



Alberta

Adventist News

December, 2007

From the president

Window Dressing

All around me, at this time of the year, are the sights and sound of Christmas. Christmas music, sacred and secular, is being played on the radio and even on our home sound system (my wife likes to start Christmas music early in our home). The store windows are decorated with Christmas themes and the stores are full of shoppers seeking to buy Christmas gifts. Many of the houses where we live are already decorated for Christmas with lighted Christmas trees within and exterior lights twinkling cheerily at night. There is something about the sights and sounds of Christmas that impresses me that this is a happy time of the year. Am I right or is this merely "window dressing"? Does the happiness created at this time of the year last?

One time Jesus cautioned his disciples about external appearances – "window dressing" we might call it. He said, "Beware of the scribes which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts." (Luke 20:46) He also warned them "... that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20) Putting on appearances and how we appear to others is not what gives real happiness and surely does not make us right with God. Window dressing is, like Christmas decorations, here today and gone tomorrow. It is so fleeting.

In all of our hustle and bustle with Christmas shopping, gift giving, partying, visiting, and dining, it is all too

easy to miss the real joy of Christmas. Jesus, the Christ, is the reason for real true lasting joy and happiness at this time of the year and the whole year through. In *John 10:10* He said, "... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He is our free Gift! And, He is the Gift we, too, can give. He is the source of real lasting happiness both for ourselves and for those around us with whom we must share Him. He gives satisfaction to living. He gives abundance to our living.

Oh yes, there are things we like to have and things we like to do, and I am glad we have a God who wants us to have what is best for making us happy. But, there is a priority. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) He, our God, is the real source of every-

thing we need for happiness at this Christmas time of the year and throughout each and every day of our lives. He knows our needs and meets them.

May you, reader, find real joy and happiness in a truly Christ-centred Christmas for yourself and for all of those with whom you will be sharing Him. My wife, Judy, and I wish you God's promised blessings now and in the New Year.

Yours faithfully
Bill and Judy Olson



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From the treasurer –

Alberta, what an awesome place to live! We have been blessed in so many ways. I love our blue skies, our rolling wheat fields, our majestic mountains—but the real strength of Alberta is in its people. Our resources of coal, gas, and oil the province's work-people from all over labour shortage in Alberta is the land of



I was reading in charitable-giving In the church, as well, giving of the province. province, the Adventist Church has matched the giving of all Albertans.

The per capita giving of our church members is the highest in Canada, if not North America. I praise God for the faithfulness of His people. As we return our tithe into the storehouse, the Lord blesses us so that we are able to give offerings for the support of the work around the world as well as here in Alberta—for your local church and for the work throughout the Alberta Conference.

We have had housing challenges in Alberta to keep up with the high cost of living in this province. If you have moved here from outside the province you will realize that the cost of housing takes a huge chunk of your income. Our cities are faced with a tremendous challenge to find shelter for those who are not able to meet the housing challenge on their own.

The higher water table that has flooded some of your basements has also had an impact on your conference office since May. We have been challenged in this short labour market to find people or businesses to follow through on their commitment to come fix our problem. If there is an expert in this field that you know of, please share that information with me.

As we approach the end of the year, we look forward to the goals and projects that need to be accomplished in the New Year. Look at our Foothills Camp—we see that our washrooms need some major repairs. We could use another lodge, this time with washrooms in every room. That would be a great benefit throughout the year as well as at camp meeting.

I would like to see greater emphases on evangelism. We need major city-wide evangelistic meetings every year in either Edmonton or Calgary. The rest of the cities, towns, and hamlets need to have on going evangelistic outreach programs.

Some of the new groups that are starting up around the conference could use the help of a Bible worker to assist the pastor serving in that area to strengthen the new members. If the Lord impresses you that you could help in a small way or with something more substantial, please let me know so that I can help you find a project that would maximize the work in Alberta.

I thank you for your giving this year. To October 31, 2007, there is an 8.95% increase in Tithe (down slightly from 2006), a 13.2% increase in Sabbath School, a 13.8% increase in Missions, and a 7.2% increase in Alberta Advance.

As we approach this Christmas season, let us remember the real meaning of why we celebrate during this time of the year. God took a risk and sent His Son into this world to redeem us—that is what we should truly celebrate.

In His Service
Bob Holdal

Missing Members

If you know where any of the following members are, please contact the Calgary Central SDA Church via: email at centralchurch@shaw.ca; phone 403-289-0196; fax 403-282-6955. Thank you.

Kim Maxwell
 Jason Park
 Darl Walker
 John Walton
 Robert Weich
 Richard & Sally Williams
 Jesse Yardley

If you know where any of the following members are, please contact Lavern Skyers, Calgary Bridgeland Church Clerk, via: email llhibbert@yahoo.ca; phone 403-923-8855. Thank you.

Carie Archer	Lavone Lyonns
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Gloria Ellis	Radcliffe Melliphant
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Conference Office New Staff



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60th Wedding Anniversary

Levern and Ruth (Schafer) Krenzler of Lacombe, AB celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 3, 2007. Levern and Ruth met at Canadian Junior College (now Canadian University College) in 1945 and were married in the Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 3, 1947. Levern graduated in 1950, and they served the Lord and His church in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and across Canada. Ruth graduated as an RNA in Oshawa in 1975 and worked at the North York Branson Hospital for eight years. They came to live in Lacombe in 1991.

