



Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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New Speaker/Director



Photo by Paul Kelly

The board of 3ADM proudly announced that Paul Kelly, who is an ordained minister, has accepted the call to be the new Speaker/Director of Three Angels Deaf Ministries.

In 1983 Paul Kelly graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a B.A. in Religion, and he was called to work for the Washington Conference of SDA Church as a

part-time pastor for the Deaf in 1984. He pastored to the Deaf group at the Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in

Seattle, Washington. Paul pastored there until he was called to work by the New York Conference as a full-time pastor for the Deaf in Rochester, New York, in 1991. Unfortunately, after two years of his ministerial work his pastoral status changed to part-time due to the lack of funding from the General Conference's Global Mission. And the local conference couldn't afford to keep him on the job, but with the stipends from the North American Division and the local church he continued at this capacity until the funding from NAD, ended forcing him to change his career to education. Paul received a MS in Deaf Education from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and has taught at the Rochester School for the Deaf since then. Tina was a teacher's

assistant for the elementary Deaf students at the same school at the same time.

Paul and Tina have three adult children, Rachel (Deaf) who lives in Ontario, Canada; Rosella Lapierre (Hard-of-Hearing) in Cave Junction, Oregon; and Josiah (Deaf) in Salem, Virginia.

Paul and Tina will move to Maryland from their Rochester home of thirty years. Paul will begin his job on October 1, 2021, and he will work with David Trexler, the outgoing Director, for six months to learn the operation of the ministry.

May heavenly Father bless Paul and Tina Kelly as they enter in their new chapter of life as they will minister to the Deaf all over the North America.

Bruce Buzzell

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The Speaker Says

Life Here Is Full of Changes

In this world we experience changes: different seasons, birth, death, moving to another location, sickness, growing up, going to and graduating from school, job, day, night, cold, warm, hot, weather changes, friends, relationships, empty nest, retirement, leadership, pastor, church members, new painting of your rooms, new furniture, etc. Some changes are good and refreshing, but most of the changes are not good and painful. We cannot stop the changes in our lives. You know that some bad changes are permanent; for example, losing someone's arms or legs.

Some of good things about changes in our lives: moving into a new home that is refreshing from the old place. A birth of the child is a wonderful change in couples' life. Spring flowers and birds that sing are pleasant for us to see, hear, and feel, and smell. About the sad and bad things is like death, illness, separation of friends and family members due to moving to another place or death. For some people retirement can be sad or happy. The loss of some members of the church for some reasons and so forth—too many to mention about changes.

In this old world we have to live with changes in our life whether it be good or bad. Sometimes we experience more bad changes than good ones. But some bad changes can be good ones. "Good things come out of bad things." Sometimes bad changes can be good for us. What we see now is bad but later we might see good things out of it. God cares for us even when we go through bad things. Jesus has promised us that He will never leave us alone. "And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20, MEV). Jesus in His pre-incarnation time said, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10, MEV).

Jesus wants us to hold onto Him all the time in difficult times. He has a place for all of us who love Him and everyone. "Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going" (John 14:1-4).

I would like to share with you about the everlasting positive changes in the future. No more bad changes in this future world. Here is a chapter from one of Ellen G. White's devotionals—"Faith I Live By."

A New Heaven and a New Earth

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [1 Corinthians 2:9](#)."

"The glory of the eternal world has been opened before me. I want to tell you that heaven is worth winning. *It should be the aim of your life to fit yourself for association with the redeemed, with holy angels, and with Jesus, the world's Redeemer.* If we could have seen the heavenly city, we would never wish to live on earth again. There are beautiful landscapes on earth, and I enjoy all these expectations of loveliness in nature. I associate them with the Creator. But I know that if I love God, and keep His commandments, there is a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory reserved in heaven for me.

There, when the veil that darkens our vision shall be removed, and our eyes shall see that world of beauty of which we now catch glimpses through the microscope; when we look on the glories of the heavens, now scanned afar through the telescope; when, the disease of sin removed, the whole earth shall appear in 'the beauty of the Lord our God,' what a field will be open to our study! There the student of science may read the records of creation and discern no reminders of the law of evil. He may listen to the music of nature's voices and notice no sound of wailing or low voice of sorrow. In all created things he may trace one handwriting—in the vast universe behold 'God's name writ large,' and not in earth or sea or sky one sign of ill remaining.

