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Joshua Martin

Karl Haffner, senior pastor of Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ohio, speaks at the Fall Week of Prayer at Andrews University. "My long-term goal was to give students tools to re-energize, renew or start something big in their lives — a personal walk with Christ that takes them well into the future."

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"I loved Morris Venden when I was a kid, and that admiration just increased as I grew into adulthood," says Karl Haffner, senior pastor at Kettering Adventist Church in Ohio.

This fall, Haffner presented a special week of prayer at Andrews University, repackaging a week of prayer series Venden presented on the same campus in 1975.

"I have a recording of that 1975 Week of Prayer series, and I can't stop listening," he says. "For three years, I've been working on a book that gives those sermons a new voice — old theology for a new generation."

The series theme is "righteousness by faith through a personal relationship with Jesus."

While preparing his sermons, Haffner asked on Facebook if anyone had been present at Venden's series in 1975. He was flooded with responses, some saying it was the most spiritually

defining, life-transforming experience of their lives.

"That was 40 years ago," notes Haffner. "This series was very impactful that long ago, and I felt that if we could have even a small portion of that conviction and revival again, I'd praise the Lord for that."

When asked how he felt it went, Haffner says, thoughtfully, that he can't be sure.

"It wasn't Pastor Venden that sparked the revival in 1975, it was the Spirit of God," he says. "I've given it all to God, and it was his week, not mine. I did the best I knew how, and the rest is up to him."

Venden is known to have said that the week he preached was not a week of prayer, but that he simply was giving his listeners tools for the next week to be a week of prayer, and the week after that, and the week after that.

"Forty years later, people still testify that they are reaping the benefits," says Haffner. He quotes Venden again: "I don't want a week of prayer; I want a lifetime of prayer until Jesus comes."

Haffner shares Venden's goal of encouraging people in a daily walk with the Lord. He says, "My long-term goal was to give students tools to re-energize, renew or start something big in their lives — a personal walk with Christ that takes them well into the future."

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Brian Taggart

Andrews University students place response cards on the front steps of Pioneer Memorial Church after an appeal at Week of Prayer.

Department of Engineering & Computer Science awarded ABET accreditation

Following the ABET Accreditation Focused Visit by the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) which took place in October 2013, we are pleased that the Andrews University Computing Program has been "ABET accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission."

After the successful general review visit by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) in fall 2013, the faculty and staff of the Engineering Program are ecstatic that we continue to be "ABET accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET."

"We work hard to provide a high caliber program for a quality education for all of our students, and a positive professional working environment for our faculty," says George Agoki, chair of the Department of Engineering & Computer Science, "and we are thrilled that this environment continues to include ABET accreditation."

The Computing Program is offered in the Department of Engineering & Computer Science and leads to the Computing (Bachelor of Science) degree. There are two emphases available: Computer Science and Software Systems. The Engineering Program is offered in the Department of Engineering & Computer Science and leads to the Engineering (Bachelor of Science) degree. There are two emphases available: Mechanical Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering.

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