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Jennifer Jill Schwirzer Presents Gospel Psychology Seminar Nov. 17 & 18

Contributed Report

Jennifer Jill Schwirzer is coming to McDonald Road during the weekend of November 17 and 18 to share a family life seminar entitled, "Healing Inner Wounds: Principles of Gospel Psychology."

Jennifer Jill enjoys the challenge of running a small non-profit organization called Michael Ministries through which she produces and performs Christian music, writes books and presents seminars.

It all started twenty-one years ago when Jennifer was not yet out of her teens. She experienced what would be called a "radical" conversion from New Age philosophy and practice to Christianity, then to the Seventh-day Adventist religion. As a result of her new found faith, she began to write Christian songs using her guitar and a Radio Shack tape recorder. Friends would ask for copies of the songs, and soon Jennifer realized that she needed to mass produce her recordings.

To date, Jennifer has recorded about one hundred and fifty songs of her own composition. She has given hundreds of concerts all over the U.S. and Canada, and has appeared in Europe, Central America and Africa. Her CDs receive air play on radio stations all around the U.S.

In 1999, Jennifer graduated Summa Cum Laude from Atlantic Union College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion. From her studies there sprung the seminar *Healing Inner Wounds* which she has shared in churches all over the U.S. and Canada. Since then she has added to her seminar list with *Why God?* a presentation dealing with the



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hard questions of life, and *From Gethsemane to the Cross*, a step-by-step presentation of the passion of Christ, and *Living Parables*, personality sketches of her favorite Bible

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Get Acquainted Haystack Supper and Vespers



Sabbath, November 4

Starting at 5:30 p.m.

At the McDonald Road
 Family Center

Healing Inner Wounds: Principles of Gospel Psychology

Friday evening
 "Knowing Our Moral Machinery"

Sabbath First Service
 "All Guilt is Sad Guilt, but There's Good Guilt and Bad Guilt"

Sabbath Second Service
 "Testing Biblical Theories of Healing:
 A Case Study"

Sabbath evening
 Jennifer Jill Concert
 (CD's available after sunset)



Pastor Paul Carlson

A Modern Thanksgiving

When was the last time you put on a pilgrim's hat or bonnet? Or ate squash, corn and roasted turkey with native Americans? All jokes aside, however, you're probably thankful that you've never had to actually live like the pilgrims did.

The pilgrims lived on the level of basic survival. How much squash, potatoes, corn and other foods that their gardens produced determined if they would survive the harsh winters. They depended upon the wood they could chop and turn into firewood to keep them warm.

These days, most of us don't live on that level of basic survival. We may have gardens, but we don't depend on them in a life and death kind of way. Some of us may

even hunt for food, but not in order to survive. Whenever we want to, we get into our comfortable cars, drive a few miles on smoothly paved roads to the local grocery store and buy our food. We fill up our baskets and whip out our debit cards, checkbooks or paper money. Then we return to our heated homes.

What is the meaning of Thanksgiving when we don't really have to thank God for getting us through, helping us to physically survive through the last winter? Is there a modern Thanksgiving for us?

There *are* other levels of survival—emotional and spiritual. Think of the ways that God has helped you to cope through the madness, sadness and stress of this year. Think of the times of misunderstanding that have developed between family members or church members and how God enabled you to get through that. God helps to heal strained relationships. That's survival, too. Or what about that accident that you narrowly missed while driving on your way to work? That's survival.

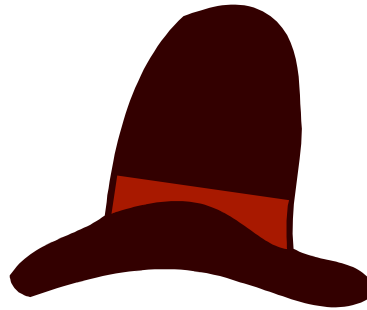
Think of the temptations that you've faced. God helped you through them, too.

Or what about the encouraging promises in God's Word that you have come across this year? God's Word gives us hope, courage and peace. For Becky and me, this year has held significant changes. What would we do without the rich promises in God's Word that encourage us to go on.

In Psalm 107, David gives thanks to the Lord. Four times in that psalm, he repeats the sentence, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness." David knew that what-

ever we go through, we can thank God that He has given us the resources, courage and hope to go through it. The apostle Paul said it very well in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I'm thankful for the little miracles of faith, hope and inner-strength that God gives us today. That's my modern Thanksgiving. Is it yours as well?



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Sermon Schedule

- "On Furlough" Sabbath, November 4
• by Pastor Don Gettys
- Veterans' Sabbath Sabbath, November 11
• by Chaplain Larry Smedley, Col. USAR-Ret.
- Guest Speaker Sabbath, November 18
• by Jennifer Jill Schwirzer
- Thanksgiving Weekend Sabbath, November 25
• by Pastor Don Gettys

The Happy Prospect

By Adrian Boyer

Though Time and Space conspire to keep
Us ever far apart,
Those bygone Days will e'er remain
Enshrined within our Hearts.

For happy Memories defy
The interposing Years,
To bless the Soul with sweet Content,
And friendly Joy that cheers.

