

Lampletter

News for our Wisconsin church family

Sharon Terrell, Editor

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

In the month of August we move toward the end of summer. Many stores offer special buys on "back to school items" -- clothes, lunch boxes, pencil sets and the like. The opening of school brings many families back to routine living following summer breaks for camp meeting, vacations and other activities.

What will be our priorities as we look to another school year? Will our youth be in our schools preparing for service in this life and the life to come? Will being about "Our Father's Business" be a priority for each of us?

The America of our forefathers has drastically changed, but the mission of the church continues in this a new generation. It is as wide as the world and as intimate as our heartbeats.

As a church and as individual members, we **must** be about the "Father's Business." In His youth, Jesus said to His parents, "Why is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

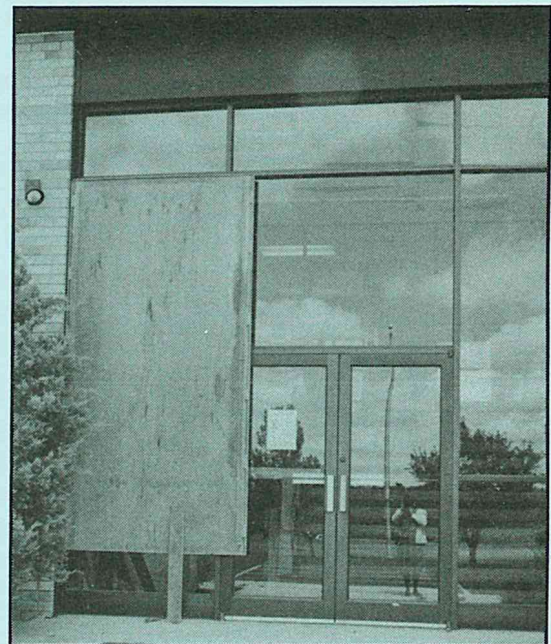
By His grace, let us become like Him.

Pray for the many efforts, large and small, that will be launched this Autumn here in Wisconsin.

Pray for the many lay members who will be doing their part to reach out to others with the Three Angel's Messages. We **must** be about **Our Father's Business**.

Arnold Swanson, President

STORM DAMAGES BUILDING



Storms packing winds of more than 80 mph ripped through Madison on Sunday, July 7.

During the storms, the Wisconsin Conference office building sustained heavy damage. Approximately one quarter of the roof was removed by the high winds and a large plate glass window in the foyer area crashed in, blowing out ceiling tile and raining glass over the entire entrance area.

Most of the water damage was in the Adventist Book Center where water leaked through the ceiling damaging books and materials.

(See article in August, 1991 *Lake Union Herald* for additional details. The Editor.)

WISCONSIN NEWS NOTES

Rice Lake - On July 20, 1991 Rice Lake Church members welcomed home **Chad S. Ritchie**, who is in the Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Saratoga. The Saratoga was on duty in the Red Sea on the Saudi Arabian border during the Gulf War. Chad is a living, walking answer to prayer reports **Sharon Plummer**. A few days before Christmas, 1990, for several hours Chad was listed as "unaccounted for" when there was an accident involving a ferry with personnel from the Saratoga aboard. Rice Lake members had special prayer for Chad at that time and praised God with his parents when they learned he was not among the missing. Chad will return to the Saratoga, now based in Jacksonville, FL, early in August.

Stevens Point - Members of the **Almond** and **Wisconsin Rapids** churches joined the **Stevens Point** members on Sabbath, June 29, to share in the joy of dedicating their church. Special guests included **Dr. Donald Casebolt**, former medical director of River Pines Living Center, **Dr. William Davidson** and **Elders Arnold Swanson** and **Art Nelson**.

Columbus - On July 7, 1991, **Herb Jensen** was the project coordinator for a work bee at the Petersen Elementary School. The group remodeled an upstairs room into an additional classroom which is needed for the 1991-92 school year due to an increase in enrollment. A third teacher has also been added reports **Pastor Richard Habenicht**.

Richland Center - A story in the local newspaper titled "Who are the Healthiest People in America?" moved the Richland Center members into action reports **Karen Sinnett**. The members have planned a cooking school to be held August 4-25 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. which will emphasize how to be a healthy American.

Lancaster - **Patty Hardyman** assisted **Lorrie Knutsen** with the taping of "Cooking God's Way", filmed at Three Angel's Broadcasting in May. Patty says, "It was real exciting being there at Thomsonville, IL and seeing how a television network is run. I'm sure there is no other network where the entire film crew prays before each program. We did 13 half-hour programs plus 1 live 2-hour broadcast -- all in 3 days, as well as preparing all the food for the programs. I never washed so many dishes in my life!"

Sturgeon Bay and Fish Creek - In June, **Pastor David Koeffler** had a series of radio spots on WDOR regarding the Health Age Seminar and a news item and advertisement were also placed in the *Door County Advocate*. **Lynn Vlies**, Communication Leader, reports that 130 people attended the seminar on July 1 at the Walmart Store in Sturgeon Bay. In Sister Bay on July 2 at the Krist Foods, another 70 people attended the health-age screening reports **Pastor Koeffler**. **Pastor Koeffler** also had a series of 5 sermonettes on WDOR from 8:15-8:30 a.m. in June.

