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*Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of
living water will flow from within him.*

JOHN 7:38 (NIV)

“Tiny Jewels” by Nancy Ley of Sequim, Wash.

Stewardship:

It's All About Time

The basic equation of stewardship is TIME + TALENT = LIFE. These two elements are essential to life. Money is merely a convenient medium for storing and transporting time and talent. So giving a monetary gift is symbolic of giving a portion of our life — certainly a worthy act of worship and devotion.

Time is the equal opportunity ingredient in stewardship. Every person receives equal time. I realize we do not all live the same length of time, but while we are alive we each have exactly the same amount of time. We all have 60 seconds in every minute, 60 minutes in every hour and 24 hours in every day.

Because time is life, God considers it of the greatest importance. “Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time,” (*Christ Object Lessons*, Ellen White, 342).

Where do you and I waste our time? Do I waste time on television? Commuting or travel time? Sleeping too much? Not getting enough sleep? Not enough exercise? Lack of planned priorities? Doing easy but unimportant tasks? Meetings? Saying “yes” too often? Saying “no” too often? Over socializing? Lack of organization? Looking for lost items? Being overly neat? Perfectionism? Failing to delegate? Worrying? Avoiding decision making? Have you had at least a toe or two stepped on?

In the lives of busy people no question is asked more frequently than, “Where has the time gone?” It is not really the right question. Time does not leave and go somewhere. We are really asking, “How could I have planned so poorly and have left so much to be done in so little time?” We too often say, “I don’t

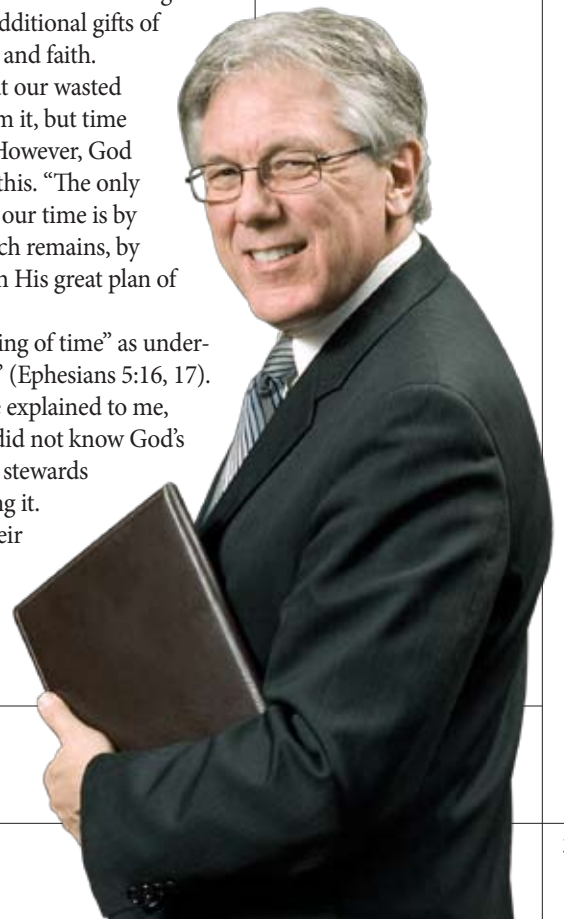
have the time,” instead of admitting we don’t think it of sufficient priority to take the time. We always have time for the things that are important enough to us.

Since God created the world and everything in it, our time belongs to Him. With our means He requires one tenth as an acknowledgment of God’s Ownership. With our time He requires one seventh (the Sabbath) as a test of our obedience to God’s law. Beyond the tenth of our income He encourages us to give freewill offerings as a demonstration of our love and faith. Beyond the seventh of our time He gives us the opportunity to make additional gifts of time to demonstrate our love and faith.

It is easy to feel guilty about our wasted time. Gladly would we redeem it, but time once passed is gone forever. However, God has made provision even for this. “The only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that, which remains, by being co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption.”

Paul explains this “redeeming of time” as understanding the will of the Lord,” (Ephesians 5:16, 17). As my mentor Mel Rees once explained to me, “This means that those who did not know God’s will can now become faithful stewards by knowing His will and doing it. They would be forgiven of their past laxness and judged by their faithfulness from the point of this recognition.”

“We always have time for the things that are important enough to us.”



MAX TORKELSEN II
NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

NPUC 2010 General Conference Session Delegates

The following 21 individuals have been elected as voting delegates to represent the North Pacific Union at this summer's General Conference session in Atlanta, Georgia:

- Kami Borg, WA Conference lay member
- Bonnie Bowman, ID Conference teacher
- Ken Crawford, AK Conference president
- Colin Dunbar, UC Conference pastor
- Ruth Farnsworth, AK Conference lay member
- Robert Folkenberg Jr., UC Conference president
- Judy Fowler,* MT Conference lay member
- John Freedman, WA Conference president
- Ervin Furne, ID Conference pastor
- Kathy Hernandez, OR Conference lay member
- John Loor Jr., MT Conference president
- Stephen McPherson, ID Conference president
- Gary Parks, OR Conference pastor
- Bryce Pascoe, NPUC executive secretary
- Al Reimche, OR Conference president
- Mark Remboldt, NPUC treasurer
- Bill Roberts, WA Conference pastor
- Alvaro Sauza, MT Conference pastor
- Conrad Thomas, UC Conference lay member
- Max Torkelsen II,* NPUC president
- Andre Wang, OR Conference lay member

While other individuals may attend the session from the Northwest, the above elected delegates are the only ones with voting privileges.

* Also a member of the General Conference nominating committee.

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Teresa and Carl Wilkens (center on recumbent bicycles) share their Peddle to Peace experience with Wenatchee (Wash.) High School students.

Wilkens Peddle to Peace

Carl and Teresa Wilkens left their positions at Milo Adventist Academy in January 2008 to respond to increasing demands across the country for presentations stemming from his experiences in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. In September they began Peddling to Peace, planning to bicycle to schools across the country to raise awareness of their passion for peaceful solutions to worldwide conflicts. Read their updated blogs, see photos and watch videos of their journey at their Web site: worldoutsidemyshoes.org.

Missions Matter Even in Tight Economic Times

While NPUC membership shows decade-high growth, 2009 tithe figures reflect current economic realities for many Adventists. Totals for 2009 dipped nearly 2 percent compared with 2008 figures. Adventists are not alone — Protestant churches are on average experiencing a 7 percent drop in their budgets, according to a recent Barna Group survey.

Max Torkelsen, NPUC president, issued this statement: "We are thankful for the generosity of our church members in the Northwest, who in spite of economic challenges, contributed more than \$83 million dollars of tithe to the Lord's work last year. But we are seriously re-evaluating every program and function to be efficient and mission focused. Along with local conference leadership teams we are prayerfully adjusting 2010 budgets to reflect tithe trends while maintaining conference subsidies and evangelism funding at current or greater levels. Our God-given mission, and the centerpiece of our recovery strategy, is to grow. As Dan Serns, NPUC Ministerial director, aptly puts it, "We should see how MANY can be saved even more than how MUCH can be saved." NPUC trends in the past several years seem to bear this philosophy out. The 2009 membership accessions of 2,941 are the highest in more than a decade.

Operationreconnect.org

Here's a new Web site launched earlier this year by Mike Jones to offer resources for individuals and churches wanting to reach inactive and former members.

An author, former pastor, and editor of *Insight*, Jones speaks and writes not only about reconnecting with missing members, but also about how to make local churches more user friendly and welcoming to visitors.

Operationreconnect.org features helpful books, DVDs and plans to offer a continuing stream of ideas, perhaps even yours.

What Do They Really Hear? Beyond “Adventese”

Imagine this ... You're not a Christian, but have a sudden growing interest in spiritual matters, particularly Christianity.

On an airline flight you enjoy a conversation with a friendly Seventh-day Adventist. You're so impressed you



decide to visit an Adventist church you've seen near your home.

The following Saturday morning, you arrive early. You find a seat near the back of the sanctuary and begin reading through a bulletin you received. Here is what you find:

“The new NAD materials for VBS are available at the ABC or from the bookmobile at AAA tomorrow between 9 a.m. and noon.”

“On Sabbath, May 8, the GC president will deliver the sermon at the WWU alumni worship service (shown here via satellite).”

“Tonight's vespers service will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck supper. Please bring only a dessert or beverage. The Dorcas ladies will serve haystacks.”

“Next week's offering: ADRA.”

“This week's quote: ‘...God's purposes know no haste and no delay’ — DA 32.”

The opening hymn and

prayer sound sincere, but you wonder why they are both in Shakespearean English.

During the sermon, you occasionally find yourself side-tracked by such unexplained terms as “the three angels' messages,” “the spirit of prophecy,” and “justified, sanctified and glorified.”

Following the sermon, you expect to hear more Old English in the closing hymn but are baffled at the meaning of “Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come.”

Okay ... appraisal time — assume you did a good job of imagining yourself with little knowledge of Adventism or Christianity.

While staying in character, contemplate these questions: Did you sense some kind of “code language” exists among those “church people?” Did you leave feeling this group of people could relate to you ... or they were even trying to relate to you? Or did you leave feeling like these folks were a clique' in a world of their own?

Worldly institutions go out of their way to target, reach and communicate with people in understandable ways about their temporal products. How much more should Christians, entrusted with proclaiming eternal truths, strive to connect with people at the most fundamental levels?

A little self-evaluation is a healthy thing. We don't need to forsake hymns or abbreviations. But perhaps we should check ourselves to discover whether or not we are speaking “Adventese.” If so, it may be hindering the entrance of our proclamations into hearts hungering for the “food” God has to offer.

