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that see — the LORD has
made them both.

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**ESSENTIAL RUTS**

[Regarding Martin Weber's article "Sacred Ruts," May 2014] There has been a concerted effort to disconnect Adventism from its spiritual roots. Things our spiritual ancestors could not have imagined are taking place with blinding speed, and the leadership at all levels seems paralyzed and speechless. Perhaps ... it is time to go back and take another look at those old "ruts" and see if some of them were not essential to our very survival as a people. — *Doug Lumen, Coquille, Ore.*

DOCTRINE IS AN ISSUE

[Regarding Martin Weber's articles on "Why Children Leave the Church," June and July 2014] From personal experience with my own family and other friends none of the topics listed fit their situations. All I know have left over doctrines and beliefs as taught by the church. Certainly [Ellen] White is an issue. Most are still very dedicated Christians, just no longer Seventh-day Adventist Christians. With the available Internet it is not hard to find a large volume of negative material about our church or Mrs. White. I feel we are doing little to counteract that material. — *Myron Whiting, College Place, Wash.*

A RELEASE FROM GUILT

[Regarding Martin Weber's article "Why Children Leave the Church: Part 1," June 2014] You have made me feel so much release from Satan's arrows thrown at me for years. I have three adult children, whom I raised in the church and sent to church school.

Two of them left the church barely before the end of their teen years. One chose to stay and is a teacher in our school system now. I have borne the guilt of feeling like a terrible parent that my other two have gone into the world on a grand scale. But under all that guilt I still felt that it was their choice and not mine to leave the church and leave God. As you pointed out, "at the end of the day, even prayed-for children get to decide for themselves about being saved." Thank you, Martin Weber, for those words that have bolstered me up today. — *via Internet, name withheld*

PERSECUTED HITS THE MARK

[Regarding Greg Hamilton's feature "Persecuted," June 2014] Unfortunately many Adventists have bought into the popular evangelical cry that we need to resist secularism and "get back to our Christian roots." The swing back to orthodoxy will be destructive to our religious freedoms and end the delicate balance that has made this country so unique. Keep writing and preaching the message of this piece! — *Rich DuBose, El Dorado Hills, Calif.*

AND HITS IT AGAIN

Thanks for an important article by Greg Hamilton ["Persecuted," June 2014]. I hope our people will heed the warning and open their eyes. I have long warned of the peril from the religious right. — *Roland Blaidh, College Place, Wash.*

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"Bobcat Kitten"
in Kalispell, Mont.,
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Alex Bryant, North American Division executive secretary, challenges the Friday evening audience.

TODD GESSELE



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Camp Berachah near Auburn, Washington, is a beautiful spot, with meeting halls and cabins arranged amidst sun-dappled trees. But once each year it becomes even more inviting when more than 1,000 eager Adventists converge from all points of the Northwest and beyond for the annual North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Regional Convocation.

This year's event, held May 15–18, was the 38th such gathering. Coordinated by Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs, and his assistant, Patric Parris, the convocation's theme centered on "My Jesus — Hope and Wholeness."

Those in attendance represented

a cultural diversity but predominantly came from 14 regional churches around the Northwest: Anchorage Community Church; several from the Seattle, Washington, area including Breath of Life, Emerald City, Ethiopian Group, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship and Maranatha; Tacoma/Lakewood, Washington, area churches such as Love of Life/Voice of Hope, Mount Tahoma and Open Bible Fellowship; Pasco (Washington) Ephesus; West Central Multicultural in Spokane, Washington; and the Oromo, Sharon and Your Bible Speaks congregations in Portland, Oregon. As usual, a contingent also came from the greater Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, area.

The convocation's adult program featured some of the finest speakers



Mable Dunbar (in blue) leads a women's singing group during the Sabbath School program.



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A peaceful moment in prayer during the 2014 Regional Convocation.



Colin Dunbar prepares to present Bible worker trainees with certificates of completion.



Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, waits to introduce one of his newest pastoral families.



The convocation choir, directed by Mark Francis, made music an act of worship, inspiring all who listened.



Debleaire Snell presents the Sabbath morning sermon.

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Teri Simmons, convocation musician, receives appreciation from Alphonso McCarthy and Pattric Parris.



TODD GESSELE

across the country. Debleaire K. Snell, First Church senior pastor in Huntsville, Alabama, presented the Sabbath morning sermon. G. Alex Bryant, North American Division executive secretary, gave the main Friday evening message. Other featured speakers included Ron Sydney, 24–Seven Ministry Center pastor in Bellevue, Washington, and Alonzo Wagner, Center for Creative Ministry consultant.

Music throughout was coordinated by Mark Francis, a music ministry consultant from

Washington, D.C. Francis observed the powerful spiritual nourishment of the combined music and preaching during the worship service: “We’re going to get fed so well,” he exclaimed, “we’ll have plenty of leftovers to take home.”

Young adults and youth attended meetings designed just for them, with speakers such as David Richardson, Walla Walla University vice president for student life and mission, and Pam Proudfit, a chaplain at Adventist Medical Center in

Portland, Oregon.

