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GLAAd Updates at Cedar Lake

—By Justin Kim

Communication Director

The upcoming 2013-2014 school year at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) will see the usual return of dedicated staff and excited first-year students, but with a new combined team of administrators and pastors. While Principal Delwin Garcia and Vice Principal Kassie Norcross have already been serving the only Adventist boarding academy in Michigan, they will commence this year anew.

Before coming to GLAA, Garcia was an English teacher at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy and enters his ninth year with the Michigan Conference, having just been commissioned at this past camp meeting.

“We are,” says Garcia, “asking ourselves how we can make Jesus the center and focus of all that we do. Our hearts’ desire is that every student walks away from GLAA having had many opportunities to give their lives to Christ, be nurtured and mentored in that conversion experience, and enter the world as a solid, Bible-based Seventh-day Adventist Christian ready to serve their church and community.”



Principal Garcia takes the helm, formerly held by Dr. Ray Davis, who has been there for 23 years. Having been the Vice Principal, Garcia will continue promoting a strong Adventist identity within the realm of education.

Says the new principal, “We never really know until the first few weeks of school, but we’re optimistic that the positive momentum we’re gaining will result in more students this upcoming year. It has never really been about

meeting budget numbers for us though, but rather we firmly believe that Adventist education is the greatest evangelistic opportunity in our denomination. Therefore, we want our academy to be bursting at the seams with students!” Enrollment is progressing steadily with students coming from all parts of the United States as well as internationally as far as Indonesia and South Korea.



Sitting in the Vice Principal’s chair is Kassie Norcross, who has been with the school for the past six years. Though her role can be tough in being responsible for student discipline, she says that it is a joy to work and communicate with the parents and doing everything possible for the students’ best interest.

When asked about the recently implemented uniforms, many staff and students mentioned a drastic positive change in the attitude of the student body. Though some were hesitant that the students might hate it, Vice Principal
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Guest's Perspective

"What Will Your Legacy Be?"



—Loren Nelson
Human Resources

I will be retiring at the end of this summer, which has caused me to do much reflection on my 44 years in ministry! The biggest question I have asked myself is, "What kind of legacy will be left behind? Will my children

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and grandchildren remain faithful to our Lord Jesus? Right now, the outward signs point to yes, but when Jesus comes, will they really be ready to meet Him?"

That will be one legacy that is important to me. Because when Jesus comes and if I have preached the gospel all over the world, if thousands have given their hearts to

Jesus, and if they join me at that Northeastern Gate in the New Jerusalem, but my children and grandchildren are not there, heaven will not be as I had hoped.

Another legacy that I hope to leave behind is a strong faithful pastoral force. I want most of all for the ministers that were hired and trained in New In Ministry while I was Ministerial Director to be faithful ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ that have made preparing the people in and around their churches for the return of Jesus. I want to leave pastors who are faithful in all of their duties as a minister of the gospel and who prepare all that Jesus entrusts them with for His soon coming. I desire that they will not get caught up in theological and political issues to side-track them from what they have been called for. They will make the Word of God (the Bible) the final authority of all faith and practice. In the end, culture and tradition must be subservient to the Written Word of God. When it is finally said and done, will they be ready for Jesus to come? If they are, I believe the people God has entrusted them with will also be ready.

Finally, the most important legacy I leave is the souls that have been baptized (including my own children) and are a part of the Adventist church today. I have been called first of all by Jesus Himself to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto

the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20) I want all of them not only to be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which I believe is God's last day remnant church of prophecy, but truly to be citizens of the holy kingdom of God.

With this in mind, my friend, what will be your legacy? When you are gone, will your legacy continue to build up the kingdom of God? Won't you covenant with me to ask Jesus to help you fulfill His will in your life?

Lastly, I would like to leave with the words of the Apostle Paul in the book, 2 Timothy 2:1-3 when He says to the young Timothy: "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (NKJV)

Every Monday morning, the Michigan Conference staff meet together for worship and prayer. Each week, different churches, schools, literature evangelists, and community service centers are remembered in prayer. Here is the list for the month of August. Please join with us as we pray for these ministries.

