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**president**  
Thomas Lemon

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*Note: Central States is an ethnically diverse regional conference encompassing the entire Mid-America Union territory.*

## In This Issue...

We begin the new year with a new president of the Mid-America Union. Although I am grieving the loss of Roscoe Howard, I celebrate the transition of Tom Lemon to the leadership of our territory.

The first two words I would use to describe Elder Lemon are "humble" and "wise." One example of his humility is that he asked me to stop standing up at my desk when he knocks at my office door. Regarding his wisdom: Tom is usually not the first in a committee to speak to an issue but often is the last. He manages to sum up any situation into a prudent and equitable solution that wins a consensus.

If you don't know Tom, please read the next two pages and you'll gain insight into his life and his soul.

Elder Lemon asked me to make sure to mention that the photo you saw on the cover was taken at Union College, as a symbol of his support for Adventist Christian education from kindergarten through college.

Martin Weber, editor

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Thomas L. Lemon, new president of the Mid-America Union, stands in the atrium outside the library of Union College. The flags in the background represent the global influence of the college through its missions emphasis.  
 Photo by Chris McConnell.

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# Meet Tom and Jan Lemon

by Martin Weber



**T**homas L. Lemon is the new president of the Mid-America Union, elected Nov. 18 by the executive committee in session at headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. He will lead 64,000 Seventh-day Adventists in six local conferences within the nine-state region of the nation's heartland.

Since March 2009, Lemon has served as vice president for administration of the Mid-America Union, transitioning from having been president of the Minnesota Conference.

Elder Lemon began his career as a pastor in Maryland, also serving in Texas. He moved to Mid-America territory in 1996 as assistant to the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference. He then served as ministerial director in Oregon before accepting the leadership of Minnesota in 2006.

Lemon earned his BA degree in theology at Southwestern Union College (now Southwestern Adventist University) and a master of divinity degree from the Andrews University seminary.

He has been married 33 years to the former Jan Elmen-dorf, a career educator. They are the parents of two adult

children and have two grandsons.

Tom recalls meeting Jan at a church fundraising social: "We were children at the time. I was a visitor at the party. Three years later we met again at my grandparents home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where I worked at a summer job along with a cousin. Jan's sister and my cousin were friends from Ozark Academy. When her family vacationed through Michigan they stopped in to see my cousin and I was there.

"That happened two summers. Although we would not see each other again for four more years, we started writing letters. This continued through the vicissitudes of teen years and into college. We both consider that how we met was part of God's divine plan."

Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, chaired the executive committee of the Mid-America Union in electing its new president. Lemon replaces Roscoe J. Howard III, who is now the vice president for mission and ministries of Adventist Health System.

Delegates deferred to a later meeting the selection of a new vice president of administration to fill the post vacated by Elder Lemon.

## *Fulfilling our Mission in 2011* by Thomas L. Lemon

**F**or me, the Bible is the touchstone, the fulcrum, the foundation for all of life. People may understand various Scriptures in different ways, but God's Word is a guide without equal as a source for inspiration, information and boundaries.

Several New Testament passages deserve special attention if we hope to fulfill the mission the Lord has entrusted to us. I will refer to three of them over the next few issues, beginning here with the Gospel Commission:

"Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'" (Matt. 28:19-20\*).

It's because He has supreme authority that Jesus can command us as He does. And what exactly does He want us to do? "Make disciples." Jesus Himself did that, making 11 disciples who remained faithful during the crucifixion holocaust. How did they survive? Yes, there was preaching, healing, teaching and prayer time. But there was also His 24/7 presence.

The big word involved here is "incarnation." It means that God chose to become one with us in His Son. He became a man among us—living and dying as a man, then rising again as a first-fruit of the resurrection of humanity. He was perfect. "Not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity" (Ellen White, *Faith I Live By*, p. 49). But His perfection did not stop Him from "pitching His tent in our camp" (see John 1:14). He did not simply preach from some heavenly outpost among the stars. No. He lived among people, in Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Sychar and all over Judea, Galilee and Samaria. Lepers touched Him, children climbed on His lap, crowds jostled and often delayed Him. He knew what it was to sweat, to be exhausted, hungry, lonely, ignored, rejected and finally, to die.

Apparently Jesus could not make disciples any other way than to be present with them where they lived. He not only lived among us but also suffered our pain, ultimately on the cross. Our salvation was unattainable any other way.

Likewise, if we are to carry forth Christ's disciple-making command, we cannot back away from a ministry of presence in our communities—even though that will bring us inconvenience and even suffering.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?" "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house" (Matt. 5:13, 15).

Too often we hoard ourselves in the saltshaker we call the church. Salt in the right amounts brings flavor, preservation and even healing. But too much salt in high levels of concentration, over time, can be corrosive. Likewise, light in a dark place makes vision possible. But a concentration of light in a place that is already bright may blind the eyes. In a world that needs both the beneficial properties of salt and the illumination of light—hoarding it amounts to the same mistake as burying the treasure in Christ's parable of the talents.

We cannot simply preach from a pulpit, a storefront, a radio station, a TV tower, a satellite beam, or an Internet connection and then wash our hands declaring, "They have been warned." Media ministry does wonderful things but is limited in its life-changing effect. Disciples are made by other disciples. This takes time and presence. Media ministry is a wonderful tool to assist discipleship but cannot be the whole process. Disciples are not developed by remote control.

Too often we get the idea that a decision for baptism is fulfillment of Christ's commission. A decision is important as a first step, but if we would truly make disciples, much deeper involvement by the church is required. Congregations must engage with the larger community.

Which leaves us with the question: Is the gospel incarnate today—in me? In you? In us? Yes—if we are true disciples of Jesus. ■

*\*All Scriptures are from the New King James Version.*



*Thomas L. Lemon is the new president of the Mid-America Union.*



## *Lifestyle Discipleship* by Martin Weber

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**M**ore and more Adventist churches, schools and hospitals are taking members, students or employees on brief overseas mission trips. It's a worthy endeavor to forsake one's comfort zone for a week or two of getting "out there"—not just to lay bricks but to interact with people for their health and salvation. There is just one potential downside in this: compartmentalizing our mission.

Here's what I mean. Outreach activity ought not be disconnected from everyday life, as something extra we do once a year or so. This is apparent in what some might consider a surprising aspect to Christ's Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them" and "teaching them" (Matt. 28:19-20).

So our Lord commands us to "Go," doesn't He? Actually, that's not exactly what Jesus is saying here. You see, in the entire Gospel Commission there is only one explicit imperative verb—to "make disciples," or literally, "disciplize."\* The other three verbal words are in participle form. So "Go!" should be translated "going," just as "baptizing" and "teaching" are.

