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-MARTIN WEBER

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Summer in Mid-America: Foretaste of Heaven?

by Thomas Lemon

ere in the northern hemisphere of the western world, life revolves around the school calendar. This derived from the planting and harvest cycle of our agrarian forbearers, since they needed their children on the family farm during summer. With agriculture now highly automated, summers have become time off for many children. It's also a slower season for some of the rest of us not on the farms.

So what are you doing with your summer? To me, warmer weather with its option to be out of doors is a hint of heaven itself. Humanity was created to be outside. Eden was a garden, remember. And the new earth will restore that pristine living situation.

Meanwhile, I have a suggestion for a good place to spend part of your summer: camp meeting. All six local conferences in Mid-America provide a camp meeting experience for your inspiration and fellowship.

Camp meeting doesn't just happen.

Pastors and lay volunteers work hard in preparation and set up (and conference administrators strive to limit liabilities from some of the exciting youth activities). There is expense involved as well—but the time and the cost of camp meeting are worth it. We know, from Scripture teaching and personal experience, that God's people must gather together on a regular basis for mutual encouragement and spiritual growth. And so, while I can't tell you what

to do, I will urge you: "My friend, go to camp meeting!" It is truly a foretaste of heaven.

Along with camp meeting for everyone, all local conferences offer summer camps for our kids and teens. For me personally, as I moved from childhood to adolescence, summer camp was always a big thing. Some of you know what I'm talking about. Yes, it is a bit pricey in these days of economic challenge. But your kids will have multiple opportunities to deepen their spiritual commitment. They will look back at summer camp as a priceless experience—a preview of heaven.

At no small expense, Rocky Mountain Conference offers a Sabbath worship experience at Old Faithful Lodge in Yellowstone National Park. Sabbath school, divine worship, followed by a divine potluck occur there every Sabbath from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Coordinated by Dr. George and Myrna Hill, this event could be a great blessing to you. A few days of vacation at Yellowstone Park will again be foretaste of heaven—right in the backyard of the Mid-America Union.

Heaven is a place we anticipate with great joy and expectation. But until Jesus comes, we have summertime in Mid-America with its camp meetings, summer camps and vacation time. Summer also offers wonderful opportunities for mission trips, church building projects, school preparation and community outreach ventures. (Sowing and reaping is not just agricultural activity!) All of this helps to

prepare us and our neighbors for that great place the Lord has promised His people. We will go there together when the trumpet sounds and the Lord descends from heaven with a shout (see 1 Thes. 4:16-18.)

As we look forward to that blessed hope, I hope our paths will cross this summer—somewhere in the heartland of America.

Thomas L.Lemon is president of the Mid-America Union.



Yellowstone National Park





Being Missional in the **Marketplace**

by Martin Weber

astors long to see members serve with their spiritual gifts within the body of Christ, And dedicated men, women, teens and kids across Mid-America are committed to doing just that. Yet results at best are limited. And actually, even total success in such ministry would fail to achieve the full purpose of spiritual giftedness.

How might that be true? Because limiting our service within the boundaries of the body of Christ does not fulfill the New Testament mandate for spiritual gifts. Religious salt is merely reoriented within the saltshaker, whereas Jesus commands: "You are the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). Salt in Christ's day was sufficiently valuable that ancient Romans often paid soldiers with it; hence the term "salary." So, in a sense, Jesus wants to provide a salary to the world's marketplace through His church.

The church is God's apostle to the world. Jesus told His disciples: "As the Father sent Me, I am sending you" (John 20:21). It is the witness of a church united in love that will persuade our neighbors that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world (see John 17:21).

You may know that the word "church" means "a people gathered, or called out." But this is not all there is to the church. As blood is drawn to the heart only to disperse again throughout the body, so the church gathers for worship and fellowship only to scatter into the world as God's representative.

Being gathered, the blood in our

bodies is cleansed and oxygenated. Sent out, it fights diseases and energizes. So is the church in the community. In fact, the marketplace is an extension of the kingdom of God. "Your job is not just a place to earn a paycheck. It is a place God wants to use you to influence people for the kingdom's sake."1

To achieve this mission from God. church members must be educated. equipped, empowered and encouraged in using their spiritual gifts for outreach. Only thus can we become ambassadors of God's kingdom in the offices, classrooms, stores and factories where we spend our daily lives.

This is not a call to evangelize the workplace in the traditional sense by confronting colleagues, with courage yet discomfort: "Are you saved?" Instead, members "walk in wisdom toward those who are outside" (Col. 4:5) as ambassadors of God's peace and love in the dog-eat-dog corporate kennel. We exhibit unselfishness, compassion, integrity and humility, so that we bless whomever God brings our way. We become alert opportunists of grace. Symbolically, this means surfing whatever waves God stirs up in the workplace so that we love lost people, meet the emotional and spiritual needs they confide to us, and ultimately assist their rescue from the kingdom of this world into the body of Christ.

Do you see God's plan for His people in the offices and classrooms of Mid-America? First we pray and watch to see how God is working in the lives of those around us. When we see telltale signs of someone seeking after God, we recognize our opportunity to express His love.

The apostle Paul exemplified such missionality in the marketplace. While working his tent-making trade, he met the Jews Aquila and Priscilla and proceeded to evangelize them, after which he discipled them (Acts 18:2-3, 18). They in turn reached out to Apollos (verse 26), and so the kingdom of God rippled throughout Asia Minor, drawing adherents ultimately throughout the Roman Empire. God's plan hasn't changed for His church.

Being missional in the marketplace requires not only wisdom and compassion but intercessory prayer and relational skills—none of which come naturally. Education and equipping for the church's mission is so essential that I believe it deserves to be at the top of our priorities.

