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MONTHLY CALENDAR

4 - NORTHVIEW CHRISTMAS BREAK ENDS

5 - YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE MEETING - 6PM

6 - NORTHVIEW SCHOOL SKIING

12 - CHURCH BOARD MEETING 5:30PM/YOHM JR. 6PM/PRAYER MEETING - 7PM

13 - NORTHVIEW SCHOOL SKIING

14-16 - TEEN SNOW OUTING

17 - MLK DAY - NORTHVIEW SKIING

19 - YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE MEETING - 6PM

22 - PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER MEETING - 1:30PM

27 - NORTHVIEW SKIING

28-30 - MAN CAMP (FATHER-SON RETREAT)



A Substantive Christmas Program

Samuel Girven

Every year, Northview Adventist School has a Christmas program. Every year, they memorize, sing, recite, and repeat. “It’s a Christmas play!” you might say. “There is nothing substantive about that!” You might even allege that it’s “one of those things that” inevitably happens every year, only to be forgotten shortly afterward.

But I disagree. Over the past several years, Northview’s Christmas program has become less “Christmasesque”, and more “message-based”. Brenda Mejeur, music teacher at the school, has been writing programs for her students for years. She has concocted a careful blend of simple production and music with *substantive* doctrine that stays with the audience (and the children!) for months, or even years (!) afterward. Their program on December 16 was the perfect example of that. Come join the students next year! You won’t want to miss it. 🎧

YOHM: Christmas Delivered

Samuel Girven



For the fourth year in a row, Youth of His Message (YOHM) has successfully helped provide families with a great Christmas. The initiative began in 2018, and has continued to expand and branch out. This year, the group sponsored several families from the area. “We as Christians are called to help others.” Katie Shaffer, group spokesperson says. She says that knowing that these families will

be having a better holiday season than what they otherwise would have had is a true blessing. “We are called to be a light in the darkness and show God’s love to everyone,” she emphasized. 🎧

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Editor’s Corner

Oldsmobile had to change their product perception. They came up with the slogan, “This is not your Dad’s Olds.”

In talking with another elder, he pointed out that some of the former stereotypes of the Cadillac Church need to be challenged because we are changing for the good. Our elders’ team has a high level of trust and cooperation addressing the tough issues for more than two years. For the last six months, our church board has hit such a new effectiveness stride and cordiality that results are becoming evident. Read the adult Sabbath School editorial about what they are doing to regenerate next quarter.

Have you noticed that each newsletter legitimately has church community outreach and vibrant youth engagement? Youth of the Message is leading the way this month, with the fourth family Christmas gift event. The Pathfinder’s Bible Experience is in full swing with the elders joining the preparation. The Northview Adventist Church School program substance and presentation of the Christmas story and the Three Angels’ Message was stellar.

We are doing a second year of Bible studies with a different plan explained in this issue. In addition, we are once again doing the “10 Days of Prayer.” “This is not your parents’ Cadillac; it’s better!”

TOM MEJEUR

PBE: Pathfinder Bible Experience

Samuel Girven

Practice. Study. More practice, and then more study. That’s the circadian rhythm that Pathfinders participating in the Pathfinder Bible Experience work by. Lots of study. Lots of practice.

For months, the club memorizes entire chapters of Biblical books that the North American Division pre-selects. Then, they come together, sometimes multiple times a month, to practice the testing they will eventually face in early February at the PBE Area Level competition.

P.B.E. was started in the late 1980s by Terry Dodge, Pathfinder Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the time. (Dodge later became the Pathfinder Director of the Michigan Conference.) Originally known as “Bible Bowl”, P.B.E.’s name and format has changed several times during the past 30 years. It’s benefits and purpose remains the same though. “A hidden benefit of Pathfinder Bible Experience is teamwork. Each pathfinder has his or her assigned chapters memorized. When the questions are asked, the team gets the point for a correct question. Thus, each team member must rely on each other to uphold the team,” says Craig Harris, the current Pathfinder Director for Michigan. “School grades have increased across the board from the memorization of scripture, without one exception!” Harris exclaimed.

Each team/club starts by testing with other teams in their geographical area (the PBE Area Level competition). This year, they are testing on the books of Ruth, and 1st and 2nd Kings. Each team answers the questions together, using a “scribe” to record the answer. Each question can be worth one or more points, and it is a total recall test. The teams that complete the testing with at least 90% of the questions correct compared to the team that reached first place then move on to the next level--the State level.

In a previous article, we asked how P.B.E. has impacted several Cadillac Club Pathfinders participants. The results were exceedingly positive. “P.B.E. has helped me grow closer to God and get a deeper understanding of Him through the group studies,” says Moriah Vogler. Another Pathfinder said, “PBE has helped me want to read the Bible more in my private life instead of skipping my personal devotional on occasion. PBE has made me excited to study the Bible again. It has definitely changed the way I view studying the Bible.” 🎧



10 DAYS OF PRAYER

THE THREE ANGELS CALL TO PRAYER

January 5-15, 2022

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News Briefs

Cadillac Church will join Seventh-day Adventist Churches around the world in 10 Days of Prayer January 5-15. If you want to boost your prayer life, join us for some or all these 30 minute sessions. We will have both in-person and remote access at 7 p.m. by phone at 978.990.5000 with the access number of 664246#. Watch for further details.