You may be wondering, *What's your point? What's the big deal here?*

It's this: Jesus is not asking us to "go" and do discipleship as a separate function of our lives, different from what usually keeps us busy. He wants discipling to be a habitual, lifestyle activity. As we are "going" about our lives, He has commissioned us to make discipleship an integrated part of daily activities.

The difference between "go" and "going" is subtle but significant. Do you see it? Christ expects us to make discipling a normal function of everyday life, not some separate, disjointed activity done once in a while when we muster up energy, courage or resources.

When we grasp and implement what Jesus is commanding us to do, it will transform how we do both outreach and nurture. It will regenerate the church from being Laodicean part-timers into whole-life discipleship participants, like the Pentecost-inspired early Christians.

We see then that the purpose of short-term mission trips is not to fulfill our evangelistic duty for the year but to inspire us to adopt a different lifestyle when we get home: full-time disciples and disciple-makers.

I'm connecting here with what we just read across the page from our new Mid-America Union president, Elder Tom Lemon. He challenges us to be incarnational—that is, to interact within our everyday world as ambassadors of heaven...to be fully engaged and engulfed in discipleship within our own environment as a whole life experience.

Here's the bottom line: *The Great Commission is not about cold contacts but about warm relationships.* It means more than to "go" and knock on the doors of strangers, interrupting their TV ballgames in hopes of persuading them to enroll in a depersonalized Bible correspondence course. (Yes, there is a place for self-study lessons online and by mail—augmented by local fellowship, if desired.) As we are "going" about our daily lives, we make friendships for God with the people He has entrusted to our witness in the workplace, marketplace and classroom. Remember, people do not care how much we know until they know how much we care.

When our colleagues and neighbors are weary of life, they find us ready to speak a word in season. When they wonder what makes us different, we are ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us—not arrogantly but respectfully.

Of course we still need public evangelism events, to reap the harvest of disciple-making that continually occurs (both strategically and spontaneously) in a loving and prayerful church. People will come to our meetings when they have experienced our unselfishness, compassion, joyfulness and integrity. They will entrust us with their questions about the meaning of life and death, pardon and power, the past and the future. And they will be ready for the answers that only Seventh-day Adventists can teach them.

After being baptized, these endeared souls will endure to the end with us—not only as disciples but disciple-makers, winning new souls to the incarnate body of Christ. Only thus will the Great Commission be fulfilled, and finally the work of God will be finished in the world and in the Mid-America Union. ■

\*This morphology in the original New Testament Greek is picked up by some Bible versions such as Young's Literal Translation and the International Standard Version.

*Martin Weber is editor of Outlook.*



# Re-creation at

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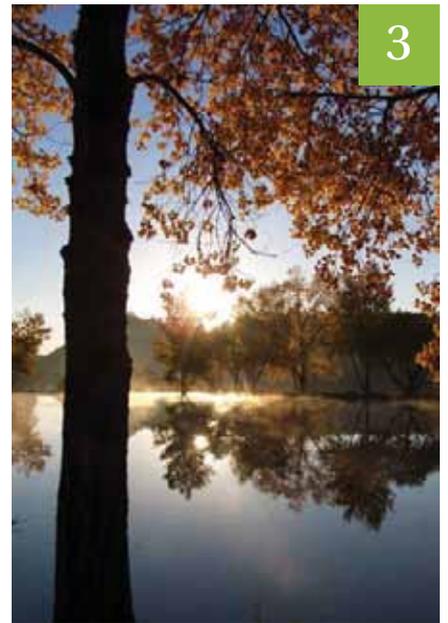
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This past year Eden Valley partnered with local district churches in holding health expos and cooking schools. The institute also welcomed Colorado conference workers to come and be revitalized and energized for their ministry.

Information about health programs and services is available by calling 970.776.3344 or e-mailing [lifestyle@eden-valley.org](mailto:lifestyle@eden-valley.org).





# LIGHT SHINES IN THE BLACK HILLS

by Janet Nelson





**“I knew the health message for over 20 years, but I never applied it,” says Patricia Akenberg. “Praise God! He sent me to Black Hills Health and Education Center. By the end of 20 days I had lost 16 pounds! My cholesterol was normal. Coming to Black Hills gave me a future; it restored confidence in myself and in God.”**

Patricia is among hundreds of guests who have benefited from the wellness program at Black Hills Health and Education Center (BHHEC) in Hermosa, South Dakota. Long considered sacred by Native Americans, the Black Hills offer tranquil beauty where the presence of God seems near—a perfect place for physical, mental and spiritual healing.

### **History of BHHEC**

Since the Center was established 30 years ago, it has focused on the

healing aspects of pure air, sunlight, temperance, exercise, water and trust in divine power. Today BHHEC is a private non-profit organization with a documented record of success. The facility offers an affordable retreat for people with health concerns (such as heart disease, diabetes, depression, addiction, obesity, cancer, fibromyalgia, arthritis and other auto-immune diseases) in a peaceful setting away from daily patterns and influences. Guests can initiate improved life-style-related health habits.

The Center sits on 265 acres 30

miles south of Rapid City, cradled in a tranquil and lush valley, circled by steep red rock cliffs, and near a small creek. Guests often see deer contentedly munching on the lawn, or a flock of turkeys crossing the road.

For Laurel Schultes, it was the beautiful and quiet setting that first impressed her. As the program got underway and she met all the staff, she realized that they genuinely cared for her wellbeing. Laurel says, “The feelings of stress, depression, pain and fatigue are all gone. At 56 years of age I feel again more like I did in my 20s.”

One guest struggling with mental illness recited the old adage, “Man can live about 40 days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope” before adding, “This program has given me hope.”

Each month a ceremony is held at the end of the wellness program. “Hearing the testimonies [of graduating guests] encourages us to keep doing what we’re doing,” says Richard Nelson, general manager.



## Organic produce nourishes guests and is marketed locally

Losing weight and gaining control of his life was Pat Fitzwater's goal. "From day one, I knew I had the care and support I needed to get on a healthier lifestyle. I was not belittled or judged; I was loved."

Pat has returned home now and has lost more than 120 pounds. As he continues his journey to health and fitness he says, "I know support is only a phone call or e-mail away."