On August 3, 2007, they were surrounded by their friends of the Royal Oak Manor on College Avenue where they all enjoyed the anniversary cake and congratulated the happy couple.

The Krenzlers have three daughters: Gaylene (Dan) Border and Donna Lee of Portland, Oregon and Janice of Calgary, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren—all in the United States.



"A SOLAS CON JESÚS"

Spanish Women's Retreat held at the Red Deer Lodge Hotel from Sept. 14-16, 2007, was very successful!



The powerful messages presented by our guest speaker, Fiordaliza Torres, made a great impact on everyone. The concert directed by Claudia Gomez was the culminating note of this retreat. Claudia, Amy Andrade, Paulina Gomez, Yenny Garcia, Gracie Manzano and Magaly Andrade presented songs and poems which were clearly inspired by the Holy Spirit in touching each one present. The testimonies shared during the concert brought the ladies closer and made them to praise the Lord's name with all their hearts.

The retreat made honour to its name and all participants enjoyed moments alone with Jesus. The Holy

Spirit worked tremendously in all and each one of the attendants. Thank you Lord!

The organizing committee would like to thank Nicole Paradis-Sydenham for her support and participation in our retreat, as well as Pastors Daquila and Adams for their moral and financial support which helped us to achieve the success of this retreat. Also our appreciation goes to Claudia and Amalia for the great music chosen for the retreat, to Arturo Gomez who created our custom videos, to Roger Torres for allowing us to use part of his beautiful picture collection in the videos and especially to our Lord for the success of this event.

The 3rd Spanish Women's retreat will be on September 12-14, 2008.

Dilcia Torres



Celebrating Excellence Award

Lorelei Domaschuk, Clinical Coordinator, Diabetes Education, for the David Thompson Health Region, was the recipient of the "Excellence in Care and Service" award for 2007. The annual awards program is a way to recognize and celebrate employees, physicians, and volunteers throughout the Region who excel in providing service and care. Lorelei and her family attend the College Heights Church. Congratulations, Lorelei!

Pastor Robert Burke Ordained

Pastor Bob was ordained to the gospel ministry June 16, 2007, at the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church. Church members, Conference administration, and friends were in attendance.

Bob and Ruth Burke heard the gospel of Jesus Christ as preached by the Seventh-day Adventist Church through a Revelation Seminar held at Penticton, BC in February 1995. They continued to study, and the Holy Spirit brought conviction in their hearts about the truth in the Bible, so on September 16, 1995, they were baptized in the Similkameen River near Keremeos, BC.

Six months after baptism Bob traveled to the Philippines on a mission trip. He joined the group who participated in the Voice of Prophecy's Target 50,000. The goal of this evangelistic thrust was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the work of the Voice of Prophecy in the Philippines

by baptizing at least 50,000 new believers in one year.

It was during that mission trip

that the Holy Spirit spoke to Bob's heart and convinced him of his call to the ministry. It took him two years after coming back from the Philippines to convince his wife Ruth about his ministerial calling.

Bob and Ruth moved to Canadian University College where Bob took his education and pastoral training. He graduated in the spring of 2003, and since then he has been employed as the district pastor of the Camrose/Ryley/Sedgewick District.

Bob is thankful for the total support of his wife, the membership of his churches, his colleagues in ministry, the administration and staff of the Alberta Conference, and above all to God who has called him to be a minister for His kingdom.



Wonderful Happenings in a Pastor's Life

Last week a young woman called and asked if she could speak to me. I forgot the appointment we had made. It happens from time to time. It is quite embarrassing. We rescheduled for Sunday afternoon at their home. I assumed the family needed support of one kind or another but I would go even though I would have preferred to spend the afternoon with my beloved wife.

When I arrived I was asked to sit down and it was explained to me that since it was pastoral appreciation month the woman would like to wash my feet in appreciation for my ministry. Furthermore, the man would then massage my feet with oil to express his appreciation.

My mind was very active processing all this information. "Was I worthy of this honour?" "Was I thinking I was Christ to allow this to happen?" "Would it be prideful if I permitted all this to occur?" "Should I not be washing these dear people's feet?"

Suddenly it came to me. My life is about giving. Sometimes it can be about receiving. I sat

expectantly. The water was warm and my feet started to enjoy the water and the touch of soft hands. The massage was wonderful. My feet felt different for a few days. It was as if I had new feet. I came away valued and honoured and happy.



I do not expect this ever to happen again but I will treasure this calculated act of love towards me as a pastor and a person. I experience such joy when I think of what happened I want to pass this joy onto other people. If only they could be treated this way too. But then they can be. I can treat them this way for I have been treated this way myself.

The moral of the story? Wear clean, whole socks every day. That morning I put on a pair of socks that had a hole. I changed them for a pair without holes. Today is all that I have of my life. I will wear the best socks I have for who knows, my feet might get washed again? Who knows, I might find some feet to wash today!

