

# Mount Gilead Seventh-day Adventist Church

700 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, ON, M1K 2B5

## Newsletter 52 December 29, 2023



“And let the **peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and **be thankful.**” Colossians 3:15 (NKJV)



### *December Birthdays*

Elton Duke - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Zavanna Lewis – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Amanda Reid - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Yolande Charls – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Meloney Walters -14<sup>th</sup>  
Clorine McNeish-Weir - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Howard Duke - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Trimel Norvill -23<sup>rd</sup>  
Earlyn Douglas - 27<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Hinds - 30<sup>th</sup>  
Pierre-Simon Kouame - 31<sup>st</sup>

### EVENTS FOR SABBATH, December 30, 2023

No in-person services today  
**All Services on Zoom**

- **Prayer Session: 9:30 a.m.** (Zoom)
- **Sabbath School: 10:00 a.m.** (Zoom)
- **Midday Service: 11:15 a.m.** (Zoom)

### **Zoom Meeting information**

<https://zoom.us/j/7244241984?pwd=bjF1MU1BMDdheElqb3AzUjBGGeGxmUT09>

or phone **647-558-0588**

Meeting ID: 724 424 1984

Passcode: 7525333

**Mount Gilead Website:** <https://mountgileadadventist.org/>

**Mount Gilead YouTube link for Live Streaming**

<https://www.youtube.com/@mountgileadsdascarborough1975/streams>

**Mount Gilead Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/mountgsdatoronto/>

## Sabbath Services for December 30, 2023

### PRAYER SESSION 9:30 a.m.

Welcome/Opening Prayer ..... Elder Julie-Ann Newell  
Opening Song: **“Praise to the Lord”** (1) ..... Congregation/Chorister  
Testimonies  
Devotional Reading ..... **“Ye Shall Receive Power”** by E.G, White  
**“Victorious at Last”**  
Prayer  
Closing Hymn: **“O Worship the Lord”** (6)..... Congregation/Chorister

### SABBATH SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent/Welcome ..... Sis. Roxie Richardson  
Opening Song ..... Congregation/Chorister  
**“The Great Physician Now is Near”** (254)  
Opening Prayer ..... Sis. Roxie Richardson  
**Lesson Review** ..... Sis. Carril Cornelius & Roxie Richardson  
Closing Remarks ..... Sis. Carril Cornelius  
Closing Song ..... Congregation/Chorister  
**“My Lord and I”** (456)  
Closing Prayer ..... Elder Ainsworth Hinds  
Personal Ministries ..... Sis. Eva Bekkout

### MIDDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 a.m.

Welcome/ Announcements ..... Elder Ainsworth Hinds  
Pastor’s Notes ..... Pastor Sil Lindo  
RAINMAKERS ..... video from Hope Channel  
Call to Worship ..... Elder Howard Shawt  
Introit **“We Have Come into His House”** ..... Pianist/Chorister  
Invocation ..... Pastor Sil Lindo  
Opening Song ..... video - Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir  
**“O Taste and See that the Lord is Good” - Psalm 34**  
Prayer Appeal/Chorus ..... Praise Team  
**“God is Here”**  
Intercessory Prayer ..... Sis. Monica Seetram  
Children Story: **“Kind Stranger”** ..... video  
Offertory ..... Elder Ainsworth Hinds  
Scripture Reading ..... Elder Melrose Cooley  
**“Philippians 4:6-7”** (NKJV)  
Praise Time (216, 633) ..... Praise Team  
Music of Meditation ..... video  
**“My God, Is Any Hour so Sweet?”**  
**Sermon** ..... Pastor Sil Lindo  
**“THE MASTER KEY”**  
Consecration Song ..... Congregation/Chorister  
**“Sweet Hour of Prayer”** (478)  
Benediction ..... Pastor Sil Lindo  
Blessing ..... Pianist/Chorister  
**“Till We Meet Again”**



**"A PLACE WE GROW AND SHARE"**

**2023 THEME:  
GROW101**

**LEARN MORE**

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**Vision Statement:** To see every member sharing Christ innovatively, meeting the needs of people, in readiness for His Second Coming.

