



## Give Me What You Have



An ancient parable from India describes a wise woman who, while traveling in the mountains, found a precious gem in a stream. The next day she met a hungry traveler, so the wise woman shared her food with him. When she opened her bag, the traveler spotted the gem and asked her to give it to him. She gave it without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing. He knew that the stone was valuable enough to provide security for him for a lifetime. But a few days later, he returned the gem to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," he said. "I know how precious the gem is, and I know you know. I bring it back in the hope that you can give me something even more valuable. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the gem."

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Blake, Chris, [Creation Health Bible Program](#), *Choice*, page 40; iStock Photo

## Alumni Chapter Meetings

Friendship goes beyond just sharing time together, and it is long lasting. How true this is when alumni from SRA, DAA, or PVA come together and reminisce about their academy days and the friendships that started then.

Alumni weekend on campus is a fitting example of friendship. Walking the halls, listening to stories, and hearing the laughter as friends meet again exemplify this friendship. Many alumni may not have the opportunity to make the trip back to campus. Chapter meetings in four locations each year provide the opportunity for alumni to renew friendships and to hear updates on what is happening on our campus.



**Lincoln, Nebraska** was the setting for the first chapter meeting. Held on Thursday, February 1, over 40 alumni gathered together on the campus of Union College. This chapter meeting usually has the widest range of alumni attending and this year was no different as classes from 1946 up to 2017 were in attendance.

**Arizona and California** meetings were held this past weekend with over 50 meeting in Mesa and another 19 meeting in Redlands. Again, the age range of alumni attending was wide with some in their 90's and higher. I appreciate all the work the organizers do to promote and host these meetings. Special thanks to Lenhardt & Darlene Kungel, Sharon Pearson, Vivian Lehr, Nola Thom, Eleanor Cross, and Linda Blount for their assistance with the Mesa meeting and to Arline Slattery and her husband, Charles, and Ilo Underwood for the Redlands meeting.



The **Washington** area chapter meeting will be held in May. Watch for more information in the next issue of the newsletter and for invitations to be sent out in April. For more information, please contact Sharon Heinrich at 701-751-6177 ext. 212.

Whether it is alumni weekend on campus or one of the chapter meetings, the common thread among alumni is the time they spent at the academy, the impact on their lives, the friendships they made, and the importance of continuing to provide our youth with the same opportunity they had for a Seventh-day Adventist education -- building friendships here on earth and more importantly eternal friendships in Heaven.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. We appreciate all you do for the students and staff of DAA.

Article and photos by Sharon Heinrich

## Showing God's Love



For the past several years when Pastor George and Jean Shaver come to the pastors' meetings held at the conference office in January, they bring boxes of Amaryllis bulbs in dirt for each of the office staff. It is fascinating to watch the Amaryllis grow in the different offices as the weeks go by. Some sprout up quickly and others take their time. The Amaryllis in my office is at it's peak as I am writing this but the one in Neil's office has no blossoms at all.

Thank you, Pastor George and Jean, for the many hours of pleasure and beauty these plants have brought to those of us at the conference office. You have generously and graciously shared God's love with us.

Article & photo by Jacquie Biloff

## Thank You Good Friend

As I am driving or alone in my house, I always enjoy listening to music. Playing the organ in church as a young adult I knew all the old hymns and found myself singing or humming them during my day. As the new contemporary music appeared, I learned to enjoy the modern songs as well.

God does work in mysterious ways because a good friend presented me with a challenge. He asked if I listened to KTWJ Radio and wanted my opinion. Well, I confessed I hadn't consistently been following the station so here came the challenge. I turned my dial to KTWJ and left it there for two weeks consistently. Surprisingly, I felt a relaxing warmth as the songs of old and new were presented in a softer, milder fashion.

Also, the talk presentations of Bachelor, Boonstra and Bradshaw along with others added to my spiritual adrenalin. There is quite a variety of children's stories to inspire the youngsters



too. Although my kids and grandkids are far away, I do think of the young people with all the harshness in the world and it is very assuring to know there is a safe and Godly influence available to them.

Thank you, good friend, for the challenge! All it takes sometimes is the courage to ask a simple question to get the spiritual ball rolling stronger.

Article by Rose Christensen; Photo by iStock

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## Mandan Church Wishes Hammond a Sad Farewell



Sabbath, February 10, was bittersweet for the Mandan Seventh-day Adventist church family. A song of prayer and farewell was sung to Arlene Hammond. The praise and music team invited Hammond to the front of the sanctuary and sang the beautiful song *God Be With You Until We Meet Again*. Pastor Harold Chin, along with the church elders had a special prayer for her.

Hammond has made the decision to move to Sioux City, Iowa, this month to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. She is planning to look for a part time job, but more importantly, to be available to help with her daughter's family. She has been listening to the urging of God for the past three years to make the move and now has decided the time is right.



Sabbath, February 17, the church family said farewell with a gift, cake and many hugs.

Arlene is a deaconess and song leader. All in the Mandan church will miss her happy smile and laugh.

Article & photos by Paulette Bullinger

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## Do This in Remembrance of Me...

The week of January 22-26 was Week of Prayer for Prairie Voyager School in Grand Forks, ND. The emphasis was on communion and how making decisions for Christ leads to baptism. Each day started with the theme song *Remembrance* by Matt Maher, followed by prayer.

Throughout the week, a presentation was delivered by different members of the Grand Forks Seventh-day Adventist Church relating to the theme topic.



On Monday, Head Elder **Troy Erickson** led a discussion about the importance and sacredness of the communion service. Erickson believes the communion service is an important reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf, and that it is not a service to avoid, but one anticipated and participated in with joy. Erickson, also a member of the community service committee, included information about the blessings a person receives through serving in the church and the community.

