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NEWS

[Camp Meeting 2009–Live Online!](#)

June 19, 2009, Oshawa , Ontario...OCN

Live internet broadcast of Camp Meeting 2009, from the International Centre in Mississauga on July 4, will enable anyone with an internet connection to see and hear all the services.

It is the third year that live internet broadcast of Ontario Conference's camp meeting will be available online.

Conference communication director, Halsey Peat, explained that the huge territory of the province prohibited many from attending camp meeting for just one day. "We saw the internet as a means of allowing as many as possible to have the camp meeting experience from the comfort of their local church or even their homes," he said.

He also said that both adult and young adult services will be broadcasted and viewers can simply choose which they would like see.

Last year, some churches projected the pictures from the internet unto a screen in their sanctuaries to allow the congregation to join in the camp meeting services.

To experience camp meeting online, visit www.adventistontario.org

For those planning to attend camp meeting at the International Centre, they can expect a spirit-filled time in worship, praise and fellowship. Additionally, there will be a commissioning and ordination service in the afternoon.

[Halsey Peat]

Paulsen Speaks on Issue of Origins

19 June 2009, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, ANN staff

Responding to ongoing discussions in the church, the president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church urged Adventists to look to scripture as the validity of their faith as it relates to origins.

In a statement released today, Pastor Jan Paulsen appealed to church administrators, ministers, teachers and writers to articulate and reflect the church's stand on creation.

"We must not allow ourselves to come adrift from the Bible in defining our values and in stating what we hold," Paulsen said.

Paulsen referred to the church's position on creation, which was affirmed by the General Conference Executive Committee in October of 2004.

Paulsen said that his appeal came with respect for integrity and professional skills from educators, ministers and writers.

Read the full statement at <http://news.adventist.org/statements/an-appeal.html>

Source: Adventist News Network

ADVENTIST® Book—Amazon.com Bestseller — *God Wants to Hear You Sing!* became an instant Amazon.com Best Seller Tuesday, June 9, the day it was launched on Amazon! At the beginning of the day the book was number 674,000 in the list. Then it became #1 in sales among all *Protestant* books on the Amazon Bestseller ranking and #2 among all *Christian* books. And it went to #21 among *all* books.

When discussing arrangements, Amazon said, "You're brand new so just send us 20 copies." Later that day they called, and said "[Exclamation!] What is going on with this book? It's not even noon here and we've already sold thousands! Please get more books to us fast!"

The book was written in 2007 by Ruthie Jacobsen, semi-retired NAD Prayer Ministries director, and later was edited and combined in a packet with a CD by Rodney Griffin, Songwriter of the Year for the last 10 years with Southern Gospel National Quartet Association (www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yDALzft0o4).

Severe Storm of 80-mph Winds Hits Illinois Camp Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2009, Friday Fax

A severe storm packing 80-mph winds struck the Illinois Camp Akita camp meeting Thursday morning. Thunderstorms, incessant lightning and torrential rain, at times with enough intensity to shake the ground, wrenched apart trees and destroyed the main tent and several smaller tents used for children's meetings. Even though many trees and large branches came down all over the camp, no one was injured, and at first report, only two vehicles received minor

damage.

There is no electricity, running water or septic system. Camp meeting attendees are helping with the clean-up. The Illinois Conference is a tough group! They are going to continue through the weekend with a simplified program, even though the tents cannot be replaced since the rental company lost many of their other tents to the storm.

Churches and Ministries Turn to Online Video To Engage Members

Report says 75% are Looking for Alternative Ways to Experience Their Faith

As a means of offering new ways for members to explore their faith, churches and ministries are increasingly using online video to reach their followers. These objectives are in line with survey results released this month by the [latest Barna Group report](#), indicating that 75% of respondents are seeking alternative ways to experience their faith. One alternative being employed is online video, which allows groups to reach followers where they are -- on the Web.

As a result, [Ooyala](#), a leading online video platform provider, has had an increase of customers who serve faith-oriented content. In the past 3 months, [Living on the Edge](#), 12Stone Church, and [Desiring God](#), three major Christian ministries, started using Ooyala to supplement their websites with online video content. Since then, all three websites have gained more traffic overall and a 20-60% increase in time spent per website visit.