Workshops throughout Friday and Sabbath included presentations on Bible instructor training, health, media ministry, music, leadership and even funeral planning.

This annual convocation is truly a camp meeting for black Adventist members. But skin color is not an automatic measure of culture. This event, as Elwood Reid, Sharon Church elder observes, increasingly mirrors the multicultural nature of many regional churches. “I’ve been at the Sharon

Church for more than 20 years,” he says, “and we now have, more than ever, a wide variety of nationalities represented.”

But unity in the midst of diversity found the gospel message clearly on center stage. And there at Camp Berachah hundreds of members from all different cultures and walks of life celebrated their unity in Jesus’ message of hope and wholeness.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

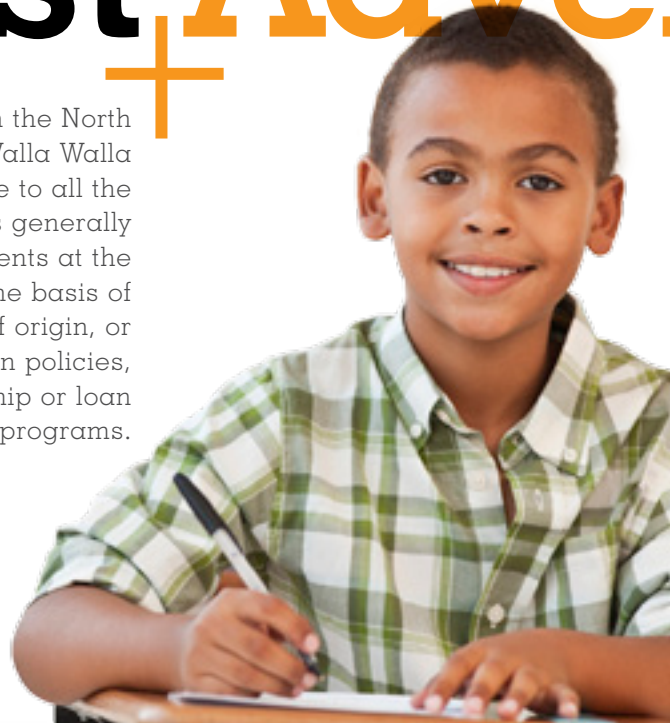


Ordained ministers surround Debleaire Snell, the Sabbath worship speaker, for a prayer of consecration.



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Golden Heart Christian School	1811 Farmers Loop Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-479-2904	To be determined	K-8
Juneau Adventist Christian School	4890 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, AK 99801	907-780-4336	Nickie Romine	1-8
Sitka Adventist School	1613 Halibut Point Rd., Sitka, AK 99835	907-747-8855	Kallie Adams	1-8

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Baker Valley Adventist School	42171 Chico Rd., Baker City, OR 97814	541-523-4165	Megan Morton	1-8
Boise Valley Adventist School	925 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID 83713	208-376-7141	Melanie Lawson	K-8
Caldwell Adventist Elementary School	2317 Wisconsin Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605	208-459-4313	Bonny Smith	K-8
Desert View Christian School	2425 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, ID 83647	208-580-0512	Jeff Anderson	1-8
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Enterprise Adventist School	305 Wagner St., Enterprise, OR 97828	541-426-8339	Dan Webster	1-8
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Idaho Falls Adventist School	802 Westhill Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83405	208-528-8582	Melissa Sturgis	1-8
La Grande Adventist School	2702 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850	541-963-6203	Melissa Akers	1-8
Salmon Adventist School	400 Fairmont St., Salmon, ID 83467	208-756-4439	April Copley	1-8
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Capital View Christian School	2410 Belt View Dr., Helena, MT 59601	406-465-6451	Arlene Lambert	1-8
Central Acres Christian School	3204 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102	406-652-1799	Autumn Paskell	K-8
Five Falls Christian School	2930 Flood Rd., Great Falls, MT 59404	406-452-6883	Esther Holley	K-8
Glacier View Adventist Christian School	36332 Mud Creek Lane, Ronan, MT 59864	406-676-5142	Denne Rogers	1-8
Highland View Christian School	2504 Grand Ave., Butte, MT 59701	406-221-7044	Kathy Edwards	1-8
Libby Adventist Christian School	206 Airfield Rd., Libby, MT 59923	406-293-8613	Laurie James	1-8
Mount Ellis Adventist Elementary	3835 Bozeman Trail Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715	406-587-5430	Michelle Wachter	K-8
Mountain View Adventist School	1010 Clements Rd., Missoula, MT 59804	406-543-6223	Jared Meharry	1-8
Trout Creek Adventist School	3020 MT Hwy. 200, Trout Creek, MT 59874	406-827-3099	Brian Iseminger	1-8
Valley Adventist Christian School	1275 Helena Flats Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901	406-752-0830	Ben Pflugrad	1-8
Valley View Adventist Christian School	264 Hwy. 200 S., Glendive, MT 59330	406-687-3472	To be determined	1-8