Let your imagination picture the home of the saved, and remember that it will be more glorious than your brightest imagination can show. In the different gifts of God in nature we see the little gleaming of His glory.

Human language is not enough to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No person can understand the glory of the Paradise of God" (Faith I Live By, p. 364, adapted with emphasis in italics).

In Memory of Shirley Tiffany Feigner

Shirley Laura Feigner was born on February 6, 1935, and passed away trusting in her Lord and the promise of the resurrection on March 7, 2021 at the age of 86.

Shirley was born in Spokane, Washington, to Ralph and Pearl Tiffany, and passed her early years in that area. At the age of 15 months she suffered whooping cough followed by measles and nearly died. This caused her to lose her hearing. At the age of 4, she started attending a school for the Deaf in Spokane where she began to learn to vocalize and communicate. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist church as an earliteen and then attended church school for several years.

A little later when her mother started caring for the



Don and Shirley Feigner

elderly in her home, Shirley was a big help to her. She did this for a number of years. Later Shirley moved to College Place, Washington, and shortly afterwards to Portland, Oregon. There she made many friends in the Deaf community and regularly attended the Seventh-day Adventist church. In that community she met and married Don Feigner in 1966. They had no children together. He passed away in 2011, and she lived on her own at Columbia Terrace Retirement community until just a few weeks ago when she passed away, after a stroke, at Marquis Care Mt. Tabor in Portland, Oregon.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Rose Marie Tiffany, and many nieces and nephews.

Jim and Lucia Tiffany

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Psalm 23



Don and Shirley Feigner, circa 1954

Editor's Note: Excerpts from Pastor George Belser's sermonette delivered during the memorial service for Shirley Tiffany Feigner on Sunday, March 14, 2021, at the Tabernacle S.D.A. Church in Portland, Oregon:

We are gathered together to pay our respects to our beloved sister in Christ, Shirley Tiffany Feigner, who has passed on to her rest with the Lord on March 7, 2021. She came from the Adventist background and was among the first to greet my wife and myself as we decided to visit the church when we were in the process of becoming members some fifty years ago. She also was very independently minded but also fiercely faithful to God. Comes sunshine, rain, snow, hail, or a storm of any kind, we would find Shirley being loyal to God by attending church every Sabbath without fail! Thus, being here, we ponder over the meaning of life as applied to all humans. Naturally, Psalm 23 comes to mind and holds appropriate meaning for us who are still alive. The psalm contains three levels as follows:

Level One (verses 1 to 3) shows God's desire for those of us who are still alive. Verse 1

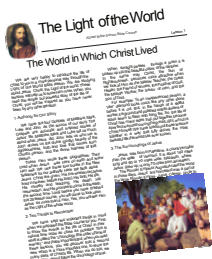
pictures the Lord as the loving Shepherd who cares for His people very much and keeps them filled with their physical and spiritual needs.

Level Two (verse 4) tells of the Lord's promise to care for us who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death and are approaching the end of life, but we are comforted by God's rod and staff. Verses 13 and 14 in the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians point out that Christ's resurrection gives irrefutable proof of our future resurrection, which provides the reason for our faith and trust in God's care. Apostle Paul also mocks at death when he exclaims, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).

Level 3 (verses 5-6) shows David picturing himself as a guest of God's kingdom, which suggests the idea that God promises a beautiful home for His people after His return to earth to take His people home to heaven. God also gives us two more promises in John 14:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

In conclusion, there is a story about a boy and his father who live near a lake in a very cold part of the country in wintertime. The father cautions his son to always carry a long, wooden pole while walking across the lake when it is frozen solid. Why? If the ice breaks down and the boy falls into the water without the pole, he would not be able to climb onto the ice because his water-logged body would be too heavy for him to climb out of the hole, and he would eventually drown; but with the pole if he held on to it, the boy's weight would spread out into a larger area without breaking the ice, and he could climb out of the hole and crawl to safety. Like the boy with the wooden pole, Shirley Feigner's faith would have a strong grip on the pole; and some day we, with Shirley included, will all meet at the Tree of Life in heaven. See Revelation 21:1-4 and 1 Timothy 4:7-8a. With this hope in our hearts and our complete trust in God, we commit our beloved sister in Christ to His loving care, knowing full well that He will watch and protect her guardedly until the aforementioned promises become fulfilled. Amen!

George Belser



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