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Revival and Camp Meeting



It was Christmas time and Vera and I, along with our boys, were en route from Sherwood Park to Lacombe to spend the holidays with family. The temperature was 30 below, but we were prepared to travel the easy one and a half hours after dark. Although the headlights

seemed unusually dim, we did not realize our dilemma until half way to our destination the alternator warning light appeared. Service stations do not exist along this 100 km stretch and towns are significantly off the road, but it was too late to turn back. It would be a race between battery power and reaching our destination. Shortly before Ponoka, all warning signals lit up." We held our breath and prayed as minutes later we coasted into Swain's Service station for warmth, telephone, and help.

Spiritually speaking, there are times when we may be so intent on following our own agenda we are oblivious to or even ignore the warning signals that all is not well between us and our Power Source. Yet our Heavenly Father wants to fix the problem and revive us again. So it has been through all the ages of earth's history.

To the antediluvians, God sent the patriarchs; to the Israelites in the wilderness—in the time of Moses, He gave His "Good Spirit" to instruct them (Nehemiah 9:20); and throughout the Old Testament, he sent the prophets. For the early New Testament church He promised "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). That promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when "they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:1-4).

This baptism of the Holy Spirit brought about a huge revival. Conversion led people to cry out, "What shall we do?" and 3000 were baptized in one day. What a revival! This same Spirit upheld the Waldensians through the dark ages, the Reformers through the middle ages, and the pioneers during the Great Awakening.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit can revive us again today. In Acts of the Apostles pages 53 and 54, Ellen White describes it this way:

"And today God is still using His church to make known His purpose in the earth. Today the heralds of the cross are going from city to city, and from land to land, preparing the way for the second advent of Christ...And as they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they receive more and more of the Spirit's power... The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the beginning of the early or former rain, and glorious was the result. To the end of time the presence of the Spirit is to abide with the true church.

"But near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man...

"But unless the members of God's church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping...Only those who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and ability to use that power."

Revival is so essential at this time. Our Camp Meeting theme is "Revive Us ... Again." Maybe our "lights" are growing dim. Maybe there are warning signals we're choosing to ignore. Would this not be a good time to "wheel in" and reconnect with the Power Source and be re-baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Kenneth Wiebe, President

The baptism of the Holy Spirit can revive us again today.

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New!

Alberta Conference Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Director

Sandra Silva was working in a managerial position in banking when God called her to Amazing Facts College of Evangelism and to a more fulfilling lifestyle. While there she served as Bible worker, prayer coordinator, and lecturer on family life, evangelism training, and health seminars. She brings to the Alberta Conference a wealth of knowledge in diverse areas and speaks fluently in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese and immensely enjoys working with individuals of differing cultures and backgrounds.



She is a graduate of Andrews University with a Master of Divinity. She recently joined the College Heights SDA Church pastoral staff as an assistant pastor.

Pastor Silva has now been invited to serve as the Personal Ministries and Sabbath School Director in the Alberta Conference. We are happy to have such a dynamic young person with a vision of the mission of the Church to join us in growing God's Kingdom here in the Alberta Conference. It is an honour and privilege to have you as part of our team, Sandra. Welcome to the Alberta Conference Office Staff!

Alberta Conference Church Planting Coordinator



Elder Don Corkum has recently been appointed as the Church Planting Coordinator for the Alberta Conference. His assignment is to counsel and guide current church groups and companies that are attempting to become established. He will assist them with appropriate protocols as they move through the various church planting phases until they are established as healthy viable church congregations.

Just before retirement Elder Corkum completed his doctorate degree in church planting from Andrews University. He is a fully qualified church planter and will serve our Conference well.

Elder Corkum and his wife Phyllis have recently returned from the Wisconsin Conference where Elder Corkum served as president for over 14 years. Prior to his service in Wisconsin, he served in Alberta as president, departmental director, and pastor. Although the Corkums have retired in Calgary, they are both willing to be of service to the Lord's work. Phyllis is assisting the Conference church and school auditor on a part time basis.

