



Williamsport SDA and MVCS connections



Trying to predict when the building project will be complete, or at least when we'll be able to occupy, is probably akin to trying to determine the day and the hour when Jesus will return. We'll just say we continue to make progress, as you can see from the photos. Much of the carpeting has been installed, the pews are bolted to the floor, the sanctuary platform is soon to be completed, the basketball, volley ball, and pickle ball lines have been painted, some of the counter tops and sinks are complete. Here is the patience of the saints . . .

Building Project



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Recurring happenings:

- Sabbath School for all ages each Sabbath at 9:30 AM (church school)
- Worship services each Sabbath at 11:00 AM (church school)
- Pathfinders every other Wednesday from 6:30—8 PM at MVCS
- Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church school
- Campmeeting 2024 - June 7—15 at Blue Mountain Academy. See conference website for speakers.

Pathfinders Corner

A select group of Pathfinders from the Williamsport Bald Eagles and Milton Wilderness Warriors participated in the Pathfinder Bible Experience, which was held at Watsontown Church. They competed against other Pathfinder teams and were quizzed on the books of Joshua and Judges.

The Williamsport Club also recently made Valentine's day goodie bags for the residents of Fulmer's Personal Care Home.



The Pathfinder club meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 pm- 8pm at MVCS.



From Mountain View Christian School Board:

It is an exciting time for our school! Not only will we be starting the 2024-2025 school year in the new building with lots of room and many modern amenities, but we have an incredible opportunity to exponentially grow our enrollment thanks to much work and thought that was put into qualifying MVCS for a program that will allow for significant scholarship opportunities for students who qualify. We will also again be offering Pre-K and we will be adding staff.

In the very near future, you may notice advertising on radio, social media, newsprint, billboards, yard signs, and more. If you are able to help by displaying a flier or yard sign, we would appreciate it. The flier on a following page can be printed and posted, or shared with your contacts.

"The most essential education for our youth today to gain, and that which will fit them for the higher grades of the school above, is an education that will teach them how to reveal the will of God to the world."

White, Ellen G., *The Review and Herald*, October 24, 1907: *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 51



Principal's Corner Mr. Dale Walker



There once was a class period when two of my students entered into a friendly debate. One student insisted there were three components that made a person whole. These were the spiritual, physical, and mental aspects of a person. The second student insisted that the social component was a fourth facet.

I allowed the discussion to continue for a few minutes before I shared there were really five elements because there is the emotional (or empathetic) sector. The significance and joy of Adventist Christian education is that the whole person is included in the instructional process and the daily routines. Scripture refers to this whole-person development in the life of Samuel (1 Samuel 2:26), John the Baptist (Luke 1:80), and, most familiarly, Jesus (Luke 2:52). Including the spiritual foundation and focal point ensures the best development of all other aspects of a person. Centering everything in our God who created us provides the best springboard for the most effective growth of the whole person.

Developing an understanding of who God is and how wonderful He is along with growing in a relationship with Jesus is the driving force behind what takes place at Mountain View Christian School. Exploring Biblical stories, promises, and concepts from an Adventist worldview is the most significant feature that makes the education we provide unique.

Multiple studies, such as the extensive four-year, system-wide (30,000 students) Cognitive Genesis study, confirm that excellence and success in academics are hallmarks of Adventist Christian education. Low student-teacher ratio, the multi-grade effect, and the emphasis on excellence are all factors that lead to this achievement. However, the chief source of this success is the recognition of the importance of developing the whole person. The same is true for the “growth in stature”, that is, the physical aspect.

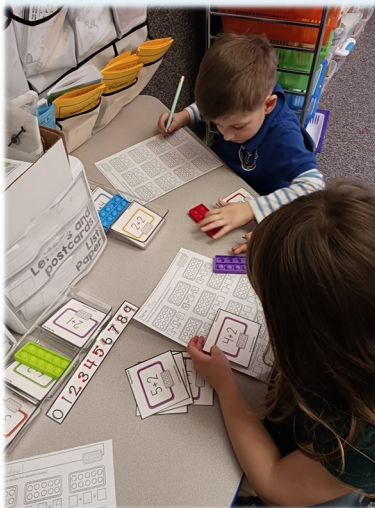
Recognizing the two key principles behind the commandments, love to God and love to others, places a high priority on positive relational (or empathetic) practices and experiences. By growing in one’s love for God, one is also able to effectively cultivate affirmative relationships with others.

Yes, it is possible to obtain success in any school setting. However, an education that prepares one for achievement in this life and victorious eternal living is the ultimate attainment. It was Jesus who raised the question, “What good is it to gain the whole world, and lose one’s soul?” (Mark 8:36). The whole focus of Adventist Christian education is the whole person and the whole of eternity!

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Mountain View Christian School works together with the home to foster a balanced development of the whole child — spiritual, intellectual, and social-emotional. We offer quality academics interwoven with Biblical values for children grades PreK—8.

