The First SDA Church of Newark

Education Ministry Newsletter

Quarters 2 & 3: April - September 2026



From the Editor

Christ's Greetings!
A Cordial Hello from Our Education Ministry

We're delighted to share highlights from quarters 2 & 3 with you.
We pray that you will continue to pray for, and support the ministry as we seek to prepare scholars for eternity. May God continue to bless you



Pastor's Page



Pastor Mario Thorp

Daniel, The Leader

Daniel's Character Reveals God's Glory.
We live in a day and age when integrity seems to be little cherished. Someone who highly values integrity or uprightness is often viewed as a prude, religious zealot, spiritual elitist, or puritanical – and none of those are meant as a positive quality.
It is those same qualities of integrity and uprightness that are so lacking in the world and so cherished by believers. This is no different than during Daniel's time. Many people did not appreciate Daniel's character and integrity.

Key Points

- Daniel had an excellent spirit.
- Daniel was faithful, blameless, and consistent.

Key Texts

- Daniel 6: 3
- Daniel. 6:4
- Ephesians 1: 4
- Ephesians. 5: 27
- Philippians 1: 9–11
- Philippians 2: 14–15
- Daniel 6: 16-20

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTERS 2 & 3

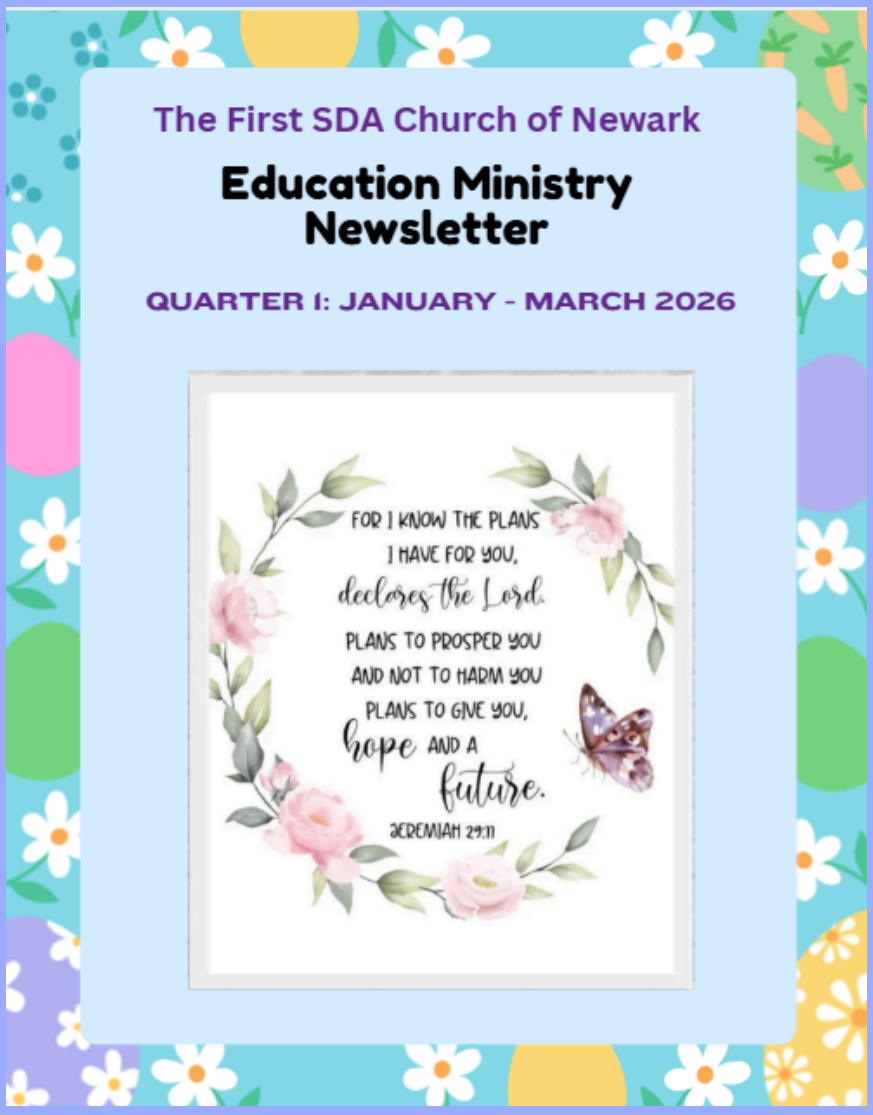
EDUCATION EMPHASIS DAY – APRIL 18, 2026



Our scholars were recognized for outstanding achievements in areas of academics, sports, community engagement, clubs, publishing etc.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTERS 2 & 3

LAUNCH OF THE MINISTRY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 18, 2026



With the approval of the church board, the very first issue of the ministry's quarterly newsletter was launched. The main purpose of the newsletter is to keep the church informed of the activities and events of the ministry.

