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Power through Prayer

Article by Justin Lawman, president

The Gospel is called the “power of God to salvation” (Rom 1:16). God’s grace (undeserved favour) is the basis of my forgiveness and relationship with Him. I have done nothing to earn or deserve His favour. He gives it because He is good. The way I take hold of God’s grace is through faith (Eph 2:8-9). Faith then becomes the way I live (Gal 2:20). A mustard seed of faith is enough to live a whole new life (Matt 17:20) and through the promises of Scripture I can rise above my nature (2 Peter 1:4) and ultimately receive eternal life (Heb 6:12).

All this happens through prayer! Prayer is to our spiritual experience what breathing is to the physical body. It is through prayer that we exercise faith and through prayer that our churches will fulfil the purpose they were created for. All the best laid plans and ideas come to nothing without

simply asking God through prayer. Prayer is the beginning, middle and the end.

We would love to see every church in SNSW have **intentional prayer groups** that specifically ask God to work for the salvation of others. Not just a prayer meeting but intentional and deliberate prayer for specific names and needs.

SOLID NOT FANCY



01 Prayer

1. Intentional prayer groups





Hiding in plain sight

Article by Kyle Morrison

A May 2022 Church Perception Study revealed that only 14% of people both know and like the Adventist Church, with 43% having negative feelings, and 43% having no idea at all about us. What a shame. Because we do so many things to contribute positively to the community. What a shame that we brand every single ministry, project and outreach idea differently.

Think about the most memorable brands you interact with. (What car do you drive, what food do you buy, where do you buy your food?) Next time you encounter them, consider not just their logo, but their brand's reputation and your feelings towards them. For some of us, this all happens automatically and we don't realise we associate feelings, mood and even theology with certain brands. But on some level, we all do.

Ask yourself, is the business I interact with bigger and better today because of their efforts to standardise their logo, look and image, or has it been bad for business? Would this business have been better off keeping their logo outdated, mismatched and in some cases missing all together?

I think the answer is clear. It makes sense then, that one of the largest and most costly assets we possess (land and buildings) should feature the same unified branding, and meet a certain standard of presentation. (Haggai 1:2-7). Not to mention all the other ministry logos.

CHURCH LOGO GENERATOR

SCAN ME

The SPD has provided a simple online logo generator that is available for local churches to use. identity.adventistchurch.com

And back in 2015, the then Communications director of the SPD led the charge to introduce a unified branding upgrade. His video is inspiring. Check it out!

The 25% x 4 way split is still available while funding lasts. And covers signage projects that are approved by the conference, capped at \$20,000 total spend.

CHURCH BRANDING VIDEO

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Adult Big Camp Program 2024

	7.00 – 7.30 Morning Worship	9.30 – 10.30 Plenary	11.00 – 12.00	2.30 – 5.00 Workshop	7.15 – 7.30 Children's Story	7.30 – 9.00 Evening Program
Fri 12th						Opening Sabbath Justin Lawman
Sat 13th	Paul Namakadre	Sabbath School	Worship Service Pr Glen Townend	2:30pm – Baptism 3.30 – 4.30 – God at Work in SNSW Bible Workers SDA Education		7.00 – 9.00 Sandra Entermann & Crew
Sun 14th	Abel Afele	7:30 – 8:30 – ADRA Fun Run 9:00 – 10:00 – ABC Book Hour 10:00 – 12:30 – Market Morning		12.30 – BBQ Lunch on Oval		Rome Ulia
Mon 15th	Cedric Peniata	Braedan Entermann	God's Call to Leadership Sylvia Mendez Joel Ridgeway	2.00 – 5.00 – DARP Sylvia Wran (Big Tent) 4.00 – 5.00 – ADRA – Lazio Crescentini (Big Tent) 3.00 – 4.30 – Women's afternoon tea (Cafeteria)		Rome Ulia
Tue 16th	Alan Oliva	Braedan Entermann	Family Worship Sylvia Mendez Joel Ridgeway	2.00 – 5.00 – DARP Sylvia Wran – (Big Tent) 4.00 – 5.00 – Evangelism Brenton Lowe (Big Tent) 3.00 – 4.30 – ADRA Afternoon team (Cafeteria)		Rome Ulia
Wed 17th	Tom Kent	Braedan Entermann	Joel Ridgeway	2.30 – 4.00 – Making Change Stick Lorenzo Berry (Cafeteria) 3.00 – 4.30 – TBA (Big Tent)		Rome Ulia
Thurs 18th	Brad Moodie	Braedan Entermann	Joel Ridgeway	2.30 – 4.00 – De-Stress & Thrive Lorenzo Berry (Cafeteria) 3.00 – 4.30 – TBA		Rome Ulia
Fri 19th	Huston Ford	Braedan Entermann		2.30 – 4.00 – De-Stress & Thrive Lorenzo Berry (Cafeteria)		Rome Ulia
Sat 20th	Sharee Greenfield	Sabbath School	Worship Service Rome Ulia	3.00 – 4.30 – God at Work in the AUC, SPD, General Conference		7.00 – 8.30 Division Reports
Close of Camp						