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| Aug 5-9 | Monroe/Tecumseh
Pastor Michael Mattzela |
| Aug 12-16 | Boyne City/Central Lake/Gaylord
Pastor Ernest Wolf
Community Service Center -
Jack Dunlap, Director |
| Aug 19-23 | Otsego/Paw Paw
Pastor Michael Taylor,
Community Service Center
Yvonne Engel, Director |
| Aug 26-30 | First Flint/Clio
Pastor Jeff Akenberger
First Flint School -
Gayle Stevens, Principal/Teacher
Community Service Center -
Darlene Bessey, Director |

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Norcross replied that she heard that girls loved it. They did not have to think about what to wear and boys appreciate another level of real modesty.

There is a renewed level of unity and cooperation with the staff and pastors, from kneeling together in seasons of daily prayer to working on service projects in both the local church and civil communities. Linking with Associate Pastor Phil Mills, Pastor Jeff Marshall joins Michigan afresh to head the pastoral team at the Cedar Lake Adventist Church. He replaces Pastor Mickey Mallory, who after 14 years, took a call to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference near Southern Adventist University last year.



Having been a chaplain and recruiter at Bass Memorial Academy, Pastor Marshall and his wife Jerlanda are excited to pastor a church with so much entrepreneurial potential in a rural community, along with a cutting-edge veganic farm and vibrantly active academy students. He states that in recent youth ministry studies, youth leave the church, not because of boredom, but due to divisions between older, middle, and younger generations. With clear and deliberately Adventist

mission foci, he seeks to connect all generations to change the world for Christ, while also honing on unlocking the hidden potential of young people.

This school year also sees a new girls' dean, Linda Johnson, and a new nurse, Heather Haynes, who both bring their fervent love for Christ, natural warm personalities, and a high level of expertise in their respective fields. Besides personnel, other updates include the repaving of parking lots, recarpeting the chapel and dorms, and a planned library renovation. These plans are due to the successful Capital Campaign, having received many generous love gifts. Plans are also in preparation by students to work on a variety of projects with neighboring church districts, pastors, academies, and lay members. Despite all the changes, Vice Principal Norcross reassured, "We have a strong foundation and a solid teaching staff," commenting on GLAA's well-known reputation for stability in a fresh way.

In all their interviews, there was a clear sobriety to be Christ-centered in all that they do, indulge excellent academic performance, and to love their students. Principal Garcia concludes, "We're a family! You get to stay, study, play, and worship together with your friends! In addition to that, you can walk away with 24 college credits with our dual-enrollment courses! But the best part about attending GLAA is that you are given daily opportunities to give your life to Jesus!"

For this upcoming school year, kindly keep all the Michigan Adventist academies in prayer, in business, and in Christ. For more information, visit the Education page at www.misda.org; for GLAA, visit www.glaa.net.

BCA Students Complete CERT Training

—Charlotte Erickson

Communication Secretary for Battle Creek Tabernacle

Seventeen high school students and three teachers from Battle Creek Academy (BCA) recently received certificates for completing the CERT basic training program. They were the first youth in the Battle Creek community to receive the training. The certificate-awarding ceremony was held at the Battle Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church. A home-schooled student and her



mother also received certificates. The group completed 25 hours of training to help them become better prepared to identify and meet emergencies in their homes and communities.

CERT – or Community Emergency Response Team – was created by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1994 to train citizens in

emergency response after a devastating earthquake overwhelmed the professional first responders' ability to care for the city. Since that start in California, CERT has been used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the certification is recognized nationwide. Locally, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management and the City of Battle Creek Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security each support CERT programs.

A report from the New York City Police Department after 9/11 showed that faith-based organizations had a measurable impact in the disaster response. Faith communities are a valuable source of assistance because houses of worship are seen as safe places, church members often respond to community needs, and members are already a unit and can be mobilized quickly. When Shirley Finneman, a member of the Battle Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church and a CERT trainer, learned of the need for a faith-based CERT training component, she offered to develop a model for the Battle Creek area. This model was used at BCA in the area's first faith-based training. *(Continued on page 6)*

Michigan Camp Me



Conference Meeting 2013



Thanks to our many photographers.

New Filing Dates for New LPFM

Before “wireless” was associated with the internet, it referred to the medium of radio! In the fall of 2013, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be opening an opportunity for low power FM (LPFM) radio stations to file for a license during a two week period.