Jesus died to communicate His love, power and life-enhancing truth. The least we can do is to be sure the message is offered with clarity, with words and actions that reveal Him in with no barriers in between.

Michael Demma, Puyallup (Wash.) Church associate pastor

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I grew up reading sweet Uncle Arthur and his bedtime stories. In his *Children's Hour* world, children roller-skated in and out of 1930s and 40s neighborhoods whistling, playing jacks and thinking up niceties like the "Surprise Package Company." Mothers put on gloves to "go visiting." Fathers drove BIG, SHINY CARS. Neighborhood grocers put goodies in your bag for the walk home. Everyone was home by dinnertime and had a front porch to sit on and watch fireflies.

Later, in Journalism 101, I learned Arthur Stanley Maxwell was only employing a rudimentary technique shared in a long bookcase of formula-smiths. But more than semantics, Maxwell was drawing from what Tom Brokaw describes as "the Greatest Generation."

This generation survived the Great Depression, went through World War II, rebuilt their lives and set about raising baby-boomers. What they lacked in women's equality and racial understanding, they seemed to compensate for in stable two-parent homes. Their Judeo-Christian values unarguably founded much of America's modern libraries, museums, schools, churches and colleges

today. They built schools often giving up their farms to do so. They didn't do studies seeing if their projects would be popular, but in adversity asked if it was their duty, then rolled up their sleeves often rewarded with only blisters.

Maxwell's *Children's Hour* chapters reflect much of this generation's hard work, humility, integrity, obedience, honesty, duty and conscience. Under Maxwell's pen "Prideful Ned Cuts Off His Nose," "Gordon Does Good Deeds" and "Patsy's Potato Patch" shows all. The village rules were fair and duty filled: The jelly-filled doughnut, eaten without permission, receives the unmentionable punishment (time out wasn't in-

vented yet); cause equals effect; good wins; order out-wits chaos.

Have you noticed the village has gotten chaotic lately? Bad guys (negative-choice-makers) don't seem to get their proverbial "spankings." Hard work and loyalty are virtues — only IF they "feel good." Post-modernist parenting books show preoccupation today with creativity, performance, quality time, play dates, ballet, sports, achievement and feelings. Today's parent is more likely to ask "Can it entertain?" rather than "Can it train?"

A story today about the "Two Carolines" would likely be a promo for same-sex marriage. "Aunt Beas" front porch would be in foreclosure, and the two

boys not "washed for supper" are the two-tattooed teens munching pop tarts — wondering which divorced-parents' couch to "crash" on tonight. Dinnertime is likely only an advertisement. And the word "family" — mere jousting fodder for late-night comedians.

Parents and schools fight one another for whose duty it is to raise the child. Schools, once responsible for academics, now must serve meals, snacks, summer lunches, offer health and safety education, and more. Public schools who used to fight "bubble gum battles," now must declare "No Drug," "No Firearm" zones. Teachers lament whole classes of students growing up with no books in their homes. Sunday and Sabbath School teachers fight to train children to sit still for just 15 minutes. On a recent trip to an L.A. school, I found I had to be "locked in" just to see students in a "normal classroom." Recently even in rural America, I witnessed a four-year-old left to himself all day in a park. The cry

for adult intervention goes up around our country.

What would be absurd in Uncle Arthur's village doesn't just make a bad story — it makes a terrible village.

Tom Minnery, senior vice-president for Focus on the Family Action, agrees. "While no one can, or would want to, turn back the hands of time," he says, "the direction of our public policies and cultural trends continues to move further away from promoting stable families and sheltering vulnerable human life. The last 50 years have brought seismic social change to our communities, nation and world — so much so that the days of 'Father Knows Best' are a distant memory."¹

The "good old days" weren't "perfect old days." Our generation has learned to be more socially aware and to have more fun with its children. But what our grandparents' generation did well (and what we are not doing) is giving moral village-fabric, strong fences and good role models.

In her recent blog "Where have all the role models gone?" Sarah Hughes, secular writer, tells youth the answer is to seek out and emulate adults with substance. Hughes encourages youth to pick out different role models than the ones being offered in pop culture.²

As Christians, we MUST stand in the void. We must step up to this stewardship-plate. We might not bring back the whole front porch, but we must bring back at least some of its bricks.

We must reclaim our youth, as our greatest asset. Become a role model. After all, it's what Uncle Arthur would do.

By the way, where can we find gloves like the kind mother put on to "go visiting?" They might come in handy while putting back some of these bricks.

1 Tom Minnery, *Focus on the Family* magazine, © January 2006.

2 Sarah Hughes, "Where have all the role models gone?" *Femail Online*, July 13, 2009.

*Cindy R. Chamberlin,
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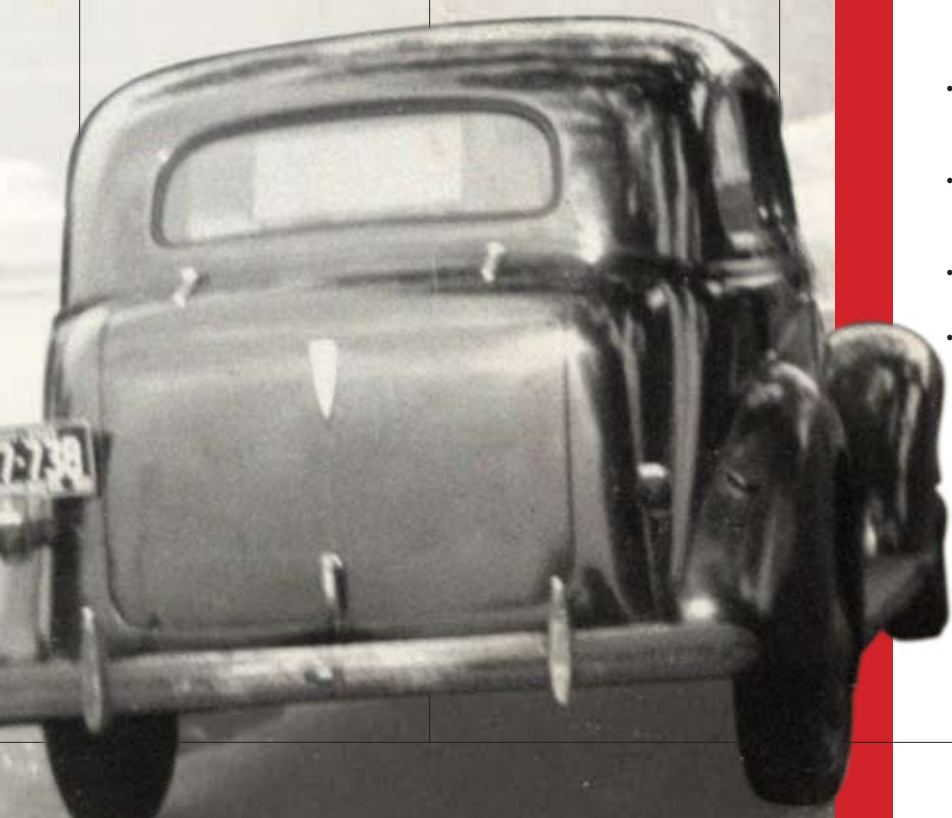
Re-thinking Stewardship With Our Children

Ellen White directed these words to fathers, but she could have included us all: "Spend as much time as possible with your children. Seek to become acquainted with their various dispositions, that you may know how to train them in harmony with the word of God." Children are of inestimable worth within God's Kingdom. Positive time with them is stewardship at its best.

Here are some simple ways you can invest time in the youth of your church or school:

- Refuse to give up any child. Our vow needs to be "Not One of Ours Gets 'Left Behind' — Without a Fight."
- "It doesn't 'Take a Village' but — a praying-fighting-warrior-village saying no child goes down on our watch!
- Shoot hoops with a teen.
- On your way through the take-out drive-through next time, take an "alien" teen with you. (You'll both learn a new language.)
- Make a minute (no has one, so make it) to tell the local principal you are praying for him. He'll be thankful.
- Fill a tummy. If you are brave, open the fridge to some teens. If you serve pizza — you'll have a crowd.
- Pray by name for each child in your church. (Pray twice for the ones with bad attitudes and maybe your attitude will change, too.)
- If you love something ... support it, massage it, prop it up — give it CPR.
- If a child trusts you — become worthy of him or her.
 - Be a good "gatekeeper." The world has enough lousy role-models. Be a good one.

* Ellen White, *The Adventist Home*, p. 222.



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La Mejor Manera de Crecer su Iglesia

¿Cuál es la mejor manera de hacer crecer su iglesia? ¿Es la evangelización? Impacto a la Comunidad? ¿Testimonio personal? Programas de Salud o Profecía? Si bien todas estas cosas son importantes y esenciales, una de las mejores maneras de hacer crecer una iglesia es a través de plantar nuevas iglesias. Los Ministerios Hispánicos y las iglesias Hispánicas de la Conferencia de Oregón han adoptado este concepto. En los últimos tres años, siete nuevas congregaciones han surgido, con 12 más programadas para los próximos cinco años.

Las nuevas iglesias son diferentes en estilo y tamaño. Beaverton se inició en el primer día con 150 personas en asistencia, mientras que



RED significa: redimiendo, entrenando, discipulando.



Los hermanos aprenden a compartir su fe.

Newberg hizo lo mismo con 25. Gresham fue organizada con más de 100 personas presentes. Algunos empezaron con un liderazgo pastoral ya existentes, algunas como Keizer fue un sueño de un hermano, con el apoyo pastoral. Algunos están en las grandes ciudades como Milwaukie, algunos se encuentran en pequeñas comunidades como Independence.

