From the President ...

Staying Focused

obile phones are wonderful inventions, but they can be distractions if you are a driver. That's why various communities and provinces have been passing laws to restrict driving and telephoning or texting at the same time.

Distractions are a problem when you're doing something you want to have turn out right, like putting the first furrow in a field, making a casserole, or doing homework. Being distracted can lead to crooked furrows, a strange casserole, or incorrect answers. None of these are really desirable.

As Christians we can sometimes become distracted. Ours is an age where ideas move quickly through the Internet, SatelliteTV, CDs, and DVDs. Many of the ideas are good and helpful but some of them distract us from our goal of getting ready As Christians we can some to meet Jesus. We must have wisdom times become distracted. to stay focused and avoid the distractions.

We need the Bible. We need the Holy Spirit. Strong personalities often present as though it were truth ideas that do not represent the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. Some of the ideas may have merit, but many of them are merely distractions. We must be deep in God's Word to avoid distraction on the way to the King-

I place before you these words of Scripture: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene." 2 Timothy 2:15-17, NASB

May God guide us as we travel close to Him.

Mark Johnson President

Conference Office News



the Conference Youth and Summer Camp Director. Richter was a chaplain for Fraser Valley Adventist Academy in BC for several years, followed

by a brief stint on the pastoral staff of the Aldergrove Church in BC. He is a graduate of CUC who spent his summers on the staff at Foothills Camp. His wife's name is Rena.

He will be conducting the summer camps for children so you will see him around at camp meeting this summer. Along with his camp duties, he is the general coordinator for all the Children, Youth, and Young Adult Divisions for camp meeting.



Pastor George Ali is the newly appointed Conference Ministerial Secretary. Pastor George and his wife, Pam, arrived in Alberta December I, 2009, to begin his pastoral du-

ties in the Edmonton Mill Woods and Leduc district. However, it wasn't too long after that he was invited to serve in a new role as the pastor's pastor! He and his wife, Pam, will be moving to the local area and he will begin his official presence in the office in early June 2010.



For the past three years, Pastor Larry Hall served as the Ministerial Director in the Conference. Just recently, he was appointed as Executive Secretary / VP for Administra-

tion for the Alberta Conference.

• On the weekend of April 16-18, 2010, over 80 elders from across Alberta met at Foothills Camp for a time of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and training in how to be more effective leaders. Elder Don Corkum, a well-known former president of the Alberta Conference, was the main presenter. His presentations were built around the theme: "Leaders for the End Time." The Alberta

Conference has committed to doing annual elder's retreats to help encourage and develop competent local lay leadership for our churches.

- According to eAdventist reports plus what pastors have told us, we have about 105 baptisms to date in 2010.
- The first weekend of May found a group of young people from across the province gather at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy for the annual Calgary Youth Rally. Sponsored by the Alberta Conference and local churches, the youth of Alberta were invited to CWAA to hear inspiring messages from Pastor Andrew Kingston, participate in inspiring worship, and serve their community with a Food Bank drive. On Sabbath afternoon they collected well over four pallets of food for the Calgary Food Bank. Two baptisms were the highlight of the weekend event.
- Fellow church members I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Lord's work in Alberta and the world by your giving in 2009. Many have even in these difficult economic times continued to return to the Lord His tithe and given your freewill offerings to support your church. In 2009 there was an increase of 1.47% in the tithe over the previous year. The tithe per capita giving increased to \$1,346.52 per member.

The freewill offerings of 2009 did not fare as well. Giving to world missions was down 5.03% over the previous year. The Alberta Advance, our source of non-tithe funds, was down by 2.74%. The giving to the local church was down by an average 2.68% if we remove the project giving from one local church.

When we compare the giving of 2010 to the end of April we see a different picture. Tithe has increased 0.54%, Missions has increased 9.82%, and the Alberta Advance has increased to 0.35% of income from 0.29% last year. Last year we received over \$626,000 from matured trusts and wills from 2009.

CAMP MEETING GUESTS

Main Auditorium

- Alvin Kibble Vice President, North American Division
- Winston Craig Nutrition Professor, Andrews University
- David Klinedinst Personal Ministries Christian Record Homer Trecartin - Assoc Secretary, General Conference
- Andrea Luxton President, Canadian University College
- Il Santos Speaker/Director, It Is Written Canada Chuck Sandefur - President, ADRA International
- Ted Wilson General Vice President, General
- Conference

Early Morning Devotionals

- George Ali, Ministerial Director, Alberta Conference
- Keith Samuels, Asst / Youth Pastor, Calgary Bridgeland
- John Ramsay, VP for Finance, SDA Church in Canada Derek Richter, Youth Director, Alberta Conference
- Brent Wilson, Asst / Youth Pastor, Calgary Central John Murley, Senior Pastor, Edmonton South
- Ron Sydenham, Senior Pastor, College Heights

Youth Guest SpeakerJosue Sanchez, Youth Pastor & Free Lance Writer Hagerstown, MD

