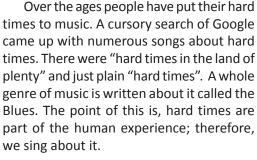


The Music In Hard Times

Kevin Miller, President



As I've traveled around our wonderful state of Alaska, I've come across some of these challenges that people talk about. We experience them as an individual, or financially as a family. Some are facing crises of health while others are going through family convulsions and still others are facing life changing decisions. In all of these hardships, a song is waiting to be born.

I've also noticed that many of our churches are experiencing hard times when looking at tithe reports that reflect where we are financially. I've talked with people who tell me about their church difficulties and I've seen the disappointment in unrealized expectations, while on the sidelines music is waiting to chime in with lyrics about these low valleys in our lives.

Jesus experienced hard times. He felt the hunger pangs of going to bed without eating for the day. He knew the weariness of having no home and the sting of scorn from people He never did anything but good to. He knew the loneliness of rejection from people He loved and felt the injustice of those who were tasked with providing justice. He came to know the abuse of jealousy and the battering of malicious lies, the abject despair of spiritual separation from God as well as the way of suffering. He knew hard times.

Jesus not only experienced these hardships, but He listened for the music that came out of them. He knew what it meant to provide joy to His mother or to make a child laugh. He knew what it meant to free someone from the overwhelming burden crushing them or give dignity back to the ostracized. He knew what it meant to give hope to the hopeless and felt in His heart what it meant to pour God's love into the lives of people. He could hear the music that was playing in the worst of circumstances.

Revelation Chapter seven depicts a people who will rise above the course their lives have taken them. They wash their robes in blood—the blood of the Lamb. They know that hard times come, but they still sing a beautiful song to the One who taught them the music. Revelation 14 and 15 reveals that they sing a new song and the song of Moses; the song that lifts up their Redeemer, reminding the universe of how He lifted them out of their trials. They sing the song of salvation and the wonder of the love of God for people.

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Quentin Purvis

A Place For Grace To Invade

Quentin Purvis, VP-Administration

Times have changed since the first Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) camp meeting in 1868 at Wright, Michigan where attendees would pitch a tent and lay a plank between two logs for seating. Today, at Alaska Southcentral camp meeting, pastors come together from all corners of the state to prepare a quality program for their constituents. Each summer they spend one week with colleagues and sleep in crowded cabins with no air conditioner or little heat when it is cold. Tents are erected and parking lots are staked out. Bathhouses are cleaned and sound equipment and chairs are set up in the auditorium. When camp strike is completed, they prepare programs for children and make sure the guest speakers have what they need. When it is all done, they take a day to tear it all down and put it away. Why do they do all this? Here are the reasons I see:

To Provide an Opportunity for True Sabbath Rest: The first thing most people feel when they attend a camp meeting is that they have passed from busyness to tranquility in just a few small steps. Part of the beauty of camp meetings is that most have literally been set apart from the world where friends and families can relax in the simplicity of the rustic surroundings. One rarely sees a television or gaming console. The experience of camp meeting is difficult to describe, but Eugene Peterson's description of Sabbath does a phenomenal job: "uncluttered time and space to distance ourselves from the frenzy of our own activities so we can see what God has been and is doing."

To Provide Community: Camp meeting is an opportunity for those who live in the bush or isolated communities to fellowship with other believers. We are social creatures. Almost all of us desire the company of others from time to time. We enjoy meeting new friends and look forward to visiting with those we haven't seen on a regular basis.

To Provide a Time to Recalibrate: The Spirit filled messages, Sabbath time, and community that surround camp meetings provide the type of opportunities through which one can easily explore the deep questions of life and experience the Holy Spirit moving in a powerful way. They also come with the advantage that you can count on them every year. J. Ellsworth Kalas once preached, "As marvelous as grace is when it invades our life, grace needs many continuing opportunities to invade our lives if we are to go on marching." Camp meetings provide the time and place for this abundant grace to invade.

To Provide a Foundation of Faith: Sleeping in cabins, singing old gospel hymns and listening to someone preach with the fervor of the Three Angels Message is a reminder that we're part of something that started before us. The fact that camp meetings survive in the Seventh-day Adventist Church today serves as a testimony to the unstoppable nature of the gospel. Countless institutions have closed since the turn of the 20th Century, but for some reason God has preserved camp meetings. May the God of Heaven bless our Alaska Camp Meetings in 2017.