En los últimos 10 años, la membresía Hispana ha crecido enormemente. En el año 2000, había 10 iglesias hispanas, y 157 bautismos en un año. En 2009, sólo diez años después, hay 25 congregaciones /grupos y 566 bautismos. De Kelso-Longview, que ha pasado de 15 a más de 50 en un año y medio, a Canby y Monitor que sólo

se organizaron hace menos de dos años, damos gracias a Dios por las bendiciones que nos ha dado. Tres iglesias, Woodburn, Salem y Hillsboro dieron a luz a más de una iglesia en los últimos dos años.

Una de las cosas más importantes en nuestra iglesia es la juventud. Un gran desafío que tenemos en las Iglesias Hispánicas es la segunda generación. Los jóvenes que hablan Inglés, pero tienen una herencia hispana. Teniendo esto en cuenta, tres oportunidades para adorar han sido establecidas. Mosaico en Hillsboro/Beaverton para el west side, Re-Mix en Milwaukie para el área metropolitana de Portland, y la Generación Ignite en Woodburn para la parte sur de nuestras iglesias.

Liderados por pastores jóvenes y miembros, estas iglesias están llegando al grupo con mayor porcentaje de no cristianos en América del Norte.

En el futuro, estamos planeando plantar iglesias en West Salem, Grants Pass, The Dalles, Aloha, Oregon City, y otros lugares para comenzar la obra de Dios.

Por favor oren por nosotros. Si desea más información o está interesado en que veamos la posibilidad de empezar una iglesia en su comunidad, por favor llámenos al (503) 267-6880 o escribanos a pastorvha@aol.com.

Roger Hernandez, Cordinador del Ministerio Hispano de la Conferencia de Oregón



El nivel de compromiso fue alto.

The Biggest Little Sabbath School Class in North America

“Just last Sabbath, a member of my Sabbath School class asked another, ‘You live about a mile east of the center of the runway in Galena, Alaska, don’t you?’ When the second member responded ‘Yes!’ the first member said, ‘Then that means you live almost exactly 3,608 miles from me.’” Thearon Staddon, certified public accountant, tells this anecdote with a chuckle, and then follows with a question: “So, you tell me — isn’t ours likely the biggest little Sabbath School class in North America?”

The class, which can be as few as four or as many as a dozen, is the Alaska Isolated Adventist Sabbath School Class which meets by tele-conference every Sabbath morning at 9:30 a.m. Alaska time.

In the mid 1980s, Staddon, also an Alaskan pastor, spent three years in Nome, Alaska. He and his wife Sharon, are back in Alaska for their “second tour.”

Sharon is the Alaska Conference treasurer.



Thearon Staddon, C.P.A. and pastor, facilitates a tele-conference Sabbath School class from his home office in Anchorage, Alaska.

Their hearts go out to folks who don’t live close enough to an Adventist church to enjoy the fellowship of regular Sabbath worship. They know the meaning of the word “isolation.”

As a result, late last summer Staddon arranged with a tele-communication provider for weekly conferences. Besides

bolstering one another spiritually, the group has a great time in Bible study.

On the first Sabbath of the new year, they even celebrated communion together. Staddon e-mailed members ideas to think and talk about in the foot washing and then

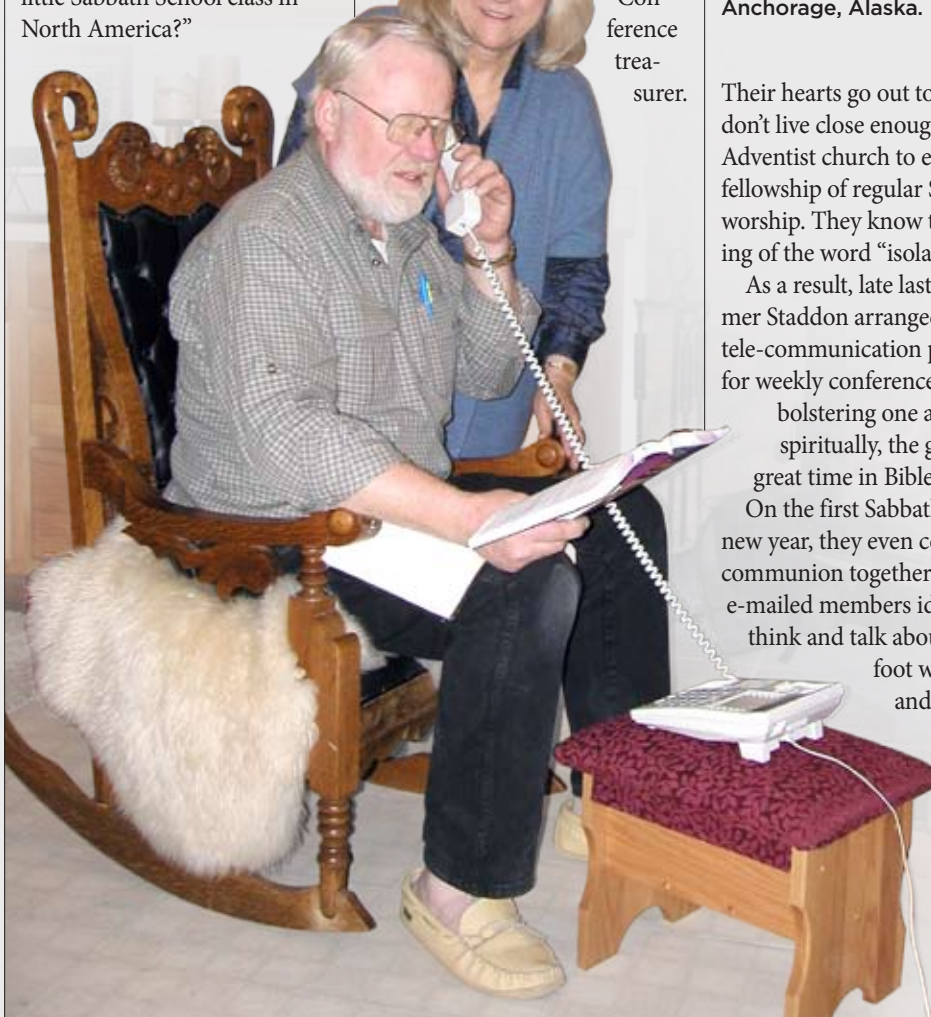
shared with them a micro-batch dough recipe, which makes two pieces of communion bread.

“We took the opportunity for foot washing and then joined each other by telephone to partake of the symbols of our Lord, eating bread and drinking of the cup as a group of worshippers,” says Staddon.

We’ve had Sabbath School members participate from as far as Bristol Bay, Alaska, from along the Yukon River, from Southeast Alaska, from the deep Interior, and from outside Alaska. Participants consider the Alaska Isolated Adventist Sabbath School Class their “church family.”

Thearon Staddon, Anchorage Sabbath School leader

Richard and Judy Dennis participate in the Alaska Isolated Adventist Sabbath School Class from their bed and breakfast, the Red Eagle Lodge, in Chistochina, Alaska.



Pacific Press Celebrates 25 Years in Idaho

On Dec. 7, 1984, the last truck left Pacific Press Publishing Association bound for its new home in Nampa, Idaho, and the doors of the Press in Mountain View, Calif., were officially closed. Twenty-five years later, employees and retirees gathered together to mark the occasion with honored guests C. L. “Butch” Otter, Idaho governor; Tom Dale, mayor; Bob Kyte, former Press president; and Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president.

“In the late 1970s,” Bob Kyte said, “due to mounting financial challenges, it became increasingly apparent that relocation of the Press had become a necessity. Under the courageous leadership of Eugene Stiles, the Press made the difficult decision to move, and after considering more than twenty locations, Idaho was selected as the number one choice for optimum operating conditions and affordable living for employees.”



Pacific Press has enjoyed a favorable location adjacent to Interstate 84 in Nampa, Idaho, since 1984.

While much has changed in the ensuing 25 years — the city

of Nampa has grown from a population of 26,000 to almost 83,000 — the mission of the Press has not changed. As noted by Tom Dale, the work of Pacific Press has resulted in the whole world being impacted with the gospel story.

Otter congratulated Pacific Press on reaching 25 years of successful operation in Idaho, and said he looked forward to a close, ongoing relationship as Idaho and Pacific Press move together into a bright future.

With the impact of current trends in the publishing industry being felt at publishing houses across North America, it is likely the Press will also face

new challenges in the future. In a letter which was read at the ceremony, Lowell Cooper, Pacific Press board chairman, wrote, “Pacific Press has faced and met great challenges in the past. There will be new ones ahead. It is our privilege to be in partnership with One whose plans and purposes will be accomplished regardless of the circumstances. So let us celebrate the past and embrace the future with confidence and courage.”

The ceremony concluded with a prayer of dedication offered by McPherson.

Karen Pearson, PPPA publicist



C. L. “Butch” Otter, Idaho governor, congratulates Pacific Press on 25 Years in the Treasure Valley during the December 2009 celebration.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Mount Ellis Adventist Academy, in Bozeman, Mont., is proud to announce that Steffanie Robertus, senior, has been selected as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Robertus achieved this distinction by scoring in the top one percent of all high school students nationally on both PSAT and SAT exams.

Many universities offer full-ride scholarships to National Merit Scholars, so Robertus has many educational opportunities open to her. She is currently planning to attend Washington

State University and study molecular genetics.

In addition to her academic success Robertus is class president, accompanist for the singing group, Dynamics, and a starter on the basketball team. She also volunteers for many hours with ministries at her local church. Much of the credit for her accomplishment goes to her parents, Margaret and Bryan, who homeschooled her through her sophomore year.

Robertus says “When I first came here I wasn’t sure what to anticipate because I hadn’t

been in a formal school before. I didn’t even know how to use my locker or what it was for. But the students were so good to me and made me feel so comfortable here. It’s really been great. These past two years at MEAA have been amazing for me. All of the teachers really have a passion for what they do, and they have helped me succeed in all areas of my life.”

