

Victory in Jesus



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Seven Blessings of Camp Meeting

Perhaps it is the soy ice cream on a hot afternoon, or the cool breeze on the trolley rides (though these may seem foreign during this winter). Whatever you may remember and enjoy about camp meeting, there is a difference between reminiscence and divine blessings. While there are indeed more than seven blessings in store, it would be worthwhile to mention what the most precious ones are at camp meeting.

7. Refreshing Rest

Take time off from work, normal routines, and secular business. Dedicate some considerable time to experience true spiritual rest and to seek the Lord.

Isaiah 55:6 "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Mark 6:31 "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a

while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

6. Social Convergence

Reconnect with long-forgotten or encounter new acquaintances. The convening of God's people allows for counsel to be exchanged, inspiration on various levels, and encouragement to be harvested.

Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

James 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

5. Strengthened Family Unity

Do something spiritually nourishing for the entire family. Seek the Lord together as a family unit. Though you will reap the benefits of camp meeting as a whole family, each age group has their own blessings in store too.

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Guest Editorial

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— Jim Micheff
Conference Secretariat

Camp meeting is just around the corner and will be here before we know it, so make plans now to attend this year's exciting "Spiritual Feast!" Our theme is "Victory in Jesus," focusing on true revival and reformation! Jesus is coming soon and we need to be fully surrendered and transformed by Christ!

When you invite Him to live in your heart, you don't have to wait until heaven to begin living the abundant life that is promised in John 10:10.

In other words, through prayer, maintaining a constant communion with God, we can have "victory in Jesus!" The battle has already been won because Jesus paid the price with His own life on Calvary.

Therefore, we can experience joy regardless of what the devil throws our way. We need only to turn our lives over to our Lord and Savior. When we do, God will fill us with His sweet peace, and all pain, anger, and resentment will melt away. This incredible peace comes when we are willing to surrender to Christ and allow Him to fight our battles for us. It is then, and only then, that we will experience true... *"Victory in Jesus!"*

None of us can reach such a goal by ourselves. It is a journey of total reliance on God. It is not a path of continual success, but rather of multiple failures. However, each failure is followed by a growth spurt, nourished by increased reliance on our heavenly

Father.

Although we don't have to fear destruction at the hand of the enemy, that doesn't mean that Satan has given up trying to separate us from the *only* One who can save us! The devil knows his time on earth is short, and he is trying harder than ever to tempt us to sin. He is very clever at making

sin enticing and is an expert at disguising the evils of this world, making it seem like "it's not so bad." He makes it easier and easier to say, "just this once" or "I'll enjoy the pleasures of this world, and then I'll give my heart to Jesus."

But if we yield to temptation, before we know it, we are weighed down with the guilt of our sins and sink deeper and deeper into the enemy's trap. Don't be deceived into thinking the devil is not a threat. Don't fall for Satan's lies or underestimate his evil

power. Satan is dangerous and we should never play on the devil's playground! We are cautioned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." But

the good news is this: God is much more powerful than Satan and his host of evil angels. All we need to do is stay close to Jesus! Put on the whole armor of Christ, and we can resist the deceptions of the enemy. With God on our side . . . victory is ours!

Total dependence is not simply asking God to bless what we've decided to do. It is inviting God to plant His desires within us. When we are able to say, "Lord, I want Your will, not mine,"... that is the moment our journey of profound reliance upon God begins. It's a "faith walk," one step at a time, leaning on Jesus!

This year's camp meeting speakers were chosen specifically to present a variety of God-inspired messages focusing on spiritual revival in all areas of our lives. Some of our weekend keynote speakers include Michigan Conference President, Jay Gallimore; World Church Specialist on Global Evangelism, Mark Finley; and General Conference President, Ted Wilson. You won't want to miss the early morning meetings with Village Church Pastor of Berrien Springs, Ron Kelly; mid-morning with the international church planting specialist, Johnny Wong; or our evening speaker, global revivalist and evangelism instructor, Louis Torres.

We also have a full seminar schedule each morning and afternoon during the week, such as:

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- “*Focus on Marriage*” with Richie and Timi Brower, helping couples rediscover love and learn principles of God’s ideal marriage.
- “*Raising the Remnant*,” with Scott Ritsema, providing guidance for parents, and teaching Biblical principles for a Christ-centered home.
- “*Victory over Sexual Sins*,” with Wayne Blakely, Mike Carducci, and Ron Woolsey. In these powerful presentations you will receive practical information and applications along with personal testimonies of experiencing the power of God to gain victory over controlling addictions.
- You won’t want to miss “*The Sanctuary Message in Revelation*” with Norman McNulty, taking a deeper look into end-time events through the book of Revelation.



