

# Church News

## Why Does Our Church Have Two Worship Services?

It is a question I have heard repeated more than once: “Why does our church have two worship services?” For over two years now, our church has had two services, one at 8:30AM and one at 11:15AM. Most would probably agree that one service is preferable though some like the option of coming for an early service. The reasons for having one service are numerous. For example, when there is only one service, it is easier to keep up with who is missing and who isn’t. It’s easier to stay in touch with everyone because everyone is together at the same time. Of course as it stands right now, we have only one Sabbath school but there is little time before and after Sabbath school to visit and often folks are scattered among the various class-

rooms. One service allows for a full sanctuary which can be exciting and often makes you feel good. It’s exciting to look around when the church is full and see how the



Lord is blessing. It’s rare that we have a full house when

there are two services. Fellowship dinner would likely be more popular if we only had one service. For those who come to first service, fellowship dinner is not very convenient. Two services make for a long morning for those who are leading out in worship. They often end up being here for over four and a half hours. Yes, there are lots of reasons why one service is to be preferred over two. So why do we

have two services?

Allow me to explain. Our seating capacity in the sanctuary is 190. Because it has been a while since we began having two services, we decided to take a count to see if our numbers were still as high as they were over two years ago. Elder Jerry Coyle took a careful count at both first and second service during the months of October and November. I might add that while two months only gives us a ballpark figure, I think these two months were a good sampling. During these two months we had two school breaks, a holiday, guest speakers, and a sermon series that I shared. This time period seemed to reflect many of the scenarios we often experience as a congregation. (Continued on page 2)

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## Healthy by Choice Not by Chance



The Journey to  
Better Health Begins  
Feb. 18

(See page 3 for more details)

## Why Does Our Church Have Two Worship Services? (continued)

During these two months, our average attendance was 155. So one might initially respond by saying that since our seating capacity is 190 and our attendance is 155, why do we need an extra service? However, the figure of 190 is based on square footage and practically speaking does not reflect a realistic seating environment. If you seat 7 people per pew which is a full pew with no real extra space, then we can sit 167 in the sanctuary. If you include the platform pew and mother's room pew, then you gain an extra 8 to 10. So for the sake of convenience, let's round our numbers to a comfortable capacity of 180. Remember, setting up chairs in the aisles is not a safe alternative due to fire codes. At 180, we are currently filling 86% of our sanctuary's seating capacity. If you use the 190 figure, we are still over 80% capacity on average. Studies have shown that when a church reaches 80% capacity, alternative plans must be implemented. The reason for this is that when a church reaches this attendance level, visitors often feel cramped and growth is inhibited. After all, who wants to sit on the front row and what guest would want to sit smashed up against a stranger. Since a building project is not viable at this point due to our Family Life Center Mortgage, we must hold two services to accommodate the

numbers. Some have suggested a satellite church where a group of us branches off to start a new church. While such an idea is appealing in some respects, such a move would likely be premature for several reasons. One such reason would be that because we have a school, a divide could strain the viability of keeping our school afloat financially.

Often youth go through an awkward stage of growth where they are no longer a little child and not yet an adult. In some ways, we are at an awkward stage with regards to numbers. Our main purpose as a church is to grow the kingdom of God and anything that might inhibit such a purpose needs to be dealt with swiftly. So for now, two services are required and frankly I am thankful that we have such a problem if one can even call it that. May God grant us wisdom as we continue to serve Him.



