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Mission365: A New GC Initiative for 2017

During the 2016 General Conference (GC) Annual Council, a new initiative was introduced to the delegates of the world field. Mission365 is a call to every member to be involved in missionary work every day by sharing tracts and books. The goal is to share at least one GLOW tract everyday and one book, *The Story of Hope*, each week.

Hands On Experience

The world church leaders sought to lead by example, and on Sabbath afternoon of October 8 the delegates of the GC executive committee went door-to-door to pray with people and to hand out *The Story of Hope*, as well as GLOW tracts. To assist with the outreach, about 100 young people came from different parts of the United States, including Michigan. They were paired up with the GC, Division, and Union leaders from around the world.

Ted Wilson, GC president, was one of the outreach participants that Sabbath afternoon. As he was approaching his first door, a woman drove by with her car, waving to him and his outreach partner. She had re-

ceived GLOW tracts from another person, but she wasn't invited to pray, so she asked Elder Wilson to pray for her.

That was just the beginning of many divine appointments that were witnessed by the delegates that boarded 37 commercial buses to witness in neighborhoods near the GC world headquarters. God even stopped the rain for a couple of hours so prayers could be offered and books and tracts shared.

Our challenge for 2017

This year we have the privilege to partner with God through personal witness and sharing literature along with the world church. All members are encouraged to adopt this Total Member Involvement initiative and daily share GLOW tracts and *The Story of Hope*. Through prayer and distribution efforts we aim to reach at least one billion souls for Christ in 2017.

We invite you to watch Mark Finley's appeal at: <https://vimeo.com/186459795>.

"When you give out a GLOW tract, when you give out a book, it will make a difference for eternity in somebody's life."

-Mark Finley



President's Perspective

Pope Francis and Fundamentalist Commandment Keepers

Pope Francis does not like what he calls “fundamentalists.” To be fair he doesn’t appreciate them in the Catholic Church either. He refers to them as being sick, hypocrites, rigid, and a threat to world peace. Here is one of his statements aboard a flight from Krakow to Rome on July 31, 2016:

“I believe that in pretty much every religion there is always a small group of fundamentalists. Fundamentalists. We have them. When fundamentalism comes to kill, it can kill with the language—the Apostle James says this, not me—and even with a knife, no?”¹

Carl Olsen comments on the Pope’s view in his article, “Francis and Fundamentalism,” published in the *Catholic World Report*, August 9, 2016:

“Put simply, the term fundamentalist has often become, in common parlance, a pejorative term used to effectively place certain groups into that fenced-off area reserved for haters, bigots, homophobes, and uncaring crazies who are either filled with blood lust or have already carried out acts of terror and ‘absurd violence.’ On top of that, it is widely accepted in many quarters that all religions have some form of “fundamentalism,” and it must be sequestered off from those who practice peace, love, and understanding.”²

In 2014 the Pope stated: “A fundamentalist group, although it may not kill anyone, although it may not strike anyone, is violent. The mental structure of fundamentalists is violence in the name of God.”³ Recently, the website *Vatican Radio* summarized Pope Francis’ commentary of the story where Jesus healed a woman on Sabbath, which ignited the indignation of the syna-

gogue leaders. It was pointed out by Francis that “Jesus responded [by] calling the leaders of the synagogue ‘hypocrites,’” and that this was an accusation “Jesus often made to those who follow the Law with rigidity.” He went on to state, “The Law. . . was not drawn up to enslave us but to set us free, to

"Both justice and mercy flow from God's unselfish love. That unselfish love was poured out on the cross, which upheld the unalterable law and at the same time opened the floodgates of God's mercy."

make us God’s children.” In regards to fundamentalists, “They appear good because they follow the Law; but they are concealing something else: either they are hypocritical or they are sick. And they suffer!”⁴

In the above radio address the Pope leaves the clear impression that bending the law of God is good as long as it is for the cause of mercy. But if you are unwilling to bend the commandments in order to be merciful then you are rigid and “sick.” He uses the illustration of Jesus healing a man’s withered hand on the Sabbath as an example of being flexible with the commandments.

