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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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Summer to feature expanded music and creative arts opportunities

Exciting plans are underway for this summer when the "music event of the year" will adapt and expand into three events.

Central Music Institute (CMI) will return, offering focused high-caliber instruction in brass, vocal and gospel choir, while *Resonate*, a new territorial worship arts ministries camp, will focus on dance, drama, media and praise band. Back by popular demand, *Equip 25/25 Leadership Conservatories* (E25/25) will run concurrently with both CMI and *Resonate*. Together, these camps will help musicians, artists and leaders develop the skills



they need to meet the ever-changing needs of corps music and creative arts ministries.

The implementation of this plan is in response to the rise of interest in emerging music and arts min-

istry outlets and builds on a series of positive changes initiated by the territorial music and creative arts ministries department over the last decade. These changes have included the significant expansion of elective subjects and major offerings at CMI. Additionally, interest in adult in-

struction was discovered during the pandemic, first through virtual CMI and then adopted in the two conservatories last year which supported the Equip 25/25 Leadership initiative. These E25/25 conservatories undoubtedly made a transformational and immediate impact on corps life, as leaders



planned for a return to in-person programming.

As the summer of 2022 approaches, the territorial music and creative arts ministries department

is designing the three camps to build on the strength of recent changes. Held at Wonderland Camp and Conference Center, each camp will feature concentrated instruction as well as opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Resonate

A worship arts conservatory concentrating on dance, drama, media and praise band, *Resonate* will be held August 2-7. Preceding and then overlapping CMI by a few days, the

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Justice week to focus on human trafficking

by Elyse Dobney

"The Salvation Army believes in the biblical principles of the inherent and equal value of all persons and the duty to care for one's neighbour. The exploitation of human beings commodifies and dehumanises the individuals who are trafficked, rewards the inhumanity of the traffickers, and weakens the moral, social and economic fabric of society. The Salvation Army is opposed to the abuse of power against other human beings that is inherent in modern slavery and human trafficking." (The Salvation Army International Position Statement on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking)

The Salvation Army has expressed a global commitment to prioritizing our response to human trafficking. Within that commitment, we recognize an inherent need to establish a strategic, local response and want to ensure in the Central Territory we are creating holistic, trauma-informed strategies to address the issue in our communities.

To support this priority, the Central Territory's Center for Social Justice and Urban Mission (CSJUM) is excited to announce its inaugural *Justice Week: Responding to Human*



Trafficking in Our Communities, April 4-8, 2022, with no cost to participate.

This event will focus on equipping and mobilizing Salvationists and those desiring to come alongside The Salvation Army to respond locally to human trafficking. The week-long, intensive training will cover general human trafficking identification and engagement, trauma-informed care and response, and collaboration with community partners.

Delegates will explore the type of response they would like to build in their location through working

groups on training and public awareness, congregational development, and establishing a local anti-trafficking program. The week will conclude with them developing responses into a potential action plan for consideration by their local Salvation Army leaders with the goal of engaging their corps in a more intentional role in anti-trafficking efforts in their communities.

Following the event, the CSJUM will provide support and technical assistance as we navigate our roles in comprehensively addressing human trafficking.

For more information or to register, visit sajusticecentral.org.

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Just another day?

by Lt. Colonel Paul Smith
Assistant Chief Secretary

February can be a rough month. It's cold and cloudy, and snow and ice can make driving or walking treacherous. I catch myself thinking: "Will winter ever end?"

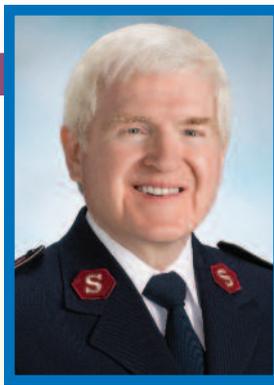
I grew up in western Pennsylvania, so every Groundhog Day, I would anxiously hope to hear that Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow so that spring would be just around the corner instead of seven weeks away.

Because of the 1993 Bill Murray movie where he repeats February 2 over and over, Groundhog Day is now synonymous with a monotonous, unpleasant, repetitive situation (Wikipedia). Not surprisingly, I've heard some people refer to the COVID-19 pandemic as a two-year

long Groundhog Day, which leaves their expectations for the future jaded. Unfortunately, they've come to expect their tomorrow will be just as dismal as their today has been.

However, we have hope that tomorrow can be better because God remains faithful; His love and compassion are renewed every day (Lam. 3:22-23).

Many people have observed and have even documented the value of a good attitude in approaching a task or a new day. For instance, renown motivational author and speaker Brian Tracy wrote, "You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control your attitude toward what happens to you, and in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you."



