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Rediscovering the Scriptures sparks spiritual awakening

by Pastor Kirk Thomas,
BUC President



We live in a world obsessed with change, yet we rarely experience deep, lasting transformation. We constantly chase after the latest trends, adopt new habits, and listen to a chorus of loud voices promising revitalisation. *But what is the actual catalyst for genuine spiritual awakening?*

We live in an era overwhelmed by words. We skim articles, scroll through feeds, and consume media and audiobooks at an unprecedented rate. Despite this deluge of information, we often suffer from spiritual malnutrition. We are reading constantly, but are we being transformed?

Let's take a moment to look at a remarkable moment in the history of God's people – a moment where the simple act of reading changed the trajectory of an entire nation.

In the rubble

In Second Kings, we find King Josiah, a young leader attempting to repair the temple in Jerusalem after years of national decay and neglect. During the renovations, Hilkiah the high priest makes a startling discovery in the rubble: the lost 'Book of the Law'.

The scribe Shaphan brings this dusty scroll to the king and reads it aloud. Josiah's reaction is immediate and visceral.

'And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes' (2 Kings 22:11, KJV).

On hearing the words of Scripture, Josiah tears his clothes in grief and repentance. He realises how far the nation has drifted from God's ideal. This single reading session sparks one of the most sweeping spiritual reformations in biblical history. The reformation of a nation began because *one leader*

allowed the Word of God to be read not just to his ears, but into his heart.

Reading for reformation

When Shaphan read the scroll, it was an encounter with the living God. The prophet Jeremiah affirms this:

'Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts' (Jeremiah 15:16, KJV).

In our fast-paced world, and even in our busy church lives, we are often tempted to treat Scripture as a manual to be referenced or a textbook to be debated, rather than a meal to be savoured. The late pastor and theologian Eugene Peterson vividly described this spiritual act of reading:

'Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul – eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight' (Eugene H. Peterson, *Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading*, Kindle loc. 176).

True reformation requires us to study the Bible on its own terms. We must look not just for quick answers, but allow the text to question and examine us, recognising that *'the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword'* (Hebrews 4:12, KJV).

Hearing God's voice anew

If we want to see a revival across the British Union Conference (BUC) territory – in our homes, our local churches and our communities – we must rediscover the lost scroll in our own lives. We must clear away the rubble of our distractions and open the Word with a sense of holy expectation.

Ellen G. White captures the gravity and the beauty of this kind of reading perfectly:

'The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realised this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One' (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 393).

Imagine if we approached our daily reading with that level of awe. Imagine if every time we opened our Bibles, we recognised that we were stepping into an audience with the Almighty God.

The invitation

My prayer for the BUC is that we become a people of the Book once again: not a people who merely own Bibles, but who read them, chew on them, and are radically changed by them.

Let us be like King Josiah, willing to have our hearts softened, our routines disrupted, and our lives reformed by the transformative power of the Word.



Stewards of the ink

by Dusanka Rancic, Editor

EDITORIAL

Why do you like to read? Is it to learn and grow, to escape into another world, to find hope or beat loneliness? Perhaps it is to explore and discover new people, cultures, customs and time periods you could never otherwise experience. Or perhaps it is to get to know God, to relax, to be inspired – or to inspire your children to discover the joy of reading.

There is a strange paradox in our world today. We have more content than ever before, yet we seem to have less attention than ever before. So how can the content we offer as a church cut through the noise and reach people's hearts?

As God's publishing house within the British Union Conference, we are stewards of the ink. We have a sacred responsibility to create and share relevant, inspiring resources grounded in Scripture and pointing people towards Jesus. Our prayer is that these resources will reach believers, seekers and those who may never walk through the doors of a church.

This is particularly significant at a time when reading itself is facing a challenge. The UK has recognised the importance of reversing the decline in reading, with 2026 declared the National Year of Reading. 'This is the biggest reading initiative the country has ever seen – and it's just the beginning. Our ambition is to transform reading for generations,' says David Hayman, National Year of Reading Director.¹ The aim is not simply to tell people that reading is good for them, but to reconnect reading with the things they love – stories, ideas, imagination, discovery and culture.

How much more, then, should we value the opportunity to place Christian stories, ideas and biblical truth into people's hands! And, while we as Christians know that reading expands minds, builds confidence, and fuels creativity, increased distractions and less time are causing a decline in reading for pleasure and spiritual growth across many groups within the church.

We are called to be people of the Book and stewards of the ink. The Stanborough Press team continues to work hard to produce resources that travel far beyond our own borders, reaching people of different ages and cultures across the world. We are also blessed by meaningful partnerships with the Trans-European Division, Hope Channel, other Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses and well-known authors such as Julian Melgosa and Brenda Walsh. But the publishing ministry belongs to all of us. You can support it through your prayers, your writing and, importantly, your financial support. Please use the QR code (right) or the Donate button on the Stanborough Press website and give generously. Your support enables us to keep reading, writing, publishing, sharing, and serving together.

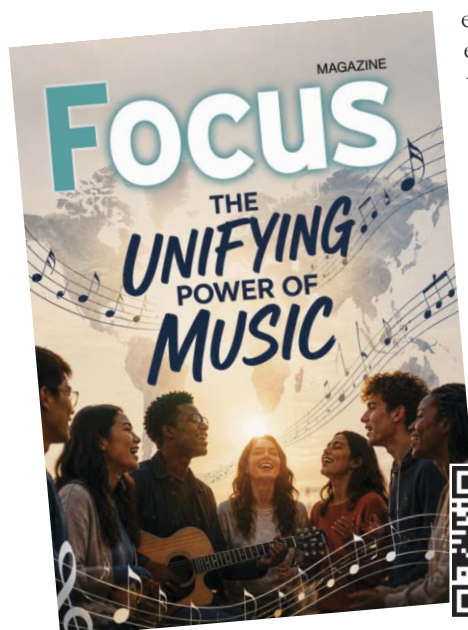
As you will read in this issue about the OneVoice27 evangelistic initiative, we are also reminded that we must use every available means to reach people. Print and digital media are not competitors; they can strengthen and support one another. A digital resource can begin a conversation, while a printed page can continue it. A podcast can inspire someone to explore a book or an audiobook. We need to use all these avenues wisely and creatively.

Visit the LifeSource website and explore our books, including e-books and audio books, available for your own spiritual growth or to share with family and friends. And don't miss the newest issue of *Focus*, which explores the unifying power of music. Share it with a colleague, neighbour or friend who might find something meaningful within its pages.

Paul's words to Timothy are a fitting encouragement for all who are involved in this ministry: 'Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season' (2 Timothy 4:2, NKJV).

May we be faithful stewards of every opportunity, every page, every word and every platform God places in our hands. The ink may be ours to steward, but the message belongs to God.

¹This campaign, called 'Go All In' and led by the UK Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust, has been created to combat a decline in reading. Read more at <https://goallin.org.uk/>.



Stanborough Press Open Day
Sunday 6 September – all are welcome!

Do Christians still need books in a digital age?

by Pastor Ian Sweeney, *Trans-European Division Field Secretary*



These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so' (Acts 17:11, KJV).

Acts 17:11 is a beloved passage that is often used in Adventist and Christian communities to extol the virtues of the Berean believers who did not blindly accept the teachings of the apostle Paul, but compared them carefully with the Bible.

How do you picture the Bereans doing this? Sitting at home studying their Bibles?

No.

Before the advent of mechanical printing presses in fifteenth-century Europe (Johannes Gutenberg), personal copies of the Bible were very rarely found in the home. Acts 17:10 tells us that the Bereans' engagement with the Bible (Old Testament) occurred in the synagogue with scrolls. This meant that their reading and study was a community activity.

So when Luke says the Bereans 'searched the Scriptures daily', he was describing a community gathering where the scrolls were read aloud. The believers would have engaged in discussion and arguments given as to what Paul had said and what was read from the sacred text.

The Bereans had scrolls, but they did more than scroll!

There is an increasing prevalence of using digital devices such as smartphones and tablets to read.

This is evidenced in churches across the globe, where many members no longer carry paper Bibles as everything is on their phone. There's no denying the convenience of having everything on our phones or tablets, but could we be missing out on something in the neglect of reading the printed page?

Researchers at the University of Valencia looked at the issue of reading comprehension between printed and digital devices. In looking at over 24 studies (2000-2022) which had near half a million participants, their findings were revealing.

A person who reads a printed page for, say, 10 hours will have a comprehension six to eight times greater than those who read on a digital device!¹

The USA scholar, Professor Maryanne Wolf, has shared that reading should be more than just understanding words. She has researched how the brain learns to read and what happens to our thinking when we move from print to digital screens. For Prof. Wolf, reading should be deep. Deep reading involves empathy, critical analysis, and the ability to enter into another's perspective.

