

Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta



From the President ...

Let's Lift Our Eyes

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20 & 21 NIV.

What a text! What a promise! He is able to do even more than we can ask or imagine! I don't know about you but I have asked what I *thought* was a lot. And I have imagined....

As I look forward to the blessings that are in store for us at Camp Meeting this year my mind wanders back to an experience I had during Christmas break a few months ago. I shared that experience by e-mail with our pastors at the time. But perhaps it would be helpful to share it with our whole membership as well. Let me quote from that e-mail:

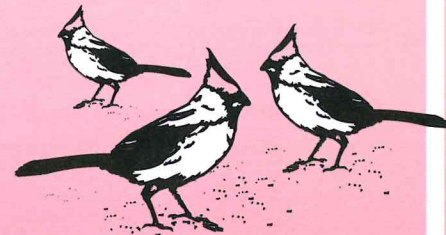
"This morning as I was concluding my personal devotions I stood at the living room window in my son-in-law's home. I was looking out at the three bird feeders that are in his back yard. For several days they had been empty but on Sunday he filled them once again. It was not until this morning (Tuesday) that the birds returned to the yard. But it was interesting (and to me, at least, instructive) to watch it happen.

"They first discovered the seeds he had spilled on the ground under the feeder farthest from the house. Within minutes after the first bird discovered those seeds on the ground more than a dozen other birds joined in – all remaining on the ground feeding from what had been spilled. It was several minutes before a new arrival landed in a branch of a nearby bush and saw the feeder up above. He landed on the feeder taking from its abundance. Very soon, of course, others joined and the real feast began.

"A few minutes later one adventurous explorer landed on the ground under the second feeder. But once again he was satisfied to pick at the few seeds that had fallen in the snow beneath the feeder when it was filled. Soon a large group had joined him but none of them saw the potential that was just six feet above their heads. It was nearly 10 minutes after discovering the seed on the ground when a new arrival landed in a bush and surveyed the whole scene. He spotted the feeder and, as had happened with the other feeder, was soon joined by dozens of others competing for the feast. As I write this, the spilled seeds have been discovered under the feeder closest to the house but so far the feeder itself has not been discovered.

"As I watched this situation unfold I couldn't help but think about what was happening and what lessons it might teach me. It was rather ironic to see the flocks of birds struggling with each other over the few seeds that were on the ground when such an abundance was so close and so available to them. It made me wonder if perhaps we, as members in God's cause, are picking away at the 'blessings' that we find scattered about unaware of the abundance that God has provided for us if we would just lift our sights a bit. We've all read the promises that God has given concerning the latter rain. Could it be that the promised blessings are as close to us as the overflowing feeders are to the birds searching on the ground?"

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For me, Camp Meeting has been one of those "full-bird-feeder" experiences. There are so many blessings for those seeking them! Unfortunately, there are some among us who seem content to pick away at the blessings scattered about and not avail themselves of the abundance so readily available.

Dale Kongorski



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Know Our God—Make Him Known—Trust Him Always

Guests

Shawn Boonstra, Field Representative/Evangelist, Canadian Adventist Media Centre

Shawn has worked as a pastor evangelist in the BC Conference for much of the time since he became a SDA Christian. He has devoted all of his energy into sharing the everlasting gospel with as many people as he can. You'll enjoy his Christ-centered dynamic preaching and his warm, Biblical messages. **Sunday through Thursday, 7:15 pm.**



Anne C. Cools, Liberal Senator from Ontario

In 1984 His Excellency Governor-General Edward Schreyer summoned Anne Cools to the Senate on the advice of Rt. Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau. Senator Cools has been an innovator and leader in the creation of social services to help battered women, families in crisis and families troubled by domestic violence. Senator Cools' representation in the community and her involvement with the Liberal Party of Canada is long standing. Senator Cools has worked on amending many important Bills as well as chairing and serving on many Senate committees. Most recently, in June of 1997 NA'AMAT, the international Jewish Women's Organization that supports battered women's shelters in Israel, awarded her their Spiritual Mother of the Year award. In addition, Pride Magazine awarded her their 1997 Outstanding Achievement Award in Politics. **First Friday evening, 7:00 pm, Opening Address.**



Lowell Cooper, Vice-President, General Conference of SDA, Silver Spring, Maryland

Lowell is no stranger to many Albertans as he was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta and served as pastor in the Peace River District for four years and then department director in the Alberta Conference for four more years. Elder Cooper then served in Pakistan and India for the next 16 years before returning to North America. **Sabbath through Sabbath, 6:40 a.m.: "Bible Bibliographies for Today," and Issues in the Church Workshop.**



