



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Illinois Conference Update

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"When God Said Remember" is a new pocket size book from Mark Finley on the Sabbath. It is an excellent book to place in the hands of a person with whom you are studying the Bible when you come to the Sabbath. It is available from the Adventist Book Center for \$1.99 per copy, less in quantities. With Elder Finley coming to do a series in Chicago next year this is a good way to begin developing a tie-in to those meetings, too.

One of the ways that a church can help strengthen new members in the faith is by providing them with a good **Christian television** alternative. The Texico Conference (New Mexico and western Texas) has a program where churches purchase a satellite dish for each new family that is baptized. Members install these dishes and so the cost is only about \$150 per home. Then these new members can enjoy the Hope Channel, the Hope Church Channel, 3ABN, LLBN, as well as several Adventist radio stations including LifeTalk Radio.

New Jerusalem SDA Church held a Tent Meeting in Kankakee. Evangelist Ron Williams II, from Dallas, TX was the speaker. Pastor Wayne Odle reports that 37 new people were baptized.

News

Congratulations to our **Trust Services Department**. On July 20 they received a continuation of their Level A accreditation from their accrediting body. The chairman of the committee wrote: "The latest audit verified the quantity and quality of the work you have accomplished. Congratulations on a job well done?"

We had an unusual one-time tithe blessing in February last year. When you factor that out of the accounting, we have had a 4.6% **tithe increase** year-to-date through

the first two quarters of 2009. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Natanja Hensley is the editor of the **Broadview Academy Alumni Newsletter**. If you are not on her email list but would like to be you can subscribe by contacting her at hope_chgo@hotmail.com. She would like to feature our former summer camp, Little Grassy, in an upcoming newsletter. If you have old pictures of Little Grassy Camp she would love to hear from you.

For those of you who would like to have a video of the **Chicagoland Convocation**, DVD's are available for Sabbath School (Afternoon Service included in this DVD), Main Service & Praise Festival at a cost of \$5.00 each, shipping included. We may have a photo DVD available as well. Contact Norma Gregory to place your order. (630) 856-2874 or norma@illinoisadventist.org

Upcoming Events

NAD Health Summit will be held in Orlando, Florida on January 29 – February 7. Keynote speakers will be Mark Finley, DeWitt Williams and Peter Landless. Visit nadhealthsummit.com for all the details.

Illinois Conference Women's Ministry invites you to a special one day event Sabbath, October 17, 2009. **Treasures in the Sand, beauty in God's hand** to be held at Lindner Conference Center, 610 E Butterfield Rd, Lombard, Illinois. Keynote Speaker is Sally Streib, author, naturalist, conchologist, Bible student & teacher. To register or for more information call 708-596-2000 X2404 or visit www.illinoisadventist.org for a brochure.

A SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP by Dr. Donna Habenicht, Religious Educator and founder of Wisdom Tree Ministry, is scheduled for Friday evening, 7 p.m. at Burbank SDA Church. The Workshop continues all day, Sabbath, August 22. Topics are: *It Takes a Church; How to Help Children Grow Spiritually; Children's Ministry for Small Churches; How Today's Kids Learn; and Grace and Kids*. Please join us August 21 & 22 at 8351 S. New Castle Ave., Burbank, to improve Sabbath School programming. Sabbath noon will be a fellowship meal. For more information please contact: Stanley Hagen 630-968-3940

Elmhurst SDA Church is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on November 21, 2009. Everybody is invited to come to look back at all of God's blessing. If you would like more information please contact them at 630-530-0600 or visit their website at www.tagnet.org/elmhurst or leave us a message at girose@aol.com. If you know any past members of Elmhurst Church please let them know of this special celebration.

The **Fall Campmeeting at 3ABN** is scheduled for September 24 – 26. The keynote speaker will be Elder Robert Folkenberg, Sr., former president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and now director of the evangelistic program, ShareHim.

Personnel

Here are the names of new teachers in the Illinois Conference educational system this year:

- **Tamara Darrow** - Science Teacher at HAA, is coming from Guam Adventist Academy in Yona, Guam.
- **Gordon Dezotell** – Math Teacher at HAA, just graduated from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts.
- **Gabriel Mendez** – Principal/Teacher at Springfield is coming from Berrien Springs, Michigan. Gabe is a graduate of Hinsdale Junior Academy and Broadview Academy.
- **Catherine Morse** – 5-8 Teacher at Gurnee is coming from Rogue Valley Adventist School, Medford Oregon. Cathy is returning to the Illinois Conference.
- **Marie Ott-Benson** – 3rd grade Teacher at HAA is coming from Meadow Creek Adventist School in Wisconsin. Marie's husband, Jeremy, graduated from HAA.
- **Starla Powell** – Principal/Teacher at Marion is coming from the Lincoln Public School system in Lincoln, Nebraska
- **Karen Reinke** – 5th grade Teacher at HAA has been working as the NAD editor & writer for the new North American Division language arts curriculum, Pathways.
- **Melanie Joy Uzarraga** - 2nd grade teacher at HAA – Over the last 5 years she has been a stay-at home mom raising her young family here in Illinois. Before that she taught in the same position at HAA.

We also have some new pastors in our conference:

- **Blaine Fults** is the new pastor of the Rockford and Freeport Churches. He has come to us from the Oregon Conference.
- **Zorislav Plantak** is the new pastor of the Elk Grove Village Church.
- **Arek Bojko**, pastor of the Chicagoland Polish Church, has added Deer Park to his district.
- **Alex (Sasha) Bolotnikov** is raising up two new congregations: Russian and Jewish.

Prayer Requests

- **Makenzie Martz** – the granddaughter of Jim and Barbara Martz.
- **Revival and Evangelism** (yes, the two go together).

Obituaries

Betty Simmons, wife of longtime Illinois Conference pastor, Earl Simmons, passed away on August 10 after a long struggle with cancer. The time and place for her memorial service have not yet been announced.

Lula Connour, member of the Rushville congregation, passed away on Friday, August 14. Visitation for Lula Connour will be at the Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home in Galesburg on August 19 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg at 11:00 a.m. on August 20.

Dr. Harold May, member of the Hinsdale Church, passed away on May 18, 2009. Since retiring as a physicist, his passion has been for community service. He was 90 years old.

Alberta Holt, member of the Salem Church, passed away on June 10. She and her husband, Jack, were instrumental in establishing the very first 3ABN satellite downlinked television station.

Dr. Gloria Mouzon, member of the West Central Church, passed away on June 25 at the age of 61.



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