

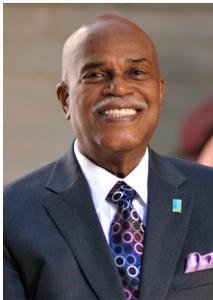
CE News Notes



Summer 2018 • Vol 37 The Ministry and Activities of **CHRISTIAN EDITION**, A Men's Chorus

Singing in the Big Valley

by Dr. David Taylor,
First Tenor



Christian Edition participates in the English Oaks SDA Church evangelistic series.

Just two months before the end of Christian Edition's 36th year of music ministry, we ventured into the beautiful San Joaquin Valley for three inspirational engagements that would warm our hearts with spiritual and social experiences in worship and fellowship. The Valley is north of the San Joaquin River Delta, east of the San Francisco Bay, west of the Sierra Nevadas, and south of the State capitol of Sacramento—that spells NEWS. Although the Valley contains well known cities, most of it is rural, including a few towns seldom heard of by many—Turlock, Lodi, and Galt—with deep taproots of Adventism revealing diverse cultures working together and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with their neighbors.

Members of Christian Edition drove carefully and prayerfully to their weekend venues from

Southern California via Interstate 5 and State Route 99, and some even traveled by air from the great Northwest for the weekend of October 20-21. Christian Edition experienced a richness as they served in musical worships and mingled in Christ-like fellowship with members in the churches and visitors in the communities.

Christian Edition's first musical vespers of the weekend was Friday evening at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Turlock, a city of 72,000 population, in Stanislaus County. Turlock is known as the "Heart of the Valley" because of its agricultural produce, and was also once known as the city with the most churches per capita in the United States. After singing and engaging the young people and

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by Calvin Knipschild

Director's Message



I heard a story many years ago about a family who had gone on vacation. They decided one day to enjoy a boat trip along the coast. As they traveled up and down the coast, they were vigilant to always keep the shoreline in sight.

All of a sudden, a storm came up, catching them off guard. The rain and

darkness were so intense that they could not keep their destination in sight, and they soon became lost and confused about where they were.

Fortunately, the rental boat had a GPS (Global Positioning System). Even more fortunate was that the system worked perfectly, and after several hours they found their way back safely to the harbor.

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adults alike, Christian Edition and the members and visitors from the community churches enjoyed meeting, greeting, and looking forward to the time when we will do this without end when our Lord returns, to take us to heaven of which we were reminded in the song "Midnight Cry!"

Christian Edition's second venue, by invitation of the pastoral staff and congregants, was in the northern area of San Joaquin County at the English Oaks Seventh-day Adventist Church in the city of Lodi. With a population of approximately 64,000, Lodi is famous for its vineyards, orchards, lumber, and flour mills. It is also known for the historic establishment of an opera house in 1905, extolling its love for the fine arts; the

opening of the Carnegie Library in 1909, revealing its thirst for knowledge; the birth place of A&W Root Beer and Restaurants in 1910, with an eye on quality service and food; all before the new hospital was constructed in 1915, with a focus on health.

Christian Edition had a most unforgettable moment singing for Sabbath School and

the evangelistic series at the morning worship service, when many members and visitors responded for prayer and decisions for Christ. The members of Christian Edition sang the appeal with tears moistening their cheeks as the Holy Spirit moved the hearts of many through preaching and songs as "the power of the cross moves us now." Christian Edition thanks English Oaks for letting us experience this defining moment, personally and corporately, in sharing the power of the Good News in Lodi.

Our third venue was in the city of Galt in Sacramento County, six square miles,

with a population of 25,000. The only newspaper in Galt, established in 1909, advertised the coming of the twenty-two singing men called Christian Edition, to the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church for a musical vespers singing songs from the past and present with an eye on the future, extolling the story of salvation centered in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, offering hope to all who accept this glorious Gift of "Him who loves us this we know" with confident assurance.

The friendliness of the members and visitors was warming as the autumn chill began to influence the atmosphere outside at 47 feet elevation. The farm land had yielded its deserved produce from the works of the toiler's hands which visitors from the surrounding communities, members, and Christian Edition enjoyed at the "chat and chew" after the vespers to make bright the memories of the event and fellowship at Galt. The old Negro spiritual says it all . . . "O Lord we've done, done, we've done, done what you told us to do. You told us to sing and we've done that too because we've done, done what you told us to do." Thanks for your invitation and love for which Christian Edition remembers you fondly.

Christian Edition received genuine joy singing in the Big Valley and meeting many with a positive hope in Jesus. Although the Big Valley had experienced the drought the last few years as if the heavens have turned to brass, but was now releasing fresh lifegiving waters again. Some have said that it seems with the visit of Christian Edition the rainbow has re-appeared and they have been refreshed with new life by Christian Edition's musical ministry and genuine fellowship. After one more tour, Christian Edition closed its 36th year and began its 37th year glorifying His name. We call Him Jesus. What a beautiful name!

