

# Church News

## The Conflict of the Ages Series Begins July 1.

For those who have been reading through the Bible in 90 days, you may have discovered that it's become a habit. Indeed, many have expressed great joy and fulfillment having read through their Bibles in just three months time. One participant who began a little early, actually read through the Bible twice. Of course, when one reads something through so quickly, they are bound to miss something. Now having seen the big picture with regards to the story of redemption as laid out in the Holy Bible, we now will turn to a more careful study of God's Word.

Ellen White, whom Adventists believe was gifted with the gift of prophecy, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write a collection of five books we often refer to as the Conflict of the Ages. These five books give you a detailed account

of stories and lessons in Scripture. In an effort to gather some of the details missed in our 90 day experience, we will begin a new reading plan on July 1 which will take the reader



through the Conflict of the Ages series as well as three other books; Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings, Christ Object Lessons, and Steps to Christ. Participants will read just one chapter a day with additional Bible passages from time to time. This reading plan was created by a fellow pastor in our division and includes chapter titles for both the traditional and contemporary adaptations (available at the ABC) of these great books.

The reason for using her books is that they contain a wealth of insight into the Scriptures and are essentially an inspired commentary on some of the great Bible teachings and stories.

Beginning July 9, we will begin a weekly discussion group that will meet in the church on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm. Participants can come and share as well as glean from what others have learned from their reading experience. This one year endeavor will take us through to June of next year. Upon completion, participants will have read through 8 of Ellen Whites most significant books as well as large portions of the Bible. Please join us on this exciting venture. The reading plan has been inserted into this newsletter for your convenience. Remember, July 1 marks the beginning of a thrilling and rewarding adventure. Won't you join us?

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## Vacation Bible School



**When:**  
July 20-24  
@ 6PM

**Where:**

The Family Life Center

**Who:**  
Children Ages 4 –12

## Personal Ministries Minute—Kevin Zais



What do you see when you close your eye's? I asked, "Forever," was her answer. That statement stuck with me then and sticks with me now. What a wonderful testimony to faith. In a world that is so barren of faith, in a world that believes we evolved from primitive life forms. In a world such as we live today. To be able to say "Forever", Is a gift from God.

As Seventh Day Adventists we believe that, *"in the heart of God, is a place we can experience as home. God loves us, wants to spend time with us, personally, one on one, as two close friends, forever."* ( Taken from Seventh-Day Adventists believe . . . 27 A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines.)

C.S. Lewis once wrote; "If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were those who thought most of the next."

With that said Let us examine "*forever*", from scripture and with a brief character study from the pages

of Ellen Whites book Patriarchs and Prophets, for a Minute.

Of Enoch it is written...the infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ became the subject of his meditations day and night. With all the fervor of his soul he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelt...God removed him from a world of sin to the pure joys of heaven. (Patriarchs and Prophets) In scripture, we find the word forever used in 380 verses. The following are part of my favorite.

The LORD shall reign forever and ever. Exo15: 18.

It is a sign between me, and the children of Israel forever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. Exo31: 17.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psa23: 6.

And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth

them light: and they shall reign forever and ever. Rev 22: 4-5.

But like Enoch, God's people will seek for purity of heart and conformity to His will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch, they will warn the world of the Lord's second coming and of the judgments to be visited upon transgression, and by their holy conversation and example they will condemn the sins of the ungodly. As Enoch was translated to heaven before the destruction of the world by water, so the living righteous will be translated from the earth before its destruction by fire. (Patriarchs and Prophets)

It just seems to me that, if we are to make a difference in this world, if we are to share this rich understanding of truth that the Lord has given us, we need to reflect His image.

Credibility is the key, and to be credible there needs to be a lot less of us and a whole lot more of Him showing forth.

Obviously our Lord God thinks in terms of forever. So in this minute, I would like to ask you, when was the last time, You, thought about Forever?



## Meet Our New School Principal

Mark Anderson was born in Chattanooga into a family of four sisters and one brother who all had no less than a nine year head start on him. His father worked at McKee Baking Company at its beginning and mother worked in the weather bureau in Chattanooga. Most of his growing up years were spent in Atlanta where his parents worked in the Southern Union office till retirement.