Young Adult Guest Speakers Clarence & Dianna Schilt, pastor & teacher

Programs for all ages

- Cradle roll (birth 3 yrs)
- Kindergarten (4-6)
- Primary (7-9) Junior (10-12)
- Farliteen (13-15)
- Youth (16-18)
- Collegiate (college / university) Young Adults (19-23)

Daily Seminars (Mon-Fri: 10:30 AM & repeated at 3:45 PM)

- I) Steve Reasor
- 2) Doug Matacio
- 3) Virgil Covel 4) Winston Craig

LIFT HIM UP July 16-24, 2010

Friday evening, July 16 - Alvin Kibble								
TIME	Sabbath July 17	Sun July 18	Mon July 19	Tues July 20	Wed July 21	Thurs July 22	Fri July 23	Sabbath July 24
7:00 - 7:45	George Ali	Keith Samuels	John Ramsay	Derek Richter	John Ramsay	Brent Wilson	John Murley	Ron Sydenham
7:45 - 8:30	BREAKFAST							
9:00 - 10:15	9:00 – 10:30 Sabbath School K-12 Schools	Winston Craig	David Klinedinst	Homer Trecartin	Andrea Luxton	Bill Santos	Chuck Sandefur	9:00 - 10:30 Sabbath School CUC / PAA
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12:15 - 1:00	LUNCH							
1:00 - 2:00	300 500		Choir Practice					3:00 – 4:00 Evangelism
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2:15 - 3:30	3:00 – 5:00 Concert in the Park	2:00 - 4:00	David Klinedinst	Homer Trecartin	Andrea Luxton	Bill Santos	Chuck Sandefur	
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More About Camp Meeting ...

Sorry, ALL 30 and 50 amp RV sites, lodge rooms, and cabins are fully booked! There are a limited number of 15 amp and unserviced sites available which you can book your reservation by calling Penny at the Conference office - 403-342-5044 xt 201.

The following regulations are in place for the comfort and safety of all users of Foothills Camp. Your cooperation in observing them is very much appreciated.

- NO pets are allowed on the grounds / camping areas. Please respect this policy.
- A \$10 per key CASH refundable deposit will be required at check-in for all cabin, lodge rooms, and division building keys. When you return your key(s), you will get your money back!
- Children under 18 years of age are not permitted to stay overnight at the campground unless in the care of an adult guardian.
- Skateboards, water guns, firearms, bicycles are not permitted on the campground.
- Maximum occupancy on one RV site is one camping unit plus one same-family tent.
- Maximum of two vehicles are permitted on one RV site, campsite, or cabin.

Cafeteria Meal Prices

	Children 5-11	Adults
Breakfast	\$4.00	\$7.00
Lunch	\$6.00	\$9.00
Supper	\$4.00	\$7.00

PLEASE ARRANGE TO PURCHASE YOUR SABBATH MEALTICKETS PRIOR TO SUNDOWN FRIDAYS



Camp Meeting Music

There will be a camp meeting choir and orchestra for the second Sabbath of camp meeting. If you would like to join, please contact Harald Zinner at 780-922-1190 or hgzinner@shaw.ca.There will be choir practices as follows:

JUNE 12, 19, and JULY 10:

- Edmonton South church at 3 p.m.
 College Heights church at 6:30 p.m.
- If you are able and willing to help with the music program at camp meeting by leading song service, providing offertories, or playing the piano or organ, please contact Trudie Comm, Camp Meeting Music Coordinator, at 780-532-6411. Also, if you or your singing / instrumental group is interested in doing special music or a mini-concert, please contact her

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

David and Ida Warner's 50th



Seated: David and Ida Warner; Standing (I-r): Debbie (Stan) Bell, Diane (Randall) Reiman, Dennis (Tanya) ner, David (Dorothy) Warner

The Sylvan Lake church family was honoured to be invited to a surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Dr. David and Ida Warner in late 2009. This celebration was initiated by their children, several of whom gave tributes of gratitude for the wonderful example their parents have given us all. A light lunch was enjoyed as several shared their memories and expressed appreciation to the Warner family who have been members of the Sylvan Lake SDA Church for many years. The whole family was present except for five members. There are 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Wilfred and Ida Kenzle's 75th

Wilfred and Ida Kenzle celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary in February 2010. Wilf will be 98 and Ida 96 this year and they are both in excellent health. The Red Deer SDA church family was privileged to give them 75 roses at this almost unique event

Baby Dedication



Pastor Tyler and Catherine Rosengren, with baby Isaiah, returned to Edmonton Central Church on May 1, 2010, for a special dedication service for Isaiah. The Rosengrens are currently at Andrews University where Tyler is studying for his MDiv. At the same service, Catherine's sister, Laura, and her husband, Yuri Roberts presented their baby Zara in dedication to God.

CHURCH NEWS -

Baby Dedication and Baptism at Peers



Sabbath, December 19, 2009, was a high day for the Peers SDA Company when Renette Kreft was baptized into the fellowship of Christ and welcomed into the church family. Little Rihanna Myrick, age nine months, was dedicated to the Lord earlier the same day. Renette was contacted by Bible workers Egbert and Keishauni George as they visited the neighbourhood. Renette was searching for the true church. After studies and reading, she joyfully submitted her life to Christ and His chi

Pastor lim Davis conducted both services.