### **GOLDEN HARVEST CITRUS FRUIT**

#### **2008 Schedule**

ORDER BY **January 9** / PICK UP ON **Jan. 24**

Grapefruit  
21.00/14.00  
FL Navels  
22.00/15.00  
Minneolas or  
Honey Bells  
35.00/21.00

ORDER BY **Feb. 13** / PICK UP ON **Feb. 28**

Grapefruit  
21.00/14.00  
CA Navels  
TBA  
Tangerines  
-----/20.00  
Temples  
TBA

ORDER BY **April 2** / PICK UP ON **April 17**

Grapefruit  
21.00/14.00  
CA Navels  
TBA  
Tangerines  
-----/20.00  
Valencias  
TBA



*Are your Kroger purchases  
earning money for our school?*

Kroger card's can be linked to the school. Last year with only 38 cards linked to our school we were given over \$700 by the Kroger company. This year we only have 19 cards linked to date. We have only until Dec 31 to get cards linked to our school. You can get a bar code from customer service at Kroger or contact Heather Stovall. Please support our school with this easy idea.

## CHIP Set to Begin on February 18

This Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) will be preceded by a free information session where you will learn about the journey before it officially begins on the 18th of February. These free sessions will be offered at various locations and at various times for your convenience. For those who choose to proceed with the adventure, they will receive two health screenings to check for cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides, and fasting blood sugar. Participants will receive two lifestyle evaluations, personalized counseling, 16 dynamic health and lifestyle lectures, a *Dynamic Living* textbook and workbook, a *Natural Foods* cookbook, food demonstrations and samples,

and regular alumni support meetings as follow up. Reports from those who have been through the five week program are overwhelmingly positive with many reporting total life style



transformations. Many of you will remember Tom & Mary Edwards who used to be members here.

Tom went through the program and loved it. It made a big difference for him as well as others like the Taylors who have also been through the program.

While many end up paying hundreds of dollars in medical bills later in life, CHIP seeks to step in and redirect

productivity. It will require an investment on your part though. Not only will it require time, but it will cost. Individuals will pay \$195 dollars for the program whereas couples can receive a discounted rate of \$295 a couple. When you consider the materials and tests that you receive along with the savings you will incur if you apply what you learn, such a fee is very reasonable.

See the calendar on page 7 to see when you might attend one of the free information sessions being held in early February. I would encourage you to at least check it out. It could literally add years to your life.

## Personal Ministries Minute - Kevin Zais



The Bible says that "We are fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139: 14.

This is a statement that reassures a great many things in me personally. The more that we look into the science of what makes up the Human Being the more that it points to the ever-obvious truth that, we are made in the likeness of God Himself. "And God said; Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:" Genesis 1:26

Let's spend a **minute** looking at the Human Eye.

The Human Eye has in it 137 million light sensitive receptor cells, 130 million "rods" for black and white vision, and 7 million "cones" used for colored vision.

Matthew 6: 21-23 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

Even Darwin admitted that the extreme complexity of the Eye seemed to totally **disprove** his theory of evolution.

I Quote: " To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess,

absurd in the highest possible degree... The belief that an organ as perfect as the eye could have formed by natural selection is more than enough to stagger anyone." – Charles Darwin; Origin of Species, 1902 Edition Part one, page 250.

And yet so many people still struggle with the controversy of our very origin.

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him."

So in this **minute**, the question just begs to be asked, how long will we continue to question the Word of God?

## Momentous Book on "666" About to Be Released—Jerry Stevens



As some of you know, I have been editor of ADVENTISTS AFFIRM since a while before arriving here in Crossville in February 2005. In this capacity I have the privilege of editing a very fine magazine, which we humbly consider to be the conservative voice of the SDA Church.

Since August 2006, I have been very heavily involved in researching with and for an SDA author in Texas by the name of Edwin de Kock. Edwin, an extremely gifted writer/historian, is nearing completion of the manuscript of a tremendously momentous book to be titled *The Truth About 666*. The editorial committee of ADVENTISTS AFFIRM is so impressed with the timing and significance of this book that it has decided

to publish it in place of its regular magazine issues for spring and summer 2008.