Stephen McPherson, President, Idaho Conference

Stephen McPherson is the oldest son of an Adventist preacher and the grandson of a union president. He has ministered in Arizona, Minnesota, Alaska and Idaho for the past 32_ years. **Sunday through Friday, 10:45 a.m.**

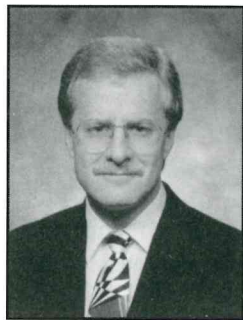


Calvin Rock, Vice-President, General Conference of SDA, Silver Spring, MD

Born in New York City, Calvin Rock entered his ministerial studies at Oakwood College and served as a pastor in the South Carolina, Georgia and Florida Conferences. His present duties include chairmanship of numerous committees as well as writing a regular column in the *Adventist Review*. He has authored five books and traveled to 62 countries. You will enjoy his enthusiasm and dynamic preaching. **First weekend: Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. and Sabbath, 10:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.**



Randall Roberts, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ministry/Associate Dean, Faculty of Religion, Loma Linda University, and Senior Pastor for the Corona SDA Church



Randy Roberts was born in South America of missionary parents. Before beginning his full-time teaching position at Loma Linda University Medical Center, he pastored in Texas and served as chaplain at LLU Medical Center where he was instrumental in establishing and leading the Medical Center's Grief Recovery Program. In 1996 he graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. **Second weekend: Friday evening, 7:15 p.m. and Sabbath, 10:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.**

Sang Lee, M.D., Founder of New Life Institute, Inc., Auburn, California, Staff Physician and International Lecturer



Dr. Lee was born in China and attended one of the most prestigious universities in Korea, Yonsei University, where he received his medical degree. After completing his internship and residency in America, he entered private practice as an Allergy Specialist in Orange County, CA. He left his lucrative practice to join the medical staff at Weimar Institute's NEWSTART program. While there, Dr. Lee discovered that lifestyle changes resulted most effectively in healing when patients learned, coincidentally, of God's love. **Sunday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. and Health Workshop.**

Roger Record

Roger Record of Laurel, Maryland is a nationally-known speaker who has spoken at numerous youth rallies, weeks of prayer, camps, churches, and other events across the United States, Canada, and The Republic of Honduras. Roger strives to convey the message that being a Christian is fun. Most outstanding is Roger's ability to identify with youth/young adults and the challenges they face in this age. Through modern-day parables he imparts his listeners with a knowledge of God that enables them to see the power and the freedom to be found in a life with Christ in control. Through humorous speaking, contemporary music, drama, and one-to-one counseling, Roger has designed a ministry intended to portray God as One who knows and values every individual.

Youth Speaker

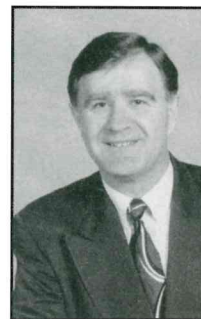
Randall Skoretz, Associate Pastor, University Church, Loma Linda, CA and adjunct faculty for the Faculty of Religion at LLU



Although Randy has pastored for the last 15 years in California, his roots are in Alberta. Born in Edmonton, he also spent time growing up in Calgary and College Heights.

Young Adult Guest Speaker

Ranko Stefanovic PhD, Professor of the New Testament and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Canadian University College



Dr. Stefanovic earned his PhD degree from Andrews University. His doctoral research was on the book of Revelation. Currently, he teaches New Testament courses at Canadian University College. During his three years of teaching there, he has witnessed decisions in the lives of many of his students and had the privilege of baptizing four students. He will be moving to Andrews University to teach next year. **Study of the Book of Revelation Workshop.**

Nancy Van Pelt, Heart 'N Homes Seminars, Clovis, CA



Nancy Van Pelt is an internationally popular speaker on family relationships who has conducted over 1000 seminars across North America and around the world. Nancy is a Certified Family Life Educator and Certified Family and Consumer Science Professional who has specialized in family relationships. To date she has written 21 books. Her sole purpose in lecturing and writing is restoring families to the love, happiness, and personal fulfillment intended for family living. **Monday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. and Family Life Workshop.**

Health Hour by Dr. Sang Lee

9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, Main Auditorium

- How Our Genes Work
- Genes and Truth vs Fact
- Gene Repair and Antioxidants
- Cloning and the Three Angels Message
- Healing and Self-Recognition
- The Biological Significance of the Sabbath

Highly Effective Relationships by Nancy Van Pelt

4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Main Auditorium

- His Needs/Her Needs—Decoding the Mystery
- How to Live With An Imperfect Person
- How to Talk So Your Mate Will Listen
- Seven Stupid Things Singles Do to Mess Up Their Lives
- Bonding—How to Build Healthy Long Lasting Relationships

WORKSHOPS 2:15 - 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday

The Compleat Parent Seminar

Nancy Van Pelt

Having a baby is the easy part, but rearing an emotionally healthy, responsible child is a different story. The Compleat Parent Seminar addresses critical topics that assist parents with the task of rearing happy and secure children.

