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INDIANA CAMP MEETING: JUNE 11 - 17

WHEN YOU THINK OF CAMP MEETING, WHAT POPS INTO YOUR MIND?

When you think camp meeting, what pops into your mind? I recall pounding tent stakes, hauling stacks of folding chairs, and a pre-week of work assignments away from my district churches. But I also have positive memories like fellowship with friends, book sales at the ABC, pastors' ordinations, delicious homemade veggie-burgers, and the King's Herald Quartet singing before HMS Richards, Sr. preached. I still remember attending those early morning sermons and prayer services with mom in my younger days. Some camp meeting memories have faded, but anticipation for spiritual fuel for my soul remains. What musings do you have of camp meeting?

To prepare for a spiritual feast at camp meeting, a theme, musicians, presenters, and schedules must be settled in advance. Indiana Camp Meeting 2017 has been evolving for more than a year. Our evening speaker, **Robert Folkenberg, Jr.**, agreed two years ago to come while at the General Conference 2015 Session in San Antonio. Robert and Audrey will be with us from Hong Kong and the China Union Mission. You will want to hear the story of God's working across China. Also, each evening **Jim Nix** from the White Estate will feature Adventist pioneer stories.

As in 2016, our early morning speakers will be our **newest Indiana pastors**, with presentations on the life and ministry of the Apostle Peter. The later morning speakers include our own **Mark Eaton**, secretary-treasurer of Indiana Conference, with Revelation's messages on Bible prophecy and Islam, and **Wes Peppers**, Lansing, Michigan church senior pastor, who will share messages of revival.

You will also appreciate the afternoon seminars by **Brian Strayer** on Adventist history, **Daniel and Nerida McKibben** on healthy lifestyles, **Jerry Johns**

with professional nature photography, and **Jim Hoffer**, sharing research from his Old Testament sanctuary studies.

Indiana's own **Chris Holland**, *It Is Written* speaker for Canada, and formerly of Lafayette, will be our Sabbath morning speaker. Sabbath afternoon we will again celebrate a festival of evangelism with special music from across the conference, a baptismal service, and pastor ordination.

What else is planned for 2017? Our young people's meetings will feature staff from Timber Ridge Camp, along with special presenters for each division. Right now plans include air conditioning installation in the Indiana Academy gymnasium. Our three-phase master plan also includes updating RV sites and construction of new cabins in the future. Please keep these projects in your prayers, and thank you for your generous offerings toward Indiana Advance to support the modernizing of our campgrounds.

Don't miss Indiana Camp Meeting 2017! The application for camp meeting is inside this *Conference Connection*, and you can also register online at www.indysda.org.

These meetings aren't just planned to fill your schedule this summer, but they have been structured "to fan the flame" of spiritual revival. I pray that each of us is daily fanning the flame in our own hearts. Our priority is to prepare for Jesus' soon return. Why not plan your vacation at camp meeting this year. Let's "fan the flame" together!

Steven Poenitz
Indiana Conference President



- SINGLE MOMS & KIDS CAMP *June 22-25*
- BLIND CAMP *June 18-25*
- CUB CAMP AGES 7-10 *June 25 - July 2*
- JUNIOR CAMP AGES 10-13 *July 2-9*
- TWEEN CAMP AGES 13-15 *July 9-16*
- TEEN CAMP AGES 15-17 *July 16-23*
- FAMILY CAMP *July 23-30*

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REGISTER NOW FOR TIMBER RIDGE CAMP!

Before you know it summer will be here. There are so many things to look forward to, including a week at Timber Ridge Camp! You can have more fun than ever at TRC this year! We have a new pontoon boat at Cagles Mill to support our sailing program, and we will have paintball marking for Junior Camp and up. All our regular activities like horses, mountain biking, crafts, and much more will be available again this summer. But most importantly, remember that TRC is the place to meet great summer camp staff that love Jesus and go to campfires that inspire you to dedicate your life to Jesus. You can leave TRC knowing that Jesus is your best friend, and He has a plan for you today, tomorrow, and forever!