Peers Company

Simply Raw Un-Cooking Seminar

Peers Company hosted a screening of the documentary *Simply Raw: Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days* for our community on February 20. The film chronicles six people with diabetes who travelled to the Tree of Life Rejuvenation Center in Patagonia, Arizona, and switched to a vegan, organic, uncooked food diet for 30 days. The results were remarkable. All were able to come off all medications including insulin within days after making the lifestyle change.

The Peers Company invited Janet Thomsen from the Whitecourt Company to conduct a Simply Raw Un-cooking Seminar on March 27. Thirty-five people attended and more are on the waiting list.

The menu includes dishes such as Chia breakfast pudding, cream of zucchini soup, Nut Tuna Pate, a “macaroni” and “cheese” dish using raw spaghetti and a nut sauce, coconut ice cream and lemon pie – all without dairy, sugar, or being cooked – yet absolutely delicious. People took second and third helpings, fascinated that uncooked food could be so appetizing.

One family who started the “uncooked” food program reported that their 11-year old diabetic son’s insulin dosage could be reduced to the point where he no longer needed the night-time dose. His medical doctor concluded the boy had started producing his own insulin. Others on the diet reported similar results.

The newspaper provided favourable publicity for the event.

The Peers Company hosted their second session on May 15, and with only word of mouth advertising, had a full class.

Delores Fletcher



Developing New Work in Alberta by Don Corkum

Coming back to Alberta after 14 years in the United States, my wife and I are excited about the growth of the work in this conference. Many new churches have been developed along with many new people groups. The conference membership is now over ten thousand.

Raising up new churches was a priority of our church’s pioneers, particularly Ellen White who said, “New churches must be established, new congregations organized. At this time there should be representatives of present truth in every city, and in the remote parts of the earth. The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God’s truth. {AUCR, June 1, 1902 par. 17}. What was said in 1902 should be more true in the days prior to Christ’s return as we seek the outpouring of God’s Spirit and the Latter Rain.

In the past 5 years in Alberta over 20 church groups have begun. I want to commend conference leadership and particularly the passion of Elder John Adams for his inspiration in this area. How can we continue having a strong growing work in Alberta?

Church Planting is important but must be accompanied with many other aspects of church ministry and outreach. Raising up new churches must also be done strategically and with careful planning. Strong new churches are generally developed cooperatively with sponsoring churches. New churches are then the result of mission orientated parent churches. Church planting through church splits usually doesn’t engender a strong work. It takes good leadership and a strong nucleus of mission focused members to develop a strong new work.

Alberta needs representation of our work in many parts of cities, with many people groups and communities throughout Alberta. This must be done prayerfully and with networks of people combining their talents and resources to make it happen. The conference and churches are seeking the best plans to develop strong new work in this great conference. God has blessed us by sending many people to our province, let’s honor Him by being missionaries in evangelizing them and raising new churches to the Glory of God.



Metro Filipino church which began as a small group in 2004 and organized as a church in 2008 is today a vibrant, growing church seeking to win souls to the glory of God.

Alberta Conference Office Relocation Update

If you have been following the updates on the Conference blog, you will know what has transpired since the fire on May 2, 2011.

On Monday, May 30, the office relocated to the upper floor of the Canadian University College PE Complex where we will be for the next three weeks.

After that date, if the newly proposed lease agreement with UFA Co-op in Red Deer is accepted, we will move there for at least a year. In the mean time, the First General Restoration Company and the insurance adjuster are busily getting quotes on costs of repairing the building vs not repairing the building!

Continue following the blog over the next several weeks as we endeavor to keep you up to date with where we are functioning as an office again and the future plans for leasing an acceptable office location.

The blog can be found at www.albertasda.org.