Darren Wilkins, MEAA principal



Steffanie Robertus, MEAA senior, is a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

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Gains Class Gift

Most senior classes don't decide what they're going to leave behind as a class gift before their senior year. Even fewer senior classes give gifts worth thousands of dollars, invest "sweat equity," or complete and pay for their class gift months before graduation. But then a tradition of generous senior class gifts isn't new at Columbia Adventist Academy and the Class of 2010 isn't like most high school senior classes.

When the idea of a school outdoor amphitheatre was discussed and a site identified where students and community groups, could meet for vespers and special events, the seniors ran with the idea. In a matter of days, and with the help of parents and community members, the amphitheater shape and construction were well under way. Then CAA "struck oil." The oil (and kerosene) was from the old fuel storage tanks for the boiler plant



The newly completed amphitheater at Columbia Adventist Academy, in Battle Ground, Wash., leaves a lasting legacy of the Class of 2010.

which once ran heating for the campus. This was from a



CAA's senior class brings all hands on deck to complete their class gift to the school.

bygone era when overfilling the tanks and allowing them to run into the soil wasn't a concern. Now it is. The removal of the contaminated soil became so extensive, excavation ran under the landscaping and block work forming the amphitheatre, thus necessitating the deconstruction of the project and starting over. However, students were not deterred from their goal and fortunately, CAA has an incredible network of support. As soon as the Meadow Glade Adventist Church men's group heard about the problem, they headed for the campus and provided the manpower, mak-

ing starting over a little more palatable.

Thanks to major donations of time, energy, equipment and landscaping expertise by Hendrickson Construction, the gift has been completed with landscaping, a water feature, a fire pit, heaters and lighting. Students and staff await warm, sunny weather allowing them to celebrate the first use of the class gift from the Class of 2010.

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Grants Pass Group Returns from Haitian-Relief Trip

Flying home from Haiti, my mind replayed the events where God's hand had repeatedly provided, protected and guided. The many miracles brought smiles as I reflected on them — especially one.

We arrived in Haiti but were initially unable to contact the part of our team that came a week ahead of us. Desperately looking for them, we were directed to a new M*A*S*H unit being built by the University of Miami School of Medicine. They invited us to work with them and sleep in their large circus-sized tent (with cots!). They even fed us supper.

In the morning, we heard from the initial team who still wanted us to join them. Now what? We had committed to help the M*A*S*H unit. While we prayed for guidance in walked a man, dazed and weary, saying, "This unit has plenty of staff. You need to go out where the people are." He then told us how he had been trying to save 100 people when another quake brought the roof down and killed all of them.

He again pleaded with us to go where the people were and then left. We had our marching orders.

We headed for a new home base. At night we could hear the Voodoo drums beating, people chanting, singing and yelling at a fevered pitch all around. Gun fire could all be heard throughout the night.

Each day we set up our makeshift clinic with tarps for shade, and crates and plywood borrowed from a crumbled school nearby. A steady stream of patients came as our two doctors, two nurses and four or five EMTs treated them with the help of translators. There were wounds of every size, shape, depth and condition. Most were infected. We had to clean them up, often a painful process. After cleaning the wounds, we applied antibiotic ointment and dressed them. Oral antibiotics were given as well as Ibuprophen for the pain.

The young men who pulled this team together had just recently formed International Hope and Rescue and filed



Brad Personius, medical doctor, and son Jordan Personius, EMT, prepare to suture a man's wounded foot.

for non-profit status when the earthquake happened. Without the luxury of time, God sent the people they needed to make it happen. Even on short notice, Brad Personius, medical doctor, was able to procure medicines and supplies from Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass, Ore.

The needs continue to be great in Haiti. For more information, contact International Help and Rescue

at Inhisrescue.org or ADRA.org.

Gloria Wilson, mission team member

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Read the Whole Story

Want to learn more about this group from Grants Pass, Ore.? Visit the Oregon Conference Web site to read the entire story and watch a video interview.

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Buildings throughout Port-au-Prince and beyond lay flattened by the 7.0 earthquake.

Senior Project Leaves a Legacy

As Portland Adventist Academy prepares to graduate its 100th class, some of the school's seniors are preparing their senior projects with the hope of leaving a legacy that will last another 100 years.

Katie Sulzle's project will. Sulzle spent nearly 40 hours hand-carving a twelve-foot cedar school sign using nothing more than chisels, a mallet and U-gouges. "It was a challenge at times," says Sulzle. "And I nearly

cut myself a few times. But being that involved with a piece of nature is really calming and relaxing."

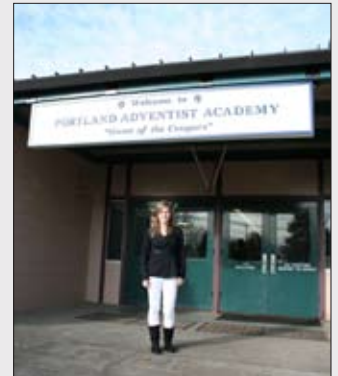
"What is so neat about this project," says Joan Oksenholt, PAA teacher, "was that it was her way to give back to the PAA community in such a personal way."

Sulzle's sign will be part of her legacy as an alumna. "I'm so proud to be a part of PAA's 100th graduating class," she

says. "This school has really helped to grow my leadership skills in ways I didn't think were possible." Her sign, in a way, is a tribute to that growth.

The relief carving was recently hung above the school's south entrance and now welcomes students, staff, parents, alumni and visitors alike.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Katie Sulzle, senior, stands under the new hand-carved sign at PAA's south entrance.

McMinnville Church Hosts Series Filming

The McMinnville (Ore.) Adventist Church played host to a series held by Jac Colon, NPUC evangelist, Jan. 8 through Feb. 6, 2010. Colon's *Revelation* series was recorded in high definition by Light Stream International, a ministry of the McMinnville Church.

Light Stream is possibly the first flight packable multi-camera HD production unit in the Adventist church. They have been recording projects such as health and temperance seminars, as well as musical and religious programs. The McMinnville team is also partnered with the North Pacific Union Conference on producing the Momentum series that started in 2007 and will run through 2012.

About 20 percent of the McMinnville Church is regularly involved with this ministry. It took 26 sessions with about five



Light Stream is possibly the first flight packable multi-camera HD production unit in the Adventist church.

hours per individual invested into every session to record Colon's series, not to mention the set building and administrative time to make it happen. All in all, more than 30 individuals

were involved with the filming of this series. There are many other needs, which the members of the McMinnville Church are involved with; such as hosts, greeters and ushers. One of the

camera operators commented, "I have a very busy schedule during the day at work, but I look forward to coming and being a part of recording this series. It is like my reward at the end of the day to come and take part."

"This is God's ministry, not ours," says Win Wheeler, Light Stream International executive director. "There have been some great surprises that have happened in producing Colon's *Revelation* series. For example, there have been donations for specific needs. The cost of producing something like this is around \$50,000 and we have had a donor write a check for \$50,000. If God wants it to happen, He will provide."

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference Communication director

“Kingdom Men” Attend Conference

“**W**hat does it mean to be a real man?” was the primary challenge that Dan Matthews presented to the men attending the 2009 Oregon Men’s Conference Nov. 14–15, 2009, in Gladstone, Ore. He shared from both his personal life and from the Bible during the retreat themed “Kingdom Men,” especially in men’s roles as husbands and fathers.

In addition to Matthews’ three presentations, a session on pornography was held. This session, led by a panel, was made up of five fast-paced components: personal testimony; an overview of an effective resource for dealing with pornography; a panel discussion; a testimony on finding victory through Christ; and a season of prayer.

“I never would have attended a specific workshop on pornography,” several men commented. “However, this was a powerful presentation, and I needed it. Thank you for addressing this difficult subject in a general session.”

As a surprise bonus, the men enjoyed an opportunity to read dozens of messages written to them by women who had attended the women’s retreat three weeks earlier. Messages included:

“Thank you for being our men and for standing strong in this world ...”

“Men of God are a true treasure! We need you ...”



Men from all around Oregon Conference and beyond attend the 2009 Oregon Men’s Conference in Gladstone, Ore.

The messages were posted in the back of the auditorium and generated significant interest.

“We want to write messages to the women,” some urged, and so papers were distributed, and many notes were written with the promise that they would be posted on the conference Web site. Some of the messages the men wrote to the women were:

“There is nothing on earth that is more wonderful than a godly woman ...”

“Thank you for being the symbol of the Holy Spirit in our homes ...”

To read all of those messages and to see photos from the conference, visit www.oregonconference.org and click on “Departments” then “Men’s Ministries.”

Excitement is already building for the 2010 Oregon Men’s Conference which will be held Nov. 12–3, 2010, in Gladstone with pastors George Gainer and Gary Parks teaming up as featured speakers.

Cheri Corder, Oregon Conference Family Ministries director



Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference Member Ministries director, helps host the 2009 Oregon Men’s Conference.

Prayer Conference Invokes God's Presence

Eighty enthusiastic prayer warriors from all over the Northwest attended the first semi-annual Oregon Prayer Retreat on Nov. 6–8, 2009. The “Prayer Life of the Remnant” retreat held at a Christian camp near Cottage Grove, Ore., was sponsored by lay members of the Oregon Conference. The guest speakers were Kelly Veilleux, East Coast Prayer Ministries coordinator; and Karen Martell, West Coast Prayer Ministries coordinator. Each speaker shared tools for effective prayer, modeled prayer formats and led in one-on-one, small groups and large corporate prayer times, all seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The worship in music was for some the favorite times of the days as a praise team from Walla Walla University led out. Brittini Bryan, Mike Stratte and Adam Newbold shared in praise and prayer and also gave several special music numbers. Another highlight of the weekend was the Friday and Saturday night “Holy Ground” prayer times. Lives were changed, needed healing was found and hearts were mended as the Holy Spirit moved among the prayer warriors in personal intimate ways.