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Year-To-Date Tithe

Jim Jensen. VP-Finance

Tithe for the full year 2016 was up 14.1%. However after adjusting for onetime events, the adjusted total was 4.99%.

So if we had a good 2016, the start of 2017 must move in an entirely opposite direction. Through March 31, 2017 we are down 25.45%. Part of this is due to the onetime events in 2016, however our adjusted tithe for the first three months of 2017 is still down 6.7%. Your conference executive committee voted to budget at 95% of the adjusted tithe for 2016. We are not in crisis, but we will need to watch closely each month for the remainder of this year.

The first three months of 2017 were also ones that saw more people commit their lives to Christ than most quarters in the last decade. As I have traveled around the conference, I have noticed a good feeling in most of the churches and an outward focus on helping people. I believe those are related. This is happening around the

world. In 2016, more than 1.2 million people expressed their decision to follow Christ through baptism as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. There are now more than 20 million Seventh-day Adventist Christians around the world.

Thank you for your faithfulness in tithes and offerings. They are making a huge impact.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

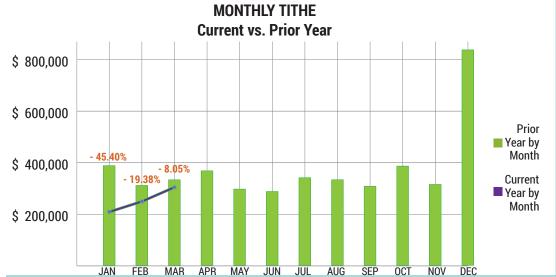
Galatians 6:9 (ESV)





Jim Jensen







New Online Giving Options

Jim Jensen, VP-Finance

If your church is using Adventist Giving for electronic donations, there are new options. You can do recurring donations on a variety of settings from weekly to yearly. The mobile app has not finished beta testing, but should be available by July.

We still encourage the donation by electronic check as the cost is about 50 cents per transaction. If you do choose to use your credit card, the Alaska Conference, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and the North American Division each pay a portion of the 1.1% fee. There is no cost to the local church.



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2017 CAMP MEETING





adults (18+)

TIME	Tue, July 18	Wed, July 19	Fri, July 21			
7:00-7:45 a		Breakfast				
8:00-8:45 a	CAMP PITCH	Devotional	Devotional			
9:00-10:15 a		Kevin Miller				
10:30-11:45 a		Randy Maxwell				
12:00-1:00 p		Lunch				
1:15-2:15 p		Rick Mautz				
2:30-3:30 p	GUEST CHECK-IN	Darold Bigger				
3:45-5:00 p	J. 1. 2011 111	Sue Patzer				
5:30-6:30 p	Dinner					
7:00-9:00 p	John Bradshaw					

Sabbath, July 22				
7:00 7:45 a	Devotional			
8:00-8:45 a	Breakfast*			
9:15-10:40 a	Sabbath School			
11:00-12:30 p	DIVINE WORSHIP John Bradshaw			
1:00-2:30 p	Fellowship Meal*			
2:30-3:45 p	Gospel Presentation			
4:00-5:00 p	Concert			
5:30-6:30 p	Dinner*			
7:00-9:00 p	John Bradshaw			
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*No cafeteria service on Sabbath

children & teens

Tee	ens (13-17)	Juni	ors (10-12)	Pri	mary (7-9)	Kinde	rgarten (4-6)	Begi	nners (0-3)
Tue	7 p-9 p	Tue	7 p-9 p	Tue	7 p-9 p	Tue	No Session	Tue	No Session
Wed-Fri	10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri	10 a-12 p 3:45-5 p
Sabbath	9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p	Sabbath	9:15 a-10:45 a						

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Dr. Darold Bigger



John Bradshaw



Rick Mautz



Randy Maxwell



Kevin Miller



Steven Mosley

SPEAKERS

DAROLD BIGGER

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Darold Bigger began in pastoral internship before going to seminary in Michigan and postgraduate school in California. He pastored several rural congregations, was an associate at the La Sierra University church and senior pastor of the Walla Walla University (WWU) church. In 1993, he joined WWU as a Professor of Religion and Social Work until retiring in 2016. A certified clinical social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist, he works part time as Assistant to the President at WWU. A Navy Reserve chaplain for nearly 30 years, he retired as a Rear Admiral, finishing his career as Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains for Reserve Matters and Director of Religious Programs for the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard Reserve, for which he was awarded the Navy's highest non-combat related honor, the Distinguished Service Medal.