Registration for the Michigan Conference sponsored Man Camp opened on November 22nd. The actual Man Camp weekend is scheduled for January 28-30, 2022 at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI. You can register online at www.misdoyouth.org.

Home Cooking with Chef Larcher continues January 11th at 6:30pm. Find out more at www.campcuisine.org.

What fun we had this past Sabbath as we had a friendly competition between our Pastor & Elders and our Cadillac PBE team! We won't say who came in first place... you will have to plan to join us for the next trivia night in February to see for yourself! Exact date to be determined.

Stay tuned for more information on the Junior/Youth Sabbath on January 29! It will be a full day of activities, spiritual food, actual food, learning, and more. Guest speaker will be Elder Elijah Ringstaff!



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Bible Study Plans Continue

Elder Tom Mejeur

Pastor Ariel Rodan inspired our congregation to join him in reading through the whole Bible in 2021. I like a race where some people have already finished and there is more heading towards the finish line. It was more than a goal or a competition, but the intent was to reacquaint and see the Scripture in the historical order. What a blessing this has been. The share at the end of each reading set was encouraging and insightful.

Now we are encouraging with a different reading plan. It is the "Correlated Bible Reading Plan." It involves reading the whole Bible along with the Ellen White "Conflict of the Ages" commentary readings. The pastor and members who have participated in similar plans can attest to the rich blessing and improved comprehension for the Scriptures. Please join us. This book is available by contacting Adventist Heritage Ministries at 269.965.3000 or ordering at adventistheritage.org. The cost is \$9 plus shipping.

Rejuvenating Adult Sabbath School

~Guest Editorial~

Elder Tom Mejeur

Adults need Sabbath School too! I am a seasoned Sabbath School superintendent serving other congregations, giving seminars, and consulting. I originally thought that the youth divisions were the hardest to staff but then experienced that Beginners/Cradle roll had the highest teacher turnover followed by the youth. However, I am seeing that our adult divisions need our attention also.

We often think adults can take care of themselves and not much effort is needed by the students or teachers—a kind of minimal commitment for 50 minutes a week. Expect little, give little, get little!

Einstein said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Well, the status quo is unsatisfactory, and we are going to do something different. It may take us a year to improve the outcomes but together we want something better.

We appointed four more adult teachers, and we have a new purpose. We want to give members and the community a reason to come to the adult Sabbath School. Starting January 9, the second Sabbath, we will begin "Adventism 102 - Getting to Know Your Church." It is a delightful and live visual presentation about our shared Adventist culture. Topics like "Did Adventists Invent Camp Meeting?" and "Where Was the Grand Rapids Conference Office?" It will have an interesting twist for new and life-long members. Please plan to be with us.



Keeping You Informed:

Offering Schedule:

January 1 Church Budget
January 8 Religious Liberty
January 15 Church Budget
January 22 Michigan Advance
January 29 Church Budget

Speaker Schedule:

January 1 TBD
January 8 TBD
January 15 Pastor Roldan
January 22 TBD
January 29 Elijah Ringstaff

January Budget Goal:

\$9,035.00

Adopting Seniors

Communications Department



Sometimes children are adopted, but what about adults? The Pleasant Lake Lodge Assisted Living Center had not had any church or organization give the residents gifts for two years. Our church decided to step up and fill the void. We began with singing Christmas carols to the 40 residents on Sabbath, December 18. Then we bought and wrapped presents for Christmas. We need to maintain our adoption throughout the year. Please join our church—your church—for any or all its visitations and projects.

Heavenly Music

Communications Department



The Bright family and friends presented a most beautiful Christmas program. This was another God thing. One week prior, they presented at the Strong Tower Radio Variety Hour in Gladwin. Larry and Debbie Puffer promptly arranged for them to do the Lake City Church service on December 18, but their church had not gotten their electric power restored, so they shared the Bright family invitation with us, to our edification. Ironically, they don't usually do such programs, so they had to put it together for us, but the short notice didn't negatively affect the resulting heavenly music.

Baby Dedication

Communications Department



Brysen Warren-Frederick Jarrette was dedicated during the worship service on December 11, 2021. Brysen is the newest member of the Jarrette family. He has three siblings; two brothers, and one sister. The family, accompanied by Pastor Roldan, several elders, and church leaders, had a special prayer for the baby boy.



Strong Tower Radio Signal

Strong Tower Radio is a lay-person-run radio and tv ministry serving Cadillac, MI as well as the world with the whole Bible message as we know it. We are hearing of people coming into the church because of this ministry, including our own last month again. Also, the Bright family that conducted our December 18th church service are among them!

God is leading. Last November, we chose Hebrews as our January theme. Last August, we invited Dr. Erhard Gallos to record a 4-part series on Hebrews 4 and 10. Last June, Pastor Dan Rachor held a Hebrews 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Hebrews camp meeting seminar. Five years ago, the Adult Sabbath School topic was chosen for next quarter. All this is God's perfect timing!

Out of trials comes great blessings. Our supporters have a demonstrated giving cycle. First quarter after the holidays giving drops, rebounds in the second, dips the third, and surges at the year's end. This year the dip didn't recover until a supporter offered a matching donation of \$30,000 and the budget was balanced in six days. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support, it's greatly appreciated.



Tom Mejeur, Strong Tower Radio