But Jesus did not disregard the Sabbath

commandment to heal the man! In contrast to the Pope, Jesus argued that He was in harmony with the law. He noted to His critics that if it were lawful to pull one’s ox out of a pit on the Sabbath, then it was lawful to restore a man’s withered arm. However, Jesus did break a law—man’s law—that was *distorting* the Sabbath law.

Here is the worrisome part of the Pope’s logic. It pits mercy against God’s commandments. But God’s law and mercy have their arms wrapped around each other. God is not at war with Himself. Both justice and mercy flow from God’s unselfish love. That unselfish love was poured out on the Cross, which upheld the unalterable law and at the same time opened the floodgates of God’s mercy.

Certainly there are elements in any religious faith that can become fanatical. But, it appears that the Pope—in the name of combating violent radical Islam and elements within his own church—has certainly misjudged the whole biblical concept of the unity between mercy and truth.⁵

In addition, Francis and popular culture are in harmony. Absolute truth and the grounds for morality simply don’t exist in postmodern society. Accordingly, the commandment, “Thou shalt not steal” is not seen as absolute but relative, depending on the circumstances.

Sadly, people today don’t care whether their church has the truth because they don’t believe there is such a thing. Individuals desire relationships not the truth. Their governing principles are based upon a malleable, sentimental “love.” You often hear the expression, “Do as you wish as long as you don’t hurt anyone.” Yet, believing that truth is relative or flexible is leading the world towards chaos in which everyone gets hurt.

In contrast to the Pope, Jesus said that not a pen stroke in the law could be altered.⁶ Paul, speaking of what happens

when the law is disobeyed, states clearly that the result is death.⁷ When the law is violated it disrupts the harmony and organization that makes life possible. God's law is not something He just made up. It is who He is. It reflects His character! God cannot bend Himself or His law. If God could have changed His law, Jesus would not have needed to pay the penalty of a broken law!

How far will the Pope and the world take this logic? Perhaps history is a good indicator. We already know that the papacy has claimed the right to change the law of God. The Ten Commandments in their official catechisms differ substantially from those found in their official Bible. No doubt they made these changes thinking they could convert millions of pagans to the mercy of Christ. But instead their church morphed and adopted the notion that the observance of rituals can merit salvation. This kind of thinking ushered in the chaos of the Dark Ages. And in spite of all the rhetoric by Francis regarding mercy, the papacy has had a very different response for those who have insisted on the authority of Scripture. It is called the Inquisition.

As noted earlier, in the Pope's mind, even if fundamentalists don't adhere to

violence they are still considered violent. Strange! How can one be violent who neither believes, nor practices violence? Is the Pope's agenda merely dealing with violent religious fanatics? Or is he laying the groundwork for something else? After all why would non-violent non-conformists bother the Pope? Especially so, if he is a loving, Christian leader? Where is this headed?

The world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis. Billions are on the brink of desperate conditions. The Pope and his allies are going to offer a version of the commandments based on "love" that will serve the "common good" and the common peace. But there will be believers, filled with lovingkindness, who will refuse to flex or compromise their adherence to the law of God.

Society, however, brainwashed by the propaganda, will have little patience with anyone that threatens their welfare. For example, when the Ephesians started losing money because of the preaching of Paul against idols, they rioted.

As the world falls into a terrible crisis, the papacy and its allies are going to attempt to regain world domination. People who keep God's commandments are going

to get in the way of the Pope's new world order: not with violence but with the truth! Despite their peacefulness, they will be called fundamentalists; sick, hypocrites, rigid, and dangerous. The mark of the beast will be the world's final solution to do away with those who are faithful to God's commandments.

But you reap what you sow. By teaching that God's commandments are bendable, the papal power and its allies will sow confusion as to what constitutes truth. The secularized religious entities, rightly called Babylon, will fall on their own sword. When the seven last plagues begin to fall, the truth of God's unalterable Ten Commandments will become a stark reality. The enemies of those who keep the commandments of God will become enemies of each other. When Babylon falls there will be no remedy.