Health experts point to benefits associated with a positive attitude, including:

- Better heart health
- An active, curious mind
- Increased productivity at work
- Overcoming obstacles becomes easier
- Better relationships and social life
- Better recovery process

How do we escape just another Groundhog Day? It isn't by copying the "I think I can" approach of *The Little Engine That Could* but by ask-

ing God to give us Christ's attitude of selfless humility and concern for others as Paul urged both the Philippians (2:5) and the Romans (15:5-6). My attitude becomes decidedly more positive when I choose to focus on God—His presence, love and grace—and the needs of the people around me rather than on my circumstances.

My morning devotional includes a prayer which complements each day's Bible reading. I share one here that is my prayer for each of us who daily hunger to be more like Jesus:

"Gracious God, we praise you for your life-giving presence in our lives. May our actions, reactions, and attitudes exult you this day and, in the days, to come. In loving adoration. Amen."

Wrapped in warmth

by Jenn Dusenbery

The Salvation Army's "Share the Warmth" coat drive in Kalamazoo, Mich., this season provided more than 1,000 winter coats, accessories and boots to residents in need.

Begun in the 1990s, the campaign has become a tradition and communitywide effort. Each year dozens of businesses, churches, schools and other organizations join together to collect new and gently used coats, as well as items like hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots. This year more than 40 locations served as collection sites.

Winter wear items collected range in size from newborn up to adult 4X. Significantly supplementing new donations, gently used items are laundered for free by an area dry cleaning and laundry company to ensure they are like new. A local television station promotes the coat drive with commercials and updates during the collection month as well.

Those in the community who have registered to receive winter outerwear shop for the items they need by size and gender in the corps community center gym where dozens of

volunteers assist clients in choosing items for themselves and family members. Volunteers also help move donated items from collection sites to the cleaners and back to the corps before sorting and staging them. There are no income eligibility requirements for residents to receive winter wear items.

"It's an easy way for people to make sure that coats and other items they no longer use are made available to those less fortunate in our community," said Captain Ronnie Amick, who with his wife, Captain Bridgette, serve as corps officers in Kalamazoo. "Anything we can do to make sure our neighbors stay warm in the winter is part of our local mission of serving the basic needs in our community."

A meaningful makeover



The Northern Division was excited to provide financial support for the renovation of the Minneapolis, Minn., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and the attached Family Store. The \$40 million renovation features a top-to-bottom makeover of the ARC which has not been updated since 1964. The project is scheduled to be completed this May. Pictured (l to r): Envoy Tom Canfield, ARC administrator; Lt. Colonel Dan Jennings, Northern divisional commander; and Envoy Trudi Canfield, ARC program administrator.

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Expanded music/creative arts opportunities

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conservatory will enable Salvationists, ages 13-25, to focus on building skills and practices that will prepare



individuals for ministry in these dynamic artforms.

Throughout the week students will experience growth and an increase in self-expression, spiritual development, personal creativity and imagination through performance and technique-based classes, morning devotions, small groups, free time activities and creative programs with like-minded individuals.

Pre-audition and registration will be mandatory for acceptance to *Resonate*.

Central Music Institute

From August 5-14, CMI will return for its 87th chapter as it welcomes Salvationists, ages 13-25, for 10 days of instruction in brass, vocal, woodwinds and gospel choir supplemented by chorus and



Tolcher takes up baton for music and creative arts

This month Brett Tolcher will assume the role of territorial music and creative arts ministries secretary.

A lifelong Salvationist in the Central Territory, Brett is known as a gifted musician, playing both trombone and piano, and is currently the bandmaster of the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps Band.

"We firmly believe that he is God's person for this role," said Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey. "Brett's walk with the Lord is real and vibrant, his love of people and concern for their spiritual life is infectious and, along with his wife Kelly, they demonstrate their commitment to our mission in many practical and sacrificial ways."

Brett earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Performance from DePaul University and in May will complete a Master's in Business Administration also from DePaul. He has worked in development (fundraising) for DePaul and the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Having served in both the territorial music and trade departments, Brett brings a wealth of knowledge about the function of the territorial music and creative arts ministries department, is well versed in the divisional consultation process and familiar with territorial initiatives. Having updated the department's studio when he was on staff, Brett also has a first-hand knowledge of the process for territorial recording and publication projects, particularly the *Hallelujah Choruses*, and the *Sounds of the Seasons* projects.