Pastor Ian Hartley

College Heights

An Amazing Experience

The Ultimate Workout 17, sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International, sent 200 teens (aged 14-17) to Ecuador this summer to build five churches. The teens



(l-r) Aurora Davis, Kayla Ritchey, Jayden Rajah saying good-bye as they board the plane for Ecuador

were divided into groups, about 40 in each, and sent to the five different sites throughout Ecuador. Four of our teens participated in this incredible experience: Aurora Davis, Kendra Hill, Jaden Rajah, and Kayla Ritchey. Here is what some shared –

The adventure started at the airport. Everyone flew down separately and met at Quito, Ecuador. The staff were there clapping and cheering for us when we came out of the airport. It was neat. The first day was spent together as a big group. The next morning, we split up into our different site groups, loaded the buses, and then drove to our different sites. I was at the San Carlos site, 6 hours away from Quito.

The scenery was amazing. There were high, lush mountains and beautiful waterfalls. We arrived at our site that evening. We stayed in a school, and the church site was right next door. The site consisted of a cement pad, a baptistery wall, and a skeleton frame. We started construction on Friday and spent seven days working on the church. We managed to get all the outside walls up

and part of the roof on. It was exciting to see a building where there wasn't one two weeks before. The church was packed on the final Sabbath. Most of the kids from the VBS program came. In San Carlos there was only one family in the town that was Adventist. Seeing a packed church was a real blessing.

On the final Friday we went to a "water park" with the kids from the school. They gave us bags of fruit as a thank-you. They had so little, and they gave us what little they could spare. It was very touching.

One spiritual experience that stands out in my mind is the Passion Play that we presented. We started with the Last Supper, and then paraded Jesus through the streets of the city, yelling and shouting. We ended off at our newly-built church, and had a Crushing of the Rose ceremony. Most everybody gave a testimony, and there were tears all around. I'm sure everybody spent the night deep in thought and prayer.

The finished church for the people in Ecuador

The day before it was time to leave, the whole group got back together again at a beach. It was very hard to say good-bye to everyone when it was time to go home. It's amazing how a bunch of people who don't even know each other can become such good friends in just two weeks. Ecuador was an incredible experience, and I believe many lives were touched. It is something that I definitely would do again.

Kendra Hill

Ultimate Workout was magnificent. I think every 14-year old should go on this trip. The leaders were very fun and safe. The best leader was Vickie Wiedman. She was my leader. The people on the site were great, cool, amazing. You work really hard. Our sight had three priorities – quality work, spiritual growth, and building a great church family. We had a Medical Team that helped over 300 patients; VBS and Outreach were my favorite part of the trip. The first Sabbath we went door to door and prayed with people and gave them the Spanish version of *Steps to Christ*. Our site finished the church for the people of Ecuador. I am really glad I got to have this experience.

Jaden Rajah

College Heights - continued

I had the chance to go on a mission trip to Las Mercedes, Ecuador on July 17-30, called the Ultimate Workout. Two of my good friends Aurora Davis and Jaden Rajah went as well. For the first three days, we got to meet everyone and stay in a nice hotel in the capitol city of Quito, Ecuador. On the third day we got split up into groups and were sent five different directions to our sites. I went to Las Mercedes, which was nine hours away, from Quito. Did I mention that it was VERY hot and humid? The only other person that I knew from Canada was Roderick Stickle. I took a chance and met a lot of new friends that I still stay in contact with.

We set up camp with our tents on a basketball court and made a 'tent city', which for the next week and a half became my home. I became good friends with a girl I met on the bus named Amanda Johnson. Our Las Mercedes group definitely was close and crazy. We did a VBS for the Las Mercedes kids, (with our highest count at 200 kids!!), we did outreach for the community and built the Las Mercedes people a church. We also were fortunate to be in one of the two groups that were doing

a medical clinic (I was very lucky because I want to be a nurse when I grow up). On Wednesday we got to go on an expedition to a water park and go out for pizza (which was a nice change from beans and rice for me), a really fun memorable trip.

Friday night the staff set up an Agape feast for us. It was so pretty; there was a full table of food, tables in the shape of a cross, lit by candlelight. After we ate, people gave their testimonies.

I had a chance to help out with so many things that I liked—the church, medical clinic, outreach, and VBS during my trip to Las Mercedes. I had the most AWESOME time EVER! I met so many new friends, that I miss so much. There's so much stuff to remember, so much fun, and so much loving of God. I can't really describe what it was like for me to go, but I know it changed my life seeing how the people of Las Mercedes live. It has given me a whole new appreciation for God. Going to Las Mercedes Ecuador was probably the best thing I could have ever done. I am so lucky to have had that chance of a lifetime to go. I loved it and I'll never forget it.

Kayla Ritchey

Lacombe Community

Ruth Riffin, VBS Director

An informative and unique Vacation Bible School was held at the Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church August 19-23, 2007. The theme was "Healthy Living for Boys and Girls."

Centres were set up to give the children information on the eight laws of health—nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, fresh air, rest, and trust in God. A large table laden with fresh fruit and vegetables, beans, nuts, and grains, was on display each evening and special emphasis was placed on healthy eating. The children learned how much salt, sugar, and fat were in "popular" foods and then they were shown examples of healthy alternatives.