"We are meeting individuals where they are -- with the incredibly rich medium that is online video. You want tools in people's hands that give them the opportunity to get it instantly and efficiently," Greg Kucala, Executive Director of Living on the Edge.

Living on the Edge, a Christian ministry based in Suwanee, GA, is sharing its vast library of DVD content on the Web. By using Backlot, Ooyala's content management system and video player, Swift, the ministry is able to offer its members an e-learning video experience that can be enjoyed on an individual basis and/or in group study, from anywhere in the world. Since launching the videos, video views on the site have reached close to 100,000.

Desiring God, based in Minneapolis, MN has video front and center on its homepage, with a featured sermon that is updated regularly and available in a download format, also.

Although an average of 9,000 people from the Lawrenceville, GA area attend 12Stone Church each weekend, more members are experiencing the weekly sermons online and via the church's "In the Know" video segments, which are emailed updates about church news.

"Online video brings us interaction on a totally different level. It is a big improvement on being able to share a message in a memorable way that people truly connect with," says Matt Haff, Web Developer at 12Stone Church.

Video engagement/abandonment rates are being measured and monitored regularly. The Backlot platform offers advanced analytics for gauging the performance of videos and measuring audience engagement.

"We can fine tune our videos according to the analytics. If formats or topics aren't working, we know it right away," says Kucala.

Source: RPRS Religion Press Release Services

RESOURCES

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OFFERING will be collected on July 11. To learn more about Women's Ministries and the offering, and for a sample offertory reading, go to

<http://tinyurl.com/ncf3d8>. This information also will be uploaded on the 2009 NAD Special

Offerings page on the NAD web site, at www.nadadventist.org/article.php?id=81.

SAFE TV® IS NOW AIRING their programming to viewers around the world over the Internet via TVU Networks, with a potential audience of over 40 million new viewers.

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NAD UPCOMING EVENTS

For a more complete list of upcoming events, go to

www.nadadventist.org/article.php?id=350

- Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Convention, July 2-4, Newport Beach, California - www.adventistsingleadultministries.org & www.focusnyc.org
- Family Celebration Sabbath, July 17-19, Berrien Springs, MI – www.adventistfamilyministries.com
- ASI Convention, Aug 5-8, Phoenix, AZ - www.asiministries.org
- Pathfinder "Courage to Stand" Camporee, Aug 11-15 - Oshkosh WI – www.camporee.org
- Adventist Correction Chaplains Conference, Aug 26-29, New England Denominational History Tour
- Adventist Urban Congress, Aug 30-Sept 2, Dallas, TX – www.plusline.org
- GIEN Internet Ministries Conference, Sept 9-12, Orlando, FL – www.plusline.org
- Children's Ministries Training, Sept 11-13, Orlando, FL – www.childmin.com
- Women's Ministry Convention, Sept 25-27, Dallas, TX – www.nadwm.org

ONTARIO COMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted! Amazing Volunteers. Yes, that's YOU!

Come and join us at the "Dock", Crocodile Dock!

Volunteers are needed for Camp Meeting on Sabbath, July 4th.

• 8:30 am -12:30 pm

and/or

• 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Call to reserve your spot on the "Dock".

Volunteer training will be held on Sabbath, June 27th at 4:30 pm at Kingsview Village Church.

To register as a Volunteer please e-mail:

rdunn@adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022 Ext. 113

Only pre-registered volunteers who request a meal ticket for the session for which they are volunteering will be accommodated.

June 20

StepFast Lifestyle Seminar Training and Depression Recovery Training

At last...a lifestyle you can live with! Learn how you can conduct these life-changing seminars in your community Saturday, June 20, 2009, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Filipino-Canadian Seventh-day Adventist Church, 788 Sheppard Avenue West, Downsview, ON

Barbara Watson-Paille: StepFast "Renewing the Mind and Life". Practical, scriptural help to the process of developing the mind of and living the life of Christ.

Frances James: Depression Recovery. "Depression should not be tolerated as a lifelong condition with its miserable side effects" Dr. Neal Nedley

June 20-27
Shiloh's Children's Ministry Department

You are invited to join us for our first children's week of evangelism from Sabbath, June 20, 2009 until Sabbath, June 27, 2009.

