

God is Letting Me Live

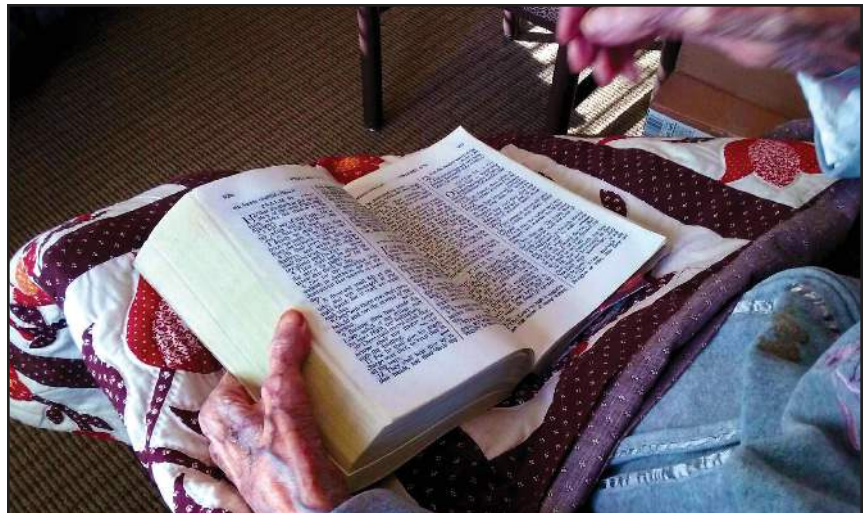
Mabel Gloede, better known as Mae, will be 100 years old on November 15, 2017. She is a member of the Watertown Adventist Church, and is the oldest member on record in our Wisconsin Conference.

Born on a farm in Watertown, WI, Mae was raised attending the Seventh-day Adventist church along with her five siblings. She easily recalls one of the rhymes she learned as a child in Sabbath School and recited it without a flaw:

*“Say, my chum, have you seen,
II Timothy 2:15?
I Thessalonians 5:22,
tells you exactly what to do.”*

“We always attended camp meeting in Portage,” said Mae. “All eight of us stayed in a tent, and mom always invited other people to come stay with us too. It was crowded!”

Her father was a share-crop farmer. She remembers clearly that her father didn’t believe in tithing. One year after he had planted a large field of peas, Mae’s mom asked if she could have the loose peas that were left laying around and plant a little patch of her own in one corner of the field. Dad agreed, and Mae remembers helping her mother plant those peas. “When the time came for harvest, all of dad’s peas were buggy and bad,” recalls Mae, “But mom’s peas in the little corner didn’t have a bug on them. Mom paid title on everything, and God blessed her.” Everyone could see the benefits of tithing that year.



Mae lives in Watertown and owns a cat named Kitty. Her determined will and quick wit were evident when we asked to take her picture. She quickly held a handkerchief over her face saying, “No pictures!” After a pause she said with a twinkle in her eye, “You can take a picture of me when I’m 105...unless I change my mind!”

As an adult, Mae sold items at a flea market until she had enough money to buy a little store. Then she and her son built a thriving antique shop stripping and refinishing old furniture, fixing wicker chairs, and even doing woodworking. She also collected and sold antique cars. Today she still has a children’s wooden rocking-horse she built, beautiful antique picture frames, and collectable silver items displayed in her room, and each one brings up a story Mae can relate.

One of the most valuable treasures Mae has collected through the years is her memory of hymns and Bible verses. Without hymnals we sang together, “I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold...” and “Jesus is all the world to me...” She recited one of her favorite Bible chapters, Psalms 91, “...Because you have made

the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways...” She especially likes the last verse which promises, “*With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.*”

When asked, “What do you attribute your long life to?” Mae answered, “The Lord just wanted me to live...I don’t want to die when I’m 100,” she continued. “I’ve asked the Lord for at least five more years. In fact I’d take another 100 right now.”