“I have attended other prayer conferences where we learned about how to pray and did some practice,” says one attendee. “But at this prayer retreat we really prayed. And even now weeks later, the presence of the Lord

lingers in a more powerful way. I wish each Sabbath could be a little prayer retreat like this one where we share more meaningful and intimate prayer and practical Bible study time.”

Plans are already set for the second semi-annual retreat. Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference Members Ministerial director, is the guest facilitator for the April 9–12, 2010, weekend. If you have a longing for a more intimate prayer life and true connection with the Holy Spirit then register today at www.plusline.org or call (800) 732-7587. For more information, check the Oregon Conference Web site at www.oregonconference.org. Space is limited.

Kim Bryan, prayer team member



Greg Middlestetter, pastor, and other prayer warriors earnestly seek the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

On each end: Guest speakers Kelly Veilleux and Karen Martell, pray for blessings on the lay leadership team. A common sight throughout the weekend.



Intense Training Follows Boot Camp in Lewiston

More than 40 people attended the *ShareHIM* Boot Camp in Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 29–30. It was the fifth boot camp held in the Upper Columbia Conference since they began in the fall of 2008.

This event teaches members how to do outreach and spiritual “seed sowing” as regular part of daily life. “It’s an intense and rigorous training,” says David Livermore, UCC Church Growth director. “That’s why we call it boot camp.”

“Boot camp gives our members practical tools for personal evangelism,” says Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president. “With boot camp and Bible worker coordinators being placed in churches conference-wide through the Share the Life initiative, we want to start a revival where members are regularly opening the word of God to their neighbors.”



Steve Rogers, Bible worker and instructor for Upper Columbia Conference demonstrates how to personalize a *ShareHIM* sermon at the *ShareHIM* Boot Camp in Lewiston, Idaho.

The boot camp is a two-day event with more than 12 hours of training. Beginning on Friday evening, members are given an overview of who Adventists are as a people and what the Adventist Church’s purpose is according to Bible prophecy. They also begin to develop and practice giving a personal testimony they can share with people in the community.

On Sabbath morning members learn about the cycle of

evangelism and the difference between the gospel and doctrine. Then on Sabbath afternoon and evening there is over six hours of practical training on how to build relationships with neighbors, prepare Bible studies and sermons, organize evangelistic events, preach from PowerPoint slides, make appeals and how to handle objections.

“There is just a wealth of knowledge and experience here,” says Season Townsend from

Spokane Valley. “I also think the event helps ignite a congregation and bring them together on a common goal.”

“One thing I’ve learned is that you don’t need a college education, or even a high school diploma to do this kind of work,” says Larry Sendleback, from the Diamond Lake Church. “It’s just simple work you do with the Holy Spirit.”

The “boot camp has the potential to transform our conference,” says Gerald Haeger, UCC Ministerial and Evangelism director. “Because it really equips people for ministry and having Bible worker coordinators placed in churches around the conference will help keep members inspired, organized and focused on reaching people for Jesus.”

Jon Dalrymple, UCC Communication assistant

Camp Meeting Has New Location for 2011

The Upper Columbia Conference announced plans to move their annual camp meeting from College Place, Wash., to Spangle, Wash., in 2011.

Following the vote of the conference executive committee, Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, said “Upper Columbia Academy is an ideal location to

hold camp meeting. The move will aid in helping us to refocus and revitalize this important yearly time of Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.”

Plans are already being made in preparation for the 2011 move. Mark Finley, pastor, has accepted the invitation to serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

In addition to program preparations, the conference and academy are working together to augment current infrastructure at UCA such as additional RV sites and visitor parking. The 2011 camp meeting will be Wednesday thru Sabbath, June 15–18.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC Communication director



Bob Folkenberg Jr., president, speaks at the 2009 UCC Camp Meeting in College Place, Wash.

UCC Ordains Jeff Crain

The most recent in a series of direct calls from God was celebrated in the ordination of Jeff Crain, pastor, to the Gospel ministry Oct. 24, 2009. This high Sabbath in the Omak



Local and Upper Columbia Conference leaders gather to celebrate the ordination of Jeff Crain, pastor, at the Omak (Wash.) Church.

(Wash.) Church was enriched by the presence of members from as far north as Oroville, Wash., and as far south as Cashmere, Wash.

Upper Columbia Conference officials rejoiced at this opportunity to confirm God's call to Crain and his wife, Tara, and extended a heartfelt appeal to be steadfast in reaching God's ideal for their ministry. Conference women rejoiced with Tara and welcomed her more fully into her special calling.

Crain recounted how his young wife had first been convicted of the Adventist message, and faithfully attended church

without him. Her persevering witness brought him to the Savior. In time, God led Crain to a conviction to attend Southern Adventist University and become a pastor. He began praying about it earnestly, but finances loomed as a wall in his path. Then a new couple at church asked him about his ministry goals. They invited Crain and his wife over to their fifth-wheel for supper. They went, but no meal was served — much to Crain's initial hunger pains. Instead the couple presented them with a fat envelope stuffed with 25 100-dollar bills. Later on, still in awe, they drove

back to the RV park to find the couple and thank them but the space was empty. When they asked various neighbors where the fifth-wheel had gone, not a single one knew what they were talking about. They said a fifth-wheel had never been there.

The ordination celebration concluded with a salad supper. A sampling of many congregations shared together like one close-knit family.

Dave Saulsbury, Omak Church communication leader

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Fifty-three people gathered Monday, Jan. 11 at the Spokane Valley (Wash.) Adventist Church for a momentous occasion — the first-ever Upper Columbia Conference Bible worker, coordinator training.

The training session for pastors and the new Bible worker coordinators marks the first step the conference is taking in the new Share the Life initiative. Bible worker coordinators are a core component of Share the Life, UCC's evangelism initiative. These coordinators work with area pastors to form member outreach teams, building relationships with seekers and

sharing Jesus with them.

Launched late in 2009, Share the Life is a new way of looking at evangelism outreach. Rather than only focusing on public evangelism, Share the Life is allocating resources to train and equip members to live a lifestyle of Christian outreach. The ultimate goal of the program is to encourage members to rediscover a passionate relationship with Christ and share that experience with others.

Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, says, "There is no such thing as a non-witnessing Christian. A Christian is a disciple of Christ, and a disciple of Christ is called to share. We are called to lead others into a passionate lifestyle of evange-



Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, shares how to get outreach teams started in the local church.

lism and that's what Share the Life is about."

To personally take part in Share the Life, visit www.uccsda.org/discipleship/share-the-life or call Dave Livermore at (509) 838-2761.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC Communication director

UCA Celebrates Heritage Weekend

In addition to quality academics, Upper Columbia Academy, in Spangle, Wash., has a reputation for spiritual excellence.

A decade or so ago, a group of staff decided it was important to help students appreciate their Adventist heritage. It was then Heritage Weekend was born. Covering topics such as early church leaders, the Sabbath and the importance of the Spirit of Prophecy, students, staff and guest speakers highlight the weekend theme through drama, music and presentations.

This year's focus was the heritage of God's promises — His covenants with His people — and how He always keeps

His promises. The weekend of Jan. 15–16 illustrated the vivid contrast between what happens in peoples' lives when they do things God's way and when they go their own way.

Presenters highlighted Old Testament characters like Noah, Abraham, Moses and David, and characters from later in history such as Martin Luther, the Waldensians and Constantine. Each speaker researched and wrote their own five- to seven-minute script before performing in full costume — wigs, make-up and all.

Gayle Haeger, UCA biology teacher, who helped begin the Heritage Weekend concept, says, "The events that started our church were long ago and



Devin Darrough, alumna, portrays Moses near the end of his life on earth.

most students are unaware of the study and sacrifice that were a part of the formation of our church ... We hope these programs will help them realize how precious their heritage is."

In the end, that is the goal ... to pass along the spiritual heri-

tage we are privileged to claim, helping students to understand where they come from and inspiring confidence in where they are going.

Katie Torkelsen Spoo, UCA
GLENER correspondent

St. Maries Parade Float Shows

Real Christmas Spirit

The St. Maries Adventist Church and St. Maries Christian School worked together to make a float for the annual Christmas Parade held the first Saturday night of December 2009, in St. Maries, Idaho.

Martha George, St. Maries school board chairman, says, "We have always done a small float on the birth of Christ. Last year we did a float on a semi-trailer loaned to us by Bud McCall, a friend of some church members. The float depicted the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus."

Last year's float made such an impression on the community,



St. Maries Adventist Church and St. Maries Christian School join together on the float for the annual Christmas Parade, in St. Maries, Idaho.

members decided to do it again for the 2009 Christmas Parade. Church members who were not on the float, dressed up in

costumes and handed out gifts to the people in along the street.

"This year we handed out several hundred gift-wrapped

books," says George. "Signs of Hope by Shawn Boonstra, You Turn by Hans Diehl and Aileen Lundgiton, The Darkness of Twilight by Steve Wohlberg and, for the children, My Friend Fang by Jerry Thomson (a MegaBook)."

When spectators opened their gifts and saw the books, many came and asked members for another. The parade master of ceremonies announced the St. Maries float and commented, "The Seventh-day Adventist church always has a nice float and it always represents the true meaning of Christmas."

