

Grand Concourse Seventh-day Adventist Temple

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Hours of Service:
Saturday: the Sabbath Services
9:15am – Sabbath School
11:00am – Divine Worship
1 hour before sunset – Adventist Youth

Wednesday:
12:00pm - Community Services Food Pantry
7:15pm – Prayer Meeting

Friday:
9:30pm - 10:00pm - AS & Men's Ministries Prayerline

Pastor's Office Hours:
Tuesdays 1:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesdays 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Links:

Sabbath School Lesson Online
<http://www.ssnnet.org/qtrly/eng.html>

The Bible Online
<http://www.carm.org/bibleonline.htm>

Adventist Review
<http://www.adventistreview.org/>

General Conference of SDA
<http://www.adventist.org/>

Greater New York Conference
<http://www.gnyc.org/>

North American Division
<http://northamerica.adventist.org/>

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<http://www.atlantic-union.org/>

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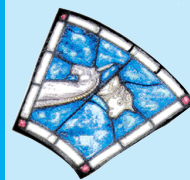
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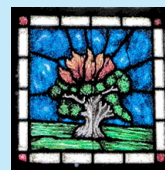
Absent Saints

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Sis. Kathleen Brown	(718) 671-3749 - 3328 Edison Ave.
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Sis. Minnie Scott	(718) 601-0851
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Previous Panes... Robert Slaughter



This was March's pane. It is the symbol for Joseph and the key text was in Genesis 48:5, 20 which foretold that he would be represented by two tribes through his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. In the Deuteronomy 33:13-17 passage, the sons are identified by the bull (Ephraim) and the wild ox (Manasseh). In Jewish tradition, they are usually shown together, as shown at the left.



This was April's pane. Exodus 3 tells us the story of Moses and the burning bush. He meets the LORD in this bush that does not burn, and the LORD identifies Himself as I AM. In Deut. 33:16 He is "the Presence in the Bush" or "Him who dwelt in the bush" (JPS and NKJV). Jesus identified Himself as the "I AM" in John 6:33-35. Jewish tradition, for centuries, has seen the Burning Bush as the symbol of God's eternal presence.



This was May's pane. We could have used Dan. 5:27, which says "you are weighed in the balance and found wanting," but in Lev. 23:23-25, on the Feast of Trumpets, we are all called to Judgment. See Rev. 14:7 also. But it is only God who can balance the scales in our favor as noted in Micah 7:18-19. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 5:17-21 that we are "new creations" and we are reconciled to God through Christ. Indeed, He does "love graciousness" and "hurls all our sins into the depths of the sea..."

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Dr. Timothy Nixon, CGD guest speaker

Grand Concourse's Community Guest Day

"He is Risen" was the theme for the spring Community Guest Day, April 7, 2012, at Grand Concourse SDA Temple. Visitors, members and honored guests joined the leaders and staff of the Sabbath School Department in recognizing our risen Savior.

A dramatic, two-part skit during Sabbath School, entitled "He is Alive," brought vividly to life the varying emotions surrounding Jesus' resurrection. When Mary, portrayed by Sis. Denise Levy, discovered that her Savior was really alive after all, she ran to tell the other disciples, who were in deep despair over His death. They were slow to believe until Jesus appeared among them. One of them, Thomas, portrayed by Bro. Nigel Smith, was not with them when He appeared the first time, and refused to be convinced until Jesus visited them again and he saw for himself. Senior Pastor Allan Hay led out in a group Sabbath School class on the lesson study, "Defining Evangelism and Witnessing," which fit well with Community Guest Day. He challenged those present to examine themselves as to their own commitment to fulfilling the gospel commission to "Go ye into all the world." Special music by Sis.

Raelene Glasgow reminded us vividly of the blessed hope of Christ's glorious return.

Visitors were warmly welcomed at the beginning of the worship service by Assistant Sabbath School Superintendent, Delores Browne, and gifts were distributed to show our visitors our appreciation for their attendance. Special guest Dr. Sydney G. McCalla, Director of the Lincoln Breast Center at Lincoln Medical and Mental Hospital, was honored with a plaque, presented to him to recognize the tremendous service he gives to women in the South Bronx Community through his work there. Sis. Angela Johnson presented the plaque on behalf of the Grand Concourse Temple.

Also recognized by Sis. Carlene Burke for their dedication and commitment to God's work were Sis. Mavis Garrett and Sis. Gwendolyn Boles for their outstanding service to the church in the Catering Department.