Instead of crafts, the children helped prepare healthy foods, made a school lunch, and participated in activities at the various centres. Each evening a healthy, tasty snack was prepared and sampled by the children and staff. The recipes were available in an attractive booklet given to each family at the closing program.

Pastor Morris presented the Bible lessons based on what foods God allowed people to eat at creation, when meat was added to the diet, and what will be eaten in heaven. The children eagerly looked up the verses in

the Bibles that they were able to keep at the end of VBS. Parents and church members alike enjoyed the "open house" on the last evening, and the children traded in their "points" for small gifts at the VBS store.

It is our prayer that we have helped the children to be able to make healthier lifestyle choices.



← A "white blood cell" is trying to chase away the germs in our bodies

↓ Children discuss "healthy foods" for our bodies



Edmonton West

Marching to Zion

West Edmonton Church is experiencing renewal and revival after the firm planting of two sister congregations, Mill Woods and North Edmonton Fellowship. Our youth department took a contingent of 16 individuals to the "Just Claim It" Conference in Texas in February. They returned inspired, equipped for community service and leadership.

"Come Holy Spirit" was the theme of our April 14-21, 2007 Week of Prayer. Pastors Wesley, Rosengren,

Millen, and Johnson from Edmonton Central, Edmonton South and Parkland Churches, along with Pastors Horrell and Smith from Edmonton West presented the Word. All who attended were deeply enriched, a fitting preparation for Alberta Conference Prayer Fest hosted by Edmonton West Church, May 4-6, 2007. The theme was "Biblical Foundation for Discipleship and Worship." Scholarly presentations by Dr. Ganoune Diop, Professor of Theology, Oakwood College, revealed the Heart of Jesus Teachings in a new way. Through Janet Lui, Prayer Coordinator, Southern California Conference, fresh insights into discipleship and the power of prayer were experienced.

Women's Ministries Activities



West Edmonton Church has a vibrant Women's Ministry program. Many women attended the Women's

Retreat in Red Deer and the Women of Faith conference in Calgary this year. Two Women's Days were held at our church in 2007. Nicole Paradis-Sydenham brought the divine message entitled "Gathering the Jewels" on May 12. Ruth Ali from Garden Road Church in Calgary pointed us to Christ in the message of "It's Not About Us" on Sept 22. In a unique and dramatic AY presentation, a "State of Mind 2007" pageant was presented. Invisibility, Gossip, Pride & Self Righteousness, Anger, Lies, Fear, Love, Prayer, Kindness, and Unforgiveness each demonstrated their "State of Mind." After listening to each other, Prayer and Kindness won all the others over to Christ.

Joy Hurst, Communications



Fairview

Singer Nominated for Canadian Christian Music Award

Lavonne Gladstone never thought it could happen. The mother of two and member of the Fairview Church received a 2007 Covenant Award nomination from the Gospel Music Association of Canada in the category of Southern Gospel Album of the Year for her song "Even the Valley." Lavonne recorded the album in 2006, and it quickly became a hit in Northwestern Alberta, especially around her hometown of Fairview. In September, 2007, her song, "Buildings Made of Stone," made the US country gospel music charts at #58 and the international charts at #62. Lavonne attended the Covenant Award Ceremony in Calgary on October 26, 2007, and though she did not receive the award, she was grateful for the chance to meet with other Christian musicians. Lavonne sees God's hand in several miracles that allowed her to enter music ministry and loves the opportunities it gives her to witness. For more information go to www.lavonnegladstone.com.

Pastor David Hamstra

A Year Has Come and Gone

In September 2006, Pastor Dexter Smith joined the family at West Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church as the youth pastor under the mentorship of Pastor Terrence Horrell. Pastor Dex teamed up with Sister Sharon Long (Brown), youth coordinator, and a group of enthusiastic youth who make up the 2007 Youth Committee.

Pastor Dex's ministry to date includes involvement in various activities (mentioned above) as well as the coordination of an evening program for the community during Black History month, and assisted in organizing and orchestrating a banquet that was open to all ages, and participation in sports activities. Above all, Pastor Dex is meeting the spiritual needs of the young people through his dynamic messages, leading out in Bible studies, and the introduction of a prayer wall

The West Edmonton family has been truly blessed by his ministry.