The Exodus—Your Journey to the Promised Land

Big Camp Workshop Introduction by Braedan Entermann

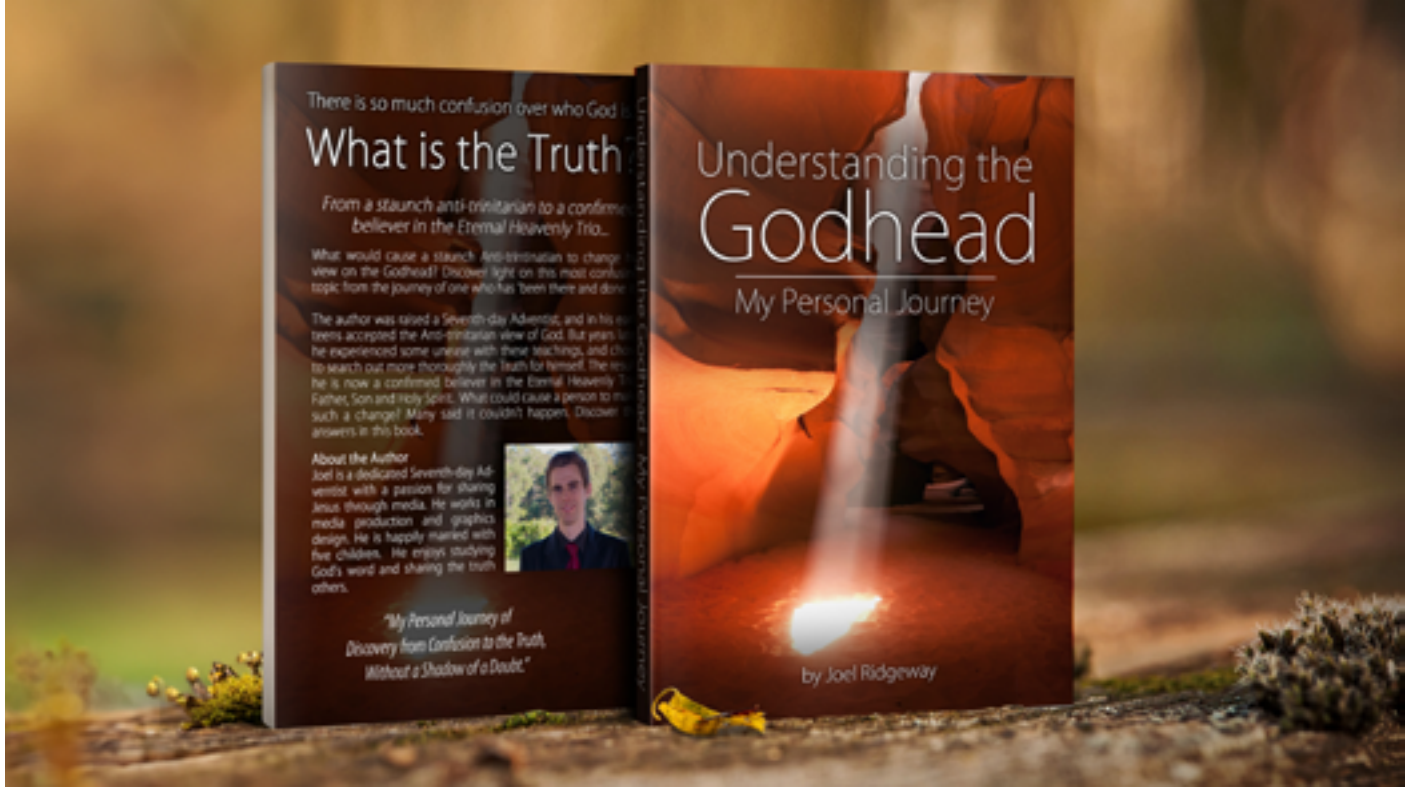
Have you ever wondered, 'Where in the world is God taking me?' Or 'Why is God leading me through these deserts of difficulty?' Well, you are not alone. Over a million Hebrews were asking this same question as they embarked on their new life to freedom. The theme of the Exodus is one the most profound and pervasive themes in all of Scripture. It is literally found right through to the book of Revelation.