The Conference office is located on the upper floor with all the large windows—we love the beautiful view



Conference President, Ken Wiebe, steps out of his office down the hall



One of the offices where the treasury office staff are located

Vegreville

On the afternoon of February 13, 2011, the Junior Teen class planned a Valentine Supper to raise money for ADRA. It was very cold out so not many people showed up but we had a good supper of spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, and a small dessert. A few games were played and pictures were taken of different family groups with a Valentine background. The total amount raised was \$505. The projects chosen were: Two Protect Girls, Two Delivery Kits, Four Kitchen Gardens, Improve the Health of Mothers and Children in Niger, and a Bag of Love.

Marion Coppock



Katelyn and Susan Windels in front of donation box

The Planned Giving & Trust Services department is pleased to offer estate and financial planning seminars at this year's camp meeting. Please join industry professionals, Lynden Hawes of Castle Financial in Calgary, Shelley Smith of Venture Law in Edmonton, and Richard Wutzke of Investors Group Financial Services in Sherwood Park, as they present informative sessions on annuities, last wills and testaments, and other important estate documents, in addition to financial planning instruments that can help to minimize taxes both during your lifetime, as well as for your estate.

We would also be pleased to assist individuals requiring a new or revised last will and testament. Registration for the seminars and will appointments will be available at the Administration Office during camp meeting, and you can pre-register by email to: fchant@albertasda.org or by text to 403-872-9837. We look forward to seeing you at camp meeting.

Frances Chant, Director of Planned Giving & Trust Services

Following the Revelation of Hope Prophecy Seminar in Lethbridge, which ended March 26, the church welcomed the first wave of new members into its fellowship. Seven precious souls were baptized, plus one profession of faith and one rebaptism. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and fellowshipping with the church family.

One dear lady shared how she had called her employer on Sabbath morning telling her she would no longer be available to work on Saturdays. Although not impressed, the employer made the necessary adjustments.

One gentleman shared his testimony of how, three days before the seminar began, he distinctively heard a voice saying, "If you love me, keep My commandments." That was repeated every couple of hours. The following day he asked himself, "Which commandments?" "The ones which include 'remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,'" the voice said.

The next day a seminar handbill arrived and the man and his wife decided to attend. For two weeks the voice kept urging him until the seminar venue transitioned to the church. During the first fellowship meal, as he sat down to eat, to his surprise, he noticed the voice stopped. He believes God led him to the Lethbridge Adventist Church, but wonders where He will lead him next.

A second seminar was conducted starting April 29, repeating the same messages as the first, and as a result, more accessions are anticipated. To God be the glory!

Pastor Darrell Beaudoin



(l-r) Willie Kientopp, Paul Jorgenson, Stacy Crying Head, Loretta Jorgenson, Ryan Chelle, Kwanele Sibanda, Hazil Chavez, Micheal Hall, Amber Chelle, Fay Labelle, Cheryl Lesergent, Marguerite Pizzey, James Pizzey, Pastor Darrell Beaudoin

CAMP MEETING SEMINARS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10:30 AM - 12 NOON AND REPEATED AT 3:45 - 5:15 PM

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Location</i>
Worship and Music (Mon-Thur)	Dragan Stojanovic	Lower Lodge Auditorium
Health	Carol Henry	Cafeteria
Bible and Archaeology	Larry Herr	Auditorium (South wing)
Revival and Prayer	Virgil Covell	Heritage Church
Chronological Life Story of Jesus	John Blake	Auditorium (East wing)

Camp Meeting will soon be here!!

For your attention —

- **Youth Tent Activities!** Calling all youth! We have a special day arranged for Monday, July 11, at Sylvan Lake Water Slides and Worship at the Beach. We will leave from the camp at noon for an afternoon on the water slides, then we will go into the community for a special TBA event. We will end on the beach for a worship and then back to the camp by 9 PM. On this day there will NOT be a function in the Youth Tent - the church will have left the building! In addition to the usual things - swim suit, sunscreen, hat, shoes, lunch/supper supplies or spending money, etc. You will need \$30 for the slide. For more information contact Brad @ rev14_6@hotmail.com.