Come to Nancy's unique and powerful seminar to find out...

- * How to Help Your Child Feel Like Somebody
- * How to Talk So Kids Will Listen (and Listen So Kids Will Talk!)
- * Secrets for Getting Obedience the First Time You Speak
- * Turning Irresponsible Behaviour into Responsibility
- * How to Handle Sibling Rivalry, Sex Education, and More

A seminar for all caring parents, single, step, foster, and grandparents. Nancy's book, *The Compleat Parent*, as well as the workbook will be available for purchase.

Issues in the Church

Lowell Cooper.

This workshop will deal with a range of issues pertaining to our World church—organizational, theological, financial, missiological.

Health

Dr. Sang Lee

- * How to Cure Diabetes
- * Our Immune System and Autoimmune Disease
- * Is Cancer Curable
- * How to Cure Hypertension and Heart Disease
- * How to Control Weight

Study of the Book of Revelation

Dr. Ranko Stefanovic

This 10-hour workshop will be an exciting and serious study of the book of Revelation. Although most of the time will be spent on understanding the contents of the book, a special emphasis will be given to the application of the book's message to individual life as well as to the life of the church in general. So, everyone having a hard time to understand this so much misunderstood book are welcome. After these meetings, the book of Revelation will not be the same to you any longer. Here are some of the questions to be discussed:

What is the book of Revelation all about? What is the central message of the book? Is there the gospel in Revelation? How to get the most from the book of Revelation? How to interpret the book of Revelation and understand its images and scenes? What is the meaning of the messages to the seven churches, the sealed book, seven seals, the 144,000, seven trumpets, the battle of Armageddon, and much more. The truth about the 6000-years concept with reference to the Second Coming: Is such an idea biblical?

Breathe-Free Stop Smoking Plan

(Open to the Community)

This workshop will provide techniques to "kick the habit" by means of education and group therapy. You will learn secrets to weight control without cigarettes, ten weapons to kill an urge to smoke, three natural ways to prepare your body to stop smoking, etc.

Worship

Bill Spangler and Norman Yergen

- * Blending the elements and the purpose of worship
- * Discovering the privilege of worship
- * Worship ideas for all churches
- * Making worship an event instead of a service

The Local Church.org

Michael Maier

The internet is one of the most rapidly expanding forms of communication in history. The internet also presents a broad new range of evangelistic opportunities at the local church level. Michael Maier, Director of Digital Dove and member of the Adventist Association for Online Evangelism, will be sharing what the local church can do to enhance their presence in their local community through the internet. The workshop will be held for two sessions during Camp Meeting, provided there is enough interest. For more information, please contact the Conference Office or e-mail Mike at mmaier@redwillow.org for more information.

Important News From Your ABC!

We have just installed a new computer system and would like to inform you in advance that it will not allow us to set up accounts this year at Camp Meeting. If you do not wish to carry cash or credit cards with you we are able to set up a gift certificate in the computer that will allow you or your family to purchase without having to carry money. Please be sure when you arrive at the camp that you receive our Camp Meeting packet; it will be filled with information on special events and sales through out the week.

Friday: Welcome Sale

Sunday: Auditorium Sale

Monday: Music Day

Tuesday: Ellen G. White Day

Wednesday: Kids & Family Day

Thursday: Worthington Sale and Sidewalk Sale

Friday: Bible Day (Free engraving on Bibles)

Saturday Night: Midnight Madness

Maple bears draws! Light house picture draws! Several other draws! Don't miss camp meeting specials at your ABC. See you there!

Jane Smallwood, Manager

...A Treat
for Every Age!

Young Adult

Will the 21st Century see a return of New Testament Christianity? Come to the Young Adult program and explore the theme "Acts 29—The Paradigm Shift" with guest speaker Randall Skoretz. Pastor Warren Kay will coordinate music and worship. Come and participate, let your experience become part of Acts 29.

Randall Skoretz

Youth '99

The Kingdom of Heaven is a Party!" Don't think so? Just read Luke 15:11-32. Jesus loved to celebrate. People hated him for it. They criticized him for it. Come celebrate with us this summer in the Youth Tent at Alberta Camp Meeting. Our guest speaker, Roger Record, is an old friend of Alberta youth. Most recently he was the guest speaker at Acts Alive 98. Remember? Roger is a highly creative youth speaker, musician and drama leader. Some say he is outrageous. Come get outrageous with us at our late evening bonfires, early morning Bible studies, water slide adventure, Saturday evening bowling, lawn concerts and much, much more. Bring a friend. See you there.