Ponoka Church Praises God for Baptism



The Ponoka Church celebrated two recent baptisms. Joshua Beaudoin (centre) was baptized after two years of preparation and made his decision to follow in the footsteps of Jesus through the waters of baptism. Darryl Johnson (right), who first attended the 2008 Prophecy Seminar was also baptized into the body of Christ, and his immediate family was there to witness the grand event.

Before the baptismal service, the Ponoka church members promised and voted to support these two young men with all their emotional and spiritual resources to help them grow in the Lord.

These gentlemen were baptized by Pastor David Beau doin (right)

Lacombe Community Church Rejoices with Baptism



ng: Perry Rhine)

The Lacombe Community church family rejoiced to welcome several new members follow ing an evangelistic series conducted by Pastor Verne Snow. With a renewed commitment the church seeks to reach their neighbourhood for Christ.

Sylvan Lake Church Family Witnesses Two Baptisms



Pastor Warren Kay and Karlee McNallev-Hum

The month of November, 2009, is a month to remember for Jim Hunt and Karlee McNalley for two reasons. They were married on November II and Karlee was baptized on November I4.

On February 6, 2010, Larry Leubke was baptized. After meeting Shirley and getting to know her, she invited him to the Sylvan Lake Church. After study and prayer, Larry was baptized.

Pastor Warren Kay officiated.



CHURCH NEWS -

- The Fort McMurray SDA Church began their 2010 "Healthy Living Club" season with another "Healthy Choices" workshop with Darlene Blaney. This is the third time Darlene has been to Fort McMurray for this reason.
- The multi-purpose space in the Yellowknife SDA Church filled up with rebels one Friday last fall! Ranging in ages from toddler to well-seasoned adults, these rebels had one thing in common; they were rebeis had one thing in common; they were tired of the status quo. Guest speaker for the weekend was Pastor Moises Ruiz and his wife Katelyn. On Sabbath afternoon the young people scouted their neighbourhoods giving out nearly 200 batteries and encouraging residents to test and / or change their smoke detector batteries.
- batteries.

 Horst and Oksana Gisbertz were baptised on April 17, 2010, into the Warburg Church, by Pastor John W. Gilbert, along with a number of rebaptisms. This marked the conclusion of a series of 26 evangelistic meetings held at the Holiday Inn in Drayton Valley. Horst and Oksana are attending the group meetings directed by Derald and Teresa Kisser in Drayton Valley. The group in Drayton Valley number upward to 20 of God's faithful who are looking forward to being moved from a group to an organized company. These dear souls are enthusiastic witnesses to God's truth for these end times. Horst is eager to begin preaching the message in his native to begin preaching the message in his native German language.

Dare to Move 2010

"Reaching out to the youth of Lacombe" was Moises vision in this

project and what better way ject and ter way to that than to in

Pastor Ruiz's

participate a **Dare**?

• In the spring of 2008, several young people decided that they would try to visibly show their faith in the **town of Blackfalds** by holding Bible studies in public places. The first took place at Subway. It became a hit, especially for the CUC dorm students. It was then decided that they would find another location--this time the library in Blackfalds. The atomosphere was places and welcoming complete with comformal places. the library in Blackfalds. The atomosphere was pleasant and welcoming, complete with comfy chairs and a fireplace! With joy, these few people were welcomed by the librarians who quickly informed them that this was not like most libraries, there was no need to be quiet! Since then, the group has met every Wednesday evening in the library. No longer is it a group of two or three, there are 15-20 people, students, church members, and community people. God has blessed greatly through this Bible study in the friendships that have been made with the librarians and community people who attend. Continue to pray for God's guidance in the library study and with the relationships that are being built through this ministry.

> Read the Conference blog for news! Visit www.albertasda.org and click on the link to the blog on the home page.

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The reward for attending all meetings was not only a better glimpse of God and the relationship He wants to have with each of His children, but also 20 I-Pod Touches purchased by the College Heights Church in a bold and

thurch in a bold and generous display of support for their young people. It would have been easy had only 20 people came every night, but the lucky few were chosen in a draw from al-most 70 names of regular attendees.

As Pastor Moises said in his con-

to win I-Pod Touches at Dare to ses said in his concluding talk, this is only the beginning! It's exciting to see God move because stemming from the **Dare to Move** series are new friendships, ongoing Bible studies, and I4 individuals with an interest in committing their lives to God through haptism

participate in a Dare? The evangelistic series sponsored by the The lucky few who were chosen in a draw to win I-Pod Touches at Dare to College Heights Move 2010

SDA Church in Lacombe consisted of nine meetings over two weeks focusing on stories from the Bible about people experiencing God. Through inspirational worship in music, drama, and story-telling, the evangelistic team dared all who came to move for, listen to, party with, train

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