

Here's What's Happening...

at the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church

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PROPHECY SEMINARS

In keeping with the Glendale Church's stated purpose to "reach out to those around us with the Good News of God's Word," our fourth 2008 Keys to Prophecy seminar series begins Saturday night, Sept. 6, at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. This time around the series kicks off during LIFEcenter, our Saturday-evening contemporary outreach event, with music by Pastor Gary and Marilyn Venden and Mosaic Worship Band. Pastor Gary's nightly messages will once again focus on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation—what they meant then, what they mean today, and what they tell us about God's love for humanity.

Evangelism Coordinator Myles Reiner says the church's response to the call for volunteers at each series has been gratifying—but some of our teams still need help! The series runs 12 nights over 2 weeks and 3 weekends. If you can help for a night, a week, or the entire series, please contact Myles at 623-582-0700.

NEXT ISSUE:

October calendar items, articles, and information is due by **Monday, Sept. 22**. E-mail it, fax it, or bring it to the Church office. This newsletter is distributed at Church monthly and posted on the Church Web site.

E-mail Prayer Chain

Send prayer requests to Nancy Tucker at ntucker@glendaleazsda.org for circulation to our E-mail Prayer Chain. To be added to (or deleted from) the list of recipients, e-mail Nancy.

Special Service Planned

Several "special events" will take place at the 11:15 Worship Service on Sept. 27—including baptisms, Elder & Deacon ordinations, a "New Member" welcome, a "thank you" to 2007–2008 ministry leaders, and consecration of 2008–2009 ministry leaders. If you fall into any of these categories, please plan to attend! And if you're interested in baptism, speak with one of the Pastors by Sept. 20.

The Help You Need, When You Need It

If you've ever purchased a "first-aid kit" and actually had to use it, you may have been disappointed to find you don't have what you really need. Glendale's Health Ministry Leader Sandy Caban, R.N., offers this list of suggested first-aid-kit contents, from the American Red Cross. Sandy encourages you to assemble a kit for your home and each of your cars:

20 adhesive bandages, various sizes	2 germicidal hand wipes or waterless hand-sanitizer	CPR breathing barrier, face shield
1 5X9 sterile dressing	6 antiseptic wipes	Non-prescription drugs:
1 conforming roller gauze bandage	2 pr. large medical-grade non-latex gloves	Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
2 triangular bandages	Adhesive tape, 2" width	Anti-diarrhea medication
2 3X3 sterile gauze pads	Cold pack	Antacid
2 4X4 sterile gauze pads	Scissors, small	Laxative
1 roll 3" cohesive bandage	Tweezers	Activated charcoal

Discover Bible School (DBS)

Did you know there's a DBS chapter at the Glendale Church? DBS offers Bible studies by correspondence to prison inmates, shut-ins, and others. If you'd like to help process the lessons, distribute enrollment cards, or visit students, please contact our DBS Coordinator, Nancy Tucker, at 602-242-3982 / ntucker@glendaleazsda.org.

We Celebrate Our Members With September Birthdays!

5	Carla Hernandez
5	Roger Woolley
7	Alex Breton
7	Robert Gilbert
7	Machaela Gilliland
8	Sharlene Walker
8	Alverna Palmer
9	Russell Fishell
9	Krystyna Reynolds
11	Daniel Zubia
11	Isaac Lund
12	Ron Serafino
15	Eric Marsollier
21	Eddie Hernandez
23	Joshua Dorsey
23	Maya Gutierrez
23	Dale Palmer
24	Reissa Salamat
26	Yvette Hinojosa
26	Alyssa Grossman
28	Kyle Stiemsma
29	Jason Diede
29	Julia Diede
30	April Geisler

If you have a September birthday and your name isn't on the above list, it's because we didn't know! Please call or e-mail (623-934-3295 / srobbins@glendaleazsda.org) and give us your name, phone number (in case there's a question), and birthdate.

FOCUS ON: Youth Ministry

Article submitted by Youth Ministry Leader Wendy Plummer

“So school’s out, the sun’s up and it’s hot. It’s going to get hotter; if there were a word to describe “beyond hot,” that’s what July will be. So what am I going to do all day—you know, after chores, video games, television, and hanging out with my brothers and sisters? I definitely want to hang with my friends, but we’re all so spread out. The only time I’ll see them is on Sabbath at church, and then only for church. Humph. Okay, what can I look forward to? Well, there’s Vacation Bible School...that’s one week taken care of. What am I going to do with all this time—two and a half months of time? Ugh. Lord, what can I do? I’ll talk to the Pastor, there’s gotta be something I can do...”

So this Glendale Church youth determined to have an adventure this summer. After all, Paul’s life shows us that following the path the Lord sets is always an adventure! This path led to Pastor Gary, who suggested the possibility of youth worship events in the summer—if the youth was willing to work to make it happen.