Steve Little

Earliteen

This year's Earliteen Camp Meeting promises to be better than ever. Things to watch for: we have been promised a new tent! Tim Dukeshire will be back to help out with the music; Sabbath Schools will be by Todd Miller and should be great! Water slide at Sylvan Lake on Thursday and campouts! And I will be there to make sure things keep rolling and the fun never stops.

Bruce Proud

Junior: Ages 10-12

We hope you are looking forward to Camp Meeting 1999. There will be meetings with interesting speakers, games, prizes, crafts, time to spend with friends and lots of different activities planned throughout the week. Hope to see you there!!!

Everett and Joan Matiko

Primary: Ages 7-9

It's almost time! Camp Meeting 1999 is fast approaching. We are looking forward to seeing you at Camp Meeting! Come join in the fun! There will be stories, crafts, canoeing, swimming, horseback riding, skits, songs, and making new friends. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Janet Griffith

Kindergarten: Ages 4-6

Come prepared for a lot of fun with outdoor and indoor activities. Come and enjoy Bible stories, songs, crafts, friends and recreation. Moms and dads are welcome.

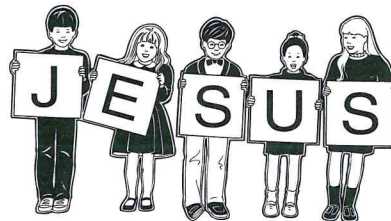
Cradle Roll: Ages Birth-3

Cradle Roll invites you to: "TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE FOREST"

Listen to the birds sing and the hoot of an owl; watch the ducks swim and see a miniature waterfall; feel raindrops and hear a croaking frog.

Come and see the things Jesus made for us to enjoy! Parents are requested to stay with their child during meeting times.

Dorothy Crombie



1999 Alberta Camp Meeting

Check-in: Friday, July 2 at 9:00 am

Check-out: Sunday, July 11 at 11:00 am

Meal Prices:

Breakfast	\$5.50	Lunch	\$6.50	Supper	\$5.50
Child (ages 5-12)(all meals)	\$4.00	Child (0-4)	FREE		

Meal Tickets: No supper will be served in the cafeteria during the International Food Fair on Sunday. Please make arrangements to purchase meal tickets for Sabbaths before sundown on Fridays as no meal tickets will be sold nor any cash transactions take place during Sabbath hours. No IOU's. If all your meal tickets are not used, money will be refunded at the Administration office.

Music: If you are planning to be at camp meeting and are interested in being involved in the music program, please contact Trudie Comm at 780-532-6411 or via e-mail at: trucom@hotmail.com. Soloists (instrumental and vocal), groups, song leaders, pianists and organists are needed. If God has blessed you with a musical talent, why not use it to bless others?

International Food Fair: A newcomer to Alberta said to me recently, "I have attended camp meetings all across North America and the idea of the International Food Fair is one of the best ideas I have seen anywhere."

This is exactly how I felt when I discovered the Alberta food fair. The fair was organized to assist pathfinder clubs and related groups raise money. Due to the fair's success over the years, many different fundraising groups have requested a chance to participate. Today, your church, club or whatever fundraising group you are involved in may apply by writing to Pastor John Adams. 328-38 Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta T3C 1S8

New to International Food Fair: Sale of crafts and other fundraising items may be sold during the International Food Fair, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 4. Note: This is NOT for personal gain—only as a fund-raiser for your ministry such as Pathfinders, investment, church/school, etc.

"KNOW OUR GOD--MAKE HIM KNOWN--TRUST HIM ALWAYS"

July 2-10, 1999
Adult Program

Friday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.
Senator Anne Cools, Opening Address
Calvin Rock

TIME	SABBATH 3	SUNDAY 4	MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9	SABBATH 10
6:40-7:25	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper	Lowell Cooper
7:30-8:15	BREAKFAST							
9:00-10:30	Sabbath School CUC	Sang Lee	Sang Lee	Sang Lee	Sang Lee	Sang Lee	Sang Lee	Sabbath School Education
10:45-12:00	Calvin Rock	Steve McPherson	Steve McPherson	Steve McPherson	Steve McPherson	Steve McPherson	Steve McPherson	Randy Roberts
12:15-1:30	DINNER Choir Practice - 1:15-2:15 p.m.							
2:45-4:45 Concert in the Park	1:00-3:00 Book Sale	WORKSHOPS 2:15-4:15 For Details: See "Workshops"						2:45-4:45 Evangelism Hour Baptism
		3:45-4:45 Norman Yergen						
4:30-5:30	5:00-6:00 It Is Written	Volunteer Coordinators	Nancy Van Pelt	Nancy Van Pelt	Nancy Van Pelt	Nancy Van Pelt	Nancy Van Pelt	5:00-6:00
5:45-6:45	SUPPER							
7:15-9:00	Calvin Rock	Shawn Boonstra	Shawn Boonstra	Shawn Boonstra	Shawn Boonstra	Randy Roberts	Randy Roberts	Randy Roberts