There will also be a guided tour with life-sized Sanctuary furniture conducted by Darwin Whitman, illustrating the plan of salvation through the Sanctuary. There are special meetings for children of all

ages, young adults (college and up), and so much more!

Unfortunately, it’s not possible to be present at all of the planned seminars, so pray for discernment in choosing which ones to attend. As a resource for ministry, we will continue to make presentations available through audio CD or DVD through the Adventist Book Center during camp meeting. A current list of seminars will be posted on our website as we get closer to the beginning of camp meeting.

I want to encourage each and every one of you to join us for camp meeting this year, and don’t forget to invite your friends and neighbors too! God has special messages to help you experience the true joy of . . . “*Victory in Jesus!*”

CAMP GROUND UPDATE

- E Loop

Unfortunately we were not able to start and complete updating E Loop (full hookups) before camp meeting is to begin. Therefore, we have chosen to begin our update at the conclusion of 2014 camp meeting.

- Cottage Project

We are in the process of constructing twelve new cottages, planned to be completed and occupied for this year's camp meeting. These new cottages were provided by participants in our cottage project, which was introduced at last year's camp meeting. If you are interested in being a part of this continuing project, contact Jody Murphy at 517 316-1581.

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood banks need your help. Because of the harsh winter months, the blood drives have either been canceled or have had very low turn outs. Please consider coming to the Cedar Lake Church Fellowship Hall Sunday morning and donate a life-saving pint. The blood drive will begin at 10:00 AM and the last donor will be taken in at 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served all day.



Waiting times last year were no longer than one-half hour because of the extra staff sent as a result of the previous year's long waiting times. We greatly appreciate all those who have stood with us to help in the past.

A notice will be placed in the camp meeting packets with donor information.

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2014 Camp Meeting Speakers



Opening Evening
Message

Friday, June 13



Jay Gallimore is president of the Michigan Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He graduated from Southern Adventist University and Andrews University before his ministerial career. A well-known speaker and respected leader, Elder Gallimore has served for more than 37 years as pastor, evangelist, and administrator. Previously he served as conference secretary and ministerial director of the Michigan Conference, and director of the Northwest Ministries Training Center for the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Elder Gallimore's message launches the Cedar Lake camp meeting.

Early Morning

Sabbath, June
14 through
Sabbath,
June 21



Ron Kelly is the senior pastor of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs. Prior to ministry in Michigan, he served in the Indiana Conference as pastor and family ministries director. His life is made rich through the love of Colleen, his wife of 29 years, and their four children: Nathan, Andrew, David, and Julie. In his free time, he enjoys working with his sons, mission travel, wilderness camping, and canoeing. Elder Kelly is a graduate of Andrews University. One of his life goals is to help the church rediscover the apostolic fellowship of the early Christians. He will be leading us on a journey of reviving our love for Jesus.

First Sabbath

Divine Sermon
and Evening
Messages
from Saturday
to Monday
(June 14-16)



Mark Finley became a vice president of the Adventist Church in 2005, after nearly two years as a general field secretary. As a vice president, he continues to work with evangelism and television. Elder Finley has presented more than 150 evangelistic meeting series in about 80 countries with the resulting baptisms numbering in the thousands. He is best known as a former speaker of *It Is Written* as well as *NET* evangelism satellite series. He has since preached more than 20 *NET* series throughout the world. Elder Finley has written more than 70 books, as well as numerous teaching manuals, and magazine articles. He and his wife, Ernestine "Teenie," have teamed up in ministry throughout the years and also share a family of three grown children and two adored grandchildren.

Mid-Morning
Messages

Sunday, June
15 through
Friday June 20



Johnny Wong is a church planter, lay pastor, and founder of the Gateway Adventist Centre, an outreach ministry located in the heart of Melbourne, Australia. A graduate of the prestigious Monash University, he has held senior management positions at the Oracle Corporation, Ansett Group, and Hewlett-Packard. Pastor Wong is passionate about helping young people make positive changes to improve their lives dramatically. In 2000, he led young urban professionals to start campus ministry care groups that have led to nearly 100 baptisms and three church plants. He has trained church in 20 countries and continues to coach internationally on urban evangelism.