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Livingstone Adventist Academy	5771 Fruitland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97301	503-363-9408	Joel Reyes	K-12
Milo Adventist Academy	324 Milo Dr., Days Creek, OR 97429	541-825-3200	Randy Thornton	9-12
Portland Adventist Academy	1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland, OR 97216	503-255-8372	Dan Nicola	9-12
Rogue Valley Adventist Academy	3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501	541-773-2988	Ann Campbell	K-12
Canyonville Adventist Elementary School	712 NW Frontage Rd., Canyonville, OR 97417	541-839-4053	Doug Hartzell	1-8
Central Valley Christian School	31630 Hwy. 34, Tangent, OR 97389	541-928-7820	Bobbi DeWeber	K-8
Countryside Christian School	88401 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487	541-935-6446	Rita Callahan	1-8
Emerald Christian Academy	35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	541-746-1708	Sheldon Eakins	K-10
Gold Coast Christian School	2175 Newmark Ave., North Bend, OR 97420	541-756-7413	Jaime Francisco	1-8
Grants Pass Adventist School	2250 NW Heidi Ln., Grants Pass, OR 97526	541-479-2293	Philip Ermshar	K-8
Hood View Junior Academy	26505 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009	503-663-4568	Brian Gang	K-8
Kelso-Longview Adventist School	96 Garden St., Kelso, WA 98626	360-423-9250	Joel Bennett	K-8
Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School	2499 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601	541-882-4151	Roberta Crenshaw	1-8



Madrone Adventist School	4300 Holland Loop Rd., Cave Junction, OR 97523	541-592-3330	Amy Whitchurch	1-8
McMinnville Adventist Christian School	1349 NW Elm St., McMinnville, OR 97128	503-472-3336	Elizabeth Fish	K-8
Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School	18717 NE 109th Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604	360-687-5121	Ric Peinado	K-8
Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School	1100 22nd St., Hood River, OR 97031	541-386-3187	Peter Hardy	K-10
Portland Adventist Elementary	3990 NW 1st St., Gresham, OR 97030	503-665-4102	Barbara Plubell	K-8
Rivergate Adventist Elementary School	1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027	503-656-0544	Chris Tait	K-8
Riverside Adventist Christian School	463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671	360-835-5600	Heidi Kruger	K-8
Roseburg Junior Academy	1653 NW Troost St., Roseburg, OR 97471	541-673-5278	Dan Wilbanks	K-8
Scappoose Adventist School	54287 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose, OR 97056	503-543-6939	To be determined	K-8
Shady Point Adventist School	14611 Hwy. 62, Eagle Point, OR 97524	541-826-2255	Connalyn Allred	1-8
Sonshine Christian School	4445 Hwy. 101, Florence OR 97439	541-997-3951	Karen Nelson	1-8
Sutherlin Adventist Christian School	841 West Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR 97479	541-459-9940	Dianna Mohr	K-8
Three Sisters Adventist Christian School	21155 Tumalo Rd., Bend, OR 97701	541-389-2091	Jenny Neil	K-10
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141	503-842-6533	Hector Alvarez Jr.	K-9
Tualatin Valley Academy	21975 SW Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123	503-649-5518	Ed Tillotson	K-10
West Valley Christian School	27660 Salmon River Hwy., Willamina, OR 97396	503-879-5812	Holly Dysart	K-8

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Upper Columbia Academy	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3600	John Winslow	9-12
Walla Walla Valley Academy	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-525-1050	Brian Harris	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	Richard Rasmussen	1-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	John McCombs	1-8
Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	June Graham	1-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Dennis Shelton	K-8
Countryside Adventist Elementary School	12109 W. Seven Mile Rd., Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-8982	Phyllis Radu	1-8



Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-9
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-3120	Cristina Laulile	1-8
Grandview Adventist School	106 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA 98930	509-882-3817	Richard Peterson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Sean Ruud	K-10
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Randy Foss	K-9
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Ron Jacaban	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Leslie Briggs	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpaur	1-8
Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Daniel Wister	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Daniel Tyler	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084 Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41 #D, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Clare Thompson	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robin Featherston	K-10
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Stephen Champion	K-9
Tri-City Junior Academy	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Anthony Oucharek	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Christopher Duckett	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Renae Young	K-10

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Orcas Christian School	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Tom Roosma	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Glen Baker	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Doug White	K-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226	360-384-8155	Keith Lindsey	K-8
Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	Ron Trautwein	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Lowell Dunston	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Cynthia Miller	1-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Glen Baker	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Becky Rae	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Karen Carlton	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	Doug Allison	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	Craig Mattson	PK-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Judy Castrejon	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Susan Schilt	1-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Opal Singer	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Angela Stroud	PK-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8

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NACE UNA NUEVA IGLESIA, UN TRABAJO EN CONJUNTO

Plantar una iglesia es una tarea de conjunto, de unión, de aceptación, de desafíos y de trabajo. Esta tarea fue a la que se enfrentaron los hermanos y pastores, anglos e hispanos, el plantar una iglesia hispana en la región de The Dalles, Ore.