LPFM radio stations already exist in WAWB-LP 107.3FM West Branch, WGLN-LP 93.5FM Cedar Lake, and WMLY-LP 93.1FM Marshall. WAUS 90.7FM Andrews University and Strong Tower Radio in 91.9FM Cadillac, 97.9FM Newberry, and 90.7FM Harrison, all full power stations, are broadcasting robustly, with Strong Tower subsidiaries planned for the rest of Northern Michigan.

These classic forms of wireless radio have played and will continue to play crucial evangelistic roles with eternal results. Any non-profit organization or corporation can apply.

If interested, engineering studies must be done to establish open frequencies. A broadcast attorney can help to ensure the strongest possibility of being awarded a permit. Contact Donald Martin, an Adventist attorney in Washington DC at dempc@prodigy.net or 703-642-2344. Any other questions or further help can be directed to 3ABN Radio at radio@3abn or contacting Nikki Anderson at 618-627-4651 ext. 3500.

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Students in grades 9-12 at BCA who volunteered for the training spent five hours a day for five days learning basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The instructors included Mike McKinsey, Battle Creek’s Emergency Manager and Homeland Security officer, and his staff, and Shirley Finneman. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, these new CERT members can now assist their families and others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

In his remarks to the students and adults receiving certificates, Mike McKinsey expressed the importance of involving youth. “Having young people involved



Project Cottage



At this past camp meeting, Project: Cottage was launched in order to increase the footprint of camp meeting without impacting conference resources. Expansion plans included one initiative where water and sewer utilities would be improved with the creation of full hook-up sites in Loop E.

The second initiative involved the building of 30 new cottages. An opportunity was extended for anyone to partner with the conference in donating the material funding for two new cottages. Since camp meeting, we have almost half of those commitments. When the commitments have been finalized in the future, a work bee will be scheduled for various volunteers with the skills, heart, and time to finish this second initiative.

To join the project or to find out more, contact Jody Murphy at jmurphy@misda.org or call 517-316-1581.

ensures the sustainability of the CERT program,” he stated. “I am very proud of this group of young people.”

In addition to their certificates, trainees also received backpacks containing a hard hat, vest and other disaster response equipment, and a pocket-size New Testament.

Eleventh-grade BCA student Aubraelle Porter said the training was very helpful and interesting. She believes it “will come in handy in the future” and will enable her and the other students “to be prepared to help in emergency situations.”

BCA principal James Davis expressed his appreciation to the City of Battle Creek for the training. Because of the successful outcome, he plans to make training available to all of the students and faculty next year.

Transitions in Mission



Fred Dana has been asked to pastor the Alma, Ithaca, and St. Johns churches. Fred has been teaching Bible for GLAA. His wife Lorrie is, and will continue to be, secretary for the Cedar Lake Elementary School.

Ron Kelly has accepted the call to be Berrien Springs Village senior pastor. Ron was the pastor of the Cicero SDA Church in Indiana. He and his wife Collene have four children. He replaces Larry Lichtenwalter who accepted a call to be Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology at Middle East University, Lebanon.



Jeff Marshall is the pastor at the Cedar Lake Church. He and his wife Jerlanda come from Mississippi where he was pastor at Bass Memorial Academy. Jeff is also GYC's Vice President for Evangelism. He replaces Mickey Mallory who has gone to the Stanifer Gap Church in Tennessee.

Tony Messer is the new pastor for New Haven and Port Huron churches replacing David Gotshall who transferred to Stevensville. Tony and his wife Jolene joined our conference just before camp meeting this summer.



Pastor Transfers

Darryl Bentley will be the pastor at Edenville, Estey and Gladwin churches starting soon.

Travis Smith has been the pastor for the Glenwood Church. He and his wife Carla will be pastor of the Troy and Troy Korean churches starting August 1.

New Principals/Teachers

Don Aldrich is the new Math/Physics teacher at Battle Creek Academy.

Rachel Cordis is the new teacher at Northview Christian School in Cadillac.

Karon Davis is the principal/teacher at Hastings.

Brittney DePas is teaching 7th & 8th grade at Battle Creek Academy.

Bianca Fernandez will be added to Troy Adventist Academy to teach Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Donna Grimsley is joining the staff at Oakwood Academy as principal/teacher for grades 3-5.

Linda Grzybowski is joining the staff at Village and will be teaching the 7th grade.

Heather Hayes is joining the Great Lakes Adventist Academy staff as the Nurse/Assistant Girls Dean.