There appears to be something about screens that works against comprehension or deeper understanding of what we read. It appears that screen reading leads to shallow processing. Shallow reading might mean we only superficially

engage with our Bible, as we only read at a surface level that does not lead to 'deep reading' and understanding.

Although the Bereans of Acts 17 did not have personal or easy access to the Bible either in digital or printed form, they were certainly engaged in deep reading. Theirs was a slow, immersive and

reflective engagement with God's word.

Now, even if we are not convinced by the evidence of science today, I'm sure we all agree that digital devices are inherently distracting. Finding a sacred text during the sermon is good, but then we are easily distracted when we get a text message or a social media notification, and our mind immediately turns to that.

Innovation and technology are here to stay, and we are never going back to a time and place where we only have printed books. Neither do we have to choose one or the other.

What we do need to choose is whether we are prepared to be engaged in deeper reading of God's Word; and, to that end, reading the printed page has greater benefits.

In the book *Steps to Christ* Ellen G. White wrote a number of powerful sentences about the effect of deep reading of the Bible. On pages 90 and 91 we read:

'There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. . . . If God's word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times. But there is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. . . .

'We cannot obtain wisdom without earnest attention and prayerful study. . . . There must be careful research and prayerful reflection. And such study will be richly repaid.'

To set aside our digital devices and to read the Bible or other books is not mere nostalgia. It is a deliberate act of stewarding the mind God gave us. Reading the printed page is a needed spiritual discipline for our distracted age.

¹<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/dec/15/reading-print-improves-comprehension-far-more-than-looking-at-digital-text-say-researchers>



Printed page and digital realm unite for mission

by Andrew Puckering



PUBLISHING



Something big happened on the other side of the world in July this year at Auckland, New Zealand – the world of Adventist book publishing and the publishers of online Christian media joined hands to carry out the great commission to share the Gospel with all the world in our generation.

Pastor Dario Kovačević, Director of Hope Channel Croatia, was one of almost 250 Seventh-day Adventist communicators, content creators, influencers and leaders of Hope Channel assembled in Auckland for the Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference from 2 to 7 July. The conference was significant for Pastor Kovačević, because it was at this conference that Hope Channel Croatia officially joined the global Hope Channel network. But Pastor Kovačević is also the founder of a highly successful YouTube channel, *Biblija na dlanu* (Bible in the Palm); and, during the delegates' time together, he ran a workshop in which he explained some of the strategies he's been using to create and develop online content to reach the world with the truths of Scripture.

It was an amazing workshop – but how, you might be wondering, would the delegates who attended it

be able to remember all the valuable insights they'd learnt during this time? And how can the rest of us who might be interested to learn more about evangelising through YouTube also enhance our ministry using the same strategies? Ah – that is where the printed page can be a vital partner!

Pastor Kovačević was able to share with the participants a book that he has written on the topic, *Secrets of YouTube*, newly published by the Stanborough Press. In this book, he shares all of the insights distilled from his years of experience – from visualising his target audience to the equipment needed; from titles and thumbnails to likes and subscribes; from effective branding to lighting and background scenery; from generating engaging content to co-opting the YouTube algorithms to bring Bible truths to more people's attention.

'Many participants left inspired to start their own channels and apply the strategies we explored,' Pastor Kovačević shared. 'It was also a joy to see every copy of my book quickly claimed by participants.' Because the participants have his book, they have a ready reference to remind them how to put into practice every detail they heard in the workshop. And,

unlike a quickly forgotten web link or an ephemeral tab in the browser, the book endures. It is simply there, in the living room, always available and ready to be returned to.

This was not simply a book launch, and it was not merely a one-off workshop: this synergy between traditional printed literature and online social media is the start of something massive, enabling more Christian content creators than ever before to start or improve their own YouTube channels and reach potentially

millions of people with their videos for Christ.

Pastor Kovačević's digital ministry has already contributed to the dramatic growth of his local church. It has grown from 15 regular attendees to around 40, sometimes 60. 'Many people who attend his meetings already know him through online content, creating familiarity and trust that often leads to deeper spiritual conversations,' says the TED Associate Communication Director, Joe Philpott. 'Many have contacted his team, asking where to find a Seventh-day Adventist church and expressing a desire to be baptised.'¹

With God's help and blessing, this can be your experience too. All you need to start is a smartphone . . . and a copy of Pastor Kovačević's book.

Secrets of YouTube, published by the Stanborough Press, is available in print at lifesourcebookshop.co.uk. Scan the QR code below. Copies can also be ordered directly from the Press by emailing sales@stanboroughpress.org.uk or calling +44 (0) 1476 591700.

¹<https://ted.adventist.org/news/from-content-creation-to-discipleship/>



'All Things New: Hope Starts Here'

by Catherine Anthony Boldeau, BUC Communication Director



He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true" (Revelation 21:5, NIV).

September 2026 is the launch of OneVoice27, which will culminate in a dedicated month of co-ordinated evangelism, media and outreach activities in September 2027. And, while OneVoice27 is the internal working of this initiative, the public-facing missive is '*All Things New: Hope Starts Here*'.

Is OneVoice27 just another evangelistic initiative?

OneVoice27 is a year-long global digital and media initiative spearheaded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church which involves three key elements:

1. Project:

- **All media:** Utilising the church's official media channels alongside the production of social and digital media by assigned and dedicated content creators.
- **Christ-focused:** In 2027, we will celebrate 2,000 years since Jesus was baptised and began His earthly ministry.

2. Preparation:

- **Prayer:** An essential element of OneVoice27 throughout the remainder of 2026 and 2027 is to engage with the world church in a global prayer initiative.
- **Read and study:** Read the *Desire of Ages*, reflecting on the life of Jesus Christ, and study the books of Daniel and Revelation.

3. Purpose:

- **Mobilise:** All members to be aware and engage with the goal to receive Bible study requests.
- **Global harvest events:**

Evangelistic initiatives contextualised to each region in 2027.

Why now?

As Jesus was completing His earthly ministry, He said to His followers, 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth' (Acts 1:8, NKJV).

When Jesus said this, the Gospel was spread orally. People shared the good news of Jesus in small groups, sometimes in 'underground' spaces. 'That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ' (1 John 1:3, ESV).

And, since the printing of the Latin Vulgate by Johannes Gutenberg in 1455, the Bible has become the best-selling book of all time: the estimated production is between 5 to 7 billion copies. And the publication of Christian literature is on the rise.

However, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the utmost parts of the earth are now online; and so, while not diluting the message of the Gospel, our methods need to keep abreast with contemporary and emerging technology. In the UK, 97% of the population is online, and that figure is 99% in Ireland. Whether it's WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok, Telegram, Pinterest, Substack or YouTube (just to name a few) we are now 'people of the click, the scroll and the short'.

OneVoice27 encourages the spread of the Gospel using these platforms as well as others. And this does not mean simply broadcasting church services on YouTube or hosting Bible studies through Zoom. It demands intentionality to ensure that the reels, shorts, videos or

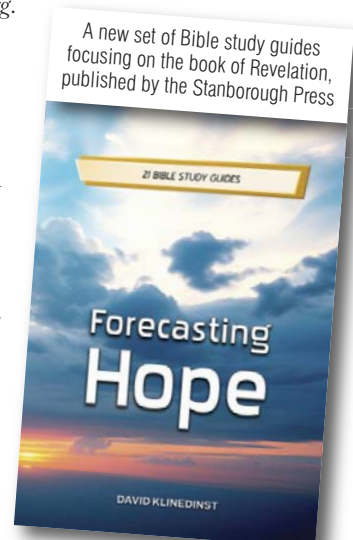
podcasts that are produced are theologically sound, have utilised key data to target different audiences, and are researched with rigour, written with clarity using twenty-first-century language, and delivered with excellence to the people of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

How can I get involved?

OneVoice27 will be spearheaded by your local conference or mission, and all activities will be coordinated by the BUC in consultation with the Trans-European Division (TED) Communication Department.

- Begin by praying for the initiative. Pray that God will bring people to faith because of our digital witness here in the UK and Ireland.
- Purchase a copy of the *Desire of Ages* and begin to read it prayerfully.
- Attend a Bible study around the books of Daniel and Revelation.
- If you are a content creator or writer or have a platform, contact your local communication leader or sponsor to find out how you can get involved.
- Keep abreast with the developments throughout 2026 and 2027 by visiting onevoice27.org.

OneVoice27 provides a wonderful opportunity for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to engage on a global platform. Let's be open to the vast opportunities for mission that we have in this digital age.