### Attentive Medical Professionals

"We know that the body is fearfully and wonderfully made by God and that it has a great capacity to heal itself," says Dr. Michael Olivier, medical director. A live-in program gives opportunity for guests to spend significant time with physicians. "I've never had a doctor listen to me like this before" is a common comment. The medical staff includes physicians, nurses, a dietitian, counselor, massage therapists and certified personal trainers. Daily lectures on all aspects of health and exercise give guests the tools they need to imple-

ment lifestyle changes when they return home. Nutritional counseling with Michelle Lesher, registered dietitian, helps guests develop a plan based on their own individual needs. "Knowing why I should avoid certain foods enables me to make informed decisions about my choices," explains one guest.

Organic produce from the Center's garden enables guests to enjoy fresh, nutritionally-dense vegetables. Gardening in South Dakota can be a challenge; but because of a 96-foot greenhouse, quality produce is available much of the year. It is sold to restaurants in Rapid City as well as at the local farmers' market.

BHHEC's outreach extends into the community through its fitness program, the massage school clinic, nutritional and

spiritual counseling, along with other health-related programs in collaboration with the Hermosa SDA Church.

For further information about Black Hills Health and Education Center, call 800.658.5433 or visit [www.bhhec.org](http://www.bhhec.org).





## Central States Introduces Charles Ray Osborne III *by Roger Bernard*



Elder Charles Ray Osborne III, new Park Hill pastor, with his family

Central States Conference welcomes the newest member of its worker team, Elder Charles Ray Osborne III, as pastor of Denver's Park Hill Church.

Born in Houston, Osborne was

raised an active member of Belfort Adventist Church. After receiving a BA degree in theology with a minor in urban studies, he served as an Adventist Youth Volunteer for several English language schools in Korea. Upon returning, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1991.

That year he launched his pastoral ministry in the Hobbs (New Mexico) and Midland (Texas) district, where he restarted a defunct church. He then pastored the Christian Fellowship and North Highlands Community Adventist churches in Oklahoma City, raising \$100,000 in less than four years for a building project.

In 2003 Pastor Osborne began leading Detroit Center and Cornelius First churches in Michigan. Extending his

pastoral role, he taught Bible classes at Peterson-Warren Academy. Under his leadership the church facility at Mt. Clemens was renovated and a radio ministry began. From 2006 to May 2009 he pastored Flint Fairhaven congregation, after which he led the Detroit Burns district. He also served as director of inner cities ministries for Lake Region Conference.

Charles is married to Quetah Sackie-Osborne, an educator. They have two children, Queanna (13) and Charles IV (9).

Pastor Osborne's hobbies include bowling, working on his computer, traveling and talking. A favorite verse is Galatians 6:9: "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

## TOP is on Fire *by Anita Clay*

Members of Tabernacle of Praise in St. Louis testify that TOP is "the place to be." TOP members go on the Internet telling about their exciting Sabbath school, the preaching of Pastor Donald Rolle and the music of their award-winning choir.

Visitors delight in Beverly Steward's joyful, innovative Sabbath school programs and the enthusiasm and preparation of the teachers. Pastor Rolle takes familiar Bible texts and explains them creatively. For children, he interpreted the command "Be ye transformed" in the context of transformer toy cars.

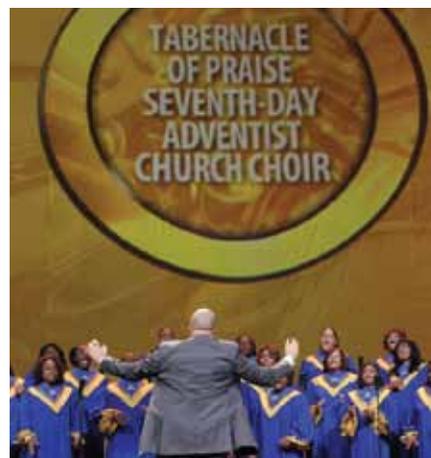
TOP's choir is participating in the nationwide "How Sweet the Sound" choral competition. (TOP was the St. Louis area winner in 2008.) Meanwhile, the church is on fire with soul-

winning. Wednesday night prayer meeting is an evangelism tool, attracting up to 40 attendees. One recent midweek series trained members to be disciples, with topics such as "Kingdom Thinking" and "Healthy Mind." Members report coming out of the meeting divinely equipped for spiritual warfare.

As evidence of God's blessing, one recent revival week in the church became an experience in evangelism. One member of the congregation that rents the building on Sundays was attending a meeting downstairs while the TOP service was going on above him. Attracted by the preaching, he came upstairs and took a seat in a back pew. The next night he returned, and the next. At the end of the week he was baptized! Not only that, he

brought his girlfriend—who brought her girlfriend. Two weeks later both of them were baptized as well.

Anyone wishing to see a church on fire can visit TOP, where they keep the water warm in the baptismal pool.





### Tom's Legacy of Life



Pastors Nicholas Eaton (left) and Don Johnson baptize Tom, at peace with God the week before his death.

Nearly two years ago, Pastor Don Johnson and his wife labored for the souls of Brookings, South Dakota. They drove the 51 miles from Sioux Falls every night for a month in hopes of reaching hearts with the Gospel and the Three Angels' Messages. For the first time in many years, the Johnsons had no baptisms at the close of an evangelistic series. But one man, Tom, had come to every meeting, and despite poor health continued to attend Sabbath services.

Although Tom delayed his decision for baptism, he believed the message. Meanwhile, his health faded rapidly, due to a failing pancreas and liver. His doctor said it was time to get his affairs in order.

Pastors Johnson and Eaton met with Tom and his mother for an anointing service to seek the Lord's healing. Tom that day announced his decision to be baptized. He had held

back because he was afraid he would hurt his mother's feelings by leaving the Dutch Reformed Church in which she had raised him. Now he declared, "I believe this to be the truth, and I must follow the truth."

So it was that Tom took his stand, with five others, to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A week afterward he had surgery for what the doctors believed would restore his health. But four days later, Tom fell asleep in the Lord.

More than 400 attended the funeral, among them one of his brothers who had left the church years earlier. Tom had wondered if he would ever come back to God.

Pastor Eaton tells what happened: "Following Tom's surgery, I spent four days with his family after the hospital had taken him off the machines. This provided opportunity to build a relationship with Tom's brothers and his

wonderful mother."

As a result, the brother that Tom thought would never come the Lord declared that he was open to seeking God again. He asked if Eaton would send him a copy of a sermon once a month, since the Wyoming town in which he lives has only a Mormon and a Catholic congregation.

Pastor Eaton reflected on the experience: "I was so nervous before the funeral because this was my first one. But in spite of my shortcomings, the Holy Spirit spoke through me. And because of Tom's witness in the life that he lived and the decision he made to be baptized a week before he died, a tremendous testimony was left as his legacy to friends and family."