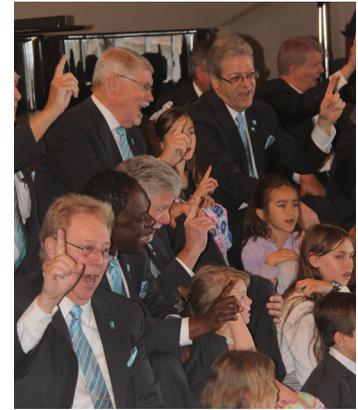


Soloist second tenor Russ Nelson at Galt SDA Church singing "Jesus Loves Me."



The Bay Area Men's Chorus, Christian Edition, Heralds of Hope, His Voice, and the William Chunestudy Men's Chorus joined together for the Loma Linda Men's Chorus Festival in February.

Children sing "This Little Light of Mine" medley with the men of Christian Edition at the Redding SDA Church.



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In our lifetime we will have occasions where we may get lost or confused, but scripture tells us to keep our eyes on HIM.

Matthew 14:30 says, "But when [Peter] saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord save me!'" (NIV) When you focus on the wind and the waves - your

circumstances - you're going to sink, just like Peter. Jesus assures us that just like He overcame the world, so too, can we overcome the world (John 16:33).

It is the prayer of all of us in the Christian Edition family that you have a personal GPS system that is tuned in to your Savior, Jesus Christ.

Member Musings: It's My Opinion, What's Yours?

by Henry Murray, First Tenor



Member Musings is a forum for CE members to share their thoughts with you. This issue's musings were written by Henry Murray, CE first tenor and Real Estate Broker.

Hello, is anyone there? Can you hear me? If you are, will you speak up a bit? I can't hear you! If you were to ask most people what they think about prayer, their answer might be, "I believe in prayer, but somehow it works only for a few people, but definitely not for me."

"Even if I pray," some will say, "I don't get an answer back, at least, not the one I want to hear."

It seems like they don't believe God hears their prayers, or He isn't speaking loud enough, even if He really answers them. Oftentimes, people feel their prayers don't even go beyond the ceiling of the room they are in.

How confusing and frustrating this must

feel when you are in a situation where you know the kind of help you need, but only God can provide. The sense of utter helplessness becomes extremely overwhelming with nowhere to turn and no one to turn to. So, what is there to do now? Do I attempt praying or seek help to pray? This is when I remember stories from the Bible and gain the courage to call on Jesus.

The Roman Centurion whose servant was paralyzed at home is one of those stories. He called on Jesus asking Him if He would give the command for his servant to be healed. Jesus, surprised at the statement from the centurion, remarked that this man had great faith in believing Jesus could just say the word and his servant would be healed. Because of His faith, Jesus declared the servant was healed (Matthew 8:5-13).

Then there was the leper who came to

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Jesus and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus put his hand out to him and said, "I am willing, be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was gone (Matthew 8:3).

Don't forget the lady with the issue of blood who, after 12 years of spending her life's earnings on doctors, attempted to resolve her misery of constant bleeding. She did not want to disturb Jesus but believed if she just touched the hem of his garment, she would be healed. So she did—but, oops, her attempted private and crafty act did not go unnoticed. Jesus immediately turned and made her act quite public by asking, "Who touched me?"

She spoke up and admitted she touched Jesus; in turn, He told her to be

of good cheer, as in be happy, "your faith has made you well." The Bible says she was made well in that same hour (Matthew 9:20-22).

The Bible has many such stories of Jesus healing the sick of all kinds of ailments and invites us to come to Jesus with our requests to be healed, and he will answer them. Jesus said in John 14:13-14, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." With a promise like this from Jesus Himself, I ask you this: who is the best person for you to be talking to about healing? In another set of verses found in Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus said if we ask, seek, and knock, the response will be a positive one. Please read it for yourself.

Here is where I believe Christian Edition can help make a difference. Yes, up front to the public we demonstrate our music ministry, but behind the scenes we practice another phase of ministry, our prayer ministry. You see, we've learned to

always take our burdens, and your burdens as well, to the Lord in prayer. We believe that when we pray, there are no boundaries to prevent our prayers from reaching the ears of our Lord and Savior. We believe in His words when He says, "If you call upon Me, I will answer." So we never hesitate to take our burdens to the Lord in prayer.

We have had so many answers to prayers that we know for sure our Redeemer lives and hears us when we pray. For example, recently it seemed like all at once several of our members were diagnosed with a particularly terrible life-threatening disease. The group and their various prayer partners presented these and other cases to the Lord in earnest. Today, we are happy to say, everyone has been declared either free of the deadly disease, or no longer in the danger zone. Hallelujah, what a God we serve!

