

# Special Feature



## Thank You for Supporting our Kids!

By Pastor Sherman McCormick



I'm a MCA alumnus. I attended the old Minneapolis Junior Academy on 27<sup>th</sup> and Colfax for three years. That was back in the Dark Ages. We lived out near where I-35W and I-494 meet today. There was no interstate system then. The Beltway around the cities, what is now 494 and 694, was under construction at the time. We didn't have a church school bus to pick us up. Every morning my sister and I waited outside in the cold for the city bus to take us to school. Talk about deprived!! We didn't even have a color TV!!

But, we did have the enthusiastic support of the entire church. I remember when the gym was added to the old school building—and all of the church turned out to celebrate and support the school. I remember Christmas programs when it would be standing room only, literally.

And that support translated, in my brain, into the realization that, as a part of the MJA student body, I was important. That made me feel good about my school and my church.



Why all this reminiscing? Only to emphasize that our physical presence at MCA's activities is important. It makes a statement to the students when they see that what they are doing is important to us. Some of the school's activities are entertaining: basketball games and special programs. Others are less exciting: constituency meetings.

But, I would argue that the less the entertainment factor, the more the commitment factor is demonstrated when we physically support our school by attending its activities.

I doubt that you will find our upcoming MCA Constituency meeting, on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. very entertaining. Few are. But, I can promise you being there will send a statement to the staff and students. I can guarantee that the decisions we make will be, if not entertaining, very important!

Thank you for being a part of Minneapolis Junior Academy when I was there. Thank you for being a part of Minnetonka Christian Academy now, when future church leaders are figuring out where they fit in God's big scheme of things.

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Sabbath, Feb. 27, 2010  
**A Sahib's Secret**  
Eph. 1:3 NLT  
Pastor Sherman McCormick

Sabbath, Mar. 6, 2010  
**Good News! God Wants Us!**  
Eph. 1:4-5 NLT  
Pastor Sherman McCormick

Sabbath, Mar. 13, 2010  
**Lavished Grace**  
Eph. 1:7-8 NLT  
Pastor Sherman McCormick

## CALENDAR—Minnetonka Seventh-day Adventist Church

### SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS

**9:15 a.m. Morning Psalm** - with organ/instrumental music and hymns  
**10:15 a.m. Bible Study Groups** (See Below)  
**11:30 a.m. Gates of Praise** —with children's story, and a variety of contemporary music

### Today, Feb. 20:

•5:45 p.m. Sabbath rest ends

### Wednesday, Feb. 24:

•9:30 a.m. Mom's Time  
•10:00 a.m. J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Ladies Prayer Group)

### Thursday, Feb. 25:

•3:50 p.m. *Faithlift* Ladies Bible Study. (Gayle Land's home)

### Friday, Feb. 26:

•5:55 p.m. Sabbath rest begins

For MCA Info, please see MCA Bulletin Board Section

### Future Dates:

April 1st, 6:30 p.m.—Agape Feast

### June 11-19

Camp Meeting in Hutchinson, MN

### July 5-9

Vacation Bible School (free)  
Day Camp (\$20/day)

### July 18-23

Rock Climbing Trip (\$225)  
Contact Pastor Benji

### August 1-6

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip (\$125)  
Contact Pastor Benji

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M. TODAY

Please feel free to join the class of your choice.

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

(located in the church)

- \*Cradle Roll: Infants -3 years
- \*Pre-Kindergarten: Ages 3 - 5 years
- \*Kindergarten: Age 5 or K - 1st grade
- \*Primary: Grades 2 - 4
- \*Juniors: Grades 5 - 6

### YOUTH CLASS: (located in the school)

\*The Filling is our Jr. High/High School class that meets for breakfast & songs, then splits into classes. Home Economics classroom.

### ADULT CLASSES

- \*Church Office: Provided especially for those who find it challenging to walk to the school.
- \*School 3rd/4th Grade Classroom: Young Adult Sabbath School
- \*School 5th/6th Grade Classroom: Women's

Group studying Gospel of Luke. Co-leaders Rita Dedeker, Karen Gilbertson, & Karen Peterson.

\*School 7th/8th Grade Classroom: Sabbath School Quarterly. Co-leaders John Nicholson & Ackim Haamankuli.

\*School Conference Room: Study/discussion of 2 Peter. Co-leaders Ken Dedeker & Bob Dahl.

\*School Art Classroom: Team of teachers teach from the Adult SS Quarterly.

