

Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Sabbath, September 5, 2009

The Church at Study (9:30-10:25 a.m.)

Lesson Study "Confidence" Classes

Outreach (10:30-10:45 a.m.)

Shree Elliston "The Miracle Meadows School"

Worship in Song and Praise (10:50-11:00 a.m.)

The Church at Worship (11:00 a.m.)

Welcome and announcements Norman Moll
Preparation Robert Powell

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (#510)

Choral Call to Worship "This is the Day" Natalie Sleeth

* Hymn of Praise "O Worship the King" #83
Family Prayer Andrea Peters

Giving of Gifts Combined Budget
Lamb's Offering Tri-City Church School
Offertory "O My Soul, Bless God the Father" Albert Travis

Children's Story Norman Moll
Choral Anthem "We Are God's Hands" Jeff Wood

Scripture Psalm 139:23-24
Sermon "Our Greatest Foe" Marcus Peters

*Hymn of Response "Higher Ground" #625
Benediction Norman Moll
Postlude "Toccatina" Thomas Richner

*Denotes congregation standing to sing

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Organist: Dorothy Moll

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Welcome to Worship Today

"The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out." John 1:5, CEV

Events This Week

Today Fellowship meal in the Activity Center
Witnessing Seminar
Evening Vespers at McDonald's home
Sunset 8:07 pm

Monday Community Services CLOSED
Bible Explorers Study CANCELLED

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday Bulletin material due by 8 pm to Susan
Mercy at smercy@tds.net thanks!

Thursday Church Board Meeting

Friday Signs of Hope 7 pm
Sunset 7:56 pm

Sabbath Speaker Pastor Bentley
Offering World Budget-Fall Missions
Hope Beyond Predictions 7 pm

Future Worship Services and Events

Sept 13 Hope for Peace of Mind 7 pm

Sept 14 Adventurers 4:30-6 pm

Sept 19 Dick Schell Titled "It Is"

Michigan Men of Faith Retreat

GLAA Orchestra/Bell Choir 5:30 pm

Pastor Bentley

Sept 26 Adventurers 4:30-6 pm

Sept 28 Adventurers 4:30-6 pm

Oct 3 Fall Fest 6:30 pm at Clark's home

Announcements

Second Reading Membership transfers, Clyde and Neva McPherson from the Edenville Church to the Midland Church; Becki Nelson from the Midland Church to the Clio Company.

Dear Church Family, this afternoon my friend Cliff and I will be playing keyboard and guitar in our front yard. There will be a light potluck supper around 6 pm, and a vesper sing-a-long to follow that. You can find us 3.7 miles west of Main Street on M-20 (toward Mt. Pleasant) right behind Space Studio (the large orange sign). Mac and Ruthella McDonald

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the **Bible Explorers** study group will not meet this week.

Cleaning Bee Many thanks to all of the 27 members who participated in the church cleaning bee last Sunday. Special thanks to Lois Schell for providing a delicious, healthy breakfast that gave us the energy to get the work done. Many projects were accomplished, chairs and pews were cleaned, windows washed, sanctuary light fixtures cleaned, and much more. Closets were cleaned and many miscellaneous, long unused items were discarded. Reorganizing closet storage space will be a continuing project. Many items of clothing were found in the foyer closets. These items have been placed on a table in the Activity Center. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. Any items left on the table after Sabbath will be taken to our Community Services Center. Again, thanks to all those who freely gave of their time, working to help keep our church facility looking good. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Michigan Men of Faith deadline for registration is September 7, 2009. Plan now to attend at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. General session speaker will be Doug Batchelor. Registration forms can be found in the foyer or you may register online at www.misda.org or www.campausable.org.

Hope to Live by Seminar: Beginning Friday, September 11th our church will begin a series of meetings designed to share how the Bible offers hope to a world immersed in confusion and doubt. I am of the firm belief that the Word of God is the only

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true source of how we can have real hope in our lives. Each Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday night I will share Biblically based presentations and seek to demonstrate how God's teachings offer us hope to live by. In order for this series to be a success I need each of you to help out. Yes, we need some to fill leadership roles, but mainly we need our church family to simply come out and befriend the folks that we are inviting to the meetings. The relationships that will be formed during this series will serve to solidify the truths that our guests will hear from night to night. Please consider how the Lord would use you in this series, and please begin to think about who you will invite and bring to the meetings. Although the Lord is responsible for any success we enjoy, He works through the body of Christ to win the hearts of people. Please consider joining the Lord of the harvest in this endeavor. Yours in Christ, Pastor Bentley

Young Adult Single's Retreat September 10-13 there will be the new retreat at Camp Au Sable. This is for singles between the ages of 18-35. The cost is only \$50 for the entire weekend. This is a great opportunity for all single young adults and the event is open to non-Adventists.

All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Mandy Stormes (fiancé' of Paul Walker). It will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 3 - 5:30 p.m. Full details are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Pathfinders first meeting will be Monday September 14th from 4-6 in the activity center. Registration will take place at this time. We encourage kids from 5th grade on up to join in the activities.

Adventurers first meeting will be Monday, September 14, from 4:30-6 pm. Children in grades 1-4 are invited to participate.

In Concert The African Children's Choir will give a concert on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Main St. in Mt. Pleasant.

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The concert will feature a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs, and contemporary tunes, as well as familiar hymns. The African Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 25 years, raising awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned, but also showing the beauty, dignity, and potential of each African child. They are a voice for the millions of children suffering in Africa. A free-will offering will be taken to help provide education, care, and emergency relief for over 7,000 children in Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria, Ghana, Southern Sudan, Kenya, and South Africa. To read more, visit their website <http://africanchildrenschoir.com>.

Sacred Concert The Great Lakes Adventist Academy Orchestra and Bell Choir will be presenting a program at the Midland SDA Church on Sabbath, September 19 at 5:30 pm.

Fall Fest Saturday evening October 3. Vespers will be at the Clark residence, 6852 Townline Rd, Birch Run beginning at 6:30, followed by a light potluck, campfire, and a hayride. Please bring prepared finger food and lawn chairs. For more information call Donna Clark – 989-777-3298

Single's Retreat October 22-25 there will be a singles retreat for ages 35 and up. This retreat will be held at Camp Au Sable. This weekend is not about "Matchmaking" but rather it is for fellowship with other singles, and for spiritual renewal.

Crystal Mountain Marriage Retreat: Will be during November 6-8. The speakers for this year are Alan and Nicole Parker. Alan is a professor at Southern Adventist University and Nicole has a background in counseling. During this retreat you will discover how to effectively communicate within the marital relationship and how to minister to your spouse. This time of renewal will benefit all marriages as the Parkers seek to share from the Bible and their life experience.

Radio/TV Log

Sunday 1:30 pm It Is Written, TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Netw)
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. It Is Written, Charter Channel 69 (Court TV)