"Brett's responsibilities will include leadership of the Chicago Staff Band (CSB). His 12 years as a member of the CSB, including as an outstanding soloist and the band's manager, as well as his experience as Norridge bandmaster, will aid this



transition," said Harold Burgmayer who is retiring after being the territorial music and creative arts ministries secretary for the last six years.

"The Salvation Army was created to be outside the typical church walls and perhaps that is where we are needed most today," said Brett. "In my new role, I will have an open heart and open ears. I love The Salvation Army tradition but also expect God to have some new ways to use us. To make things happen, it will take a village—and boy have we got one!"

The territory conducted a rigorous three-month search process which attracted applications from candidates throughout the nation. The committee, which vetted candidates and made hiring recommendations to the territorial commander, represented officers, soldiers and divisional music directors and was led by Territorial Program Secretary Lt. Colonel Jonathan Rich.



Equip 25/25 Leadership Conservatories

Prospective leaders, ages 16 and up, will converge August 2-7 and August 8-12 for two consecutive training conservatories which will run concurrently with *Resonate* and *CMI*, providing the opportunity for leaders in both contemporary and traditional mediums.

Each week will focus on biblical leadership principles and will set aside time for delegates to be filled in their daily walk, while gaining new knowledge and abilities to lead others within their artistic disciplines.

See your divisional music director for more information.

Building on the territory's strong musical tradition, these camps will help position corps music and arts ministries to continue to advance the message of the Gospel.

More details coming soon! For information, visit samusiccentral.org, [facebook.com/SAMusicCentral](https://www.facebook.com/SAMusicCentral) or [@SAMusicCentral](https://www.instagram.com/SAMusicCentral) on Instagram.

exploratory electives including beginning instrumental offerings, composition, and Bible study to name a few.

While the schedule will be filled with classes aimed at stimulating musical growth, CMI will continue to also spark spiritual growth as students and staff study the Bible during sealed orders, small groups and devotionals.

The M.A.P. (Musical Arts Proficiency) Curriculum also will return as a basis for auditions and placement within ensembles which will occur as part of the CMI pre-camp registration.



Wind in the Wilderness

The newest worship series for Lent is based on *Wind in the Wilderness* by DJ del Rosario which looks at Old Testament prophets' messages about God's vision of justice, Christ's fulfillment of these prophecies and how this challenges us to live today.

Available in both English and Spanish, the Lenten series features worship service materials for the five Sundays of Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter including children's moments, music options, dramas, readings, videos and other resources.

See your corps officer for more details.
Resources located at samusiccentral.org

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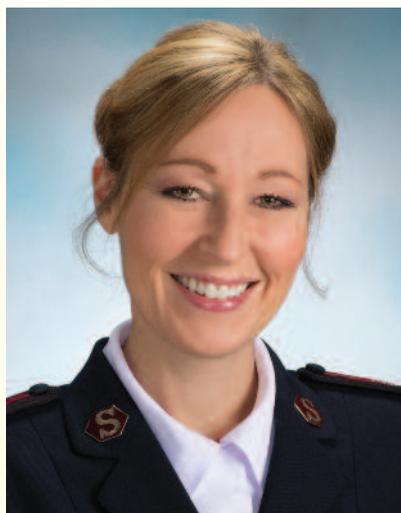
4,610 days and counting

by Captain Kristina Sjogren

Prior to fulltime ministry as an officer, I was blessed to experience the career I had dreamed of since I was 9—being a teacher. People still ask me what my favorite grade was during the 12 years I taught, and I always tell them it was whatever grade I was teaching at the time. Even in the classroom I could serve the Lord as there were endless opportunities to encourage, direct/re-direct, love and support children, and I had many impactful moments.

As an officer, when someone asks me about my favorite appointment, I refer to the response I gave when I was a teacher; it's wherever I am at the time.

Some of the most joyful, impactful, precious, and even heartbreaking, moments in my officership have included: praying with and serving people who lost their home in a flood, sitting with a women's ministries member in the hospital so she wouldn't spend her last days alone, worshipping with teenagers, attending summer camp, providing premarital counseling, conducting weddings and baby dedications, tutoring a third-grader so his mom could attend parenting classes, listening to and praying for bellringers at Christmas, helping an elderly volunteer change a light bulb in her home so she wouldn't have to climb a ladder, leading Bible studies at the shelter, building relationships with community members, praying with soldiers, praying with other officers... The list goes on and on.



For me, experiencing joy through serving the Lord is what fulfills my life. Whether as a teacher, a corps officer or an officer at divisional or territorial headquarters, I've found there is an abundance of opportunities to experience joyful service by living out Micah 6:8 (NIV), "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God," as well as Mark 12:30-31 (NIV), "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

You see, experiencing joy in and through serving the Lord is not only what makes being an officer fulfilling but also what makes *life* fulfilling. I thank God for the opportunities He continues to provide as I serve Him as an officer but more importantly as a follower of Jesus.