What about public meetings? Is there yet a place for them in the calendar of a missional church? Absolutely! Public evangelism helps reap the harvest of souls won through marketplace witnessing. When both types of outreach are working together in a loving and healthy church family, the potential for growth is optimized.

Martin Weber, DMin, is communication director of the Mid-America Union.

¹ Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King, Experiencing God (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994), p. 124.



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Summer Camp Dates for 2011

Tween: June 5 – June 12 Junior 1: June 12 – June 19 Cub 1: June 19 – June 26 Teen: June 26 – July 3

Wyoming Family and Blind Camp

(Mills Springs Ranch) July 3 – July 10 Cub 2: July 10 – July 17



Benjie's Note

My name is Benjie Maxson, Rocky Mountain Conference youth director—and I'm excited about my first experience leading Glacier View Ranch's summer camp program. God has blessed us with an incredible staff. Come join us to make new friends and enjoy a great experience filled with heaven's blessings. Whether you are a seasoned camper, or if 2011 will be your first time at Glacier View, I invite you to make this year a "Mission Possible" with God. New challenges are sometimes difficult, but with God, anything is possible!



ADVENTURE IS WAITING AT BROKEN ARROW RANCH

Students nearing the end of the school year are getting excited about Kansas-Nebraska summer camps. What adventures await them? At Broken Arrow Ranch, the possibilities are numerous. The theme for 2011 is: "What If ... Imagining the Possibilities of Life with God!" Campers will see what can happen if they devote themselves entirely to the Lord. Nighttime programming will trace the twists and turns of three ordinary people experiencing a crisis. Then they encounter the gospel message of Jesus. Campers will have opportunity to participate in their discoveries.

For those who crave excitement, daytime activities at Broken Arrow have received a boost this summer. Beyond horseback riding, crafts, nature, swimming, jet skis, etc., campers will enjoy use of a new ski boat. For those preferring land activity, four new go-karts will race around our newly lengthened track. For those wanting even more fun, our new Eco-Challenge features seven ziplines with climbing walls at the bottom of the hill.

Xtreme Camp is for anyone needing a more intense experience than "normal" camp offers. Activities include horses, girls' volleyball and mission opportunities. Campers will venture into surrounding communities for outreach activities in the morning and then enjoy camp activities in the afternoon.

All of that plus much more awaits you at Broken Arrow Ranch this summer.

Camps and Dates

June 12-19: Xtreme Camps: Horsemanship, Girls Volleyball, Missions

June 19-26: Adventure Camp: Ages 7-9

June 26-29: Single Moms & Kids Camp

June 30-July 3: Family Camp with Mike & Gayle Tucker

July 3-10: Junior Camp I: Ages 10-12

July 10-17: Junior Camp II: Ages 10-14

July 17-24: Teen Camp: Ages 13-17

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2011 Summer Camp Dates

Cub Camp: ages 8-9 (June 19-26)

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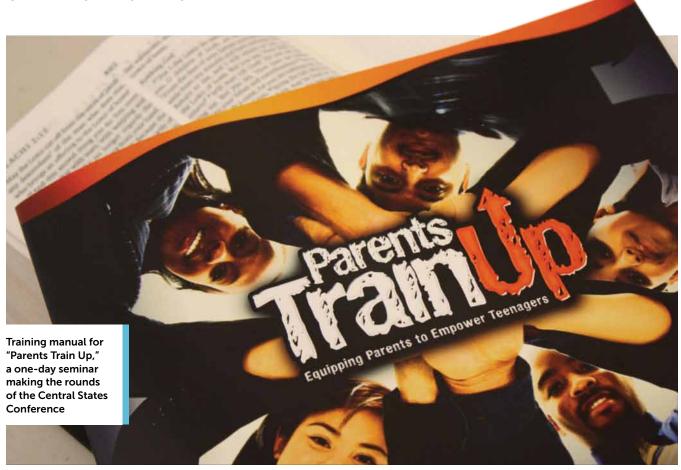


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One-Day Parenting Seminars

By Narda Bailey-Hunt

Central States Conference Youth Ministries launched a series of parenting workshops across the conference entitled "Parents Train Up." The first three hosting locations were St Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. At all three March events, members of area churches joined community guests in learning skills that equipped them to disciple and empower teenagers for successful Christian living.

Seminar facilitator Laketia Carrell, licensed family therapist and member of Northside Church in St. Louis, explained to parents how they have God-given power and authority to lead and instruct

their children. However, they have no control over choices their teens make. Ultimately, everyone gets to choose the outcome of their own lives.

Carrell's goal for the seminar was getting parents to start letting go of their teens and stop trying to control every aspect of their lives. She said: "Encourage your teens to be independent. Encourage them to solve their own problems. Let them fall, because teens who are always rescued by parents become dependent, ungrateful and selfish adults." She discouraged the parents from being "helicopter parents who refuse to let go." Such parenting, she explained, keeps

teens from learning problem solving skills needed to be successful.

For many attendees, the "Aha!" moment came when Carrell contrasted God's parenting style against their own style. The heavenly Father gives us rules and guidelines to follow in His word—yet He does not try to control whether or not we follow these guidelines. He lets us choose.

When we choose poorly, consequences follow-and perhaps we will learn not to make those choices again. As we stumble along, our Father remains with us, continuing to show the way. And He never stops loving us

unconditionally, regardless of our choices.

Carrell's dynamic and relevant presentations are filled with wisdom and humor. Parents are empowered to let go the burden of feeling responsible for their teens' choices after training them up to love and serve the Lord. "Parents Train Up" ministry will offer one-day parenting seminars in other cities, including Denver, Minneapolis, Wichita and Des Moines. For information, visit www.parentstrainup.org or call 888.248.0007.

Narda Bailey-Hunt is a member of Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, MO.