British Union Conference completes its 10th Quinquennial Session final leadership elections

by Catherine Anthony Boldeau, BUC Communication Director

The British Union Conference (BUC) concluded its 10th Quinquennial Session on 6 August with an online business meeting that completed the election of departmental directors and key officers for the 2026-2031 quinquennium. A total of 217 delegates and invitees participated in the meeting, ending the business left unfinished at the Session held from 1 to 3 July.

A spirit of prayer

Reflecting the spiritual emphasis that characterised the July Session, the online meeting opened with a season of prayer.

Pastor David Neal, Trans-European Division (TED) Ministerial Director, prayed that the newly elected leaders would experience the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit as they 'strategise, teach, preach, train and minister'.

The opening prayer was followed by Catherine Anthony Boldeau, BUC Stewardship Director, who prayed for God's blessing upon the Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland as it embarks on a new chapter of mission, while also remembering those transitioning from leadership responsibilities.

Delegates complete the election process

The meeting was chaired by Pastor Ian Sweeney, TED Field Secretary. Delegates voted by a 63% majority to consider and vote on each recommendation from the Nominating Committee individually.

Nominating Committee recommendations confirmed

- **Associate Treasurer:** Aftab Barki – *re-elected*.
- **Associate Executive Secretary:** Judy Clements, OBE – *elected*. Prior to taking up this role, Judy was the Safeguarding Director for the South England Conference.
- **Youth Director:** Dr Njabulo



'Njay' Ndlovu – *elected*. Njay has held the role of BUC Interim Youth Director since August 2025 and now takes up the full role in the Youth Department.

- **Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Director:** Dr Augustus Lawrence – *re-elected*.
- **Family Ministries & Children's Ministries Director:** Pastor John Francis – *elected*. John was previously the Family Ministries Director of the North England Conference.
- **Communication Director:** Catherine Anthony Boldeau – *elected*. Catherine leaves the role of BUC Stewardship Director to take up the mantle of Communication.
- **Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Director:** Dr Kirk Thomas – *elected*. Kirk adds this function to his role as President of the BUC.
- **Planned Giving & Trust Services Director:** Wederly Aguiar – *elected*. Wederly adds this function to his role as Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/Treasurer.
- **Ministerial Director:** Pastor Todd Frias – *elected*. Todd leaves pastoral ministry in Ireland to join the BUC as Ministerial Director.
- **Stewardship Director:** Pastor Jimmy Botha – *elected*. Jimmy was formerly the President of the Scottish Mission.
- **Women's Ministries Director:** Sharon Platt-McDonald – *re-elected*.

Looking ahead

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr Daniel Duda, President of the

Trans-European Division and Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked delegates for their time, prayers and thoughtful participation

throughout the election process. He noted that additional appointments and responsibilities would be considered by the newly constituted BUC Executive Committee at its first meeting in September.

BUC President Dr Kirk Thomas expressed optimism for the new quinquennium, encouraging members to remain focused on the Church's mission. 'We have five years to continue to make the BUC a place where mission is done, proclaimed and lived in preparation for the soon coming of Jesus Christ,' he said, concluding that the Church must remain 'grounded in the Bible and living the mission of Jesus Christ'.

Appreciation for faithful service

Appreciation was given to the outgoing directors: Dr Les Ackie, who has provided ten years of leadership in Family Ministries, Children's Ministries, Possibility Ministries and Safeguarding; Pastor Eglan Brooks, who served for twenty years (for the past five years as President, but previously as Evangelism Director and Ministerial Secretary); Pastor Sam Davies, who has served as BUC Communication & Media Director for the past five years; and Pastor Max McKenzie-Cook, who has served as Associate Executive Secretary for two years and, most recently, as Interim Welsh Mission President. Pastor Jacques Venter served for seven years in Secretariat, firstly as an Associate and then as the Executive Secretary. He now takes up the same role in the North England Conference. We wish them well as they transition into future assignments.

The healing impact of Micah 6:8

by Sharon Platt-McDonald,
BUC Director for Health & Women's Ministries



Prior to my appointment as the British Union Conference Director for Health Ministries, I spent over 26 years working in various roles in the NHS. This afforded me significant insight into the determinants of ill health, and the contributory factors that give rise to recovery and the maintenance of optimal health. However, in the ensuing years, I have been most intrigued by emerging data spotlighting the link between faith and positive health outcomes.

Over the decades, both scientific research and empirical evidence have revealed findings that highlight the advantageous impact of spirituality on wellbeing.

Godly living enhances health

In Micah 6:8, God gives His directive on what He expects of us in terms of the way we live and interact with each other, and also how we should behave in our walk with Him. He states (NKJV): 'He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?'

This instruction on relational responsibility has holistic consequences. How we relate to others and experience connectivity with God is important. Fulfilling the Micah 6:8 directive enhances the spiritual health of our church family, as well as the general overall wellbeing of individuals.

The impact of justice

Research on how injustice harms wellbeing is quite revealing. One mental health clinic consultant writes: 'Injustice, in its various forms, has profound and far-reaching effects on mental health. Whether experienced through discrimination, inequality, systemic oppression, or personal injustices like unfair treatment in relationships or the workplace, the emotional and psychological toll can be immense. This impact often manifests in stress, anxiety, depression, and even physical health issues, as the body and mind struggle to process and cope with unfairness.'¹

An aspect of God's call for us to 'do justly' is to ensure that we model equality, treat everyone fairly, and look out for those who are vulnerable, particularly those unable to advocate for themselves.



Reflection: 'If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor' (Desmond Tutu). Discrimination, marginalisation, misogyny, patriarchy and gender biases should never be named among us as believers. These things are contrary to Micah 6:8. How well are we doing as a church in the way we treat people who are different to us? Are males and females treated the same at all levels of our organisation?

The impact of mercy

An article by Sandro Galea MD in *Psychology Today* carried the title: 'How Mercy Could Improve Public

Health'.² The subheading states: 'In a time of polarisation and hate, mercy points the way to a better world.' Explaining the health benefits of mercy from an individual standpoint, the author states: 'On a personal level, there is a case to be made that, in extending mercy, we do a service for our own wellbeing, by letting go of the anger and grudges that can imprison us.' The article goes on to highlight research revealing that 'when we choose to embrace mercy, we immediately broaden our capacity to build a healthier world. We do this by accessing the compassion that is a companion to mercy and a necessary condition for health.'

Reflection: As a church, is our approach to discipline one that is mixed with mercy, or does policy so dominate that we forget about the impact on people?

The impact of humility

An online article published by *Happier Human* examines the subject of 'Why Humility Matters'.³ Author Sarah Kristenson lists 7 life-changing benefits: improved emotional resilience and ability to recover from setbacks; enhanced relationships through increased empathy and cooperation; reduced stress and anxiety by fostering realistic self-assessment; greater openness to learning and personal growth; higher self-control and better decision-making; increased likeability and social harmony; and stronger leadership skills based on respect and humility.

Reflection: Did any of the above points resonate with you? In what ways can we allow humility to shape us in our interaction with others and our walk with God?

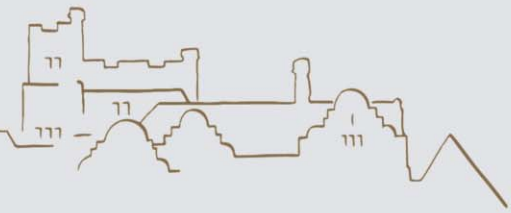
May Micah 6:8 enable us to be beneficial to humanity and acceptable to divinity, and, in so doing, enhance our wellbeing.

Good health!

¹<https://mind55555.com/2024/10/22/how-injustice-harms-mental-well-being>

²www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/talking-about-health/202105/how-mercy-could-improve-public-health?msockid=35cde401a433665617e9f300a5de6791

³www.happierhuman.com/benefits-humility-wa1/



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Newbold College of Higher Education, the Trans-European Division institution for pastoral training, operates its own academic press.



Dr Jan Barna, Head of Newbold Academic Press

Established in 2015, the Newbold Academic Press (NAP) published its first book – *Journeys to Wisdom: Festschrift in Honour of Michael Pearson* – in March of the same year.

