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Thirty years ago, we started the Center for Creative Ministry. We called it Adventist Baby Boomer Awareness then because the majority of my generation was like me; we were young adults. Of course, we didn't have a website then because the internet was in its infancy, but we've had one for decades now.

You may have noticed that our Center website is down at the moment. Please accept our apologies. We had been working on it when our service provider took this opportunity to discontinue support to the software version we were using. So we have a splash page up at www.creativeministry.org, and are providing updates on Facebook regularly. We continue to email Contemporary Comments, and our phone is still available to you: 800.272.4664. Thank you for hanging in there with us. Our new website will be so much easier to view on your mobile phone, and we are simplifying what we offer so you can navigate around it more easily. Thank you for your patience, and come back to our website in the New Year. We think you'll like the improvements!

Happy New Year,

Paul Richardson
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"Jesus' Messages to the Seven Churches"

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Texts: Revelation 2:8-11, Revelation 2:12-17, Revelation 2:18-29, Revelation 3:1-6, Revelation 3:7-13, Revelation 3:14-22, Isaiah 61:10

The letter was discovered in a sick bag on an airplane a few weeks ago. It was a love letter written by someone named "Andrea." She confessed that she was bored and then opens her heart to explain that she was a 21-year-old student from Miami on her way to D.C. It gets better.

Andrea said she bought the ticket last night at 4 am because she has a

crush on her best friend. "He's flying from Boston to New Orleans and has a layover in D.C. I actually live in D.C. and was gonna go up soon anyway so I thought why not, I'll surprise him at the airport during his layover."

Now, the kicker. Andrea plans to declare her love for him. "I'm gonna tell him I have a crush on him. Bold move, right?" Like all love stories, this one ends with a twist. "I'm going to Australia for a semester abroad in four days and I won't see him for five months so it's really the last chance I have."

This week's Sabbath school lesson focuses on Jesus' love letters to seven churches in Asia Minor. Each letter begins with a unique description of Christ adapted to the needs of each church. Each letter gives an appraisal of the church, counsel to each church, and then a call to listen to the message with promises to those who overcome sin.

One of the strongest rebukes was sent to the church of Laodicea whose works are so "lukewarm" that Christ is about to "vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). The frank appraisal does not come out of anger, but from a heart desperately in love with a people who are about to be lost. You can feel the anguish in Jesus' plea for "as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten" (v. 19).

Christ's love letter to us, sent through the apostle John, was a "last chance" for many to hear Him declare His love for each of us. Jesus has more than a crush on you. His love is so deep and strong that He took a flight to this earth to communicate directly with us.

The letter to the church of Laodicea could have been written on an airline sick bag. Maybe that would have helped to give it more "likes" on social media. Why not take a moment to read it now?

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[1] <https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/love-letter-sick-bag-flight-plane-viral-reddit-andrea-a8717191.html>

About Us

Since 1988, the Center for Creative Ministry has been serving local church leaders and individuals around the world. Formerly known as the publishers of ABBA Newsletter and the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center, we have now broadened our generational/ministry focus to include our children. The Center for Creative Ministry took on its new name on June 1, 1996.

The Center for Creative Ministry, formerly Baby Boomer Ministries, is a privately funded and managed para-church ministry fully recognized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. We are dedicated to supporting the local church in outreach and nurture ministries by providing resources, information, training, and consulting.