\*School Math Classroom: Study/discussion of Sabbath School Quarterly. Leader: Ruth Haamankuli

\*Fellowship Center: Book of Acts—Contemporary views on the Bible. Leaders: Jack Dougan, Ivan Chavez

### Rooms For Parents with Little Ones—(During Worship Services Only)

Children Pastor's Office—Nursing Mothers  
Cradle Roll Room—Quiet Training Room

### Requests for Prayer:

1. Pray daily for MCA's teachers and students, and for it's long-term ministry to youth in the Twin Cities.
2. Loved ones doing military service.
3. Couples who are working at getting back together.
4. Anonymous requests for private issues.
5. Those unemployed seeking opportunities for work.
6. For guidance from God while searching for a new senior pastor.

**Sermons on CD and Website**—If you would like a copy of a sermon that was preached at Minnetonka, please write the date or title on the back of the "Welcome" card, the quantity and your contact information. Drop the card in the offering plate or give it to a pastor. Please make a donation toward our media ministry of \$3 /CD. You can also listen to past sermons on our website.

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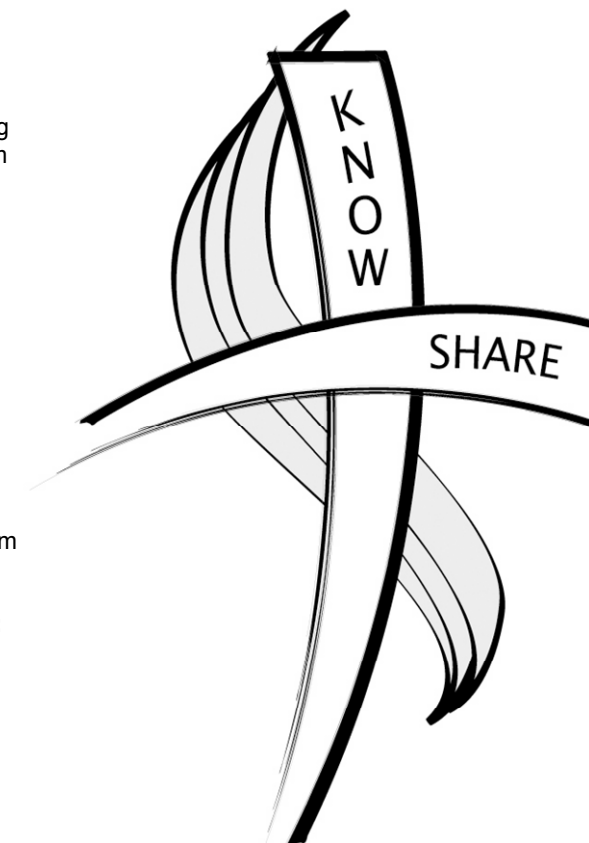
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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnetonka Seventh-day Adventist Church is to passionately KNOW God as our personal friend and intentionally SHARE God as caring disciples.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to become a growing Adventist congregation. We will impact our community through God-directed worship, selfless service, and a culture of active participation by every member.

# Morning Psalm

a sacred meeting

February 20, 2010 9:15-10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship  
 Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear  
 My voice ascending high;  
 To Thee will I direct my prayer,  
 To Thee lift up mine eye—

Congregation  
 Hymn #39

Pastoral Prayer  
 Pastor Sherman McCormick

Worship in Music  
 All That Thrills My Soul Hymn #189  
 He Hideth My Soul Hymn #520  
 O Worship the King Hymn #83

Scripture—Rev. 3:18-21  
 So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

Bible Message **Restoring Christ to Christianity**  
 Pastor Sherman McCormick

Hymn of Response  
 The Savior Is Waiting  
 Congregation Hymn #289

Responding to God's Generosity  
 John Nicholson

Offertory

Benediction  
 Pastor Sherman McCormick

Circle Greeting  
 Congregation

Postlude

Worship Coordinator: Alice Simonsen  
 Lay Pastor: John Nicholson  
 Deacon-in-charge: David Burley  
 Greeters: Elaine Mueller, Charlene Paulson

Organ: Alice Simonsen  
 Sound: Matt Carlson

# Gates of Praise

February 20, 2010 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving...His courts with praise..." Psalm 100:4

Welcome  
 Pastor Sherman McCormick

Worship through Music  
 Praise Team and Congregation  
 Majesty  
 Be Unto Your Name  
 Grace Alone

Garden of Prayer  
 Pastor Sherman McCormick  
 I need Thee every hour,  
 Most gracious Lord,  
 No tender voice like Thine  
 Can peace afford.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
 Every hour I need Thee,  
 O bless me now, my Savior  
 I come to Thee.