When Edwin finishes his writing, which should be very soon now, he will submit the entire manuscript to me for copyediting. I am already intimately acquainted with its contents, and can honestly say that no Seventh-day Adventist will want to be without a copy. Without giving away too much, I can tell you that some firmly grounded understandings of Revelation 13 (the mark of the beast, 666, etc.) have been eroding since the time of Ellen White and Uriah Smith. Some of this erosion even stems from statements made by otherwise well-respected Adventist leaders. The book will be candid in tone but by no means vindictive. I can state with absolute certainty that our research is so thorough that even enemies will

be forced to concede certain modern misunderstandings, whether accidental or purposeful, whether originating in "Babylon" or the remnant church.

Now for some really great news. For the price of a regular subscription to ADVENTISTS AFFIRM, \$20, not only will you receive this momentous book immediately after it is published by late spring 2008, but you will also get the regular fall issue of the magazine (subscriptions normally include three magazine issues--spring, summer, and fall). You may renew a current subscription or subscribe for the first time by writing ADVENTISTS AFFIRM, P.O. Box 36, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. If you prefer to call, the number is (269) 471-2300. Our office manager, Debbie Gray, should be able to handle any subscription arrangements.

## Fellowship Dinner Teams



It almost looked like it wasn't going to happen. Several members decided not to participate on a team this year for fellowship dinners and due to the lack of interest, we were faced with the very real possibility that we may not be able to provide dinners for our guests. Prior to there being a lunch every Sabbath at the Family Life Center, the Burtnetts who have sense moved away, used to make up a schedule where guests were invited to homes for lunch. Because it was felt that it would be more convenient for our guests to eat

at the Family Life Center, we installed a plan where we all shared the responsibility of hosting a meal every few weeks. This year, we lost the equivalent of four teams which represented over 40% of our force. After several discussions and generous volunteers, it was decided to implement a plan by which the deaconess's would host the first Sabbath dinner each month. This would be with the understanding that since it's a church wide meal, those who attend can help pick up and clean up after the meal. It will be a church wide effort. Then on the second Sabbath of each month, the Sunshine

band which has typically met at this time for lunch anyway, has graciously agreed to host the meal on these Sabbaths. For those who can, it would be good to help support this second Sabbath meal as it's very generous of the Sunshine Band to take on this responsibility. Then the other five teams will rotate through the remaining Sabbaths of the year. Please save the schedule included with this newsletter for reference. Remember, as a church member, please bring plenty of food when you attend a church potluck. The general rule of thumb is to bring enough food for your family and another family of like size. You are always welcome!

## Fellowship Dinner Team Schedule

*Remember that you can switch with someone from another team if you need to.*

### **Team 1- Deaconesses & Church**

January 5  
February 2  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7  
July 5  
August 2  
September 6  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6

### **Team 2- Sunshine Band**

January 12  
February 9  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

### **Team 3- Draper**

January 19  
March 22  
May 24

July 26  
September 27  
December 20

### **Team 4- Kellogg**

January 26  
March 29  
May 31  
August 16  
October 18

### **Team 5 - Chung**

February 16  
April 19  
June 21  
August 23  
October 25

### **Team 6 – Arnall**

February 23  
April 26  
June 28  
August 30  
November 15

### **Team 7- Coyle**

March 15  
May 17  
July 19  
September 20  
November 22

## Fellowship Dinner Teams & Instructions

**Note:** Remember the leader is responsible for calling members a week ahead to remind them of their duties. **If a member of the team cannot be present, that member is responsible for finding a replacement or trading with someone. This is not to be placed on the leader.** The leader should acquire a key from the Deacon on Sabbath morning and make certain the facility is open and ready to receive food. The entire team should assist with serving of food **and clean up**. On the first Sabbath, the entire church should pitch in and help clean up the tables and take out the trash. Deaconesses will see to it that the food is set out for serving. Remember to bring food already prepared and in a warmer if need be. Make certain to pick up your dishes after each meal. Anyone can participate on a given Sabbath, but members ARE EXPECTED to bring a couple of dishes if they attend any one of the potlucks. A general rule of thumb is to bring enough to feed your family and another family of like size.