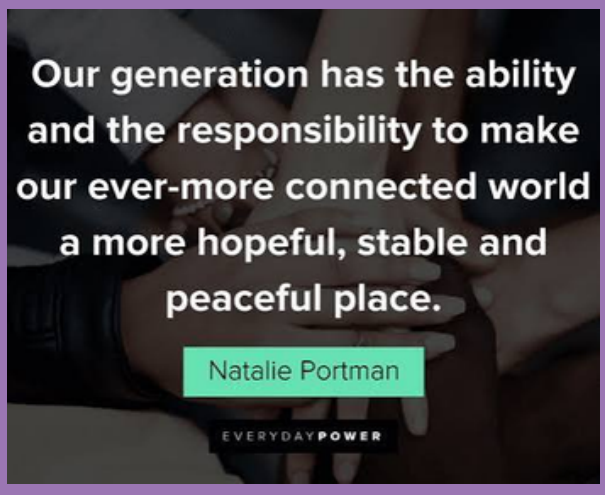
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BACKPACK DONATIONS FROM NEWARK TECH - JUNE 2, 2026



The Newark Tech ESL Department , with the help of The Allstate Foundation and “Donors Choose”, donated 60 backpacks to our Education Ministry. This was an extension of the students’ compassion project which was aimed at helping youth to serve their communities. The backpacks were distributed at our church’s Annual Community Health Fair on Aug 30, 2026





HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTERS 2 & 3

GRADUATES' CONSECRATION SERVICE – JUNE 27, 2026





HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTERS 2 & 3

FUNDRAISING TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE
JULY 21, 2026









To see the story of Joshua come to life at the Sight & Sound Theatre was a moving and inspiring experience. It reminds us that God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and that Faith - even as small as a mustard seed - can move mountains.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTERS 2 & 3

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)
JULY 20 – 24, 2026













The 1st SDA Church of Newark hosted a week of Vacation Bible School for children of Newark and neighboring communities. Children learned about God under the theme "Cactusville:Where Kids are Called to Follow Jesus."

POINTS OF PRIDE

Princess Williams



Completed Nurses' Assistant Program

Sis Princess successfully completed the 90 hour requirement for the Certified Nurses' Assistant Program. It was a dream she was inspired to pursue, and now she is thankful for God's faithfulness.

Kayla Scott



Successully Passed the NCLEX exam

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) is a standardized test that nursing graduates must pass to obtain a professional nursing license in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Congrats Kayla!

POINTS OF PRIDE

David Alabi Jr.



Honor Roll & Principal's Award

David made the Honor Roll in Marking Period 2 and Principal's list in Marking Period 3, at the Lake Nelson Adventist Academy

Mason George



High Academic Achievement

Mason got high honor roll in the final quarter of 8th grade. He was accepted into three high schools, but chose Donald Payne Tech which is one of the best technical/vocational high school in Essex County.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Melinda Alcindor



NJSLA APEX Award

The Township of Union Public Schools recognized Melinda for achieving advanced proficiency on the NJSLA test from the 2025-2026 school year.

Gabriella Alabi



Americanism Award & Softball Award

Gabriella was awarded for excellence in promoting Americanism & Patriotic Principles, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. She also received a certificate for softball at Somerset County Vo. Tech.

PARENT CORNER

Family Connects NJ

Family Connects NJ is an exciting new initiative that will allow the parents or caregivers of a newborn child to receive an in-home nurse visit within the first two weeks after the child's birth. The trained nurse will be able to check-up on the health of mom and baby, screen for potential postnatal health complications, answer questions about welcoming a newborn, connect the family to resources within their community and address any unexpected changes the family may be experiencing.

https://www.familyconnectsnj.org/county-select?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=24082197021&gbraid=0AAAABBQiIlOgz106NSRHr0knV1jjo0iD9&gclid=CjwKCAjwrP3VBhBbEiwAnaqpQzfKQNBJdkKJ3c5OHOyFVXyUgq0s5UUTk8lkElBfhpEq8PJP8O4_GBoCcAoQAvD_BwE

Grammar Watch

Confusing words - team, theme

Team - A group of people playing or working together. **Example:** The Haitian soccer team made the 2026 World Cup playoffs.

Theme - The central topic, subject, or message of a discourse, artistic work, or event. **Example:** The theme for today's program is "Higher Ground"

Importance of Vitamin D

- Vitamin D helps regulate serotonin activity in the brain. Serotonin influences mood, sleep, and appetite.
- Low vitamin D correlates with lower serotonin and higher risk of depression.
- Your body produces over 90% of its vitamin D when your skin is exposed to UVB sunlight.
- Shorter daylight hours, cold weather, and indoor lifestyles during fall and winter lead to reduced natural vitamin D synthesis.

Upcoming Events

- October 31, 2026 - designated for Adventist Education in NJ.
- More emphasis on supporting students attending our Adventist schools.
- Black History Month events. (more details to come.)



Books to Study

- Mark chapters 1-16
- 1 Peter, 2 Peter
- 1 John, 2 John, 3 John

- **PBE Coaches-** are needed to help our scholars prepare for the upcoming Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE).

Online Giving

Continue to support the ministry by donating. Scan the QR code below.

UNTIL NEXT QUARTER.
BE BLESSED!