Special guest Sis. Kathleen Lawrence blessed the congregation with her vocal solos, and our special guest speaker, Dr. Timothy Nixon, Chaplain for Andrews University in Michigan, delivered the day's worship message, entitled "Are Sinners Wiser Than Saints?"

Fellowship luncheon followed the service, and after that everyone gathered in the sanctuary once more for the afternoon program, entitled "Musical Easter Story," done with videos and music demonstrating the crucifixion, the rest and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those present then testified as to God's goodness toward them and how blessed they were for the day.

The service closed with the congregation holding hands in a large circle and singing, "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God," and "Side by Side we Stand," and prayers by Elder Keith Crawford and Elder Patricia Thiessen for God's guidance and blessings for the coming week.

Submitted by Carlene Burke



Grand Concourse Pulse Calendar

Be sure to keep your Pulse Calendar handy for future reference.

June 2012

16 Publishing Ministries Day
17 Father's Day
20 Prayer Meeting
23 Communion Service
23-24 GNYC Graduation
27 Fasting and Prayer for upcoming Evangelistic Series (Aug 11-Sept 8)
21,28 "Matty One Son" rehearsals-6 pm
29-July 7 English Campmeeting

July 2012

1-7 English Campmeeting-full week
4 Prayer Meeting
8 Board Meeting
11 Prayer Meeting
18 Prayer Meeting
25 Prayer Meeting
28 Health Ministries Day
28 Fasting and Prayer for upcoming Evangelistic Series (Aug 11-Sept 8)
29 Health Ministry Fair

August 2012

1 Prayer Meeting
8 Prayer Meeting
9-11 Family Ministries Cruise
11- Sept 8, GC Summer Evangelistic Series
12 Board Meeting
12 AY Summer Fun Day
18 AY Praise and Prayer Summit
18 Family/Singles Ministries Workshop
31- Sept 1 - Master Guide Camporee

September 2012

9 Board Meeting
12 Prayer Meeting
14-15 United Camp Meeting
19 Prayer Meeting
22 Communion Service
22 NY 13 Prayer Rally
26 Prayer Meeting
28-30 Women's Ministries Weekend

October 2012

5-7 Stewardship Retreat Prayer Conf.

November 2012

16-18 50/40 Anniversary Celebration



Wednesday prayer meetings at Grand Concourse have focused on prayer and the book, *40 Days: Prayer & Fasting to Prepare for the Second Coming*. Are you ready? Do you desire a more meaningful study and prayer life? Do you feel the need to reach out to others for Christ? Do you long to revitalize your relationship with God? If so, and you come to prayer meeting at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night, you've come to the right place.

Why 40 days? The Bible tells of several significant events that took exactly this span of time.

- ⊙ Rain fell for 40 days at the beginning of the flood.
- ⊙ Moses was on Mount Sinai with God 40 days.
- ⊙ Jonah warned Nineveh for 40 days.
- ⊙ Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness after His baptism.
- ⊙ Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples after the resurrection.

These Bible stories are a few examples of what we have been studying. God wants to do something amazing and special in and through each of us, just as He did in the lives of Moses, Jonah and Jesus and other great figures of Scripture.

We are challenged to examine our lives in the light of Christ's second coming and ask some very pointed, personal questions: Am I ready? Do I desire a more meaningful study and prayer life? Do I long for a renewed relationship with God and a renewed desire to reach out to others in the name of Jesus?

Come join us in study and prayer Wednesday night. With the Holy Spirit as our Guide and Teacher, our lives will never be the same again.

Submitted by Elder Patricia Thiessen



Connected

A lamp unplugged will never work. No matter how hard you try, it will never emit light and brighten a room. Not until it is plugged in, or connected to an electrical outlet, will this lamp serve its purpose of bringing light to an otherwise dark place. Therefore, being connected to an electrical supply is essential for a lamp to fully function.

It works the same way for us. If we live our lives disconnected from Christ, we are like an unplugged lamp - unable to shed light. We may have an outward appearance that resembles Christianity, but when looked upon for use, we aren't able to give anything. So we need to get connected to Christ. We need to build a relationship that will help us grow in godliness and bring others to Christ.

After getting connected to Christ, our relationship with Him will help us get connected with our church. Here at GC, we need to remember that a cohesive family unit is needed to move the work forward. No family is perfect, but recognizing our faults and learning to work with them will help us accomplish the greater goal of win-



ning souls. Instead of trying to jump ship when problems arise, let's do our part to help solve the problem and encourage our fellow brothers and sisters.