Linda Johnson is the Head Girls Dean at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

Donald Mapes will be principal/teacher at Onaway.

Kalicia Morrison is the principal/teacher at Charlotte.

Derek Nutt is the new Bible/History teacher at Battle Creek Academy.

Tim Rasmussen is the new Music/PE teacher at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy.

Michael Riess is the new principal/grades 5-8 teacher at Warren.

Lauren Snell is the new 5th & 6th grade teacher at Niles.

Tori Steely is the new Science teacher at Battle Creek Academy.

Teacher Transfers

Ann Barrett – comes from Hastings to Adelpian Jr. Academy where she will be principal/teacher for grades 3-4.

Phil Engelman – will be the new principal for Grand Rapids Adventist Academy where he taught History and Biology.

James Gray comes from Eau Claire where he taught grades 5-8 to Kalamazoo Jr. Academy where he will teach grades 4-6.

Darlene Huckabay comes from Owosso where she was principal/teacher to Wilson Jr. Academy to teach grades 1-4.

Aaron Koleda will be the new technology person at the Village school where he previously taught 7th grade.

Heather Stein comes from Wilson Jr. Academy where she taught grades 1-4 to teach these grades at Warren.

Eric and Bonnie Velez have transferred from Battle Creek Academy to Grand Rapids Adventist Academy where Eric will teach Bible and History. Bonnie will be the 7th grade homeroom teacher.



August

- 1-3 UP Camp Meeting
- 4-5 New Teacher Orientation -
Camp Au Sable
- 4-7 Trust Department Meetings -
Orlando, Florida
- 5-9 Teachers Retreat -
Camp Au Sable
- 7-10 ASI Convention - Orlando, FL
- 11-15 Ministerial Retreat -
Camp Au Sable
- 16-18 Adventurer Workshop -
Camp Au Sable
- 22 K-12 Board of Education -
GLAA
- 23-25 Pathfinder Workshop - Camp
Au Sable
- 27 MI Conference Executive
Committee - Conference Office
- 28 Camp Meeting Directors

September

- 2 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 3-5 LUC/Conference Officers
Spiritual Retreat
- 6-8 Personal Ministries Retreat
Camp Au Sable
- 6-8 Adventure Family Camp -
Camp Au Sable Northwoods
- 8-12 Senior Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 12-15 Health Professionals - Camp
Au Sable
- 13-15 Pathfinder Camporee - Camp
Au Sable Northwoods
- 15-17 LE Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 19 K-12 Board of Education
- 27-28 ACS Fall Retreat - Camp
Au Sable
- 28 Men of Faith
- 29 Constituency Meeting

WHAT'S UP

The Center for Youth Evangelism and the Lake Union will be holding a Children's Leadership Conference on September 6-8, 2013 at Andrews University. Contact Pastor Walter Rogers at eychildren@icloud.com or visit cye.org/events/clc.

IMMIGRANTS: CARRYING THE GOSPEL TO REMOTE REGIONS.

Terri Saelee, the director of refugee services for the North American Division, will be conducting a two-day seminar at Camp Au Sable September 27 and 28. She will be presenting how we can get involved in God's ministry for carrying the gospel to unentered territories. Refugees and immigrants come to the United States where we can help them and win them for Christ. They, in turn, go back to their own countries to spread the gospel in places missionaries are not allowed to enter. This ministry has just been featured in the Adventist Review for July. For more information or to register please contact Kasey McFarland in the Community Service Department of the Michigan Conference at kmcfarland@misda.org or call 517-316-1565.

Personal Ministries Department presents Gary Gibbs with Winsome Witness, at Camp Au Sable, September 6-8, 2013

- *The Most Overlooked Secret to Winning Souls - Utilizing what most soul winners forget to tell you, but this is what makes all the difference in your success.*
- *How to Know Your Bible Like a Pro - Never fear another Bible question when you are witnessing.*
- *Power Steps to Give Effective Bible Studies - They are simple, practical, and powerful. Learn how to get and give Bible studies that win people.*
- *The Best Bible Studies to Use - Cut through the maze of Bible studies and learn how to choose the very best studies for your witnessing.*
- *Never Make a Mistake When Sharing Your Faith - Fear of mistakes keeps most people from sharing their faith. Learn how to never make a mistake again.*

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