To register for summer camps, go to www.trcamp.org

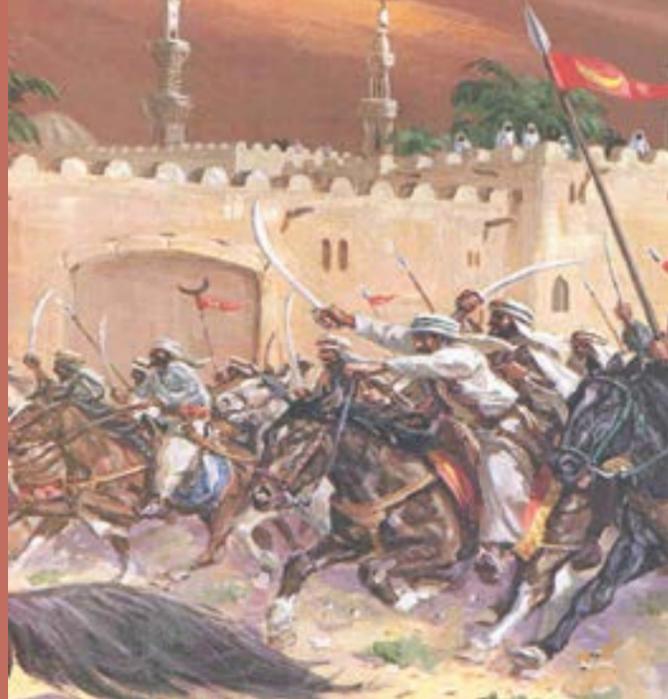
WE HAVE A NEW PONTON BOAT AT CAGLES MILL AND WE WILL HAVE PAINTBALL MARKING FOR JUNIOR CAMP AND UP!

ISLAM AND THE MILLERITE MOVEMENT

Today many Christians view radical, militant Islam as a new security threat to the western world. What is forgotten, however, is that the threat is not really new. As Samuel Huntington noted in his highly acclaimed and prescient book, *The Clash of Civilizations*, "Islam is the only civilization which has put the survival of the West in doubt, and it has done that at least twice."⁽¹⁾

In the 1830s, William Miller and his associates saw the threat of Islam clearly depicted in the 9th chapter of Revelation. They saw the first rise of Islam in the 7th century described by the Fifth Trumpet in verses 1-12; and the second rise of Islam in the 16th century described by the Sixth Trumpet in verses 13-21.

Of special interest to William Miller were the two time prophecies in verses 5 and 15. Rev 9:5 states: "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they



Attacks of the armies of Mohammed (called Saracens) in the 7th century.

should be tormented five months." Using the year-for-a-day principle, Miller calculated that the five months in verse 5 represented 150 years (5 x 30 days/month). He applied this time to the period when the Ottoman Empire fought in vain against the Byzantine Empire from 1298 to 1448.

The second time prophecy found in Rev 9:15 states: "And the four angels were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month and a year for to slay the third part of men." Again applying the year-for-a-day principle, Miller calculated this time period to be 391 years and 15 days. He applied this to the time of Ottoman (Islamic) supremacy from 1448 to 1839.⁽²⁾

Josiah Litch, a prominent Methodist minister that joined the Millerite movement, agreed with Miller's interpretation with one exception. He adjusted the beginning date for the two time prophecies from 1298 to July 27, 1299. He then calculated the ending date to be August 11, 1840.

Miller accepted this correction and both Miller and Litch went on to predict that the Ottoman Empire would fall on August 11, 1840.

This published prediction created an enormous stir in the public. Many were intrigued by the Millerite preaching that Christ would come in 1843, but they were not convinced that the year-for-a-day principle applied to the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14. The preaching of a definite date for the fall of the Ottoman Empire provided a means by which they could test the validity of the Millerite prophetic reckoning. If the Ottoman Empire



Ottoman Turks using gunpowder and cannon to blast down the walls of Constantinople in 1453.

suffered a fall on August 11, 1840, then they would believe the Millerite teaching that Christ would come in 1843.⁽³⁾

When the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire requested the help of the four "Great Powers" (England, Austria, Russia, and Prussia) in his conflict with Egypt on August 11, 1840, many saw this as a dramatic fulfillment of prophecy. John Loughborough noted: "This striking fulfillment of the prophecy had a tremendous effect upon the public mind. . ." Dr. Litch said that within a few months after August 11, 1840, he had received letters from more than one thousand prominent infidels, some of them leaders of infidel clubs, in which they stated that they had given up the battle against the Bible, and had accepted it as God's revelation to man. Some of these were fully converted to God, and a number of them became able speakers in the great Second Advent movement.