“La obra de Dios en esta tierra no podrá nunca terminarse antes que los hombres y mujeres abarcados por el total de miembros de nuestra iglesia se unan a la obra, y unan sus esfuerzos con los de los pastores y dirigentes de las



Mariquita venció la enfermedad y entregó su vida a Cristo.

de Gresham, en septiembre del 2011, liderados por los hermanos Bravo y Hugo Morón, comenzaron a visitar a los hispanos de The Dalles. La iglesia americana contribuyó con el proyecto en este lugar, permitiendo el uso del templo y gracias a esto, se pudieron celebrar los cultos regulares. Así fue el inicio de este sueño, sin importar el inconveniente de la distancia.

Durante el año 2011–2012 se bautizaron cinco personas. Entre ellas estaba la hermana Mariquita y el hermano Orlando, bautismos milagrosos que impulsaron fuertemente a la hermandad. Ambos Orlando

y Mariquita de diferente manera cada uno enfrentaron enfermedades cercanas a la muerte, en ambos casos después de ser ungidos y asistir a diferentes campañas una vez aliviados, decidieron bautizarse. Pero a pesar de eso, el grupo no se consolidaba y solo asistían entre cinco y diez personas cada jueves a la iglesia.

El año 2012 fue muy difícil. Pero el gran impulso que dio el pastor Del F Grebiel, y el hermano David Cox fue determinante, ya que insistieron en trabajar junto con los hispanos para consolidar la idea de plantar una iglesia. No solo pusieron todo su empeño, sino

que además hicieron viajes, propusieron ideas, e incluso contrataron un obrero bíblico, al hermano Sergio Ochaeta pagado por ellos. Sergio llegó para el verano del 2013 y con mucho esfuerzo y la ayuda de los hermanos anglos e hispanos se logró reunir 62 personas, de las cuales 52 eran miembros de iglesia. Al final del verano se tuvo un bautismo de ocho personas y dos profesiones de fe.

Dios dirigió su obra, nunca nos soltó de su mano. Los hermanos anglos han mostrado gran interés en la obra hispana, pues además de ser muy agradables y solidarios con la hermandad hispana, permiten el uso del templo sin cobrar renta. Definitivamente, tengo que decir que este logro fue gracias al trabajo en conjunto de dos culturas con un mismo propósito. ¡Dios bendiga el crecimiento de la iglesia americana e hispana en The Dalles!

Actualmente, el pastor Hipólito Morales está a cargo de la congregación y oramos para que a fines del año 2014 pueda ser organizada como compañía.

Enoc Marquez, pastor de Oregon Conference Iglesia Hispana de Gresham



Ambos Orlando y Mariquita entregados al Señor.

iglesias ...” (*Obreros Evangélicos*, pág. 364.4).

El trabajo misionero comenzó cuando un grupo de hermanos de la Iglesia Hispana



Ted N.C. Wilson, world church president, gave inspirational messages to the Palmer and Hillside-O'Malley churches.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TOURS ALASKAN MISSION FIELD

Ted N.C. Wilson, world church president, and his wife, Nancy, recently paid a visit to Alaska. Williams Costa, world church vice president for communication, arranged the brief visit to the last frontier, in conjunction with a video production sequence they are doing.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, entertained the Wilsons for the weekend and gave them a taste of the beauty around south-central Alaska. "They are such down-to-earth, humble, sincere folks," Crawford stated with a smile. "They even ate my healthy combread at my house. That's a stretch for anyone's palate."

Wilson gave an inspirational message at the Palmer Church and then provided a Sabbath evening vespers service at Anchorage's Hillside-O'Malley Church to a packed audience.

As a part of a video production for the 2015 General Conference, world church staff are shooting footage to compare evangelism in New York City to reaching out in Alaska.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



The remote company of believers in Bethel represents eight different cultures, which uniquely positions members to reach the diverse communities in their area.

BETHEL BELIEVERS SEIZE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The only way to visit Bethel is by air. A full 400 miles west of Anchorage, the cost of living there is high as food and fuel must be flown or barged in. But the company of believers in Bethel has a unique opportunity to serve God. Being an ethnically diverse church with eight different cultures represented, these worshippers are able to welcome and relate to the various visitors and immigrants to Bethel.

Many of the members are professionals working in the fields of law, social services or medicine. God has given them the opportunity to share their skills and His love with

the 56 villages surrounding Bethel that have no Adventist presence. Each Sabbath several non-Adventist members of the community come to the church to enjoy Sabbath lunch with the members. And each Tuesday and Friday evening the members come together to study the Bible and pray for their communities.

Nita Larson, Anchorage Northside Church elder



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VALE CHURCH ORGANIZES FUN RUN

The sun shone brightly on the 57 runners and walkers who got up early on Memorial Day to participate in the inaugural Vale (Ore.) Memorial Day Fun Run. Whether they participated in the 1-mile, 5K, 10K or 10-mile race, everyone finished the race.

