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Detroit Church Car Show Revs Up Community Engagement

Detroiters are all about their cars. So, while attention was on Detroit during the popular North American International Auto Show—a [flying car](#) was the talk of the town—one local church went into overdrive to capitalize on the timing.

More than 20 vintage cars and trucks lined the City Temple church parking lot for a community outreach event on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. Cars ranging in age from 1938 to 2022 in a variety of colors drew oohs and aahs from dozens of automotive enthusiasts, some making the trek from as far away as Ohio.

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Vacation Bible School for Teens? How a Church Pulled It Off Successfully

"They're too old for VBS." "They'll get bored during the games and crafts." Often, these comments are made in the context of teen inclusion in Vacation Bible School. But at one Michigan church, this couldn't be further from the truth.

The Belleville church, under the leadership of Erin Gordon, has found a creative way to involve teens who may experience boredom with some aspects of VBS. It's community service. "Community service may not sound exciting," said Gordon, "but both the teens and the community have been blessed."

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Seminary Offers New Training Opportunities at Andrews University

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University is launching three new initiatives impacting the Master of Divinity program (MDiv). With a new concentration, another dual degree and a cohort offered entirely in Spanish, the Seminary is opening even more doors for training opportunities.

The MDiv Urban Ministry Concentration is devoted to helping students engage more fully in urban contexts. Pastoring in major cities can seem like a daunting task, but with this concentration, emerging pastors will be able to enter metropolitan areas with better tools and resources. Furthermore, when pastors graduate and begin working in the field, professionals will continue to support them, mentoring them in their first few years of ministry.

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Andrews University President John Wesley Taylor V to be Inaugurated on October 24

The inauguration for the seventh president of Andrews University, John Wesley Taylor V, will occur on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Church sanctuary. All faculty, staff, students and other friends of the University, as well as those who have been invited as official delegates and special guests, are welcome to attend the service.

For those unable to attend in person, the Ceremony of Inauguration will also be livestreamed at andrews.edu/livestream on Oct. 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET.

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Michigan Member Celebrates 109th Birthday

Until just a few years ago, Ann Bauer was zipping around town in her car most days, running errands, shopping for groceries. She lived independently in her own home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, until a fall four years ago and now takes up residence at a local nursing facility.

But that hasn't slowed her down. If you were to ask her how does she feel she'll tell you she feels great, just like she did when she was in academy.

At her recent birthday party, her daughter Raelene Brower brought her a cake with the numbers 1-0-9 and jokingly told her there weren't enough candles to put on the cake. Ann laughed hysterically and said, "Oh, I guess you're right. And that's too many to blow out!"

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February 16-18, 2024

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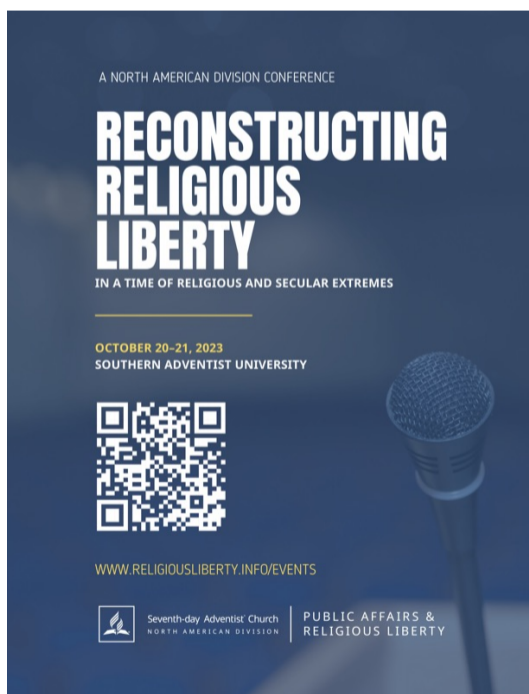


Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible **cruise adventure to The Caribbean** on December 8-15, 2024. Embark on a convenient round trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. There is more information to come, but if you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org. Registration is open, so don't wait!



Health ministry leaders and others interested in starting a health ministry in their local church are invited to attend a special training weekend co-sponsored by the **Indiana Conference and AdventHealth**. The health ministry summit will take place on **Oct. 27-29 at Timber Ridge Camp**. It costs only \$25 per person.

RSVP by September 29 to Pastor Lee Whitman at 706.577.4441 or email at dleewhitman61@gmail.com.



The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry invites you to "Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes." This two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.

When: October 20-21, 2023

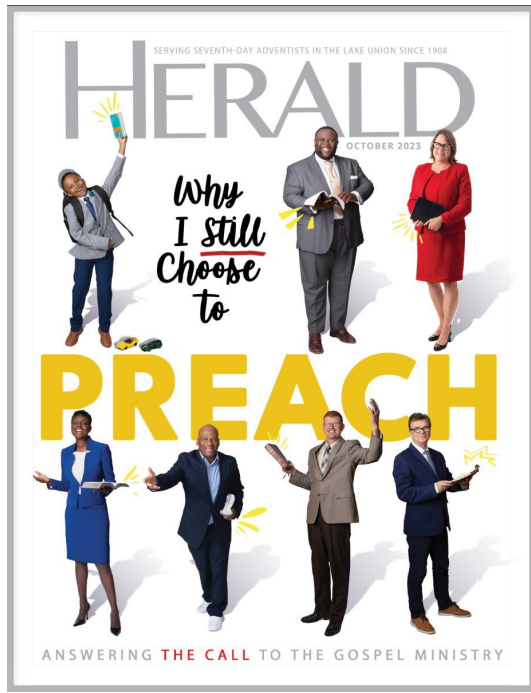
Where: Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Photo of the Week



On Sabbath, Oct. 7, 2023, the Greater Indianapolis Ghanaian Seventh-day Adventist Church, located in Lebanon, Indiana, celebrated a church building dedication and the installation of Pastor Jonas K. Asante.

The movement to start a Ghanaian church in Indiana began in 2008 with the help of the Glendale and Capitol City churches, culminating with the purchase of the beautiful building in Lebanon.

The purpose of their group is “to bring all the Ghanaian Adventists in the Indianapolis metropolitan area to worship together in their own dialect, and to reach out to other non-believers and to strengthen their faith in the Messiah.”



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