Pre-Registration for Camp Meeting 2000 - August 8-12, 2000

Registration costs:

- Lodge (2 per room) (5 nights) \$150.00 Cabin (5 nights) \$ 90.00 Trailer Hook-ups (per night) \$ 13.00
- Trailer Hook-ups (5 nights) \$ 60.00 Trailer/Tent Space (per night) \$ 9.00 Trailer/Tent Space (5 nights) \$ 40.00
- Trailer Tent-Lower Level (per night) \$ 8.00 Trailer Tent-Lower Level (5 nights) \$ 30.00

On Sunday, July 4 from 9 am to 11:30 am registration for 2000 can be made at the registration table in front of the Camp Administration Office. Please have your forms completed in full prior to registration time. To ensure your accommodation for Camp Meeting 2000 payment must be made in full at the time of registration. If you are unable to register Sunday morning, a receptionist will take your form and payment at the Administration office before 10 p.m. Monday evening, July 5. After Monday evening if you have not registered, your accommodation will be available to the next person requesting it.

Looking Back

Prayer Retreat in Grande Prairie

Through rain and snow approximately 200 people came to enjoy a weekend seminar of prayer and praise hosted by the Alberta Northwest Region held in the E. E. Oliver School in Fairview.



Church members and friends came from as far as Dawson Creek and Chetwynd B.C. "Prayer is a relationship, not a piece of time," said Carrol Johnson Shewmake and husband John. The weekend retreat focused

on "Partners in Prayer." Friday evening opened with the participants being led through "Sanctuary Secrets to Personal Prayer." Saturday's subject was "The Judgment is Good News," and Sunday's workshop was on how to begin a prayer partner and intercessory prayer ministry and the focus was "How to Cultivate Hearing the Voice of God." Each meeting closed with small group prayer.

Many kind comments were made about the uplifting music and slide presentations throughout the weekend. Special thanks to Paul and Jody Donnett who helped with the youth program. One young person said it was an exceptional program and very much enjoyed. Special thanks to all the different churches and members who helped put together a great weekend.

Dave Beaudoin

Couples' Retreat

On January 29-31, 1999 ten married couples from Alberta met at The Springs at Radium Golf Resort for the second annual Romantic Couples' Retreat. The weekend was for couples to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and enjoy the company



of other couples as well as time alone with your spouse. The weather was warm, the food fantastic, the company great, the scenery

beautiful, and the price was right. We were also able to enjoy all the Resort recreation facilities and services. Can't afford to go to the Caribbean? Plan now to attend next year! Watch for details.

Janet Griffith

Men's Retreat Hits a Home Run

Approximately 50 men attended a retreat at Foothills Camp, March 26-28. Pastor David VanDenburgh, Senior Pastor at Kettering, Ohio SDA Church talked about the need to follow the



base path in the proper order if success in the Christian life was to be achieved. In this model first base represents committing everything to Jesus—after all, where else

can you start. Second base is the next step, committing to the church—the people who belong to Jesus. This includes each of our personal family, but includes the bigger family. Third base is a commitment to maturity, growing up into Christ. Many people pass first and maybe reach second. However, without a commitment to Christian growth, people are left stranded at second. Then to reach home plate, it requires a commitment to ministry of some kind. Being involved in the Kingdom of God is a privilege that we lose out on if we do not choose to complete full diamond. The weekend closed with an impressive and thoughtful communion service. Men have a delightful but awesome responsibility to themselves, their families and to the Kingdom of God. Along with the inspirational nature of the weekend, Brian Townsend was elected as the Coordinator of Men's Ministries for the Alberta Conference.

Dick Duerksen has given his promise to be with us for the weekend of March 17-19, 2000. He won't cancel two years in a row. You for sure won't want to miss.

Adventurer Club Celebrates 10th Anniversary

"Grace: It Really Is For Kids" was the theme of the 5th Annual Adventurer Ministries Leadership Seminar and Children's Ministries Convention held in Seattle, Wa. March 25-28, 1999. Kay Kuzma, Wilma Kirk-Lee and Frank Tochterman were among the informative and entertaining guest speakers.

We were reminded that 'grace' is a 'free, undeserved gift from God' who owes us nothing.' As leaders and parents we need to show and give grace to the children we come in contact with so they can in turn understand God's grace for them.

