

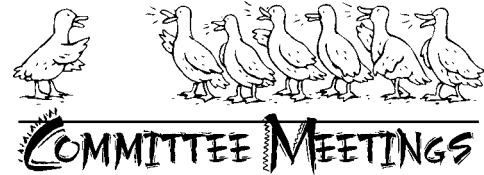


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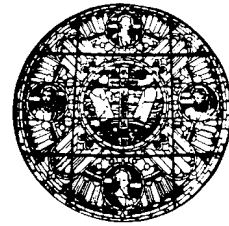
Winter 2009: Facing Our Fears

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February 14		Shelby Goerlitz
February 21		Tim Dunston
	<i>Subject, Verb, Object: Or, the Edge of Meaning</i>	
February 28	<i>Birds and Nature</i>	Hymn Festival



and other events

Bible Study.....	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Division Chairs	February 17, 6:00 p.m.
Elders.....	February 14, 12:30 p.m.
Hospitality Potluck.....	February 14, 12:30 p.m.
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Worship Planning	February 19, 6:30 p.m.



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February 14



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Pastoral Perspective A New Launch Pad

We think of evangelism as something formulaic. Good speakers with well-honed presentations stand before a crowd, like Paul on the steps of the Acropolis tuning in to the intellectual wavelength of Greco-Roman sophisticates. There's a mind-connect, a power of persuasion that comes from conviction, preparation, and the Holy Spirit.

As Adventists, we've become particularly dependent on this stylized approach, understandably perhaps, considering that our denomination emerged with not only a clear sense of mission, but also a need to "apologize" or defend theological ideas that were new and brave. Like Paul, we've come before the establishment and, over the last 150 years, held forth on the "Three Angels Message" from Revelation. The results are impressive. From humble origins within the Millerite movement and through the efforts of our early leaders after 1844, we've reached beyond the 15,000,000 mark as a global church.

The traditional model of evangelism obviously brings continued growth around the world. What excites me most, however, is what we might do to complement that effort in areas such as ours where an evangelistic series works best in homes rather than in tents, rented halls, and churches.

The answer, I believe, is surprisingly simple, and the gist of it existed long before Jesus walked the earth. Ezekiel 34:11-12 says this:

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will

seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

As I think of the imagery of the shepherd seeking lost sheep, I do not picture him or her standing on a stone outcrop holding forth to a flock of passing ewes. What strikes me as complementary about the shepherd's approach to evangelism, we might say, is that not only does he whistle, sing, and lead any willing sheep to pasture, but that he also goes to where the sheep are and hooks them off crevasses, out of bogs, and away from infertile grasslands.

God pursues us into corners and up mountains. So my thought is that as disciples of the Shepherd, and as exponents of various spiritual gifts, we, too, can interpret evangelism in a broader way than we traditionally expect. We, too, can offer a menu of options for finding lost sheep.

I'm especially eager to see how our music evangelism evolves this year. With plans afoot for an expanded summer music camp, possibly running for three weeks and open to the community, we have a great tool in hand for inviting both young and old to join our choral, orchestral, and tutoring ministries. This sort of venture is a shepherd's crook that leads people from darkness into light.

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| Zach Sutter | Claire Knierim | Karla Lanphear |
| 2 Brandt Kwiram | Loree McGill | Richard Schwartz |
| MarylN Wilson | Olga Nordgren | 25 Jane Jones |
| 3 Erlin Loving | Martin Pincheira | Oliver Morrow |
| 4 Paul Cook | 16 David Doran | 26 Janet Henkel |
| Marilyn Gibson | Simona Vuletic | David Joseph |
| Julian Weller | 17 Ruthie Mooers | 27 Sherrri Harmann |
| 5 James Oellrich | Neil White | Hope Hill |
| 6 Suzanne McGrath | 19 Marcus Sammer | Melanie Vaughn |
| Sam Rasmussen | 20 Jordan Majocho | Lowell Walmsley |
| 9 Barbara Jonsen | 21 Will Brentnall | 28 Windell Mitchell |
| 10 Terri Howard | Heidi Reiswig | LaRene Mittleider |
| Jenny Naden | 23 Gordon Hale | Norm Sossong |
| 11 Riley O'Donnell | Krista Heidar | Katrina Zafiro |
| Michael Zbaraschuk | Gloria Hiten | 29 Josiah Pauletti |
| 12 Renni Bispham | Zada Stein | |
| Betty Fike | | |