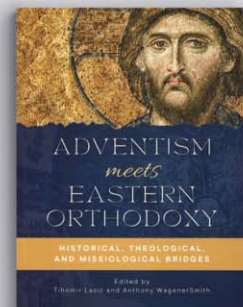
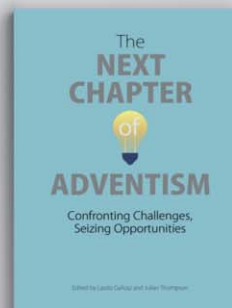
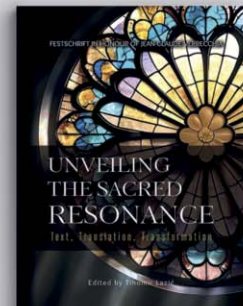
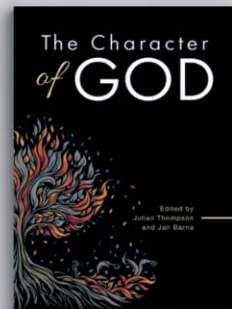
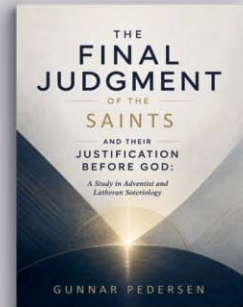
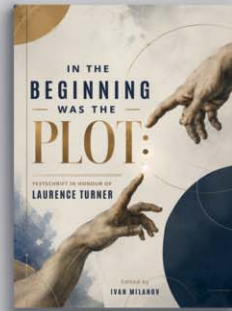
Since its first published volume, Newbold Academic Press has published – either on its own or in collaboration with Stanborough Press – fourteen books. In its early years the publishing board consisted of three main editors, who were also lecturers in the Theology Department of Newbold College – Dr Andreas Bochmann, Dr Manuela Casti Yeagley and Dr Jean-Claude Verrecchia.

Later, the work was carried by the then College principal, Dr John Baildam; and, since October 2022, the Press has been led by Dr Jan Barna (Principal Lecturer in Systematic and Biblical Theology), Dr Laszlo Gallusz (Head of CMM and Principal Lecturer in New Testament), Ms Serena Santona (Academic Registrar) and Mrs Nevena Borcsok (Head Librarian).

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Walk. Love. Do.

by Dr Nicardo Delahaye, *Executive Secretary, Northeastern Conference, Atlantic Union, USA*



Every journey is shaped by three things: the direction we choose, the spirit in which we travel, and what we actually do along the way.

A traveller may possess a map, wear excellent shoes, and speak confidently about the destination. Yet none of that matters if the journey never begins. Roads are not travelled by intention. Paths are not completed by admiration. At some point, the traveller must take a step.

Perhaps that is why Micah 6:8 is filled with movement: 'He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?'¹

Micah does not present faith as a collection of religious ideas to be admired from a distance. He gives us three living verbs: walk; love; do. The order is important.

Walk: Micah calls us to 'walk humbly' with God. Walking suggests relationship, rhythm and daily movement. We do not sprint with God only when there is a crisis. We walk with Him through ordinary mornings, difficult conversations, crowded schedules and complicated decisions.

To walk humbly is to acknowledge that God sees what we cannot see. It is to admit that our perspective is limited and our motives are not always pure. Humility is not weakness. It is spiritual honesty.

The humble person knows he or she has lots to learn. Humility listens. It asks questions. It notices who has been overlooked. It remains teachable even after receiving a title. Our world rewards self-promotion; Scripture calls for self-examination.

Everyone wants to be heard, but few are willing to listen. We defend our positions before understanding another person's pain. We speak quickly and reflect slowly. Micah calls us back to the road.

Walk with God long enough, and He will disturb our comfortable assumptions. He will lead us towards people we might otherwise avoid. He will show us that spirituality is not merely how high our hands rise in worship, but how carefully our feet follow Him when worship ends.

Love: Micah then calls us to love mercy. Mercy is not simply an occasional act. It is something we are commanded to love. That means mercy must become part of our character. We should not extend compassion reluctantly, as though kindness were an inconvenient interruption. Mercy is the atmosphere in which the Christian should live.

To love mercy is to refuse the hardening of the heart. It is possible to become accustomed to suffering. We can hear so many painful stories that pain becomes background noise. We can see poverty, loneliness, prejudice and grief so often that we stop truly seeing them. But God never becomes numb.

Jesus noticed the person others passed. He touched those others feared. He listened to voices society had dismissed. He restored dignity before demanding explanations. The church must never become so concerned with being correct that it forgets to be compassionate. Truth without tenderness can wound the very people it was meant to heal.

Mercy does not ignore sin or abandon accountability. It simply

remembers that every sinner is still a person; every stranger is still a neighbour; and every wounded person is still made in the image of God.

Do: Finally, Micah tells us to do justice: not merely discuss it; not admire it; not wait until it becomes popular or convenient – but do it.

Justice is mercy that has risen from its chair. It is compassion that has decided to act. It is righteousness entering the workplace, the classroom, the boardroom, the community and the church. When Israel suffered under Pharaoh, God did not ask Moses to negotiate more comfortable chains. He said, 'Let My people go.' God does not call His people merely to feel badly about injustice. He calls us to confront whatever diminishes human dignity.

Justice asks difficult questions. Who is being ignored? Who is carrying an unfair burden? Whose voice is absent from the table? Who benefits from the way things have always been done? These questions are not distractions from the Gospel. They arise from it.

Even the Sabbath speaks the language of justice. Sabbath declares that human beings are not machines and that worth is not determined by productivity. Every person may rest because every person belongs to the Creator.

The sanctuary assures us that no hidden wrong escapes God's attention. The Second Coming promises that evil will not have the final word. Until that day, we continue the journey.

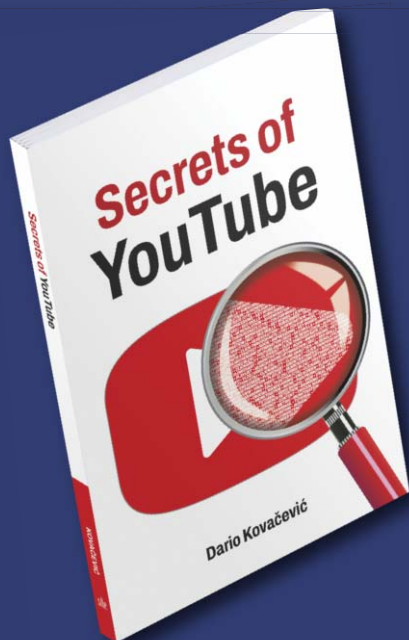
We walk humbly enough to follow God rather than ourselves. We love mercy deeply enough to feel the pain of others. We do justice courageously enough to change what should not remain unchanged. Walk; love; do – in a lifetime of faithful service.

¹New King James Version



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The Book of the Month



Secrets of YouTube

Pastor Dario Kovačević, Director of Hope Channel Croatia and a successful YouTuber, reveals the essential secrets that can unlock the algorithm to boost your viewership. If you wish to share God's word and reach the world using this highly popular social media platform, he has valuable tried and tested advice to give you that can strengthen your ministry.

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Souvenirs of faith

by Dara Dare



Whenever I go on holiday, my go-to souvenir is a fridge magnet. When I return home and place it on the fridge, it becomes more than a decoration: it's a little piece of memory. Every time I see it, I'm reminded of the adventure, the people I met, and the stories that came from that trip.

Abraham had his own version of souvenirs, only his were far more sacred, and he didn't bring them back home. Every time God made a power move in his life, Abraham built an altar as a visible reminder of that personal encounter with God.

One of his most well-known altars was on Mount Moriah, where God had commanded him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. There, God provided a ram in Isaac's place, and Abraham named the location Jehovah-Jireh, meaning 'The LORD Will Provide' (Genesis 22:14). That altar stood as a lasting reminder to Abraham and to anyone who might see it that, even in impossible situations, God makes a way and provides.

As humans, our memories fade quickly. Life gets busy, lemons are thrown our way, and the last thing we do is remember God's past faithfulness and provision.

That's why memory aids are important. Altars don't have to be historical stones or places of sacrifice like Abraham's. They could be gratitude jars, playlists, prayer notes or even fridge magnets . . . anything that helps us remember what God has done. Like souvenirs, they help us hold onto moments that matter.

The psalmist captures it perfectly: 'Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits' (Psalm 103:2, NKJV). Remembering is not just an act of nostalgia: it's fuel for faith. It gives us courage to face what's ahead, because we've seen what God has already done.

So – what's your memory aid for God's goodness? When you pause to look back, what moments remind you that God showed up for you?

Don't rush past them. Mark those moments. They are proof that the same God who was faithful then is still faithful today. When we forget, we lose heart . . . but remembrance strengthens us for the road ahead.



Debbie in too deep

Summer holidays at the seaside! Great!

There was Mum, Dad, Uncle Jim, Grandma – and Debbie.

For a few weeks they had taken a lovely cottage near a beautiful long, sandy beach.

It was like heaven! The sun shone every day!

Everyone was having a fun time. There was just one problem: Debbie.

Debbie could always find a reason for not doing as she was told. There was nothing new in this. She was just like it at home. But this habit almost made the family's seaside holiday the most unhappy holiday ever.

The big trouble was Debbie thought she was too grown up to do what she was told. Although she was just a tiny girl, she thought she was far too big to take notice of anybody.

