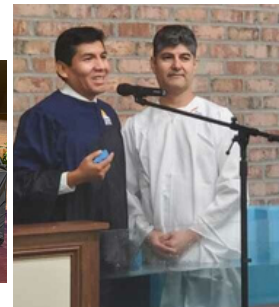
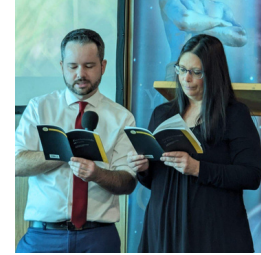
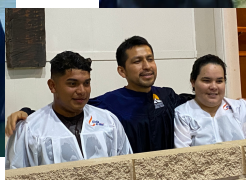
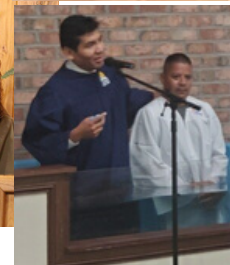


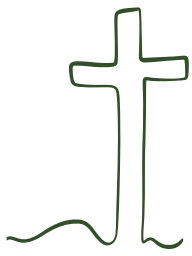
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## Welcome, New Members, to the Seventh-day Adventist Church!





# TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT JESUS

## New Believer's Retreat 2023

On July 28-30, 2023, Mountain View Conference held its second annual New Believer's Retreat at our beautiful Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va. Forty-three people were in attendance, most of them seeing Valley Vista for the very first time.

The purpose of this special retreat was to welcome new members of our church, and to help them become better acquainted with their new church family. Throughout the weekend, they listened to different MVC pastors tell them about topics such as: A Prophetic Movement, The Great Controversy, The Gospel, How to Have a Devotional Life, and How to Tell Somebody About Jesus.

But, it was not all meetings. The new members enjoyed delicious meals made by our kitchen staff, many of them trying vegetarian food for the first time. They learned what a "haystack" is and tried vegetarian burgers and hotdogs. They enjoyed the music of "Two Little Fish," Stacy Blanzly and Audrey Hunt. Sabbath afternoon, they took a hike together and enjoyed the beautiful views that Valley Vista has to offer. After the hike, there was a panel discussion where they could ask the pastors anything they wanted. They asked questions about their walk with the Lord and their conversion experiences. Many felt that discussion was the best part of the weekend, as they saw that others had struggles similar to theirs, and yet had overcome by the grace of God.

That evening they enjoyed a bonfire and s'mores down by the lake. The next day, the weekend ended with two unexpected rebaptisms in the "dunking hole" down in the creek.

Thus far in 2023, the Mountain View Conference has seen well over 100 baptisms already and more are committing their lives to God every day. If you are one of those new family members, mark your calendar for next years' New Believer's Retreat, **August 16-18, 2024**. It is a beautiful time together that you won't want to miss!



Rose and Luke Chase,  
new members  
at Charleston Boulevard  
Seventh-day Adventist Church



Bonfire at the lake



Trying new foods

"Always remember that God's love is unconditional. There may be times when you stumble or feel unworthy, but His love for you remains steadfast," encourages MVC President, Tim Bailey.



Praising God in song with  
"Two Little Fish"

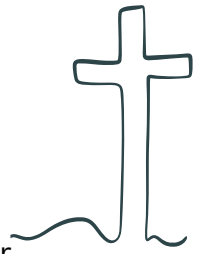


Dawn Wadsworth  
re-dedicates her life to  
Jesus

### All Because of Telling Somebody About Jesus!



# Education



Did you know that we have four schools in our Mountain View Conference?  
 We have Greenbrier Valley Academy in Lewisburg, W.Va., with 10 students this year.  
 Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va., has 33 students this year.  
 Parkersburg Academy in Parkersburg, W.Va., has 42 students this year.  
 And Summersville, W.Va., SDA School has 14 students this year.

Please pray for these 99 students and their teachers!

Greenbrier Valley Academy teachers (below):  
 Keri Plohocky and Gabrielle Baker



Highland Adventist Academy teachers (above):  
 top: Becca Jacko, Bobbi Blanzky, John Locke, and Beth Corley  
 front: Cheryl Jacko (principal) and Stacy Blanzky



Parkersburg Academy teachers (on left):  
 Courtney Ackman, Kathy Pepper, and Monica Zill (principal)

Summersville teachers (on right):  
 Tamara Bremer, Brandy Brown, and Krystyn Hughes



## New Prayer Team!

Introducing the new Prayer Team for the Mountain View Conference! As before, you can still call the number below with prayer requests. In January, we will be introducing a new prayer app and will be explaining more about it then. Stay tuned for more info!



Beth Ackman



Elaine Buchanan



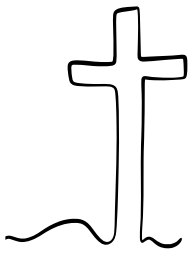
Jenny Gorospe



Gary Riley



FOR PRAYER: Dial: 605-475-4834 Code: 708693#  
 Mondays at 7am - Every evening at 7pm



## Youth Mission Trip to India

by Walter Cardenas

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

The Great Commission is to GO! During Thanksgiving, there was a group of 16 brave members of our Mountain View Conference who ventured across the Atlantic Ocean to serve in India on a short-term mission trip. This group of missionaries chose to sacrifice their Thanksgiving holiday to serve “the least of these.”