They count not Time by Years, I'm told,
Beyond the tideless Sea,
Nor ever use the Word 'Goodbye'
In God's Eternity.

'tis there we'll meet to be for Aye
With all the blest Redeemed,
And what of earthly Woes we knew
Will vanish as a Dream.

So let your Heart be comforted,
Nor let it be afraid, --
There is a Land of fadeless Day
Where Time cannot invade.



photo by Melissa Turner

Retiring Executive Director Gail Williams Passes the Mantle to Tony Dahlberg at the Samaritan Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration on October 22, 2006.

Passing the Mantle

As the Samaritan Center Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary, Executive Director Gail Williams Retires, Tony Dahlberg Steps Up

By Melissa Turner, editor

As the Samaritan Center celebrates 20 years of offering the community "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow," executive director Gail Williams retires, passing the mantle she has worn for the past twenty years onto incoming executive director, Tony Dahlberg. The 20th anniversary celebration and retirement farewell for Williams was held at the Collegedale City Hall on Sunday, October 22.

Dahlberg has been training with Williams for three months. He brings twenty years' experience in nursing home administration and a passion for ministry to his new position at the Samaritan Center.

In 2005 alone, the Samaritan Center offered over \$153,000 in assistance, in terms of food, thrift, utilities, rent or mortgage, gasoline, prescriptions, infant supplies, medical supplies, heating fuel and other needs. During 2005, over 4,400 individuals' lives were

touched by the ministry of the Samaritan Center.

"Connecting somebody who wants to do good with somebody who needs something done for them is what's kept me here 20 years,"

-Gail Williams told the Chattanooga Times Free Press on Sunday, October 22, 2006.

To learn more about the Samaritan Center and its ministry and how you can be a part of it visit www.thesamaritancenter.net.

We're Called to Be Missionaries Every Day of Our Lives...

"My life is my message."

~Mahatma Gandhi

"Life, like art, should be the celebration of a vision."

~Michael Larson

"Happy persons seldom think of happiness. They are too busy losing their lives in the meaningful sacrifices of service."

~David Augsberger

"We all find time to do what we really want to do."

~William Feather

"Unless we can give part of ourselves away, unless we can live with other people and understand them and help them, we are missing the most essential part of our own lives."

~Harold Taylor

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service."

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us determination to make the right things happen."

~Peter Marshall



graphic provided by Dean Saunders

Youth and earliteen members and their families can get important information and keep up to date about the upcoming Belize Mission Trip on the church's website at <http://mcdonaldroad.org/youth/trip/>.

McDonald Road Youth Gear Up for Mission Trip to Belize During Spring Break 2007

By Melissa Turner, editor

The McDonald Road youth group and the earliteen Sabbath School class are preparing for a Spring Break mission adventure in Belize, Central America from March 1-11, 2007.

During the mission trip, youth and earliteens will help build a home for a destitute local family, make some repairs to the local church school, do literature evangelism work and put on a VBS program for the local children.

This will be the first mission trip outside the United States the McDonald Road youth have gone on. Leadership and young people alike are excited about the possibilities this trip can have for the young people and the people they will be serving in Belize. The church family can get involved in this exciting mission by donating funds for youth and

earliteens who need financial aid to go on this trip or by helping purchase supplies for the trip. A wish list is available on the youth mission trip website.

Church members, youth, earliteens and their families can get important information and keep up to date about the upcoming mission trip on the church's website at <http://mcdonaldroad.org/youth/trip/>.

Important items for the youth and earliteens to keep in mind:

-The deadline for your deposit is November 30, 2006.

-You need to be arranging for passports/visas for this trip.

-Visit the mission trip web page often to keep up to date and to access all necessary forms and documents for the trip.

Critter Corner

Uncle Burney's

"The Great Kiskadee"



One very hot morning in May, I was collecting butterflies in South Texas. Then in the heat of the day, I caught a flash of yellow near the far bank. What was that? Something hit the water. All of a sudden a bright yellow bird emerged from the water and flew to a nearby post. What kind of a bird was it and what kind of a call was that? Was it a flycatcher or kingfisher?

My field guide identified it as The Great Kiskadee Fly Catcher. I had never seen such a large flycatcher and didn't know they dived for fish. This bright, yellow-breasted bird had brown wings and back. They range from South Texas all the way down through Mexico and into South America. At approximately 9-11 inches in length and with a call that almost gives its name away, it was an impressive bird to watch.

On one of my return trips to the Rio Grande Valley I found one of their nests, which appeared to be just a ball of sticks with a hole on the side. The nest was tucked away in a mesquite tree and trying to climb up and photograph that nest was next to impossible. Mesquite trees provide a safe haven for many types of birds and this one was no exception. Proceeding no more than three or four feet off the ground, I gave it up. Thorny vines and other briar covered limbs grabbed out at me from every direction. I love photographing birds and other wildlife, but this was just too much. Enough was enough.

Kiskadees can often be seen perched on top of a fence post or a low hanging limb just over the water and will not hesitate to dive for a fish or frog. They also chase flying grasshoppers and other winged insects and rarely miss with their accuracy. The Great Kiskadees mate for life and defend their territory with a vengeance and they build their nests in some pretty inaccessible spots.