Juanita Edge
Communication Director



From the President's Desk

Homesick for Heaven

As I write this article, college classmates of mine are surrounding their 19 year old son's hospital bed as his life slips away. Whether it's at 19, or 91, death always brings sorrow that God never intended. But God comes close in these painful times and reminds us that death does not need to be the end, only an interlude before life eternal.

A year ago I stood at the newly dug graves of my parents, and looked eastward with longing. Longing to see them again, longing for this world filled with pain to be over, longing to embrace the One who died for me, longing for Jesus, the one who loves me and will give eternal peace and happiness.

The old familiar hymn says it so right. *"This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through. My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door; And I can't feel at home in this world anymore."* At times of loss our hearts turn

toward heaven. Yet, on other days heaven can fail to seem real. If heaven seems like a place of make-believe sometimes, I would challenge you to re-look at what the Bible says,

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."
I Cor. 2:9

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Rev. 21:4

That day is coming soon, when everything that brings pain, sorrow, and death will be no more. Jesus is preparing a place where we will be reunited with those laid in the graves. I'm homesick for heaven, are you?

Michael H. Edge

Wisconsin Conference President

The President's Sabbath Schedule

May

- 6 Ashland
- 13 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 20 Sparta Hispanic
- 27 WA Graduation

June

- 3 Lay Ministry Weekend
- 17 Camp Meeting
- 24 Camp Meeting

July

- 22 Vacation
- 29 Vacation

August

- 5 ASI
- 19 Hispanic Camp Meeting

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Gordon Beitz
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1st Sabbath and
Sunday 7:30pm



Ivan Williams
*Ministerial Department
Director for NAD*

Mon. - Thur. 7:30pm



Jeffery Wilson
*Retired Minister and
Planned Giving & Trust
Services Director*

Mon. - Fri. 2:15pm



**Johnathan & Vashti
Ward** *Andrews University
Family Life*

Sun. - Thur. 4:00pm



Mike Edge
*Wisconsin Conference
President*

1st Friday 7:30pm



Peter Neri
*Pastor Paradise SDA
Church, Las Vegas, NV*

Mon. - Fri. 9:30am



Nick Miller
*Prof. of Church History,
Andrews University
Seminary*

Wed. - Fri. 2:15pm



Mike & Amy Krueger
*Health the Designers Way
Directors*

Mon. - Fri. 4:00pm



Bill Knott
*Editor Adventist Review
and Adventist World*

2nd Friday 7:30pm &
Sabbath



Dennis Fortin
*Professor of Historical
Theology, Andrews
University*

Mon. - Fri. 11:00am
Mon. - Fri. 2:15pm



Jerry Johns
*Master Designer Ministry
Director*

Mon. - Fri. 4:00pm



Marshall McKenzie
*Amazing Facts Publishing
Director*

Sun. - Tue. 4:00pm

Camp Meeting Notices

Adventist Lay Seminary: Equipping Lay Leaders for Everyday Ministry
Learn the theory and practice of small groups. This 8-session 9-month professional certificate program begins Sunday, 9-5, of camp meeting. Learn more and pre-register at wi.adventist.org/layseminary.

Find More Camp Meeting Speakers and Information at:
wi.adventist.org/campmeeting

Adventist Health Expo in Cedar Lodge
Take 15 minutes to learn your health age and simple lifestyle changes that bring big results. Sunday 9:00-5:00. All equipment in this 8-station Health Expo is available for you to hold an Expo in your community. Come see & learn more!

Camp Meeting Policy Updates

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

To ensure workplace safety please do not plan to stay on the grounds prior to Thursday before camp meeting. If you arrive and stay on the grounds prior to Thursday, you will be charged an additional \$50/night. If you stay on the grounds past the last Saturday night of camp meeting, you will also be charged \$50/night. If you wish to drop off your trailer or RV early you may do so without the additional charge.

