

Westmount Proclaim

Men's Ministry Corner

Prayer Breakfast Meeting

More than 30 Westmount Adventist men met for an inspirational breakfast meeting on April 23 at Westmount Church. Citing powerful men from the bible such as Gideon, Elijah, Solomon and David, Pastor Cousins challenged men to rise above the barriers that affect their confidence and zeal to serve God. These, he said, include: spiritual weakness, a lack of formal education, social and family background barriers, procrastination and coldness/lack of social charm. In closing he quizzed: "Are you ready to change the landscape?". A committee comprising: Bros. P. Gatama, H. Goddard, D. Benaine, L. Reid and E. Greeves, was elected to assist Bro. G. Knight in steering the Men's Ministry. The Committee will meet soon to finalise the work programme for the Ministry. All men were encouraged to submit views and urged to come upfront. —Erie Tamale, communications committee leader

Pathfinder Corner

Rock climbing Sunday May 7 at Escalade Action Directe Laval. Pathfinders and Staff are asked to be at Westmount at **10:30 am!** Parents are reminded to prepare a lunch. Fee: \$10.00 per person. We will be back at 5:30pm.

Pathfinder Fund raising **bake-sale** in the Fellowship Hall after

the *Circle of Friends* concert (May 6)!

NAD News: Atlantic Union Master Guide Conference October 19-22, 2006 Lake George, NY. For a listing of more events visit: www.plusline.org/events.php

New Honour category: ADRA Community Assessment, Community Service, Crisis Intervention, Hunger Relief, Refugee Relief, Rural Development and Tutoring Urban Development.

Family Life Corner

Summer Formal Dinner Affair

When : July 9th 2006 @ 4pm
Where: Westmount SDA Church fellowship Hall
Couples - \$50, Singles - \$30,
Under 15 yrs - \$15

Live entertainment - An exceptional evening you don't want to miss!



Youth Corner

The Month of May will debut *Movie Night*. Goal: to begin in an informal way to identify morals and themes to enrich life. **May 20**, the first movie shown will be *A Walk to Remember*, featuring Mandy Moore.

On May 20, before movie night we will have a program on **parenting** conducted by Sabrina Charles at **5:00 pm**.

May 27th (tentatively) we will have an Anglo-Filipino District **Joint AY** on Religion at Westmount

Personal Ministry Corner

The Israelites were on the border of the Promised Land. Soon Joshua, under the leadership of the Lord of Hosts, would lead them from one victory to another as they conquered un-entered territories. In humble submission, simple trust, and confident expectation, they united in declaring, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go" (Josh. 1:16) tune-in next time for more!!
-Anna Clarke

Children's Corner

"Out of the box" On April 1–2 2006, Children Ministry leaders and all those interested gathered at the Days Inn to learn new strategies on how to cater to the spiritual, behavioral and emotional needs of children. Dr. Dona Habenick, the featured speaker, urged us to organize a ministry to accommodate the different learning abilities of children. Elder Darrin John also spoke; he encouraged attendees to invest their time, talents and gifts in our children and to look for opportunities for ministry. Brethren, lets take up the challenge to lead our children in the right path. -Grace Williams, Children's Ministry leader

In a society where teachers are now being told to introduce homosexuality into the classroom, it is refreshing to see that Adventist youth are taking a stand against the infestation of homosexuality in our society. The following is a paper written by Jackie (Bro. Tamale's daughter) and presented to her teacher at school. I encourage us all to likewise stand up for what we know to be true. –Camille Knight, communications department

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Editorial
The Conflict between Faith, Society
and Homosexuality

Today's generation is all about finding yourself. Everywhere you look, you are being told to be yourself and to satisfy your deepest desires. However, what happens when the theory of finding oneself involves breaking God's holy laws. The bible clearly states that a man and a woman shall be joined together in holy matrimony, not man and man nor woman and woman. Christian youth of today, are caught in a web between wanting to fit into the society, and at the same time wanting to obey God's laws.

Everywhere that the youth turn, they are bombarded with messages. Some of these messages are positive, but most of them are very negative. One of these messages is that of self discovery, and satisfying one's deepest desires. This could be a positive message, however, it is portrayed in a pretty negative way. First of all, due to the innate evil nature, humans have selfish desires, and sometimes these desires cause harm to others. Young women of today are encouraged to be sexually adventurous. In general, the youth are encouraged to be free with their sexuality, and to find out what turns them on. Some of them discover early on that they are attracted to members of the same sex, and of course even in this case, they are still encouraged to act upon their feelings/desires. This is where it gets problematic. Homosexuality is clearly warned against in the bible. So now what happens to the Christian youth of today when they are being taught to practice and accept something that is against biblical truth?

From tradition, everyone knows that a man marries a woman and not a man. Unfortunately, today's generation is creating its own tradition, where a man can marry a man, and a woman can marry a woman. This generation blatantly ignores the fact that the generations before them did not decide for themselves what marriage is, rather it was solely God's decision. So, for this reason, today's generation has no right to change that which God declared. By setting aside the simple truth of God's Word, this generation thinks that it is smarter than God, and that's why it tramples on His law without shame. Worse yet, some even resort to complete denial of His existence. Unfortunately for them, He does exist, and His Word clearly states that, "...a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh"(Gen.2:24). There is nowhere in the bible where a man is permitted to leave his parents and be joined to another man, and the two become one flesh. In fact, quite on the contrary, the bible condemns homosexual behavior. His Word says that, "...men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which is due"(Rom.1:27). Homosexuality is condemned, and it will be punished, because it is disobedience to God. Neglecting God's Truth has caused the degradation of the human race. The holy matrimony has been attacked, and the gift of sexuality has been degraded. What will the Christian population do about this dishonor to the Creator?

Wanting to satisfy the deep desires of the human heart can become problematic if the Truth of God is being compromised in the process. Young Christians who are being encouraged to satisfy these desires have to be very careful not to trample upon God's law in the process. It is up to us to decide whether we want to go through the wide gate to destruction, or the narrow path that leads to paradise. As Christians, one of our goals is to witness to the world. What better way too do this than through self-control and sacrifice of the things that we really want?