



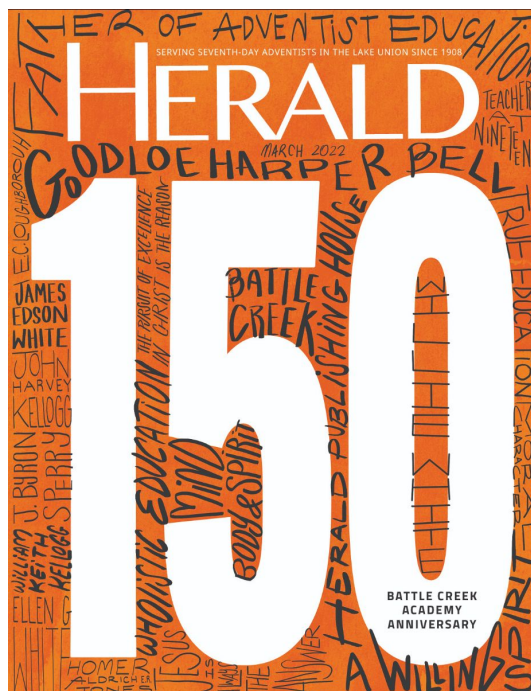
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As a newsletter subscriber, you can take the first digital peek inside the covers of the latest *Herald*.

A few weeks into the new school year, I ran into my daughter's principal, Mario Ferguson. I had read of the academy's enrollment growth and was curious to hear the reason. Expecting him to list some things I'd suspected—parents didn't want their kids in a virtual setting, students found online learning challenging, affordability due to a more generous child tax credit, I was surprised by his response. "Prayer," he said simply. "I'm at the academy early each day and pray with whomever is here, usually it's the custodian."

We often hear reports of Adventist Christian education in dire straits, and I can't help but wonder, are we praying enough? We, and I too am guilty of this, tend to overcomplicate life's challenges. But I'm reminded—never get bored with the basics. Success comes when we cling to the cross consistently and never lose hope in God's promises.

Debbie Michel
Editor, Lake Union Herald

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Battle Cry

The story of Battle Creek Academy's 150 years and the Seventh-day Adventist Education System.

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One-room Schools: Yesterday and Today

Is the one-room school a relic of the past or does it offer their own unique features which families and teachers alike have come to value?

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Nurturing STEM growth

MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Emily Gibbs taught in the Michigan Conference for the past 10 years—in both peninsulas, and in both elementary and secondary classrooms. She currently juggles several roles: Great Lakes Adventist Academy Religion IV teacher, mom to a toddler, and pastor's wife.

Fourteen-year-old **Samuel Girven**, student at ASPIRE Academy and Northview Adventist School, serves as Cadillac Church' assistant Communication secretary. Samuel covered the GYC conference in Houston and his stories are at lakeunionherald.org.

Renee Coffee just retired after working 45 years as a teacher and an associate superintendent in the Michigan and Indiana conferences. By the way, we asked you to share your one-room school experience and you delivered! As space allowed, we included those stories in her article on p. 20.

With 50-plus years as a professional freelance writer, **Betty Kossick**, was our most experienced contributor. Sadly, Betty passed away on Feb. 2, 2022, at age 90. Her stories are on pp. 12, 14 and 34.

Our cover illustration was created by **Courtney Saunders**, a newly minted graphic design graduate of Andrews University.

Christa McConnell is a portrait photographer in the Indianapolis area. At any given time, you can catch her editing photos or planning her next photo shoot.

Sandra Mendez has been a professional photographer and photography/art instructor in the Chicago and Indiana region for the past 25 years. Her work has been exhibited nationally and showcases her life story.

Freelance photographer **Jason Lounds** has an MFA in Fine Art Photography and is a high school art, photography, and Spanish teacher. He lives in the Lansing area with his wife and two children.

Originally from Bainbridge, Georgia, **Rayno Victor** is studying religion and photography at Andrews University. He serves as media director of the Harbor of Hope Church.

Christina Rogers graduates Andrews University in May with a BFA in photography and plans to start a career as a photographer.

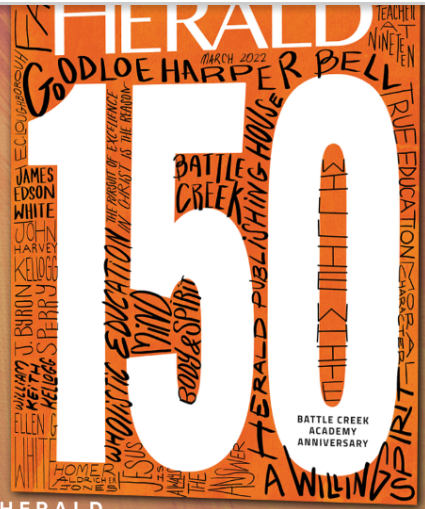
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