ADDITION TO CURRENT PET POLICY

Service animals, which are specifically trained to provide necessary assistance to individuals with either physical or psychiatric disabilities will be permitted at camp meeting, following the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Other animals, including animals that are defined as Emotional Support Animals (ESA) lie outside the definition of "Service Animals." ADA and ESA animals, if brought to the camp grounds must be registered with locating and wear an identification vest and be under the control of their owners at all times. ESA animals must be kept in their owners living quarters, at all times. When ESA animals need to relieve themselves they must be leashed, must do so on their owner's site, and must be cleaned up by the owner promptly. Exercising of animals must occur off the camp grounds.

Hallelujah Hustle News



New for 2017... Medals! The top three males and females from each group will be awarded a custom Hallelujah Hustle medal! The six age brackets are: under 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-34, 35-49, and 50 plus. Sign up now at hallelujahhustle.com.

Camp Meeting Notices

Wakonda Workbee May 21 - 26
Help prepare Wakonda for camp meeting and summer camp. Housing in cabins and meals provided. Projects for all ages and skills. Call Camp Wakonda at 608.296.2126.

Camp Meeting CD/DVD

There will not be any further CD and DVD duplicating and production. All recorded meetings will be available for free online.

A1C Blood Sugar Check

Sign up in administration building for this non-fasting blood test performed Sunday and Monday in Fireside Lodge conference room. Small fee required. Follow-up diabetic information and cooking classes.

ABC Sunday Sale

Take advantage of some great buys on Sunday, June 19, at 9:00 am in Pioneer Pavilion. Prices good only during this limited time sale.

Fresh WA Strawberries

Available for purchase outside Apple Valley at 1:00 pm daily if bearing. Check Camp Lamp for availability.

Meal Tickets

Tickets are available during camp meeting at the administration office, or may be purchased and mailed prior to June 6. Tickets not available during Sabbath hours. To order, call LaQuita Anderson at 920.484.6555.

Prices	Adult 11-64	Child 4-10	Senior 65+
Breakfast	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Lunch	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Supper	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Complete menu at wi.adventist.org

Register for Camp Meeting Online

Link to reservations on the conference website. Use your email address to log on. If you have any problems or questions contact campmeeting@wi.adventist.org. Site payments are now due in full.

Lighthouse Thrift Store Donations

A trailer to collect donations will be parked behind Apple Valley Market. Needed items include clothing, books, furniture, toys, house wares, etc. No TVs. For questions email lighthouse thriftstore@gmail.com, or call 920.623.0031.

Community Service

Community Service Project

ACS is collecting school supplies again for the Westfield Elementary School. Needs include crayons, scissors, rulers, and more. Complete needs list at wi.adventist.org/acs

Free Daily Drawing at ACS Cabin

ACS Leaders: bring a display board of pictures to inspire others

Sharing Gift: Sign up to make a succulent planter to cheer someone.

Daily Projects: Learn to make scrap quilt; knit hats, afgans, & make mats.

Jonathan Fetrick New Academy Pastor



Pastor Fetrick and his wife, Michelle, join us from Washington Conference. They have three children, Caleb, Ellie, and Addison. In his free time, Jonathan enjoys family, friends, hiking, biking and reading.

Allissa Wright New Teacher Three Angels



A 2017 graduate of Southern Adventist University with a BA in Elementary Education and a minor in History, Allissa will teach grades 5-8. She has a passion for working with kids and enjoys the outdoors.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of this writing we have finished our audit of the 2016 financial statements. We have also had a wonderful Annual Statistical Review meeting with the Lay Advisory. Department reports were given, financial statements for 2016 reviewed and a budget for 2017 was voted. It was encouraging to hear reports from around the conference in how God is actively at work in churches and schools all around the state. Although it has been a tight and difficult year financially, God has been faithful in providing for our needs where costs or appropriations were higher than anticipated. We certainly serve a trustworthy God!

Sheldon Bryan New Milwaukee Pastor



Pastor Bryan and his wife, Terry, are moving to Milwaukee Central District from Salt Lake City, Utah. They have two children, Abigail and Micah. Sheldon enjoys playing piano and writing discipleship books.