But for those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, His mercy endures forever.

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¹ <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/full-text-of-pope-francis-in-flight-presser-from-poland-70432/>. Accessed Nov 29, 2016.

² http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4984/Francis_and_Fundamentalism.aspx. Accessed Nov 29, 2016.

³ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/06/14/pope-francis-fundamentalists_n_5493045.html. Accessed Nov 29, 2016.

⁴ http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/10/24/pope_god_calls_us_to_be_merciful_and_good_not_rigid_/1267391. Accessed Nov 29, 2016. See also <https://zenit.org/articles/popes-morning-homily-dont-be-rigid/>. Accessed November 30, 2016.

⁵ Ps. 25:10; 61:7; 85:10,15; 89:14; Proverbs 3:3; 14:22; 16:6

⁶ Matthew 5:18

⁷ Romans 7:10

— Jay Gallimore
Conference President

Prayer Focus

Every Monday morning, the Michigan Conference staff meets for worship and prayer. Here is the list for January. Please join us as we pray for these churches, conference events and ministers.

January 2-6

Battle Creek Korean
Pastor Wonoh Lee
Evangelism - Waterford
Ted Struntz
Grow Michigan Rally -
Traverse City
Pathfinder Bible Experience -
Conference Level

January 9-13

Living Word
Pastors Peter Ahn, Sung Um
Teen Snow Outing

January 17-20

Harbor of Hope,
Pastor Taurus Montgomery
Bible Worker - Rachel Weekes
Pathfinder Area Coordinators
Retreat

January 23-27

Ann Arbor Korean
Pastor Ji Yong Park
Ministerial Retreat 22nd- 25th

January 30-February 3

Detroit Spanish Cavalry/
Ebenezer/Pontiac Spanish
Pastor Mariano Arrua

Hi-C Retreat: Counter-Culture



Chad Bernard, guest speaker

Counter-Culture was the theme for this year's public high school and collegiate retreat (Hi-C) held at beautiful Camp Au Sable. No strangers to Michigan, the guest speakers, Chad Bernard and Justin Kim, shared empowering messages about the most counter-cultural individual to ever walk the earth – Jesus. Just as Jesus accepted Mary's spikenard, which was likely purchased with funds from her sinful profession, students accepted the call to surrender their lives to a sin-pardoning Savior.

A generous donation this year made it possible for the Adventist students to bring their friends to Hi-C for no charge. Summarizing the weekend, Halee Boughton said, "I spent this weekend in

one of the most beautiful places I've ever been, with some of the most incredible people I've ever met, while sharing the tender presence of the Lord." She benefited from the donation to attend the retreat for free. Throughout the weekend of November 4-6, students like Haley were challenged to live for Jesus even though it goes contrary to culture.

The only disappointing thing about the retreat was that not everyone who wanted to be there could be accommodated. Everything from the food and the intentional mentoring between college and high school students, to the messages and the annual dodgeball tournament was superb. Even the weather warmed up for the weekend!

— Sikhu Daco

Pathfinders Serve



The young are eager to serve.

On a recent Sunday, the newly formed Tittabawassee Turtles Pathfinder Club held a benefit dinner and bake sale at the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church to benefit a young woman, Lori Baerman, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Knowing that service to others is one of the credos of pathfinding, we saw this as an opportunity for our club to live that out in a practical way and help our kids to experience the joy of service," says club director Tony Khalil.

The club, the supporting churches, and some family members all stepped up. Deputy Director Glen Zimmerman created a Facebook event to advertise the benefit; ladies from the churches donated 40 square feet of baked goods; and the family organized a silent auction.

When the day finally arrived, the club met at the church a few hours early to set up. The Pathfinders and volunteer family members

gathered in a circle and asked for God's blessing. Within a few minutes the guests began arriving, and it was nonstop for the next two hours. The little club of five Pathfinders and as many staff were frantically making salads, boiling spaghetti, serving guests, and selling pies.