Children's Story  
 Barb Szaflarski

Responding to God's Generosity  
 Kennedy Otieno

Offertory

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 So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

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Leading us in worship:  
 Lay Pastor: Kennedy Otieno  
 Praise Team Coordinator: Charlene Lashier  
 Praise Team: Tami Bieber, Carol Crosby, Burt Elmer, Gregg Haugen, Charlene Lashier  
 Piano: Carol Crosby  
 Deacon-in-charge: Joshua Onserio  
 Computers/AV/Music: Ken Dedeker, Suzanne Elmer, Larry Lashier, Ken Bieber

Greeters: John Dougan, Marie Dougan, Marie Dorf-Pochapski, Bev Larson, Brent Mann

# Bulletin Board

• **Feb. 25—Faith Lift Women's Bible Study:** Please join our Bible Study on Thurs., Feb. 25, 3:50-5:15, (Philippians & Colossians) at the home of Gayle Land, 15808 West Oaks, Minnetonka. Please contact her at 952-932-9684 or [gayle.land@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle.land@yahoo.com) for further information.

• **Sunday, Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m., MCA Constituency Meeting:** MCA Gym. Strategic options for MCA will be reviewed that may have significant impact on the Minnetonka SDA Church. The operating plans, donation requirements, and student attendance requirements to re-open MCA for next year will be presented and voted on. Your attendance is highly encouraged and very much appreciated.

• **6:30 p.m., Thurs., April 1st:** You are invited to join us at our **Agape Feast/ Easter Celebration** for a time of fellowship, light meal, and Holy Communion.

• **On April 10th** the offering is for **Christian Record Services**. Cards are now available at the counter in the church hallway that will hold \$10.00 worth of quarters. Be sure to pick one up, fill it with as many quarters as possible, and return it for the April 10th offering.

• **New Prayer Box:** Did you notice the new prayer box at the entrance to the Fellowship Center? We encourage you to write out your prayer requests and praises and place them in the box. These will be prayed for by the pastoral staff during the next week.

• **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU** - For several years many of our MCA teachers have been kindly leading out in our children's Sabbath School Classes. If you are willing to consider leading (with help) once month in a Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Youth class, please contact Pastor Benji (612) 481-3843 or Dawn Campanello 612-810-5465.

• **ICA:** Community Services / Minnetonka Church is working with ICA (Intercongregation Communities Assoc.). Please bring peanut butter, jam, macaroni/cheese, etc. to help us support the food shelf. Questions—Please contact Les Morrison at 612-296-2716 or [Lehmjr40@gmail.com](mailto:Lehmjr40@gmail.com). ICA website: [www.icafoodshelf.org](http://www.icafoodshelf.org).

• **Volunteers Needed** to be part of a volunteer team to work and collaborate with Congo Frontline missions. Contact Jared London at: [jared\\_london@yahoo.com](mailto:jared_london@yahoo.com), (612-618-6636) or Pastor Benji at: [one\\_lakatu@hotmail.com](mailto:one_lakatu@hotmail.com), (612-481-3843) for more details. You can also learn more about this mission by visiting: [www.congofrontlinemissions.org](http://www.congofrontlinemissions.org).

• **Haiti Disaster Relief:** The link is <https://appeal.nadadventist.org/Haiti> Individuals may print out a receipt. It has the option of keeping track of what comes from each conference for those that wish or need to keep track of that figure.

• **All Church Directories are here.** Please pick up your reserved copy as soon as possible from the church office.. Copies are also available from the church office at \$5.00 each.

Minnetonka Money Matters		
YTD=7/01/09-6/30/10	Light Bar=Income	Dark Bar=Needed
MCA Commitment Campaign	\$113,464	\$56,536
Church Budget YTD	\$159,588	\$155,012
Church Budget - Feb.	\$8,564	\$17,652
	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	

Tithe does not pay for operating our church ministries and is separate from Church Budget.  
 Today's Offering: Church Budget— Next Week: Minnesota Advance  
 All unmarked offering goes for local church budget.  
 Your tithe and offerings can be given online at [www.knowgodmore.com](http://www.knowgodmore.com).

## Minnetonka Christian Academy

- **Thurs., Feb. 25, 5:00-8:00 p.m.:** MCA night out for dinner at Perkins, I-494 & 55
- **Sunday, Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m.—MCA Constituency Meeting:** MCA Gym
- **March 15-19:** Spring Break—No School
- **April 19-23:** Spring Week of Prayer
- **April 24:** Alumni Day