Choosing a school where your child will be inspired to fulfill the unique purpose for his/her life is of utmost and eternal importance. We understand a Christian education involves sacrifice and commitment and an important consideration is “how much will it cost”?

Education is expensive. Quality, Christian education is priceless. MVCS offers generous scholarship opportunities that provide affordable options while not lessening the value of what the child receives.

Contact us to learn more.

Register now for the 2024-2025 school year

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South Williamsport, PA



My wonderful body:



EMBRACE SPRING: EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF WALKING



As the days grow longer and the temperature begins to rise, springtime offers the perfect opportunity to step outside and enjoy the rejuvenating benefits of walking. With nature bursting into bloom and the sun shining brightly, there's no better time to embrace the outdoors and incorporate walking into your daily routine.

Walking is not just a simple activity; it's a powerful form of exercise that offers numerous physical and mental health benefits. Here are some reasons why you should lace up your shoes and hit the pavement this spring:

1. PHYSICAL HEALTH BENEFITS:

Cardiovascular Health: Walking is a low-impact aerobic exercise that gets your heart pumping and improves cardiovascular health. Regular walking can help lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease, and improve circulation.

Weight Management: Incorporating brisk walking into your routine can aid in weight loss and weight management. It burns calories, boosts metabolism, and contributes to overall fitness.

Joint Health: Unlike high-impact exercises, walking is gentle on the joints while still promoting flexibility and mobility. It can help alleviate joint pain and stiffness, making it suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

2. MENTAL WELLBEING:

Stress Reduction: Spending time outdoors and connecting with nature while walking can significantly reduce stress levels and promote relaxation. The rhythmic motion of walking, coupled with the beauty of the natural environment, has a calming effect on the mind.

Mood Enhancement: Walking releases endorphins, also known as "feel-good" hormones, which can uplift your mood and alleviate symptoms of anxiety and depression. It provides an opportunity to clear your mind, boost creativity, and enhance mental clarity.

Improved Sleep: Regular physical activity, such as walking, has been shown to improve the quality of sleep. A refreshing walk in the fresh air during the day can promote better sleep patterns and help combat insomnia.

3. SOCIAL CONNECTION:

Community Engagement: Walking can be a social activity, providing opportunities to connect with friends, family, or neighbors. Consider joining a walking group or inviting a companion to accompany you on your walks, fostering a sense of camaraderie and accountability.

Shared Experiences: Walking together allows for meaningful conversations and shared experiences, strengthening relationships and fostering a sense of belonging within your community.

As spring unfolds its beauty and beckons us outdoors, seize the opportunity to reap the countless benefits of walking. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through a local park, a brisk walk along a scenic trail, or a morning jaunt to kickstart your day, let walking become an integral part of your springtime routine. Embrace the season, nurture your body, and mind, and embark on a journey towards improved health and vitality, one step at a time.

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 GREAT CONTROVERSY**

All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe. This conflict originated in heaven when a created being, endowed with freedom of choice, in self-exaltation became Satan, God's adversary, and led into rebellion a portion of the angels. He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world when he led Adam and Eve into sin. This human sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity, the disordering of the created world, and its eventual devastation at the time of the global flood, as presented in the historical account of Genesis 1-11. Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated. To assist His people in this controversy, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal angels to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation. (Gen. 3; 6-8; Job 1:6-12; Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-18; Rom. 1:19-32; 3:4; 5:12-21; 8:19-22; 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 1:14; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:6; Rev. 12:4-9.)

Right from the beginning of the Bible, God lets us in on the facts, explaining why ever since sin entered our world, Earth has been the battleground of the Great Controversy. All the pain and loss humanity suffers is a result of that war. But the war didn't start on earth. Back in heaven, before the earth even existed, there was an angel named Lucifer. He was also called "Morning Star" because of his radiance and beauty (Isaiah 14:12).

He was a splendid being, wise and beautiful, one of God's perfect creations. He was one of the great commanders of the angelic host. He even held a place of honor upon God's Holy Mountain, serving as the right-hand man to the Trinity itself.

Something went wrong. Lucifer looked at himself, saw his beauty and wisdom and started to wonder why he, with all his splendor, wasn't equal with God. Ezekiel tells us that "the King of Tyre" grew proud because of his beauty, that his wisdom was corrupted because of his splendor.

Lucifer let pride into his heart, letting it drive him to consider himself an equal to God (Isaiah 14:13-14). And in that pride, Lucifer incited a rebellion, trying to turn the angels of Heaven against their Creator. He falsely accused God's character, spreading lies among the angels and calling God an unjust ruler. And some of the angels believed him. They sided with Lucifer, choosing him as their new leader, and rose up in rebellion against God.

Lucifer, once a trusted angel at God's side, betrayed his king, started a rebellion, and was kicked out of heaven with his followers. On that day he became Satan the deceiver. And that is when all earth's troubles began.

