

## “Preparing for Heaven in 2011”



### 1. Dinner with Elder Mark Finley

I ate supper with Elder Finley last week. He explained that the term *Revival and Reformation* is generic in Adventism. This has resulted in many Adventists not knowing what *Revival and Reformation* is precisely. Everyone assumes it is their brand of Adventism. He has prepared and illustrated seven new sermons for elders and pastors to present that Biblically demonstrates that *Revival and Reformation* for the individual is to open our lives to the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit so that God can fellowship with us more openly. His new presentations should be outstanding.



### 2. Indianapolis Outreach Coalition (IOC)

One sign that the Holy Spirit is working in our hearts is when we have an unquenchable passion to reach out and bring the secular people to Jesus. Since Ellen White wrote that God wants the churches on the outlying areas of the big cities to work the cities, we have set aside Sabbath, September 24, to go door-to-door with invitations to households in two zip codes in Western Indianapolis. We need 800 volunteers to accomplish this in three hours. Please plan now to join this incredible mission! We will do it again on April 21, 2012 in preparation for the Alexander Bullion meetings. In both of these events we will need not only people to help, but also a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Station for people with sprained ankles, etc. We are looking for a doctor and an RN who would be willing to “man” a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Station.



### 3. South Bend Evangelism with Elder Dwight Nelson (February 11 – 20)

Thank you for praying for the South Bend Evangelistic meetings. While visiting with Elder Thordarson he shared some wonderful numbers. Over twenty people have asked for baptism. More than 20 others have asked to continue studying and of course follow-up is continuing with many more people. Thank you Elder Nelson for being used by Jesus to bring the Everlasting Gospel to the South Bend Area. Thank you South Bend Church and area Adventists for supporting such a wonderful series.

### 4. Youth Bible Summit – March 25-26

Remember the **Youth Bible Summit** - “*Way Truth Life*” - is coming Friday and Sabbath, March 25 and 26 to Indiana Academy. We hope every church will send two youth and a sponsor. The Center for Youth Evangelism will be joining the



Indiana Conference Youth Department for this discipleship weekend. The program is focused on training youth and young adults who are serious about their walk with Jesus. Topics will include How to preach, give Bible studies, dig into the Word, reach your friends for Jesus, etc. There is a \$35 registration fee. Call the Center for Youth Evangelism to register 1-800-968-8428.



Elder Dan Jackson, North American Division President, will be a guest speaker at the Summit as well as Elder James Black, North American Division



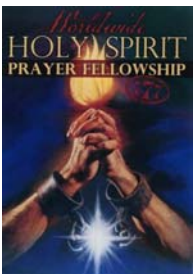
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Youth Director, Elder Ron Whitehead, Lake Union Youth Director, Elder Don Livesay, Lake Union President, Elder Charlie Thompson, Indiana Conference Youth Director and me. If you are a serious young person... come catch the Spirit and the training.

### 5. The Greatest Escape

Pastor Charlie Thompson reports that we had between 500 and 550 people present for the 11 o'clock hour. A number of youth responded to God's "call" made by Elder Manny Cruz (NAD Associate Youth Director) and committed themselves to be of service to the Lord Jesus and work for the salvation of others! Thank you sponsors and church ladies who worked so hard to host and feed this conference-wide event of prayer, praise and fellowship.

### 6. Revival and Reformation



**All-day prayer meeting at the conference office, Sunday, March 13, beginning at 10 a.m.** Please RSVP if you will be attending by calling Sheri or Julie at 317.844.6201.



### 7. Music Festival and Sabbath Celebration

Please remember to come and enjoy this special Sabbath of celebration. The Music Festival is hosted at Indiana Academy beginning Thursday, March 31 through Sabbath, April 2. The festival band will perform during Sabbath school and the choir and chimes will be in concert in the afternoon. Pastor Gene Hall, from Holland, Michigan, will be our guest speaker.

### 8. Hispanic Small Group Leadership

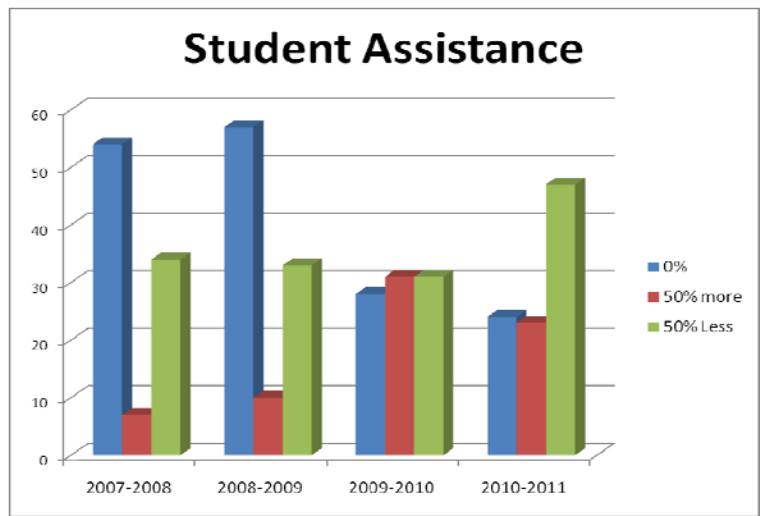
The Hispanic small group leadership training will be held at Timber Ridge Camp on Sabbath, March 26.

**9. Demographic changes** have occurred in the Indiana Conference as well as through the North American Division. If you follow the census outcomes for Indiana you may have noticed that the Latino presence has grown by 29%. That is illustrated in the membership of the Indiana Conference. Sister White mentioned that God would send people of the world to America so that they can learn about Him and the Adventist message. She was right again.

As with our forefathers who came to America from Europe and various parts of the world, when we arrived most jobs were manual labor and low income. Today is no

different for our Adventist people. We have many youth wanting to attend Indiana Academy. The average American income is around \$45 – \$46 thousand dollars. A family with an income of \$30,000 or less per year and three children cannot afford to send children to an Adventist school unless we all share the responsibility of providing Adventist Education for our youth.

This chart tells the whole story. Blue is students who need no sponsorship to meet tuition. Red represents those who need half or more. And then green illustrates those students who need assistance with half or less of their tuition. We are proceeding with the Biblical idea of equal sacrifice for equal opportunity. But we need members to help sponsor students who are waiting in line wanting to attend Indiana Academy. **Are you willing to help a student come to school next year?** Please contact Elder Litzenberger ([lylelitz@gmail.com](mailto:lylelitz@gmail.com)) 317-985-3575, treasurer at the academy. Thank you so much. Indiana Academy's future will depend on how we can respond to this appeal by considering all Adventist children our youth. We have a bright future as we "press together" and are our brother's keeper.



### 10. Lay Training Event at Timber Ridge


**Building Bridges** in the Indiana Conference - 2011 Lay Training Event April 15-16 (Friday 6 p.m. – Sabbath 6 p.m.) at Timber Ridge Camp. Cost \$25 includes room and board – bring your own bedding and towels. Toni Minikus, originally from Iowa, now serves as a Bible Worker in the Cicero Church. She has worked for three conferences and for Amazing Facts' Empowered Church Program. Please come and prepare to be of service in the Latter Rain.

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- + fear/fumbling to confidence
- + neighbors to friends
- + small talk to spiritual topics
- + friendships to Bible studies
- + your home to God's home

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**Let's pray because we care and work like we mean it."**