It ended almost as quickly as it started, and by the time the dust had settled, the cash box was swollen. Optimistically, the club was hoping to raise \$1,000.00 for the Baerman family, but when the funds were counted, they were elated to find that \$2,400.00 had been raised.

It was truly a blessing for the Pathfinders and staff to have been able to help this family, and their hope is that the love of Jesus was truly manifested that day.

"What I hope they get is this," says Khalil, referring to the Pathfinders. "I hope they learned firsthand, that when their effort is joined with the will of their God, incredible things will happen."

— Brenda Khalil

God Works on Public Campuses



Roxanne Dobson, CAMPUS missionary

Benjamin was a student whose room overlooked the CRAVE tent we had set up on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU) to hold meetings and invite students to small groups. Despite already being involved in a Christian group, he had been praying to find another more devout group of Christians. At around the same time Logan, who was also a part of Benjamin's Christian group, was doing Bible studies with an Adventist student at MSU. Then enter Ada, also a member of the Christian group, who was invited to CRAVE by an Adventist classmate.

On a campus of 50 thousand plus, coming into contact with three people from the same Christian group in three different ways is nothing short of divine. God continues to work on our friends' hearts, as Benjamin and Logan have accepted the Sabbath, Logan has become convicted about the law and the Antichrist, and Ada continues to study the Bible with an Adventist student missionary. In addition, several others from their Christian group have been attending our Adventist small groups and Friday night vespers. God continues to show His faithfulness by blessing our efforts, by changing both our hearts and theirs through the truth.

— Roxanne Dobson

Financial Planning: Your Will is God's

In February 2016, my precious husband died. It had always been our habit to attend camp meeting so in June I made plans to attend. On Friday morning, my daughter asked me to attend the grief seminar with her. I did not feel that was needful and chose to go to the financial management class.

My husband and I have always appreciated the financial material that the church puts out. They offer good advice on budgeting, getting out of debt, glorifying God with your means, and estate planning.

We had our wills made out through the Michigan Conference when we moved here. So, when my husband died everything was in place to make that transition easy for me.

After his death, I had thoughts about redoing my will but wasn't in a hurry. Little did I know that the class at camp meeting would change my thinking. The topic that day was estate planning and the more, they talked the more I felt compelled that a new will was necessary. I finally asked the question about how long after a spouse dies should a new will be adopted and the answer was, "It depends, but usually within a couple of months, the sooner the better so assets are protected and used wisely for the Lord." That response was eye-opening because it had already been five months!

I didn't feel I had a lot of assets, but I desired for them to be divided and used between our family and God's work, as both my husband and I would have liked. So, I signed up and met with a Michigan Conference representative.

Prior to her arrival, material was sent to explain the process in addition to some paperwork. Some of the questions involved the division of assets. It was helpful that I had attended the finance seminars at camp meeting over the years because it helped me understand that I was responsible for how my money should be utilized. I was very conscientious about making sure the will honored and glorified God. So as I reflected upon our children and family plus favorite missionary projects, I was able to complete the paperwork.

When the conference representative and I sat down, it was a pleasant experience, and she was very helpful. Overall, I am thankful to belong to a church that helps its members in all aspects of their lives.

— Anonymous



God Using A Small Church to Win Souls

What can a small group of believers worshipping together each Sabbath collectively do for Jesus?

The Glennie SDA Church has 15 or less members attending regularly. 80% are retired, and the average age is 73. The health and energy just "ain't what it used to be."

But the better question is, "What can Jesus do with willing church members who want to help HIM win souls?" He answers these prayers with a simple plan, one of them being the Lamb's Offerings.

Meet Nick DeMott, who annually attended Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Camp Au Sable. His grandparents invited all six grandchildren to their home each year for a week-long slumber party in order to attend VBS. Nick also enjoyed being a recipient of the Lamb's Offering, which sent kids to Camp Au Sable each summer. This resulted in a meaningful relationship with Jesus; Nick

accepted Christ and was baptized in 2015 by Pastor Ken Micheff at the age of 17.