Meeting will be held on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evenings, starting at 7:00 pm and well conclude on Sabbath evening at 6:30 pm with a concert. Plan to be there.

June 28
Filipino-Canadian Anniversary Celebration

The Filipino-Canadian Church @ 788 Sheppard Ave. W. is proud to celebrate their 29th Church Anniversary on Sabbath, June 27th. We invite all former members and friends to attend our Sabbath services.

June 28
Praising Hands "Encore" performance concert – is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th 2009** at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for this concert are now available. Cost is Adults - \$10 advance/ \$12 at the door. Children (6-12 yrs) - \$5. Please contact Cynthia Smith at agapetemple@rogers.com for tickets or more information. Get your tickets. They are going fast!

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June 29-July 31
Teach the Children Day Camp

The second annual "Teach the Children" Day Camp will be held **June 29 to July 31 at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1090, Bellamy Road, Scarborough.** Children 6 to 15 are encouraged to attend. Those 16 and over can register as volunteers and receive community service hours. They receive in-service training as youth counsellors and receive the Ontario Conference Youth Department certification for youth counsellors.

Learning through fun experiences is our goal. Activities for the 6 to 9 age group would include learning in Religion, Habitat, Mammals, Nature, Human Anatomy, Cultural, Vocational and Art.

Activities for the 10 – 16 summer program will include:

Fun time for everyone would include outings to Ontario Place (July 01), Toronto Climbing Academy Broadview Avenue (July 16), Neb's Fun Warehouse Oshawa, (July 23), Kid's Town, (July 30). There will be puppets and working on computers.

The fee is \$60.00 per week. Discount is available for families with two or more children!

Application forms are available from your local Adventurer and or Pathfinder director.

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

Teaching Position Available for the 2009-2010 School Year:

Crawford Adventist Academy (CAA)
531 Finch Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario M2R 3X2, Canada
Phone: 416-633-0090
Fax: 416-633-0467
www.tadsb.com

The following are needed for the 2009-10 school year at CAA:

High school math/computer teacher
High school French teacher
High school physical education/art teacher
High school religion teacher

Description: Crawford Adventist Academy, a K-12 day school, is located in north Toronto, one of the most culturally diverse cities in North America. This thriving school has 160+ students in its high school.

Peel Adventist School
2626 Mayfield Road
Caledon, Ontario L7C 3K7, Canada
Phone: 905-459-0500
Fax: 905-459-5464
www.tadsb.com

The following is needed for the 2009-10 school year at Peel:

Elementary (JK-8) French/music teacher
Description: Peel Adventist School, one of three schools in the Toronto Adventist District School Board (TADSB), is a 70-student, 6-teacher school located west of Toronto.

London Advent Christian Academy
800 Fleet Street
London, Ontario N5Y 1R9, Canada
Phone/Fax: 519-453-9419

Teaching Principal for Grades 1-8
Description: This culturally diverse two-year-old school is located in the North London Adventist Church. London, a mid-sized financial/university city, is located in the heart of Southern Ontario farmland.

Experience/Qualifications:

We are looking for teachers who want to lead students to Jesus, who are committed to helping students experience their best academically and socially, and are able to implement multiple strategies of instruction and assessment.

Successful candidates for any of the above positions will have the following:

Denominational and/or provincial certification.

A passion for teaching, and a love for students.

Excellent communication skills.

Experience in teaching students of varying abilities.

Excellent classroom management skills.

A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations, yet be able to address the needs of all students.

A firm commitment as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The ability to work effectively with staff.

A thorough knowledge of their discipline(s).

Documented ability to work legally in Canada.

An updated resume, along with three references, can be emailed to

Frances Schander, superintendent of education, at fschander@adventistontario.org.

[Kingsway College](#)

Kingsway College, an SDA boarding high school in Ontario, Canada is searching for a director of Enrolment Services. The primary responsibilities of this position are achieving the enrolment goals of the school, managing alumni functions, and development/fundraising activities. Job requirements: Bachelor's degree and 3-5 yrs experience; excellent organizational and communication skills; ability to work in a fast-paced environment; and a strong commitment to SDA education/youth ministry. Qualified candidates are invited to contact Greg Bussey, Kingsway College President, at busseyg@kingswaycollege.on.ca.

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