Advanced training advances the mission

by Megan Olson

This winter the "Reflectors of Holiness" (2021-2023) session of cadets served as the inaugural class to receive advanced training in child and vulnerable adult protection. The training is a new nationwide standard birthed out of the Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Safety Committee established in 2020 by National Headquarters.

First year cadets gain depth of knowledge, best practices, and prac-

tical abuse prevention techniques pertaining to screening and selection of personnel, peer-on-peer abuse, behavior management, monitoring and supervision of participants and personnel, and use of internal feedback systems.

Further empowerment in the understanding and use of trauma-informed approaches and de-escalation complements an emphasis on forming developmental relationships with youth as an evidence-based way to reduce their participation in risky behaviors and make them less vulnerable to abuse. The training concludes with the importance of self-care when serving the vulnerable, especially through the management of a serious incident and the complicated aftermath.

"I have taken Safe from Harm before several times, so I had a pretty strong understanding of child and vulnerable adult protection going into this; however, this [new training] really addressed the situation on the officer's end which I think was so helpful," said first-year Cadet Paige Heyboer.

During their second year of train-

Meet the Buckingham

Commissioners Lyndon and Bronwyn Buckingham will be the featured guests for this year's commissioning weekend, Advance, June 10-12. We'd like to introduce you to these exceptional, enthusiastic, forward-thinking leaders.

Commissioners Bronwyn and Lyndon Buckingham, originally from the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory, are passionate representatives of The Salvation Army. They have served as officers since they were commissioned in 1990 as members of the "Ambassadors for Christ" Session. Commissioner Lyndon assumed his current appointment as The Chief of the Staff on August 3, 2018, and Commissioner Bronwyn as the World Secretary for Spiritual Life Development on January 1, 2021, having previously served as the World Secretary for Women's Ministries.

Over the years they have served in corps appointments in New Zealand and Canada, as Territorial Youth and Candidates Secretaries, Divisional Leaders and Territorial Program Secretaries.

On February 1, 2013, the Buckingham were appointed to the Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory, first as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, and then assuming territorial leadership in June 2013. On January 1, 2018, they were appointed to lead the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham as Territorial Commander and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham as Territorial Leader for Leader Development.

The Buckingham are parents to Daniel and Emma, and their lovely daughter-in-law, Juanita. Daniel and Juanita are corps officers, and Emma holds a social ministry appointment, all in New Zealand. They are proud grandparents to Israel and Tobias. They are continually blessed, encouraged and challenged by the de-



sire of their adult children to serve God in their generation.

In each of their appointments, the Buckingham have displayed a desire to see the great news of the Gospel shared.

Bronwyn is inspired by the belief that God has a new truth to reveal to her daily and compelled by the promise that He is continuing to grow and stretch her (Philippians 1:6). She desires to be the woman God is calling her to be and is passionate to be part of an Army where the next generation will choose to embrace their leadership calling.

Lyndon is passionate about finding ways for The Salvation Army to be more effective in fulfilling its mission. He is determined to be faithful to the covenants he has made and is motivated by verses from Paul's letter to the Colossians: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23)

Both are intent on enjoying life, endeavoring to stay fit by walking and jogging. They enjoy reading, watching good movies and are avid supporters of New Zealand's "All Blacks" rugby team!



ing, cadets learn how to conduct a safety assessment of property, program and personnel with completion of an on-site practice assessment. The Reflectors of Holiness will be the first to complete the two-part training in full while subsequent sessions follow in their path.

Cadet Paige concluded, "I love how we are taking the step to make

church a safe environment, that is so important, as someone who has [personally] benefited from a church's security and safety."

Empowering future officers with more comprehensive abuse prevention training addresses an area integral to the Salvation Army's mission—meeting the human need of safety.

Pursuing faith, education and service

The Paul and Kay Rader Scholarship is awarded each year to outstanding minority young adult Salvationists who show commitment to their faith, education and service. We're honored to highlight the current recipients.

Hannah Kim

A freshman at Loyola University Chicago, Hannah Kim is pursuing a degree in psychology with her eye on grad school. As a recipient of the Paul and Kay Rader Scholarship, she is grateful for the opportunity to attend a major university.

"Mayfair is a supportive community with lots of resources," she said. "Growing up in my church community where I always felt accepted was helpful in growing my faith."

