

Things to Know



Musings from the Word



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As I head down to AdventHealth Board meeting, having just left our Executive Committee, I've been reminded about the opportunity to serve in this particular part of the mission field. Yes, Illinois is a mission field. And those of us who claim Jesus as our primary relationship all have been swept up into the winds of His Spirit. God pursues bringing the traces of His Kingdom (as outlined on Matthew chapter 5-7) through broken people like you and me. A careful reading of Scripture reveals it has been His pleasure to work through cracked pots. "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us," (2 Corinthians 4:7). Folks, what an undeniable line of wonder has been left for us. Treasure. Jars of clay. The juxtaposition of these two realities requires a wonder of heart and soul. It is the wonder of paradox. That which is of eternal value held in something so fragile, so earthen, so, well...normal. This is so amazing! It is worthy of song. It is worthy of poetic expression. It is worthy of our lives. Those who know me, know that when I can't put what is experienced into any kind of expression, my line is, "No words." And in this particular case—I think it is an appropriate response. So, go...live this one life you've been given not with eyes on the jars of clay but upon the Treasure!

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Musings from the Field

Delegate Orientations

Next week, I look forward to seeing our delegates in the various places around the conference. The purpose of this meeting will be to introduce the agenda for our October 23 Session, connect the Session activities to the structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as introduce the GC Rules of Order and to answer any questions as best as we can. Below are the places and times for these upcoming meetings:

Area 1 -Southern Illinois
Monday, August 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Thompsonville Church
3577 Angel Ln, Thompsonville IL 62890

Area 2 -Central Illinois
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Peoria SDA Church
4019 N Knoxville Ave, Peoria IL 61614

Area 3 - Northwest Illinois
Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Ottawa SDA Church
1429 Catherine St, Ottawa IL 61350

Area 4 -Chicagoland – North of I-88
Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Elmhurst SDA Church
246 W Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst IL 60126

Area 5 -Chicagoland –South of I-88
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Illinois Conference
619 Plainfield Rd, Willowbrook, IL 60527

Area 6 - Hispanic Churches
Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Illinois Conference
619 Plainfield Rd, Willowbrook, IL 60527

When one is bruised by the enemy, and wounded, and commits error, as faithful and true to the Master, as workers together with God, we must take up the missionary work next to us, we must work to heal, not to ruin and to destroy. The hope we have in Christ is because we are sinners.

(Special Testimonies A, p. 6)

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The first
skyscraper in
the world was
built in
Chicago in
1885.