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# FYI (For Your Information...)

A weekly e-newsletter for employees and friends of the  
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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*



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How comforting it is to know that wherever we go, God is there with us. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations and wonder if God is paying attention. Sometimes we may feel alone or even depressed. Sometimes, we can't feel or sense God's presence. What we know is we need His guidance and help. Sometimes friends, spouses, and parents, don't really understand what we are going through. Sometimes our church friends, don't notice, or sense, something is wrong or they do but say the wrong thing.

God does. He notices, and He cares. God told Joshua to be strong and to have courage. Then He told him a wonderful truth: "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Yes, that's right... wherever, and whenever! We don't have to feel all alone. God is with us. He is working out the problems, and we don't even realize it.

So, no matter what you are going through today; whether its financial problems, relational difficulties, health issues, or you just feel apart from God, remember, God will never leave you nor forsake you. He loves you, and He is coming back one day to set all things right. So, today, hang in and hang on to Jesus. He will see you through!

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## TOWN HALL MEETINGS ARE COMING TO YOUR AREA!

...Below are the upcoming Town Hall meeting dates and locations for each of our six areas. These town hall meetings are open to all Illinois Conference church members. The meeting will be an opportunity to hear a short report from the Conference officers on what's happening around the Conference and about our Camp Akita projects.

Town Hall meetings:

Area 1 - Thompsonville SDA Church. September 3, 7 pm.

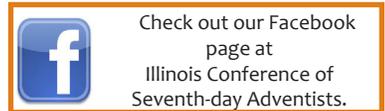
Area 2 – All Nations SDA church (Bloomington/Normal). September 4th, 7 pm.

Area 3 – Princeton SDA church. September 5th, 7 pm.

Area 4 – Northbrook SDA church. August 22nd, 7 pm.

Area 5 – Bolingbrook SDA church. August 26th, 7pm.

Area 6 - West Suburban SDA church. August 27, 7 pm.



See you there!

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you checked out our daily video devotional on the Illinois Conference Facebook page? If not, I invite you to check it out, subscribe, and share it with your friends and family. You can check it out at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5f5p6hg> (then go to videos)

## CHURCH VISIT

This past weekend, I had the privilege of attending the ASI Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. ASI exists to connect and equip lay ministries, business people, and professionals to regularly and passionately share Christ in the marketplace and actively support the Adventist church's mission. ASI is also a department of the North American Division. Each Union has an ASI chapter that supports the mission in the Union. The Lake Union ASI chapter president is our Illinois Conference member, Dr. Manuel Alva. It was good to see some of our members and ministries represented at this annual convention! Thank you for all you are doing for the Kingdom!

## NEWS

☞ Last week, we held Illinois Conference Family Camp Meeting in our new Pathfinder Pavilion at Camp Akita. I want to recognize the Deer Park Church. They had 56 individuals attending Family Camp Meeting, more than any other group. May the Lord bless you and keep you, Deer Park.



☞ I am happy to announce that Aaron Mace has accepted the invitation to serve as the part-time pastor of the Burr Ridge Church. Aaron has one more year to complete in seminary before being available to join the Illinois Conference full time. Welcome, Pastor Aaron!

## RESOURCES

- ☞ *Rain, Wind and Fire*, by Seth Pierce. Have you ever wondered what it means to be “born of the Spirit”? This iFollow Bible study guide will take you on an in-depth journey of how Scripture describes the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. You’ll also learn about how to test a spirit, the Holy Spirit’s relationship to us, and how the Holy Spirit helped form the Adventist Church. For more information go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y2a44rkm>
- ☞ The North American Division Adult Ministries Department would like to share their best resources with you. Resources for Prison Ministries, Sabbath School Ministries, and Personal Ministries are available at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org) or downloaded for free at [www.nadadultministries.org](http://www.nadadultministries.org)

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

... the 2020 10 Days of Prayer is scheduled for January 8-18? Start planning now to begin the year out right. Join the world church during these 10 Days, as we ask for the Holy Spirit to lead us into a deeper, more vibrant spiritual experience, and to help us become a joyful and more powerful witness.

*“To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life.”*

*E. G. White—Education page 15, 16*

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