Hannah has been active in both corps and divisional youth music groups, programs and camps where she learned to play cornet and developed her relationship with the Lord. She's also volunteered frequently, playing her cornet at kettle dinners and serving at the corps' Thanksgiving dinner and helping at summer day camp.

"Hannah's love for Jesus is evident in her lifestyle, commitment, and character," said Justin Rose, Mayfair youth director. "She's a musician, faithful soldier, corps cadet and volunteer. Her faith is sincere and vibrant."

Alexia Brown

In her junior year at Olivet Nazarene University, Alexia Brown has been a recipient of the Paul and Kay Rader Scholarship since her freshman year. While majoring in theology with a minor in Spanish and taking additional classes in psychology, Alexia maintains an active role at the Kankakee, Ill., Corps, where she participates in Sunday worship, volunteers in the nursery and drives kettle routes during the Christmas season.

Alexia says she is grateful for the financial assistance over the past three years. "Receiving the scholarship has helped with limiting the amount I have to take in student loans," she said.

She's originally from the Emporia, Kan., Corps, which she at-



Alexia Brown

tended throughout her teenage years after immigrating from Jamaica with her family.

Josh Rapley

Josh Rapley has a passion for ministering to youth through sports. A freshman at Concordia University Chicago, he is majoring in business and sports management, with plans to continue working with youth after graduation.

"Receiving the money helped me balance out the finances," he said. "I plan on helping other people through God's Word and athlet-

ics, and receiving the scholarship is allowing me to follow that dream."

Josh grew up attending the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps (OBT) with his family and participated in nearly every available youth program, learning to play instruments and to use his talents for God. He grew into leadership roles in his teenage years and now assists with children's programs as well as continuing to be active in praise and brass bands and young adult activities.

Lisa Jordan, OBT's youth development director, said, "We've had the privilege to watch Josh grow through discipleship and service opportunities with community and outreach events."

Josh credits his strong faith to his parents and grandparents, who have exemplified what it means to follow Christ and discipled Josh in the truth.

"I was taught what is right through God's eyes," he concluded. "I try to live my life how God would want me to."



Hannah Kim

"This scholarship will support me in pursuing both my education and my faith," said Hannah. "I will continue to grow and serve."

The loving and supportive community of Chicago's Mayfair Community Church (Corps) helped shape Hannah's character. As a lifelong member who grew up in a Christian home, Hannah can't remember a time when Christ wasn't a part of her life but recalls beginning to develop her personal faith in elementary school.



Josh Rapley with corps officers, Majors Stephanie and Caleb Senn

Set your sights on the Rader Scholarship

Going to college? Need financial aid?

Qualified Salvationist minority students attending accredited Christian colleges may be eligible for scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year.

If you are or know a Central Territory college student who may benefit, contact your divisional youth secretary.

Endorsements must be obtained by your corps then divisional youth secretary for territorial review and approval, so don't delay for the 2022/23 school year!

Application deadline: May 15, 2022.

For more information contact Rob.DeGeorge@usc.salvationarmy.org or visit salarmycentral.org/ord/student-aid

Peer magazine recognized

Peer magazine, The Salvation Army's national magazine for members of Gen Z, took second place in the Evangelical Press Association's 2021 Best in Class Awards for magazines with a similar readership size.

Replacing the *Young Salvationist* magazine, *Peer* debuted in 2019. It aims to reach young people, both Salvationists and those in the community ages 16-22, in a relevant way and become a dependable companion on their journey through high school and college. Its mission is to ignite a conversation that will deepen biblical perspective, faith and holy living; the simple tagline "Faith. Community. Culture." adeptly captures its focus.

Peer features fresh design elements, a narrower size, an earthier-feeling paper and thoughtfully sourced content to appeal to this generation often referred to as "post Christian." The magazine is complemented by a website (peermag.org) and a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@[peer_magazine](https://twitter.com/peer_magazine)).

"At *Peer*, we believe that Gen Z has an incredible potential to be Kingdom builders and powerful agents of change in our world. This



belief drives us to equip, resource, challenge and disciple young people," said Major Jamie Satterlee, director of publications. "We are so honored to receive this award from the Evangelical Press Association and look forward to continuing to serve Him through publications."