Evening
Messages

Tuesday, June
17 through
Thursday June 19



Louis Torres, currently president of the Guam-Micronesia Mission, is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and musician. Before giving his life to the Lord, he was the lead bass player for the rock band, "Bill Haley and the Comets." Since devoting his life to the Lord's work, Elder Torres has worked as a pastor, evangelist, church administrator, and trainer of laity. He and his wife Carol founded Mission College of Evangelism from which have sprouted ARISE, AFCOE, LIFE, and other schools of evangelism training centers overseas. His authored books are *Gaining Decisions for Christ*, *Great Stories for Gaining Decisions*, *Bothersome and Disturbing Bible Passages*, *Left Behind or Sincerely Taken*, and co-authored with his wife, *Notes on Music*.

Second Sabbath

Divine Sermon
and Evening
Messages
from Friday
to Saturday
(June 20-21)



Ted N.C. Wilson was elected as president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church during the 2010 General Conference Session. Born in Takoma Park, Maryland, the son of former General Conference President Neal C. Wilson and Elinor E. Wilson spent part of his childhood in Egypt. Married to physical therapist Nancy Louise Vollmer Wilson in 1975, the couple since has three married daughters and five wonderful grandchildren. He has served in various international posts as General Conference associate secretary, Euro-Asia Division president, Review and Herald Publishing Association president, and a General Conference vice president in 2000. An ordained minister, Elder Wilson holds a masters degrees from Andrews University and Loma Linda University's School of Public Health as well as a doctorate in religious education from New York University.



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Joshua 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Deuteronomy 6:7 "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

4. Sound Teaching and Training

Stimulate the mind with the deep truths of God; elevate the heart with the words of Christ; and be more confident in your witness with the principles of Scripture.

Acts 5:42 "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Acts 15:35 "Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also."

3. Gospel Fellowship

Not only as a social gathering, but camp meeting as a spiritual convocation is an ideal place to bring recent converts, curious friends, and Bible study contacts. Use this event as part of your personal evangelism.

Philippians 1:3-5 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,"

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore

the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

2. Sacred Praise

Sing your heart out for the angels to hear your devotion to God. Find holiness in the sacredness of camp meeting. Experience fuller congregational praise and worship. True victory always incorporates sacred praise!

Leviticus 23:35-36 "On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein."

Revelation 15:2-3 "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

1. Encounter Jesus. Again.

Perhaps you met Him before, but you really need to meet Him again. This is the best blessing to receive at camp meeting.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Psalms 85:6 "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING FUN RUN/WALK

WHEN: Sunday, June 15, at 7:45 AM.

COST: \$10 (to pre-register);
or \$12 on Race Day

- 5K or 10K option
- All participants receive a memorabilia T-shirt
- Medals will be awarded to top finishers



Pre-register on Friday, June 13, between 4:00 and 7:30 PM at the Camp Meeting Auditorium (Fitness Center) or Saturday night after sundown when the evening meeting is completed. For questions, feel free to call Robert Benson at (517) 896-7842.

TRUST SERVICES

Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Planned Giving and Trust Services will be taking appointments during Michigan camp meeting, June 13-20, 2014 (except for Sabbath hours) to assist those in need of a Will, Durable Power of Attorney and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. There is no time like the present to have your affairs in order.



Please call (517) 316-1520 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Create the peace of mind that comes with having a plan!

Week at a Glance

Time	Friday	Sabbath	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
7:00 - 7:50	Ron Kelly (<i>Sab. through Sab.</i>)								
7:50 - 8:30	Breakfast								
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome to Michigan	Sabbath School 9:00 - 10:30 Worship* 10:45 - 12:15 Mark Finley	7:45 Frt 4 Him 5K_	Michigan Conference Staff Meetings (<i>Sun. through Fri.</i>)					Sabbath School 9:00 - 10:30 Worship* 10:45 - 12:15 Ted N.C. Wilson
9:30 - 10:45			10:00 To	Seminars & Workshops (<i>Sun. through Fri.</i>)					
11:00 - 12:15	Johnny Wong (<i>Sun. through Fri.</i>)								
12:15 - 1:15	Camp	Lunch							
1:30 - 2:00	Meeting	Blood Drive		1:30 2:30 ABC Sale	Family Time				
2:00 - 3:15		Ministerial Ordination 2:30	Seminars & Workshops (<i>Mon. through Fri.</i>)					Education Commisioning 2:30	
3:30 - 4:45		Soul Win. Fest. 4:00	Seminars & Workshops (<i>Sun. through Fri.</i>)					Soul Win. Fest. 4:00	
5:30 - 6:30	Supper								
7:15 - 7:30	Musical Program		Evening Meetings (<i>Sun. through Thu: 7:15 - 9:00</i>)				Musical Program		
7:30 - 9:00	Jay Gallimore	Mark Finley	Mark Finley	Mark Finley	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Ted N.C. Wilson	Ted N.C. Wilson

* Sabbath overflow site will be (1) Cafeteria when it is full, (2) Administration Chapel.