North Dakotans Visit Costa Rica

by Wayne Easley

When winter's cold blast hits Harvey, North Dakota, many district members head somewhere warmer. Three years ago a group from the Goodrich, Harvey and Manfred churches went to

Costa Rica. The next year it was Ecuador, and in 2010 they took an African Safari to Kenya.

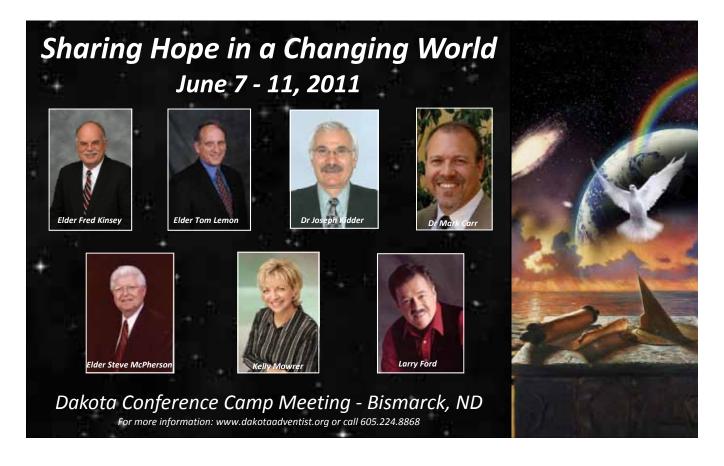
This year they went back to Costa Rica, a top tourist attraction in Central America.

On the Caribbean side of the country they discovered a small but active Adventist church in the jungle town of Tortugero-"place of the turtles." Toward the end of the trip, Pastor Easley visited a former student who now teaches at the Adventist University in Alajuela. Many Costa Ricans consider it the best school in the country.

The Dakota Adventist group took along several nonmember friends, including Charles Taft, a retired Lutheran pastor who is president of the Minot bird club. He enjoyed not only the fellowship but the scenery: mountains, rainbows, oceans on both sides, beaches, tropical rain forests and many colorful birds, animals and butterflies.

Wayne Easley pastors the North Dakota district of Goodrich, Harvey, and Manfred. He and Wanda, his wife, are avid birders.







As carloads of kids arrive for summer camp, smiling staff members in camp shirts greet everyone. Excitement breaks out among young campers as they sign up for activities and classes and locate their cabins. Then comes the evening meeting, officially launching a new camping season.

It may seem hard to believe, but three seasons of a revitalized camping program have flown by. Dakota Adventist summer camps offer two unique experiences—Flag Mountain Camp in the Black Hills of South Dakota (near Hill City) and Northern Lights Camp in the Turtle Mountains, a lake region of North Dakota (near Bottineau).

Camp options include Junior, Tween, Teen Boys, Adventure, Family Camp, as well as an opportunity for spiritual retreat.



Adventist Heritage - Reflecting on Our Message

Camp Meeting - May 31 - June 4, 2011 - Sunnydale Adventist Academy www.imsda.org/campmeeting



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Dean Coridan is the president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference.



Skip MacCarty is an author and speaker on the subjects of covenant theology and stress management.



Quadrennial Session

Iowa-Missouri Conference Of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Second Quadrennial Session of the Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Sunnydale Adventist Academy in Centralia, Missouri, on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. The purpose of this meeting shall be the election of officers and departmental directors for the Conference, consideration of any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each 25 members, or major fraction thereof. All regularly elected delegates from the various churches of the Conference shall be seated at the meeting.

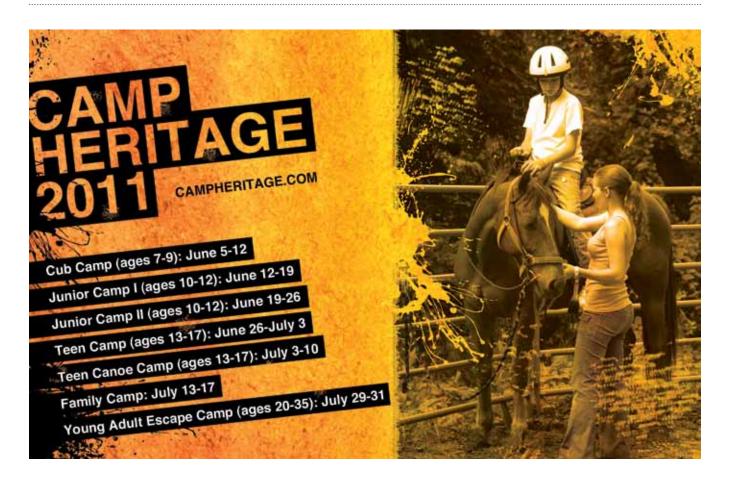
Dean Coridan, president Robert Peck, vice president for administration

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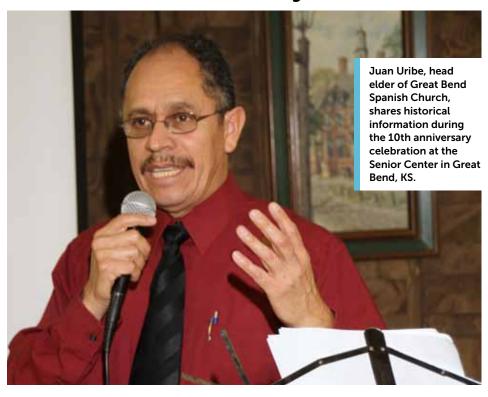
Notice is hereby given that the Second Quadrennial Session of the Iowa-Missouri Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Sunnydale Adventist Academy in Centralia, Missouri, on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at 11 a.m. The purpose of this meeting shall be the election of officers and a board of directors for the Association, consideration of any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Session. Delegates to the Second Quadrennial Session of the Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are also delegates for the Iowa-Missouri Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dean Coridan, president Brian Carlton, secretary





Great Bend Hispanics Celebrate 10th Anniversary



Ninth Constituency Session

Kansas-Nebraska Conference Of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the ninth Constituency Session of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the College View Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Sunday June 5, 2011, at 10 a.m. The purpose of this regular Constituency Session is to elect the Conference Executive Committee, Board of Education, officers and departmental directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates for this session will be appointed for each church, and one additional for every 50 members or fraction thereof.