Ellen White, also an eyewitness to the Millerite Movement, echoes the sentiments of Loughborough, as follows:

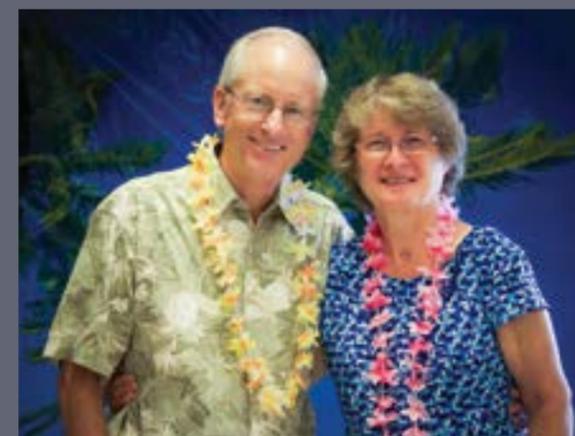
"At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended."⁽⁴⁾

The irony is worth noting. God used Islam, historically considered to be an enemy of Christ, to advance the work of proclaiming His second coming! For Seventh-day Adventists, this has even greater significance. Considering the positive impact that the August 11, 1840, event had on the Millerite movement, one could correctly conclude that Islam was instrumental in the founding of the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

"...how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out." Romans 11:33

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Mark Eaton
Conference Secretary / Treasurer



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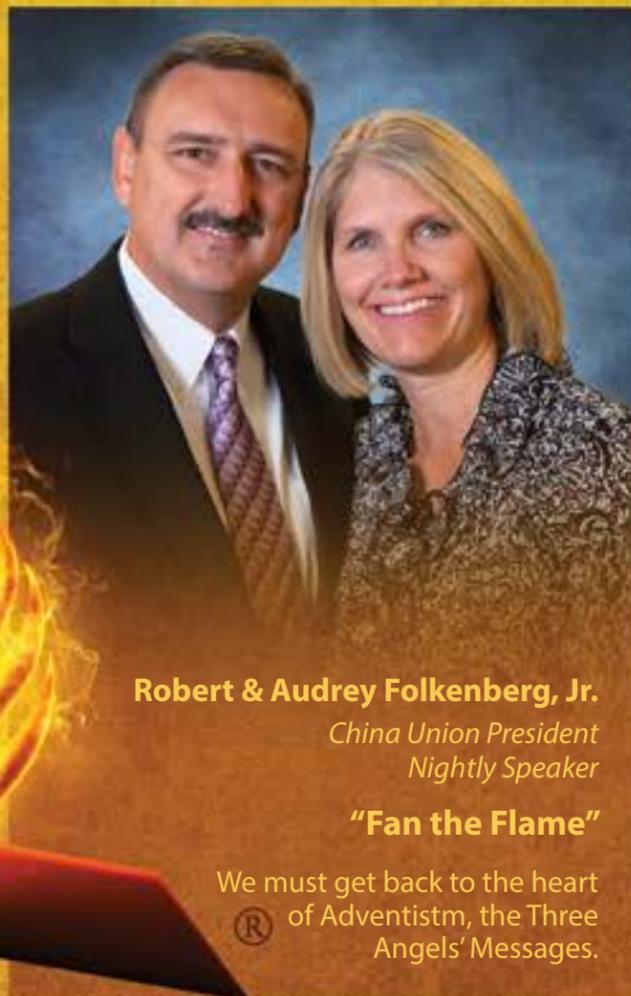
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FAN THE FLAME

INDIANA CAMP MEETING, JUNE 11 - 17, 2017

Enjoy a week of family life enriched with prayer ministry, evangelism, health messages, and enlightening thought with presentations in the newly air-conditioned auditorium, enhanced RV campgrounds and 5 newly constructed cozy cabins!! Exciting new speakers, field trips and programs are planned for your children. Make it a priority now to be a part of your Hoosier Adventist family this summer. Visit the Indiana Conference website to register and for updates:

www.indysda.org.