Vickie Martin New Waukesha Teacher



Vickie will teach in the new Waukesha school opening this fall. She comes from the Minnesota Conference. She and her husband, Steve, have four grown children: Jerry, Sandy, Jon and Blake.

Finances remain tight and seem inadequate. I ran across this quote that brings encouragement to me and hopefully will to you as well when we find ourselves in tough circumstances seemingly out of our control. *"You may be perplexed in business; your prospects may grow darker and darker; and you may be threatened with loss; but do not become discouraged; cast your care upon God, and remain calm and cheerful. Pray for wisdom to manage your affairs with discretion, and thus prevent loss and disaster. Do all you can on your part to bring about favorable results. Jesus has promised His aid, but not apart from our effort. When, relying upon our Helper, you have done all you can, accept the result cheerfully."* Steps to Christ 122

This is a beautiful promise. May we rely not upon ourselves, but after doing our best, to rely upon Him for all our needs, all the while with a cheerful and grateful heart.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in your service and heartfelt gifts to this great commission of spreading the gospel in Wisconsin.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	2017	2016	% Change
Feb. Tithe Income:	\$477,691	\$515,065	-7.26%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$837,135 (8 wks)	\$976,826 (9 wks)	-14.30%
Feb. Wisconsin Budget:	\$18,455	\$36,036	-14.64%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$21,620 (8 wks)	\$41,767 (9 wks)	-13.72%



Brian Stephan
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



from the principal's desk

Invincible Faith

One of the highest goals we have at Wisconsin Academy is to build within our students a commitment to a life of Christian service. Service requires sacrifice; and in light of our meager resources, the challenges we face may seem insurmountable. Thinking our little is insufficient for the need, we are tempted to withhold that which we have. Herein lies the problem; by not giving that which we have, we block the very avenue by which God wishes to bless us.

By sacrificial giving of our own means, however small, we are blessed. Personal sacrifice opens the windows of heaven and allows God to reveal Himself to us in ways that are otherwise not possible. Academy students generally have very little extra cash on hand. For this reason, it has been many years since we involved students in any type of a Sabbath school mission project. After reflection on this practice, we have reinstated a mission-focused Sabbath school that includes the collection of a special offering.

A few weeks ago, students adopted a mission project to help prisoners in two separate

prisons in Asia. The prisoners there are living in extremely crowded conditions and lack basic personal supplies such as bath soap, laundry soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Through the self-sacrifice of dedicated lay persons, each of these prisons has a Seventh-day Adventist congregation meeting on a weekly basis. Lack of seating forces most prisoners to sit on the floor. The students decided to begin collecting a Sabbath school offering each week, and two other people volunteered to match the students' gifts. The



Students' ongoing Sabbath School offerings fund combs, toothpaste, and other basic needs for these and other prisoners.

goal was to purchase 200 chairs and buy basic personal supplies for the prisoners. Imagine our happy surprise when after one week the students had already raised \$1,872! This was just enough to purchase the 200 chairs and the first month of personal supplies! On the second Sabbath we shared pictures of the chairs being delivered, the prisoners receiving their gifts of basic needs, and many, many letters of thanks. What a rebuke of our lack of faith, and what a lesson in God's willingness to bless our efforts when we reach out in ministry to those around us.

We should not complain or doubt, even when the challenges seem overwhelming. "Take the word of Christ as your assurance. Has He not invited you to come unto Him? Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraged way. If you do you will lose much. By looking at appearances and complaining when difficulties and pressure come, you give evidence of a sickly, enfeebled faith. Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world. Look heavenward in faith. Look to Him who has light and power and efficiency." COL 146

We will continue to provide for the personal needs of the prisoners and will be taking on new projects as the Lord leads in the weeks ahead. Please keep Wisconsin Academy in your prayers as we seek to establish faith, build commitment, and train for service.

Roger Dunder
Principal



A special Sabbath School offering made these chairs possible for a small Seventh-day Adventist church in a prison.



David Kabanje New Assistant Men's Dean



We are delighted to announce that David Kabanje will be joining us as assistant men's dean and outreach coordinator. He is currently in his final semester at Union College and will be joining us on the 15th of May for the final two weeks of school.