- If you, or a music group you are part of, would be willing to share your musical talents any time during camp meeting, you will be a blessing to many -- and you will be blessed! Choristers, pianists, organists, special music presenters (instrumental or vocal), mini-concert presenters, all are needed to make the camp meeting program complete and a spiritual blessing to those who attend. Contact Trudie Comm at 780-532-6411 immediately so she can plan the schedule.

- Some of you have expressed concerns and needs for accessing the internet while at camp meeting. We are sorry that this just isn't possible for us to accommodate you during camp meeting.

- Please understand that the cabins, lodge, and 15 amp RV sites cannot handle the use of small appliances of any type or use of air conditioning in your RV. These items blow the breaker and then it becomes an inconvenience for everyone around you. Please plan your stay at camp meeting to avoid appliance usage. Thank you.

- Traffic and parking in front of the main auditorium is prohibited on Sabbaths. This area is reserved for emergency vehicles and bus transportation. Remember there is a shuttle available all through the day on Sabbaths and during the week from the RV section to the main auditorium. You are most welcome to catch a ride on it!

- **PETS!** Once again, this year, we are asking you to please find a caregiver for your pet(s) while you come to camp meeting. There are kennels in the nearby areas as follows:

Innisfail Boarding Kennels	403-227-6737
Kozy Kennel, Innisfail	403-227-4346
Piper Creek Pet Resort, RD County	403-347-3967
Riverside Kennels, Red Deer	403-346-7650

- Delicious healthy meals will be served daily in the cafeteria. If you have special and unusual dietary needs, please bring your own foods that you need to eat, rather than asking the cafeteria cooks to make special order meals for you.

- If you plan to come to camp meeting a day or two early prior to July 8, and if you plan to camp on site as well, you will be expected to pay the daily camping fee. You will be using our facilities, water, electricity, and sewer. Please be responsible for this additional charge.

- **Food Fair** - If you have booked to participate in the International Food Fair on **Sunday, July 17**, please bring your own extension cords, petty cash, and extra tables if you need more than one. If you have not yet reserved your table to participate in the International

Food Fair, please contact Irma Hartley IMMEDIATELY at 403-342-5044 xt 232 or irma@albertasda.org.

- **SABBATH MEAL TICKETS** - No meal tickets will be sold during Sabbath hours. If you wish to purchase meal tickets anytime prior to the beginning of camp meeting, please phone Penny @ 403-342-5044 xt 201 and she will reserve tickets for you on MC or Visa.

- If you plan to drive to the camp for Sabbaths only, please bring your own supply of food for lunch and supper, IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE-PURCHASED YOUR MEAL TICKETS FROM PENNY.

- Parents, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AT ALL TIMES FOR YOUR CHILDREN under 18 years of age. Any damage to property will be your responsibility.

- **COMMUNION SERVICE** for isolated members who can attend camp meeting this year will be held on Sabbath, July 9, at 2 PM in the Heritage Church.

- **BAPTISMAL CLASSES** will be held during the week of camp meeting beginning on Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15, @ 1:30 PM in the Library (the small room adjacent to the cafeteria in the lodge).

- Register your children for summer camps at Foothills Camp!

Horsemanship / Wakeboarding (Ages 13-17)	July 3-7
Adventurer (Ages 6-9) & Sherwood I (Ages 8-11)	July 24-31
Junior (Ages 10-12) & Sherwood II (Ages 9-12)	July 31-Aug 7
Teen (Ages 13-17) & Sherwood III (Ages 10-17)	Aug 7-14
Family Camp (All ages)	Aug 14-21

- Children's meeting every day for children nursery age and up. Watch the blog (www.albertasda.org) for schedules.