The over 300 participants at the convention were challenged by Frankie Lazarus from the Ontario Conference, to go back to their homes and churches and put "grace" into practice. *Ruth Riffin, Adventurer Coordinator*



Health Seminar and Cooking School at Sherwood Park Church

On the weekend of March 26-28 the Sherwood Park Church hosted an inspirational and instructive workshop for the area churches and surrounding community entitled "The Double Factor Health Edge."

Darlene Blaney, Nutrition Consultant, who with her husband, Ron, owns and operates Nature's Promise Health Food Store in Calgary. The Blaneys had the sermon on Sabbath



Darlene Blaney, Dr. Reuben Lorensen

morning as well as presented a lecture Saturday evening on digestion and then conducted a cooking school Sunday morning. Dr. Reuben Lorensen, Health Educator and Researcher with the Gimbel Eye Centre in Calgary, shared lively presentations Friday and Saturday evenings. His topics were exercise and weight management.

The opportunity to host the weekend presented itself when Darlene Blaney was to be in the Edmonton area promoting her recently published cookbook, *Vegetarian for Life*. On Thursday evening Darlene was featured on ACCESS TV's Hotline program where the special weekend was promoted. The local *Sherwood Park Weekly* also ran a news item along with an advertisement.

Red Willow Pioneers Online Worship

The Alberta Conference is home to the first Seventh-day Adventist Church to broadcast their services live on the internet. November 28, 1998 marked the first day that the Red Willow Community Church service was made public. It has grown substantially and each week as many as 60-75 people from around the world join in the live worship services. Prayers can be e-mailed or sent via a web-page form directly to the church sanctuary where they are handled by the church prayer team.

The live services are presented using the same technology that was employed to broadcast Net' 98 over the internet through the TAGnet servers in Phoenix, Arizona. You can tune into the live services on Sabbath morning by going to either the Digital Dove internet site at www.digitaldove.org or the Red Willow Community Church site at www.redwillow.org. The services are also archived and are available up to four weeks following the service.

Looking Forward

Discover the Power!!

One hundred and thirty-five Alberta Pathfinders and staff are eagerly looking forward to Discovering the Power this summer when they attend the Fourth International Pathfinder Camporee, August 10-14, 1999. The camporee will take place in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the site of the Experimental Aviation Museum. Twenty thousand Pathfinders and staff will be there from all over the world! During the camporee, we will be celebrating the Pathfinder organization's 50th Anniversary. For many Pathfinders, this will be a once in a life time experience. Imagine the thrill as Pathfinders join hands with others from around the world each night to share spiritual food, participate in community service projects, visit the EAA Museum, learn about Pathfinder history, see the life-size model of the sanctuary, complete honors, and, of course, trade pins and much, much more. What a privilege to be part of a world-wide organization! Be watching for a full report in the October issue of *Alberta Adventist News*. Carol Morton, Pathfinder Coordinator

Family Fellowship and Nature Study

Terry McComb, May 28-29, 1999

Location: Foothills Camp - Primary Building, Host: Olds SDA Church
For more information, see poster on the bulletin board or phone Barry or Pam Van Petten at 403-224-2772

Wilderness Survival Weekend

June 18-19, 1999 - Location: Secret!

Come and spend an exciting weekend with Paul Lehmann, Chairman & Professor of Outward Pursuits Department, CUC
Friday: Build shelters

Sabbath: Nature walks, worship, edible plants, etc.

Cost: \$15 per person. Transportation extra.

Children under 10 years of age, free.

Those registering will receive a list of what to bring, where to meet, etc.

Registration deadline: May 3, 1999.

Call Florence Hanson, 403-782-6186 to register.

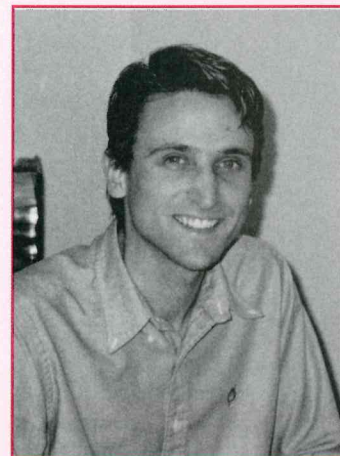
Adventurer Family Camp

The 4th Annual Adventurer Family camp out will be held the weekend of June 4-6, 1999 at Foothills Camp. For more information, call Ruth Riffin 403-782-6769.