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*Pastor Nicholas Eaton is a church planter in Brookings, SD. Jacquie Biloff is director of communication for Dakota Conference.*



### 3ABN TV Features Black Hills Health and Education Center

Black Hills Health and Education Center in South Dakota was recently featured on the telecast 3ABN Today. Pastor Dan Gabbert chatted with 3ABN production manager C. A. Murray about his own journey from rock musician to mental and spiritual coach at Black Hills. He also spoke of wonderful transformations in guests attending the monthly wellness program. And Battle Creek Gardens, he explained, supplies fresh produce not only to the Black Hills' kitchen for guests and staff but also to restaurants in nearby Rapid City.

The telecast also featured the School of Massage Therapy, one of very few offering instruction from a

Christian basis in this important modality. Gabbert announced the formation of Black Hills School of Health Ministry, to be launched in 2011. It will include classes in health and wellness coaching, biblical response therapy, training in giving Bible studies, and a module on literature evangelism.

A training manual for Gabbert's biblical response therapy program is available from [www.bhhec.org](http://www.bhhec.org).

*Janet Nelson, director of BHHE*



Pastor Dan and Patsy Gabbert

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### Appreciating a New Pastor *by Trish Williams*

Members of Kansas City Central presented their new pastor and his wife, Edye and Erica Campos, with a plaque and cake in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month. The church also surprised Pastor Campos with a birthday party and get-together at Red Robins after a fun family outing at Deanna Rose Park in Overland Park, Kansas.

Pastor Campos exclaimed, "Our family feels so blessed to be part of the Kansas City Central Church family! Both my wife and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by the members. Erika and I already feel like Kansas City is home."



Kids of KC Central present new pastor Edye Campos with a special plaque.

### KC Central Unveils Interactive Website

*by Trish Williams*

Kansas City Central Church (KCCC) recently unveiled a creative new website targeting non-members, yet still ministering to members. The new site [www.kccsdachurch.com](http://www.kccsdachurch.com) lets visitors learn about KCCC's ministries, view the church bulletin online, browse the events calendar, give donations online, read daily devotions and do much more.

Local church communication coordinator, Jara Stewart, designed the website. She made one section avail-

able to members only, providing specific member announcements and a link for sharing prayer requests. The members' section also facilitates social networking within the church via Facebook and Twitter. Along with the new website, KCCC now has a new logo.

Pastor Edye Campos commented, "I believe a great way to minister to people today is to incorporate tools like technology—webites, video, Internet, social media—which people are using on a day-to-day basis. It helps us meet people where they are. And after all, isn't that what Jesus did?"

Campos explained that one of the first things he wanted to do for KCCSDA was to cast a vision of how the church can use technology to reach people for the kingdom. Affirming the communication secretary, he added: "Jara caught the vision."



### Upcoming Events

**March 4-5: Missouri Honors/Leadership Weekend at Camp Heritage**

**March 13-19: SAA and Elementary School Spring Break**

**March 25-27: Iowa Honors Weekend, location TBD**

**March 31-April 2: Elementary Music Festival at Sunnydale Adventist Academy**

**April 15-17: Youth Rally/Academy Days at Sunnydale Adventist Academy**

**April 28-May 1: IA-MO Spring Camporee at Camp Heritage**



## New Horizons Now an Official Church *by Lem Bach*



New Horizons Homecoming attendees

New Horizons Adventist Church in Springfield, Missouri officially became a church on Sept. 25. Lay Pastor Mark Welch and local members incorporated the special service into their second Annual Homecoming Weekend, emphasizing their congregational theme of “Hope, Healing and Harmony.”

After baptizing four young people, Pastor Welch preached about forgiveness, continuing a sermon series on peacemaking (available on [www.NewHorizonsChurch.net](http://www.NewHorizonsChurch.net)). After fellowship lunch, members recounted stories of their early years as a church plant. Robert Wagley, ministerial director for Iowa-Missouri Conference,

reviewed the fundamental beliefs of Adventists and challenged New Horizons members to continue doing God’s work in their part of the world.

New Horizons had been recognized as a church company in 2001, having met the conference requirements of stable local leadership, at least 20 baptized members, and adequate tithes and offerings. To become an official church, one crucial requirement is to have an evangelistic plan in place for the entire first year. Accordingly, Pastor Welch encouraged the church to engage in friendship evangelism. Each member picked one to three people for whom they prayed every day and then invited

to monthly community events held throughout 2010.

As soon as New Horizons’ charter members signed the official roster, they turned their attention to their next outreach event: Creation Sabbath, in which members and guests would meet in a park to celebrate the week God created this world.

Pastor Welch announced that New Horizons, currently renting its facility, has submitted an offer to buy a building previously used for day-care. Pending structural inspections, members plan to have it operational within a year.



Pastor Mark Welch baptizes Hayden Stalker during Homecoming Weekend.



Pastors who have served New Horizons: (L-R) Dwight Seek, Mark Welch (current pastor) and Walter Brown.

### Veterans Honored at Northside *by John Treolo*

Photo by John Treolo



Wayne McGregor, World War II veteran

Lincoln's Northside Church honored veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces during Sabbath services on Veterans' Day weekend. Northside member Victor Penrosa, coordinator of the endeavor, presented each veteran in the congregation with the books *A Thousand Shall Fall* by Susi Hasel Mandy and *Steps to Christ* by Ellen White. Relatives of active servicemen and women received these books on their behalf.

Wayne McGregor, World War II vet and Northside member, read the scripture for the service. Pastor Robert Martinez offered prayer for community members Jerry and Linda Bales, who will spend a year in Tanzania as missionaries. Jerry previously served in the military more than 20 years.

Robert Martinez, Northside pastor, presents gift books to Robert Mastera of Lincoln's Piedmont Park Church.

Photo by John Treolo



"We thank you for all you have done to build a better world," Penrosa told the veterans.

### New Name and Sign for Lincoln ABC *by John Treolo*

The Adventist Book Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, has a new name: ABC Book and Bible House. Manager Peggy Glass unveiled it in a new sign during an open house for the community. "Our name may have changed, but our mission continues and is of paramount importance," Glass explained.

"We want the community to know what type of products we offer and that they are welcome to shop here," she added. The store had an immediate increase in non-Adventist customers.

In addition to the new sign that illuminates after dark, the store has a new awning. "It gives us a whole new look," Glass said. "It fits in with the neighborhood that is being renovated, and I think it's inviting and warm to come into."



Photo by John Treolo

The new sign illuminates the ABC after dark.