If Mum called her to come in to supper, she would dawdle and dawdle until Mum had to go out and fetch her. And, of course, Debbie always made a fuss about that – shouting, crying, stamping of little feet.

If Mum asked her to tidy up her toys, Debbie might come – but only in her own sweet time. It never occurred to her that when Mum spoke she expected to be obeyed right away.

Back to that holiday by the sea. . . .

It was a lovely afternoon. Not a cloud in the sky. Everyone had put on their bathing things for a swim. Everyone, that is, except Grandma who said she would sit in a deckchair and look after the clothes.

When Mum and Dad and Uncle Jim were all ready to go into the water, Mum said, 'Let's stay in the shallow water for a little while and play with Debbie. After that she can stay with Grandma while we swim out into the deep water.'

'Good idea!' said Dad. 'Come on, Debbie, let's have some fun!'

The trouble was, Debbie didn't feel like going into the water just then. Absolutely not! Not in the mood for it! Debbie wanted to play in the sand. She wanted to sit beside Grandma. In fact, she wanted to do anything and everything except what Mum and Dad wanted her to do.

'Come on, Debs,' said Mum. 'The water's really warm. It's beautiful. You'll love it. Come on now.'

'No,' said Debbie, 'I want to make sand-castles with my bucket and spade.'

'You can do that later. Come and have fun in the water now while we're all here.'

'No!' said Debbie with a stamp of her foot. 'Don't want to!'

'Very well,' said Dad, wanting to avoid a scene on the beach. 'Let her stay. We'll go swimming.'

So Dad and Mum and Uncle Jim waded out through the water till it was deep enough for them to swim in. They dived under, and away they went.

Debbie watched them. The waves were big and, as they got further and further out, they seemed to get smaller and smaller. No sooner were they well out into the sea than she decided she wanted to be there too.

'I'm coming, Mum!' she said, and ran towards the water, still carrying her red bucket.

'Come back!' cried Grandma, but Debbie took no notice. Grandma, who couldn't run very fast, cried out again and again for Debbie to stop. But she took no notice.

On and on Debbie ran until she reached the water. At first it came up to her ankles. But, with every step she took, it got deeper and deeper.

On the beach Grandma was still calling, 'Come back! Come back! Come back!'

Debbie went further and further in, until the water came almost up to her neck.

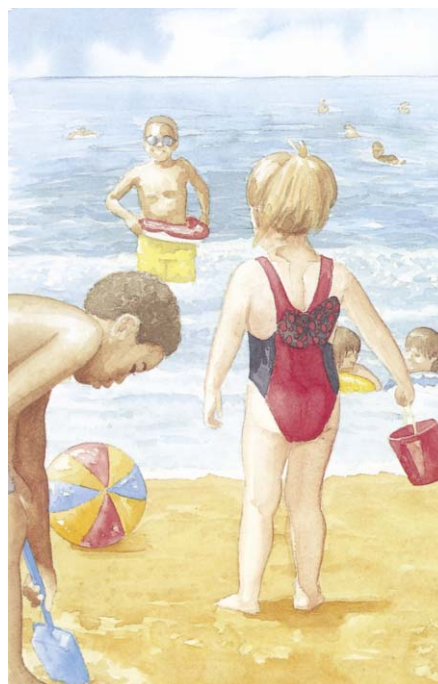
By now Dad had seen what was happening. 'Go back!' he yelled in his most commanding voice.

Then, all of a sudden, Debbie disappeared. She had reached the point where the beach fell away and the sea became really deep. She had gone under.

The next moment Mum, Dad and Uncle Jim were all swimming frantically towards the spot.

Uncle Jim was the strongest swimmer, and reached the spot first. He found Debbie just under the surface. Then he carried her to the beach. Mum, Dad and Uncle Jim took turns in getting the water out of Debbie's lungs. Little by little, she began to breathe again. . . .

When she was a little older Debbie wrote and told me all about it. She said she was sick for some time. She told me, too, that she would never forget what happened that day at the seaside, and how ever since then she had tried to tell herself that the time to obey Mum and Dad – and Grandma! – is RIGHT NOW!



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Cultivating wisdom in a world of noise

by Pastor Emmanuel Asamoah



Today's parents are navigating an unprecedented digital landscape where teens average over seven hours of daily screen time,¹ AI-generated content spreads six times faster than human-created information,² and 'reels' have shrunk attention spans to mere seconds. Yet these modern challenges to nurturing biblical wisdom echo ancient spiritual battles for truth and attention that archaeologists have illuminated through remarkable discoveries such as the Lachish letters from the Babylonian siege of 588 BC;³ numerous Ba'al worship texts at Ugarit; and the Gezer Calendar (tenth century BC).⁴ Just as tablets and scrolls influenced ancient education, today's digital devices form the primary learning environment for our children, making parental discernment crucial.

Biblical wisdom for digital challenges: The psalmist's commitment to 'set no worthless thing before my eyes' (Psalm 101:3, NASB) takes on new meaning when we understand that ancient kings regularly displayed idolatrous images in public spaces. Isaiah's condemnation of 'those who call evil good, and good evil' (Isaiah 5:20, NASB) directly confronted the moral relativism of Canaanite culture, much as we face online.

Proverbs' emphasis on discernment – 'The wise are cautious and turn away from evil' (Proverbs 14:16, NRSV) – protected young Israelites from the seductive wisdom literature of Egypt and Mesopotamia that often contradicted God's truth. Archaeological finds like the Babylonian 'Counsels of Wisdom' text show how ancient competing value systems necessitated rigorous discernment.

Old Testament realities and modern digital parallels: God's people easily adopted pagan worship practices – an ancient form of harmful content consumption. Just as algorithms today push extreme content, the

royal sanctuaries at Dan and Bethel established by Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:28-30) pushed idolatry.

The prophet Jeremiah's confrontation with Hananiah's false prophecy (Jeremiah 28) demonstrates ancient misinformation's destructive power. Hananiah's popular but false message of quick deliverance spread rapidly, much like viral misinformation today, while Jeremiah's truthful but difficult message faced rejection.

Understanding digital deception through a biblical lens: The digital age mirrors biblical patterns of deception:

- **Misinformation** (unintentional falsehoods) resembles the ten spies' exaggerated report of Canaan (Numbers 13:32, 33). Modern parallels include the spread of unverified 'miracle cures' during COVID-19, showing how errors can propagate even with good intentions.
- **Disinformation** (deliberate lies) echoes Jezebel's false testimony against Naboth (1 Kings 21:9-13). Campaigns like 'Pizzagate' in the United States demonstrate how fabricated narratives can cause real-world harm.
- **Relativism** (subjective truth) parallels Judges 21:25, where 'everyone did as they saw fit' (NIV). Popularity rather than evidence causes social media to amplify fringe beliefs, claims such as 'there's no absolute right or wrong' in matters of sexuality or relationships, and conspiracy theories.

These falsehoods exploit validation mechanisms, reminding us of Exodus 23:2: following the crowd can lead to normalised falsehoods and danger.

Key lesson applied – your home as a discernment zone: The *mezuzah* found in many Israelite doorframes (Deuteronomy 6:9) served as a daily reminder of truth at the home's entrance. Similarly, our digital

devices need 'virtual *mezuzot*' – intentional boundaries and reminders.

Teach children the Berean principle of examining the Scriptures daily to discern truth from error (Acts 17:11), adapting the ancient practice of testing prophecies to evaluating online content.

Pragmatic actions for parents:

- **Create a family media covenant:** Like the covenant renewal in Joshua 24, regularly recommit to digital boundaries.
- **Investigate sources:** Teach children to trace information origins as scribes preserved manuscript lineages.
- **Counter algorithmic bias:** Follow diverse biblical perspectives to avoid ancient Israel's mistake of only listening to agreeable prophets.

Pragmatic actions for churches:

- **Host digital apologetics workshops:** Equip families to recognise and respond to misinformation about faith and ethics.
- **Create tech-accountable small groups:** Encourage members to share struggles with digital temptations.
- **Develop a church social media policy:** Model Christ-honouring engagement by fact-checking before sharing.

A prayer for digital-age parents:

Heavenly Father, help us steward modern technology wisely. Give us the discernment of the sons of Issachar to understand our times (1 Chronicles 12:32). May our homes be like the wise householder who brings out both new and old treasures (Matthew 13:52). Amen.

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BUC Pathfinder Camporee concludes on a spiritual high

by Pastor Sam O. Davies

BUC PATHFINDER CAMPOREE



The 2026 British Union Conference (BUC) Pathfinder Camporee, which took place from 28 July to 2 August at the South of England Showground in Ardingly, West Sussex, concluded with an unforgettable evening of worship, celebration and commitment as thousands of Pathfinders united in praise and reaffirmed their decision to follow Jesus.