Then there's Serena Siddons. She was four when she was matched up with a church member through the Big Brother/

Big Sister Program. While Serena visited the home of "Aunt Sandy," she became a faithful viewer of *Tiny Tots & Kid's Time* on 3ABN. In addition, she attended VBS each year, and occasionally attended Sabbath School. Amazing Adventures, a kids' evangelistic series with Doug Batchelor, also helped her know Jesus. And like Nick, Serena was sponsored to attend Camp Au Sable the past seven years through Lamb's Offerings.

After summer camp, Serena returned home with a strong desire to attend Great Lakes Adventist Academy; but financially, she couldn't afford it. An overnight visit at GLAA gave God the opportunity to be lifted up again. And AGAIN! Through the sponsorship of the Project Assist, Worthy Student Funds and the student work program, Serena's wish came true! She is now buzzing around the GLAA campus and taking classes from dedicated teachers. She works in the kitchen, participates in community service trips, attends daily worship services, and is currently raising funds for a trip to Israel planned by GLAA's very own music department.

There is neither haste nor delay with God. After 10 years, and through the sacrifice of a few, dedicated individuals, souls are being won to God's kingdom!

Serena will soon be joining Nick in baptism. She is taking weekly baptismal classes in preparation to join God's end-time remnant church. We praise the Lord that He can impress and utilize a small church group to participate in the work of saving souls! To God give the GLORY!

— Sandy LaFaive



Extending the Gospel Reach Through Radio

Strong Tower Radio (STR), located in Cadillac, increased its audience to almost 4 million when the Lansing and Ironwood stations began broadcasting in October. It's amazing how God has led the past seven years! There are now 11 radio stations, but the most important statistic is, people are preparing for the kingdom of God.

There is a close bond between Michigan Seventh-day Adventist members, churches, and STR. We thrive together in supporting each other. Without member support & cooperative pastors, this powerful ministry probably would not exist! Frequent listeners show up Sabbath mornings eager to worship and learn more.

Pastor Cory Herthel states: "Strong Tower Radio is one of the richest assets God has blessed my ministry with. It helps me to connect with folks that I would probably not have met without introduction to such teachings. These signals know no boundaries, and hearing truth over the radio is simply inviting and non-threatening. I believe we will be amazed in heaven when we discover how many souls were influenced for Jesus as a result of the Holy Spirit moving through this ministry. I have seen the tangible results of 12 baptisms so far. I can't say enough about how much I love Strong Tower Radio!"

Why Radio Ministry?

1. Never sleeps
2. Heard anywhere (car, home, workplace)
3. Plants the gospel seed, breaks prejudice, and presents truth in a non-threatening way
4. Costs pennies to reach each person with the gospel

STR offers sermons, testimonies, Bible readings, four hours of

children's programming, and 5-6 hours of music each day. We target Christians along with the unchurched, rural, urban, and native American listeners.

The \$416,000 yearly operating budget is supported through our listeners. Over half of the staff are unpaid volunteers! Based on population, it costs about 11 cents per person for 24-hours/365-days coverage to hear the proclamation of the three angels' messages! You can't do evangelism cheaper than that!

Check out StrongTower-Radio.org to access programming schedule, archived programs, submit prayer requests, and we also have a secure page for you to provide donations. You may call us at 231-468-2087 or write to

Strong Tower Radio, P.O. Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Broadcast Station Locations and Facts:

Location	Call Letter	Frequency	Date On-Air
Lansing	KTGG	1540	2016
Lansing	Translator	104.7	2016
Ironwood	Translator	91.3	2016
Grand Rapids	WNHG	89.7	2016
Mio	WAVC	93.9	2014
Alpena	Translator	102.7	2015
Cadillac	TV-23 LP	TV-23	2013
Escanaba	WUPJ	90.9	2013
Harrison	WBHL	90.7	2012
Newberry	WIHC FM	97.9	2012
Cadillac	WGCP FM	91.9	2009
Decatur, IL	Translator	91.3	2015

— Tom Mejeur



The Advent Heralds Invites You!