**Mission Statement:** To reach people within Toronto and its environs with the Everlasting Gospel of hope and wholeness.

## 2023 THEME: Grow 101

Theme Text:

2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2-3

**NURTURING** (MEMBER) Goal 1: To see members experiencing healthy personal spiritual growth that inform their passion for sharing the gospel collaboratively in mission (for the community).

**SHARING** (MISSION) Goal 2: To engage and interact with the external clientele through practical activities that will expose and invite them to embrace the love of Christ.

# Upcoming Events for Mount Gilead Church

- **Wednesday Mid-Week Revival: January 3 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Presenter: **Pastor Sil Lindo**  
Topic: “THE NEED FOR A REFORMATION” –Acts 2:2-4  
Coordinator/ Welcome: **Elder Howard Shaw**  
Opening Prayer: **Elder Yvonne Edwards**
- **Day of Prayer and Praise: January 6**
- **Communion: January 6, during Midday Service**  
We will resume the Ordinance of Humility (foot-washing)  
Deacons should access the equipment that are in the storage.



- **Bible Study/ Prayer: Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. (Revelation 5)**

# 10 DAYS OF PRAYER SCHEDULE

JAN 10 – 20, 2024

Theme: PRIORITIES OF FAITH

**N.B. Please do not change suggested reading and text. They are part of a series of topics that we are studying.**

DATE	SPEAKER	STUDY TOPIC, TEXT (20 Mins)	OPENING PRAYER	WELCOME	COORDINATOR
Wednesday: Jan 10 <b>7:00- 8:00 PM</b> (Day 1)	Ontario Conference ID:916 8955 3116 Code: LetsPray	LESS IS MORE Eph. 5:15, 16	Ontario Conference	Ontario Conference	Elder Howard Shaw
Thursday: Jan 11 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 2)	Pastor Sil Lindo	THE DANGER OF BEING BUSY FOR GOD - Mark 6:30–32	Elder Julie-Ann Newell	Sis Monica Seetram	Sis Monica Seetram
Friday: Jan 12 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 3)	Sis Monica Seetram	THE BLESSING OF WAITING Psalm 46:10	Sis Wanda Miles	Elder Melrose Cooley	Elder Melrose Cooley
Sabbath: Jan 13 <b>11:20 AM – 1 PM</b> (Day 4)	Elder Howard Shaw	The freedom of a focused life of simplicity: Matt. 6:16-18	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>
Sunday: Jan 14 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 5)	Elder Ainsworth Hinds	Focusing on things that matter in our prayers: Matt. 6:9-10	Sis Helen Redman	Elder Yvonne Edwards	Elder Yvonne Edwards
Monday: Jan 15 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 6)	Elder Yvonne Edwards	GRIT, PASSION, AND PERSEVERANCE - Gal. 6:9	Bro Edmond Francois	Sis Carril Cornelius	Sis Carril Cornelius
Tuesday: Jan 16 5:30 – 6:30 AM - (Day 7)	Sis Paulette Burnett	THE VALUE OF BEING KIND John 13:35	Sis Monica Seetram	Sis Janette Johnson	Sis Janette Johnson
Wednesday: Jan 17 <b>7:00- 8:00 PM</b> (Day 8)	Elder Melrose Cooley	PRACTICING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE - Heb. 12:28	Sis Herfa Shaw	Sis Roxie Richardson	Sis Roxie Richardson
Thursday: Jan 18 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 9)	Sis Janette Johnson	THE BLESSING OF THE SABBATH Isa. 58:13, 14	Sis Charlene Hinds	Sis Monica Seetram	Sis Monica Seetram
Friday: Jan 19 5:30 – 6:30 AM (Day 10)	Elder Julie-Ann Newell	BE RICH IN WHAT MATTERS—BE MORE ANALOG Heb.10:24, 25	Sis Earlyn Douglas	Elder Howard Shaw	Elder Howard Shaw
Sabbath: Jan 20 <b>11:30 AM – 1 PM</b>	Pastor Sil Lindo	THE BLESSING OF DIGITAL SABBATH DETOX: Exod. 20:8–11	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>	<b>See Sabbath Schedule</b>

