



# Williamsport SDA and MVCS connections

## Pastor's Corner

During the recent NFL playoffs something very scary occurred. A young player in his early twenties stood up after a rather normal football play and then just collapsed on the field. He was suffering a cardiac arrest. The team doctors and emergency medical personnel worked on young Damar Hamlin with amazing speed and efficiency. He was practically dead on the field and was revived and stable enough to travel to the hospital but still in very critical condition.

What occurred around him was equally amazing. The two football teams locked in opposition for a playoff run to the Super Bowl, were a sight to behold. Grown men from both teams coming together weeping and holding hands while lifting prayers for their friend to God with the stadium full of more weeping attendees, were a sight to behold. The opposing team quarterback went to his head coach and shouted that the game needed to be stopped and scrubbed for the rest of the night. It would be a game that would never be made up because there wasn't room on the schedule to do so. But it didn't matter. A friend, even a competitive friend, might die.

A charitable fund was quickly established in the player's name and people gave to this fund with millions of dollars to support all sorts of other charities such as helping disadvantaged youth. The onlooking world just wanted to do something in honor of this young man.

In times of crisis, there is a side of people we seldom see. I always wonder why our minds need to be shocked into viewing people, even people we disagree with, to see them as God sees them. Maybe we need to daily ask God to be released from our carnal nature so that the spiritual person can thrive. Just thinking...

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### Recurring happenings:

- Sabbath School for all ages each Sabbath at 9:30 AM (church)
- Worship services each Sabbath at 11:00 AM (church)
- Fellowship meal—2nd Sabbath of each month after the worship service (none in June)
- Pathfinders each Thursday at 3:00 PM at MVCS
- End time events meetings on Sabbath evenings at the church
- Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (church)

**NOTE: NO MEETINGS DURING CAMPMEETING WEEKS!**

## Pathfinders Corner

Recently, The Williamsport Bald Eagles participated in a community service project, cleaning trash/litter from South Williamsport park. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted!



*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

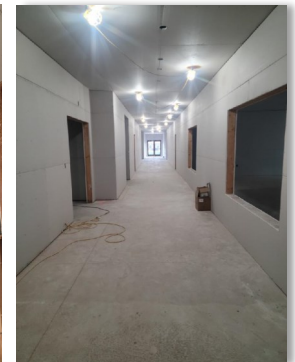
**Incoming  
Principal:  
Dale Walker**



Since 1988, Mr. Walker has been an experienced and loving teacher. In 1988 he began his teaching career in Williamsport. We are delighted that in 2018 he returned to MVCS. Mr. Walker has maintained a reputation for excellence for over 30 years. His classroom is well-known for its nurturing environment that focuses on successful learning and is built on mutual respect. He completed his B.A degree in 1988 and earned his MAT in Elementary Education in 1994. He enjoys learning, watching baseball, completing puzzles and keeping Christ always at the center of all he does.

## Building project...

With the electrical and data wiring nearly finished in about two-thirds of the building and with the warmer weather, the work is progressing quickly on both the interior and exterior of the project. The exterior cut-face block and siding are nearly complete. Concrete is being poured for the drive-throughs. The sheet-rock in the kitchen and gym will soon be done and taping will begin in the second week of May. At the start of the new school year we are hoping to have that section of the building ready to go.





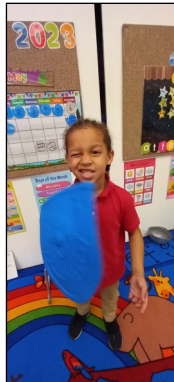
## Principal's Corner Mr. Rodney Ramey

As I look back over the years of my life I am so thankful that my parents provided a Christian Education for me. I look back at the first few years of school grades 1-4 and think of my teachers who loved and cared for me. They taught me about God through the Bible and by their lives. I remember my first and second grade teacher, Ms. Sue, telling us about heaven and the new Jerusalem. As she talked about the streets of gold and the foundation stones, I asked her, "Where did you find out about all of this?" She looked at me and answered, "In the Bible." I was surprised and realised that there were a whole lot more things in the Bible than I have been taught to that point in Sabbath School. Next, I think about Mr. Wortman. He taught me third and fourth grade. He was a nice man and we all knew that he cared for each of us. Then there was Mr. Stone. He was the librarian and teacher's helper. We all liked to go see Mr. Stone. All those phonics flashcards he drilled into me eventually taught me to read. In 5th grade I had to go to public school. My teacher, Mrs. Kelly, cared very deeply for each of us but there was no Bible class. In grades 6-8 Ms. Mathers was my teacher. Those were my middle school years. She even asked me to be an usher in her wedding and her last name wasn't Mathers anymore. Later on I had the honor of teaching in the same conference as her before she retired. I could go on talking about the teachers who made a difference in my life. There are many. But now I want you to think back to those teachers who made a difference in your life. What was it about them that made the difference?

I want you to think about the staff at MVCS. Everyday they strive and work tirelessly to give the students an education that is from heaven. They care deeply for their students and want them to succeed. Many times they do not have the honor of receiving thank you or a kind word. This article is to remind you to let them know how much they are needed, loved and appreciated. More than anything please join with me and continually hold them up in prayer.



A rainbow of smiles from Kalon and Oliver as their desire to bake a rainbow cake was shared with the whole school.