## Farewell to Veteran Musician *by Vanessa Schaecher*



Duane and Lou Ann Fredregill pose with John Allen and a plaque thanking him for 37 years of music ministry with them in the Gospel Road Trio.

Photo by Vanessa Schaecher

After singing together for 37 years, the Gospel Road Trio held a concert at Piedmont Park Church in Lincoln to say farewell to their baritone singer, John Allen, as he and wife Carolyn move to North Carolina.

Along with Gospel Road members Lou Ann and Duane Fredregill, Allen has sung for multiple denominations at various events through the years. While the goodbye concert was difficult for the group, the many memories shared were full of love and laughter. The Fredregills presented John with two commemorative bricks to thank him for his friendship, ministry and loyalty to Gospel Road.

Following the concert, attendees stayed for refreshments and a sharing time with the Allens.

The Fredregills will continue the ministry of Gospel Road with their Southern Gospel concerts.

*Vanessa Schaecher is a member of Echoes of Mercy ladies' trio.*

## Mural Gives New Life to Old Hallway

*by John Treolo*

When members of New Haven Church in Kansas City obtained the former Cherokee Elementary School facility for their new place of worship, they were amazed at the number of classrooms for children's divisions. All that room was welcome, but the corridors connecting them still looked like typical school hallways. Now, thanks to Wilma Irvin and her daughter, Keelie Rincon, those old corridors feature an attractive mural portraying Bible characters and Noah's Ark animals.

"We found illustrations we thought were cute for kids," Rincon said. "We're not up-front people, so this is our way of giving back to the church."

Judging from the children's reaction, the artwork is appreciated.

"We've done this in our own home and for friends," Irvin added. "We enjoy doing it and that's what makes it fun."

Keelie Rincon and her mother, Wilma Irvin (pictured), painted a mural on the hallways leading to the children's divisions at New Haven Church.



Photo by John Treolo

# Christian Record

## RECEIVES 2010 BBB INTEGRITY AWARD

Christian Record Services for the Blind, a member of the Better Business Bureau for 58 years, won the organization's 2010 Integrity Award for non-profits in Nebraska, South Dakota and southwest Iowa. Pictured below are CRSB president Larry Pitcher (left) with Nebraska governor Dave Heineman at the awards luncheon.

Also attending the Lincoln event was the mayor, Chris Beutler.





### Honoring our Teachers *by Pastor Benji Ferguson*

*Affirmation on behalf of memorable Adventist educators*

Sometimes classroom leadership involves a struggle to be equitable. Even for teachers committed to inclusiveness, it's a challenge to ensure that every student is instructed with equal diligence.

Donna Cox was a truly great teacher at Minnetonka Christian Academy who succeeded at this more than most. When she passed away Nov. 1, our church lost a wonderful member. An upcoming issue of *Outlook* will offer special tribute to Donna's legacy.

Meanwhile, I hope that all of us will remember faithful teachers in our own experiences who have modeled themselves after the greatest teacher of all, Jesus Christ. Being a teacher

myself, I've observed that the divide between good and great in my profession seems to be wide and long.

During my days as a student missionary teacher, I gained a new respect for those who had instructed me. I wrote to several of them, thanking them for the impact they made in my life.

Mr. Hilliard was my high school algebra teacher. My hatred for math showed up in my grade. But Mr. Hilliard had me stay after school—and on several occasions came to my house—making sure I learned basic concepts. By the end of the year I was getting such a good grade that I took several more years of math, including calculus. In fact, I taught math as a student missionary.

How many of you have had a great



Pastor and teacher Benji Ferguson

teacher in your life like Mr. Hilliard or Donna Cox? You can probably name at least one. If that teacher is still available to receive your gratitude, I would urge you to find some way to communicate it.

### Minnesota's Loss is North America's Gain *by Jeff Wines*

On Friday, Nov. 5 at the Year End Meeting of the North American Division, Claudio Consuegra was elected director of family ministries for the territory of the United States and Canada.

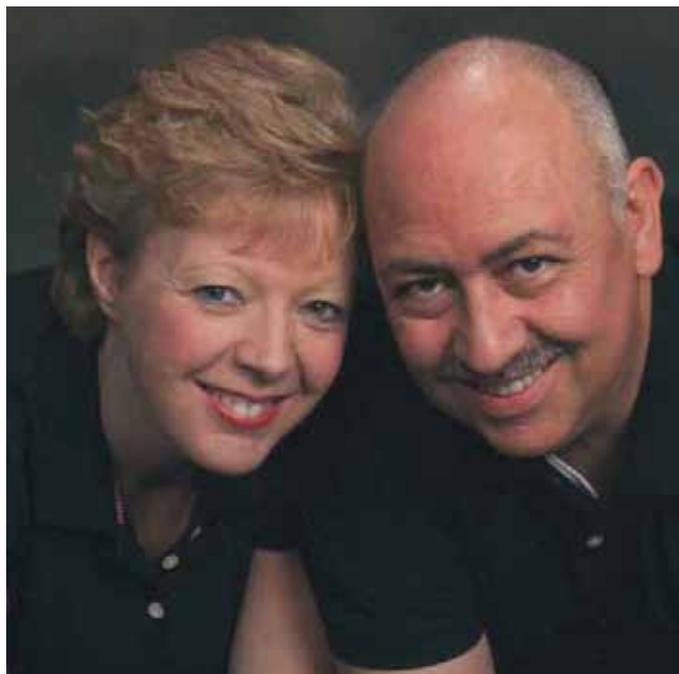
Claudio has been serving as Minnesota Conference vice president for administration, Ministerial Association secretary and director of family ministries and ethnic ministries. Previously he was a pastor in Minnesota. He holds degrees in theology, counseling and psychology and is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry in family ministries from Andrews University.

Claudio's wife, Pamela, has been education director for the Minnesota Conference. She is currently finishing work on a PhD in educational leader-

ship.

For the last five years, Claudio and Pamela have conducted marriage conferences with the "From This Day Forward" team. Their experiences in pastoral ministry, leadership, administration, education and family ministry will bless the North American Division.

The Minnesota Conference office family wishes God's blessings on the Consuegras as they continue spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and building up the church.





### Red Ribbon Week at HMS *by Ardis Stenbakken*



DEA Helicopter lands at HMS Richards School.

As all heads turned skyward, some faces showed awe, shock or joy. A helicopter landed on the lawn of HMS Richards Adventist Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado and a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent emerged.

Such was the kickoff to Red Ribbon Week for students, staff, some parents and a few visitors from Campion Academy at an event coordinated by Colorado National Guard. The appearance of a fire truck, four firefighters and a policeman added to the excitement.

