning environment at the College perceived to be conducive to both academic and personal growth."

New CUC Minor Approved for 1998-99

A new Behavioural Science minor in Industrial-Organizational Psychology, which combines business and psychology courses will be available this fall. "This course of study would be of interest to people involved in personnel selection or occupational safety, for example," says Dr. John Connors, current chair of the Behavioural Sciences Department. This is the second "partnering" program for the department, which also works jointly with the Outward Pursuits Department on a two-year diploma in Adventure-based Counseling, generally applied in troubled youth programs.

Canadian Deaf Ministry Web Site

On June 27, an extensive "Canadian Deaf Ministry" web site was launched for the deaf. First, it is designed to be evangelistic to non-SDA deaf, parents of deaf children, the hard of hearing, and those now going deaf. Second, it is designed for SDA deaf; and third it is for any denomination wanting information on starting a deaf ministry in their church. There are about 50 links to resource sites including: the VOP with the "Discovery" lessons, Amazing Facts and its lessons, R & H, PPPA, It is Written, LLU Health Study, Weimar, Uchee Pines, Silver Hills, and more. Web address: www.tagnet.org/deafministry.

UPDATE

Regional Management Teams

Last spring before the constituency meeting the conference announced the Regional Management Team concept. The establishment of these six regional teams was designed to create a way to better communicate between the conference and the local churches and to place many of the decisions that affect the churches into the hands of the RMTs. As of this writing two full rounds of RMT meetings have been held and the third round is underway.

During the first round of meetings it was announced that the Conference Executive Committee had placed some \$200,000 at the disposal of the Regional Management Teams to find creative and innovative ideas of accomplishing the mission of the church in their region. The various teams have been wrestling with how best to spend that money. Already some new and creative ideas have been voted and are in the process of being implemented. Ideas vary from region to region because the needs are different in one region from those in another.

As the Regional Management Teams are meeting there seems to be a growing enthusiasm that we can work together as churches, laymen, and pastors and that we can make a difference. Pray for the Regional Management Teams and their plans.

Musical Program at Sylvan Lake

A large cast of adults and children presented the Easter musical, "The Boy Who Believed," on April 11. The church was packed as many visitors attended. Director, Darla Bell, was accompanied by Debbie Bell.

Golden Jubilee

On July 13, 1997, William and Lila (Tym) Letniak celebrated their 50th Anniversary with an open house at the Veteran Community Hall, Veteran, Alberta hosted by their children, Audrey and Doug Miller. To join in the celebration were long-time friends, neighbors and relatives as well as five of their original wedding party. Lila wore her wedding gown for this special occasion. William and Lila were married at Beauvallon Camp Meeting, July 13, 1947.

Sabbath School Resources

A good variety of resources are available on Sabbath School, Children and Youth Ministries. For a complete catalog, "Sabbath School Resources For Your Local Church", contact AdventSource at 1-800-328-0525 or write to 5040 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68506



Family Health Workshop & Cooking School

Eighty-six participants came together on May 29-31 at Foot Hills Camp for an informative and enjoyable family health weekend which was solely organized and hosted by a group of lay people along with Pastor Jim Burgess, the Alberta Confer-



Laura Lepard and Darlene Blaney

ence Health Ministries Director. Laura Lepard and Darlene Blaney planned the weekend, supplied the menus and prepared delicious meals with the help of volunteers.

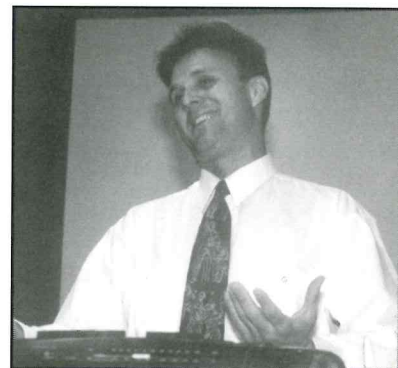
Some arrived Thursday evening for a full day on Friday of cooking and nutrition instruction under the tutelage of Eileen Brewer and Darlene Blaney.