## Conference Call Prayer Time for MVCS

*You are receiving this newsletter, and announcement, because of your connection either through our church or student attendance at Mountain View Christian School. We realize this is God's school and we need and value His guidance in all that is said and done in the school. It is easy to become so busy that we don't focus on the importance of prayer for our school and for those who are a part of it. Realizing that, we are setting aside time each month to come together on a free conference call number to focus on uplifting the school and all who are a part of it. The times will be the first and third Sunday evenings of each month at 7:30 PM. All are welcome and you don't need to feel you need to offer prayer to be part of this. Even joining the others with your silent prayers and "Amen's" is appreciated by us and by God.*

*The first call will take place on Sunday, June 4th, in preparation for all that needs to be done in the building, in our hearts, in homes, and in all ways to be ready for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in being a part of this, please email Sandy at [sjspencer620@gmail.com](mailto:sjspencer620@gmail.com). You will then receive a calendar invite with all of the information to join the call.*

*Thank you for your prayerful consideration,  
In His love,  
Sandy*



## My wonderful body:



PLANNING AHEAD  
CAMP MEETING 2023  
June 9-17

Blue Mntn. Academy  
Hamburg, PA

Speakers:

Pavel Goia (6/9-13)

Doug Batchelor (6/17-19)

(See [www.paconference.org](http://www.paconference.org) for  
additional campmeeting and  
calendar information.)

Laurel Lake campmeeting

July 20-23

Do all to the glory of God

*“Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1Cor 10:31*

In order to preserve health, temperance in all things is necessary - temperance in labor, temperance in eating and drinking. Our heavenly Father sent the light of health reform. . . that those who love purity and holiness may know how to use with discretion the good things He has provided for them, and that by exercising temperance in daily life they may be sanctified through the truth.

Great care should be taken to form right habits of eating and drinking. The food eaten should be that which will make the best blood. The delicate organs of digestion should be respected. God requires us, by being temperate in all things, to act our part toward keeping ourselves in health. . . The spiritual experience is greatly affected by the way in which the stomach is treated. Eating and drinking in accordance with the laws of health promote virtuous actions.

Principle should rule instead of appetite or fancy. . . It means much to be true to God. He has claims upon all who are engaged in his service. He desires that mind and body be preserved in the best condition of health, every power and endowment under the divine control, and as rigorous as careful, strictly temperate habits can make them. . . Temperance in eating, drinking, sleeping, and dressing is one of the grand principles of the religious life. Truth

brought into the sanctuary of the soul will guide in the treatment of the body.

The better you observe the laws of health, the more clearly you can discern temptations, and resist them, and the more clearly you discern the value of eternal things. May the Lord help you to make the most of your present opportunities and privileges, that you may daily gain new victories, and finally enter the city of God, as those who have overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony.

**Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs constitute the church’s understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture.**

In this issue of our newsletter, we’ll look at the doctrine of:

### THE FATHER



God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also those of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 4:35; Ps. 110:1, 4; John 3:16; 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:28; 1 Tim. 1:17; 1 John 4:8; Rev. 4:11.)

The Bible tells us that God is our Father—a good, perfect, loving Father. Human fathers may fail us, but we have a Father in Heaven who loves us with a perfect, unconditional love. Jesus taught us to call Him “our father.” He exists in eternal and mysterious unity with the Son and the Holy Spirit as one Godhead, and is the source of everything in existence. God the Father desires to have a relationship with each one of us. He loves His children with an everlasting love and He wants to spend time with you. He doesn’t want us to be anxious or afraid. He has promised to care for us so we can go through life without fear. Just like earthly parents need to lovingly discipline their children, God also disciplines His children to teach us to obey Him.





*And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him” (Acts 5:32 KJV). “My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights” (Proverbs 3:11,12 ESV). We are subject to His authority because He made us and gifted us an existence. When He speaks, we would do well to listen. God’s Word is powerful, and He is all that is holy. “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water” (Revelation 14:7, ESV).*

But what does it mean to fear God and give Him glory?

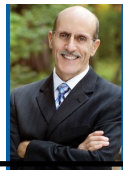
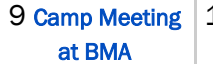

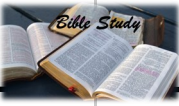


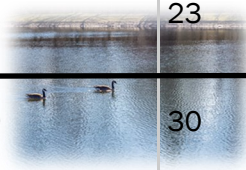
And because He is God, it only makes sense to revere Him. We are told that the *“fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight” (Proverbs 9:10, ESV).*

We show God respect and acknowledge His ultimate sovereignty by devoting ourselves to studying His words in the Bible and understanding His precepts. This helps us recognize our sinfulness and inadequacy—our need for a savior. In return, He will give us wisdom. *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28,29, ESV).*

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Fellowship meal after worship & MVCS program
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# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18 Laurel Lake Adventure Camp	19 	20	21	22 	23	24
25 Laurel Lake Junior Camp	26	27	28	29	30	



PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING 2023

ARE YOU READY TO GO

# All In

June 9-17, 2023 | Blue Mountain Academy

## Featured Speakers



Pavel Goia  
June 9-13, 2023



Doug Batchelor  
June 14-17, 2023



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