A spirit of intense devotion filled the main arena as Pathfinders lifted their scarves in worship, singing 'These are the days of Elijah' with heartfelt enthusiasm. Led by guest speaker Pastor Damian Chandler and the Camporee praise team, the spontaneous 'singspiration' continued long after the scheduled programme, culminating in an emotional chorus of 'We love God!' echoing across the showground.

Reflecting on the moment, Pastor Chandler remarked:

'There was a time when we had to

persuade young people to come to church. Today, these young people want to be in church.'

His observation captured the spiritual atmosphere that had characterised the six-day Camporee, where worship, fellowship and discipleship combined to create an experience many young people will remember for years to come.

A call to make room for God

In his closing message, Pastor Chandler challenged Pathfinders to move beyond temporary spiritual experiences towards a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Drawing on the story of Elisha and the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:8-10), he described three stages of spiritual growth: inviting God into our lives, welcoming Him regularly, and ultimately making Him a permanent resident by building our lives around Him rather than simply fitting Him into our schedules.

Earlier in the Camporee, during the morning service, he had also reminded young people that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace, using the story of the thief on the cross to illustrate God's providence, patience and saving mercy. His appeal encouraged every Pathfinder to respond to Christ's invitation without delay, regardless of past failures or feelings of unworthiness.

Decisions for Christ

One of the most moving moments of the Camporee came as 32 Pathfinders publicly declared their faith through baptism, following their baptismal vows before family, friends and fellow campers.

The baptisms formed part of a remarkable spiritual harvest during the week. According to the BUC Youth Director, Pastor Njay Ndlovu, approximately 700 spiritual decisions were recorded during the Camporee, with around 2,500 people attending the event from across the British Union Conference.

Following the baptismal service, Pathfinders completed honours and outdoor activities before gathering for the closing programme, which featured praise and worship, prayer, acknowledgements and a colourful drum corps display.

A celebration of faith and fellowship

The closing ceremony provided an opportunity to recognise the many volunteers, leaders, churches and supporting ministries whose dedication helped make the Camporee a success. Pastor Ndlovu expressed his heartfelt appreciation to everyone who had contributed their time, talents and resources throughout the week.

The evening concluded with vibrant performances by the South England Conference, North England Conference and Welsh Mission drum corps. Their displays of precision, creativity and teamwork brought the Camporee to an energetic close, drawing enthusiastic applause from the thousands gathered for the final programme.

As tents came down and Pathfinders prepared for the journey home on Sunday, many left with far more than memories of camping, activities and new friendships. They departed, having encountered Christ in a personal way, challenged to live lives that reflect His love as 'Image Bearers' and inspired to continue growing as faithful disciples.

The full article is on the BUC website page: <https://news.adventist.uk/all-news/buc-pathfinder-camporee-concludes-on-a-spiritual-high>.



Sharing Jesus in Ireland: discovering the power of simple acts of love

'Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love' (1 John 4:8, NIV).

What does evangelism look like in Ireland today? That was the question we explored during 11-19 July, a week of mission in Sligo as part of 'Mission Caleb', an evangelistic initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that encourages young people to dedicate part of their summer to sharing the Gospel through practical service, friendship and community outreach. While methods may vary from place to place, one truth became clear: people are still deeply moved by genuine kindness.

Throughout the week, our team sought to meet people where they were. We visited Strandhill Beach to hand out bottles of water carrying the message, 'Jesus is the Living Water.' We organised a football challenge in Queen Maeve Square, offered free hugs on O'Connell Street, and concluded the week with two movie nights attended by 24 people, including seven first-time visitors.

None of these activities were complicated. In fact, they were intentionally simple. Yet they opened countless opportunities to meet people, listen to their stories, and share the hope we have in Jesus.

One of the most meaningful moments came during our free hugs outreach. Many people stopped with surprise before accepting a hug. Some smiled, some laughed, and others became emotional. Several thanked us, saying they had needed that simple reminder that someone cared. Others told us how much they appreciated receiving a bottle of water that pointed them to Jesus. Those brief encounters reminded us that even the smallest act of kindness can speak powerfully in a world where loneliness is becoming increasingly common.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of the week, however, was not what happened in the lives of those we met – it was what God did in us.

Many members of our team had never spoken to strangers about their faith. Stepping into a public square

to start conversations or offer a hug required courage. It pushed us beyond our comfort zones. But, day by day, God replaced fear with confidence and hesitation with joy.

We discovered that evangelism is not reserved for pastors or experienced Bible workers. It is the calling of every believer who is willing to love people as Christ loves them.

Ireland presents unique opportunities for mission. Many people may never attend a traditional evangelistic meeting without first forming a personal connection with someone who genuinely cares about them. Relationships often become the bridge that allows the Gospel to be heard.

Jesus Himself ministered this way. He met people beside wells, on busy roads, along the seashore, and in public places. Before asking people to follow Him, He first demonstrated compassion. His ministry reminds us that kindness is not separate from evangelism – it is often the doorway to it.

As our week in Sligo came to an end, we thanked God not only for every conversation, every smile and every visitor, but also for the way He transformed us through the experience. Mission changed our perspective. It reminded us that sharing Jesus does not always begin with a sermon. Sometimes it begins with a bottle of water; sometimes with a football; sometimes with a hug . . . but it should always begin with love.

Our prayer is that more churches across the British Union Conference will continue finding creative ways to engage their communities. The methods may differ, but the mission remains unchanged: to reveal the love of Christ and invite people into a relationship with Him.

If one week in Sligo taught us anything, it is this: when believers are willing to step outside their comfort zones and intentionally love people, God can do extraordinary things.

PASTOR TIAGO ROSSENDY

New NEC appointments

Subsequent to Pastor Emanuel Bran's move to the position of British Union Conference (BUC) Executive Secretary, the North England Conference (NEC) Executive Committee of 23 July appointed Pastor Jacques Venter to the role of NEC Executive Secretary. Pastor Venter brings a wealth of experience to the NEC, having served as the BUC Executive Secretary previously.

There is also a change of NEC Treasurer as Mr Michael Agyei-Asare has accepted a call to serve as Chief Financial Officer of Hope Channel Canada. On 23 July the NEC Executive Committee appointed Mr Sibhekinkosi Masuku to fill the role of Treasurer for the NEC from September. Mr Masuku's appointment provides the NEC Treasury with continuity, as he has served in the department for a number of years.

May God bless both Pastor Venter and Mr Masuku as they take up their appointments.





Evangelism Day at Enfield Church

On Sabbath 27 June, Enfield Church was on spiritual fire for the Lord. It was Evangelism Day, organised by the Personal Ministries leaders, Sister Yolanda and Elder Dias Bequessa. In preparation, Elder Barry Morris from Tottenham Lighthouse Church preached an inspiring, Spirit-filled message, 'The Priceless Pearl', based on Matthew 13:45, 46.

After Divine Service, the congregation was ready to go out into the community to share the love of Christ through books, prayers and their presence. Knowing that 'the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not' (2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV), a special prayer was said by Elder Judith Handel before we left the church building. Bolstered by the prayer and the sermon, we confidently stepped out into the community. Some wore the T-shirt specially designed for the occasion, which had written on the front 'Taking JESUS to Every Corner,' and on the back 'It's Not About Us; It's About HIM.'

There were seven outreach points manned by teams of two – at bus stops and at the back of Tesco. The main outreach point was at the entrance of the church. There was a welcoming table with a speaker playing gospel music and a large display of books and literature. This outreach point was staffed by two young people and two adults.

The extremely hot weather reduced the outreach time; however, the Lord still guided the mission and people responded. People were prayed for, and God's word was shared with those who had questions. The books were accepted, even by some Muslims who were curious. By God's grace, the following resources were distributed: Bibles, *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and various small books, including health and youth literature.

We returned to the church rejoicing and sharing our testimonies. Prayers of praise and thanksgiving were said by Elders Morris & Donovan. The mission, under God's guidance, was a resounding success. As a result of the many blessings experienced during Evangelism Day, Enfield Church will now organise another outreach event in the near future. The church has 'heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me' (Isaiah 6:8, KJV).

Thanks to all those who participated, including those who could not go out but stayed behind to pray for the success of the mission. Special thanks to our Lord and

Saviour, Jesus Christ, for sustaining and guiding us from the beginning to the end of the programme. It was indeed a joy and a blessing doing service for Him.

DIAS & YOLANDA BEQUESSA, PERSONAL MINISTRIES; MAXINE DONOVAN, AREA 6A PRAYER COORDINATOR



Crieff Church holds fundraising concert for ADRA-UK

Crieff Seventh-day Adventist Church was the venue for a magnificent afternoon of music on Saturday 13 June 2026, organised by the ADRA-UK Ambassador, Ruth Arthur, to raise funds for the humanitarian arm of the church.