This young man thought getting together with friends on Saturday evenings to worship the Creator sounded like fun.

But why not extend that fun with some post-Sabbath recreation—maybe some swimming, roller skating, or bowling? And why not make it even *more* fun by taking the worship event off the Glendale Church campus and into various homes? Why not get as many of his friends involved as possible to lead out with music and other worship events?

The summer was definitely shaping up, with plenty of stuff to plan and do on the weekends.

Zach Surovec (the youth who was looking for something to do) connected with adults Estrella Gonzalez (a dynamic force in God’s army) and Wendy Plummer (the new Glendale Youth Ministry Leader) to motivate our Church’s youth toward the goal of house-to-house worship, invoking the idea of the early church.

What do we call this thing...? A.Y.S.: Adventist Youth Society? Maybe. ¿Sociedad de Jóvenes? Maybe. What is this thing we’re doing? Evening worship. Let’s call it that...no, wait, that’s too long. Oh yeah! What’s the synonym for that phrase? Evening worship is VESPERS. That’ll do—for now.

The Youth Vespers Program’s framework consists of welcome time, opening prayer, song service, a Bible game, something inspirational, announcements, closing prayer, and a social activity—all lead by the youth for the youth and their families. Many thanks to Ray Parmenter, Lisa and Bob Garcia, Estrella and Francisco Gonzalez, Junior and Lynette Garcia, and Lee and Diana Garcia for opening their homes, kitchens, and pools to us. (If you don’t know these people, make a point of meeting them.)

Without the support of parents—for transportation, refreshments, acting silly with us playing those crazy family games hosted by Juan and Sonia Pineda—and the involvement of so many youth, summer Sabbath Vespers wouldn’t have been possible...or half as much fun!

All our youth have great gifts and talents, and we hope their enthusiasm to lead worship and arrange fun and interesting programs continues through the 2008–2009 year. We’ve brought the worship segment back to the Glendale Church campus, and we’d like your support. We’ve seen the attendance multiply at the four summer Sabbath Vespers events. Many of our youth brought their friends—people from outside the Church family!

That’s a big part of the mission of Youth Ministry: inclusion. God’s love, truth, mercy, grace, and message of salvation are available for *all*, and we want our youth to love God, love serving God, and be equipped to share that love with everyone they meet.

Join us weekly. Youth Vespers begins this Sabbath, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Church.

School Corner

■ Glenview Adventist Academy (GAA) – Grades pre-K–8 – Gus Martin, Principal. “Teaching Values – Aiming for Eternity.” For more information or to enroll your child, call 623-931-1846.

■ GAA is raising funds for new playground equipment (see progress chart on Church Lobby bulletin board). We’re collecting box tops—and accepting cash donations! Thanks for your support.

■ Remember: Your participation in the Arizona State Tax Scholarship Fund helps pay tuition for students who otherwise couldn’t afford a Christian education. For information on how to take advantage of this great program, see one of the Pastors, GAA Principal Gus Martin, or Treasurer Mike Wood.

■ GAA Annual Rummage Sale is Sunday, Oct. 26. This is a major fundraiser for the school, and we could sure use your gently-used-but-no-longer-needed treasures. New storage space is now available, so bring it on! Contact the School Office (623-931-1846) if you need help moving large and/or heavy items.

■ Glenview Preparatory Academy (GPA) – Grades 9–12 – Glendale Church’s online high school, with Pastor-taught Bible classes. For information or to enroll your student, contact Mike Wood (602-418-5928), James Lowe (480-323-6814), Pastor Gary Venden (602-524-6019), or Pastor Greg Jones (480-229-7932).

Ladies Only

■ “Ladies Dine Out” is back, by popular demand! Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:00 p.m., come join your “sisters” for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Golden Corral Buffet, 5679 W. Northern Ave. (Sign-up sheet is on the Lobby Counter.) For more information, contact Connie Schmidt, 623-434-4251, or Nancy Watkins, 623-934-2382.

■ Don’t forget to pick up your registration form for the 20th Annual Arizona Women’s Retreat, to be held at Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Oct. 10–12. This year’s speaker, Ann Conlee-Brower, will present four-part seminar: “The Wailing of My Soul,” “Qualified Acceptance,” “Navigating This New World,” and “Peace.” The weekend will include thought-provoking morning devotionals, peaceful nature walks, and quiet times for personal and group prayer. For more information, see the registration form, on the Lobby Counter. Early-bird reduced registration fee ends Sept. 23.

Do you have a new home address? phone number? e-mail address? Fill out & turn in a ConneXions card, or e-mail your old & new info to ntucker@glendaleazsda.org.