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MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 - YOHM PINE RIVER RAFTING TRIP
- 10:30AM

1 - NORTHVIEW REGISTRATION
DEADLINE

1-4 - CONF. MINISTERIAL RETREAT

4-8 - ASI ORLANDO

6-8 - ISHARE CONFERENCE

8 - NORTHVIEW WORKBEE -
9:30AM

11 - YOHM JR. MEETING - 6PM

12 - CHURCH BOARD MEETING -
6PM

14 - SCOTT MICHAEL BENNETT "THE
JOURNEY" - 11AM

15 - STR BOARD MEETING - 9:30AM

15-20 - PCM BIBLE BOOT CAMP

SEPT. 1 - PATHFINDER REGISTRA-
TION/YOHM MEETING - 6PM

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From the Archives: Show the Kindness of God

Pastor Franklin Horne
(Connections - August 1995)

Editor's Note: This article was published in the August 1995 issue of the *Connections Newsletter*, the precursor to this publication. Pastor Franklin Horne was our pastor then. Many of you will remember him, as well as his leadership in our church at that time. We hope you will be blessed by his words now, just as many were blessed by his words then.

When David became king of both Judah and Israel he inquired if there were any descendants of the house of Saul. After finding out about one son of Jonathan still surviving, David sent for him, that he "may show the kindness of God." (2 Samuel 9:3)

Do we want to show the kindness of God to people around us? Now, the house of Saul was David's enemy until Saul died. Except for Jonathan, all of Saul's army had searched diligently for David to put him to death. But God had appointed David to be the next king of Israel, and God himself protected him.

When David asked for any descendants of Saul, many thought he would be justified for bringing justice on them; but this was not David's plan. "For Jonathan's sake," David said. "I will show him kindness." You see, David loved Jonathan as a brother.

Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, arrived at the palace, and when he came in the presence of King David, he fell prostrate on his face. Maybe he feared the worst was about to happen. David reassured him with these words: "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan..." (2 Samuel 9:7)

Mephibosheth was given all of Saul's land and was guaranteed a place at David's table, where abundant food was always served. Another thing about Mephibosheth was the fact that he was handicapped. He had been lame since he had been dropped by a nurse when he was very young. Most lame people, especially males, were outcasts in Israel. David truly did show "The Kindness of God". Can we do any less?

This touching story of David's kindness can and should inspire all of us to go and do likewise. There are those all around us who need our help. Some need our shoulder to lean on or our encouraging words (words to be strengthened by), others may need financial help to keep their children in church school or pay an unexpected bill. Whatever the need may be, we can show "the kindness of God" by helping those around us who have genuine needs.

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8, KJV) 🙏

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Editor's Corner

Lanette Brandow is a person of compassion. She has a burden for those who are unable to engage in the church. So, she started our newsletter in December. We are so grateful for her pioneering effort. But the Brandows announced they are moving away, and that will be leaves a large void, including this newsletter. The Cadillac Communications Committee has picked up this responsibility.

The newsletter was started to keep our church connected by informing and featuring church life. The format will have regular features such, events, church functions and departments, members, and a thought from the pastor. Please feel free to submit photos, article ideas, or you could even write an article! The more input from members, the richer and more meaningful this newsletter will be. Let's do this together! 🙏

TOM MEJEUR

Inside this issue...

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Music: Healing for the Soul

Samuel Girven

It's been over a year since the dreaded virus took near complete control of our plans. The world came to a screeching halt, and as time went on, events were postponed or cancelled. Some notable examples of this include GC Session, Michigan Camp Meeting, and the Lake Union Pathfinder Camporee. GC Session, originally scheduled for the end of June 2020, has now been postponed twice, and moved locations. Michigan Camp Meeting was cancelled for 2020 but returned in 2021. The Lake Union Pathfinder Camporee was originally scheduled for September 2021 but was postponed to 2022 because of the uncertainty with the restrictions this year.

One of the hardest hit sectors in the ongoing disaster was the music industry, especially lesser-known musicians. Entire tours were cancelled, and music production was sometimes impossible. When many people lost their income sources, album sales plummeted. In a press release in May 2020, the Gospel Music Association said, "Many lesser-known musicians are scraping rock bottom, due to the inability to tour and sell their albums."

Now that the world is opening back up and people are returning to normal life again, artists all over the nation are tactfully planning tours, in the hope that it will stabilize their unique situation. Our own music ministry, led by Marcia Mohr, has scheduled two concerts in the scope of this article—one, to be held on July 31 at 6pm, by Matt and Josie Minikus, and another by Scott Michael Bennett during the worship service on August 14.

The Minikus' family is no stranger to Cadillac. Josie is a native of Northern Michigan, having grown up in the Kalkaska area. According to their website, she began piano lessons at age nine and started crafting her own songs at age eleven. Adolescence brought shyness, but eventually she had to make a decision to either use her talent—or lose it. Her debut song, the hopeful ballad "I Love You Anyway", has led thousands to easily see a forgiving, loving Jesus. Their bio states, "Josie's clear, ethereal soprano floats above her delicate piano phrasing, awakening in listeners a love for all things holy."