JOHN BRADSHAW

IT IS WRITTEN

John Bradshaw is the speaker/director of *It Is Written*, an international media evangelism ministry. As a teacher of Bible prophecy, his presentations have blessed thousands of people around the world. He has filmed *It Is Written* programs on five continents. John is married to Melissa and they have two children.

RICK MAUTZ

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Rick Mautz serves as the health ministry director of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Holding a B.S. degree in physical therapy (P.T.) and an M.S. in human biology, Rick Mautz has experience not only in P.T., but also as an anatomy and physiology instructor. A trained wellness coach, he has extensive experience in preventive medicine and has presented numerous coaching seminars in the United States and other countries. He and his wife Cheryl live in Denver Colorado with their son, his wife and two granddaughters.

RANDY MAXWELL

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Randy Maxwell is pastor of the Renton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington. His denominational service spans 28 years and includes publishing and pastoral ministry. Randy is an author, speaker, and founder of *If My People Pray Ministries*, through which he has presented prayer and revival seminars across North America and internationally. Randy and his wife, Suzette, have three adult children, one son-in-law, and three adorable grandchildren. (One sleeps in Jesus awaiting the resurrection.) The motto that drives his life and ministry is, "The need is great. The key is prayer. The time is now."

KEVIN MILLER

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Kevin Miller was elected conference president at the July 2016 Constituency Session. Prior to his appointment, he served as pastor of the Northside SDA Church since 2007. In 2010, he became part-time pastor of Northside and assumed part-time duties as ministerial vice-president for the Alaska Conference. He also serves as a captain with the Alaska National Guard Chaplain Corps. Kevin holds a B.A. in Theology from Southern Adventist University and a Masters of Divinity. Kevin and his wife Paula have three children, Kara, AJ & Joshua.

STEVE MOSLEY

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Speaker and author, Steven Mosley, is the Youth speaker for camp meeting; he will also perform a gospel presentation in the main auditorium Sabbath afternoon. Through dramatic

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church presentations like "Chosen Garment, The Whole Bible in One Act," Steven has given a whole new meaning to the term "Christian speaker." Audiences sense that they are traveling through Scripture and coming to the climax of the greatest story ever told. Pastors around the country have responded with wonderful, heart-warming comments about Steven who helps people see the richness of the Word as they never have before.

SUE PATZER

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Sue Patzer has been privileged to serve the Northwest in the fields of education and women's ministries. Though now "retired", she continues to represent NPUC women's ministry, encouraging and assisting women in finding and using their spiritual gifts in creative ways to advance God's Kingdom. Sue enjoyed 38 years of ministry with her husband before his untimely death from cancer in 2008. "Much to the devil's disappointment, the loss of my husband has only proved to heighten my focus on what is really important in this life—becoming more like Jesus as we prepare ourselves and others for our future with Him." Sue is blessed with a daughter and two sons, two daughters-in-law and five delightful grandchildren.

LAURA WILLIAMS

LAURA WILLIAMS MUSIC

Laura has loved singing for as long as she can remember. In 2007, Laura began attending Fountainview Academy, a boarding school nestled in the mountains of British Columbia. Having a large choir and orchestra at the school, Laura had opportunity to travel and sing with them and it was here that she saw the power that music has to move and touch peoples lives. It was then that she developed a love for singing and knew it was something she wanted to continue doing. After graduating in 2011, Laura began a music ministry and travels full-time doing concerts and evangelistic meetings across the country. She currently has four albums that contain many of her favorites and includes a Christmas album. She plans to continue singing for as long as God opens doors.

PLANNING TO ATTEND CAMP MEETING?

Wondering what to bring for Potluck? We are making it easier for you to plan ahead!

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Haystacks and Watermelon Feast!

Find your church below and bring the item listed!

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Community | Eagle River | Petersburg | Samoan Grated Cheese and Watermelon Craig | Ketchikan | Kenai | North Pole Salsa and Watermelon

Delta Junction | Homer | Second Mile | Shungnak Chopped Onions and Watermelon

Gambell | Juneau | Nome | Savoonga | Sitka Sliced Olives and Watermelon

Bethel | Copper Basin | Dillingham | Sunshine Sour Cream and Watermelon

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Sue Patzer



Laura Williams



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabins, RV and tent sites, a fully appointed bathhouse and community kitchen are available to meet your needs. Cabins are \$175 for the week; RV and tent sites are \$60. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by phone at 907-346-1004 or email alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER (ABC)

The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ABC will be on-site with books and food offerings. If you would like to pre-order food, contact the UCC ABC prior to June 8th.

BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank of Alaska BloodMobile will be on campus **Thursday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m**. Make your appointment at the Information Booth or email coordinator Barney Baty at bbaty@mindspring.com. Don't forget to eat breakfast and bring picture identification!

CAMPUS KITCHEN

Available for public use, the campus kitchen is located directly south of the auditorium. Furnished with microwaves, stoves, refrigerators and a washer and dryer, feel free to use the kitchen as needed. Please help collectively to share space and keep the area clean.

MEALS

Cafeteria service will be offered during camp meeting starting with the Tuesday evening meal. Tickets are available for purchase at the Information Booth. All meals are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-12 (kids 0-3 eat for free). Breakfast is 7-7:45 a.m., Lunch 12-1 p.m. & Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. *There will be no meal service or access to the cafeteria kitchen on Sabbath.*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A complimentary pancake breakfast will be served **Sunday, July 24th, 8-9:30 a.m.** at the school. Remember to bring your favorite toppings!

RESERVATIONS FOR 2018 CAMP MEETING

Reservations for 2018 Camp Meeting will be accepted beginning July 19, 2017. Cabin, RV and tent site requests can be made at the Information Booth or by contacting the conference at 907-346-1004. Note reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, therefore site assignments may change based on availability.

SABBATH ACTIVITIES

- <u>Fellowship Meal</u>: Join in the campus-wide Haystack & Watermelon fellowship meal after Divine Worship. Please bring all foods prepared, ready to serve and remember to bring extra for your neighbors! The campus kitchen is available for use for preparing and heating food items.
- <u>Dramatization</u>: Steve Mosley will present a gospel presentation at 2:30 p.m., Sabbath afternoon, in the main auditorium.
- <u>Concert</u>: Musician Laura Williams in song at **4:00 p.m**. also in the main auditorium The afternoon promises to be a special time of fellowship and inspiration!

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Afternoon shuttle service will be offered to the Fred Meyers in Palmer. Trips are one-hour in duration, leaving from the Information Booth at 3 p.m. and returning to the camp ground at 4 p.m.; please plan accordingly. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Booth with requests being honored on a first come-first served basis for a maximum of eight available seats.

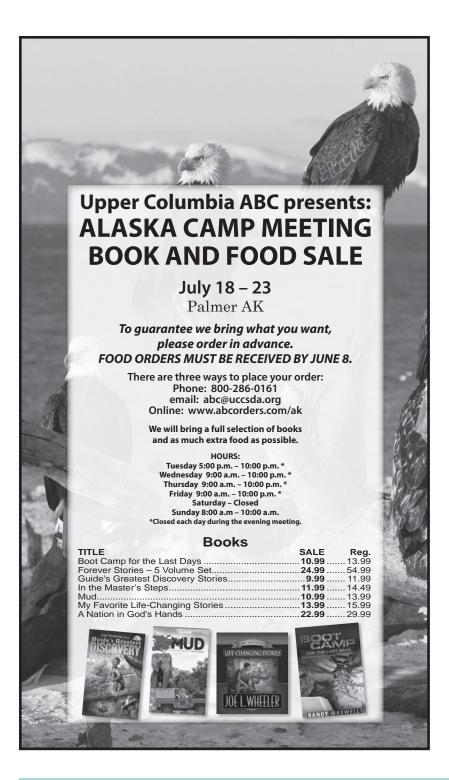
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The Music In Hard Times

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There may be some hard times for you ahead, but in Christ you will come out as a victor. There will be heard an anthem of praise and worship to Jesus who turns misfortune into music. Let's each not only sing the song, but help teach it to someone else needing the hope of that song because it is Jesus who can turn stumbling blocks into the stepping stones that lead us to great music.





For up-to-date information on Alaska Camps, Camp Meeting and events across the state, visit the Alaska Conference at www.alaskaconference.org or just scan the QR code below with your smart phone!



If you would like the conference to support your church or school event, simply email details to alaskainfo@ ac.npuc.org and we will promote it on our Facebook page and website.



Tobin Dodge

Why Do We Camp?

Tobin Dodge, Alaska Camps Director

Camp is one of the best evangelistic tools the church has for reaching young people with the message of Jesus. Camp is a place where we combine our FAITH, FUN & FRIENDSHIPS in such a way that children are willing and able to hear the voice of God for themselves. Teaching Jesus through classes, activities and everyday interactions is how we best reach young people through the camping experience.