Sharon Long (Brown), Youth Coordinator



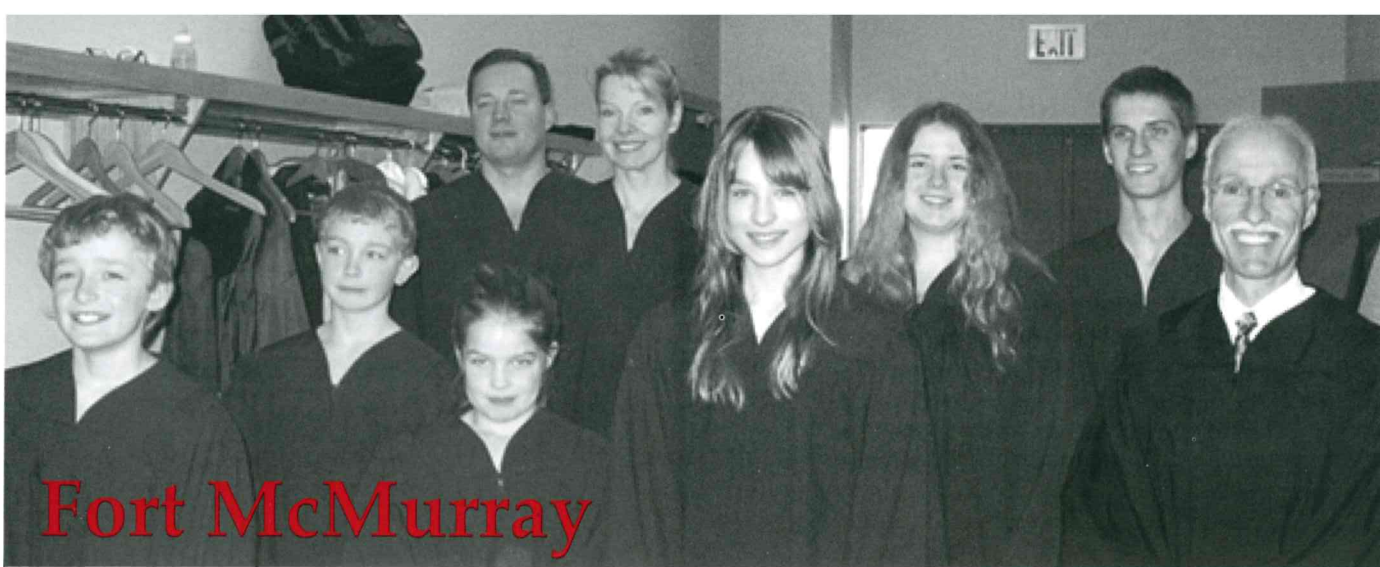
↑ Sharon Long (Brown), Youth Coordinator, watches Pastor Dex use his skill in cutting the one-year anniversary cake



Baptism, May 26, 2007

← (r-l) Pastor Terrence Horrell, Malika Griffith, Florentia Williamson, Sherdon Seaforth, Euwen Ndhlovu, Pastor Dexter Smith Front, Chantel Hategekimana





Evangelism Initiatives – ‘Nothing new under the sun’ – and the fire still burns!

This year the Fort McMurray Church voted to conduct four Prophecy Seminars in 2007 and four seminars in 2008. Our evangelistic plan was to emulate the S.T.A.F.

(South Tulsa Adventist Fellowship) experience which has grown from 27 members in 2000 to over 600 new members this year. The S.T.A.F. plan was to hold five prophecy seminars per year, baptizing 100 new members as a result. The population of Tulsa is 400,000, and they send out 100,000 handbills at each seminar.

The population of Fort McMurray is 70,000, 1/5th the size of Tulsa, and we are mailing 20,000 handbills at each seminar. I calculated that if S.T.A.F. can baptize 100 per year from five seminars then we should have 20 baptisms per year from at least four prophecy seminars. Our third seminar began September 21 with about 35 visitors attending. After three seminars, we have baptized 12 precious souls and three baptismal decisions from the third seminar.

Our fourth seminar begins Nov 30 and will run for two weeks. On the first weekend we will cover eight topics between Friday evening and all day Sabbath, then nightly for two weeks.

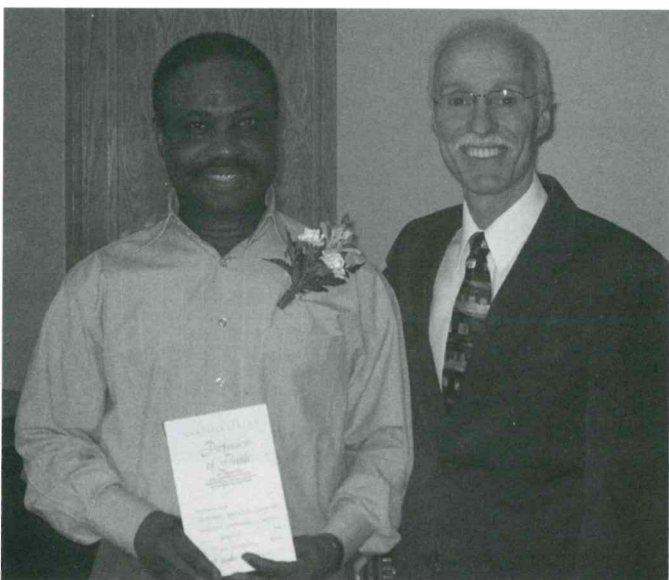
One young married couple with a newborn, Chris and Ashley Richards, attended a recent church business meeting and shared with the group that “this church has changed our lives forever, and we are so grateful.” Then she concurred with a majority vote that “we continue to do aggressive evangelism in Fort McMurray.” It was an emotional moment.

Every new member is a miracle, and we have yet to see what is next for Fort McMurray. But, by the Grace of God, we look forward to the next wave of new on-fire believers into our circle of love and friendship. What an exciting experience to behold what the Holy Spirit can do when God’s evangelistic machine is running at full bore.

I’m learning from all this that ‘There’s nothing new under the sun.’ The figures are the same across the board – ‘If you work evangelism, evangelism will work for you.’

Please continue to pray for our efforts in Fort McMurray, the church family is thriving, but the Great Controversy is alive and well here. However - “the gates of Hell shall not prevail against God’s truth.”