After many attempts at photographing the Great Kiskadee I've only managed a few distant shots. These were taken in my relatives' back yard as the birds came to eat their palm fruit. I blamed my poor performance with the camera that day on the fact that the rattlesnakes prohibited me from sneaking up on this new photo subject. This is a slight exaggeration but I was concerned and so should you be when probing in unfamiliar territory. Always be aware of your surroundings as you study and photograph nature.

God has provided some very beautiful creatures in this world for us to enjoy. Satan has also provided some very interesting and deadly pitfalls in the outdoors so remember to look before you step. Carry a walking stick and beat the bushes in front of you to warn these creatures you are coming. Most will move out of your way or at least warn you of their presence. Have fun and I'll meet you out on the trail some day.

Water Wonders

"Leafy Sea Dragons"

A Story by Mrs. Janice Parker

Leo the Leafy Sea Dragon floats among the shallow, temperate waters of Southern and Western Australia. He looks much like the seaweed and kelp beds that he lives in. He has large leafy looking branches coming off all parts of his body. He doesn't use these branches to move with, but only for camouflage. His dorsal fin on his back, close to his tail, and his pectoral fin on the ridge of his neck, help him to move in the water. These fins are almost transparent and his movement is slow. He looks like an unseen hand is gliding him in graceful patterns like the seaweed around him.

Leo and his friends vary in color from light green to pale yellow or light blue on their bodies. Their leafy branches sometimes match their body and in some Leafy Sea Dragons they are dark green.

Leo the Leafy Sea Dragon is a marine fish related to the seahorse. He grows to be about 18 inches in length. For food, Leo likes plankton, red algae and small shrimp like crustaceans called "sea lice."

During mating season, Leo's mate will deposit around 250 eggs in a little patch on the underside of his tail. In about eight weeks, the baby leafy Sea Dragons will hatch. Only about 5 percent of these babies will survive to grow into adult Leafy Sea Dragons, which takes about two years.

Leo's main enemy is man, so Leo and his friends are protected under the Australian law. The demand for Leafy Sea Dragons is so great that they are threatened with becoming extinct. Just as God provides the seaweed and kelp beds to protect Leo the Leafy Sea Dragon, He will protect us too.

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characters. Jennifer also speaks on the subject of moral purity in the form of a presentation called *Pure Love*, which has been shared with countless young people the world over.

Currently, Jennifer is studying for her Master’s degree in Mental Health Counseling through Capella University. She is on the licensure track and hopes to one day have her own private counseling practice.

To date, Jennifer has written or co-written six published books: *Testimony of a Seeker* (Pacific Press, 1999), *A Most Precious Message* (Pacific Press, 2000), *I Want it All* (Review and Herald, 2003), and *A Deep But Dazzling Darkness* (Amazing Facts Publishers, 2004), and *Dying to be Beautiful* (Review and Herald, 2005).

Her greatest credential is that Jennifer loves Jesus and is a friend to many. A warm, caring Christian, Jennifer has touched many lives. She currently lives in Philadelphia with her husband Michael of 27 years and their two college-aged daughters, Kimberly and Alison.



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<http://mcdonaldroad.org>

And remember, when e-mailing church office staff, please use this new address as well:

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How to Die Right: A Weekend Seminar Coming to Collegedale SDA Church Nov. 8-11

By John Keyes, guest contributor

Die right? Who wants to die at all? Give us both liberty and life. How can a healthy person have death wishes anyway?

You’ve heard all the platitudes and clichés: just surrender, die to self, let go and let God, lay your all on the alter, etc., etc. We have heard them so often they either say nothing or frustrate us because there is no help offered in terms of how to really experience this. Dr. Clarence Schilt and his wife Dianna have learned some Biblical principles and practical applications that have changed their personal lives as well as the lives of those who have listened to their material in local churches, camp meetings, and pastors’ retreats. They take these old themes out of the world of platitudes and bring practical application and experiential reality to them.

The Schilts will present a seminar November 8 through 11 at the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church called /How to Die Right and Live to Tell About It.

Weekend Schedule:

Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 p.m.—“Why Do I Fail So Much?”—Clarence

Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7:00 p.m.—“Resurrection Power Comes Only to the Dead”—Clarence

Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m.—“What Gets the Mind Gets Us”—Clarence & Dianna

Saturday, Nov. 11, at 4:00 p.m.—“How to Die Right and Live to Tell About It”—Clarence & Dianna

Dr. Schilt has focused on building relationships in his 39 years of pastoral and teaching ministry. He has pastored for 40 years in North America and also taught at Loma Linda University. Dianna is a retired elementary school teacher. The Schilt’s currently reside in Portland, OR where they pastor the Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Manna Will Be Celebrating 20 Years in 2007.

With any anniversary, there comes a brief glance to the past and a grand view of what the future can be. As we plan ahead for the future, what would you like to see in the Manna for the new year? More profiles? More photos? More mission emphasis? New design? New format?

Let us know by e-mailing us at manna@mcdonaldroad.org.