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC
Communication director

Mattresses for Mwami

Service Abroad Starts at Home

Shelly Bacon is a storyteller. She stands in front of a small microphone in the center of the room and opens her heart with thoughts on the time she spent in Africa, the people she has met across the Atlantic, and the ways in which Colville, Wash., residents are connected to them. She is all energy and conviction, tearing up when she speaks of a local four-year-old who heard of the economic situation in Zambia and quickly gave a dollar and some change, everything she had.

The event, with more than 80 people in attendance, was held at the Bacon's home. In addition to Bacon's testimony, students from Upper Columbia

Academy in Spangle, Washington, sang several hymns, spirituals, and Latin pieces. Two UCA students also played piano arrangements by Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

The cause? Raising funds for mattresses desperately needed at Mwami Hospital in Chipata, a town in rural Zambia. Colville locals, through the Adventist Church, are joining White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., to provide 43 new mattresses to Mwami Hospital.

For the Bacons, compassion is active — and it is simple: A hospital needs mattresses that are not ripped and worn, and they are able to help meet this need. The Bacons lived and



The Mwami Adventist Hospital in Chipata, Zambia, on the African continent.

worked in Malawi from 1987 to 1990. They continue to lead a mission trip every two years, and though they have twice taken teams to Guatemala, their longstanding love affair has been with Africa.

“It is about teaching the next generation and helping to create change in the world,” she offers by way of explanation when asked why people would invest,

financially or otherwise, in Zambia.

Plans for upcoming trips are ongoing, and those interested in more information or how to get involved may contact the Bacons at baconbarry@juno.com.

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC
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This crib in the Mwami Adventist Hospital is one of many beds desperately in need of a mattress.



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Evangelism Finds Growing Momentum in Washington

When Gary Myers heard his wife's car in the driveway mid-day on Saturdays, he immediately switched the channel from the Hope Channel to a sports station. Myers, a retired police detective, didn't want his wife, Greta, to know he was "going soft" on religion.

This is just one story about God at work in the lives of 21,155 members in Washington Conference. "When we talk about 810 baptisms and profes-

sions of faith in 2009, we're talking about 810 stories of how God is leading in people's lives," says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference Ministerial director.

Evangelism in Action

Washington Conference is in the third year of a mission-focused strategy to "stop" and seek Jesus, "yield" and pray for the Holy Spirit, and "go" and take Jesus to the world.

At least five churches started 2010 with evangelistic series including Tacoma Central Church with Ty Gibson from Light Bears Ministry; Olympia Transformation Life Center with pastoral couple Rick and Peggy Casebier team preaching; Olympia Spanish, a new church plant, hosting their first series; Auburn Academy Church with the pastoral team presenting "Journey of Faith" as a follow-up to the church's Journey to Bethlehem holiday outreach; and Auburn City Church with Dan and Gloria Bentzinger, conference evangelists.



HEIDI MARTELLA

Ramon Canals, North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic Ministries director, provides guidelines for an effective small group ministry at Team Jethro training during the Tacoma Momentum Festival, in Tacoma, Wash.



HEIDI MARTELLA

Greta Myers, from Bellingham, Wash., discovers small group resources at the Tacoma Momentum Festival for Team Jethro ministry.



JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER

During the Tacoma Momentum Festival in Tacoma, Wash., Michael Demma, pastor, interviews Gary Myers, a retired police detective, about how God took away his anger and transformed his heart. Myers was baptized in October 2009.

Besides public evangelism programs, churches and schools are involved in discipleship, campus outreach, church planting and creative ministries.

"School principals are exploring campus witnessing plans to get students involved in ministry through GLOW tract distribution, giving Bible studies and presenting evangelistic series," says Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Conference vice president for education.

In cooperation with the North Pacific Union Conference, Washington Conference also hosted two Momentum Festivals where church leaders and members learned about Team Jethro (small groups) and Team Andrew (Bible studies).

"Washington Conference is continuing to grow," says

John Freedman, Washington Conference president. "We're developing a mindset of lifestyle evangelism."

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director

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Youth Unite to Worship, Learn and Serve

Youth from across western Washington united in Seattle, Wash., for a day of worship, learning and serving in mid-January.

“Soonago [pronounced sue-NAH-go] is a Greek word meaning to come together,” says David Yeagley, Washington Conference Youth director.

Worship formed the core of morning sessions with quality time for music ministry and a thought-provoking presentation on how youth can share their faith by Eddie Hypolite, keynote speaker from London, England.

“Worship is like a compass,” says Simona Mills, from Andrews University Seminary, who helped lead the praise team and the music ministry breakout session. “It’s upward to God, inward to us, outward to others and downward in humility.”

Living Christianity

During the church service, the audience attached dollar



HEIDI MARTELLA
Youth at the Washington Conference Youth Rally 2010 hold a “duct tape” offering and raise \$583.63 to help with disaster response in Haiti.

bills and coins to duct tape to raise \$583.63 for Haiti earthquake relief.

The afternoon and evening

sessions focused on learning and serving as 550 youth and adult sponsors participated in community service projects or attended workshops.

Breakout sessions covered how to share your faith, effective music ministry, understanding race relations and creative expression through worship. A group of 20 students also went door to door to conduct a survey, and ended up finding five Bible study interests.

Nearly 160 youth and sponsors made more than 1,100 food sacks to distribute to shelters and to the homeless in Seattle. In production-line fashion, the young people assembled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches,

and filled paper sacks with juice packs, water bottles, cookies, apples and warm clothing.

“Christianity is a lived experience and Jesus wants you to grow in Him,” Hypolite advised the near-capacity auditorium at Cleveland High School. “Know for yourself what the Bible teaches and what your church teaches. Don’t be embarrassed about your faith or people will think that both you and Jesus are a joke. You can’t apologize for being a Christian because your friends don’t apologize for being unchristian.”

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director



HEIDI MARTELLA
Damian Chandler, pastor, leads a discussion group on race relations during a breakout session at the Washington Conference Youth Rally 2010.

Auburn Students Visit Tent City Homeless

The second weekend of January marked the first of several trips Auburn Adventist Academy students took to a homeless encampment in Seattle, Wash. In the self-proclaimed city of “Nickelsville,” more than 60 homeless people banded together to create an infrastructure of leadership to govern their community and keep themselves safe.

To this gathering came 22 Academy students, armed with snacks, songs and a spirit of service. “When we arrived, everyone was so hospitable,” says Rachael Coon, a senior from Sedro Woolley, Wash. “We unloaded supplies and ended up singing praise songs with them.”

“The people were so warm, so gracious and so appreciative,” says Mark Weir, chaplain, who had previously visited Nickelsville and planned the outreach event. “After the students spent time at the tent city, everyone came back saying, ‘These are people we can help!’”

While taking part in the homeless ministry, one such student felt impressed to do more. “We’ve just started the AAA Roadside Rescue,” says Rory Ross, a senior from Federal Way, Wash. “We are gathering supplies to share with the homeless on the streets. Like Jesus, we want to fulfill their physical needs first and then meet their spiritual needs.”

In addition to placing bins in the school hallways, calls have also been made to local businesses. “We spoke with people from Wal-Mart and Taco Bell who are pledging their support to the cause,” says Russell Palmer, taskforce dean and sponsor of the Roadside Rescue ministry.

As God impresses the hearts of AAA young people to reach out to those in need, the impact of their enthusiasm is contagious.

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent



Rachael Coon and Rory Ross, Auburn Adventist Academy students, collect food for the homeless in Seattle, Wash.

Washington Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 58th Regular Session of the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists® will convene in Auburn Adventist Academy Church, Auburn, Washington, on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is

to receive reports of conference activities since the last Regular Conference Session; to elect officers, departmental directors, Conference Executive Committee, and the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium; for strategic planning; and to transact any other business that

may properly come before the delegates in session.

The Large Committee will meet on March 14 to elect the Nominating Committee for the Session, and the Nominating Committee will begin meeting on April 11.

Instructions have been sent

to the pastors, clerks and first elders of each organized church concerning delegate selection and other preparations for the Conference Session.

*John C. Freedman, president
Douglas L. Bing, secretary*

Change is on the Way

New Master Plan Set in Motion

Things are changing at Walla Walla University.

WWU's new campus master plan is the most comprehensive physical plan ever developed for the university. It will guide decisions about physical campus improvements, including building priorities, traffic flow, pedestrian safety and the general use of campus space. The plan was created using input from students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members.

"The committee did a superb job of working as a team to look at the long-term and campus-wide implications of every decision," says Jim Nestler, who served as chair of the Master Planning Committee. "Really, it all boils down to creating a campus core that better serves

our students and the academic mission of WWU."

Although the plan is projecting some campus improvements as far as 20 years in the future, WWU is already making campus improvements.

The leading current project is a new home for the Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology. The school will move into renovated space in the Winter Educational Complex, recently vacated by the School of Business.

The School of Nursing on the Portland, Ore., campus recently renovated its library, set up new classroom dividers and added computer labs. They also plan to start construction soon on a classroom addition, allowing the program to grow by nearly 60 students.

The WWU School of Business is now operating from a new location in Bowers Hall. This move is one of the steps the school is taking to build visibility and enrollment for one of WWU's largest programs.

The Associated Students of WWU now have contemporary, more effective offices from which to conduct their business. This includes the student newspaper, the Collegian.

An expansion of The Express, WWU's convenience store, is doubling the size of the store's original 1,600 square feet. The new space will provide restrooms, additional customer seating and more food preparation areas.



Wide and attractive pathways in the proposed physical master plan will encourage pedestrian traffic at Walla Walla University.

In addition to building changes, plans are being made for a pedestrian-friendly College Avenue corridor and a revitalized campus core.

John McVay, WWU president, says, "Our goal is to accent

the beauty of our campus and create a new, robust infrastructure for student services at the heart of it."

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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The remodeled Associated Student offices allow for more efficient and effective use of space.