Ron Carlson, president Don Stricker, vice president

Regular Constituency Session

Kansas-Nebraska Conference Association Of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the ninth Constituency Session of the Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a religious corporation, having its principal office in Topeka, Kansas, will be in the College View Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 5, 2011, at 11 a.m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing trustees, and for the transaction of other business that may occur before the corporation at that time. The delegates of the ninth Constituency Session of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to this convention.

Ron Carlson, president Jim Glass, secretary



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Enjoying Excellence at North Star Camp

by Jeff Wines

Sitting by the shoreline of Rice Lake, I look out at the sparkling water, dancing with light from the lowering sun. I smell deciduous and evergreen trees mixed with the scent of grasses and earth. In the distance, I hear young people talking and laughing. Eventually the sound of guitars and singing comes wafting over with the gentle breeze. The tranquility, excitement and beauty of North Star Camp (NSC) are absolutely astounding.

As summer gets underway, one will hear boats racing through the water, towing wake boarders, skiers and tubers. Nearby woods will resound with horse hooves, the twanging of bows and young people excitedly climbing.

Other sounds this year at NSC are nail guns slamming into boards, masons working and trucks delivering materials. Construction continued even when temperatures dropped below zero. Walls went up amid snowflakes and icicles. As a result there will be six new cabins to shelter young people for many summers to come.

It is no accident that all these things are happening at NSC. People across the Minnesota Conference have dedicated themselves to supporting a place where young people can experience Jesus through a camping ministry. North Star Camp was honored as one of just four

camps (out of 64 in the North American Division) to receive the Norm Middag Award of Excellence for 2010, by the Adventist Association of Camp Professionals. This reflects the heritage, over the years, of many Minnesota Adventists devoting time, energy and resources to NSC. Their reward in heaven will be great because they have helped change young lives for eternity.

Now the scent of spring is in the air. Staff and campers will soon be gracing NSC with their presence again. This year it is my hope that many young people and their parents will decide to have a great adventure here: experiencing the sounds and smells of

the great North Woods, riding on a tube or taking a ride through the woods on a horse. More than anything, as the gentle breezes blow from cabin

this summer, I hope once again to witness the fruit of God's Spirit in the hearts and minds of young people at North Star Camp.



Pathfinder Bible Bowls

by April Romauld

Minnesota Pathfinders are hiding God's word in their hearts-memorizing Scripture, reading the Bible daily and dialoging with their leaders about Scripture stories and characters. They also participate in an annual Pathfinder Bible Bowl to challenge themselves in advancing their Scriptural experience.

Bible Bowl operates on three levels: area, state and union. This year 22 Pathfinder Bible Bowl teams throughout Minnesota participated in area events during January. More than 132 Pathfinders invested several months exploring the book of Revelation, memorizing the text word for word. They also studied Revelation's prophetic symbols and their meanings. Then, at the various area events, each Bible Bowl team answered 120 questions that tested their knowledge of the book.

Ten teams qualified to go on to the state Bible Bowl at Maplewood Academy, January 29. From that group, five Minnesota teams qualified for the Mid-America Union Bible Bowl at College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Among 19 teams participating from around Mid-America in the Union Bible Bowl, 17 received a first place award.

April Romuald is Pathfinder director of the Minnesota Conference



I Tried to Prove Him Wrong

by Mayra S. Rivera

St. Paul Eastside Church concluded 2010 with a baptism of a wonderful young woman, Natalie Hoidal, who had been attending the church since April.

"I became good friends with a boy from school," she recalls. "He was 'very' Adventist. I basically thought he seemed too intelligent to be Christian. I would study the Bible with him sometimes and even spend Sabbath with him. My idea was pretty much to prove him wrong and show him that what he believed was stupid."

Natalie's strategy backfired, resulting in her salvation. "I started reading a lot of books, including the Bible. Eventually

the Spirit really started to work in my heart and I saw how real Christ was."

After several months, this faithful young man invited Natalie to consider being baptized. "I couldn't think of a reason not to be, so I decided to do it. Christ is alive and real. Since that's the case, we have to live our lives in ways that reflect that."

On February 5, Natalie preached her first sermon-a powerful message targeting kids and young adults, based on Scripture and her experiences.

Mayra S. Rivera is communication secretary for St. Paul Eastside





Pristine Renewal at New **Beginnings Ranch**

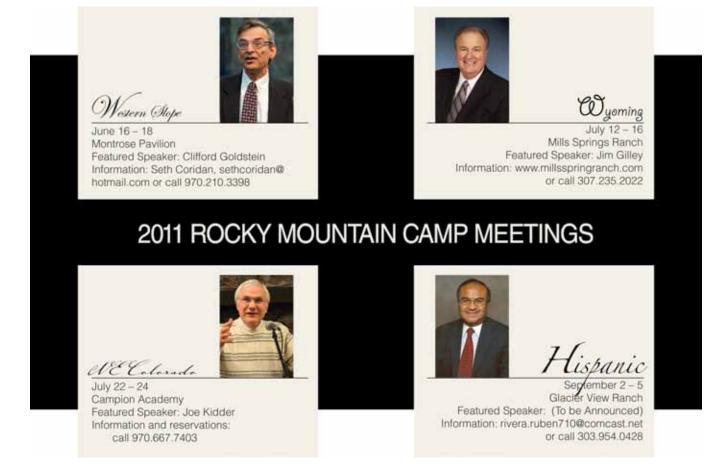
New Beginnings Ranch (NBR), a privately owned camp in southwest Colorado, extends Christ's invitation to "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV). Realizing that "quiet" means different things to different people, owners Cal and Evelyn Turner offer a variety of activities at their haven of 1,000 acres in pristine wilderness. A mile-long lane ends at a solar-powered bathhouse/ sun room bordering pine woods. The sunroom serves as a meeting place and dining

area, overlooking a pond at the head of a stream meandering through a grassy valley.