### Team 1 - Mary Weigle

1. *Deaconesses*
2. *Church at large*

### Team 2 – Sunshine Band

1. Jenkins, Marvin & Teresa
2. Hickman
3. Ramsey \*
4. Adams, Linda \*
5. Unruh

### Team 3—Draper

1. Andersons
2. Barnes, J
3. Ostrem
4. Pratt
5. Walsh
6. Zais

### Team 4 – Kellogg

1. Henion
2. Karnatz
3. Stevens
4. Moore, Wanda
5. Morsette

### Team 5 – Chung

1. Adams
2. Arroyo
3. Cases
4. Hickman
5. Taylors

### Team 6 – Arnall

1. Lawson, J & C
2. Martin, Jean
3. Smith, Shirley Jo
4. Verhaeghe
5. Windscheffel

### Team 7 – Coyle

1. Kendrick, Lorene
2. Marshall, Pat
3. Smith, L & B
4. Walker, B & S
5. Wood

- Part time due to scheduling.

# ▶ January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers— 4:30pm
6	7	8	9 Pathfinders 6pm	10	11	12 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers— 4:30pm
13 Heritage Board Meeting	14	15 School Board – 5:30pm	16 Pathfinders 6pm	17	18	19 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers— 4:30pm
20 Elder's Breakfast at Pastor's Home 8AM	21 M. King B'day NO SCHOOL	22 Church Board 5:30pm	23 Pathfinders 6pm	24	25	26 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers— 4:30pm
27	28	29	30 Pathfinders 6pm	31		

# ▶ February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers -5pm
3 CHIP info meeting @ Family Life Center 6pm	4 CHIP info meeting @ Fairfield Glade 6pm	5	6 Pathfinders 6pm School Board 5:30pm	7 CHIP info meeting @ Cumberland County Community Complex 6pm	8	9 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers -5pm
10	11 Church Board – 5:30pm	12 CHIP info meeting @ Cumberland County Community Complex 6pm	13 Pathfinders 6pm	14 Valentines Day	15 CHIP Heart Screening from 6–8an at FLC	16 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers -5pm
17	18 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL  CHIP Meeting	19 CHIP Meeting 6pm	20 Pathfinders 6pm CHIP Meeting 6pm	21 CHIP Meeting 6pm	22	23 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers -5pm
24	25 CHIP Meeting 6pm	26 CHIP Meeting 6pm	27 Pathfinders 6pm CHIP Meeting 6pm	28 CHIP Meeting 6pm	29	1 Morning Worship- Pastor Jeremy  Vespers -5:30pm

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## From the Pastor's Desk



As I review the calendar for the new year, I quickly see that 2008 is shaping up to be a very busy year. In early January, a Bible Study mailing will be sent out to several zip codes in Crossville. In February and March we will hold the CHIP program for the community. In mid March, I will head to Morristown for an Evangelism Rally and in late March I will speak at the South Georgia Camp Meeting. Then in early April I will speak for a church retreat in Eastern, TN. It is our hope that sometime in the spring, we will hold a small cooking class as a follow up to CHIP as well as an-

other free family photo shoot from the community. In July, we will hold an evangelistic series here in Crossville for five weeks. After this I will head to Morristown, TN in mid September for another five week evangelistic campaign. I am excited about all the opportunities the Lord has put before us as I am sure you are also. Whether it's simply enjoying fellowship with your neighbors and friends and inviting them to these various outreach events or giving personal Bible studies, we need your help in preparing for the summer harvest event. During our various programs, you can help make them a success by simply showing up and visiting with the guests who attend.

As we face this new year, I would encourage you to take time for some thoughtful reflection and prayer. Ask Him what He would have you to do with regards to evangelism. There is no greater evangelism than personal evangelism. With out it, public evangelism is weak.

As we serve this year together, I would also encourage you to share with the rest of us your experiences as to how God has led you in sharing the Good News! May we renew our commitment to the Advent movement and together proclaim the everlasting gospel as declared in Revelation.