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| | 1 Tuesday | Isaiah 45-50 | Benton Harbor, Mich., Corps |
| | 2 Wednesday | Matthew 23-25 | South Africa Territory |
| | 3 Thursday | 1 Corinthians 1-2 | Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps |
| | 4 Friday | Genesis 36-39 | Chicago Midwest, Ill., Corps |
| | 5 Saturday | Ruth | Retired Officers |
| | 6 Sunday | Psalms 27-29 | Dubuque, Iowa, Corps |
| | 7 Monday | Job 19-20 | Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps |
| | 8 Tuesday | Isaiah 51-55 | Green Bay, Wis., Kroc Center |
| | 9 Wednesday | Matthew 26-28 | Independence, Mo., Corps |
| | 10 Thursday | 1 Corinthians 3-4 | Uganda Territory |
| | 11 Friday | Genesis 40-43 | Candidates |
| | 12 Saturday | 1 Samuel 1-5 | Kokomo, Ind., Corps |
| | 13 Sunday | Psalms 30-32 | Mattoon, Ill., Corps |
| | 14 Monday | Job 21-22 | Livingston County, Mich., Corps |
| | 15 Tuesday | Isaiah 56-61 | Music Ministries |
| | 16 Wednesday | Mark 1-2 | Ottawa, Ill., Corps |
| | 17 Thursday | 1 Corinthians 5-6 | Quincy, Ill., Kroc Center |
| | 18 Friday | Genesis 44-47 | Brazil Territory |
| | 19 Saturday | 1 Samuel 6-10 | Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Corps |
| | 20 Sunday | Psalms 33-35 | Sturgis, Mich., Corps |
| | 21 Monday | Job 23-24 | St. Paul Eastside, Minn., Corps |
| | 22 Tuesday | Isaiah 62-66 | Waukegan, Ill., ARC |
| | 23 Wednesday | Mark 3-4 | Sunday School Teachers |
| | 24 Thursday | 1 Corinthians 7-8 | Davenport, Iowa, Corps |
| | 25 Friday | Genesis 48-50 | Norridge, Ill., Corps |
| | 26 Saturday | 1 Samuel 11-15 | Denmark and Greenland Territory |
| | 27 Sunday | Psalms 36-38 | Chicago Mayfair, Ill., Corps |
| | 28 Monday | Job 25-26 | Danville, Ill., Corps |
| | 29 Tuesday | Jeremiah 1-3 | Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps |
| | 30 Wednesday | Mark 5-6 | Freeport, Ill., Corps |
| | 31 Thursday | 1 Corinthians 9-10 | Huron, S.D., Corps |

If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!

ARC = Adult Rehabilitation Center

A new column
on holiness by
Dr. Bill and Diane Ury

The Army's Whole Gospel of Holiness

Acts 26:17-18

by Dr. Bill Ury

Jesus told Paul that the Gospel meant much more than forgiveness—it incorporated the sanctification of the world. The Army's Wesleyan-Holiness "way" of salvation is wonderfully complete. Any comparison with other traditions will show that after justification most focus on life in Christ as continual repentance.

While we agree on the need for absolute honesty concerning any sin, we believe there is beautiful inheritance possible when a person allows the full purpose of our Savior to be received by faith.

Spirit-recreation should mark our entire ministry, including our proclamations. This comprehensive biblical orientation is the "Gospel" to which Jesus calls us.

The entire way of salvation is from, in and for holiness.

This week I was talking with a friend about the no-holds-barred approach that Wesley took on the full meaning of conversion. For him, it meant ceasing to sin, an "entire change from vice to holiness." (See his NT Notes on Acts 3:19.) I recalled hearing many students who'd read just a couple of Wesley's sermons ask me, "Why have I never heard the Gospel like this before?"

That same day I spoke with a young lifelong Salvationist from the Central Territory. He shared that holiness was a concept seldom, if ever, heard. He said he'd never heard anyone testify to be entirely sanctified. We must hear Jesus again. Our distinctive biblical commitments offer a winsome, real expression of the fullness of Christ's redemption for this world.

First, we must place holiness teaching in the whole Wesleyan-Arminian-Holiness order of salvation. Holiness of heart is never a separate experience detached from salvation as a beautiful whole. The Gospel integrates grace with every human need.

The new birth is merely the beginning of the purpose of the Holy One. Regeneration is initial sanctification. Thus, all subsequent growth in grace enables the Holy Spirit to deal with the

source of sin, our self-interest.

Entire sanctification needs to be preached as the remedy to that core issue to all sin. Jesus offers victory over a self-centered heart. The original intention of our holiness meetings was to preach the Gospel beyond recurrent repentance. The Holy Spirit offers

every believer the fulfillment of what began at justification.

The Gospel of full salvation comes from the heart of the Holy One, and it must reflect His nature and His purposes. Holiness of heart must be matched with holiness of life. Any preaching that divorces these two is neither biblical nor Salvationist.