A morning presentation and discussion are followed by breakfast in the sunroom. Guests have their choice of time for quiet reflection and hiking, or learning and practicing survival techniques, including rock climbing. Evenings offer another presentation and discussion along with supper and fellowship around a campfire.

For more information about summer activities at NBR, visit www.FindGodatNBR.org.





Wyoming Winter Retreat

Excitement sizzled through the communication channels: "There's a family of four, 15 minutes away from the pick up parking lot!" group leader Liz Cornett reported. It was Friday, February 18, President's Day weekend. The 2011 Wyoming Winter Retreat at Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain was underway.

Calls came in to schedule pickup of guests. Soon a caravan of snow machines (mini-Polaris snow cat and snowmobiles) was carting people, musical instruments, food and luggage over the final snow-covered mile into Mills Spring Ranch (MSR).

Friday night vespers set the mood for a spiritually enriching weekend as guest speaker Rob Getty (athletic director at Ozark Academy in Arkansas) began his series, centered on Jesus Christ. Sabbath morning dawned with the scents of breakfast, prepared by April Wright. John Pendley led Sabbath school. Music and fellowship fueled the festivities into the church service.

After lunch, kids and adults spread out over MSR property and the reaches of Casper Mountain. Sled runs were carved into the snow while snowshoe tracks compressed the pristine flakes. Crosscountry skis sliced through the shimmering snow trails, and sounds of snowmobiles ebbed and flowed with the wind. The joy of God's creation was evident in smiles and laughter



amid the winter wonderland.

Getty closed the Sabbath by tying all his messages together at vespers: A + B = C. If A, everyone is my neighbor, and B, Jesus is "the main thing," then C, we need to fulfill Christ's Great Commission and share Him in our communities with whomever we come in contact.

At the end of an inspiring and fulfilling Sabbath, fellowship continued into the night as attendees united for conversation and table games.

Sunday morning dawned with two inches of fresh snow. After another gourmet breakfast, the snow machine caravan transported guests to their cars. So ended a Winter Retreat that was spiritually enriching, beautiful and fun beyond description.





Class Assignment Leads to Baptism

by Tiffany Doss

Many teachers believe that the best way to learn about a subject is to teach it. **Natalie Peralta**, a junior biology education and theology major, proved this old adage when an assignment in personal witnessing class last fall led her to rediscover the power of the Bible in her own life while leading a new friend to Christ.

A few weeks into the course, which is designed to boost students' confidence in giving Bible studies and leading others to Christ through conversation and personal example, Peralta was surprised when Pastor Robert Martinez, the course instructor, announced that each student would be required to give 10 Bible studies.

"His announcement panicked me," Peralta admitted. "I wasn't looking forward to giving Bible studies, especially not 10 of them. I didn't feel prepared or qualified and wasn't convinced I'd make any kind of impact."

Martinez, pastor of Lincoln's Northside Church, suggested Peralta connect with his son's girlfriend for Bible studies. As a child, **Christie Eisendrath** had been to church a handful of times. With her mother's encouragement she attended Campion Academy in Colorado, then followed the majority of her class to Union College and pursued a degree in English and literature.

Martinez felt that Eisendrath's similarity in age and background to Peralta would create a comfortable study atmosphere. Peralta took fellow classmates Brittany Nunez and Chelsea Mastrapa to the first Bible study and the three quickly put Eisendrath at ease. "We were able to laugh and enjoy each other's company," she said. "They were always prepared and had a thorough understanding of the material before we'd meet, but they never made me feel intimidated or too embarrassed to ask questions."

As the weeks passed and the group continued to study, Peralta developed a clearer picture of what Eisendrath was searching for. "Most of her questions were ones I had struggled with too," Peralta said. "Christie was acquainted with Bible stories and their morals. She also grasped the basic beliefs of Adventism but needed to know how interpretations had been formed and validate that they are true."

Toward the end of their studies, Peralta realized that this experience was having an impact on her own life. "One night, Brittany was explaining a verse's interpretation to Christie," she said. "I had studied this particular interpretation and had rejected it in the past because it conflicted with my other beliefs. When I interjected my point of view, Brittany approached it from a different angle, a perspective I had never

heard before. Her going the extra mile allowed me to see not only that Bible verse, but my personal walk with God in a new light."

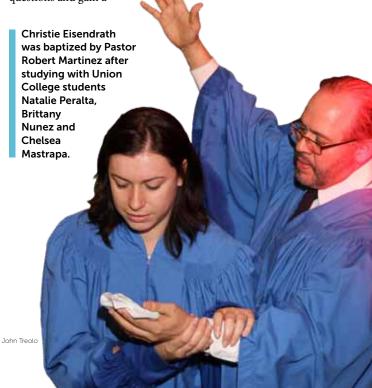
Eisendrath decided to commit her life to Christ and be baptized. She credits the group's dedication with helping her take her stand. "In the past, I had tried to study with people, but the meetings would usually fall through," she said. "But these women never missed a lesson. I know they were doing it for a class, but I think it became so much more than an assignment to all of us. We began to build relationships, and I looked forward to discussing such important material with friends. Being comfortable with each other and meeting regularly helped me ask more in-depth questions and gain a

clearer picture of Christ."