God's Divine Appointments

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope," (Jeremiah 29:11).

Loud crying was the first indication of Jillian's arrival in the Emergency department. The registration staff member called for assistance: "There is a lady who is wailing so loud, we can't get any information. Please help!"



Julie Alvarez, registered nurse, works as a clinical information systems coordinator at Tillamook County General Hospital on the coast of Oregon.

Sitting in a chair, rocking back and forth with her hands over her face, Jillian was crying hysterically, "Why, why?" she asked as Julie Alvarez, registered nurse, gently escorted her back to a stretcher in the department, and the sobbing gradually turned to intermittent gasps. Alvarez held Jillian's hand and asked, "Would you like to talk?"

Jillian shared her story of personal tragedy — the death of her father, divorce,

loss of custody of her children, her mother's recent cancer diagnosis, loss of jobs, depleted savings and, today, no money and no food. She had visited the local food bank and, sobbing as she drove home, she passed the local hospital and thought, "Maybe there is someone inside who could help me."

Alvarez hesitantly asked if she'd ever attended church.

Jillian said she had become a Christian 12 years earlier. Alvarez asked if she could tell

one of her favorite Bible stories. Jillian nodded, and listened to how God provided for Elijah, a widow and her son in the midst of a famine.

"I said 'Jillian, God loves you just as much,'" Alvarez recalls.

Jillian replied, "You're right. I need to remember that God loves me and that I do have hope for the future."

"At this, I felt impressed to offer to pray with her," says Alvarez. "She eagerly agreed. We bowed our heads and talked to God about the troubles in her life. Then Jillian hugged me, saying, 'God brought me to you tonight.'"

After the physician examined Jillian, he said, "You fixed her!"

"No," Alvarez remembers responding, "God fixed her. I just got to help."

"The amazing thing to me was that I wasn't scheduled to work that shift. I was a last-minute fill-in — but I was there just when Jillian needed me," Alvarez adds.

Original story by Julie Alvarez, adapted by Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

The story of divine appointments, sacred work and prayer is an adapted excerpt from the Adventist Health devotional book *Our Stories: Glimpses from Adventist Health*. The book, featured in the October 2009 GLEANER, is a collection of inspiring stories written by caregivers themselves. To read more, please visit http://adventisthealth.com/aboutus/images/AH_Devotional_Book_final.pdf

MILESTONES

Devitt 50th

On Sept. 6, 2009, ValGene and Carolyn Devitt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Originally from North and South Dakota, they met in 1958 while students at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. They were married in Leola, S.D. in 1959.

As original members of the Sojourners Quartet, over a span of 25 years, they made many friends while traveling with the group across the U.S. and Western Canada, providing musical ministry for churches, camp meetings and gospel music events.

Val retired after 48 years of working in the healthcare field, 36 of those years with Adventist Health facilities in Oregon,

Florida and California. Carolyn taught choral, piano and drama in church schools in California and Idaho. She continues to teach at Boise Valley Adventist School in Idaho. Both continue to be active in music performance.

The Devitts who have lived in North Dakota, Maryland, Nebraska, Oregon, Florida and California, currently live in Meridian, Idaho, where they are active members of the Oasis Adventist Church.

The Devitt family includes Cheri and Tony Betts of Beaverton, Ore.; Mike and Angie Devitt of Boise, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Hendricks 90th

Leo E. Hendricks celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 6, 2009, with a reception hosted by friends and family, in Boring, Ore.

Leo was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Ulman, Mo. He served as a pilot during World War II. In 1955, he and his wife Besie moved from Colorado to Boring, Ore. Leo worked in the Casting Foundries, in Portland, Ore., as a molder. Leo and Besie still enjoy life in Boring.

Leo Hendricks family includes James Hendricks (deceased); Terry Lee Hendricks of Boring, Ore.; Gaylen R. Wilson of Vancouver, Wash.; 5 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Kildall 90th

Doris A. Kildall celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 7, 2009, with a lunch hosted by her children in Bellevue, Wash.

Doris Adelle Ogden was born Nov. 7, 1919, in Hagerman, N.M. She is a graduate of Auburn Academy. She is currently living at Mission Healthcare of Bellevue in Bellevue, Wash. Despite some health challenges, she is as fun and feisty as ever.

Her family includes Sherry Sinclair of Tacoma, Wash.; Barry and Jan Adam of Duvall, Wash.; Barbara and Jim Joyner of Liberty, Tenn.; Ted Kildall; Helen Powell of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

AT REST

ALLEN—Vila (Thygeson), 93; born Sept. 13, 1914; died March 9, 2008. Surviving: husband, Clayton Allen; daughter, Barbara Huston, Yakima, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

AMES—Alvin J., 87; born Jan. 1, 1922, Valley, Wash.; died Sept. 13, 2009, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evelyn (Zundel), Battle Ground, Wash.; son, Tony, Battle Ground; daughters, Connie Ames, Portland; Yvonne House, Veradale, Wash.; Shirley Davis, Tacoma, Wash.; Becky Parker, Bonney Lake, Wash.; Berta Ewert, Logan, Utah; brother, Roy Ames, Valley; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BANDY—Gloria G. (Blackburn) Ponder, 56; born Feb. 17, 1953, Roseville, Calif.; died Sept. 5, 2009, Calistoga, Calif. Surviving: husband, Owen J.; stepson, Jack Bandy, College Place, Wash.; daughter, Anni (Ponder) Hisey, Wenatchee, Wash.; stepdaughter, Katy (Bandy) Morgan; Rebecca (Bandy) Barnes; sisters, Sharon Follett; and Meredith Haynes; a grandchild and a step-grandchild.

BENNETT—Vera B. (Carr), 85; born Sept. 24, 1923, Miller, S.D.; died Sept. 21, 2009, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: son, Tom, Grants Pass, Ore.; daughters, Carol Likes, Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, Canada; Dorothy Ford, Hillsboro, Ore.; Linda Powell, Corvallis; Janet Aerni, Tonasket, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

CLARK—Evert K., 96; born Nov. 21, 1912, Hecla, Neb.; died Sept. 15, 2009, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Ivalee Clark, Portland; and foster brother, J. W. "Bill" Fisk, Sedalia, Mo.

CROSS—Colin Timothy, 21; born July 26, 1988, Bellevue, Wash.; died Sept. 14, 2009, Everett, Wash. Surviving: parents, Harold Frank Cross; Tammy (Boyer) Cross Eniex, Cathedral City, Calif.; brother, Kyle F. Cross, Lake Stevens, Wash.; and sister, Stephanie A. Cross-Hornback, Everett.

FRY—Susan Lorraine, 55; born July 19, 1953, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Feb. 23, 2009, Spo-

kane, Wash. Surviving: parents, Orah and Louise Fry, Colville, Wash.; brothers, Zerrol, Ventura, Calif.; and Keith Fry, Lismore Heights, New South Wales, Australia.

GERHARDT—Myrna Lou (Scott), 71; born Feb. 14, 1938, Trenary, Mich.; died Aug. 5, 2009, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: husband, James "Jim," Poulsbo, Wash.; sons, James "Jimmy," Las Cruces, N.M.; Christopher, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; daughters, Julie Wehling, Oregon City, Ore.; Cynthia Thompson, Portland, Ore.; Jennifer Samujh, Pacifica, Calif.; brother, Virgil Scott, Gold Hill, Ore.; sisters, Lois Gaskill, Friday Harbor, Wash.; Yvonna Swenson, Trenary; Phyllis Brainard, Central Point, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

GISLER—Denny Joe, 67; born March 7, 1942, Salem, Ore.; died Sept. 14, 2009, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (DeVinny); son, Ed, Lebanon; Steve, Corvallis, Ore.; stepson, Lonnie Fields, Lebanon; daughter, Stacey

Caraballo, Salem; stepdaughter, Teresa Schenk, Prineville, Ore.; mother, Esther Gisler, Marion, Ore.; sisters, Sharon Dalke and Pam Hewitt, both of Marion, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren.

LINDSTROM—Paul, 87; born Sept. 6, 1921, Aberdeen, Wash.; died Aug. 7, 2009, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: wife, Donna; stepson, Len Burns, Pasco; and daughter, Teresa Myers, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

MICHALENKO—Don J., 63; born Nov. 4, 1943, Marshfield, Wis.; died June 11, 2007, Hendersonville, Tenn. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Johnson); son, Kevin, Mansfield, Texas; daughter, Tamara Terry, Clinton, Mass.; and 5 grandchildren.

NELSON—Eleanor "Ellie" (Cleaves), 82; born Jan. 17, 1927, Presque Isle, Maine; died Sept. 17, 2009, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: son, Tony, Canoga Park, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

March 6—Local Church Budget; **March 13**—World Budget; **March 20**—Local Church Radio; **March 27**—Local Church Budget; **March 27**—Local Conference Advance; **March 27**—Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings: East-Central Africa Division.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Women in the Church
March 6—Women’s Day of Prayer; **March 7-13**—Adventist Youth Week of Prayer; Disabilities Awareness Sabbath.

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March 4, 6, 7—wwudrama’s annual Festival of One-Acts, where the audience are the judges and select the best of the student directors. For ticket information: drama.wallawalla.edu. **March 28**—Registration for Spring Quarter. **March 29**—Classes begin. **April 4-6**—University Days. Come experience WWU for yourself. Reserve your spot today: (800) 541-8900. **April 22-25**—Alumni Homecoming. For a schedule of weekend events, visit alumni.wallawalla.edu. For more information, call (800) 377-2586.

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March 13—All former members and friends of Mt. Tabor Church are invited to Mt. Tabor Church’s Family Reunion. Pastor John Todorovich will speak at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. A special stand-up buffet will follow for you to get reacquainted with your friends from years past. Also, a 20-minute presentation on the “Steps to Christ” stained glass window, 1001 S.E. 60th Ave., Portland, OR.