As I have studied the Exodus narrative, my mind has been deeply impressed by the strategic genius of God in the way He leads His people. The Exodus was not some random

roadtrip that God whipped together last minute. Every twist and turn was engineered with intentionality and purpose. And through it all there was one lesson—only one—that God was trying to teach. Discovering this 'lesson' from the text may change your life forever.

We will also explore the Exodus theme in life of Christ and even dive into the book of Revelation. I am so excited to be taking a workshop on this topic at big camp this year. You will be encouraged and blessed to join me as we study! See you there.

Braedan currently lives in Finland with his wife Alise and their two children Levi and Lydia. He used to work as a pastor in the NNSW conference, but accepted a call from God to go as a missionary to Finland. Braedan now serves as the director of ARISE Finland which will be starting it's first program in August 2024. Braedan loves teaching the Word of God, and also has a big passion for music ministry.



Understanding the Godhead—Big Camp Workshop

Workshop Introduction

This workshop is a unique opportunity to learn from the experience of someone who has been on both sides of this debate. The presenter, Joel Ridgeway, converted to the anti-trinitarian belief in his mid-teens. By the grace of God, and after much study, he now believes in the three Eternal Persons of the Heavenly Trio and is keen to share his experience with others, to save them from making the same mistakes.

The topic of the Godhead can be a confusing and even divisive topic. But it doesn't need to be. Discover Bible and Spirit of Prophecy based answers to questions like: How can Jesus be God and yet the Son of God? Is the Holy

Spirit a person or a power? If there are three persons in the Godhead, aren't there three Gods? Weren't the early Pioneers of our church anti-trinitarian? And much more. This workshop will be broken down into 4 parts:

1. Understand the Divinity and Sonship of Christ
2. Understanding the Holy Spirit and His work
3. Understanding the Oneness of God
4. Understanding the History of the Trinity in the SDA church

Presented by a layperson, this workshop will be simple, and Bible based. Bring your Bibles!

Understanding the Godhead—Book on sale at camp

From a staunch anti-trinitarian to a confirmed believer in the Eternal Heavenly Trio... What would cause a staunch Anti-trinitarian to change his view on the Godhead? Discover light on this most confusing topic from the journey of one who has 'been there and done it'. The author was raised a Seventh-day Adventist, and in his early teens accepted the Anti-trinitarian view of God. But years

later he experienced some unease with these teachings, and chose to search out more thoroughly the Truth for himself. The result: he is now a confirmed believer in the Eternal Heavenly Trio, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. What could cause a person to make such a change? Many said it couldn't happen. Discover the answers in this book.

Joel is a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist with a passion for sharing Jesus through media. He works in media production and graphics design. He is happily married with five children. He enjoys studying God's word and sharing the truth others.

Bega Regional

Article by Calvin Drinkall

Sabbath 24th February, members from Moruya, Wallaga Lake and Cobargo joined with members & visitors at Bega Adventist church for the regional. A combined Sabbath School lesson generated good discussion on Righteous Living using texts from Psalms, and then Pr Rangi inspired with a sermon from Joshua 1. A fellowship lunch filled everyone physically and then a short afternoon program on the Conference strategic plan for 2024-2025 followed. It was a great day worshipping and catching up with members from across the region. Check the conference calendar for when a regional is planned for your area.



Free Name Tags

Article by Kyle Morrison



The Conference office wants to support you by providing free name tags to everyone involved in a public facing ministry. When someone knows your name, it can break down walls and encourage conversation.

As part of the Solid Not Fancy strategic plan, 2.1—Active welcome teams, we want to support local churches in making a great first impression at the doors.

To order, simply have your head elder, clerk or pastor email the list of first names to us here at the office, and we will get them printed and sent out to you asap. We will also have the machine at camp if you would like to have some made there.

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