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Looking Ahead

By Kathy Williams, 1st Grade Teacher/Assistant Principal Grades K-8

Pails filled with a watery sand mix, squeals of chilly delight as hoses squirt ice cold water, and bikes flying by in a blur of color are just some of the sights and sounds that prove it is summer vacation!

While students get their fill of the freedom that summer brings, MCA is gearing up for an amazing year ahead. Our new principal, Dr. Gerald Coy will be starting his new role on Friday July 1. He welcomes you to drop in and say hello. He will leave his wife in Texas caring for grandchildren while he is called to minister to us here in Minnetonka. Make sure to welcome him with open arms as he is making a large family sacrifice to be here with us.

When teachers report on August 1, there will be a few new faces and a few new roles for old friends.

Our new 7th and 8th grade teacher, Tasha Pizarro, is already working in her classroom as she anticipates the busy year ahead. The new baby that she and husband Alexander are expecting in September will join big brother Thomas (who has already made friends with fellow three year old, Dylan Ferguson). We welcome the entire Pizarro family to our Minnetonka church family.

Stephanie Ferguson will take on morning Kindergarten at MCA. Mrs. Ashton will be missed but we know that Mrs. Ferguson, along with Mrs. Linda Hecker, will ably take on the reigns and lead our kindergarten program forward.

As Mr. Matt Burgland is moving to Cincinnati, Mrs. Jennifer Jakobsons will take over his role and teach three high school history classes each day. We are blessed that her certification was a perfect match for our current needs!

Vanessa Piersanti and her husband Adam are enjoying their new baby and looking forward to a year of involvement in MCA. Vanessa will teach band and music and Adam will take on business manager duties.

Along with our returning staff of master teachers, we anticipate a year full of good things. If you have any questions and would like to know more about joining our MCA family, call or stop in at the school office.

A few important dates to remember:

Sunday July 25: Playground improvement day! We have some pieces purchased toward a new playground. Come out for a morning of fun and work as we begin this revitalization project.

Sunday August 8: MCA registration for the upcoming school year will be held on this date and will be a terrific time to meet all of the teachers and find out more about what this new year will bring.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support for the ministry of Minnetonka Christian Academy.

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SENIOR PASTOR

BENJI FERGUSON
PASTOR FOR YOUTH & WORSHIP

KEN DEDEKER
PASTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

GERALD COY
PRINCIPAL OF MCA

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.

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Good News!



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Who I Am Now

By Pastor Doug English

As I write this column, I am sitting in my hotel in Atlanta, having enjoyed the first day of the General Conference session. Inspiring music, encouraging words, and information about how the church has grown in the last five years fills me with a sense of being a part of something incredible. More than that, it's something Biblical, apocalyptic, and final. This is the remnant, and I'm awestruck that I belong to this movement.

For me, one of the best parts is running into old friends from various places. Several times I saw people that I served with in other Conferences, and we stopped to renew acquaintances. Inevitably, we ask each other the same question: Where are you now?

I have a new answer to that question: I'm in Minnetonka, Minnesota. All my belongings are in boxes in Missouri, I've never preached in my church, and I've only met a handful of my congregation, but I'm the senior pastor at Minnetonka,

and I say it with pride. I suppose to be perfectly honest, I should tell people that I'm not really there yet, I'm in transition, and if we have the time to talk a few minutes I do explain that. But the quick answer, the one that comes out of my mouth first, and the one that excites me, is to say where I am without explanation. I'm in Minnetonka, and so far, I like it really well.

I know there are challenges ahead for all of us, but it has always been my experience that the blessings far outweigh the troubles in any church. When I toured the facilities, spent time with people like Ken, Mary, Dave, and Pastor Benji, and when I listened to the Conference leaders, it was plain to me that God is leading here, and I am honored that He has called Susan and I to be a part of His work here.

So part of what excites me about being at the General Conference is the joy of seeing old friends, and the

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UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

July

- 03—Pastor Benji Ferguson
- 10—Pastor Doug English
- 17—Pastor Doug English
- 24—Pastor Doug English
- 31—Pastor Doug English

privilege of telling them where God has led me. And I can't wait to see where He leads us in the days ahead, as together we carry out His work in our corner of the mission field. May His blessings rest on us all.



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