Robert & Audrey Folkenberg, Jr.
*China Union President
Nightly Speaker*

"Fan the Flame"

We must get back to the heart
of Adventism, the Three
Angels' Messages.



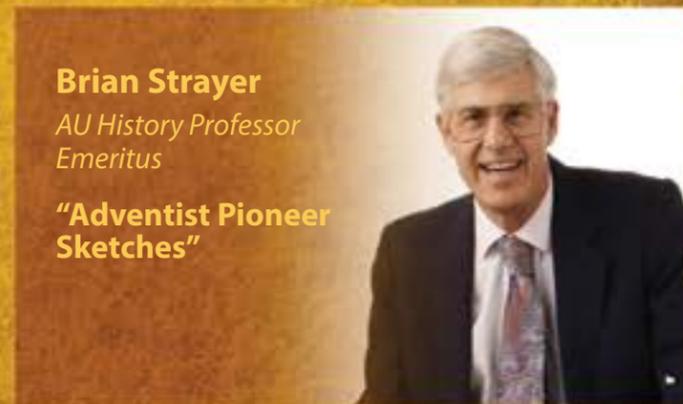
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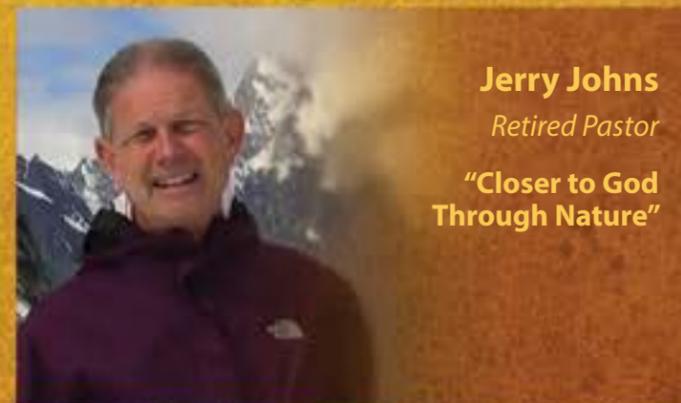
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McKibben**
*Terre Haute District
Pastor & Health Presenter
on the Hope Channel*
**"Daily Health
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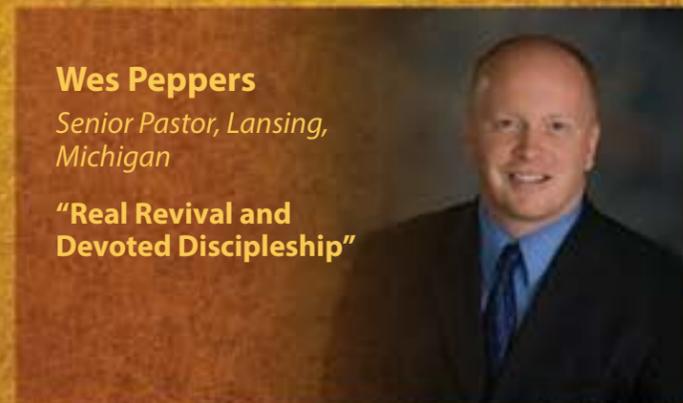
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*Conference Secretary/
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**"The Role of Islam in
End-Time Events"**