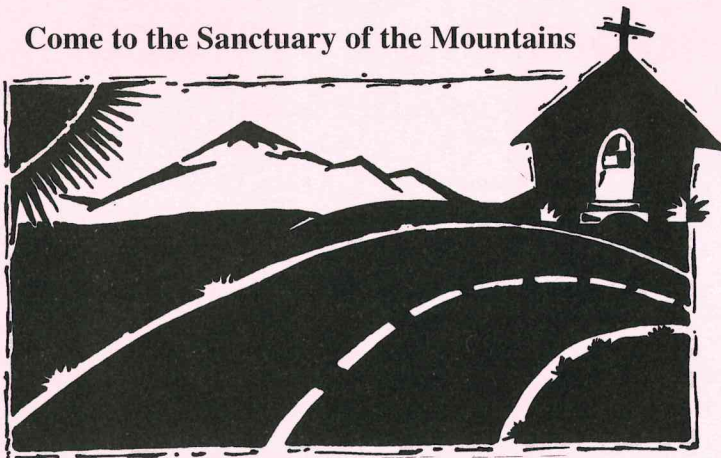
New Communication Director

Effective September 1, **Grant Misseghers**, Youth Director, who is now on board and trying to catch up to the challenge of running the summer camps program will direct the Communication Department.

You can reach Grant at the Conference Office at extension 215.



Come to the Sanctuary of the Mountains



Mountain Sanctuary SDA Company, Canmore, AB

If you are planning a visit to the National Parks, why not plan to worship with us? The Mountain Sanctuary Company is located at 1209 1st Avenue in the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. We're a small group but our hospitality is warm. Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m., worship service at 11:00 a.m. For information call Pastor Steve Little in Cochrane, 403-932-3842 or Lester Carney in Canmore, 403-678-0928.

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us *his ways and that we may walk in his paths.*" *Isa 2:3 NRSV* Steve Little

Family Ministries Workshop Volunteers

The following individuals are willing to make presentations on Family Ministries in your church.

- * Roy Jamieson, 780-790-2652, Grief Recovery.
- * Wanda Johnson, 403-309-0811, Marriage Preparation & Enhancement, Assertiveness Program.
- * Dene Shipowick, 403-782-3381, ext.386; or 403-885-4815, Community.
- * Werner and Geri Seidel, 403-947-2686, Personhood, Communication, Human Development.
- * Ken Lebel, 403-782-7916, How to Help Your Pastor Prevent Burnout, Surviving Family Transitions. Werner Seidel

Alberta Spring Prayer Conference

May 21-23, 1999

Theme: Know His Heart, Be His Hands

Location: Calgary Central SDA Church

Fee: No charge. Freewill offering to defray costs.

Make cheques payable to Calgary Central SDA Church,

Mark it for *Prayer—The Heartbeat of Life.*

Speaker: Ginny Allen, Volunteer Women's Ministries Coordinator, Oregon Conference; Member of Prayer Ministries Council, North American Division. Ginny has spoken for retreats, seminars, church weekends, and camp meetings across the North American Division and internationally including Brazil, Russia, Ukraine, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Discover the challenge of the "Come and Go" philosophy of the Bible, a life spent between the mountain and the multitude.

Evangeline Medavarapu

Summer Hospitality to Adventist Travelers, Winfield, B.C.

Adventists offer summer hospitality to Adventist travelers. (June 15 to Sept. 15) RV sites, bed and breakfast; single room; or self-contained suite. Lowest rates. The Central Okanagan is a great place to holiday or retire. Come visit and enjoy our fellowship.

Call 250-766-1343.

100-Year Celebration of Adventism in Quebec

In October 1999, the Westmount Church in Montreal is planning a centennial celebration of Adventism in Quebec. Any information or names you may have regarding the beginnings of the work in the church or school especially in the earlier years would be appreciated.

Write to: Adele Waltons, 571 Victoria Avenue, Montreal, PQ H3Y 2R7 or phone 514-481-9554.

Job Opportunity at Kingsway College

Kingsway College is currently seeking a Boys' Assistant Dean/Network Administrator for the 1999-2000 school year. Duties include management of the boys' dorm and the continual maintenance and development of the school's computer network. Candidates should have a good understanding of computers and of Novell networks. Applicants with interest in Vocation Arts and/or Fine Arts — a plus. Send resume to David Branum, Principal, 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa, Ontario L1K 2H4. 905-433-1144, ext.217, fax 905-433-1156. Email: branumd@kingswaycollege.on.ca Resumes will be accepted through June 30, 1999.