The event brought runners from as far away as Chehalis, Wash., and Eugene, Ore., to Vale, a small farming town in rural Oregon with a population under 2,000. The Vale Church, with Brian Yarbrough, pastor, organized this family event to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, which assists wounded service members and their families as they return to civilian life.

Although organized by the Vale Church members, the event brought the community together. The Vale

High School cross-country team helped with timing the races. Local sponsors provided bananas, water bottles, door prizes and prizes for finishers. Vale Church members hosted three water stations, crafted unique awards for the top three male and female finishers in each race, and sponsored other costs associated with the run. Yarbrough reports the event raised more than \$800 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The races began in Wadleigh Park, where church members also had a table featuring healthy-lifestyle materials. One group of ladies participated because they are a part of an exercise group that church members Teri Bonson and Charlan Heid lead in the former church school building, now known as the Timberland Lifestyle Center.

And they're off: Runners and walkers enjoy a sunny day as they move through the race course.



The ladies in Teri Bonson and Charlan Heid's exercise group were excited to participate and get their pink camouflage shirts.

Yarbrough, an avid runner, organized the event in part because of the experience of a church member in the Ontario (Ore.) Church, which Yarbrough also pastors. The church member told him how the Wounded Warrior Project helped her son, a veteran who returned from service for his country as an amputee. Yarbrough has participated in other

races that also supported the Wounded Warrior Project.

A small church in a small community can have a large impact. Several participants requested that the event return again next year.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director

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KALISPELL SMALL GROUPS BRING MEMBERS CLOSER

Small groups in the Kalispell Church have become a treasured time of study, prayer, fellowship and sharing.

A few years ago, Casey Higgins, Kalispell Church pastor, expressed his dream to start small groups in his church to bring members closer together. So three members got together during the summer to attempt to make his dream come true. They planned and learned how to start these groups. They chose mostly couples to be leaders in different parts of the Flathead Valley. The couples all agreed to help after they learned what the group wanted to accomplish.

JOSH PETERSON

The small groups have been meeting for three years. Eight to 10 groups of four to 10



Small-group leaders invite their friends and neighbors to join them in their homes for study, prayer and fellowship.

members each meet weekly. That means 50–60 church members and others are meeting together each week.

Each group chooses what it will study and when to meet. The small-group program has helped members and neighbors get to know each other, become a family, and pray for each other, their families and their church family. What a blessing they have enjoyed, and Kalispell Church members recommend small groups to other churches.

Dee Hustwaite, Kalispell Church personal ministries leader



JOSH PETERSON

Kalispell Church small groups have become a treasured time of study, prayer, fellowship and sharing.

These small-group leaders invited their friends and neighbors to join them in their homes for study, prayer and fellowship, thus starting a wonderful and helpful ministry in the Kalispell Church. The groups began by studying righteousness by faith and then the Holy Spirit.

LONGEVITY HONORED IN BILLINGS

The Billings Church has living proof that a healthy lifestyle along with a trust in God provides full and long lives. On March 22, the church honored its 22 members who are in their 90s. John Bryson, Billings Church pastor, preached a sermon extolling the virtues of proclaiming God's love to another generation and showed pictures of each person taken over the years. A special banquet followed.

Of those over 80 years old in the Billings Church, half still volunteer in their church and community, serving on boards or acting as greeters, spiritual team leaders, committee members and foster parents. A third are still working full- or part-time, and most are still driving their own cars. Their hobbies include gardening, canning

their own food, raising sheep and chickens, and art on the amateur and professional levels. One couple has been happily married for 65 years and two other couples for 64 years.

These people have seen changes from kerosene lamps to LED lighting, from Model Ts to SUVs, and from party lines to cell phones. They have faced wars, losses in their families, changes in our world's finances and cancer but still have smiles on their faces. Bryson spoke for the entire church when he said, "We honor you today, we are proud of you today, and we pray for many more years enjoying your presence with us."

Dorene Amber, Billings Church social committee chairman

Billings Church honors its oldest members with a special service and fellowship meal.



PAA GRADUATES A SENIOR SENIOR

Seventy years in the waiting, a former Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) student received his diploma and was counted among the class of 2014 on graduation day.

Growing up in a home without a mother was hard for Imer Henry. It was the 1930s, and his single father struggled to provide for Henry and his two younger siblings during the Depression. As soon as Henry was old enough he began working to help the family. Keeping Henry and the younger children in church school was an expensive priority to this single father.

The United States entered World War II during Henry's freshman year at Portland Union Academy (PUA, now

Imer Henry shows off his diploma from PAA.



Seventy years in the waiting, Imer Henry receives his diploma from PAA during this year's commencement ceremony.

PAA). Henry attended school as he could but continued to work long hours in the Portland shipyards.

In the fall of 1943, Imer Henry was a senior at PUA and had just been elected sergeant at arms for the class of 1944. But his plans for his future were interrupted he when was called to serve his country.

Henry did serve his country. He then married, had children, and lived a full and good life.

It wasn't until his wife's recent passing after 63 years of marriage that Henry began thinking about his blessed life and the foundational years at PUA.

