



Love and Commitment

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Keynote Speakers:

Ralph & Julie Richardson

April 20-22, 2012

Location:

Nottawasaga Inn & Resort

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Sabbath School Summit

When: May 4-5, 2012

May 4: 9 AM to 8 PM

May 5: 9 AM to 5 PM

Where: Westin Prince Hotel (900 York Mills RD)

How to make Sabbath School a must attend event!

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Greetings to you, Brampton!

Dear Readers,

It is with great humility that, Monette, Paige, and I assume the role of Brampton church's Communications Team for the next two years. Having accepted our individual roles within the team, each person is aware of the demands and importance of the Communications Ministry to our local church body and as liaison to the world church.

Our mission for the next two years is to promote and expand outreach of the gospel message within our local milieu and beyond. The Communications Team has purposed to work in concert with all departments within the Brampton Church to ensure there is continuous, clear and effective use of all communication resources from those available to us at the Conference level to local resources such as: Brampton Guardian, JOY 1250, The Banner, the Intranet and announcements from the pulpit during worship events.

The mission to promote and expand outreach of the gospel message borrows from that of the Christian's sole purpose in this life: to spread the word of God to a dying world. There is no greater or more urgent mission in our lifetime. Your local Communications Team is empowered and dedicated to spreading the word of God and opening the doors of our local Brampton Church to all who would dare to be "Daniels" and step out in faith to receive Jesus' free offering of salvation.

We, the Communications Team solicit your participation and will gladly accept your articles for the quarterly publication of the church's newsletter: The Banner.

Together we are positioned to pronounce our local church as a common ground for a unique and heightened spiritual experience.

We look forward to serving you.

Yours in Christ,

Communication Team

Lurline West, Monette Robinson, and Paige Fisher

Jesus is coming soon, & it is time to get ready & stay ready!

2012 Homecoming Spread the Word!

When: August 11

Where: 37 Millstone Drive

This is your opportunity to reclaim the lost!

If you have the contact info for any of our missing members, please forward it to one of our church clerks immediately!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(April – June 2012)

April 21

- ✦ Family Life Day
- ✦ Singles Social

April 28

- ✦ Community Guest Day

May 12

- ✦ Health & Wellness Weekend

May 19

- ✦ Education Day

May 20

- ✦ Trip to Ottawa

May 26 – June 9

- ✦ Evangelistic Meetings

June 23

- ✦ Communion Service

June 30

- ✦ Camp Meeting (International Centre)



Confused About Pastoral Titles?

Have you ever wondered what all those different pastoral titles mean? Confused about 'assistant' and 'associate' pastor? The following explanations may help:

Assistant Pastor: This is a ministerial intern, someone who has provisional employment by the conference. Interns are neither commissioned nor ordained. Their credentials are limited to 'ministerial licence'. Consequently, they do not possess the authority to perform baptism without permission from the conference administration. However, they may assist an ordained or commissioned pastor in a baptismal service. Interns may only officiate at a communion service if they have been ordained as an elder. However, they may preside over weddings if they are registered marriage officers. In North America, an assistant pastor is referred to as 'Pastor', whereas in the United Kingdom and some other places, he or she is called 'Brother' or 'Sister', respectively.

Associate Pastor: The associate pastor is someone who has been either ordained or commissioned to the gospel ministry and serves as part of the pastoral team of a church. He or she will normally have completed an appropriate Master's degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary or other accredited institution.

The associate pastor holds 'ministerial credentials' and may perform all the functions normally associated with an ordained minister.

Lead Pastor: This is the new designation for what was previously termed 'senior pastor' when there is more than one pastor serving a congregation. He or she is either an ordained or commissioned pastor and has the responsibility of leading the congregation as its pastor. He or she will direct the other pastors in the pastoral team. When an intern or assistant pastor is assigned to a church, the lead pastor has the responsibility of mentoring him or her.

Pastor: The title given to the person who has normally undergone theological training and is employed by the conference in either an elected or appointed position. He or she may be placed in any of the categories above. He or she either has care of a congregation or wider care of a region or conference of churches. Theology students are not given the title of 'Pastor' until they are employed in a ministerial capacity. Individuals who have previously served in other fields as pastors but are not employed (received credentials) are termed 'Brother' or 'Sister', not 'Pastor'. The exception is for retired pastors who receive honorary credentials from their local conference and live within that conference.

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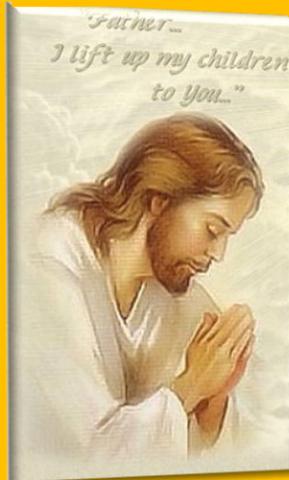
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Even though some of us are given the time to prepare for the passing of a loved-one, losing that person can be quite a traumatic experience. Though we know that death is inevitable, we still experience a void, which leaves us feeling empty for quite some time. But isn't it great that we have the blessed hope, and one day we will see that person again? So though our hearts are breaking, remember, we were left with the most precious of gifts; the pleasure of knowing that person and all the memories he/she has left behind. Though we are no longer able to see that person, there is comfort in knowing that one day we will all reunite!