The DEA agent told the story of Enrique (Kiki) Camorena, a drug enforcement agent killed in the line of duty and in whose honor Red Ribbon Week began. "If someone offers you drugs, what are you going to say?" he asked.

The helicopter pilot also challenged

students to shun illegal drugs. He asked them, "Do you think I could fly this helicopter if I were on drugs?"

After students were led in a pledge to avoid narcotics, they had pictures taken with the DEA agent and pilot in front of the helicopter. They also explored the fire truck.

Second-grader Nolan Eickmann remarked, "It was cool because when I grow up I want to be a helicopter pilot. I learned that drugs can keep us from reaching our dreams."

Benjamin Maxson, another second grader, said, "The helicopter landing was awesome! I learned that we shouldn't try drugs or even touch them... and if anyone offers drugs to us—even an adult—we should say No!"

Principal Davin Hammond added, "The helicopter pilot and drug enforcement agent commanded imme-

diately respect and used the opportunity to emphasize the negative effects of drugs. The more positive role models we can bring our students in contact with, the more likely our students will make healthy choices later. A huge thank you to Sgt. Jolley of the National Guard, who made both last year's and this year's Red Ribbon Week a success."

During the week, students did a skit and crafted posters on the themes "drugs destroy dreams" and "our bodies are God's temple."

Student Rebecca Morales commented, "I learned that you shouldn't do drugs because it messes up your life and you can't do the things you can if you are drug-free."

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*Ardis Stenbakken, author and speaker, is retired after serving as women's ministries director of the General Conference.*



## Remembering Peggy McCumber

Peggy Jo Graves McCumber, wife of Pastor Bob McCumber, passed to her rest Oct. 7, 2010, after 79 years serving God.

Peggy and Bob met at Forest Lake Academy. After dating throughout their years at Southern Missionary College, they were married and then served in various positions throughout the United States. In 1961, Bob accepted a pastorate in Casper, Wyoming and in 1975 moved to Colorado Conference headquarters, where he served as a departmental director. Peggy worked at Porter Hospital as an emergency room nurse.

May Bob and Peggy be reunited soon at Christ's coming.




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## Union College

### Union College PA Program Receives \$792,000 Grant *by Tiffany Doss*

Union College's physician assistant program will receive a \$792,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which will be used to award scholarships to new PA students over the next four years.

Each year between 2011 and 2015, the grant will fund five scholarships for new Union PA students. These \$22,000 scholarships will cover tuition and other expenses and can be renewed for a second year. This funding will help expand the program by five additional slots to a class size of 30 by the 2011-12 school year.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, congress set aside \$30 million for a five-year initiative to fund the training of more than 700 PAs pursuing a career in primary care medicine. Union is one of only 28 PA programs in the nation to receive this award.

"Having Union College's grant application chosen for this award emphasizes the strength of our program," stated Mike Huckabee, PA program director. "We are very excited for the students and what this means for the program's future and we are thankful for God's blessings."

Union's graduate-level physician assistant studies program, one of only two in Nebraska, prepares students for a field that *CNNMoney.com* recently rated the second best career in America. Union graduates had a 100 percent first pass rate on the national PA certification exam four of the last five years, and 100 percent of graduates have found jobs within three months of graduation.

*Tiffany Doss is a senior communication major.*

### PA Program Teaches Servanthood by Example *by Tiffany Doss*

For Chris Kinney, now in his third year of Union College's physician assistant program, becoming a PA was never about the money. And serving the Lincoln community through the program's outreach venues strengthens his desire to help people.

The international rescue and relief program first convinced Kinney to make the trip from California to

Union. "I planned to be a paramedic," he said. "But I really wanted to be more involved in providing holistic ways to solve people's health problems."

In the PA program, Kinney found many opportunities to serve. "Teaching responsible servanthood is our foremost goal, and our graduates take that into the field in a way that makes

them stand out from their peers," explains Mike Huckabee, Union College's PA program director. "Employers recognize that, and some even contact our program to list their jobs among the new PA graduates. They want our graduates because they show compassionate integrity that goes beyond what is normally seen in the profession."

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Chris Kinney, PA student at Union College, clips toenails of a client at the bimonthly foot clinic operated by Union's PA and nursing programs at a local soup kitchen.

## PA Student Plans Career of Service *by Ryan Teller*



Shane Merchant chose Union College's PA program because of its Christian atmosphere and dedication to service.

"Why would you want to come to the reservation?" the old man asked in surprise.

The question haunted Shane Merchant, now in his first year of physician assistant studies at Union College. As he helped treat the retired Winnebago man at the reservation clinic, Merchant shared his dream of becoming a physician assistant and serving on Native American reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

"I want to help your people," he replied. "But I don't know if I can make a difference."

"When you throw a rock into a lake, it makes a ripple," the old man smiled. "And that ripple makes a difference."

More than 20 years after graduating from Norfolk High School, Merchant enrolled in college for the first time, intent on becoming a physician assistant to provide primary medical care services in rural Nebraska. "I could see the lack of adequate health-care providers in rural areas," he said. "That's why I decided to become a PA."

### Finding a home at Union

Union College's graduate program in physician assistant studies proved to be the perfect fit. Merchant earned a degree in medical technology from the University of South Dakota (USD), and he intended to continue his training there. But while visiting other nearby PA programs, he found a home at Union.

"I wanted to come to Union because of their involvement in the community," he said. "Helping those in need is part of their philosophy." From giving seminars on sexually transmitted infections at local high schools to staffing a foot clinic for Lincoln's homeless citizens, Union's faculty find many ways for Merchant and his fellow PA students to sharpen their skills by serving the people of Lincoln.

But as a non-traditional student from rural Nebraska, Merchant also appreciates Union's small class sizes, personal attention and Christian atmosphere. "At Union, I can see the important role that faith plays in

healing," he explained. "And the professors and students are like a family. I felt like they would do anything for me—and they have." This learning environment has led to a 100 percent first time pass rate for Union graduates on the national PA certification exam four out of the past five years. And 100 percent of graduates have found jobs within three months of graduation in a field that *www.CNNMoney.com* recently rated the second best career in America.

### A passion to serve

Merchant's career goal came into focus after he began shadowing PAs and volunteering at clinics on several reservations while studying at USD. "I have seen American Indians suffer so many injustices and live in appalling conditions," he said. "As a PA, will I be able to change that? Probably not. But I can make a difference in their health, one person at a time."