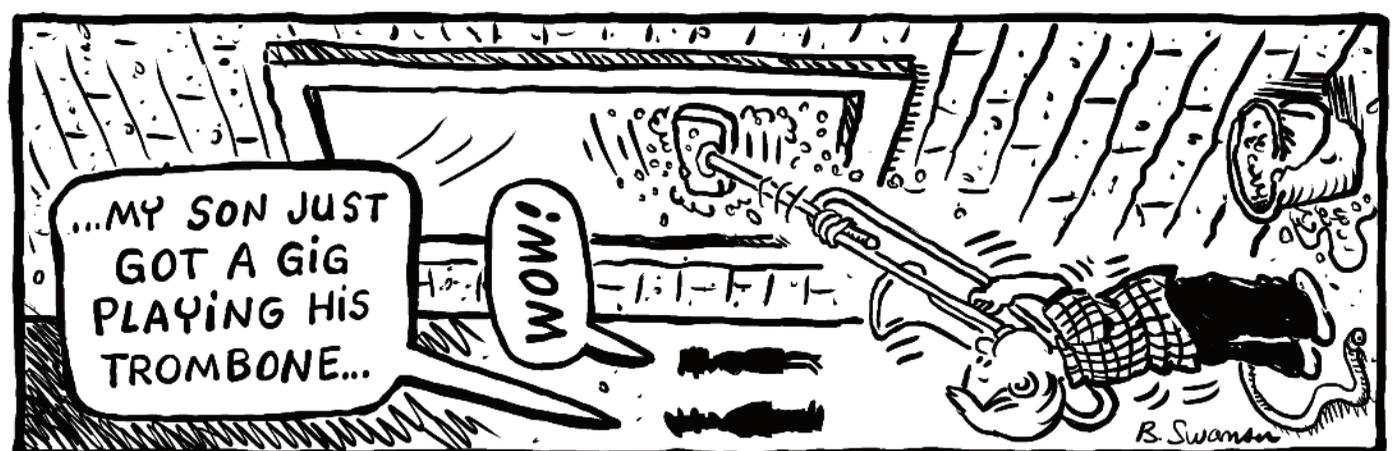
Second, what has been missed most often in preaching on holiness is the portion of our pastoral theology which undergirds a person seeking a pure heart in an intimate small group setting (e.g. Wesley's classes or bands). Though present in the earliest Salvation Army contexts, we have lost this focus. But it is inseparable from the preaching of holiness.

It is only in a group fostering openness in truth and love that any person can work through their deepest heart needs. There is no holiness without social holiness.

The Gospel of holiness begins with prevenient grace which woos us and calls us toward the Life of the One who has made us for Himself. The entire way of salvation is from, in and for holiness. We need to be clear on this light-filled dominion of grace in every heart for the sake of the world we serve.



--Mustard Seeds--



Salvation Army provides hope and comfort in wake of devastating tornadoes

A deadly storm system of at least 70 tornadoes crossed six states on the evening of December 10, leaving devastation in its wake. A tornado series tracked through parts of Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee with a path estimated 250 miles long. Tornadoes also touched down in Augusta and Defiance, Mo. and

Edwardsville, Ill., leading to the collapse of an Amazon warehouse where six workers died and others were trapped. In all, the tornadoes killed 90 people. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed, and thousands were left without power.

Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS) teams responded immediately in the aftermath, providing food, shelter, other necessities and emotional and spiritual care to survivors and first responders. EDS teams coordinated closely with local, county, state and federal officials to direct resources where they were needed most.

The response was heaviest in Arkansas and Kentucky, which suffered the worst damage. EDS canteens and fixed feeding sites were active in Poinsett County, Ark., and in five counties in Kentucky. As of January 4, The Salvation Army had provided over 22,650 meals, 13,370 drinks, 23,920 snacks, 307 cleanup kits and 718 comfort/hygiene kits in Arkansas and Kentucky. Emotional and spiritual care was provided to over 2,780 people.

In Edwardsville, an EDS team from the Midland Division mobilized immediately and provided hy-



Commissioner Willis Howell, Southern territorial commander, prays with a storm survivor in Kentucky.

dration and snacks to first responders and utility workers at the warehouse disaster for two days. They supported 10 separate fire departments that assisted rescue operations. Midland divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Robert and Collette Webster visited the site.

"It was a great opportunity to see The Salvation Army doing what we do best, coming alongside people during their greatest time of need," said Colonel Robert. "Our emergency disaster services team was amazing, led by Captain Sean Grey, Gretchen Luke and Adam Menne. We were able to help keep the emergency response personnel and the Amazon teams focused on the difficult task of

rescue and recovery. I was so proud, knowing that even though we were extremely busy during the Christmas season, we were able to respond in such a quick and dynamic way."