Readings may be downloaded from: [prayer.adventistontario.org](http://prayer.adventistontario.org)

- **Community Breakfast: January 20**
- **Youth Ministries Convention: January 27**
- **Seminar on The Holy Spirit: February 9, 10**  
Guest Presenter: Elder Lucas Jurek

## Volunteers Needed

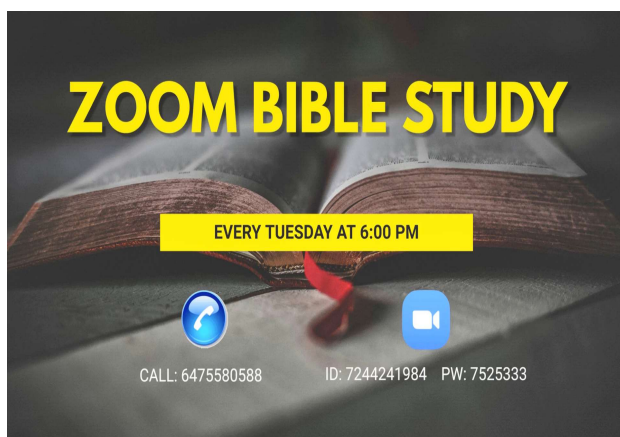
We are looking for volunteers to lead worship on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths of each month at 2:30 p.m.** for the residents of the Craiglee Nursing Home at 102 Craiglee Drive (near Kingston Rd. and Midland Ave.).

Please **contact Eva Bekkout (416-697-3736)** or a member of Personal Ministries to participate. Blessings!

## Health Presentations

The **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month** at 7:00 p.m. starting January 25, 2024

Bible Study for non-Adventist members (Starting soon)



A purple graphic with the title "FUEL THE MISSION" in white. Below it is a red box with "WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING" in white. On the left, a large white "3" is inside a purple circle, with "WAYS TO GIVE" below it. In the center, it says "Mail your cheque to 37 Eglinton Square Scarborough Ontario M1L4T2 PO Box 51028". Below that, "Online Giving www.mountgileadadventist.org Click on the online giving link". At the bottom, "In person or call 4167525333 for pickup". On the right, there are icons for an envelope, a smartphone, and a group of people. At the bottom center is the logo for Mount Gilead Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Emails Addresses to Use for Church Correspondences

[mountgileadadventist@gmail.com](mailto:mountgileadadventist@gmail.com) (new official church email)

[mountgileadelders@gmail.com](mailto:mountgileadelders@gmail.com) (to correspond with elders)

[mountgileadbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:mountgileadbulletin@gmail.com) (to submit Bulletin and Newsletter information)

[mountgileadboard@gmail.com](mailto:mountgileadboard@gmail.com) (to submit agenda items for Board Meeting)

[Mt.Gileadpathfinders@gmail.com](mailto:Mt.Gileadpathfinders@gmail.com) (for Pathfinder Club issues)

## *Testimony*

It was on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 4:00 a.m. my husband complained about his chest pain when the pain started to gradually increase. He drove his car to the family doctor, but the doctor was on leave so the receptionist said, "You need to go to the emergency". He parked his car near the shops and walked to the Scarborough General Hospital. Soon the nurse came and did his ECG and got him admitted. The next day they sent him to the Centenary Hospital for his Angio and found that he had four blockages in his heart. The doctor said you must go for a bypass. It was very shocking to all of us. For seven days he was in Scarborough Hospital under observation. I said to myself, "Oh Lord who will help us now? What are we going to do?" All we could do was to be beside him and give moral support.