Phil Brewer from the Silver Hills Guesthouse in B.C. was the keynote speaker. He presented topics "Perfect Circulation, Perfect Health," "Stress," and "The Western Diet." Brewer also demonstrated Hydrotherapy.

Dr. Derek Heldzinger, a practising family physician and lay pastor from Calgary had a large attendance at his Sabbath morning lecture on "Mad Cow

Disease." Sunday morning he presented a pediatrics seminar for parents.

Dr. Reuben Lorenson, an educator in Health Sciences, from the Gimbel Eye Centre in Calgary, played a significant role in the organization and smooth running of the weekend. Sabbath morning he led those interested in a group walk and added bits of nature information. Sunday morning, Dr. Lorenson gave a heart test after a one-mile walk. He also addressed the topic of healthy eyes and the importance of exercise.

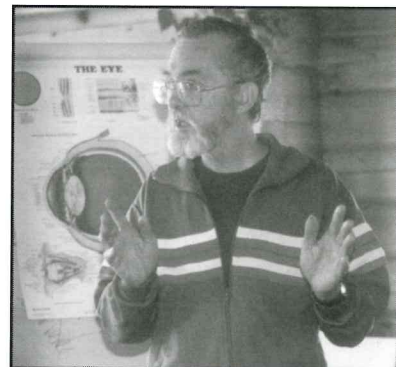


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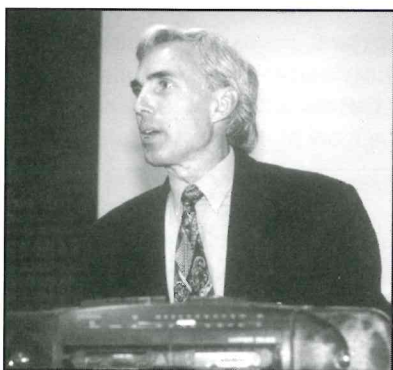
Melissa and Les Miller from Calgary kept the children busy while parents enjoyed seminars and workshops. Children participated in crafts and activities such as "Kids in the Kitchen."

Many of those in attendance asked, "When can we do this again?" "Can we have another weekend like this in the fall?" "This was really good. I wish my friends could have come."

A new trend in ministry—a team of lay people joining hands with a pastor to host a weekend workshop!



Reuben Lorenson



Phil Brewer

Adventist Communication Network Schedule of Events

Aug. 15 - 8-10 p.m., ET, Telstar 5 Channel 24

Voice of Prophecy Family Reunion

Join the Voice of Prophecy as they celebrate Mable Richard's 99th birthday with a live, 100-musician concert from Loma Linda University Church.

September 5, 6-8 p.m., ET, Satellite TBA

Prayer Ministries Workshop "I'm Praying for You" with Ruthie Jacobsen, Prayer Ministries coordinator for North America, Max Torkelsen II, president of Upper Columbia Conference, Larry Evans and Ginny Allen. Prayer ministries leaders interested in participating in this event should call, 800-ACN-1119, ext.6, to register. Cost: \$25 per church.

September 12, 6-8 p.m., ET, Satellite TBA

Adventist Community Services "How to Lead a Successful Annual Campaign" with Roland Carter, director of the Institute for Community Development at Oakwood College, John Gavin, North America's director of Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Monte Sahlin, executive director of ACS. ACS leaders planning to participate should call and register at 800-ACN-1119, ext. 6. Cost: \$25 per church.

September 19, 4-6 p.m. ET

"How to Make Net '98 More Successful in Your Church" with Dwight Nelson. Pastors and event coordinators should call 800-ACN-1119, ext.6, to register for this special workshop.