Germantown - **Dee Kessen** reports that the Village Church has found its place within the community. "The past year has brought a number of God-given experiences by outreach programs conducted resulting in 2 baptisms. Also in April and May, **Pastor Steve Cook** conducted a Daniel Seminar in which attendance was consistent and the people joyful in hearing the good news."

Clearwater Lake - **Robert McChesney**, associate professor of business and marketing at McKendree College, Lebanon, IL was guest speaker at the Clearwater Lake church on July 6. "McChesney's message emphasized that God often uses people, especially willing people, to effectively share the life-changing Gospel," reports **Harvey Hansen**, Communication Leader. Teaching at the oldest college of the United Methodist Church, McChesney often has his business students ask him about his Adventist beliefs. McChesney has also taught at Solusi College in Africa and Mount Klabat College in northern Indonesia.

Oakland - **Leif Larson**, a young member of the Oakland Church, is the editor of the Church Newsletter. In the July 20 issue, Leif reported that the Oakland Church will be celebrating its 130th anniversary this fall. More details about this celebration will be shared later.

Milwaukee and Racine Spanish Churches - More than 40 members from the four Spanish churches will be surveying their communities on August 17, in the name of the Voice of Prophecy. Purpose of this survey will be to develop interests and prepare the field for upcoming evangelistic series to be held in Racine and Milwaukee in September and October. **Pastor Orlando Vazquez** also reports that 50 delegates will represent the 4 Wisconsin Spanish churches at the first Union-wide Spanish lay evangelism congress to be held in Chicago, August 2-4.

Milton - **Vickie Martin** was the leader for the Vacation Bible School attended by 52 children July 15 - 19. One mother commented, "This is the best Vacation Bible School I've been to. The people here are so nice," reports **Pastor Mike Weakley**.

Appleton District - **Norman Yoder** reports 6 decisions for baptism in Oshkosh, Appleton and New London. **Maurice Wince** (Oshkosh) was baptized at Camp Meeting and 5 individuals will be baptized on August 10. **Pastor Yoder** says, "There is nothing that matches the joy of seeing people give their hearts to Jesus," **Pastor Yoder** also reports that the Appleton and Oshkosh members are attempting to purchase a new church in the Neenah area that will accommodate a merger of the Appleton & Oshkosh churches.

Green Bay - "Expressions of praise, thanksgiving and the asking of God's continued blessing on Three Angels Broadcasting network were heard from the sanctuary of the Green Bay Church on Wednesday evening, May 29," reports

Margaret Edminster. After 18 months of fund raising and anticipation, channel 57 became a reality on May 23. (See September issue of the *Lake Union Herald* for a special report on the Green Bay Project.)

A cooking school held in Green Bay is featured in the 3rd quarter *No One But You* slide presentation produced by the Lake Union Communication Department.

ATTENTION - S.D.A. NURSES

Thirteen nurses met Thursday afternoon during Camp Meeting week for fellowship and networking. Each shared nursing activities they were involved with and names were drawn from those that attended for prayer partners during the coming year.

It was requested that a workshop on natural remedies with continuing education units (CEU's) be offered by Dr. Charles Thomas on Sunday, June 19, 1992 (during Camp Meeting 1992) from 1 - 6 p.m. A commitment from a large number of nurses would be needed in order to bring Dr. Thomas to Camp Go-Seek. It was suggested that non-SDA nurses might also like to attend.

All RN's in Wisconsin are asked to write immediately of their interest and intent to attend the workshop. Write to: Mildred Case, Department of Nursing, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

A TIME OF REFRESHING

Enclosed with a recent mailing from the Conference Office was the brochure regarding the **Wisconsin Women's Retreat** to be held November 1 - 3, 1991 at Best Western Royale Inn in Stevens Point, WI. Those planning to participate in this special weekend should return the application form and fee by October 9, 1991. (See brochure for details regarding rates.)

AN EDUCATION PARABLE

Parables - Jesus taught with them. They teach a truth in graphic language. They strike home -- home to you and your children. The enclosed parable could determine the eternal destiny of the children of the church -- maybe even your children. Please sit down for a few minutes and consider "What One Decision Could Determine Your Child's Future?"

Herb Wrate, Superintendent

WISCONSIN ACADEMY IS AFFORDABLE

For many, church school may seem possible through elementary school, but Academy and College seem too far out of reach for their budget. If you have had such thoughts, please study the following information before reaching a conclusion.

In Church School, Grades 1 - 8, tuition costs are normally \$100 to \$150 per month (9 months tuition plus entrance fee). Meals at home at \$1.00 per meal would average \$100 per month. Total cost to parents is \$200 - \$250 per month.

The cost per year to attend Wisconsin Academy as a boarding student is \$6990. Net student earnings during the school year for under 16 is \$1600 and over 16 is \$2400.