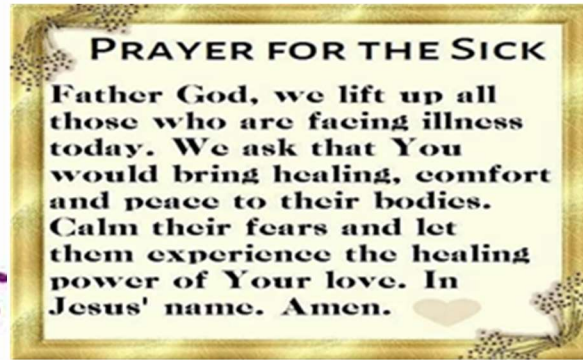
That night when my children and I reached home, before going to bed, I opened my phone to check any messages and as I was scrolling, I could see beautiful Bible verses. I read Matthew 21:22 which says, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." After a few days, the surgery date was fixed. On January 15 from Scarborough Hospital, he was transferred to St. Michael's Hospital. Everything was prepared for the next day's surgery. We prayed and let the nurse take him inside. The surgery was six hours. As soon as the surgery was done the doctor called me on the phone and said, "The surgery was successful, everything will be alright." That evening he was brought to the ICU Unit. We all stood beside his bed. He was fast asleep. I asked his nurse "When will he come out of his anesthesia?" She said, "It will take at least three to four hours." I told the nurse, "Please let him know that his wife and children were here but left because the visiting hours were closed." The nurse said, "When he wakes up, he will not remember anything." I said to her, "it's Ok. Everything will be fine," and we left the hospital.

That night as usual I was scrolling on my phone, and I came across this Bible verse in Isaiah 38:5 It says, "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life...."

These two powerful Bible verses gave us hope. We were strong enough to stay positive. We look up and thank God for his life, his grace and mercy. My children and I would like to thank the St. Michael's Hospital and their staff for the good care and treatment that my husband received during and after his surgery. Our only prayer is that the coming year 2024 be filled with peace, prosperity, love and good health.

Regards,

Urmila Petchimuthu



### Special Prayer for:

- **Grieving families:** Elder Melrose Cooley, Bro. Harold Brown and Sis Dixon's family
- **Sis. Linda Vitulli** (ill)
- **Jehan DeAlwis** (ill, in wheelchair, prayer for healing)
- **Bro. Neville Smith** (eye problems)
- **Mayerling Rivera's neighbours** (children facing hardship, mother on drugs)
- **Tammy Stupecka's** husband **David** (with addictions)
- **Maria DeLima** brother, **Clemente** (in rehab)
- Monica's sister **Ruth** (facing problems), brother **Clarence** (memory loss)
- Pastor Lindo's friend **Edna** from Sault Ste. Marie and her sick daughter.
- Janette Johnson's sick family members **Sheryne, Victoria, Julle, Sheila, Evelyn**
- **Melanie Walters mother** (sick)
- **Ena Jones's sister** (sick with stroke)
- **Youth of our church to remain devoted to God**
- **The people suffering from Israel/Hamas war and Russia/Ukraine war.**
- **Those suffering natural disasters world-wide**

### Continuous Prayers for the shut-ins and sick members:

**Jean Barclay, Flo Brown, Paulette Burnett, Floretta Calendar, Roslyn Connaught, Carolyn Hinds, Melviner Hinds, Janette Johnson, Rudolph and Myrna Lewis, Clorine McNeish-Weir, Dionne Mitchell, Suthlyn Pinnock, Amanda Reid, Remaline Shakes, Colin Thompson, Pauline Thompson, Peter Toppin**





# Announcements from Across Ontario Conference

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

## 10 DAYS OF *Prayer*



"He has shown you,  
O man, what is good;  
And what does the  
Lord require of you  
But to do justly,  
To love mercy,  
And to walk humbly  
with your God?"

MICAH 6:8, NKJV

## JANUARY 10-20, 2024

**Wednesday, Jan. 10  
at 7:00 pm**

Zoom Prayer Session  
(Everyone is invited to join)  
Meeting ID: **916 8955 3116**  
Passcode: **LetsPray**

**Jan. 11 - 19**

Prayer Session  
by  
Churches

**Saturday, Jan. 20  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Zoom Prayer Session  
(Everyone is invited to join)  
Meeting ID: **939 1032 3691**  
Passcode: **LetsPray**

To download the reading material, go to:  
[prayer.adventistontario.org](http://prayer.adventistontario.org)



# Ontario Conference Ministries Convention - March 23, 2024



## Join Us at Ministries Convention

2024  
03.22  
6PM



### DIVINE HOUR SPEAKER

DR. GUILLERMO E. BIAGGI  
GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY  
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