When Satan was banished from Heaven he headed straight for Earth, accompanied by all the angels who followed him. He knew he was no match for God, so he cooked up a plan to get revenge. He wanted to cause God the most pain he could—by corrupting God's new creation (Adam and Eve).

Eden, Adam and Eve's garden home, was a place of perfection. Every living creature was friendly, and many plants and trees yielded fruit that was good to eat.

Except one. The fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was to be off-limits. God specifically told Adam and Eve to go nowhere near that tree, "for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17, ESV).

Satan saw this as his opportunity. He caught Eve's attention by taking the appearance of a radiant winged serpent and spoke to her.

Satan employed the same trick he'd used to deceive the angels in Heaven, casting doubt on God's character, calling Him a liar and claiming that God was just trying to keep all the power for himself. Satan essentially told Eve that she didn't need God.

Sadly, Eve was intrigued enough to test this out. She ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam did the same. And with that, humanity took the side of rebellion against God and was dragged into the great controversy between good and evil.

Ever since Adam's and Eve's rebellion, humanity has had a distorted view of God. We struggle with Satan's lie about God's character and are now born with a natural tendency toward selfishness. We cannot regain our once-perfect nature on our own. Only through God's help are we able to choose His way and aid in the war against sin and Satan (Romans 5:12-21).

We are truly living in a world with both the knowledge of good and evil, and each of us must make daily decisions on whose side we choose. These daily choices are more important than we can imagine. The entire universe has its eyes on Earth, watching the choices we make.

Earth is the only place God created that contains sin, and all God's creations have their eyes on it, witnessing the devastating effect sin is having on our world (1 Corinthians 4:9).

This is the reason God allowed Satan to live, why He allows sin to exist and spread across our world.

It would be easy for God to destroy Satan and his angels in an instant. But if God did that, the angels who remained would only follow Him out of fear. God didn't want His people to follow Him out of fear, but out of choice. They had to see what Satan was like, so they could witness what sin was like and choose for themselves who they were going to serve.

Some things we really do have to truly see to truly believe.

Earth is the place where good and evil are put on full display so each person can judge for themselves who they are going to follow: Satan and his selfishness, or God and His love.

So, what are we to do while this Great Controversy wages on throughout the earth and within our hearts?

We know we can't do this on our own, and we know we will make mistakes. But those who hold onto Christ's promises will be saved (Matthew 24:13).

The entire universe has its eyes on Earth, waiting to see how this war plays out. Will God's good and just character finally be vindicated?

Fortunately, we already know how this war is going to end. God told us Himself in the book of Revelation, explaining how Satan and everyone he's deceived will one day be wiped out and the world will be made new (Revelation 20).

One day, God promises us He will put an end to sin, destroy Satan and his followers, and make all things right again. But before that happens, everyone must make a choice.

Everyone on Earth must take a side in this spiritual war, this Great Controversy. They must look at the world around them, see the terrible results sin has brought, and choose whom they will serve.

They can serve God, accepting His free gift of salvation and choosing to live by His commandments, or they can serve themselves, choosing the path of rebellion, following Satan, and eventually sharing his fate.

Scripture has already made it clear how this great war for Earth is going to end. God will one day be victorious, conquering sin once and for all. He will set up a new kingdom on earth, a kingdom that will never die. God wants each and every one of us to be there with Him. He is patient with us, "not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:10, ESV).

But ultimately, the choice is ours. It's up to us whose side we take in the Great Controversy over God's character.

We can choose the path of rebellion and selfishness, which is made to look appealing to the flesh, but it leads to destruction, or even though this world makes it difficult, we can choose the path of justice, mercy, and God's unfailing love.

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MVCS events listed in this color.

Williamsport SDA events in black.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Pathfinders 6:30-8	7	8	9 BMA fellowship meal Choir Practice 3-4:30
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Choir Practice 3-4:30
17	18 Church Board at 6:30 MVCS Spring Break	19 School Board at 6:30 PM	20 Pathfinders 6:30-8	21	22 Choir Practice 7-8:30	23 7 PM "AT HIS NAME"
24	25	26	27	28	29 MVCS holiday	30
31 Easter						

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Pathfinders 6:30-8	4	5	6 Holding on to Hope—Women's Retreat 10-5
7	8	9	10	11 MVCS History Fair	12	13 Fellowship meal
14	15 Church Board at 6:30	16 School Board at 6:30	17 MVCS Family Fun Day Pathfinders 6:30-8	18	19	20 Family Conference 10-6
21	22	23 MVCS Graduation/ Closing Program	24 MVCS last day of school.	25	26 BMA Alumni Wknd.	27
28	29	30				

To see more pictures of what is happening at Mountain View Christian School, visit www.mvchristianschool.com, click on "current students" and then "gallery".



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