"We have a unique friendship," said Peralta. "It's a different type of closeness than with my other friends." As a silent supporter, Peralta went to Eisendrath's baptism at Northside Church on Saturday, January 29. "I wouldn't have missed it for the world," she said.

Peralta believes this experience helped her realize the importance of studying the Bible and the willingness to share with others. "I feel more comfortable talking about spiritual ideas and referencing the Bible now," she said. "I'm excited to learn more and lead in Bible studies with my future students."

Tiffany Doss is a senior communication major from Sioux Falls, SD.





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We Are Bound Together Because We Camp Together

by Rebecca O'Hare

I wish every camper's experience could be like mine. At age nine, I felt independent at Flag Mountain Camp in the wild of South Dakota's Black Hills. There my confidence grew. I couldn't help but walk with a longer stride after I was plopped on a horse four times my size and survived to tell the tale. I grinned every time someone called me Marion, Robin Hood's girlfriend, after I discovered I was a natural at archery. I never thought I would enjoy the music so much, especially from the front of the room, but before I went home I found the courage to lead singing, complete with animated actions. Every summer, camp stretched the boundaries of my self-confidence, while also developing my picture of God.

My first night at camp, a picture of God started to take shape in my mind when a new friend grabbed my hand and asked me if I wanted to go for a walk by the creek, washing away any inkling of homesickness. I saw Him in my counselor, Taneal, who constantly encouraged me and bought me a silver pen with feathers on top just to make me feel special. And when my friend confessed her love for God by responding to an altar call, I saw Him.

Now I have the privilege of working as a counselor at that same camp, and my favorite part is the nightly worships in my cabin. It gives me the chance to be a storyteller and get to know each girl a little better.

One memorable night I

told my girls a story about a childhood best friend who unexpectedly told me that I wasn't pretty, smart, funny or outgoing enough to be her friend anymore.

"Have you ever, like me, not felt good enough?" I asked.

Hands shot up and answers came tumbling out. They talked of broken homes, hateful friends, hurtful siblings and feeling alone. It was then I realized just how important camp can be. The girls in my cabin weren't even teenagers. The world had barely begun to pound them with its inevitable trials, and yet they knew the sting of worthlessness. That night I explained how Jesus says we should be like them—little children—and His opinion is the only one that matters.

I see how God plants seeds of self-confidence in campers, and I understand what that means for their future. I make a point of shouting, "You can do it!" when they struggle to reach the top of the climbing wall or when they think they will never be able to wakeboard. I know how much encouraging moments can mean to a camper, because they meant so much to me. As a counselor, I want to sit down with them, listen and show that I care. I want to water the seed of confidence God placed in each camper and watch it flourish.

As children of God we are bound together because we camp together.

Rebecca O'Hare is a freshmen religion education major from Pierre, SD.





Colorado Hospitals Sponsor Kids at Glacier View Camp

The friendship between Emily Alexander and Halee Sanko started four years ago in a cabin in the Colorado mountains. If they had met anywhere else, chances are they wouldn't have become the close friends they are today.

"I really believe that God makes everything happen for a reason and He brought us together to be friends," Halee, 16, says.

The two met as cabin mates at Glacier View Friendship Camp because of a program offered through their parents' employers, Littleton and Parker Adventist hospitals.

Each year, the four Denverarea Adventist hospitals sponsor up to 180 children of their employees to attend Friendship Camp. The

hospitals pay approximately three-quarters of the tuition and, over the past 10 years, have sponsored more than 1,600 campers.

"Friendship Camp gives the hospitals' employees a chance to see a different side of the organization they work for," says Kirk King, contract coordinator for the camping program. "I have met some parents who knew very little about Adventists until their child attended camp. Through their children's camp stories, they actually understand the hospital's mission of extending the healing love of Christ better."

King also noted that dozens of parents each year mention on surveys that they appreciate working for an organization

that takes an interest in their families' wellbeing.

Emily's mother works in the marketing department at Littleton Hospital and Halee's mom and dad work in emergency services at Parker Hospital. When Emily started ninth grade last year, Halee and her other camp friends—who are ahead of her in school—supported her transition.

"They talked to me about how I don't have to create a certain image to make friends and how to look for friends who are true and will be there for me," Emily, 14, says. "It really helped me because I didn't try to immediately be friends with people just because they were in the popular groups."

Applying Christ-centered lessons to the issues relevant to the campers is the most powerful way to help them understand the value of faith. King says. And there's no better way to impart those lessons than around a campfire with counselors who are seen as mentors rather than lecturers. Not coincidentally, the counselors and the spiritual lessons are the top-ranked features by the campers.

"Camp programming is very intentionally about Jesus and showing kids that they can have fun following Christ," King says.

This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for Mission and Ministry for Colorado's Adventist hospitals, and written by CMBell Company.

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10, 1942 in Mendenhall, MS, d.
Feb. 7, 2011 in Kansas City, MO.
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Survived by husband Cleo; mother
Pearline Mathis; brother Charles
Smith; sons Terrell Fanniel, Brian
Beard; daughters Paula FannielYarbrough, Paulette Fanniel-Smith;
11 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren.

Beitzel, Karen, b. March 10, 1955, d. Dec. 28, 2010 in Davenport, IA. Member of the Davenport Church. Survived by husband Pete; father James Lee Cadogan; daughters Litonda Sheets, and Kelly and Monica Beitzel; brothers Daniel, Gary, Richard and Roger Cadogan; sisters Nancy Gable and Patricia Brockett; and 1 grandchild.

