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PROCLAIMING **Jesus** PASSIONATELY

LUKE 4:18

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

"You shall certainly tithe all the produce from what you sow...the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always."

Deuteronomy 14:22-23

When reading through scripture, you quickly realize that for God's people, tithing was not an option, it was a command and central to their relationship with Him. The word, tithe, comes from a Hebrew word meaning a tenth. This tenth represented the portion of their possessions that belonged to God. It applied to their herds and flocks, their grain, resources, and everything else. Upon the deliverance of God's people from enslavement, Moses taught that tithe was the Lord's. It was a constant reminder that they owed everything to Him. All He required from them was a portion to be given back in recognition of His blessings. Later, as God's people prepared to enter the Promised Land, Moses reminded them that tithing was not just an obligation, it was a key to being blessed. In return, God promised to protect and provide for them.

The same principles still apply to us. God promises to provide for us when we seek first His Kingdom (Matthew 6:33). As we give faithfully, Jesus promises that abundant blessings will come to us, "pressed down, shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38). Over the years, I have heard the many excuses people come up with for not giving to God, often choosing to focus on other priorities and personal interests. However, we need to remember that nothing is as important as our relationship with Him. We need to give Him priority by making sure He has first place in our hearts.

I have personally discovered the value of demonstrating our commitment to God through our tithes and offerings. These gifts are a symbol of our relationship with Him. They are proof of our trust in Him. May we choose to dedicate our lives to Him today and each day, and may we be faithful in returning the tithe. It is not optional.

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NEWS



Last week, the Lake Union Executive Committee voted to approve the recommendation of the Illinois Conference Executive Committee to ordain Pastor David Kokiong to the gospel ministry. An ordination service is being planned for May 29th.

2021 Lake Union Camporee Postponed!!!

After evaluation of current state health department policies regarding Covid-19, it was unanimously decided to postpone the 2021 Lake Union Camporee until 2022. Below is the information for 2022:

Where: Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds,
9122 U.S, Hwy 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

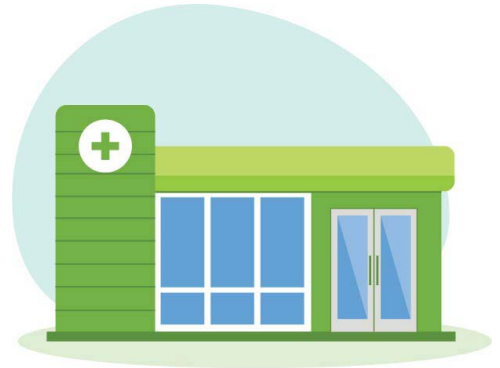
When: September 15-18, 2022

If you have any questions, contact camporeedirector@lakeunion.org.

Mission at Home Medical Clinic

The clinic is free and open to the public. Families and children are welcome!

AMITA Health's healing mission is to extend care to all people, especially those in our local communities. It's a way to fulfill the mission at home, directly to those who need medical care but can't afford it. Join AMITA Health to receive free medical services, including: COVID-19 Vaccinations, Dental exams (adults and children), Dermatology, Diabetes and Nutrition Education, Laboratory screenings: glucose, urinalysis and pregnancy, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pharmacy: Free medication (based on medical exam at event), Physical Therapy, Primary Care: school sports, physicals (immunizations not included), Podiatry, and more.



When: June 19th from 8-am -5pm.

Where: Glendale Heights Sports Hub, 250 Civic Centre Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Pre-registration is preferred to ensure an appointment time. On-site registration will be available, but times may be limited. Register online at amitahealth.org/missionathome or call 855.MyAMITA.

RESOURCES

General Conference to Host Virtual Global Campmeeting

The Adventist Virtual Global Campmeeting will bring the entire world church together from May 19-23, 2021, to worship, be inspired, and learn. This event showcases the incredible breadth and depth of Adventist ministries around the world. Register now to experience powerful preaching, over 400 online seminars, roundtable discussions with church leaders, continuing education credits for pastors and teachers, and an exhibit hall with more than 100 Adventist organizations sharing their resources. Register now at: <https://2021.campmeeting.com>

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☞ **New Mental Health Website from NAD Youth Ministries**

Are you struggling with mental health issues right now? Do you know someone else who is struggling? This website from the NAD Youth Ministries contains articles, downloads, and videos on depression, anxiety, suicide and harm, recovery, and staying healthy. You'll also find resources and contacts that can help in your journey to healing. Additional content is being added each week. Visit site: <https://www.oneteammentalhealth.org>

☞ **TOMORROW!!! May 13 Webinar: Dispelling the Myths of Alzheimer's Disease**

What is Alzheimer's Disease? What happens to our brains due to plaque buildup? Why are minority groups disproportionately affected? What happens after a diagnosis? What is the role of the nurse, church, and community? Join NAD Health Ministries and the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing for this FREE webinar on Thursday, May 13, at 7 PM Eastern. Register Now at: <https://nadhealth.org/aafc/education/>

DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . that on this day, May 12th, 1789, William Wilberforce made his first major speech on abolition in the UK House of Commons, arguing that slave trading was morally wrong.

"But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms."

—Ellen White, *Great Controversy*, page 595