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Pastoral Perspective

I'm also keen to see how we as a church invest in our evangelism. It is why we are here, and it is the natural expression of our joy in Jesus.

God bless you all,
David ♦



Improv Schedule

Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m.
followed by Open Stage at 9:00 p.m.

Dates

- February 14
- February 28
- March 14
- March 28
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 23
- June 6

Receipts Mailed

Receipts for 2008 donations \$250 and above were mailed on January 29.

If you need a receipt, contact the treasurer, Claire Knierim, at 425-822-9174. ♦

Ben Carson Biography Moves to TV February 7

Oscar-winner Cuba Gooding, Jr. to portray Adventist surgeon

Cuba Gooding, Jr. will portray Dr. Benjamin S. Carson in a TNT Original television movie, "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story," the cable network said. The movie, which is scheduled for broadcast on the evening of February 7, 2009, is based on Carson's inspirational memoir, and will trace his journey

from frustrated inner-city kid to director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Carson, a member of Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, is also noted for his Ben Carson Scholars program aimed at helping other urban youths with education and personal development. He also was a 2008 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"Gifted Hands is more than just an inspirational tale of overcoming seemingly impossible odds to succeed," TNT senior vice president Michael Wright said in a statement. "It's that rare story of finding something deeper and more meaningful in life, while facing the challenges of the world with faith, hope, and courage. We are honored to be making this film and to have Cuba Gooding Jr. in the lead role. He is truly one of the most gifted actors working today."

Carson's memoir, which was written with Cecil Murphey and first published by Zondervan in 1996, describes life as a child on the mean streets of Detroit. Carson faced difficulties early on, when his father abandoned the family. "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my mother," Carson later wrote. Sonya Carson pushed her son to become the best he could be through education. Carson recalled her saying over and over to him, "Bennie, if you can read, honey, you can learn just about anything you want to know. The doors of the world are open to people who can read."

With a new pair of glasses, and the encouragement to spend time at his local library, Carson dove into the world of books. His scholastic performance improved dramatically. He went on to Yale University and the University of Michigan Medical School, refusing to give up on the dream he and his mother had for his future, even when prejudice and negative peer pressure threatened to stand in his way. Carson is now a best-selling

author and director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, where he pours everything he has into helping young people overcome their medical limitations and fulfill their own dreams.

President George W. Bush bestowed the Medal of Freedom on Carson at a ceremony in June 2008 (see *Adventist Review*, July 3, 2008). In the White House announcement, Carson was honored for working throughout his career "to improve the lives of those suffering from neurological disorders. His groundbreaking contributions to medicine and his inspiring efforts to help America's youth fulfill their potential have strengthened our nation."

At the time, President Bush praised Carson and his wife, Candy, for founding The Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., a non-profit national scholarship fund that promotes similar academic achievement by recognizing and rewarding students in grades 4-11 who demonstrate academic excellence and commitment to community.

During the ceremony, Bush also singled out Carson's mother, Sonya, who—seated near Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and former Senator Bob Dole—stood to receive the President's welcome. "Some moms are simply forces of nature who never take 'no' for an answer," Bush said. "I understand," he added, alluding to his own mother and eliciting laughter from the audience.

Cuba Gooding, Jr. earned an Academy Award for his dynamic, breakthrough performance in 1996's *Jerry Maguire*, for which he also received a Screen Actors Guild Award® and a Golden Globe® nomination.