Pastor Darrell Beaudoin <http://prophecymadesimple.com>



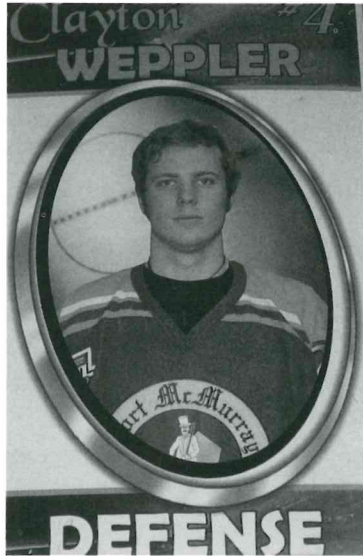
Solomon Archinful was baptized by Pastor Darrell



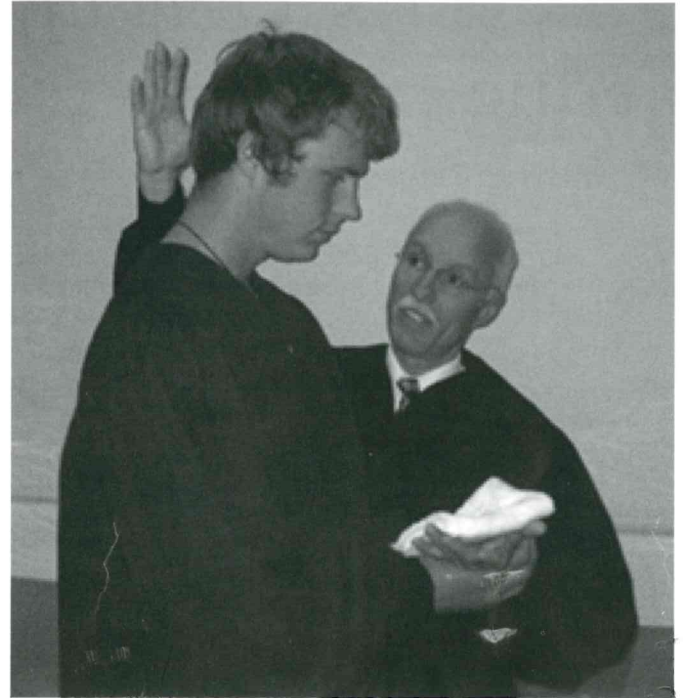
Julia Young and Del Sager were baptized by Pastor Darrell

From Hockey to Belize

One new member, Clayton Wheppler, was settling into a high caliber hockey career with the Fort McMurray Oil Barons. Each night while coming into the hockey arena adjacent to our seminar theatre, he would pass by our registration table. He asked if he could purchase a set of the seminar audio cds. As the hockey season was now closing, he set out to drive to his home town, Swift Current, SK. While driving home he listened to 10 seminar cds and was so amazed that he turned around and drove back to Fort McMurray just to find the Adventist church. On Sabbath morning he walked into church and introduced himself. I explained to the congregation who he was and how he came to the church.



As he continued to learn of the great Three Angel's messages, he soon realized that a major decision was coming concerning his hockey career. I managed to contact the CUC graduate, Tyler Colman, who struggled with a similar NHL caliber hockey career decision. Tyler immediately phoned Clayton to encourage and pray with him.



After Clayton's baptism, he returned to his home town deeply troubled as to what direction to take in life. After a telephone discussion with Clayton, I was impressed to call Brian Townsend and see if he had an opportunity for Clayton in the mission field. Brian was shocked! He had just stepped off the plane from his mission in Belize. He said, "This is a miracle. I was just praying for a replacement, for our Belize mission, and now you call with an answer to my prayer." Within three weeks Clayton was off to Belize, and will be stationed there until July 2008 as a teacher at the new school.

"An Adventist Till the Day I Die . . ."

Another family, Daron, Heather, Colton & Kailey Wheeler, members of the local large Pentecostal Church enjoyed a full week at camp meeting this summer. The night before their baptism, they arranged a meeting with their pastor and explained to him that they were leaving to "join God's remnant people" and gave the pastor a chance to talk them out of it. The pastor did his best by printing off the anti-SDA materials from the web. Daron called me to his home after the meeting the Friday night before their baptism and said, "I was shocked that the pastor could not give me a good reason why we should not join the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The Wheeler's family members have tried to convince them that they have joined a cult by giving them more anti-SDA literature, which has only strengthened their faith in the truth. Recently at a family Thanksgiving dinner, the arguments came at them again. Heather stood up at the dinner and exclaimed, "I will be a Seventh-day Adventist until the day I die or until Jesus returns" – end of argument!



Leduc

Pathfinders "Remember"

The Leduc Silver Jets Pathfinder Club marched and placed a wreath as part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Leduc on November 11, 2007.

Club members, Shannon Knopp, Jeremy Hetland, and Noah Burghardt, were honoured to be part of the Color Guard, carrying the Canadian, Provincial, and Pathfinder flags.

Tyler Hetland and Breeann Burghardt placed a wreath in honour of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

After the ceremonies, the Legion's Sergeant of Arms thanked the Club personally for their participation.