We can attest to the fact that prayers get answered regularly. Jesus said that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, we can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). Christian Edition invites everyone to exercise some faith, even if it is only as much as a mustard seed. "Well, okay then, that's really small," as you may say, "I am not trying to move a mountain, I just want this or that to happen." Just start praying, even if you feel a little doubtful, afraid, hesitant or, just can't think of how to pray or what to say.

Let us pray for you, or even with you. Send us your prayer requests either by mail, email, or a visit to our website at www.christianedition.com. Place your requests and we will lift you up to our Savior. Your requests will be presented in earnest by our prayer warriors as we wait for answers from the One who invited us to pray always. We also invite you to stay in touch with us as we remain your partners in prayer, joining friendships as brothers and sisters in Christ. It's my opinion that God will always hear us and answer all our prayers. What's yours? Are you a believer? We want to hear from you.



Performing at the Fox Theatre Hanford - one of three Fox theatres on the California tour.

Meet the New Member: Walt Nelson

by Walt Nelson,
Bass



Pastor Walter Nelson is a retired Seventh-day Adventist Pastor. He began his ministry at the Alhambra SDA Church then went on to pastor the Los Angeles Central and Newbury Park churches. For the past 32 years he has pastored churches in Hawaii. During that time, he held evangelistic meetings in Majuro in the Marshall Islands; in Astana, the capitol city of Kazakhstan; and in Valencia, Venezuela. He and his wife, Dee Dee, have three grown sons and five grandchildren. Pastor Nelson enjoys bicycling, motorcycling, and anything that flies, but he is passionate about spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are five reasons I chose to be a part of Christian Edition:

1. CE's engagements are worship services - not mere performances.

I've sensed this from the very first time I heard them sing. Just watching the faces of the singers, many of which were stained with tears, relating to the message of the songs they were singing told me that for them, it was much more than a mere act or simply a performance.



Second Tenor Dick Sample and Baritone Chris Sheridan perform a duet in "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" at the Eagle Rock SDA Church.

2. The Giftedness of the Director.

Calvin is a true Minister of Music. He sees each piece of music as a "sermonette" to the audience as well as to his own soul communicating to each the unfathomable love of God. He feels the spiritual essence of the song and has the uncanny ability to communicate that to the group and through them to the audience.

3. The Camaraderie of CE members.

Whether the singers or the support staff, you'll never find a more caring, supportive, or just plain fun group to be with. My brother, second tenor Russ Nelson, joined Christian Edition some 17 years ago, and I thought it would be fun to travel and sing in a group with my brother, who just happens to be my best friend. The unexpected bonus was in discovering that in CE I have the joy of singing with not just one, but a bunch of brothers!

4. The Mission of CE. The mission of Christian Edition is to go by faith wherever God opens the doors and to trust in the power of prayer to touch and bless the lives of each one who expresses a belief in that power.

5. The Music. Finally, I just really like the music they sing and the way they sing it. That's it—plain and simple!

From my youth I have longed to be a part of a group like CE but throughout my forty plus years of pastoral ministry, I was never in a place or position to do so. Now having been accepted to join in the ministry of CE, I can only say in the words of my Dad, "All this and Heaven too—surely I am blessed!"

Calendar

ALL LISTED CHRISTIAN EDITION REHEARSALS ARE OPEN TO OUR FRIENDS AND ARE HELD AT SAN GABRIEL ACADEMY ELEMENTARY LOCATED AT 5550 MUSCATEL AVENUE IN SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA.

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JUNE 2018

29 Friday 6:30 P.M. Concert
Sandpoint SDA Church
 2235 Pine Street
 Sandpoint, ID 83864
 (208) 263-3648

30 Saturday 10:45 A.M. Concert
Coeur d'Alene SDA Church
 111 E. Locust Avenue
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
 (208) 664-5473

30 Saturday 6:30 P.M. Concert
Spokane Valley SDA Church
 1601 S. Sullivan Road
 Spokane Valley, WA 99037
 (509) 926-5866

JULY 2018

1 Sunday 10:00 A.M. Concert
Spangle Community Church
 305 E. 2nd Street
 Spangle, WA 99031
 (509) 701-4532

20 Friday 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal

21 Saturday 10:00 A.M. Concert
Immanuel Baptist Church (all day)
 28355 Base Line Street
 Highland, CA 92346
 (909) 425-1777

AUGUST 2018

17 Friday 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal

18 Saturday 9:00 A.M. Concert
Calimesa SDA Campmeeting (all day)
 391 Myrtlewood Drive
 Calimesa, CA 92320
 (909) 795-9741

SEPTEMBER 2018

21 Friday 6:30 P.M. Concert
Azure Hills SDA Campmeeting
 22633 Barton Road
 Grand Terrace, CA 92313
 (909) 825-8611

22 Saturday 8:00 A.M. Concert
Azure Hills SDA Campmeeting (all day)
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