The varied, enjoyable, engaging and deeply thoughtful programme, which matched the mission-driven focus of the event, featured a diverse line-up of talented musicians, singers and speakers, showcasing a wide range of spiritually uplifting and reflective styles.

The church was filled with more than 100 adults and children from across the Scottish Mission, as well as people from the local community, creating a vibrant, unified and supportive atmosphere. Ruth interviewed Steve & Zeny Cooper of ADRA Lebanon, who were on a respite visit from Beirut. They emphasised the need for help to provide access to clean water and hygiene kits, vital for victims to be able to survive the effects of disasters and conflict.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of those who attended and contributed, the event raised a grand total of £3,458 for ADRA-UK. These funds will go directly towards supporting a water project.

Sincere thanks to all the talented performers who shared their gifts, the various teams who worked together to organise the event, and those who made sure it all ran smoothly. Thanks also to everyone who came to support such a worthy cause. It was truly a memorable afternoon of music!

ANGELA LOGAN

Brixton homecoming and revival programme

'Come home.' Those were the most important words during the Brixton Church homecoming programme on 23 May. Invitations had been made in person, by phone and on social media. Before long, the message gathered momentum; people encouraged one another to invite members who used to come to church, along with others in different countries.



Brixton had meticulously planned both the homecoming and the subsequent revival meetings from 24 to 30 May. Pastor Nigel David presented the word at both programmes, which was fitting as Pastor David was a past member of Brixton Church who now ministers in Louisiana, USA.

The church was full to capacity for the homecoming – all seats were taken in the church, and the shutters on the upper floor had to be opened for the overflow. All visitors were warmly welcomed, and the history of the church was read out, with the founders remembered for their stalwart work in the early days. Tributes from members who now worship abroad were played, and pictures were shown of bygone members. We were happy to see diligent friends of the church, who always give their support at occasions such as this; their upbringing draws them to return home, where we very much appreciate them.

Everyone was catered for, and this blessed day led wonderfully into the revival meetings, which started on Sunday 24 May. Pastor David delivered strong messages to the listeners, presenting Christ and encouraging those who needed to take that leap of faith, knowing that Christ died for them. On the final day of the meeting, seven souls were baptised: Joshane Clarke, Shane Wedderburn, Kattleya Sibbles, Tamara Sampoh, Tianna Sampoh-Holdipp, Marcelle Johnson and Esther Douglas. We rejoice with the Lord when souls are won for His kingdom.

VALERIE MOODIE, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



Reviving the spirit of Brecon Family Camp

The peaceful surroundings of Lenchwood Trust Christian Retreat Centre in Worcestershire were the setting for a small family camp gathering of twelve people, two dogs and one slightly poorly chicken! The intent was to revive the spirit of the Welsh Mission's Brecon Camp weekends, which had ceased running during the pandemic. The exceptionally warm weather allowed us to spend a lot of time outdoors and enabled us to admire our Creator's handiwork.

Our worship theme for the weekend was 'Being Family', and Pastor Isaac Liburd led us through the story of Joseph. The worship sessions were very interactive, and

he helped us to focus on such themes as trusting God even amid unfavourable circumstances, forgiving others, letting go of our burdens, and allowing God to take control; and then allowing ourselves to dream of something valuable for ourselves and our families, knowing that God is right there with us.

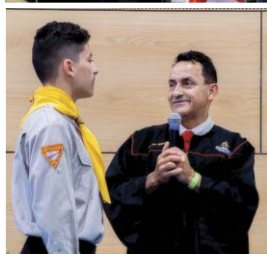
For an additional worship session, we considered how we might keep our families special. This session rounded up with a relaxing craft activity where each person painted a wooden figure to represent someone else in their family, with Jesus being central to each family. We all had fun trying to match each of the painted

figures to the real person they represented!

We sang plenty too, both during our marquee worships and then around the camp fire. We were mainly led by Robin on the guitar, but we were also grateful to Manny and Doug for additional support. There was plenty of time to socialise, including over a shared lunch; and the chicken's health improved over the weekend.

The unanimous verdict is that we should repeat this gathering next year, hopefully with more attendees. The dates for next year are 29 April to 3 May 2027. If basic camping is not your thing, there are more comfortable forms of accommodation, but these will need to be booked early. Please contact the writer on 07925 858297 or at mikebeamish@outlook.com.

MIKE BEAMISH



Portuguese-speaking churches gather for annual Day of Fellowship

On 6 June, the 3rd annual CEPE (European Portuguese-Speaking Council) Day of Fellowship brought together more than 1,100 members and friends from at least fifteen Portuguese-speaking Seventh-day Adventist churches across the UK and Ireland. In worship, prayer,

fellowship and spiritual renewal, members gathered to celebrate God's blessings and strengthen their faith.

In an especially joyful moment, eleven individuals were baptised, and Pathfinder clubs from Portuguese churches across both conferences came to support and celebrate their friends' baptism, making the ceremony especially meaningful for the young people.



The event was honoured by the presence of Pastor Kirk Thomas, who was then President of the South England Conference; Pastor Kwadwo Kwarteng-Ampofo, South England Conference (SEC) Personal Ministries Director; and Pastor Stanley Teixeira, SEC Adventurer and Pathfinder Ministries Director. They were joined by Portuguese-speaking pastors from across the UK and Ireland.

The main speaker, Pastor Arilton de Oliveira from Brazil, inspired the congregation through messages based on Revelation chapters 10 and 14, calling members to renew their commitment to God's mission and to proclaim the everlasting Gospel with faith and urgency. With more than 40 years of ministry experience, Pastor Arilton serves in the Evangelistic Ministry of the South Santa Catarina Conference and is the author of the Bible study series *Bíblia Fácil* and several evangelistic books.

The spirit of mission continued on Sunday 7 June, with a pavement evangelism outreach around Trafalgar Square, London. Portuguese-speaking pastors and church members distributed literature, prayed with members of the public, and shared words of hope and encouragement. Pastor Arilton also joined the outreach, connecting with people on the streets and supporting the church's mission to share God's love in practical ways.

The weekend was a beautiful reminder that, although Portuguese-speaking churches are spread throughout the UK and Ireland, they remain united in faith, fellowship and their commitment to sharing the Gospel.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

A double commitment

The weekend of 20 and 21 June was a busy one for Weston-super-Mare Seventh-day Adventist Church. Divine Service on Sabbath – organised by the Women's Ministries team, with Sister Busi Mutambara, Area 4 Prayer Coordinator and a member of the Gatwick church, speaking – was followed by a fellowship lunch and a brief prayer workshop before the day's highlight: the baptism of Marius Georgescu, a young man from Romania, now living in Somerset.

Preparations did not go unhindered. There was a problem with the baptistry plumbing, which took several hours to sort out. Thankfully, preparation had started three days before the service. Then there was the unavailability of the requested baptismal gown, necessitating a quick drive up the M5 to Gloucester Church.

Marius comes from a Romanian Orthodox background, and sadly his family were not at all pleased about his decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church, so they did not attend the service. Undeterred, Marius has made a firm commitment to follow the teachings of the Bible, and he indicated this as he was baptised by Pastor Jeremy Tremeer. Prior to this, his fiancée, Andreea, who had shared her faith in Christ with Marius after meeting him, recounted incidents from his life, demonstrating how God had preserved and guided him over the years.

Marius's second commitment was made the following day, Sunday 21 June, as family, friends and work colleagues gathered at the church to celebrate his marriage to Andreea.

The reception afterwards was held in the beautiful surroundings of Shipham Village Hall. All the catering and decoration of the hall had been cared for by the Women's Ministries team and Romanian church members, who demonstrated remarkable artistic and culinary skills, and left no doubt in the minds of Andreea and Marius that they are greatly loved by their local church members.



CYNTHIA SOUTHCOTT, COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

'Beware the Travel Brochure'

This was the intriguing title of the sermon preached by our visiting speaker at Grantham Church on 20 June: Pastor Gilbert M. Valentine, PhD, a research associate at Avondale University, Australia, and teacher at the H. M. S. Richards Divinity School, La Sierra University, California. Pastor Gil visited Grantham as part of a book tour promoting his latest book, a full biography of Edward (Ted) Heppenstall, an English theologian.*

During our regular 'Portraits of Grace' afternoon service, Pastor Gil shared the story of Ted Heppenstall (1901-1994) through a series of family photos, postcards of industrial Rotherham and other places that influenced Heppenstall's early life choices. Despite difficulties, through God's grace, Heppenstall became a pastor, teacher and author in the UK and the USA, and he is described as the most influential Seventh-day Adventist theologian of the twentieth century. His life was truly a portrait of grace.

