

# Special Feature

**A Beautiful Church Community**  
By Pastor Benji Ferguson

You know, as I've now gone through several pastor search processes I am struck with one fact. While our church is not without its problems, this really is a great church and we have a lot to offer any senior pastor that comes in here. I really do feel privileged to have worked here for the past 10 years. Some pastors like to boast as Paul did in 2 Corinthians 11 (look it up) about their church experiences. Believe me, I've heard it at pastors meetings and I just shake my head in wonder. As we've interviewed candidates for our senior pastor job and they tell me of some of the things they are dealing with in their churches I again am pleased to tell them that we don't really have some of those headaches.

I want to thank this church for what it is. A beacon of love to our community. As youth pastor I'm so glad that any student is always welcome at our church no matter their hair color or dress. Just in the last week I have seen people in our church put impromptu meals together and create flyers and posters for ICA. A couple of Sabbaths ago

somebody called the church office from a hotel. They were in town without transportation. The person answering the phone volunteered to go pick them up so they could come to church! We really do have a great congregation.

We do have one major problem however, not enough of the people reading this article are getting to experience how much fun this church can be. I have to dream and wonder how much BETTER things could be if more people got involved in ministry activities at Minnetonka. I'm not talking to those of you who have 4-5 jobs at the church right now, in fact I'm not talking to those who are doing even 1 job at the church. There is a large number of people who are not getting plugged into our community. There is plenty of space for all of you. As we worship this morning, I challenge you to pray about where God can involve you in this community (by that I mean our church community) so that you can get the full benefit of being part of this community. We have a great church and I, for one, am thankful to be a part of it.

Sabbath, May 8, 2010  
Pastor Sherman McCormick

Sabbath, May 15, 2010  
Pastor Sherman McCormick

Sabbath, May 22, 2010  
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, May 1:

- 8:19 p.m. Sabbath rest ends

#### Tuesday, May 4:

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer—Fellowship Center

#### Wednesday, May 5:

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

### Friday, May 7:

- 8:27 p.m. Sabbath rest begins

For MCA Info, please see MCA Bulletin Board Section

#### Future Dates:

May 21-23: Men Retreat, Lake Beauty Bible Camp

June 11-19: Camp Meeting

Maplewood Academy, 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



*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.  
Psalm 119:105 (King James Version)*

### 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 Science 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)

Associate 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.

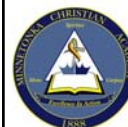
**Sermons on CD and Website**—If you would like a copy of a sermon that was preached at Minnetonka, please write the date or title on the back of the "Welcome" card, the quantity and your contact information. Drop the card in the offering plate or give it to a pastor. Please make a donation toward our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

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### 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.