Nancy grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan where her father worked as an engineer for Kellogg Company and her mother was a home maker and worked part time in a health food

store. Her parents have been retired and living in Crossville for the past



twelve years. Nancy attended Battle Creek Academy. She is a nurse and has spent most of the last 23 years working in recovery rooms. Her current plans include working part time

The Andersons graduated from Southern Missionary College. They have spent 29 years in there professions. Since marriage, they have lived in Middletown, NY, Savannah, GA, Cleveland, TN, and are moving here from Portland, TN. It was during there stay in Portland that the Anderson family grew through the adoption of Justin and Brandon who are now 14 and 9 years old.

The Andersons hobbies are mostly in the outdoors. They most frequently hike or bike, but enjoy many outdoor activities.

## Costa Rica Mission Trip

The church body recently voted to sponsor four evangelistic campaigns in Costa Rica in the summer of '09. Pastor Jeremy along with three other members from our church will preach while additional members will provide everything from health lectures, children's programming, and music. The specific dates for the trip are June 16-July 5. Members will receive a day long orientation on Wednesday the 17th and will begin the prophecy series on Friday the 19th. With 16 meetings in all, it's an intense but rewarding experience for everyone involved. The cost of the trip should be roughly between \$1000-1500 dollars per person. So far several have expressed an interest.

We will be working in cooperation with the *Share Him* program which

provides sermon materials and coordinates the details at the actual site. It's an ideal mission trip for both families & individuals. Upon arrival at our site, we all will check into the same hotel and then each night depart to our respective destinations. This allows us to share and pray for each other daily as we report back on our experiences t h a t d a y . Space is limited so please see Pastor Jeremy to secure a spot. We will need commitments on the part of the speakers by mid-September. Remember, experience is NOT required, just a willing heart!



## Fall Evangelism FAQ's

**Q:** *When will the series be?*

**A:** Between Oct. 25 & Nov. 22. Specific days to be announced.

**Q:** *Where will the series be?*

**A:** 1st choice will be the Outlet Mall, 2nd choice will be the Tech Center and 3rd choice will be the church.

**Q:** *Will we be offering anything special to our guests?*

**A:** Beyond offering the comforting message of prophecy, we will offer a free satellite dish to those who attend 90% of the series and we will be operating the evaluation program as well.

**Q:** *How can I support this endeavor?*

**A:** Glad you asked! There are many needs and thus many opportunities to be involved. Allow me to run through some of them.

1. PRAY! We need the en-

tire endeavor bathed in prayer before, during and afterwards. Begin praying now for the series as well as individuals you know who might benefit from such an opportunity.



2. SHARE! Just think if each individual member were to visit with

and invite at least one person to the meetings. Perhaps you know a couple or family who would enjoy the studies. While there will be a mass mailing, there is nothing like a personal touch.

3. PARTICIPATE! One of the most obvious but sometimes missed opportunities is to simply show up. Please mark you calendar now to participate in this series by attending as many of the meetings as possible. A healthy crowd and fellowship makes a series like this much more exciting and rewarding for the guests.

4. SPONSOR! We need individuals to step forward to help us hire evaluators as well as assist with satellite dishes. A form will be passed out prior to the meetings for those who wish to make a pledge. Note that the money will only be collected if it is needed.

5. GET INVOLVED! We will be passing out sign up sheets in late August or early September for members to sign up to assist by being row hosts, greeters, sales clerks, audio / video techs and the like. Usually the greatest need is for row hosts.

With just a few months to go, we don't have much time. Please prayerfully consider who you might pray for and invite. Indeed, Jesus is coming soon and we are called to herald the good news! What a privilege is ours.

## The New Church Budget

The church recently voted in a June business session to adopt the new proposed church budget for the '08 fiscal year. The new budget reflects changes that were beyond our control in many ways like an increase in for example, an increase in utility cost.. Because of this, some funded items were cut and others reduced. It's not ideal perhaps, but was necessary to keep the bills paid. Remember that this budget does not include the monthly FLC Mortgage payments. Beginning in July, you will see a year to date column in addition to the monthly report to help us stay aware of our church's needs.. May God continue to bless as we give of our tithes & offerings.