"I was so heartbroken when my wife passed," said Henry. "It was hard to see what was left for me. But I finally heard God urging me to get out and live for Him. And that's what I'm doing."

This spring, Henry attended PAA's alumni weekend for what should have been his 70-year reunion. He met with old acquaintances and friends, and he had the chance to visit with staff and share all that God had been doing for him. Dan Nicola, PAA principal, was moved by Henry's story.

During PAA's commencement ceremony, Nicola shared Henry's story. The audience and the class of 2014 celebrated

with Henry as he was presented with an honorary Portland Adventist Academy diploma — a moment 70 years in the waiting.

"Imer is the embodiment of that determined and selfless spirit we work to inspire in our students," says Nicola. "The senior class quickly recognized this and unanimously agreed to welcome him into their ranks. It was an honor — a very emotional moment — to present Imer with his PAA diploma."

Watch Imer Henry receive his honorary PAA diploma, as recorded by his son, Norman, on YouTube: glnr.in/1sSjyqQ.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

SPRINGFIELD MEMBERS EXPERIENCE SEDER MEAL

Easter is a fitting time to take a closer look at the Jewish Passover and what it means to a Christian. The Springfield Church chose to feature the Passover and Jesus' Last Supper during Easter weekend. As the sun set on Friday evening, friends and members ate together and then shared in the ordinance of foot-washing in a relaxed setting.

Sabbath morning worship services focused on songs, Scriptures and prayers of redemption, both traditional Jewish and Christian selections. A table for a traditional Passover Seder meal was set up on the stage. Lutz Binus, Springfield Church pastor, wore a traditional Jewish prayer shawl and head dress as he explained and participated in the Seder meal

shared by the Don and Beth Whitsell family. Connie Jessel moderated, and Jill Harwood gave the traditional Seder prayers in Hebrew.

Each facet of the meal had symbolic meaning. "There are many parts of the Passover cele-

bration and meal that our Jewish friends celebrate each year that look back at the experience of Israel coming out of slavery in Egypt," explained Binus.

During the meal the story of the exodus of Israel was shared in an interactive way as

the children asked questions to enhance the remembrance of the experience through the generations.

The members of the congregation were able to participate in the service through responsive readings. Then the deacons distributed pieces of bread as well as big cups of juice. A Hebrew blessing and congregational song closed this special church service. Many in the congregation expressed appreciation for a deeper understanding of the Passover/communion connection and a service that visually illustrated God's saving grace in the past as well as today.

Lutz Binus, Springfield Church pastor, leads the congregation in a final blessing and song, "He Is My Redeemer," as Passover Seder participants Jill Harwood, Connie Jessel and the Whitsell family look on.



Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader, with Lutz Binus, Springfield Church pastor

MEDFORD CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY HOLDS ANNUAL TEA

The women, teens and girls of the Medford Church and their friends gather annually for uplifting fellowship, beautiful music and scrumptious food. This year's annual ladies' tea, themed "Musical Hearts," was held May 4. Thirty of the approximately 135 attendees were non-Adventist. The group also included three men dressed up all the way to red bow ties to

escort guests to their table and handle the sound system.

Seventeen tables, each hosted by one or two women, were uniquely and beautifully decorated. Whether topped with fine china, candles and flowers or paper plates and plasticware, each table added to the special environment.

The women in attendance received a copy of Ginny Al-

len's book, *God's Love Song*, as a reminder of the lovely event and to grace their life with another woman's story of God's working in her life. Women and girls went away blessed and looking forward to next year's tea.

Brooke Bigelow, Medford Church communication leader

Alison Poteet and Ashley Minton enjoy the annual gathering of Medford women.



MADELINE PARMETER

OHANA BRINGS A MIRACLE TO COSTA RICA

They prayed for a church for 25 long years with no indication that they would ever get one. That persistence in prayer paid off. With tears in his eyes, the head elder exclaimed, “It’s a miracle!” It surely is a miracle when God moves people out of their comfort zones and into the mission field.

Doug Franzke, Ohana Christian Fellowship pastor, and his wife, Kim, led their church mission team to Nicoya, Costa Rica, this spring. They were connected to the Nicoya region through Brian Gosney, Oregon Conference undertreasurer, and Ramon Canals, North Pacific Union Conference vice president, who knew of the desperate need for a church in that area.

The Franzkes saw firsthand the group’s small, humble meeting shelter. A badly cracked and now-unusable foundation for a future building

(From left) Joshua and Jonah Franzke, both 9, bend rebar for the new church building.



In celebration of baptisms in the new Nicoya Church, Milton Castillo, conference president, and Ohana children distribute Bibles contributed by the Ohana beginners Sabbath School class. The children even sold some of their own toys to raise funds for the Bibles.

had been laid about 20 years ago.

Doug believed that the Lord was leading Ohana to offer to build a church for the people of Nicoya and to hold evangelistic meetings and Vacation Bible School at two locations. This turned out to also be

a great opportunity to instill the mission spirit in the hearts of the Ohana children.

