

Alberta Adventist News

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From the President . . .

Staying Focused

Mobile phones are wonderful inventions, but they can be distractions if you are a driver. That's why various communities and provinces have been passing laws to restrict driving and telephoning or texting at the same time.

Distractions are a problem when you're doing something you want to have turn out right, like putting the first furrow in a field, making a casserole, or doing homework. Being distracted can lead to crooked furrows, a strange casserole, or incorrect answers. None of these are really desirable.

As Christians we can sometimes become distracted. Ours is an age where ideas move quickly through the Internet, Satellite TV, CDs, and DVDs. Many of the ideas are good and helpful but some of them distract us from our goal of getting ready to meet Jesus. We must have wisdom to stay focused and avoid the distractions.

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We need the Bible. We need the Holy Spirit. Strong personalities often present as though it were truth ideas that do not represent the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. Some of the ideas may have merit, but many of them are merely distractions. We must be deep in God's Word to avoid distraction on the way to the Kingdom.

I place before you these words of Scripture: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene." 2 Timothy 2:15-17, NASB

May God guide us as we travel close to Him.

Mark Johnson
President

Conference Office News



Pastor Derek Richter is the Conference Youth and Summer Camp Director. Richter was a chaplain for Fraser Valley Adventist Academy in BC for several years, followed by a brief stint on the pastoral staff of the Aldergrove Church in BC. He is a graduate of CUC who spent his summers on the staff at Foothills Camp. His wife's name is Rena.

He will be conducting the summer camps for children so you will see him around at camp meeting this summer. Along with his camp duties, he is the general coordinator for all the Children, Youth, and Young Adult Divisions for camp meeting.



Pastor George Ali is the newly appointed Conference Ministerial Secretary. Pastor George and his wife, Pam, arrived in Alberta December 1, 2009, to begin his pastoral duties in the Edmonton Mill Woods and Leduc district. However, it wasn't too long after that he was invited to serve in a new role as the pastor's pastor! He and his wife, Pam, will be moving to the local area and he will begin his official presence in the office in early June 2010.



For the past three years, **Pastor Larry Hall** served as the Ministerial Director in the Conference. Just recently, he was appointed as Executive Secretary / VP for Administration for the Alberta Conference.

On the weekend of April 16-18, 2010, over 80 elders from across Alberta met at Foothills Camp for a time of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and training in how to be more effective leaders. Elder Don Corkum, a well-known former president of the Alberta Conference, was the main presenter. His presentations were built around the theme: "Leaders for the End Time." The Alberta

Conference has committed to doing annual elder's retreats to help encourage and develop competent local lay leadership for our churches.

According to eAdventist reports plus what pastors have told us, we have about 105 baptisms to date in 2010.

The first weekend of May found a group of young people from across the province gather at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy for the annual Calgary Youth Rally. Sponsored by the Alberta Conference and local churches, the youth of Alberta were invited to CWAA to hear inspiring messages from Pastor Andrew Kingston, participate in inspiring worship, and serve their community with a Food Bank drive. On Sabbath afternoon they collected well over four pallets of food for the Calgary Food Bank. Two baptisms were the highlight of the weekend event.

Fellow church members I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Lord's work in Alberta and the world by your giving in 2009. Many have even in these difficult economic times continued to return to the Lord His tithe and given your freewill offerings to support your church. In 2009 there was an increase of 1.47% in the tithe over the previous year. The tithe per capita giving increased to \$1,346.52 per member.

The freewill offerings of 2009 did not fare as well. Giving to world missions was down 5.03% over the previous year. The Alberta Advance, our source of non-tithe funds, was down by 2.74%. The giving to the local church was down by an average of 2.68% if we remove the project giving from one local church.

When we compare the giving of 2010 to the end of April we see a different picture. Tithe has increased 0.54%, Missions has increased 9.82%, and the Alberta Advance has increased to 0.35% of income from 0.29% last year. Last year we received over \$626,000 from matured trusts and wills from 2009.

CAMP MEETING GUESTS

Main Auditorium

- Alvin Kibble - Vice President, North American Division
- Winston Craig - Nutrition Professor, Andrews University
- David Klinedinst - Personal Ministries, Christian Record
- Homer Trecartin - Assoc Secretary, General Conference
- Andrea Luxton - President, Canadian University College
- Bill Santos - Speaker/Director, It Is Written Canada
- Chuck Sandefur - President, ADRA International
- Ted Wilson - General Vice President, General Conference

Early Morning Devotionals

- George Ali, Ministerial Director, Alberta Conference
- Keith Samuels, Asst / Youth Pastor, Calgary Bridgeland
- John Ramsay, VP for Finance, SDA Church in Canada
- Derek Richter, Youth Director, Alberta Conference
- Brent Wilson, Asst / Youth Pastor, Calgary Central
- John Murley, Senior Pastor, Edmonton South
- Ron Sydenham, Senior Pastor, College Heights

Youth Guest Speaker

Josue Sanchez, Youth Pastor & Free Lance Writer
Hagerstown, MD

Young Adult Guest Speakers

Clarence & Dianna Schilt, pastor & teacher

Programs for all ages

- Cradle roll (birth - 3 yrs)
- Kindergarten (4-6)
- Primary (7-9)
- Junior (10-12)
- Earliteen (13-15)
- Youth (16-18)
- Collegiate (college / university)
- Young Adults (19-23)

Daily Seminars

(Mon-Fri: 10:30 AM & repeated at 3:45 PM)

- Steve Reasor
- Doug Matacio
- Virgil Covel
- Winston Craig

LIFT HIM UP July 16-24, 2010

Friday evening, July 16 - Alvin Kibble								
TIME	Sabbath July 17	Sun July 18	Mon July 19	Tues July 20	Wed July 21	Thurs July 22	Fri July 23	Sabbath July 24
7:00 - 7:45	George Ali	Keith Samuels	John Ramsay	Derek Richter	John Ramsay	Brent Wilson	John Murley	Ron Sydenham
7:45 - 8:30	BREAKFAST							
9:00 - 10:15	9:00 - 10:30 Sabbath School K-12 Schools	Winston Craig	David Klinedinst	Homer Trecartin	Andrea Luxton	Bill Santos	Chuck Sandefur	9:00 - 10:30 Sabbath School CUC / PAA
10:30 - 12:00	10:45 - 12:00 Alvin Kibble	Winston Craig	SEMINARS 10:30 - 12 noon					10:45 - 12:00 Ted Wilson
12:15 - 1:00	LUNCH							
1:00 - 2:00	Choir Practice							
2:15 - 3:30	3:00 - 5:00 Concert in the Park	2:00 - 4:00 ABC Sale	David Klinedinst	Homer Trecartin	Andrea Luxton	Bill Santos	Chuck Sandefur	3:00 - 4:00 Evangelism & Education
3:45 - 5:15			SEMINARS 3:45 - 5:15					4:00 - 5:15
5:30 - 6:30	SUPPER	4:00 - 6:30 Food Fair	SUPPER					
6:45 - 7:15	Mini-Concerts							
7:15 - 9:00	Alvin Kibble	Winston Craig	David Klinedinst	Homer Trecartin	Andrea Luxton	Bill Santos	Ted Wilson	Ted Wilson
9:15 - 9:45	Prayer and Praise at the Harmattan Heritage Church starting Friday, July 16							

2011 CAMP MEETING - July 8 - 16