The Pathfinders had opportunity to reflect upon the contribution of those who have contributed to our freedom with their lives—freedom that we often don't take time to consider and appreciate.

Marching with the RCMP, being part of the solemn and respectful ceremony, singing "O Canada" with a deeper meaning, and taking time to consider the sacrifice that some families have made all impacted the lives of those who participated. One Pathfinder was reminded "about how Jesus did the same thing." May each of our lives reflect the price Jesus paid for us! *Rayette Hetland*



Sedgewick

On July 7th at the Alberta Camp Meeting, Jasper Anderson was baptized by Pastor Bob Burke. Jasper had been studying with Pastor Burke for close to a year. He was home schooled by his Aunt Ennette who had versed him well in Seventh-day Adventist belief and practice, and as a result Pastor Burke realized he would have to take a different approach in his studies. Each week a topic would be chosen and Jasper would have to defend his position from the Bible and then they would have discussion time on whatever topic Jasper chose. It was a unique approach to baptism preparation but one which worked well. The Sedgewick Adventist Church congregation is thrilled to have Jasper added to the list of members.

Edmonton Central

The Edmonton Central Northern Lights Pathfinder Club Induction Service was held October 16, 2007. Fourteen new members and three new staff joining the club. Our total is 21 Pathfinders! Praise God!



The Northern Lights Pathfinder Club participated in a food drive on November 3, 2007. Approximately 2,275 pieces were collected for the local food bank.





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Lethbridge

Church of Chimes 2nd Annual Women's Retreat

Our Lord Jesus, during His time here on earth often withdrew from the stress of His daily life. He would seek a secluded place of solitude for silence and prayer. Because He did this He was renewed spiritually, mentally, and physically.

The Women's Ministries of the Lethbridge Church of Chimes adapted this time-proven practice to meet the needs of today's contemporary woman.

So under their direction, St. Martha's Retreat Centre (secluded and located on the side of a coulee overlooking the Old Man River and the University of Lethbridge) played inn keeper for 12-14 women for the weekend of October 12 -14, 2007. Two Sisters (nuns) of St. Martha's joined in the last program on Sabbath.

The theme for the weekend was appropriately named; "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." It was a spiritual treat to experience God's presence as we worshipped Him with songs, prayers, and praise of thanksgiving. Each program for the weekend was different, put on by different women but having the same common goal, with the theme in mind. Each meeting was a continuation of sharing and listening to one another along with tears of empathy and joy. By the time Saturday night came, it was time for a slumber party in the kitchen. So giggling and laughing the woman ended the evening snacking and drinking herbal teas, with the promise, God willing, of meeting each other again at the 3rd annual Women's Retreat.

Judy Knox



*(back row l-r) Eva Klassen, Darla Hughes, Jodiene Schaber, Annette Hubbard, Judy Knox, Brenda Proud
(front row l-r) Tammy Keller, Deborah Almquist, Pinky Laurado (standing), and Shawna Lussier*

IN MEMORY

Violeta Tio Bondoc, beloved wife of Enrique, of Calgary passed away on Monday, September 24, 2007 at the age of 64 years. Violeta was born on November 19, 1942 in Capas, Tarlac, Philippines. She married Enrique on September 27, 1962. Violeta spent most of her life farming with her husband. They opened a convenience store in Balibago, Angeles City in 1976 until 1983. Violeta supervised a farm and a store in Palau, Micronesia with Enrique for five years. She was a devoted mother—her life centred in helping those in need, and she did not want to be a burden to anyone. Besides her loving husband Enrique, Violeta is survived by her children and their spouses: Nympha Bondoc, Elmer (Cecerie) Bondoc, Gloria (Rodel) Diwa, Elite Dondoc, and Dianne Bondoc; four grandchildren and eight siblings. Violeta was predeceased by her mother Baldomera Guinto, father Benito Tio, sister Rosita Tio, and son Enrique Bondoc, Jr.

Gladys Elizabeth Marsh, passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her family at her side on September 23, 2007 at the age of seventy-eight years. She was residing in Pine Ridge Nursing Home in Stettler, Alberta. She was born in Bredenbury, Saltcoats MUN., Saskatchewan on March 9, 1929.

She will be sadly missed but her memory will live on through her husband of 60 years, four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren: husband, Everett Marsh; Glyn (Rachel) Marsh, Lauri (Gerry) Larson, Brooklyn, Lauren, Madilyn & Megan Larson, Glyn Jr. & Nicholas Marsh; Vivian (Sherif) Elguindy; Debra (Raymond) Anderson, Amber, Brett & Cody Anderson; Valetta (Dale) Tym, Tara-Lee, Renee & Chelsea Tym; four sisters, Sarah Marsh, Georgia Pollock, Phyllis Marsh and Barbara (Stan) Grimshire, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, five sisters and three brothers, her daughter Lana Marsh and her granddaughter Brandi Tym.

Gladys grew up in the Cut Arm District of Saskatchewan. She was the eighth child of thirteen; ten girls and three boys. When Gladys was eighteen she moved to Vulcan, Alberta where four of her siblings were living. She married Everett Marsh on October 19, 1947. In 1956 the family of five moved to Armstrong, BC. The family grew to seven and in 1973

Gladys and the two youngest moved back to Alberta, settling in the Stettler area, eventually retiring to Sedgewick.