The Advent Heralds of Great Lakes Adventist Academy now have a social media presence. Be sure to view and "like" their YouTube channel by visiting YouTube.com and typing in "Advent Heralds" in the search box. Featured there is quality, sacred music by young people! One of the songs highlights www.BibleStudyOffer.com. This is an easy way for you to share that powerful initiative with your neighbors and friends. You can also follow them via Facebook by typing in "Advent Heralds" in the search box for the latest videos, upcoming news, and events.



God is doing amazing things through our young people. The pen of inspiration states, "The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls" (*Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 493*).

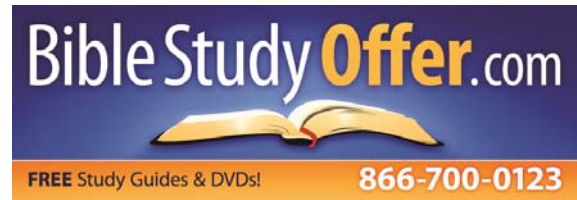
Please keep The Advent Heralds in your prayers. They are now pressing hard to arrange

and record all the music for their *Desire of Ages* production to be filmed in Israel in the month of March. You can also look forward to many more songs in the months ahead!

Have You Heard About Our Bible School?

On October 22, approximately 1,000 members of the Michigan Conference came to the Bible Study Reformation Kickoff at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. The following Sabbath, October 29, around 200 members joined together at Camp Sagola to launch BibleStudyOffer.com in the Upper Peninsula. Then, November 11-13 at Camp Au Sable, over 150 local leaders received Personal Ministries Leadership Training that focused especially on our new Bible study ministry.

If you attended one of these events, or if you regularly read the *Michigan Memo*, then of course you've heard about BibleStudyOffer.com—but have your church visitors, event guests, friends, and other acquaintances? BibleStudyOffer.com is a great vehicle to

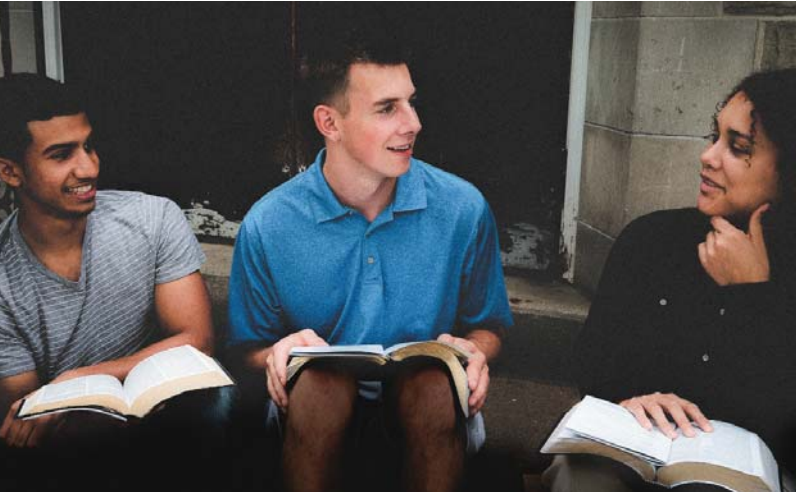


promote and sign people up for free Bible studies, but it's a vehicle that only works when the local church turns the key and steps on the accelerator! Members can ask church guests, "Have you heard about our Bible school?" Or ask friends and acquaintances, "Have you heard about BibleStudyOffer.com?" Share sample info packs, tracts, flyers, or business cards, put up yard signs, clothe your cars with removable bumper stickers and magnets, or offer free Bible study resources door-to-door.

Each church is also encouraged to send out Bible study card mailings, which the conference will subsidize at 50% of the total cost—up to \$400 per church—through the month of April. In February and March of 2017, the conference will also add a fair amount of Internet and billboard advertising to what local churches are already doing.

We pray that the Lord will help us to find hungering souls searching for light and salvation, and that our own Michigan members will cultivate spiritual interests by sharing Christ and Bible truth like never before!