Based on information supplied by Turner Broadcasting, with reporting by AR staff and *Adventist News Network*

October 2008 ITBS Scores for Cypress Adventist School

Scores are class composite totals. Percentile score: How a child scores when compared to 100 students of his/her age and grade.

Grade	NPUC	WA Conference	Cypress	Grade	NPUC	WA Conference	Cypress
3	73	83	97	6	72	82	96
4	77	81	93	7	81	86	86
5	79	93	97	8	83	91	97





Good News about Adventist Education

COGNITIVE GENESIS

Rather than following the usual research procedure of drawing conclusions from a small sampling of schools, *CognitiveGenesis* was designed to include every Adventist elementary and secondary school and every student in grades 3-9 and 11 in North America.

Results So Far

Complete analysis of the relationships between survey information and achievement will begin in 2009 at the end of the fourth year of data collection. Some initial preliminary findings, however, are providing support for the relationship between student, home, teacher, and school factors thought to be important for student achievement in North American Division schools. For example, we are finding that students have superior achievement when:

- They attend an Adventist school for multiple years;
- They do not spend a great deal of time watching television or playing on the computer;
- They have a healthy diet and get adequate sleep;
- They do not spend a lot of time participating in sports;
- They have a lot of interaction with their parents;
- There are many good books and magazines in their homes;
- Their parents control time and content of TV watching and Internet use;
- Their parents are involved in school activities; and
- The church and pastor support the school.

The Heart of the Matter

Whenever we talk with teachers across North America about *CognitiveGenesis*, they become passionate about what they hear. The results give them cause for renewed pride that they are teaching in an Adventist school. In every subject, their students are doing better

Cypress Adventist School

than the national average and better than what would be predicted based on their ability! We're also hearing stories of parents who get the news and decide to enroll their children.

Ultimately, we hope that *CognitiveGenesis* will provide affirmation of Adventist education in the academic area in the same way that *Valuegenesis* affirmed the spiritual. It will give parents confidence that an Adventist school offers the very best environment for their children to learn, and that it will equip them for success here and for an eternity with their Lord.

The Journal of Adventist Education
December 2008/January 2009, p. 10

See page 7 for October 2008 ITBS scores. ◊

Help Cypress Raise Funds the Easy Way

- Shop Scrip (see previous issues of the *Gazette*)
- Save Box Tops (box tops for education)
- Use Albertson Card*
- Use Target Card
- Matching Funds

* Cypress Adventist School has benefited from the Albertson's Community Partners program. You can help the school continue to earn funds this way by linking your Albertson's Preferred Savings card to Cypress School.

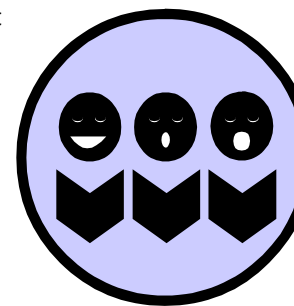
To link your card, go to
www.albertsonscp.com

You will need your Preferred Savings card number and the school's organization ID. If you do not know your Preferred Savings card number, call 1-877-932-7948. The school's organization ID is 49000124300.

If you linked your card previously, you must re-link it to Cypress School at the above Web site by February 28, 2009.

Choral Concert

Alex Gagi, member of the Green Lake SDA Church, is inviting all to attend his choral concert recital on Sunday, February 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the church's sanctuary. This performance is part of Alex's doctoral studies in choral conducting at the University of Washington.



The concert will feature the UW Recital Choir and Cantamus of the Seattle Girls' Choir. The program will offer music selections by composers such as Vivaldi, Brahms, Ravel, Ives, Howells, Finzi, Romanian choral classics, as well as contemporary compositions and arrangements. Hope to see you all there, and thank you very much for your support.

— Alex Gagi ◊

Hymn Festival



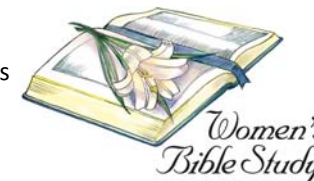
February 28
11:00 a.m.