Monthly Church Budget for fiscal year 2007			Monthly Church Budget for fiscal year 2008	
	Previous		New	Allocation
Inez Wrenn School Subsidy	\$ 2,400.00	fixed	\$ 2,400.00	
Insurance and Upkeep	\$ 370.00		\$ 500.00	14.224%
Janitor	\$ 435.00	fixed	\$ 600.00	
Church Expense	\$ 1,645.00		\$ 2,300.00	65.438%
Community Service	\$ 100.00		\$ 30.00	0.853%
Lawn Care	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	0.284%
Music/Organ	\$ 5.00		\$ -	0.000%
Pathfinder Club	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	1.422%
Personal Ministries	\$ 125.00		\$ 75.00	2.132%
Sabbath School	\$ 235.00		\$ 270.00	7.682%
Social	\$ 20.00		\$ 10.00	0.285%
Vacation Bible School	\$ 45.00		\$ 35.00	0.996%
Women's Ministries	\$ 20.00		\$ -	0.000%
Local Evangelism	\$ 500.00		\$ 200.00	5.688%
Flowers	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	0.996%
FLC Parking Lot	\$ 200.00		\$ -	0.000%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>
	\$ 6,200.00		\$ 6,515.00	\$ 6,515.00

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 School Finance Committee 4pm School Board 5:30PM	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> YZY 6-8PM	5 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:30PM
6 YZY Car Wash 10AM	7 AFBC	8	9 Love Makes A Way 6:30PM	10 AFBC 5:15PM	11	12 Morning Worship— Elder Jerry Coyle <u>Youth 2 Youth Camp Out</u> Vespers 7:30PM
13	14	15	16 Love Makes A Way 6:30PM	17	18 YZY 6-8PM	19 Morning Worship— Elder Russ Jenson Vespers 7:30PM
20 VBS 6PM	21 VBS 6PM	22 AFBC 12:30PM VBS 6PM	23 VBS 6PM Love Makes a Way 6:30PM	24 VBS 6PM	25 YZY 6-8PM	26 Morning Worship— Dr. Sandra Price Vespers 7:30PM
27 School Work Bee 9AM	28	29	30	31		

# ▶ August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 YZY 6-8PM	2 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:30PM
3	4 AFBC	5 School Board 5:30pm	6 Love Makes A Way 6 :30PM	7 AFBC 5:15PM	8 YZY 6-8PM	9 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:30PM
10	11 First Day of School	12 Church Board 7pm	13 Pathfinders 6pm Love Makes A Way 6 :30PM	14	15 YZY 6-8PM	16 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:00PM
17 Heritage Academy Registration	18 Heritage Academy Begins Classes	19 AFBC 12:30PM	20 Pathfinders 6pm Love Makes A Way 6 :30PM	21	22	23 Morning Worship — Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:00PM
24	25	26	27 Pathfinders 6pm Love Makes A Way 6 :30PM	28	29	30 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 7:00PM
31	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3 Pathfinders 6pm Love Makes A Way 6 :30PM	4	5	6 Morning Worship— Pastor Jeremy Vespers 6:30PM

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## Youth 2 Youth—Darby Moore

This summer we've again started the Youth to Youth meetings that began last summer. We had a great turnout last year and everyone was eager to give it another go. The meetings run on Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00, and are for youth ranging from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through college. So far we've had from 12 to approximately 30 young people attend. The beginning of the evening is spent socializing and eating snacks. Then there's usually a game, and we spend the last 45 minutes in a Bible study. The book we chose for this summer is Steps to Christ.

Albert Einstein made the comment that "...the number of young people who genuinely thirst after truth and justice is small". Our youth group is genuinely searching for truth. Last Friday night we went over chapter 3 of Steps to Christ, which is on the topic of repentance, and it was amazing to see the discussion unfold as we openly discussed burdens of guilt and thinking we're too dirty to come to Jesus. It's hard to describe the feeling

when you can come and open up to a group of people without having to worry about being judged or made fun of. It's comforting to find out that you're all deal-



ing with some of the same feelings, struggles, and insecurities and we have the opportunity to encourage each other and talk about what God has done to help us overcome. Robert Shaffer said, "We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled but as candles to be lit". Our hope is that as we follow the steps, coming closer and closer to Christ, our candles will burn brighter and Jesus will shine out of us.

We are planning a lot of events for later on in the summer. Plan on bringing your dirty cars to the K Mart parking lot on Sunday, July 6. The youth group is having a car wash starting at 10:00 A.M. to raise money for outreach and future summer youth activities. We are also planning on a campout sometime in July, pizza and games on Saturday nights, a trip to Fall Creek Falls, and much more!!

If you are one of the youth in the church who hasn't taken advantage of the meetings, join us. Or if you're an adult who knows someone who might enjoy coming, please mention the meetings to them. We would love to include people from the community so that our youth group can be an outreach project in itself.

"Let no one make little of you because you are young, but be an example to the church in word, in behavior, in love, in faith, in holy living." 1 Timothy 4:12

*Bible in Basic English*