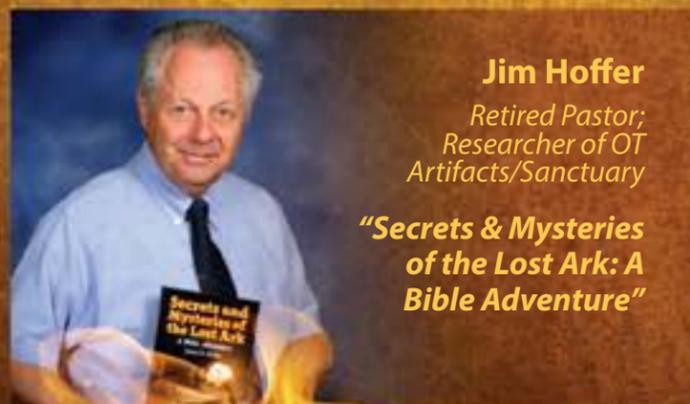
Brian Strayer
*AU History Professor
Emeritus*
**"Adventist Pioneer
Sketches"**



Jerry Johns
Retired Pastor
**"Closer to God
Through Nature"**



Wes Peppers
*Senior Pastor, Lansing,
Michigan*
**"Real Revival and
Devoted Discipleship"**



Jim Hoffer
*Retired Pastor;
Researcher of OT
Artifacts/Sanctuary*
**"Secrets & Mysteries
of the Lost Ark: A
Bible Adventure"**



Chris Holland
*It Is Written, Canada
Sabbath Morning Speaker*
**"Sparks, Fire and the
Loud Cry!"**



John Baxter
*Adventist Frontier
Missions*
**Young Adults
Speaker**



Ray Stephenson
*Campus Chaplain at
Bloomington/IU*
**Primary, Junior-
Earliteens Programs**

THE NEXT STEP

Meeting a Growing Need



57%

\$966,559 HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED

43%

\$733,441 NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

WHY IS OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CALLED THE NEXT STEP?

As Director of Advancement, students visit my office often to talk or to see if I have food. At the beginning of this school year a student stopped by my office. We started a conversation, but I quickly realized he was happy to just sit in the office. I asked him what he was up to, and he answered calmly—

“Ms. Pizarro, I am just happy to sit in air conditioning before I go back to the dorm.”

The students are happy with the education at Indiana Academy, but they have also expressed the need for a formal worship area in the dorms. The girls are excited that a kitchenette will soon come to

their dorms. We all have the opportunity to take the next step and make these things a reality for them.

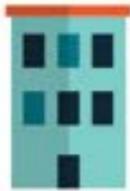
Why is our capital campaign called The Next Step? Simple. We have increasing enrollment, and the girls’ dorm has taken over one floor of the boys’ dormitories (locked doors, alarms, and security included, of course). The boys’ dorms haven’t changed since we visited there for their open house when I attended IA, and according to alumni at our last Orlando visit, they haven’t changed since they were students here in the 1980’s. Now is the time for us to take The Next Step for the students and make those much-needed changes.

This is not a project based on projected growth; this is a project to meet the needs of our current students NOW. We are thankful for all of the support that has already been provided, and we are thankful for you as you prayerfully consider your role in changing the lives of the current students, and the future students that will step foot on this campus.

Remittance envelopes have been included in this issue. On behalf of the students and staff at Indiana Academy, I would like to thank you for joining us on this journey as we take *The Next Step* to provide students of Indiana Academy the best spiritual atmosphere, but also a comfortable place for them to call home.

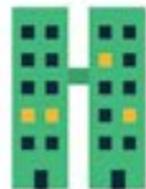
GIVE AT IASDA.ORG **Vivi Pizarro,**
IA Director of Development

THE THREE PHASES



PHASE 1: RENOVATION OF THE BOYS’ DORMITORY WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF AIR CONDITIONING.

PHASE 2: ADDITIONS TO THE GIRLS’ DORMITORY THAT WILL ADD 15+ ROOMS AND IMPROVE THE COMMON AREAS.



PHASE 3: CONNECTING THE TWO BOYS’ DORMITORIES FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY AND CAPACITY.



HISPANIC NEWS

Programa de Capellanía auspiciado por la Organización Mundial de Capellanes El Shaddai.



Jose entrena el Nuevo John Deere de la Iglesia Central



Celebración Cristiana de los Grupos Pequeños en la Iglesia Central

Distrito Norte #1: Goshen, Elkhart, Maranatha, South Bend



Eventos este año: Oración, Ayuno, Santa Cena, Vigilia Distrital, Cena de Parejas.