Matt hails from Iowa, where he found his interest in music as an eight-year-old—in an Elvis costume (his grandfather's dress pants and shoes), a fake wooden sword turned guitar, and a sold-out concert hall of family members and pets. However, as Matt's youth scurried onto the scene, his inner-Elvis retreated. But when a late-teen spiritual awakening coincided with a musical awakening, he soon found himself performing in front of large audiences alongside evangelist David Asscherick.

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News Briefs

Northview School's first day of school is on August 16th. Please continue to pray for Idania Mendoza and all of the school staff as they prepare for a new school year.

The FAST Program has concluded. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a new focus at Prayer Meeting, or any event, please contact Pastor Ariel Roldan.

All the Camp Meeting seminars have now been archived online. You can find them at www.misda.org/video2021 and www.misda.org/audio2021.

The Cadillac Mighty Oaks and Little Acorns, our Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs, will be meeting on September 1st for registration. If you are interested in joining the club for the 2021-2022 year please plan to be present. If you are unable to be at registration, please contact Jill Shaffer at (616) 291-0553 to make other arrangements.

Volunteers are needed for the Audio/Visual team. If you are interested in learning to run the sound system or streaming system, please contact Samuel Girven or Jill Shaffer.

The church budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is scheduled to be approved at the Church in Business Session on July 28. You can always give online at www.cadillacsgda.org/giving, or by placing your offering in the offering plate during the worship service.

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting will be held at Camp Sagola from September 2-5. More information from the Conference is expected soon.

The Rest and Renew Retreat will be held from September 9-12 at Camp Au Sable. Held yearly, the only stipulation to attend is to bring a nonmember with you. More information is forthcoming from the Conference.

Offering Schedule:

August 7 - Local Church Budget
August 14 - Christian Record Services
August 21 - Local Church Budget
August 28 - Michigan Advance Partners

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The duo introduced themselves to each other in 2002. Josie's attention was suddenly arrested when she heard a certain voice in a recording of a live concert—the one of Matt Minikus. It wasn't love at first soundbite however, as Josie recalls, "I thought he was the strangest person I had ever met and was not interested at all." Matt, on the other hand, was instantly attracted to the pretty brunette, and pursued her until her feelings were changed. As the old saying says, the rest is history. They have toured through much of North America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, and have recorded five albums together.

Scott Michael Bennett is one who needs no introduction. The international Christian artist is widely known for his deeply moving concerts and meaningful, reverent music. His talent was discovered as a teenager, where he began to focus his gift under the guidance of two experienced vocalists, Dr. Jeannie Pedersen-Smith and Dr. Stephen Zork of Andrews University. In 2001, Bennett was the winner of the National Young Artists' Competition in the Vocal Performance category, singing two Shakespearean songs with a full orchestral accompaniment in front of over 2000 attendees. He would later go on to be accepted into the Grammy Award winning Phoenix Symphony Chorus and Arizona State University's Men's Chorus, where he was awarded a scholarship for his musical and scholastic performance.

Bennett performed in numerous Broadway musicals, and was given the lead role of "Father" in "The Secret Garden" and "The Carnival of Venice". While this was entertaining, he knew he had a deeper calling. In 2008, he quit his nearly decade long career in computer networking, and launched into full time music ministry. He married the love of his life, Heather, in 2009, and together they have two daughters. Bennett has released five albums, and his musical career has taken him all over the world from the Pentagon to the Cayman Islands. "Scott's concerts are simply more than music," his enthusiastically website states.

God has truly blessed these artists. You can find out more information about all the scheduled events on our Facebook page, and you can find out more about these artists on mattandjosie.minikus.com and scottmichaelbennett.com.

YOHM Jr. Communications Department

Youth of His Message has become a pillar of the Cadillac-area youth. Since its inception in 2019, they have accomplished numerous hours of community service, participated in several conference wide events, and provided Christmas presents to families who otherwise would not have had any. But there was a missing link.

As the group's population aged, they realized the need for a program for the younger children, to help them prepare to become a part of YOHM. "Go and make disciples of all nations," is what Jesus asks of his children." Explained Ava LaFave, Outreach Coordinator, in a previous article. "Youth of His Message's objection is to tell everyone we help of the blessed hope we have as Christians." Part of that calling is to minister to our own kind, and to support them as they grow in Christ. With that in mind, YOHM Jr. was born.

YOHM Jr. is unique in the way that it is facilitated. Focused on the ages between nine and eleven, the older youth plan every aspect of the meetups. A typical meet-up for YOHM Jr. includes games, snacks, and learning. A health nugget with a call to action is presented to the kids, and one of the YOHM members will give their testimony. All of this is arranged by the YOHM members and the sponsors.