Lt. Colonel Robert Webster, Midland divisional commander, talks with a first responder during the relief effort at the Amazon warehouse collapse in Edwardsville, Ill.

Promoted to Glory

Major Leonard White

Major Leonard White was promoted to Glory on November 14, 2021. Known for his kind and loving spirit, he enjoyed preaching God's Word, working with people and being outdoors.



Leonard was born on October 2, 1932, in St. Anne, Ill., to Ralph and Clara White. He began attending the Kankakee, Ill., Corps in 1952 when his girlfriend, Evelyn Wells, invited him to a young people's activity.

After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, Leonard married Evelyn on September 24, 1955. Commissioned from the School for Officers' Training in 1963, the Whites served as corps officers in the Midwest for 34 years.

In retirement the Whites attended the Escanaba, Mich., Corps, where Leonard taught Bible study and soldiership classes, led boys programs, sang in the string band, participated in community care ministries and served on several corps boards and committees.

Leonard is survived by his wife; children, Susan (David) Bucholtz, Ricky (Nancy), Phyllis (Brian) Hart, Ruth (Rick) Smith, Daniel (Kyley), Mary (Bill) Payment; sister, Alice Towers; two sisters-in-law, Shirley White and Anita Ford; 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death

by his parents; sister, Doris Parks; and brothers, Richard and Wayne.

Major Paul Logan

Major Paul Logan was promoted to Glory on November 23, 2021. Paul was a God-fearing man who was deeply involved with The Salvation Army since childhood. He enjoyed playing instruments, reading and spending time with his family.



Paul was born in Charles City, Iowa, on May 9, 1956, to Joseph and Viola Logan. He graduated from Spring Arbor College with a bachelor's degree in human resources before entering officer training in 1979. He was commissioned in 1981 and later earned a master's in business administration from Olivet Nazarene University. Paul served as an officer for 39 years, primarily as a corps officer but also as director of business at the College for Officer Training.

Paul married Barbara Pettit on July 31, 1982, and the couple had two children, Jonathan and Brenna. He is remembered as a cherished husband, wonderful father, "the most fun grandpa in the world," a loyal friend and true servant of the Lord.

Paul is survived by his wife Major Barbara; son Jonathan (Nikki); daughter Captain Brenna (Vinal) Lee; grandchildren Eva, Mia, Finn; and siblings Joe, Rita (Bob) Duncan, Phyllis (John) Corey, and Ruth Grey. He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

Major Pamela Kiger

Major Pamela Kiger was promoted to Glory on December 5, 2021. She was known as an encourager who helped many people find their way in life and for her musical talent. She loved working with youth and growing and strengthening women's ministries.



Pam was born on August 23, 1950, in Chicago, Ill., to Harry and Lois Quinn and enjoyed growing up learning to sing and dance along with her two sisters. While attending Northern Illinois University, she accepted Christ through Campus Crusade for Christ. Her newfound faith led her to the DeKalb, Ill., Corps. There Pam met a traveling evangelistic team of which she became a part and used her beautiful singing voice to share the gospel.

Pam felt called to fulltime service as an officer and entered training in 1973. She was commissioned in 1975 and married her sessionmate, Lt. Stephen Kiger, in January 1976. Memorable, challenging and fulfilling appointments unfolded as they served together in corps throughout the Midwest for more than 42 years. They retired in 2017.

Pam is survived by her husband; sisters, Anne Bucaro and Cyndi Jordan; children, Tara Neff, Kelly Sayera and Dr. Heidi Ramos; and six grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

Captain Lynda Hogaboom

Captain Lynda Hogaboom (nee Murdoch) was promoted to Glory on November 25, 2021. Lynda possessed a servant's heart and devoted herself to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others throughout her life.



Lynda was born in Middleton, N.Y., on January 10, 1947. After her marriage to Larry Hogaboom in 1968, the couple served as envoys for a year before entering officer training in the Eastern Territory in 1970. They were commissioned with the "Lightbringers" session in 1972.

The Hogaboos' first appointment in the Central Territory was as corps officers in Cheboygan, Mich., in 1987. They led several other corps in Michigan until their retirement in 1999.

Upon their retirement, they moved to Houghton Lake, Mich., and she devoted the remainder of her life to service in Roscommon County, including as executive director of New Connections Drop-in Center and Roscommon County Food Pantry, along with many other community volunteer activities.

Lynda was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her children, Donald (Rebecca) and Jonathan; grandchildren, Jeremy, Donna and Noah; mother, Betty Murdock and sister, Liz Walker.