Looking Forward

Onoway Church Dedication Service

All are welcome to the Onoway Church dedication service on September 5, 1998. Former members of the Alberta Beach, Stony Plain and Onoway fellowships are especially invited to attend. For information, call Gordon Adams, 403-924-2466 or Heidi Huedepohl, 403-963-6388.

Alberta Prayer Conference

Holiday Inn, Red Deer, September 18 - 20, 1998

Speaker: Carol Zarska, American Cassette Ministry. Registration fee: \$40 (Sabbath meals included). Accommodation extra. One night per person: \$22.50/4 per room, \$29.50/3 per room, \$44.25/2 per room; two nights: Double the above rate. Prayer Conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings and end on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. **On Sunday Sept. 20, Carol will be speaking specially to the Prayer Ministries leaders from Alberta churches from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.** Leaders: Please specify if you need one night or two night's accommodation. Deadline: September 10. Call and leave a detailed message at cell ph: 318-3073.

*Please note correction to dates previously published.

"Living the Joy" NAD Women's Retreat

Toronto, Ontario, September 18-20, 1998

Although the registration deadline is passed, you can still make your own private arrangement for meals and accommodation. Participate in the meetings and workshops at \$69.99 (U.S.) Meals and banquet are NOT INCLUDED. Enjoy uplifting, joyful music, inspirational guest speakers and a variety of relevant workshops. NO registration at the door. You must register prior to the retreat. Call 1-800-732-7587.

Brain & Innate Giftedness Seminar



February 26 - 28, 1999

Canadian University College

Fee: \$160 per person.

Seminar includes five meals and free counseling sessions (accommodation extra). Arlene Taylor, a brain-function consultant, author, and internationally-known speaker, began her career as a registered nurse. Taylor holds doctorates in Health & Human Services and in Clinical Pastoral Counseling. To register or for more information, contact Bonnie Wilde, ph/fax: 403-782-0006 by October 30, 1998.

Pastors Fall Meeting

Foothills Camp, September 20-23

This is a time for the pastoral team to focus on ministry and plans for the new church year. It is a time of motivation and inspiration. The pastors themselves will be sharing different ministries that are running successfully in their churches. Also, number of guest speakers will present information from their field of study. Guests include Larry Herr from CUC, Randy Wisbey from CUC, and Gary Nelson from Edmonton.

Connections Seminar

Edmonton Central SDA Church, September 11 & 12

Mirror SDA Church, September 18 & 19

Spiritual Gift seminars will be held in the above two locations to help people discover their spiritual gifts and minister effectively in the area of their giftedness.

Closed Captioning for Net '98

Net '98 will provide closed captioning so the hard of hearing will be able to read the words of Dwight Nelson on the bottom of their TV screen. In order to access this feature, your TV will have to be a 1994 or newer model.

Youth Worker Needed

Part-time Youth Worker position is available at the Mountain View SDA Church in Calgary. If you are energetic, dynamic, creative, and are passionate about teenagers and their spirituality, please call Pastor Clayton Stanwick, 403-208-2181.

Country Christmas in Nashville

December 2, 1998

Sponsored by the College Heights SDA Church
Nashville, Music City USA was founded on
Christmas Day, 1779

Every year during the Christmas season, city sights are transformed to reflect the season by the adorning of millions of lights. Seasonal entertainment is provided through a variety of musical performances. The Music City also houses the legendary Grand Ole Opry. No other vacation destination offers more music and fun than Opryland, USA. So join us this Christmas and experience the sights and sounds of "A Country Christmas in Nashville." For more information, call Brian Leavitt 403-782-5578 or Eric Rajah 403-782-4938



Can Paradigms Really Shift?

Seeds '98 was a recent event at Andrews University that asked this question. Time has a way of getting us into ruts, and the way we structure the church is no different. In North America, our church is pretty settled with the role of pastor as preacher, minister, evangelist and major care-giver. This church planting event reminded us how the New Testament church and the church of early Adventism were radically different. It also challenged the 450 attendees with the task of moving toward shifting back to the Biblical role of pastor as equipper, teacher and evangelist. In order to accomplish this, all of us need to re-think this issue. This will be the major challenge before us, but we must address it if we are to fulfill the Gospel Commission. May God bless us as we explore the realities and potential of looking at church through new glasses.