*Ryan Teller is director of public relations for Union College.*

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## Union College

### Union Student's Research Measures Effect of Music on Athletes

by Tiffany Doss



For his senior research project, David Skau, senior international rescue and relief and pre-med major, is conducting primary research to discover how a musical beat affects athletic workouts.

Ever wonder if that Mozart or Kings Heralds on your iPod is actually helping your workout? David Skau, senior international rescue and relief and pre-med major, aims to find out. For his senior research project, Skau is looking at the effects of pure metronome beats on athletic performance.

"This project is heavily based on primary research," explained Frankie Rose, assistant professor of biology. "Primary research is an essential tool in learning and it's crucial for Union College students to do more hands-on research and discover experimental outcomes for themselves, versus only reading about it in a book."

Skau ultimately hopes to discover how music affects an athlete. "We already know that music has a significant impact on people," said Skau. "But what could that mean for athletes? Is there a certain range of tempos that allows for the most comfortable and optimal athletic performance?"

While other researchers have measured how music impacts an athlete,

Skau decided to isolate the effect of the beat and remove other factors such as musical taste. First, he evaluated the typical performances of the 15 participants while pedaling on a stationary cycle with no music or beat. Then, once a week, he will give varying metronome tempos to participants while they pedal. "The beats for participants will vary radically each time," he explained. "This will prevent the cyclers from simply progressing and give me a more accurate measure of the beat's effect."

After monitoring heart rate, distance cycled and asking participants about their comfort level, Skau will chart his findings and look for a common tempo that maximizes each individual's performance. "Essentially my findings could improve people's workouts in gyms," he said. "If a particular range of tempos seems to provide the best outcome then classes could begin to tailor their music to make exercising more comfortable and effective."

Rose is excited to hear Skau's report and analysis at the end of the year and is thinking of more opportunities, beyond senior research projects, for primary research. In Rose's Mammalian Physiology class, students have broken into small groups to consider hypotheses of their own.

"One group is measuring the effects of music on certain brainwaves," said Rose. "Another group is researching how music affects a person falling asleep, and a third on the recovery time from exercising after having recently donated plasma. A fourth group is replicating a polygraph with our current equipment."

Each group will present their statistical analysis in class at the end of

the semester. Rose hopes to have several students present their findings at a biology symposium at the Nebraska University of Sciences and submit the research to peer-reviewed journals.

Rose and Skau agree that "first-hand experience is essential for maximizing education and brings an appreciation for how research is done."

*Tiffany Doss is a senior communication major.*



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## A World (and a Wall) of Adventist Healthcare



Ken Bacon, president and chief executive officer at Littleton Adventist Hospital in Colorado, commissioned an interactive mission display for the hospital lobby that tells the worldwide story of the Adventist healthcare mission.

*Interactive multimedia display spotlights Littleton Adventist Hospital's global mission*

Most people don't like waiting for the elevator. But at Littleton Adventist Hospital, some seem to actually enjoy it.

Just across from the elevators in the main lobby is the expansive new Mission Wall—an eye-catching interactive display highlighting the worldwide scope and mission of Seventh-day Adventist healthcare. It's educational and entertaining, and has become a popular attraction for visitors and staff alike.

Using cutting edge communications technology, the Wall incorporates on-demand video, photographs and print, with the centerpiece being a 10-foot-wide laser cut map of the world. The location of each Adventist hospital around the globe is represented by a small, printed flame, an icon drawn from the church's official logo.

Built into the map is a wide-screen television display dedicated to the mission efforts being undertaken by Littleton and Denver's other three Adventist hospitals—Avista, Parker and Porter—through the Global Health Initiatives program. By simply pressing a button, viewers can instantly see pictures and video showcasing the impact of the hospital's and other Centura Health outreach efforts in Peru, Belize, Nepal and Rwanda.

Nearby plaques share background information about each location, and honor by name the many Littleton hospital employees who have performed volunteer service on mission

trips. In the rare times when a video option hasn't been chosen, the screens display information about local healthcare services at the hospital, or show photographs of Littleton's sister institutions throughout the United States.

The Mission Wall was the idea of Ken Bacon, who has served as Littleton's president and chief executive officer since January 2007 and contracted with 360 Media for creation and construction. "I wanted to graphically demonstrate that Adventist healthcare is a worldwide mission of the church—not just unique to Colorado or to North America," he says.

Response to the new display has been overwhelmingly positive. "It's really a beautiful piece of art, and it gets a lot of attention," says Bacon. It's especially popular with visitors to the hospital, who are invariably surprised at Littleton's commitment to mission outreach. "And they're amazed by how global Adventist healthcare really is," he says.

The Mission Wall's prominent placement is also a reflection of what Bacon sees as rapidly growing employee interest in mission trip participation—almost all of which happens at significant personal time and expense. "Those who volunteer return home with a renewed sense of commitment, and a desire to do it over and over again," he says.

Most of all, Bacon sees the Wall as a graphic illustration of Littleton's mission—to extend the healing ministry of Christ. "It truly shows how bringing health and wellness to people is a priority for the Adventist Church," he says, "and how proud we are to be involved in that effort—both locally and around the world."

## Farewell

**Allen, Emily F. (Barbeaux)**, b. July 23, 1932, in Milwaukee, WI, d. Oct. 19, 2010, in Broomfield, CO. Faithful member of Loveland Church and before that the Cheyenne Church. Preceded in death by spouse, Don C. Allen. Survived by daughter, Diane Gabriella; son, Michael Lewis; sister, Lucille McDonald; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Bailey, Joseph Raymond "Ray"**, b. March 25, 1932, in Kansas City, MO, d. Oct. 22, 2010, in Holyoke, CO. He worked for the denomination for over 40 years beginning as a pastor, missionary and educator. He worked closely with Amazing Facts broadcast. Survived by wife, Phyllis C. (Kuhnke); daughters, Sheryl R. "Sherry" Wolf and Terrill A. "Teri" Johnson; sons, Richard A. "Rick" and Randall S. "Randy"; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Barker, Grover Tillson**, b. May 4, 1939, in Animas City, CO, d. Nov. 7, 2010, at his home near Durango, CO after a six year struggle with cancer. He served the church in South America for 10 years and taught accounting at Union College for 15 years. Preceded in death by daughter, Alice Anne; brother, Walt; sisters, Joan Heinbaugh and Betty Gerard. Survived by wife, Joy Anne (Powell); daughter, Julie Reichert; son, Theo; sisters, Alice Downey and Bonnie Lorenz; and three grandsons.