David is enthusiastic about ministry and is looking forward to working with our young men in the dorm and building up outreach opportunities for our students. David is pictured with his fiancée, Kiana.

Over a Dozen Students Prepare for Baptism!



Following our third week of prayer with Pastor Ron Kelly, over a dozen students made the decision to be baptized, with many more recommitting their lives to the Lord.

Principal Roger Dunder and plant services director Doug Show have been studying with the students each week, reviewing Bible beliefs and instructing them in Christian life.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate a baptism at Wisconsin Academy on Sabbath afternoon, May 13.

Students Enjoy Course in Personal Finance



One of the new courses offered this year is Personal Finance, taught by Jeannie Buchholz. The course is open to juniors and seniors and follows a curriculum developed by businessman and author Dave Ramsey.

Students are learning how to avoid debt, budget with intention, invest, and build wealth so they can give like no one else.

Several students have reported that this is one of their favorite classes because it is so intensely practical.

Academy Day 2017!

We are excited to invite you to Academy Day on May 7, 2017! Academy Day is designed to give prospective 7-11th grade students the opportunity to visit classes, talk with teachers, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make some new friends and just "get a feel" for academy life.

Students will also have the opportunity to earn scholarships in an area of their interest. There are also special meetings for parents and sponsors designed for them to ask questions and find the answers they need.

We look forward to seeing you at Academy Day 2017!
Please register at the address below:



www.wisacad.org/admissions/academy-day-2017/

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Seventh-day Adventists
PO Box 100
Fall River WI 53932

Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

May

13 Hispanic Brotherhood Day
19-21 Pathfinder Fair at Wakonda
20 Spring Concert at WA
21-26 Wakonda Work Bee
26-28 WA Graduation
23 Board of Education
29 Conference Office Closed
30 Year End Teacher Meeting
31 Executive Committee

June

12-15 Camp Pitch
16-24 Camp Meeting
28-7/2 Blind Camp
29 Office Closed

July

2-9 Junior Camp
11 Board of Education
9-16 Tween Camp
16-23 Teen Camp
23-30 Family Camp I
30-8/6 Family Camp II

August

6-8 Pastor/Teacher Meetings
16-20 Hispanic Camp Meeting
25-27 TLT Retreat
30 Executive Committee



Clinton and Leah Anderson are moving to the Rocky Mountain Conference. Clinton has served as music teacher at Wisconsin Academy, and Leah, teacher at Petersen Elementary.

Jim Norton, is stepping down as principal/teacher of Three Angels Christian School the end of this school year.

Mike Meadows, teacher/principal of Otter Creek Christian School, is retiring the end of this school year.

Juanita Edge is no longer serving as Women's Ministries Coordinator.

David Scofield, pastor of the Marshfield District, is retiring effective June 1.

Rodney Palmer, pastor of the Racine District, has accepted a call to serve as an associate professor of religion at Andrews University.

Art Miller, with his wife, Lois, is retiring from pastoring the Durand church the end of June.

Jeannie Buchholz, Vice Principal and Registrar at Wisconsin Academy, is transferring to teach at Petersen Elementary.

Nate Skaife Personal Ministries Coordinator



Pastor Nate Skaife, of the Waukesha District, is now also serving as Personal Ministries Coordinator for our conference. He and his wife, Rachel, have two daughters, Abigail and Johanna.

Camp Meeting Choir

Come share your musical talents through the songs, "It Is Well With My Soul," and "Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord."

Orchestra: Thursday alone, & Friday with choir following the evening meeting

Choir: Saturday & Sunday after pm meeting

- Monday-Friday 1:00 pm in pavilion

- Friday final rehearsal with orchestra following the evening meeting

Brass Ensemble & Organist: following evening meetings:

- First Friday (perform 1st Sabbath)

- Thursday (hymn for 2nd Sabbath)

- Friday (final rehearsal)

- Second Sabbath instrument tuning 9:00am