Some comments from the pastors who attended: "Seeds '98 has resoundingly demonstrated to me that once again leaders in this remnant movement have a burning desire to return to the model so faithfully followed between the 1850's to the early 20th Century." *Frank Johnson, Peace River*

"Seeds '98 has boldly challenged both pastor and laity alike to reconsider the Biblical paradigm of how Jesus expects us to function in the context of how the church and its ministries are to operate." *Justis St. Hilaire, Fairview*

"I was challenged to look once again at how I pastor a church and my responsibilities as an SDA pastor. I pray that God will wake us up to return to His call before He comes again. It's time for every Adventist to re-examine God's call to ministry." *Sereivudh Ly, Riley*

Juan Perez from Calgary Spanish writes "I am very, very glad that here in the NAD we may experience what has been happening in South America for many years. The churches are going to grow as you never dreamed. We need to pray steadily in order to see in all pastors and lay people the fulfillment of the promises of our Lord."

"It was a short moment in which I could focus on the main mission of a kingdom builder. I needed this time." *Ian Hartley, Red Deer*

Steve Little also attended but is on an extended trip and unavailable to comment.

Bill Spangler

Editorial

Recently I once again came across the Chinese proverb that says "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." It struck me this time in relationship to the church. We know that our mission is to preach the Gospel to the world, and make disciples as Jesus commissioned us in Matthew 28. I know that we could repeat the text in our sleep if wakened suddenly and asked to do so. But when it comes to a strategic plan to carry it out in Alberta, where do we begin? Is that clear to us, or are we just marching along to the rhythm we have counted out for decades, not knowing anything else to do?

I am challenged by the fact that we are following plans and ideas that have not changed much in many, many years. We still do church the way we have done it for a long time. We call for and spend our money the same way. We move pastors around and work to fill openings but basically don't adjust any formulas for where they should be placed. Church life pretty much carries on as it has for as long as we can remember.

It seems to me that while not being judgmental, the facts are that the church doesn't make the kind of impact on our towns and villages that we would like it to make. Instead of trying to be depressing, I want to look higher, and see the beauty of the power that God wants to demonstrate through His church. His plan is to turn the province on fire through the church's effort to spread the message of Salvation. He wants to touch lives, and heal broken souls. He wants to build His kingdom. He wants the church to make a radical difference all across the spectrum of the members that attend and the people in the community where the church is located.

I don't claim to have all the answers, but I know that part of it is involved with how deeply ingrained the mission of the church is in our lives, and how that impacts our lives. When that is in place, our plans will come up to par with the passion of our mission. If it's a consuming fire within us, we will make any adjustment necessary to see that the mission is fulfilled. I can tell you that there is a movement underfoot that is not motivated by human beings. (See *Can Paradigms Really Shift?*) The question is whether or not we have the passion for mission we need to turn our thoughts around and accept the responsibility that is ours to get on board. I believe we will. Fasten your seat belts—it's going to be quite a ride!



Dateline

September	5	Oneway Church dedication
September	7	OFFICE CLOSED, Labour Day
	18 - 20	NAD Women's Retreat, Toronto, ON
	18 - 20	Alberta Prayer Ministries Retreat, Holiday Inn, Red Deer
	20 - 23	Pastor's Meetings, Foothills Camp
October	9 - Nov 14	Net '98
	9 - 11	It Is Written Partnership, Canmore
	12	OFFICE CLOSED, Thanksgiving
November	1 - 5	NAD Year-end Meetings, Silver Springs
	6-8	Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Retreat - Foothills Camp
	11	OFFICE CLOSED
		Remembrance Day
	14	Net '98, Closing Night