Every Monday morning, the Michigan Conference staff meet together for worship and prayer. Here is the list for the month of March. Please join with us as we pray for these ministries.

Mar 3-7

Saginaw/St. Charles
Pastor Ben Garcia

Mar 10-14

Marshall/Urbandale
Pastors Ryan Counsell/Jerry Finnerman

Mar 17-21

Ann Arbor/Plymouth
Pastor Christien Hodet
Ann Arbor Elementary -
Sally Smith, Principal/Teacher

Mar 24-28

Berrien Springs Village
Pastors Ron Kelly/Bruce Hayward
Bible Worker - Colleen Kelly
Village Adventist Elementary -
Wendy Baldwin, Principal,
Plus 13 teachers and staff

MOBILE KITCHEN NEWS

Your Michigan Mobile Kitchen “all volunteer” team is again offering healthy, homemade lunch and dinner specials at Cedar Lake Camp Meeting. Their “Blue Plate” specials are prepared fresh daily and include vegan options. Along with their well-loved Hummus Wrap they have added Fresh Deli and Raw Veggie Wraps to the wrap selection. To whet your appetite, here’s a list of our daily “Blue Plate” lunch specials:

- Sunday—Special K Loaf
- Monday—Carbanzo curry over Brown Rice
- Tuesday—Vegan Macaroni and Cheese
- Wednesday—Pancit and Eggrolls
- Thursday—Mediterranean Tomato Chicken over Rice
- Friday—Haystacks (Lunch and Supper)

Other items you may choose from are veggie burgers, veggie dogs, corn dogs, chips, popcorn, hot chocolate, bottled water, herbal teas, and even ice cream and juice bars. Lunch will be served from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM and Supper from 4:45 to 6:30 PM, Sunday through Friday. Please stop by to support our Mobile Kitchen. They look forward to serving you.



March

- 1 Conference Level - Bible
Pathfinder Experience -
Battle Creek
- 2 Women's Ministries Board
- 7-9 Marriage Commitment -
Camp Au Sable
- 8 Praise/Report Dist 2
Traverse City
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 Praise/Report Dist 10
Kalamazoo
- 16 Lay Advisory
- 16-23 GLAA Spring Break
- 21-22 Union Pathfinder Bible
Experience - Berrien Springs
- 25 MI Conference Executive
Committee - Conference Room
- 26 Camp Meeting Directors
- 27 K-12 Board of Education
- 29 Praise/Report Dist 8 - Holly

April

- 4-6 Women's Ministries Retreat I
Camp Au Sable
- 11-12 Division Pathfinder Bible
Experience - Baltimore
- 11-13 Women's Ministries Retreat II
Camp Au Sable
- 13 Camp Au Sable Long Range/
AUSMIN Committee
- 18-20 LUC ASI Spring Fellowship
- 18-20 Women's Ministries Retreat III
Camp Au Sable
- 25-27 VBS Workshop Camp Au Sable
- 26 West MI Youth Rally
Grand Rapids

Announcements

CAMP MEETING JANITORS

Janitors are needed to clean the men's and women's restrooms during camp meeting, June 13-21.

To be eligible to apply:

- Applicants must be 14 years of age or older.
- Applicants must have confirmed lodging.
- Applicants must complete an Employment Application and mail it to the Camp Meeting Employment/Volunteer Committee at the Conference address shown on the application. Applications are available on www.misda.org. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a fully completed application with 3 references. An incomplete application may affect an applicant's hire.
- All applications will be reviewed by the committee and notification will be sent regarding their decision. Additional required employment documents will be sent to those that are hired.

For detailed requirements and a job description, please visit www.misda.org. When positions are filled, there will be a waiting list. The deadline for applications is **April 20, 2014**.



2014 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Certification Week	May 25-31
Camp Orientation	June 1-7
Father/Son Canoe Outpost	June 8-12
Adventure/Jr. Junior Camp	June 8-15
Junior Camp	June 15-22
Tween Camp	June 22-29
Teen/High School Camp	June 29-July 6
Father/Son Backpacking Outpost	July 9-13
Father/Son Canoe Outpost	July 9-13
RAD Outpost (Ages 13-16)	July 9-13
RAD Back Packing (Ages 13-16)	July 9-13
RAD Canoe (Ages 13-16)	July 9-13
Mini Family Camp July	July 9-13
Family Camp 1	July 13-20
Family Camp 2	July 20-27
Family Camp 3	July 27-August 3