Brendle, Marica, b. June 30, 1954, d. Dec. 30, 2010 in Wheatland, MO. Member of the Jefferson City Church. Survived by husband Don Brendle; sons Ivan and Sereno Brendle.

Cansler, Leland, b. Aug. 14, 1922, d. Dec. 23, 2010 in Long Lane, MO. Member of the Lebanon Church. Survived by wife Dottie Davison; son Wendell; daughter Sonja Cansler; brothers Gleamon, Ralph, Larry and Gary; sisters Nadine McFarland and Aliene Franklin.

Christensen, Willard, b. July 23, 1935, d. Jan. 24, 2011 in Storm Lake, IA. Member of the Spencer Church. Survived by wife Florence (Miller); sons Jay, Jeff, Kody; sister, Elma Hansen; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Clark, Dorothy Marie, b. Jan. 2, 1923 in Sioux Falls, SD, d. Feb. 1, 2011 in Sioux Falls, SD. Member of the Sioux Falls Church. Predeceased by husband William and daughter Sandra. Survived by 3 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren.

Cox, Millicent "Millie", b. May 30, 1922, d. Feb. 3, 2011 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Member of the Cedar Rapids Church. Survived by brother Dale Mathis. Cromer, Martha, b. Oct. 18, 1949 in Belisario, Chihuachua, Mexico, d. Dec. 26, 2010 in Kansas City, KS. Member of the Kansas City Central Spanish Church. Survived by sons Joaquin and David Saenz; daughter Elizabeth Cromer; brothers Bruno Cosme and Jesus Saenz; father Cosme Saenz-Ruiz; and 4 grandchildren.

Doerffel, Robert, b. Aug. 7, 1930, d. Feb. 8, 2011 in Kansas City, MO. Member and deacon at the Gladstone Church. Survived by wife Joy; daughters Kathy Doerffel Silvas and Robin Doerffel; and 3 grandchildren.

Doiron, Bill, b. Jan. 21, 1958, d. Jan. 7, 2011 in Columbia, MO. Member of the Columbia Church.

Gould, John Edward, b. Aug. 10, 1938 in Fort Collins, CO, d. April 13, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN due to injuries resulting from a fall. Member of Minneapolis Southview Church where he served as head elder and many years as head deacon. Survived by wife Cathleen (Kaldahl); daughter Malinda; and son David.

Holtz Sr., Darrell Dean, b. May 25, 1920 in Sioux Falls, SD, d. Jan. 22, 2011 in Shawnee, KS. Member of the New Life Community Church in Olathe, KS. Served as a teacher in Brazil, New Mexico and Nebraska. Predeceased by wife Verna. Survived by daughter Carolyn Wilson; son Darrel Hotlz Jr; 2 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandsons.

Hornbacher, Daniel, b. Mar. 12, 1930, d. Feb. 8, 2011 in Paola, KS. Survived by wife Janet; daughter Becky Fitch; sons Gene, Dean and Jon; sisters Mildred Bates, Erma Larson, Joyce Hadley and Jeannie Suggs; brothers James and Vernon; 4 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren.

Kennedy, Iris, b. Sept. 24, 1924, d. Oct. 23, 2010 in Lake City, IA. Member of the Boone Church.

Millard, Luther, b. May 1, 1912, d. Jan. 13, 2011 in Phillipsburg, MO. Member of the Lebanon Church.

Mills, George, b. Aug. 15, 1919 in Orange, CA, d. Jan. 27, 2011 in Marble Hill, MO. Member of the Fredericktown Church. Survived by wife Florence Mae Barks; daughters Jeanie Smith and Judith Judge; 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Moser, Dean R, b. June 17, 1932 in Java, SD, d. Jan. 22, 2011 in Java, SD. Member of the Bowdle Church. Survived by wife Gladys; sons Greg, Dick, Kevin; sister Bonita Spiry; brother Mearl; and 3 grandchildren.

Mueller, Elsie Francis, b. Aug. 31, 1921 in McClusky, ND, d. Jan. 29, 2011 in Bismarck, ND. Member of the Goodrich Church. Predeceased by husband Richard. Survived by son Steven (Pat); daughters Sharon Dockter, Jolene Case; 6 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren.

Ogan, Clifford, b. March 31, 1920, d. Oct. 25, 2010 in Lebanon, MO. Member of the Lebanon Church. Survived by wife Alma (Rhoads); stepsons Robert, Rudy Paul and Roy Rhoads; stepdaughters Patricia Brumlow, Cindy Campbell, Kathy Buckley, Ruth Kimball and Kay Wakkure; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 1 greatgreat grandchild.

Pitkin, Jacqueline, b. Sept. 3, 1925, d. Jan. 23, 2011 in Davenport, IA. Member of the Davenport Church. Survived by daughters Paula Johansen, Sharon Webb and Sandra McCoy; brother Paul Brees; 8 grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren.

Renk, Helen, b. Oct. 13, 1923, d. Dec. 12, 2010 in Bolivar, MO. Member of the Bolivar Church. Survived by daughters Janice Mix, Bonnie Glass and Sharon Koenke; brother Clarence Shlenker; sisters Ella Renk, Florence Christensen, June Opp and Donna Deurmier; 8 grandchildren, 14 greatgrandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Serns, Pearl, b. July 9, 1930, d. Dec. 23, 2010. Member of the Lebanon Church. Survived by sons Terry and Charles Harrington; daughters Bonnie Savage, Cindy Harrington, Parry Balli, Nancy Merouski, Julie Harrington; and 24 grandchildren.