Songs about
Birds and Nature

Come and meditate on
God's creation

Women's Study Group

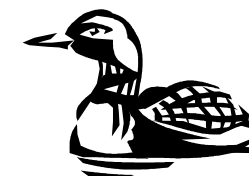
Deanna Baker is forming a women's study group that will meet every other Monday evening beginning March 2 at Green Lake Church. In these times of trouble, God wants us to come together to grow in His strength.



Ellen White said that in the last days small groups will band together to stay strong and encourage one another. God is impressing on my heart that the time is now.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the women's study group, please call Deanna at 425-931-4952 or send e-mail to her at neanbaker@hotmail.com. Join us on this blessed journey to build a stronger relationship with our Lord and also build stronger relationships together as sisters in Christ.

Deanna Baker ◊



Green Lake Academy of Fine Arts

Momentum is building for the Green Lake Academy of Fine Arts second annual summer program. We want to report some exciting recent developments.

In January, Dan and Betsy Matthews of the His Kids Foundation came to Seattle to hear about the



Heather Dye at the Fine Arts Academy retreat.

plans and future dreams of the Academy. Excited by our vision of outreach in the community through the arts, they presented us with a \$10,000 matching gift to invest in this year's program. Their foundation will stay closely connected with us throughout the development of our Academy. Our hearts are full of gratitude for their financial assistance and their belief in our efforts to create a school that touches and changes lives.

This brings us to the second piece of news. What was a fantastic one-week program last year, will become a nearly three-week program this year. Our goal is to extend the invitation to children in our local Green Lake neighborhood as well as to Seattle's Union Gospel Mission for participation by

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Green Lake Academy of Fine Arts

children who otherwise could not afford education and opportunity in the arts. The developing schedule is as follows:

- Week one (August 10-15):
Strings, Guitar, Art, Improv, Theatre
- Week two (August 17-22):
Choir, Keyboard, Bells/Chimes, Art, Improv
- Week three (TBD):
Choir, Art, Improv, Instrument "Petting Zoo"

Following the His Kids Christmas store model, our own Green Lake Kids will host the guests for the week, and together they will perform a concert finale on the Friday night concluding the summer school experience.

To accomplish these ambitious plans **we need you!** There are many ways you can help us to launch this second phase in the development of the Academy.

We need volunteers to help before and during the month of August. **Lots** of volunteers! Plan now to be available in August so that you can help out in one, two, or three of the weeks of instruction. Brandi Bispham is heading up the volunteer pool, so please let her know of your availability.

We need money. Last year the cost of a one-week program was about \$14,000. All of this money was raised through donations from families with children attending the summer school and others in the congregation. This year we are anticipating the cost to be approximately \$28,000. Our musicians are volunteering their time without pay for the third week, and there will be no income from tuition for that week. For \$100 you can sponsor ONE child from the Union Gospel Mission to participate in the summer camp.

Last year, due to the bountiful generosity of many in our congregation, the costs were covered for all children who wanted to attend. We will need financial assistance again for some church families this year. This is another way to offer your support to the GLAFA.

A donation of any amount will help to support this new fine-arts ministry. Just write "Fine Arts Academy" on the offering envelope with your contribution, or pay online through the GLC Web



site.

On January 23-24, the Academy faculty gathered on Friday evening and Sabbath to enjoy a wonderful time of playing, eating, singing, and dreaming together. All this was thanks to the vision and careful planning of Laura Milleson, the new Artistic Director of the Academy.

Walla Walla master Improv trainer Adam Lombard bravely led us through a series of



Adam Lombard training Fine Arts Academy planners.