Bible workers in Nicoya and Santa Cruz were sent out a few months ahead of Ohana’s mission to let people know of the upcoming meetings. One worker had 29 Bible studies underway when the team arrived.

The work on the building started immediately, with the younger team members assisting at their own levels of ability. Ohana kids bent rebar, filled holes, watered walls to keep them from drying too quickly and built relationships with local children.

While the temperatures rose to 108 F, the workers found that rising early was best. “The church building just seemed to materialize from the

ground day by day,” says Nancy Franzke, Ohana member.

Thirty baptisms were realized, with many more studying for baptism. A new church, dedicated on April 5 by Milton Castillo, conference president, has been built that will serve as the Nicoya Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as a regional meeting place for other church-sponsored events.

One lady, a member of a local Methodist Church, happened to wander into a meeting one evening. She told the speaker afterwards, “My head is so full of new ideas I just have to tell everybody I see about this message.”

“The purpose of our mission trips is to work together with the local conference, leaders and pastors to help them in our worldwide mission to spread the gospel of Jesus. Our corporate church is uniquely structured to allow mission to happen in such a cooperative way,” says Ron Franzke, Ohana member.

“There is a camaraderie and a mutual goal no matter what country we go to or what nationality the people are,” adds Nancy Franzke.

When young Ava Hergiv, 8, was asked what she left behind in the mission field, she replied, “We left Jesus behind.” The gospel really is a miracle.

Sue Washinger, Ohana Christian Fellowship secretary





The weekend of June 6 was filled with activities culminating the high school careers of 31 students at Columbia Adventist Academy.

CAA SAYS HELLO, GOODBYE

The weekend of June 6 was filled with activities culminating the high school careers of 31 students at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash.

Beginning with coach and alumnus Jay Pierce ('88) speaking for consecration on Friday, the celebrations continued Sabbath with the baccalaureate exercises featuring David Smith, Meadow Glade Church youth pastor, speaking words of wisdom. Class night allowed seniors to highlight their diverse talents, and Sunday morning commencement showcased the speaking talents of Matthew Butte, former CAA chaplain and principal. Asking the seniors to stand at the end of commencement was the last "fast one" that Gerald Coy, outgoing interim principal and CAA alumnus ('61), pulled on the students, correcting the class of 2014 as they stood and telling them that they were no longer seniors but rather alumni, then asking the class of 2015 to stand.

Coming back home are the "Jackson Five Minus Three," known better as Jeff Jackson ('98) and Greg Jackson

('98). Jeff is the incoming CAA principal. He is excited about returning to his roots in the Northwest and using his skills to continue the "tradition of excellence" at CAA. He and his wife, Andrea, as well as their daughter, Grace, come from Bishop, Calif., where he has been the principal for the last nine years.

Greg Jackson's return to CAA to be the accountant has not required a move, as he has been the estimator for the local company Hayes Cabinets. While not making as huge a move, Greg has plenty of excitement in his life as he and his wife, Melissa, welcome a brand-new daughter, Jaala, to their family.

The CAA school family looks forward to another school year as the class of 2015 and both Jacksons prepare to provide God-centered leadership, assuring continued success at CAA.

Larry Hiday, CAA Gleaner correspondent

SANDY BAPTISMS GIVE CAUSE FOR REJOICING

The Sandy Church is rejoicing with several recent baptisms. From ages 12 to 96, the baptismal candidates all had one thing in common: They love Jesus and want to follow His example. One person had been helping with the community service meal program Food for Folks and had been studying with Sandy Rowe, Food for Folks director. Another person read on her own about the Sabbath, began attending the pastor's New Believers class and invited her husband. Two young men had been studying and preparing for

several months, and one young mother was rebaptized to express her return to her commitment to Jesus and her gratitude for the power of change He continues to bring to her life. The baptism was held at the culmination of a three-week Revelation Revealed seminar held by evangelist Larren Cole, with the support of his wife and family.

Veronica Crockett, Sandy Church communication leader

A number of recent baptisms brings celebration to Sandy Church.



IS CAMP MEETING WORTH IT?

Amid the pre-camp meeting duties, I was sitting in the new Upper Columbia

Academy cafeteria enjoying the great food when a discussion started between two pastors at my table about whether or not camp meeting was “worth it.”

One pastor said, “Camp meeting costs a lot of money. We are not being good stewards of money when we hold this event every year. Think of all the ways we can win souls to Jesus that cost less.”

The other pastor replied, “I completely disagree with you. Camp meeting is important not just for non-members; it is important for the church family to get together once a

year, to reconnect.”

The discussion went on with a few at the table piping in on one side or the other.

I came away from the discussion wanting to hear what guests at camp meeting thought, so I asked some of them, “Is camp meeting worth it?”

The weather performed beautifully for this year’s “More Like Jesus” event, with the rain shutting off just in time for the Wednesday arrivals and the first meeting with John McVay, Walla Walla University president. He had some great words of wisdom Wednesday night. His talk “When Jesus Calls Your Name” reminded us that Jesus knows everything

Between special speakers, the juniors enjoyed games on the lawn.