After traveling 35-40 hours, we got settled into our lodging and got to work immediately. Our members, joining with other missionaries from different parts of the United States and from around the world, were there to help with projects at a boarding school in Madugulapally, India. Each one of us joined a team to serve in medical, dental, electrical, painting, cleaning, cooking, children's ministry and evangelism.

We painted the church, administration building, cafeteria, and both girls and boys dormitories. We also changed the ceiling fans and installed lights in all the buildings. During our stay, over 400 people were served in the dental clinic, and over 300 in the medical clinic.

The dorm mattresses were either non-existent or in such bad shape that they were torn and smelled terrible, so we replaced all of them and bought all new bedding. The children were so excited to receive new sheets and pillows! In addition, every child received a new pair of shoes.

Even more exciting than all of that, we were able to witness the baptism of 45 Indian people who gave their lives to Jesus!

At the end of our stay, we took the group to see something special after all their labors. We took them from southern India to the far north, to the city of Agra, to see the Taj Mahal. Even though it was much colder there at this time of year, we really enjoyed seeing one of the seven wonders of the world.

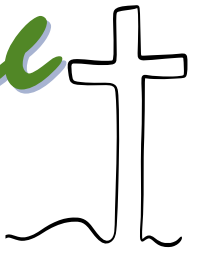
The group had a wonderful, very blessed time, seeing another culture and serving others. If you have never gone on a mission trip, pray about it and ask God if maybe this is something you should consider doing next time. You won't regret it!



# Regeneration & Revival

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023: A TRULY LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

by Megan L. Garcia



For the past two years, I had heard repeatedly about the blessings of the Mountain View Conference's annual Women's Retreat, yet for some reason I could never convince myself to go. But this year, 2023, God gave me an unexpected push that landed me right in the middle of the Women's Retreat at Valley Vista Campgrounds in Huttonsville (W. Va.).

Upon checking in, we were immediately gifted with an inspiring journal of our choice and a small bag full of goodies to make our stay at camp that much homier. And the gifts would continue through the weekend!

Before the first talk of the evening, we were amazed to find that the entrance to the dinner hall was blocked off, but lo and behold the upcoming surprise would be worth the wait! As we crested the threshold, the grandeur of the décor literally took our breath away: layers of delicate white tulle intertwined with warm twinkling lights were draped across every inch of the rafters overhead; every table was set with metallic gold placemats, shimmering gold silverware, and elegant centerpieces that made you feel like a princess at the King's table; and framed pictures of exotic doors alongside decadent chocolate nuggets and antique skeleton keys served as a segway into the theme for the weekend.

After a delicious meal, which would quickly become the norm for the remainder of the weekend, we enjoyed a mini concert by Two Little Fish and a wonderfully deep and relatable talk by the speaker of the weekend, Janet Salazar. Throughout each talk, Janet expounded on the concept of "dining with God," and gave plenty of practical and effective tools to immediately apply in your own personal worship hours with God.

Sabbath was full of activities, including prayer time, a health message, card making, a nature Bible verse scavenger hunt, and an episode of "The Chosen," as well as two more enriching talks with Janet. After supper, evening activities included a bonfire with s'mores and a singspiration, followed by the annual Saturday night craft class, which this year was to make a faux leather journal.

After Sunday morning worship, we enjoyed a final meal and a Sunday Sale before trekking back home feeling full of love, laughter, and spiritual strength. And yes, a few friends were made in the process! But what hit me the most was the mountaintop experience I had the next day because of this retreat!

To summarize the experience is tricky, but let's just say I was not prepared for the overwhelming depth at which God would speak to my soul that day! Basically, I applied the ABGT's of prayer (Ask, Believe, Give Thanks) that Janet spoke about, utilized as many senses in worship as possible (particularly writing and praying aloud), and read my Bible with the sole purpose of discovering WHO GOD IS, and BAM! God's love overwhelmed me in a Moses-on-the-mountaintop, face-to-face-with-God kind of way! He was finally able to dine WITH me and get a word in edgewise, and it made me so sorrowful that I hadn't spent more time being still and listening to God on a regular basis! Yet in His love he made me hopeful that this was the first of many mountaintop experiences with Him!

THIS was the entire point of the Women's Retreat! THIS is what it was all about all along! Not only receiving a blessing for a weekend but learning to LIVE the blessing for the rest of your life! Don't you want to experience God in a deeper, real way? Oh, do come to the next Women's Retreat and see what God has in store just for you!





Save the 2024 Dates:

Feb. 2-4 Family Ski Weekend  
Feb. 23-25 Pathfinder Winter Camp  
March 3 MVC Town Hall Meeting  
March 17 MVC Organizing Committee  
April 28 MVC Constituency Meeting  
May 3-5 MVC Youth Retreat  
June 14-22 MVC Camp Meeting  
June 30-July 21 Summer Camps at Valley Vista  
July 26-28 Hispanic Camp Meeting  
July 28-30 MVC Pastor/Teacher Retreat  
August 5-11 International Pathfinder Camporee  
August 16-18 New Believer's Retreat  
Sept. 6-8 MVC Men's Retreat  
Sept. 13-15 MVC Shepherdess Retreat  
Sept. 20-22 Young Adult Retreat  
Sept. 22-25 Bible Worker Training  
Oct. 4-6 MVC Women's Retreat  
Oct. 11-Nov. 9 Mtn. View Conference-Wide  
Evangelistic Meetings

Happy Holidays, from the Mountain View Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists!