Actividades futuras: Inicio del Club de Matrimonios, Semana de Oración, Conferencias.



Transformados para vivir: Concierto y Santa cena

Grupo de Jóvenes visitando un asilo de ancianos en Mishawaka

Noche de juegos con los Jóvenes

Programa niños



OFICINA MINISTERIOS HISPANOS



Enero: Las Iglesias de Anderson e Indy Segunda tuvimos 10 Días de ayuno y oración para iniciar el año. Fuimos bendecidos con una linda ordenación de ancianos en Indy Segunda y también la capacitación de capellanía que se está ofreciendo para mas de 40 hermanos que se entrenan para servir en las cárceles y en la comunidad.



Febrero: iniciamos con la semana de vida familiar titulada “Salud Emocional en la Familia”. Al igual que el entrenamiento de los maestros/tras del ministerio infantil a nivel de Indiana. Pedimos sus oraciones para los eventos planeados en el año en nuestro distrito, como también los proyectos de construcción en Indy Norte, compra del templo en Anderson y planeación de ampliación en Indy Segunda.



Enero: la iglesia Fort Wayne Hispanic inició el año 2017 con 10 días de Oración y Poder, servicio de humildad y santa cena, Yeison y Leidy Herrera como nuevos miembros de iglesia por profesión de fe.



Febrero: Reconocimiento del Grupo Pequeño ganador de almas del pasado año 2016: Tiatira. Pr. Edwin Regalado presentó un seminario “La Familia que Yo Soñé” y campaña evangelística. Inauguración del comedor de nuestra iglesia.



NEWS

by Colleen Kelly
Marketing and Communication Specialist
Indiana Conference

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY SPEAKS AT SABBATH CELEBRATION

David Smith, new President of Southern Adventist University, was the special speaker for Sabbath Celebration, held on Indiana Academy's campus on April 1. His topic was "Something To Come Back To." He said that Adventist education provides a foundation for students long after they have graduated and is something for them to return to.

David Smith has worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than forty years as an academy teacher, college professor, college president, and pastor. For five years David served as senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church in Collegedale, Tennessee. The rest of his career has been devoted to

Adventist education. He has taught at Wisconsin Academy, Laurelwood Academy, Union College, and Southern Adventist University. From 1998 to 2011 David was President of Union College. David and his wife Cherie have two daughters, Jacinda, a stay-at-home mom in Tel Aviv, Israel; and Kim, an elementary school teacher in Keene, Texas. They are blessed with six grandchildren.

Sabbath Celebration culminated with the annual Indiana Conference Music Festival band and choral performances. The Music Festival is a yearly event which offers students in grades 6-12 from Adventist schools, public schools, and home schools an opportunity to participate in a three-day band and choral event. This year's Choral Clinician was Monica P. Kissinger, a conductor at Ball State University. Alan Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Music at Andrews University, led out as Band Clinician.



Glendale SDA Church members are enjoying their new senior pastor, Ramon Ulangca, who returned to Indiana from Colorado. He is pictured here with his family, left to right: son Randall, his wife Rae Ann, Pastor Ramon, and son Richard. Both sons are graduating from Andrews University this year and pursuing doctoral degrees in physical therapy and medicine. Rae Ann is an optometrist.



Welcome to Pastor Pedro Correa, our new pastor for the Frankfort, Logansport, Lafayette, and Hammond Hispanic churches. He is pictured here with his family: wife Martha, son Peter, and daughter Josalynn.

KENNETH PICKETT

Dec. 18, 1925 - Feb. 22, 2017



We mourn the passing of Kenneth (Kenny) Pickett, who passed away on February 22 at the age of 91. Kenny served as the camp manager for Timber Ridge Camp for over 20 years, stepping down as manager of the camp in 2005. He continued his service and support to the camp for an additional ten plus years. Whether it was leading out on trail rides, taking visitors on hayrack rides, or just presenting that big smile when guests arrived, Mr. Pickett showed his loving Christian spirit by his faithful service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Timber Ridge Camp, 1674 Timber Ridge Road, Spencer, IN 47460.