Gladys' family was the world to her; from each of her children to in-laws, to grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a very special way of making everyone feel loved. Her talent for cooking and baking was always appreciated, whether it was Sabbath dinners or Thanksgiving with all her kids home. She never disappointed. She cherished every moment spent together. Besides her family, Gladys was an amazing "artist." Her cross-stitch, knitting, and crocheting can be seen in many home throughout North America. The occasional quarrel would arise over who was getting her projects to put on their walls. Gladys would never leave anyone out. She cross-stitched birth announcements and diplomas for each grandchild.

She was a remarkable woman. When you think of her personality you can't help but smile. She will be missed dearly.

Funeral services were conducted by Gordon Miller and Pastor Robert Pohle on Friday, September 28, 2007, at the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church. Internment was at the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church Cemetery.

Mary Frances (Fran) Todosichuk was born on January 23, 1944 at Prongua, SK, and passed to her rest on September 13, 2007, at Endeavor, SK, at the age of 63 years. Fran was the third child of Nick and Pearl Dubyna. She married Nestor Todosichuk on June 6, 1971, and three sons were born to their home: twins Richard and Ronald, and Jonathan. Fran loved life, and found great joy in helping people. She was sensitive to those in need and looked for ways to be a blessing. In 1989 she and the boys moved to Lacombe so she could be near Canadian University College and provide an opportunity for them to have a Christian education. She will long be remembered for her kind, pleasant, and cheerful ways. She made friends easily and trusted them for support and encouragement during times of family and work-related stresses. Her body was laid to rest in the community cemetery at Preeceville, SK to await the call of the "Life-Giver" on the great resurrection morning.

Bricklayers Needed

Adventist bricklayers needed in the spring of 2008 to help with the completion of renovations. Please contact the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church via email at centralchurch@shaw.ca, or phone 403-289-0196, or fax 403-282-6955. Thank you.

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- The Canadian Government Federal Tax Credit of 17% on the first \$200 of charitable donations, plus 29% of gifts in excess of \$200;
- The Alberta Provincial Tax Credit as of January 1, 2007 of 21% on gifts in excess of \$200;
- Combined, as of January 1, 2007, the Federal Tax Credit and the Alberta Provincial Tax Credit is a credit of 50 cents for each dollar of donations in excess of \$200.
- Donors can claim maximum annual charitable contributions equal to 75% of their annual income.
- Charitable contributions in excess of the annual limit can be carried forward 5 succeeding years to reduce taxes payable in future years.

Canada Revenue Agency requires that all donations for 2007 Tax Receipts must be in the hands of your local Church Treasurer, or the Conference Vice President for Finance, or postmarked no later than December 31, 2007.

What Can I Give to the Master?

You may wish to consider making a gift for a special charitable purpose, such as Evangelism, Education, Foothills Camp, Personal Ministries, Men's or Women's Ministries, Adventist Community Services, Mamawi Atosketan Native School, or another conference or church department or project that is close to your heart. Here are some ways to make your gift:

- A Gift of Cash.
- A gift of Publicly Listed Securities - this results in Zero Capital Gains Tax if the security is transferred to the conference and not cashed before it is given.
- A Gift in Kind that is useful to the charity that receives it. This could be real estate, vehicles, machinery, art or jewelry to be sold, etc.
- A Gift of an Insurance Policy that you no longer need.
- Non-receiptable gifts include used clothing, food or time for community services.

Alberta Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services:
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May God bless the treasure you entrust to Him

How to Build Churches and Schools Quickly

Just give a Toonie-A-Week

The slogan above was coined during the presentation of the Toonie-A-Week presentation during camp meeting at Foothills Camp in July of this year. The goal was to encourage each member to contribute just two dollars per week towards supporting the building program of the Alberta Conference. At present, 25 out of the 73 congregations in the Alberta Conference do not have their own church buildings for their worship services. They are meeting in rented facilities.

The Alberta Conference makes provision in the annual budget of \$30,000 to subsidize church and school building projects, and according to policy one church can apply for a maximum of \$10,000 of this subsidy. At the end of the third quarter our membership in the Alberta Conference stands at 9,399. If only one-third of our members will commit to give willingly two dollars per week, at the end of one year we would realize \$325,832 for the church and school building project. When this happens the maximum subsidy a church can apply for is \$100,000. Isn't this great?

We gave to each pastor at camp meeting time some cards (see sample) where each member can place toonie coins in the slots provided. Some churches are using them but in many churches those card have not been distributed yet. We encourage all churches to please distribute them.

You do not have to use the cards; you can write a cheque for this project. My wife and I choose to just write a cheque every month for this project. At present the total collection is a little over \$5,000. New churches are being planted, and we need houses of worship for them. Please do plan to participate in this worthy cause. It is still true that "God loves a cheerful giver."

Romy Daquila



The Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Church and School Building Fundraising

Please attach Two-Dollar Coins in the spaces provided below. One coin for each week and place this card into the offering plate at the end of the month and see how the Lord turns your offerings to buildings for His glory.

Church: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Date: _____



"God loves a cheerful giver."