DATELINE 1999

May	21-23	Spring Prayer Retreat, Calgary Central Church, Ginny Allen
	28-29	Family Fellowship & Nature Study, Terry McComb, Foothills
June	3-6	Native Camp Meeting, Foothills Camp, Foothills Camp
	4-6	Adventurer Family Camp, Foothills Camp
July	11-13	Innisfree Camp Out
	2-10	CAMP MEETING
	11	Blind Camp begins
	18	Adventure Camp begins
August	25	Junior Camp I begins
	1	Junior Camp II begins
	4	NAD ASI Convention
	8	Teen Camp begins
	10-14	NAD Camporee, Oshkosh, WI
	15	Specialized Camps begin
	20-22	Prayer Conference, Garrie Williams, St. Albert
Sept.	26-30	Alberta Asian Adventist Assoc. 20 th Anniversary, Foothills Camp
	19-22	Pastor's Meetings, Foothills Camp



Estate-Planning Essentials

Several weeks ago a member came to me and told me that a member in his church had passed away. He was wondering if the brother had left a will. I went to our files and found that in 1993 Pastor Roy Dubyna had prepared a work sheet for this man. However he could not make up his mind on how his estate should be distributed. The results were that he did not have a valid will and died intestate. The state will decide how his affairs will be settled. No one will ever know what his real intentions were.

Estate planning involves a number of matters. The following is a brief description of those areas that need to be considered when planning for the future:

- **Keep your will current.** You should review your will at least every five years or when your circumstances change. Events that may warrant a change in your will are a change in your family situation such as a birth of child, death, separation or a divorce. If you get married, you will need a new will because a marriage revokes any will you may have had previously. You may also have retired early, received a severance package or sold a business which needs to be reflected in your will.
- **Choose your executor with care.** Your executor will be responsible for carrying out the instructions in your will. It is important that the person you select is someone you can trust and who has the time and expertise required to do the work. If you select more than one executor, it is important that they will be able to agree on things and work together. This person should be acquainted with your affairs. You may want to go over your will with them so they have a clear idea of what your intentions are.
- **Consider special needs of family members.** Are you concerned about your family member's ability to manage their inheritance? You may want to set up a trust to care for their needs. In the case of a second marriage, it is common to create a spousal trust to ensure that children from the first marriage will inherit your estate after the death of the surviving second spouse. If any of your children have a disability or could be classed as dependant adult, their needs must be addressed in your will.
- **Take a comprehensive approach.** Review with your estate planner all of your gifts to children, family members and charity. There are a number of items that can pass outside the will to your beneficiaries such as insurance proceeds, RRSP beneficiaries, property held jointly with a right of survivorship clause. Depending on the size and value of your estate you may want to involve specialists in tax, trust and family law.

The Alberta Conference provides advice and counsel in estate planning. If you would like more information or would like to make an appointment with a lawyer to review your situation, you may contact Keith Heinrich at the Alberta Conference. We are given the privilege of stewardship while here on this earth. It is our duty to make proper plans for the assets God has given us before we die.

Keith Heinrich

Editorial

The God Who Is

Is it possible to make God an Idol? God said "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me," and this seems so straightforward. Anything, including good things, that comes before God becomes an idol to me. I am well aware that there is the "God we want," and He may not necessarily be the "God who is."

Some people who rule their lives and families with a firm hand, like to see and know a God who is stern, firm and a God of strong discipline. The God of the Old Testament is not a bit threatening. Some who have had the firm hand laid on them a few too many times, want a God who is caring and "user-friendly." The God of grace and forgiveness feels real good to them. To the scholarly type, a God who is deep and full of untapped knowledge and wisdom just waiting to be opened is about as good as it gets. The God that Paul talks about is great because there is always a new way of looking at or interpreting Paul's picture of God. Here's my point.

The Bible seems to display a God who is all of these things, and more. Much, much more. Somehow He is able to blend the firm and the gentle. The Judge and the Forgiver. The Scholarly God and the God who makes things simple. Do I make God an idol when I pick the things I like about Him, and focus only on those—ignoring or even rejecting things I don't like? Do we dare tell God He can be this, but He can't be that? Would we reject God if He appeared and told us that He really was everything, including the very things we have been uncomfortable with about Him? Who would we turn to then?

The turning point of our lives is when we are willing to seek and accept the God who is, and stop seeking the God we want. God's promise is that we will find Him (the God who is?) when we search for Him with all our hearts. If we do otherwise, making God an idol might really be easier than we think.

Bill Spangler

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".... As I look back over this past year there have been many blessings that we have shared. But I am challenged by the birds this morning to raise my sights. There is an abundance ahead that we have not yet imagined. And I suspect that abundance is near and available—if only we will discover it...."

I'm sure that you can see the point I'm coming to. For me, Camp Meeting has been one of those "full-bird-feeder" experiences. There are so many blessings for those seeking them! Unfortunately, there are some among us who seem content to pick away at the blessings scattered about and not avail themselves of the abundance so readily available. Now I realize that there is a significant part of our membership for whom full attendance at Camp Meeting is impossible. But for those for whom it is an option my challenge is, let's lift our eyes and see the blessings the Lord has in store for us!

Dale Kongorski