Camp Meeting Guests

Dr. Philip Samaan - Theology Professor, Southern Adventist University

Dr. Lael Caesar - Associate Editor, *Adventist Review*

Mark Johnson - President, SDA Church in Canada

Dr. Ivan Williams - NAD Ministerial Secretary

Virgil Covell - Revival & Reformation Ministries Coordinator, Alberta Conference

George Ali - Ministerial & Evangelism Director, Alberta Conference

Sandra Silva - Personal Ministries & Sabbath School Director, Alberta Conference

Jim Gaull - Earliteen Division

Chad & Faudia Kreuzer - Collegiate Division

Jackie Spencer - Youth Division

(To be confirmed) - Young Adult Division

Revive Us ... Again

July 8 – 16, 2011

Revised Schedule

Opening Meeting: Friday, July 8, 7:15 p.m. Philip Samaan

TIME	Sabbath July 9	Sunday July 10	Monday July 11	Tuesday July 12	Wednesday July 13	Thursday July 14	Friday July 15	Sabbath July 16
7:00 – 7:45				Five teachers and three pastors				
7:45 – 8:30	BREAKFAST							
9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:30 Sabbath School K-12 Schools	Lael Caesar	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson	9:00 – 10:30 Sabbath School CUC / PAA
10:30 – 12:00	10:45 – 12:00 Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan			SEMINARS 10:30 – 12 noon			10:45 – 12:00 Ivan Williams
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH							
1:00 – 2:00	3:00 – 5:00 Concert in the Park	Parade		Choir Practice				2:30 – 5:15 Baptism Evangelism Ordination
2:15 – 3:30		2:00 – 4:00 ABC Sale	Virgil Covel	George Ali	Sandra Silva	KID School	Lael Caesar	
3:45 – 5:15				SEMINARS 3:45 – 5:15				
5:30 – 6:30	SUPPER	4:00 – 6:00 International Food Fair		SUPPER				
6:45 – 7:15	Mini-Concerts							
7:15 – 9:00	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Ivan Williams	Ivan Williams
9:15 – 9:45	Prayer and Praise at the Harmattan Heritage Church starting Friday, July 8							

Adventure Family Campout 2011

How Great is Our God!

What better way to experience the new life that spring brings than to do it as a family! This May saw close to 200 people came together and experienced the greatness of God through nature and science.

Special guest, Ben Roy, taught the simple truths of the Gospel while demonstrating how science really reveals the greatness of God. Sabbath afternoon was filled with families learning, hiking, and canoeing together. A huge Thank-You to each family that came and especially to the Alberta Conference Volunteer Adventurer Coordinator, Donelle Clarke, for the best Adventure Family Campout ever! See you Next Year!!

Pathfinder Camporee 2011

Draw Me Close to You

The annual Pathfinder Camporee was a great adventure this year. Pastor Walter Rogers reminded us that we are the apple of God's eye, that the things of this world are only distractions, and challenged us to live everyday for Jesus! Close to 130 Pathfinders spent the weekend getting closer to God and each other, while working on honors in Geocaching, Basketball, Soccer, Archery, Scrapbooking, Animal Tracking, Christian Drama, Crocheting, & Digital Photography.

Pathfinder Camporee 2011



*Don't forget!
The 1st
Sunday
of Camp
Meeting
is Tag
Day and
a special
parade!*

Derek Richter, Youth & Summer Camp Director

"Cans for Camp"

The Olds Seventh-day Adventist Church has a project for their children who want to attend the Foothills Camp summer camp program. One of the mothers in the church, Coral Ross, the Personal Ministries Leader, initiated the mission project which has been called "Cans for Camp." The whole church has favourably accepted this ambitious project.

The way the church family has chosen to fund this project is by collecting cans and bottles for recycling and donations from those who want to do their part or they don't have a lot of recycling containers. The funds collected from turning in the cans and bottles to the recycling depot will benefit their children who will have the opportunity to spend one week at Foothills Summer Camp. This year we will be able to sponsor children ranging in ages 8 to 10 years old. Maybe your church would like to adopt this "Ministry for Children" plan. It's not too late to find a creative way to help sponsor some children in your church so they can attend summer camp at Foothills Camp.