Twelve year-old Monica was devastated by the news that her parents were splitting up. She was normally a happy, energetic young lady, but this news destroyed her world. One of her friends noticed the sudden change in her countenance and asked what was going on. Monica was embarrassed and ashamed to admit her world wasn't so perfect after all. They talked for a while and even though it helped, Monica still felt an emptiness inside.

Several weeks later, right before summer break, her friend asked her if she wanted to attend a Christian camp with her that summer. Monica did not grow up in a Christian environment and wasn't sure how it would be, but liked the idea of going to camp and forgetting about her troubles at home.

When Monica arrived, she was overwhelmed with the great staff and wonderful outdoor experiences. Each class started with prayer; evening programs were actionpacked and taught valuable lessons. It was during that week when Monica felt her life begin to change. She was introduced to Jesus as someone who loved her and would never abandon her. She enjoyed the classes and activities and built friendships with others that she never thought possible.

When the Friday night program was over and the cabin group was sitting together sharing what they had learned that week, Monica asked if she could be a friend of Jesus too. She shared the hurt and pain from home and how she had been outgoing and happy all the time to cover up the real pain she was feeling. After seeing the Godly counselors and Christ-centered programming each day, Monica realized she needed what the camp was offering. She needed Jesus.

When I met Monica, she was 15 and had real joy in her heart—she had a personal friendship with Jesus. Her parents did divorce and her world as she knew it still fell apart, but she clung to the promises of the Bible and her faith in the ONE who said He would never leave her or forsake her. Monica says that would not have happened if it were not for summer camp.

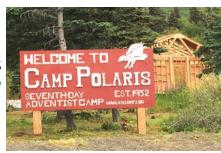




CAMP TUK Juniors | June 18-25 Teens | June 25-July 2

CAMP POLARIS July 9-16





CAMP LORRAINE July 29-August 6

Fishers Of Men (And Women)

Joe Koliadko, Palmer SDA Church Member

Palmer SDA Church member, Paul Woodward, has been practicing friendship evangelism for many years. Sharing this way of ministering, Paul and the Palmer SDA Church hosted a fly fishing seminar every other week during the first quarter of 2017 in the new Amazing Grace Academy gym. Members used this opportunity to learn about insects, fish, the waters of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley AND invite their friends to learn as well. The new gym provided the space to teach casting the fly rod while getting acquainted with new friends. Each session begain with a nature-themed devotional.

Why not try friendship-based evangelism in your church? Do you have an interest that can be shared with others? Friendship evangelism is a great way to establish a bond through a common interest while creating an opportunity to introduce Jesus to friends and family.



Whether you're an avid fly fisher or have never wet a line, we'd like to invite you to our Fly Fishing Workshops starting Thursday, January 26. Workshops will cover equipment basics, fly tying, fly casting, and more. Men, women, and children (12 and above) are invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Workshops are free of charge.

WHEN: Jan 26: Equipment Basics

Feb 9: Knots and Rigging

Feb 23: Fly Patterns

Mar 9: Fly Typing

Mar 23: Fish Tactics and Tackle

Apr 6: Fly Casting

WHERE: AGA Gym TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

RSVP: Paul Woodward cubflyer532@gmail.com or

355-4671 or Joe Koliadko akkoliadko@gci.

net or 232-4368

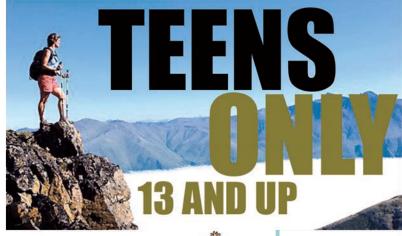


Paul Woodward





L-R: Rene Carriere displays her knot tying skills to Lawrence Sherman and Wayne Parker







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Why would John & Lynette Goude, now in their third year living in Togiak, Alaska move to a village with about 850 people? They moved to the small community to continue the work of the church which had been revived after being dormant for almost three decades!

Perhaps you have sensed God speaking to you...perhaps he is convicting you to leave your comfort and work for Him. The Alaska Conference is looking for dedicated self-supporting missionaries who are willing to serve

in remote areas of Alaska: Barrow, Bethel, Kodiak, Kotzebue and Selawik. Perhaps He is calling you!



John & Lynette Goude



Joan & Paul Marlow