**Buskness, Mary Bohl**, b. April 15, 1914, in Woodworth, ND, d. Nov. 16, 2010 in Carrington, ND. Member of the New Home Church. Preceded in death by husband, John. Survived by son, Ron; daughters, Connie Aljets and Marilyn Hirsch; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Duckett, Donald Wayne**, d. Nov. 3, 2010. Member of the Wichita South Church. Survived by wife, Val; brothers, Mike, Dan and Robert; mother, Berniece Duckett; son, Boyd; daughter, Christina Pistonik; step-son, Jeremy Stewart; and five grandchildren.

**Erhart, Doris Maxine Brownback**, b. April 16, 1919, in Centerville, KS, d. Oct. 31, 2010, in Boise, ID. She and her late husband, Cliff, were charter members of the New Haven Church in Overland Park, KS. They

were also one of several Adventist couples who founded Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Survivors include sons, Milt, Wayne, Lee and Stan; brother, Leo Brownback; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Fifield, Patty Ann**, b. Sept. 21, 1931 in Fairbury, NE, d. Sept. 27, 2010 in Council Bluffs, IA. Graduated from Platte Valley Academy in 1949. Survived by husband, Everett Fifield, Jr. and son, Everett Fifield III; daughters, Teresa Thompson and Linda Franklin; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

**Hauck, Fred E.**, b. Nov. 3, 1929, in Mott, ND, d. Sept. 8, 2010, in Apopka, FL. Long time member of Denver First/LifeSource church but attended Denver South in recent years. He served the denomination as an educator and in health care. Preceded in death by first wife, Lillian, three sisters and five brothers. Survived by current spouse, Barbara; sons, Loran and Leon; sister, Martha Hauck-Scott; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Jensen, Hally Evelyn**, b. May 20, 1922 in Hazel, ND, d. Oct. 28, 1020 in Lincoln, NE. Member of the College View Church. Survived by husband, Nels; sons, Ronald, Steve and Paul; daughter, Debera Peters; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Mathis, Helen L. (Bliss)**, b. Sept. 20, 1918, at Marion, IA, d. April 21, 2010 at Center Point, IA. Graduated from Union College in 1944. Faithfully held many offices at the Cedar Rapids Church. Widely known for her amazing pies, which sold at church school auctions for up to \$500. Preceded in death by brother, Leslie Bliss. Survived by husband, Dale; sons, Edwin, Vern and Norman; brother, Harold Bliss; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Reiner, Duane**, b. Feb. 16, 1943, in Aberdeen, SD, d. Nov. 14, 2010 in Lincoln, NE. Member of the College View Church. Survived by wife, Eunice; son, Trenton; step-sons, Robert Dey and Terry Dey; daughter, Carrie Parker; brother, Richard; and father, Walter.

**Striha, Clarence**, b. Dec. 6, 1925,

in McLean County, ND, d. Oct. 29, 2010, in Minot, ND. Served in US Air Force. Member of the Butte Church where he held various positions throughout his lifetime. Preceded in death by parents; wife, Doris; and daughter, Sandra Striha. Survived by son, Terry; daughter Deborah Logan; grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Thelander, Lemoyne Nathaniel**, b. April 8, 1919, in Polk County, NE, d. Oct. 29, 2010, in Julesburg, CO. Member of the Sidney Church. Survived by wife, Marlene; daughter, Linda Kleist; son, Wayne; brother, Leroy; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

**Venteicher, Augustine "Fred" Ferdinand**, b. July 9, 1925, in Clearwater, NE, d. July 5, 2010, in Omaha, NE. Member of the Omaha Memorial

Church. Survived by wife, Natalie; daughters, Cynthia Humphrey and Kathleen Thompson; sons, Gary, Alan and David; sisters, Bernadine and Lillian; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Watson, Arlene Marie**, b. July 23, 1923, near McCool Junction, NE, d. Nov. 3, 2010, in Mitchell, NE. Member of the Scottsbluff Church. Survived by husband, Atwood; daughter, Joan Hamm; son, Atwood Jr.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Wyatt, Ruth Ann**, b. April 16, 1959 in Rochester, MN, d. Sept. 14, 2010, in Iowa City, IA. Faithful member of the Cedar Rapids Church. Served 10 years in the military. Survived by mother, Shirley Bredeson; brother, Larry Bredeson; sister Denise Sasek; and a niece and nephews.

## Sunset Calendar

Colorado	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Denver	4:45	4:52	4:59	5:06	5:15
Grand Junction	5:02	5:08	5:15	5:22	5:30
Pueblo	4:48	4:54	5:01	5:09	5:16
<b>Iowa</b>					
Davenport	4:42	4:49	4:34	4:37	4:42
Des Moines	4:54	5:01	4:46	4:49	4:54
Sioux City	5:02	5:09	5:16	5:25	5:34
<b>Kansas</b>					
Dodge City	5:31	5:37	5:44	5:51	5:59
Goodland	4:33	4:39	4:47	4:54	5:02
Topeka	5:10	5:16	5:23	5:31	5:39
Wichita	5:21	5:27	5:33	5:41	5:48
<b>Minnesota</b>					
Duluth	4:30	4:37	4:46	4:55	5:05
International Falls	4:28	4:35	4:44	4:54	5:05
Minneapolis	4:41	4:48	4:56	5:05	5:15
<b>Missouri</b>					
Columbia	4:56	5:03	5:10	5:17	5:25
Kansas City	5:06	5:12	5:19	5:26	5:34
Springfield	5:06	5:12	5:18	5:26	5:33
St. Louis	4:50	4:56	5:03	5:10	5:18
<b>Nebraska</b>					
Grand Island	5:15	5:21	5:29	5:37	5:45
Lincoln	5:09	5:15	5:22	5:30	5:39
North Platte	5:24	5:31	5:38	5:46	5:55
Scottsbluff	4:33	4:40	4:48	4:56	5:05
<b>North Dakota</b>					
Bismarck	5:04	5:12	5:20	5:30	5:40
Fargo	4:48	4:56	5:04	5:14	5:24
Williston	5:10	5:18	5:27	5:37	5:48
<b>South Dakota</b>					
Pierre	5:12	5:19	5:27	5:36	5:45
Rapid City	4:24	4:39	4:48	4:48	4:58
Sioux Falls	5:00	5:07	5:15	5:24	5:33
<b>Wyoming</b>					
Casper	4:41	4:48	4:55	5:04	5:13
Cheyenne	4:40	4:47	4:54	5:02	5:11
Sheridan	4:37	4:44	4:52	5:01	5:11

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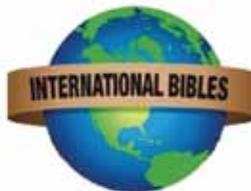
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