Once we've become connected to Christ and church, we need to connect with the community. It is important that those in this area see us as a helping hand and not only as individuals who take their parking spots on Sabbath mornings. While on earth Jesus ministered to the common man. He found Himself in places that other religious authorities felt were beneath them, and they chastised Him for this unorthodox way of ministering. Let us not become so heaven bound that we're of no earthly good. Our neighbors are not only the people who live next to our primary residence, but also those who reside in the multiple buildings that surround our church home. Get connected through Wednesday soup kitchen, after school programs and any other services that will remind you of the humility that comes with being a CHRISTian.

Get connected to Christ, grow in church and build up the community.

Peace and blessings. Simone

Easter Basket Distribution

The Vanguard of Ohio Pathfinder Club brought cheer to a few Golden Agers on Easter Sunday, April 8. Seniors visited were Sis. Ada Pickering (Hebrew Home for the Aged), Sis. Sybilla Bridgeman (Morningside Nursing Home), Sis. Vashti Stokes (Eastchester Nursing Home), and two members of the community whom the Pathfinders have chosen to adopt: Ms. Arabella Brown (1228 Clay Avenue) and Ms. Frennie Pollack (Kings Harbor Rehab). These ladies were overjoyed that we had chosen them to receive a basket.

The Easter baskets were handmade by the Pathfinders and filled with sugar-free goodies for these seniors. Pathfinders present for the basket distribution were Tatyana Wallace, Kailyn Wallace, and Garfield Porter. Also present were Director Ella Harriott, Associate Directors Tanice Wallace and Winsome Gooden, and Coordinator Agatha Irish.

Submitted by Sis. Ella Harriott, Pathfinder Director



Visiting with Sis. Ada Pickering



Visiting with Sis. Vashti Stokes



Visit with Arabella Brown



Visiting with Sis. Sybilla Bridgeman

Interview with Ann Slaughter

Sister Ann Slaughter's book signing for her inspirational poetry book, *Building Castles on the Rock*, took place at sunset, April 21, 2012, in the fellowship hall at the Grand Concourse SDA Temple.

Many church members took advantage of this opportunity to buy one of these books, and have since told her how much they are enjoying reading their copy.

Included below is an interview of Sis. Slaughter by one of our young women, Sis. Joeline Allsop.

As a writer, who were some of the people who inspired you?

The most prominent source of inspiration, of course, has always been Jesus, Himself. Through the years, He has encouraged me over and over to write, and, as the introduction to my book indicates, when I obey the quiet "this is a poem" promptings from the Holy Spirit, something

good is always the result.

Others who have inspired my interest in writing include (1) my high school English teacher, who required all her class to write something creative every day, (2) my mother who willingly listened to me read every single poem to her over the phone, (3) several church members, especially in the Chesterland, Ohio church where we attended, who asked for poems for specific occasions, and (4) the pastor's wife there in Ohio who is a true kindred spirit when it comes to poetry, and was often the first one outside my family to hear my poems.

Do you have any advice for writers, especially for writers of inspirational material?

If God is prompting you to write for His glory, if you have a way of putting words together that moves people, do not ignore your calling. It is all too easy to ignore the actual writing, to put it off until a more convenient time, to satisfy your creative needs by reading extensively, and in short, neglecting what you know God wants you to do. Listen to the Holy Spirit. God will use writers in His cause who are fully committed to using their talents for Him.

How do you think writing the poetry has affected your relationship with Jesus?

It kept me close to Him. It kept me alert and listening for the next mental nudge - "this is a poem idea." And often I found myself being able to understand my relationship with Jesus better when I saw

what I had written. I also found myself being drawn more to the Word of God, paying attention to the nuances of the stories, knowing that from nearly every page, a poetry idea could spring forth.

Now that the poetry book is published and being read, I understand much better why God urged me to get it done. He has many ways to reach people, and this is one of them. I trust Him to get the book into the hands of His children who most need to read it.

What would you say is your favorite poem and why?

That's almost an unfair question, because I have a great many that are favorites for different reasons. But I will attempt an answer. Of the poems that tell a story, I like "I'm Not a Prodigal, No Sir!" simply because I know what it feels like to run back to Jesus and be restored. I also really like, and this one might be my most favorite - "What Kind of Man is This?" - because it steps into the mind of the centurion who came to belief through witnessing Jesus during the events of His crucifixion. For the rest, a few favorites are "I Am God's Treasured Possession," because I often need to be reminded of that fact. "That's Who I Am!" - when I read it again, it brings back all the powerful emotions that lie behind the words.

So, you see, I have many favorites. Which one is yours?

Submitted by Sisters Joeline Allsop and Ann Slaughter