JE ANN SEMELEER JOINS INDIANA CONFERENCE TREASURY AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

for Indiana Conference. "I am excited to learn and more excited to serve others and God in this capacity," she said. Welcome, Je Ann!

Je Ann was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, but raised in the beautiful warm island of Curacao. In 2007 she attended Andrews University to pursue her bachelor's degree in accounting and then again in 2013 for a masters in administration. During her graduate career she discovered her passion and love for human resources. She says that due to life events that occurred prior to accepting the Indiana Conference job offer, she is assured that it is God who has ordained her to work



FLOOD CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS ADVENTIST EDUCATION IN MARCH

The month of March 2017 was set aside for the purpose of promoting a "FLOOD" of ways to emphasize Adventist Education in Indiana. Schools received a variety of resources to use and a list of ideas to consider with their school boards and local churches. Students were trained to speak up for Adventist Education and become school ambassadors to their friends and others in the church and community. Students and teachers captured their events with photos and videos that were shared in a special video produced for Sabbath Celebration on April 1 at Indiana Academy.

ESTATE GIFTS



Gifts from estates to benefit God's work through His church do not happen by accident. These gifts happen because church members plan in advance to remember God's work. Recently, the Indiana Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services Department received gifts from two estates.

The first estate included gifts to the Indiana Association for Indiana Conference evangelism, Indiana Academy, and Door Prairie Adventist School. An additional gift went directly to Andrews University. How did these gifts come to be? Through a will prepared in 2010. Nicole Mattson, Indiana Conference Superintendent of Education, is pictured presenting the gift to Kathy Eskridge, Door Prairie Adventist School Board Chair.

The second estate provided for a gift to the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church. Again, how did this gift come to be? Through a trust prepared in 1999 and amended in 2009. Vialo Weis, Indiana Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services Director, is pictured presenting the gift to Herbert Harris, Indianapolis Junior Academy School Board Chair and Vicki Willems, Glendale Treasurer.

Would you like to benefit God's work here in Indiana through your estate plan? Please contact the Planned Giving & Trust Services Department at 317-844-6201 or trustservices@indysda.org.

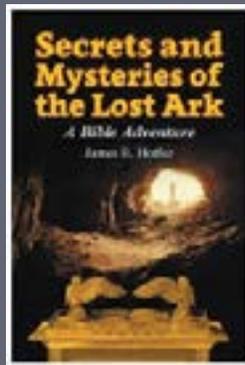


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For more information, please contact the Indiana Planned Giving & Trust Services Department at 317-844-6201 or trustservices@indysda.org

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EVENTS

APRIL

- Mar. 24 - Unlock Revelation Seminar, Fort Wayne
- Apr. 15 SDA Church, Eric Freking, MDiv.
- 1 Sabbath Celebration, IA
- 1 Music Festival Concert, IA
- 8 - 16 Hispanic Holy Week Evangelism - Statewide

MAY

- 5 - 7 Pathfinder Fair
- 13 IA Spring Concert
- 19 - 21 Adventurer Family Weekend
- 26 - 28 IA Graduation

JUNE

- 2 - 4 LUC Hispanic Women's Retreat, AU
- 11 - 17 Indiana Camp Meeting, Cicero
- 17 Hispanic Fellowship Day, Cicero

HISPANIC TRAINING

ICTLAI at Central Church

- April 23 Emphasis: Youth Ministry
- May 21 Emphasis: Music Ministry
- June 25 Emphasis: Church Clerk
- July 23 Emphasis: Women's Ministry

Financial Report

YTD DECEMBER 2016

YTD Gross	2015	2016	%Inc
Tithe Income	\$8,569,258	\$8,992,855	4.9%
Indiana Advance	\$149,611	\$164,157	9.7%

INDIANA ADVANCE: Each dollar received as Indiana Advance is used in Indiana and is distributed as follows:
Elementary Education: 35% Church/School Building Subsidy: 6.7%
Evangelism: 20% Youth Camp: 15%
Indiana Academy: 10% Church Ministries: 13.3%

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