And the morning sermon title? We were reminded of the importance of knowing our church's past history and warned not to look at it with rose-tinted glasses, idealising the church's pioneers. Just like the characters we read about in the Bible, our church pioneers were real people with real flaws – but, by His grace, God was able to use flawed people to grow His church, and He can do the same for us today.

It was fitting that Pastor Gil, a historian, should visit

Grantham Church in our 60th Anniversary year, when we are looking back at the pioneers of our church in Grantham, some of whom still worship with us today.

During his stay in England, Pastor Valentine went on to visit the church history sites in

Lincolnshire: Ulceby Church, the first church building in the UK to be owned by the church; and the house in Grimsby which for a short time was the first BUC office and publishing house.

ELISABETH CARNELL



**Edward Heppenstall 1901-1994: Reforming Theologian of Twentieth-Century Adventism is available at lifesourcebookshop.co.uk.*

(A summary of the life, influence and legacy of Edward Heppenstall can be found on the TED News webpage, 'From Steel Worker to Influential Theologian': <https://ted.adventist.org/news/from-steel-mill-worker-to-influential-theologian/>).

A new chapter of service and ministry begins

Sabbath 21 March was a special day for Tamworth Church as members, family and friends gathered to witness Pastor Winsome Baadjes being officially installed as its pastor.

The service was led by guest speaker Pastor Gina Miller, representing the North England Conference. She highlighted Pastor Baadjes' passion for building relationships, connecting with people, and engaging with the wider community, along with her ministry achievements, including the shared vision she and her husband, Elder Patrick Baadjes, had of planting a church in their local community centre. That vision became a reality in 2010 with the birth of New Life Church. In 2013 the church celebrated its first baptism. Among those present was one of Pastor Baadjes' neighbours, whose baptism brought her great joy.

Pastor Miller delivered the charge, reading from 2 Timothy 4:2 (KJV): 'Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.' She reminded Pastor Baadjes of the privilege and responsibility of ministry: to lead with humility, faithfully preach and teach God's word, and lovingly shepherd the congregation.

Everyone witnessed a meaningful covenant as Pastor Baadjes accepted the charge to serve, trusting in God's guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit. Her repeated response, 'I will,' reflected her commitment to partner with Tamworth Church in advancing God's mission.

The elders laid hands on Pastor Baadjes and her husband while Pastor Miller prayed for them and their family, asking God to grant Pastor Baadjes wisdom, discernment, compassion and humility as she shepherds the Tamworth congregation. Sister Nicholson presented Pastor Baadjes with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

We warmly welcome Pastor Winsome Baadjes, Elder Patrick Baadjes and their family. We thank God for sending them to minister among us, and we look forward to serving together as we witness all that God will accomplish through their ministry. Their arrival marks not only a new pastoral appointment, but a new chapter in the life of our church family.

PAULINE NEWTON, TAMWORTH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



Pastor Gina Miller and Pastor Winsome Baadjes

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'Conscientious Objection and the Law' – Hackney Church's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Day

'If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses?' (Jeremiah 12:5, NKJV.) This was the question which was posed considering the rapid movements currently taking place in the political and religious sphere. Hackney's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Day, which took place on Sabbath 30 May, was intended to bring awareness to the church about the issues taking place in the country and around the globe which could have an impact on the religious liberty of those practising their faith.

The invited guest speaker – Dr Brighton G. Kavaloh, South England Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director – encouraged church members to make themselves aware of current affairs and to actively participate in government consultations to have their voice heard on the issues that matter to the country generally, as well as more specifically to our faith.

The reminder was given that if we fail to participate in consultations when invited to do so (which may be described as 'running with the footmen'), we may subsequently find it harder to 'contend with the horses' when government proposals are turned into laws that may or may not affect the religious freedoms and



conscience of those who practise their faith.

Dr Kavaloh concluded the day with an engaging and interesting question-and-answer session, which empowered and encouraged members to take their stand for Christ at this critical period in earth's history. The war between good and evil in light of the great controversy continues to be waged – but victory in Christ is assured for all who believe and accept Him.

DARELL J. PHILIP, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LEADER, HACKNEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

In times like these, cease not to pray

Hackney Seventh-day Adventist Church experienced a powerful spiritual awakening on Saturday 4 July during a transformative Day of Prayer led by Elder Clarence Jackson.

This high day was the culmination of weeks of intense spiritual preparation. Leading up to the event, members of the local prayer team led by Sister Eileen Philip and elders within the South England Conference were invited to speak on the Hackney and Wood Green prayer line. Operating faithfully since the COVID-19 pandemic, this prayer line has served as a beacon of hope and a sanctuary of refuge for church members and the wider community.

Preaching from 1 Samuel chapter 7, Elder Jackson delivered an urgent wake-up call to the congregation, challenging them with a piercing question: 'How is your prayer life? If we are not praying, we are dying.'

The message was clear: Hackney must become known as a house of prayer or face spiritual heartache. Elder Jackson warned that putting people who do not follow God into godly positions only breeds confusion, depression and fighting, both on the streets and within the pews.

Midway through the service, Elder Jackson prayed to be hidden behind the cross as he pleaded for a blessing over the entire congregation. He emphasised that true revival is not merely about returning to a church building or attending a programme – it is about returning to the Lord with our whole heart (Deuteronomy 4:29).

To experience divine deliverance and find true purpose, he emphasised the need to clear out spiritual roadblocks; put away hypocrisy; put away gossip and pride; and prepare to serve God.

At the close of the Divine Service, Elder Jackson requested all Hackney leaders to stand, urging them to choose humility, let go of past hindrances, and pray for one another. The high day concluded beautifully with confession of sins, heartfelt songs and fellowship.



Elder Clarence Jackson

SISTER ZINZE BISHOP, COMMUNICATIONS LEADER & PM SECRETARY

'Save Me' campaign 2026 – inspired for the mission



Pastors Levi Johnson and Michael Hamilton

In preparation for the 'Save Me' campaign held by the Leytonstone, Edmonton, Enfield and Tottenham Lighthouse churches (see the August issue of *MESSENGER*, page 19), in addition to a day of prayer and fasting and two prayer walks on Sabbath 30 May and Sabbath 13 June, Tottenham Lighthouse held a day of prayer, fasting and revival on Wednesday 15 July.

At our daily 5am prayer meeting, our speaker, Pastor Levi Johnson, outgoing executive secretary of the Jamaica Union Conference, reminded us that God is

looking for people who hunger after righteousness. From 12 noon to 2pm we prayed and read the Bible. The final session was conducted by our own minister, Pastor Michael Hamilton, at the 7pm prayer meeting, using Ishmael and Hagar as examples of people who faced rejection yet were blessed by God.

On Sabbath 18 July, in addition to the church service, Tottenham Lighthouse planned a wellbeing day in the park opposite the church from 2.30 to 4.30pm, offering health checks, literature and books as music played in the background. On Sunday 26 July there was a community day in the park and also inside the church, offering many services and also fun activities for the children. On Sabbath 1 August at Tottenham Lighthouse there was a baptism and a baby dedication during the Divine Service, followed by a concert at 5pm. All the participating churches were invited to attend to praise God for His leading, and also to raise funds for the ADRA Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.

MAXINE DONOVAN, PRAYER LEADER



Adventist leaders join community stand against hatred

In a time when communities can too easily become divided by fear, misinformation and prejudice, Seventh-day Adventist leaders recently gave a Christian witness of unity, religious liberty and compassion towards the Sikh community in the wake of widespread public prejudice against Sikhs following a Polish man's murder.

Watford Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, in partnership with the One Vision charity, welcomed national Sikh leader Dabinderjit Singh Sidhu OBE, alongside faith leaders, community representatives, elected members and senior public service leaders from across Hertfordshire, who gathered to send the clear message that there is no place for hatred, intolerance or division in our society. Among those addressing the audience were Pastor Ian Sweeney, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director of the Trans-European Division, and Pastor Bernie Holford. Each speaker emphasised the importance of standing together, protecting one another, and ensuring that hatred never gains a foothold in our communities.

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers. Jesus declared: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9, NIV). This biblical mandate goes beyond our church walls. It requires us to stand alongside our neighbours when they experience discrimination, prejudice or hostility. Religious liberty is not merely the freedom to practise our own faith: it is the responsibility to defend the dignity and freedom of others.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a rich heritage of advocating for religious freedom, human dignity and peaceful coexistence. In a world increasingly marked by polarisation, our witness is strongest when we build bridges rather than walls.

Lasting change happens when we choose relationship over division, understanding over suspicion, and love over fear. May we continue to stand alongside one another, speak out against hatred wherever it appears, and reflect the love of Christ in our communities.

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