Spellman, William Dale, b. Jan. 14, 1926 in Aberdeen, SD, d. Jan. 31, 2011 in Aberdeen, SD. Member of the Aberdeen Church. Survived by wife Joan; sons William (Bill), Clay, Clint, Clell; daughters Joni Krause, Jill Tolkinen, Melanie Standefer, Melissa Herman; sister Joy; brother Peter; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Starman, Marla, b. March 31, 1940, d. July 8, 2010 in Burlington, IA. Member of the Burlington Church. Survived by mother Madeline Cooper; son Keith; daughters Rhonda Bristow and Susan Glasgow; brothers Terry, Randy and Larry Cooper; sisters Dolores Wright, Judy Gabriel, Marilyn Beik, Cheryl Clouse, Melodee Kennedy; and 41 grandchildren.

Tophoj, Donna Marcile, b. Dec. 23, 1918, d. Jan. 21, 2011. Member of the Oshkosh (Nebraska) Church. Predeceased by parents Elmer and Sophena Kechley, and husband Earnest Tophoj. Survived by daughters Yvonne Ogard, LaVonne Morrow, Marletta Lance, Jeanette Lance, Anita Cross; sons Norris and Elton Tophoj; brother Melvin Kechley; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Turner, Mary, b. Aug. 18, 1923, d. Sept. 4, 2010 in Columbia, MO. Member of the Columbia Church. Survived by daughter Ann Turner; 1 grandchild and 4 great-grandchildren.

Watson, Jacquelyn, b. May, 1, 1935, d. Dec. 27, 2010 in Jackson County, MO. Member of the Kansas City Central Church. Survived by husband Sylvester.

Watts, Ellamae, b. May 26, 1924 in Garden City, KS, d. March 3, 2011 in Lakin, KS. Lifelong member of the Garden City Church. For the past 22 years Ellamae was a member of the KS-NE Conference Executive Committee. Predeceased by husband Bill; and daughter Ronda Watts Petersen. Survived by daughter Glenda Warren; son, Joe; 8 grandchildren; 1 missing granddaughter; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

Wyatt, Ruth Ann, b. April 16, 1959 in Rochester, MN, d. Sept. 14, 2010 in Iowa City, IA. Member of the Cedar Rapids Church. Served 10 years in the military. Survived by mother Shirley Bredeson; brother Larry Bredeson; and sister Denise Sasek.

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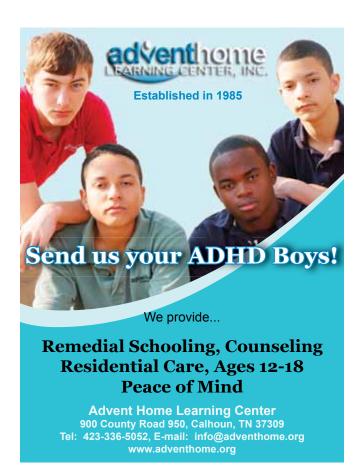
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EVENTS

"Adaptation: Core Values in a Changing World." Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2011 Conference, June 19-23, 2011 Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA. Librarians and Information Professionals are invited to visit http://spinergy.southern. edu/asdalhere/ for conference information or contact Lauren Matacio matacio@andrews.edu (269.471.6062).

Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming will be June 24-26 honoring classes 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961. All who have attended Madison College or Madison College Academy are invited to the activities and meals on Friday evening, Sabbath and Sunday morning at Madison Academy campus. For details call Jim Culpepper at 615.415.1925.

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The Benedict/Turtle Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church is celebrating its 100th Anniversary

in Turtle Lake, North Dakota on July 23, 2011. We invite all past and present constituents- pastors, church school teachers, members and their families to join us for this celebration. For more information please contact Roger Boyko at 701.448.2884 or e-mail rkboyko@ westriv.com.

Yellowstone National Park Church Services. Worship services will be held in the Recreation Hall next to Old Faithful Lodge from 10am to 12pm on Sabbaths from May 28 through September 3, 2011. For more information, call the Rocky Mountain Conference at 800.254.9687.

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Denver	7:52	7:59	8:06	8:12	8:18
Grand Junction	8.05	8:12	8:18	8:25	8:30
Pueblo	7:48	7:54	8:01	8:07	8:13
Iowa					
Davenport	7:58	8:05	8:13	8:20	8:26
Des Moines	8:10	8:18	8:25	8:32	8:38
Sioux City	8:23	8:31	8:38	8:46	8:52
Kansas					
Dodge City	8:28	8:35	8:41	8:47	8:53
Goodland	7:38	7:45	7:52	7:58	8:04
Topeka	8:13	8:20	8:27	8:33	8:39
Wichita	8:18	8:24	8:30	8:36	8:43
Minnesota					
Duluth	8:15	8:25	8:34	8:42	8:50
International Falls	8:25	8:35	8:45	8:54	9:02
Minneapolis	8:16	8:24	8:33	8:41	8:48
Missouri					
Columbia	7:59	8:06	8:13	8:19	8:2:
Kansas City	8:09	8:16	8:22	8:29	8:3
Springfield	8:01	8:07	8:13	8:19	8:2
St. Louis	7:51	7:58	8:04	8:10	8:10
Nebraska					
Grand Island	8:28	8:35	8:42	8:49	8:5
Lincoln	8:21	8:28	8:35	8:42	8:48
North Platte	8:38	8:45	8:52	8:59	9:0
Scottsbluff	7:51	7:58	8:06	8:13	8:19
North Dakota					
Bismarck	8:50	9:00	9:09	9:17	9:2
Fargo	8:34	8:44	8:53	9:01	9:09
Williston	9:05	9:15	9:24	9:33	9:4
South Dakota					
Pierre	8:43	8:51	8:59	9:07	9:14
Rapid City	7:54	8:02	8:10	8:18	8:2:
Sioux Falls	8:26	8:35	8:43	8:50	8:5
Wyoming					
Casper	8:03	8:11	8:19	8:26	8:3:
Cheyenne	7:54	8:01	8:08	8:15	8:2
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