Oregon Youth for Christ’s First Annual Conference

March 25-28—OYC’s First Annual Conference on the campus of Mission College of Evangelism, 38950 S.W. Laurelwood Rd., Gaston, OR, 97119. Theme: “Awakened Hope.” Target: Young adults, ages 20-30. All are welcome.

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Christian Edition Men’s Chorus Northwest Tour

March 25—Vancouver Adventist Church at 7 p.m.; **March 26**—East Salem Adventist Church at 7:30 p.m.; **March 27**—Gladstone Park Adventist Church at 11 a.m.; **March 27**—Sunnyside Adventist Church at 5:30 p.m.; **March 28**—Hoodview Church of God at 10:30 a.m. For additional concert details, go to www.christianedition.com, e-mail christianedition@hotmail.com or call (877) 433-4846.

CAA 2010 Alumni Weekend

April 3-4—CAA invites you to Alumni Weekend. Registration begins Friday night at 5:30 p.m. in the new Administration Building. Vespers begins at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Glade Church. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (360) 687-3161. Class of 1950 classmates and friends are invited to a Sabbath afternoon get-together in the CAA Library following lunch.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Northwest Singles Retreat

May 28-31—Memorial Day weekend at Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho. Hosted by Upper Columbia Singles Ministries. Guest speaker Pastor Lloyd Perrin, “It Is Who You Know!” Singles will enjoy a spiritual weekend with other single adults by attending seminars, hiking, swimming, canoeing, beach volleyball and much more. For more information, contact Terrie Lenn-Griebel, (541) 310-7248; tleen@msn.com. To register: call Cheryl Wallace at (509) 838-2761 or go online to www.uccsda.org/singles. Registration deadline: **May 14**.

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Christian Edition Men’s Chorus Northwest Tour

March 20—Chehalis Adventist Church at 11 a.m.; **March 20**—Olympia Transformation Life Church at 6:30 p.m.; **March 21**—Kirkland Adventist Church at 7 p.m.; **March 22**—Sequim

Adventist Church at 7 p.m.; **March 23**—Auburn City Adventist Church at 7 p.m. For additional concert details, go to www.christianedition.com, e-mail christianedition@hotmail.com or call (877) 433-4846.

Camp Meeting Registration

June 11-19—Washington Adventist Camp Meeting will be held on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy. Online reservations for on-site lodging will open **March 1**, at www.washingtonconference.org/go.

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Jefferson Academy Alumni Weekend

April 16-18—Jefferson Academy Alumni Weekend in Jefferson, Texas. Speaker will be Kenny Mischeff, pastor, and Forever His, musical guest. Contact the Academy at (903) 665-3973 or Brenda Hiser Wilson, Alumni president, at brendawilson61@sbcglobal.net.

Sunset Schedule

March	5	12	19	26
ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	6:32	6:51	8:09	8:27
Fairbanks	6:16	6:38	8:00	8:21
Juneau	5:33	5:50	7:06	7:22
Ketchikan	5:28	5:42	6:56	7:10
IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	6:37	6:46	7:54	8:03
La Grande	5:43	5:53	7:02	7:11
Pocatello	6:23	6:31	7:39	7:48
MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	6:04	6:14	7:23	7:33
Havre	6:07	6:18	7:28	7:39
Helena	6:18	6:28	7:37	7:47
Miles City	5:53	6:03	7:13	7:22
Missoula	6:26	6:36	7:45	7:55
OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	6:09	6:18	7:26	7:35
Medford	6:05	6:13	7:21	7:29
Portland	6:01	6:11	7:20	7:29
UCC CONFERENCE				
Pendleton	5:46	5:55	7:05	7:14
Spokane	5:38	5:49	6:59	7:09
Walla Walla	5:43	5:53	7:03	7:12
Wenatchee	5:50	6:01	7:11	7:21
Yakima	5:52	6:02	7:11	7:21
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	5:58	6:09	7:19	7:30
Seattle	5:59	6:09	7:19	7:29

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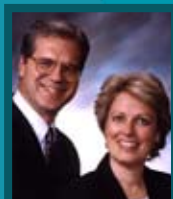
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Thankfully my parents tolerated a balanced approach. In a large backyard with an endless supply of dirt, I built roads and cities, crawled through mud, climbed trees and captured bugs until evening. When mother called, I brought the outside inside. Dusty feet padded across the floor, grass and leaves sifted down, and bugs in the pocket were provided safe keeping for the night — in my dresser drawer. Then came bath time. Clean toes feel ever so much better under the covers.

Conscientious parents dream of little boys and girls with shining faces, unscuffed shoes, pressed clothes and combed hair representing self-confidence, good breeding and unrestrained potential. Wise parents know there is much, much more to developing character that shines from deep beneath the surface. I'm grateful for parents who let me explore in between bath time scrubbings.

I still struggle to keep a semblance of order. Things I file in good faith often end up in the mythical realm populated by missing socks, long lost receipts and Jimmy Hoffa. So I have formed a truce between the extremes.

A Monk-ish obsession with tidiness can become a barrier to better things.
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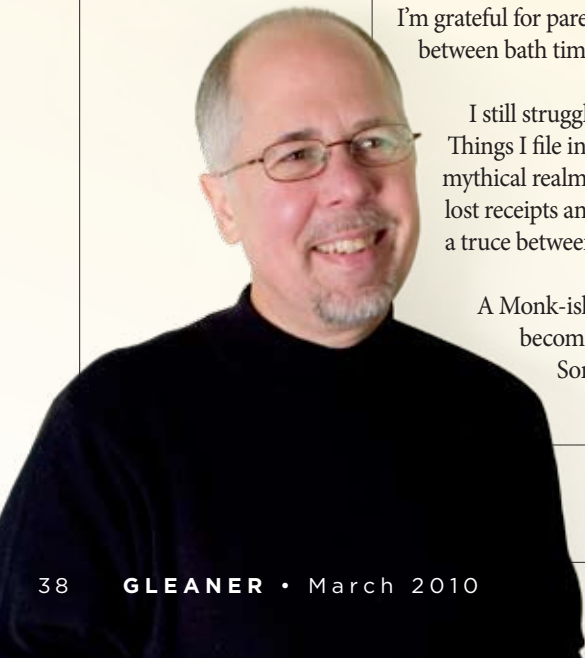
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The church militant is unified, but not uniform. It is all about others and not about self. Those who spend their time down in the dirt among the trenches are incalculably more beautiful than those obsessed with the magnifying glass or mirror.

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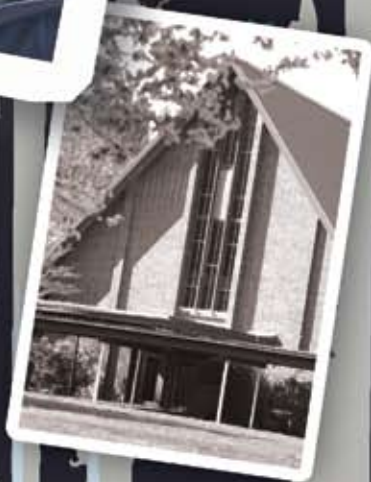
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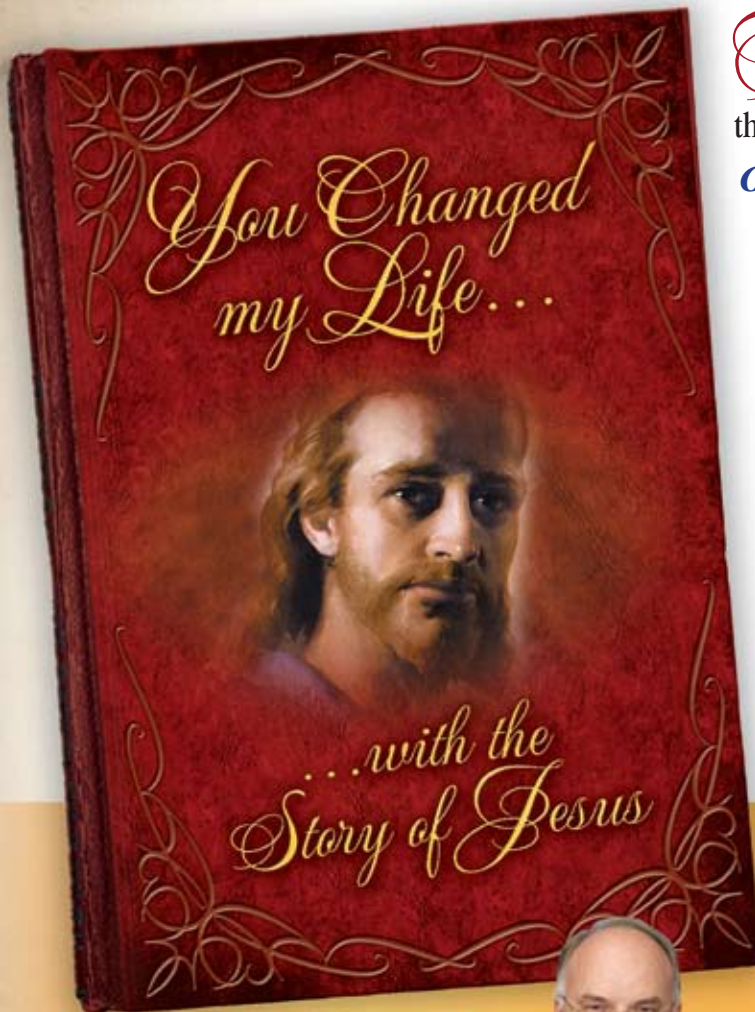
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