— Jim Howard
Personal Ministries Director



Reed City's New Church

Our story begins in 1950 with our old church location in Reed City. The new church was organized with the 18 original members, and Elder Charles Danforth was the first pastor. The dedication ceremony was held on September 29, 1951.

Half a decade later, we held our 50th anniversary celebration on September 29, 2001, and Elder Danforth was able to attend and provide the sermon. The congregation had been blessed by 50 years in the old church, but the building was beginning to show its age.



Hampton and Dorothy White had the dream to build a new church building with room to grow and with the potential to establish a school in the future. After searching for a suitable location, a piece of property was found east of Reed City along Hwy 10. The establishment of our new



church building would not have been possible without the dedication and financial support from this couple.

This six-acre property was known as the "Baker" property and was covered with discarded and dismembered trailer homes and garbage. After the property was cleaned up, the land was then sold to our church for a little over \$16,000. The county was pleased to see the property used in this way, especially because the plot of land had been an eyesore.

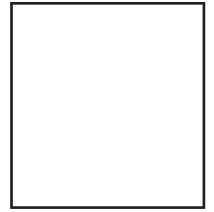
We had the ground breaking ceremony in August 2009, and by God's grace, on August 21, 2010, just one year after the ceremony, we held a consecration service at the church and were able to worship in our new church.

And praise God, last January our old church building finally sold which enabled us to pay off our new church!

We thank God who works miracles. Our hope is that this church will continue to be used as a center, where we are able to share the everlasting gospel with our community and beyond!



— Courtesy of Reed Church Member



January

- 2 Office Closed New Year's
- 8-11 NAD Ministries Convention
- 12-17 LUC President's Retreat
- 13-15 Teen Snow Outing - Camp Au Sable
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 17 MI Conference Executive Committee - Conf. Room
- 18 Camp Meeting Directors
- 22-25 Ministerial Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 25-29 GLAA Home Leave
- 27-29 Pathfinder Area Coordinators Retreat - Camp Au Sable

February

- 4 Pathfinder Bible Experience
- 5-10 Blind Camp Winter Camp
- 17-19 CAMPUS Winter Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 20 President's Day - Office Closed
- 22 Camp Meeting Directors
- 22-26 GLAA Home Leave
- 23 MI Board of Education - GLAA
- 23-26 Teen Bible Camp - Camp Au Sable
- 28 MI Conference Executive Committee - Conf. Room

March

- 1 Camp Meeting Registration Begins
- 3-5 Personal Ministries - Camp Au Sable

Women's Ministries Retreat The Doctor is IN! Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Sutton

Friday evening: "Emergency Room Specialist"

If you're asking where God is when life events become too painful to bear . . . or if you're waiting for clear-cut answers to your "why" questions, it's time for a visit to heaven's emergency room for a healthy dose of comfort and clarity. No appointment necessary!

Sabbath morning: "Yes! House Calls and Heart Surgery!"

Sick and tired of harboring those same old attitudes, doubts, and fears—but too exhausted to do anything about them? Not to worry! The Doctor will come to you, just where you are. And if He suggests the drastic measure of heart surgery, it may not be as painful as you'd think.

Sunday: "Wanted: Physician's Assistants"

What would you be willing to risk for others if you were certain someone else would take full responsibility for the

outcome of your efforts? Guess what? Someone else does take full responsibility! The Doctor does—when you've signed on as His trusting Physician's assistant.

The 2017 Women's Retreat registration begins Monday, February 6 at 9:00 AM. The Women's Ministries department,

in conjunction with Ultracamp, are in the process of designing a new online registration website for your convenience. With this new process of registration, we can only process your registration online and are unable to take registration by phone or mail.

Please register early as space is limited and will go fast. Detailed registration instructions and breakout seminar titles can be found on the Women's Ministries page at

www.misda.org. Weekend dates of the retreat are April 7-9, 14-16, 21-23. We are looking forward to seeing you!

— Jane Harris
Women's Ministries Director