A Wonderful Testimony of Faith Ann Parram-Cromwall

God has done numerous miracles in my life for which I am so grateful.

In 1992, I was two months pregnant with my son Matthew when a friend and her son came to visit with us. My friend's son had the chicken pox and I had very little idea what the chicken pox virus was all about. In truth, throughout my lifetime, I had only been exposed to mumps while residing in Jamaica.

After a few days of my friend's visit, I caught the chicken pox. I made the decision to see my obstetrician, Dr. Thow of Northwest General Hospital, and after a brief discussion he began to "freak out," telling me my unborn baby was in grave danger of contracting chicken pox. Dr. Thow gave me a book to read about the effects of chicken pox on a fetus. I became worried and started to cry. He then told me to come back in two weeks.

On my return visit to Dr. Thow's office, we engaged in a serious discussion, during which he suggested that I undergo an abortion in light of the serious effects that chicken pox could have on the fetus. He told me about the medical issues that could affect my child, such as water head and spinal bifida, along with many others. I was terrified.

I called Lorna Whittier; crying to her, I explained my situation.

She encouraged me to go ahead and have my baby, saying the Lord would make him "perfect."

Derrick, my husband said he would prefer to go back to Jamaica and have our baby at Andrews Seventh Day Hospital, as he still had his insurance to cover the cost there.

I became very conflicted about my decision; see the Doctor would call me at my home asking if I had made up my mind.

I eventually told him no, I am not having an abortion. Having suffered a miscarriage previously, I still carried a bit of guilt, as if I had done something wrong. Dr Thow then said for me to do an amniocentesis test, I refused as there was the potential risk of a miscarriage. Next, he asked me to do multiple ultrasounds to verify if there were any fetal deformities, and again I refused.

After twenty-three hours in labour, Dr. Thow delivered my son. He was indeed perfect, but his heart was in distress. Even though he was under continual monitoring, I was thankful to God that he was born with no major deformity.

When Lorna heard the good news, she named him "Matthew", even though I had already filled out the paper work with the name "Derron."

I changed his name immediately, as Lorna was intent on the child bearing the name, Matthew.

At age two, Matthew's Doctor discovered a heart murmur, which we thought he would grow out of, but the condition persisted with age.

At age fourteen, the sound was faint. He is monitored 2-3 times per year and wears a heart monitor for one week each year, sometimes twice per year.

The cardiologist trained me to listen for any abnormal sounds, and dismally I could hear the whooshing sound.

At age sixteen, a few days after his High School Graduation, Matthew began to feel chest pains, and was placed on a heart monitor.

He was scheduled to attend the University of Ottawa in the fall of the same year, I requested for him to undergo thorough testing considering he would be so far away from home.

At Toronto General, Matthew underwent several tests, followed by an MRI. After completing the MRI, we met with the Specialist who revealed that the faint sound heard by his cardiologist and others was due to blood clotting in his heart.

In 2012, Matthew will undergo another MRI, and then a decision to correct his heart condition will follow.

He is now in his second year at Ottawa University studying to become a Bilingual Chief Financial Analyst (CFA).

We visit with him often due to this problem; please continue praying for him, as I do believe God has a miracle in store for my son.



Photograph by L. Hild

Building for now and for Eternity - One "can" at a time

Lisa Murray

During the month of December, most children are thinking of what they will receive for the holidays. However, the students at the Peel Adventist School were busy preparing gifts for others who are in need.

Students worked hard, with teachers, family members and friends to collect non-perishable food and hygiene products to help those in need.

The Brampton SDA Church received the items collected by the students on Sabbath, December 17, 2011.

The non-perishable donations were given out through the Community Services Department to the needy in the city of Brampton.

Activities like these prepare students to be good citizens in this world and for the world to come. Thus, Adventist education is not just building for now but for eternity.

Being part of the food drive helped the children understand that they can do big things with God, and that he can use them to impact their community in a tangible way. It is clear that the food, intended to fill the empty bellies of the recipients also nourished the souls of the givers.

Alongside book learning, the Peel Adventist School inspires in youngsters the desire to do well by serving God and trains them to do well in their community.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- ✦ Out of all the churches represented at the Peel Adventist School, the Brampton SDA Church has the most children!
- ✦ According to Cognitive Genesis, a 4-year study of 30,000 North American Adventist school students, grades 3-9 and 11, each year at an Adventist school improves students' average scholastic achievement.

DEDICATED TO THE LOVING MEMORY OF

OUR BELOVED,
SONS & DAUGHTERS,
BROTHERS & SISTERS,
FATHERS & MOTHERS,
FAMILIES & FRIENDS,

WE PRAY FOR THOSE
LEFT BEHIND TO
REMEMBER
AMEN!



IN LOVING MEMORY

Lorna Whittier
1947 - 2011

Zachary Lawrence
1984-2012

Marina Rivers
1935 - 2012

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IN
PEACE

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the school or want to know how your child or grandchild can benefit, please contact:

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