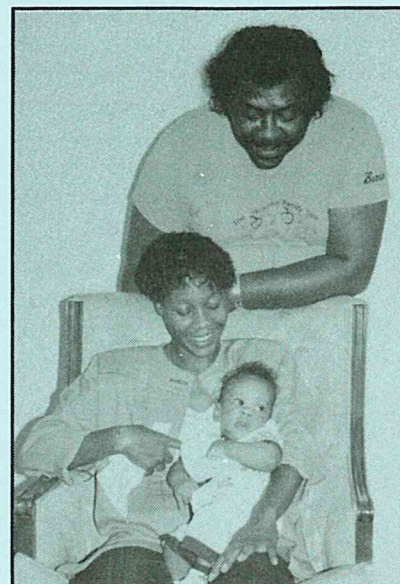
If student is eligible for a Youth Educational Scholarship, under 16 could receive an additional \$1600 and over 16 an additional \$800. In some special cases, even more scholarship money may be available. If student is not eligible for Y.E.S., add \$133 per month for the under 16 student and \$66 per month for over 16.

Parents or sponsors contribution of \$250 month would bring in another \$3000. Balance left for students to earn in the summer is \$790 - which is possible.

As you can see, if parents or sponsors can pay about the same per month as they did in elementary school for **12 months**, financing an Academy education is within reach for most of our members. If there are those in your church who need additional help, we encourage local church members to continue any support they gave in elementary school. **In this way, all of our children who want to attend Wisconsin Academy can be there this fall.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please call principal, Rick Serns, at (414) 623-3300.

WELCOME TO
Bradley Christopher
Williams, *born*
February 26, 1991 and
adopted by Superior
District Pastor & Mrs.
Bernard (Peggy)
Williams, July 10, 1991,
on Bernard's birthday!
Photo at right was
taken that same day
when Bernard & Peggy
brought Bradley by the
Office to meet his new
"family."





ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

TORNADO OF A SALE, September 8, 1991, 10am-4pm.
(See insert for additional information.)

1-800-765-6955 -- A special thank you to the people who have been using this line for ABC ordering only. The Book Center is paying for this line to make it easier and faster for you to place your orders. Again, let me explain that we cannot transfer your calls or take messages for personnel in the Conference office from this line. Have your order information ready when you place the call for maximum service.

Esther Nelson, ABC Manager

IN TRANSITION -- PASTORAL CHANGES

David (Anita) Scofield has completed his classwork at NADEI and recently moved to Union Grove to take up responsibilities as pastor of the Racine District.

Clinton (Joan) Meharry accepted the invitation of the Wisconsin Conference and the Chippewa Valley Hospital to serve in a dual role in the Durand/Menomonee area. Clint will serve as pastor of the Durand and Menomonee churches and as chaplain of the Chippewa Valley Hospital and Oakview Care Center.

Robert (Alma) Stauffer has accepted the invitation of the K-12 Board to become the new boys' dean and Bible teacher at Wisconsin Academy. Alma will continue her teaching and principalship responsibilities at the Madison church school.

Glenn (Dorothy) Lewis (recent intern in the Madison and Madison Community districts) is the new pastor of the Wausau district.

Norman (Evaline) Yoder (associate pastor of the Appleton district) has assumed the pastorate of this district as of July 1.

David (Jennifer) Koeffler has finished his one year stay in the field and returned to Andrews University to complete a Masters of Divinity degree.

Orlando (Raquel) Vazquez is pastoring the 4 Hispanic churches in Milwaukee and Racine and recently completed his move from Michigan to Oak Creek.

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COMING EVENTS

Aug	04	ABC Open
	06-10	LUC Publishing - Go-Seek
	12-14	Pastors/Teachers Retreat
	15	K-12 Board - Conf Office
	20	Conf Exec Comm
	25	WA Registration
	26	K-12 Schools Open
Sept	02	Office Closed - Labor Day
	06-08	Leon Cornforth - Camp Go-Seek
	07	Green Bay Crusade Begins
	08	ABC Open
	13-15	Pathfinder Camporee
	18	K-12 Board - WA
	22	Lay Advisory Mtg - Conf Ofc
Oct	06	ABC Open
	11-13	Pathfinder Leadership - Go-Seek
	11-13	Russell Burrill - Go-Seek
	18-20	Kenneth Cox - Go-Seek
	22	Conf Exec Comm
	27	Begin D.L.S.

PLEASE NOTE - The Wisconsin Lay Advisory is to meet at the Conference Office on September 22, 1991 at 10 a.m. One important agenda item will be the proposed new constitution. If you are a member of this group, please make plans to be present. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - November 24, 1991 is the date of the specially called Wisconsin Constituency Meeting, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Wisconsin Academy. The Wisconsin Conference Constitution and Bylaws will be one of the items brought for discussion.

GREEN BAY EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE - at the Green Bay Church with Elder and Mrs. Henry Feyerabend and Elder and Mrs. Ron Feeley, Michigan Conference evangelists. The meetings will begin September 7 and continue for 24 evenings.

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