Improv exercises through the weekend, teaching us how to build trust and connection with each other. By the end of the weekend many of us were envisioning specific ways to use improvisational ideas to shape the emerging philosophy of the Academy. There was a rich exchange of ideas between artists as to what inspires them in their work and the ways they envision building relationships with and between children. That we have such a gifted group of dedicated artists as members of our congregation feels to us like God breathing blessings into our midst.

We feel called to build something beautiful with what has been given to us. We ask for your prayers, your participation, and your encouragement along the way.

The Academy Planners



Adam Lombard, master improv trainer, leading Fine Arts Academy planners in improvisational exercises.

Hands Across the Waters

The Hands Across the Water Committee (HAW) would like to announce its strategic plan for the future. Since the beginning of the year, HAW has transitioned the donation of its funds from the Mexican orphanage project to our new project, Pria Ministries, a school and mission in Tanuku, India. This school was founded by the Chedalawada family in 2001 and works to provide Christian education. Besides the school, PRIA Ministries also feeds and clothes widows and the poor, and trains lay people to nurture the surrounding community. More information can be found at www.priaministries.com.



In keeping with the spirit and thinking of the Green Lake church members, who value the importance of education, we would like to equip the young people in India with tools that will encourage them to use their minds. What better way than books! Recently, we donated \$4,000, which has been collected from children's story offerings during the church service, to go toward the initial construction of a library. An additional \$6,000 must be raised throughout the next two years. This money will pay for cement, walls, furniture, shelving, books, and other equipment.

Second, we intend to set up a "Helping Hand Fund." Each \$250 that is raised will sponsor a child from the Tanuka community to go to school for one

year. As each new student is added, you will see his/her smiling face in the foyer.

Similar to the orphanage project in Mexico, we again hope to set up a pen-pal program, so that our children here at Green Lake can develop relationships with the Indian boys and girls and learn more about their culture, life, and language.

In keeping with a principal goal of Hands Across the Water, a future mission trip is part of the plan. Tentative dates are for mid-2010. Start saving!

There are three methods of donating:

1) If you would like to contribute to this ministry through the church, make your check payable to "Green Lake Church" and indicate "Pria Ministries Library" or "Helping Hand" on the offering envelope.

2) If you would like to donate directly to Pria, make a check payable to "Pria Ministries", write "Library" or "Helping Hand Fund" on the check memo line, and mail it to PRIA Ministries at PO Box 19613, Seattle, WA 98109.

3) If you work at Microsoft, take advantage of their matching funds. Log on to Microsoft's internal Web site, <http://give>, and follow the directions. Please remember to select "PRIA Ministries" from the list as the recipient of your donation. Microsoft will match your contribution and send a check directly to PRIA Ministries. (We hope to have Boeing as a match partner in the near future.)

The HAW Team ♦

We Rose to the Challenge!

The Green Lake Church choir committed to providing funds raised from the Candlelight Christmas program to the University Street Ministries or Teen Feed. But at last minute, the concert was ill-fated when the winter storm hit, requiring us to cancel. When I called Teen Feed to let them know our predicament, the first reaction was, "Oh," followed by, "That's okay; we understand." The disappointment I heard in that single syllable motivated me to come to the church and ask everyone to consider a donation for a virtual concert.

We responded. We raised more than a thousand dollars, which allowed us to provide:

- 100 pairs of men's socks
- 100 pairs of women's socks
- 80 toothbrushes
- 320 pairs of hand warmers
- 22 sweatshirts

These were just a few of the items we donated.

A group of teens and I dashed to my car through the rain to bring the donations into the church office; on our way back in, one commented, "Everyone's gonna be happy to see this stuff tonight. I feel like Santa's elf. It's still winter so Christmas still counts, right?"

The staff at Teen Feed want you to know how much they appreciate all the donations. We are talking to them about ways we can continue to support their work.

When the heat turns on each morning before you arise or when you get up in the cold to turn the heat on, consider it an opportunity to say, thanks. "Thanks for a warm safe place to sleep, a family that is safe and loving, and a clean place to take a hot shower."

Gloria Hiten ♦