Sometimes, churches tend to forget the needs, both spiritual and physical, of our children and youth. With Youth of His Message and the support of the church family, we can effectively and appropriately minister to the community, and ourselves. The next YOHM Jr. meetup is scheduled for August 11th at 6pm. Kids, you will not want to miss it!

YOHM Jr.
Fun Lessons
Games
Snacks
All Children Welcome!
Ages 8-11
Bring a Bible and lots of energy!
AUGUST 11, 6 PM Visit youthofhismessage.org for more info!

Keeping You Informed:

Birthdays:

3 - Elijah Vogler
4 - Lori Brainerd
4 - Tony Snyder
5 - Deanna Hubbard
10 - Daniel Corliss
13 - Chad Neumann
16 - Arvin Garvin
21 - Roy McConnell
22 - Robert Grover
22 - Judith Hoover
22 - Rene Sias
23 - Cara Shaw
24 - Carolyn Greeley
25 - Heather Bossardet
27 - Mary Lou Shaw
28 - Elisa Arnold
28 - Robert Grover, Jr.



Stay informed - join the Facebook group.

Cadillac Seventh-day Adventist Church Family

August Budget Goal:
\$8,881.00

Adjusting the Gain Samuel Girven

Our church has gone through many stages of reconstruction. The late 1940s and early 1950s were characterized by the construction of the then-new church building and establishing a church school. The 1960s and 1970s focused a lot on the church school; for example the construction of a new school building, and eventually, the conversion of the parsonage into a community service building. The 1980s and 1990s were focused on church expansion, and the planting of a new church in Cadillac (that church is now known as the 13th Street Seventh-day Adventist Church).

What we find, is that the mid-1990s is also when we last did any significant upgrades to the audio-visual systems of the church. Church membership stood around 300 members then, and the church would go through a major renovation process in that decade. For some of our readers, this may seem like yesterday, but in technology...that is almost prehistoric.

1990s technology was flashy, bright, and new. Windows 95 and desktop computers, with thick, chunky cathode ray tube screens were all the rage. Dot-matrix printers, borrowing some technology from typewriters and word processors, were in the spotlight too. Music labels were starting to release songs on a silly gadget called a compact disc. While that may seem like yesterday, that was nearly thirty years ago! Audio technology can sometimes last a lifetime, but for visual technology to last that long is nearly a miracle itself. Craig Soule, when I discussed the system with him some time ago quipped, "I remember wiring that system...and that was a long time ago!"

In September of 2019, the new leadership in Communications made the leap to streaming. They started with a cell phone camera and worked up to another type of camera called a Mevo. But when the COVID-19 pandemic appeared on our doorstep, the church went offline, both literally and figuratively. When we returned to church in June 2020 though, we knew we had outgrown our system. It was then that the joint media and communications department, affectionately known as "CadComm", started a year-long odyssey of research. Over twenty-five quotes and proposals were gotten, reviewed, and adjusted, and at last month's board meeting, a decision was made. Under the leadership of new Media Department Leader Jill Shaffer, new cameras, a computer, and various accessories were to be purchased, all a worthwhile investment for the future.



Just as the 1990s was the era of the "dot-com boom", we are in the era of streaming and social media. These investments will assist us in evangelism but will also provide a stable, worthwhile service for our members. If you would like to volunteer to help run this new equipment, come see the team at the back of the church, or to see how our new technology looks to the consum-

er, visit our Facebook and YouTube pages. Don't forget to share what you find there with a friend!

Home Cooking
with Chef Miguel Larcher

returns
September 7



Find out more at
www.campcuisine.org

STR Summer Events

The Strong Tower Radio Variety Hour has become our signature event usually held four times per year. This year we are planning five such variety hours. Last program produced by Deb Blosser and Tim Duman held at the Edenville Seventh-day Adventist Church had a large audience and wonderful cast of vocalists and instrumentalists. If you missed the Edenville event reschedule yourself for the October 2nd Cheboygan or the October 16th Berrien Springs Variety Hours held at the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in those areas.

The third Strong Tower Radio Corn Roast will be held August 14th beginning at 5:30 p.m. right here at the Cadillac Broadcast Center located at 7669 S. 45 Rd. We will provide the corn and table service. You bring the family and a dish to pass. Staff will conduct station tours upon request, and a Scott Michael Bennett Concert will close out the evening. A free-will offering will be taken at this event.

The Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church and Strong Tower Radio collaborate to produce the Sabbath Nature Walk. The first walk was held at Grainger Meadow Park in 2019 followed by one at Woldumar Nature Center last May 22nd. The next Nature Walk will be at the Michigan State



University Clarence E. Lewis Arboretum August 28th beginning at 4 p.m. The Strong Tower Radio "Garden Guy", Gary Heilig, will lead an interpretive tour of the arboretum. Watch

our website STR.fm for more specifics.