**Roberta Temple**, the pastor's wife, came on Tuesday to share her testimony with the students on how her experience at summer camp as a youth led to her baptism. When Temple was 13, living in New York state, a couple knocked on her family's door and offered to send her brother to camp. Her brother declined. Temple was then asked. She intended to say NO, but the word YES came out of her mouth! Attending Camp Cherokee changed her life! It introduced her to Jesus and the Adventist faith. Studying with the pastor that summer, and later with the couple who sent her to camp, led her to choose Christ. She was baptized the following year during the NY Camp Meeting. Doors were also opened to allow her to attend Union Springs Academy where she met her husband. Several Prairie Voyager students have experienced the blessing of summer camp for themselves and look forward to going every year.



On Wednesday, **Kia Kraulik** brought a slide show of photos from her Maranatha mission trips. Kraulik has been on six Ultimate Workout trips. She began as a participator but now attends as staff. Her earlier trips helped her develop a deep relationship with Jesus. As Kraulik witnessed the poverty the people experienced, in comparison to the abundance people have in the USA, it sparked an idea for a service project. On a mission trip to Panama, she and her two sisters asked the church and their local community to donate shoes to take with them to give away. They were able to hand out about 300 pairs of shoes. On that trip Kia and her sister Kari were baptized.

**Logan Rubbert** presented on Thursday. Rubbert was a student at Prairie Voyager in 2002-2004 for grades 7 and 8. In Mrs. Erickson's first year of teaching, she taught Rubbert for his final year, grade 8. Rubbert was able to share with the students the benefits of attending an Adventist school and how it makes it easier to follow Jesus. Rubbert had also attended public school and shared some of the challenges he had faced to keep a strong relationship with Jesus during that time. During his time at Prairie Voyager, Rubbert made the choice for baptism.

Pastor **Mike Temple** came on Friday for a very special service. Mrs. Erickson and Pastor worked together to teach the students about the communion service by partaking in one together as a class. Pastor walked them through the steps of the service studying the verses that corresponded with each emblem. Mrs. Erickson wanted to provide an opportunity for the students to ask questions and receive answers during this service, which would normally be disruptive during a regular church service.

Week of Prayer is one way the Prairie Voyager School teaches its motto, "Educating for Eternity".



NOTE- Mrs. Erickson has been in the Grand Forks Church for almost 15 years. To the best of her knowledge, 18 of the 29 students that have been involved with the school have been baptized, most of them during their time at Grand Forks.



Article & photos by Leanne Erickson

## Two Pastors Attend State Highway Patrol Chaplaincy Training in Bismarck



Dakota Conference pastors Peter Simpson and Mike Temple recently attended chaplaincy training for CISM (Crisis Intervention Systems Management) at the Law Enforcement Academy in Bismarck. Simpson and Temple are both North Dakota State Highway Patrol Chaplains, and the training that took place on February 1, 2018, prepares them for dealing with first responders in an advisory capacity during especially traumatic events and situations. Simpson is the pastor of the Williston/ Watford City churches, and Temple is the pastor of the Grand Forks congregation.

Please keep these two pastors in prayer as they endeavor to reach out with God's love to the State Highway Patrol departments in their areas.

Photo: Pastor Michael Temple is standing in the back row to the far left.

Pastor Peter Simpson is sitting in the front row to the far left.

Article by Pastor Mike Temple; photo by Cindy Solberg, ND State Highway Patrol

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## Coronado Casserole

- 1 c chopped onion
- 1/2 to 1 can (4oz) green chiles, drained
- 1/2 t ground cumin
- 1/2 t ground oregano
- 1/2 c vegetarian chicken-style broth
- 1 can (8oz) tomato sauce
- 2 c diced chik
- 3 c cooked rice
- 1 c sour Cream
- 2 c shredded cheese
- 1 1/2 c crushed corn chips



In 1 1/2 quart microwave dish, combine first 6 items. Cover and microwave on high for 10 minutes. Stir after 5 minutes and add chicken. Stir and set aside. Combine rice and sour cream and put in greased shallow 2 1/2 quart microwave dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Spoon chicken mixture over cheese and top with remaining cheese. Microwave on high for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with crushed chips and let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Recipe by Sharon Heinrich in [Breaking Bread Together](#), DAA Class of 2018, page 59. For sale at CO and DAA for \$20.

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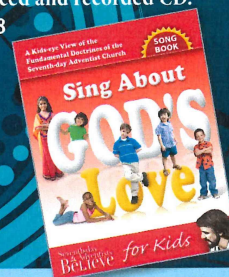
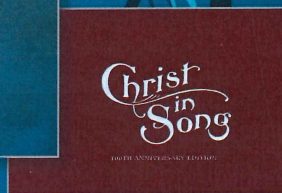
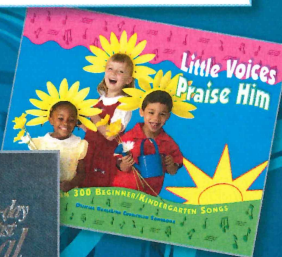
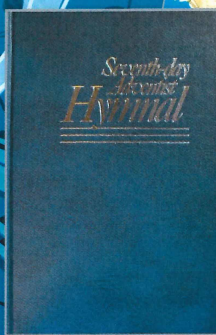
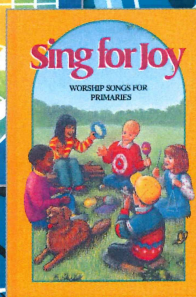
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## QUOTE of the MONTH

Wealth, after all, is a relative thing, since he that has little and wants less, is richer than he that has much and wants more.  
--Charles Caleb Colton

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## Feb 22 Dispatch Photo



The above photo was taken by Charles O'Hare east of Lemmon, SD, using a Nikon D750.

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