Charles Brown brings his little donkey, Zacchaeus, to visit various children's divisions.

about us, therefore we should be careful how we treat His people — loving them and treasuring them just as Jesus does.

When Meghin Salmon was asked if camp meeting is “worth it,” she said, “Sometimes we get tunnel vision in our own community and churches. When we come together we have a more holistic view and a wider understanding of our mission. So yes, it definitely is.”

The beginner class had a wonderful set, and the children enjoyed learning about Jesus as a young boy. Suzette McCrary and her team were appreciated



by parents, who said the program was “awesome.” Kindergarteners learned about Moses in their “Wilderness Escape” program. Zaccheus, the little donkey, visited all the children’s programs, and the “Time Machine” in primary was a big hit. Community service projects accomplished by the juniors were appreciated and fit well with their theme, “More and More and More and More and More Like Jesus!”

Dan Jackson, North American Division president, arrived Friday and spoke about “What Jesus Did.” He confessed he is a Christian because of what 2 Cor. 5:21 says, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

During the Sabbath worship time, Dan spoke about “What Jesus Does,” reminding us that Jesus ate with sinners and we should be like Him. “If you are telling people about tofu,” Dan said, “make sure it is connected in some way with Jesus Christ.”

Camp meeting ended with a talk from Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president. His solemn state-



A full tent on Sabbath holds 2,000 guests.

There is tremendous value in small congregations coming together at camp meeting ...

ment, “We are living in times that our spiritual fathers and mothers have talked about for a long time,” perked up many ears. He said, “We don’t have the luxury of time. We are becoming more like Him or more hardened to Him.” A shuttle driver reported that some of the guests had tears in their eyes as

A Roman soldier brings the Bible stories to life in the children’s division.



they left the Saturday evening service and said they will never be the same.



The weekend guest speaker was Dan Jackson, North American Division president.

Joyce Woods answered my question with, “It is important for us to see friends and fellowship with people from churches all over, who we never get to see just going to our own church.” What is the value placed on one soul who is saved? Jesus said He would come to die for just one person.

I caught up with the second pastor after camp meeting and he shared more reasons on the value of camp meeting. He said, “Many people who never come to church on a regular basis come to camp meeting. When people come to an event just to have fun, they still leave with something else, and they

learn more about Jesus. There is tremendous value in small congregations coming together at camp meeting and finding new joy worshipping with the larger, vibrant church and finding a new grasp on life.”

The one thing both pastors agreed on is that they would love to see camp meeting guests of all ages have the opportunity to do community outreach, to serve in a way that makes a difference to the community. The bigger picture, that of becoming “more like Jesus,” dictates that we find a way to bring the “What Jesus

Does” element to camp meeting and model that.

I enjoyed the pastors’ spirited discussion. Perhaps we can use it to help us zero-in on our focus, to help as many people as possible develop a closer, trusting relationship with Jesus. If that happens, I’m guessing all would agree that camp meeting is “worth it.”

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

The beginners class learns about “Kids Under Construction” and “Growing Up Like Boy Jesus.”



SPOKANE LINWOOD CELEBRATES BAPTISMS



What a wonderful way to start 2014 for four people as they publicly declared their decisions to follow the Lord's example by being baptized into the Spokane (Wash.) Linwood Church membership on Jan. 14.

First to be baptized on this special day was Grace Buckles, who attended the Jesus in Bible Prophecy evangelistic series presented by Volody Nesteruk, Spokane Linwood Church senior pastor. After the meetings, Buckles studied the Bible with Alan Williams, Spo-

kane Linwood Church Bible worker/outreach coordinator, and Nesteruk before choosing to commit her life to Jesus.

The second baptism was Kenny Applewhaite, an inspirational youth who is involved with Pathfinders and attends Palisades Christian Academy, an Adventist school. Applewhaite is the first of his family to be baptized.

Husband and wife Mike and Peggy McMorris had a desire to be rebaptized. Both were baptized on different dates more than 30 years ago and again openly declared their desire to

accept Christ as their Redeemer and rejoice in having unity as they both recommitted their love for the Lord.

Teamwork made these baptisms even more memorable. Although his left arm was fractured and in a sling, Nesteruk didn't let that stop this special day as he led each candidate through the baptismal vow and benediction, while Wayne Seanson performed the immersion.

Each of the baptized members received flowers and a welcome basket. Everyone was invited to an all-church potluck

(From left) Alan Williams, Mike and Peggy McMorris, Wayne Seanson, Grace Buckles, Kenny Applewhaite, and Volody Nesteruk, pastor, all share in the joy as Applewhaite declares his love for the Lord.

to celebrate Linwood's new additions to the church family.

Find the Spokane Linwood Church on Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and LinkedIn to read about blessings from service for the Lord every day. You can also visit online at linwoodsda.org.

Brenda Norman, Spokane Linwood Church webmaster

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PORT ORCHARD CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITY

Luka Pasi is one of the people in his church most faithful in sharing his faith with his community — and he is blind.

When Port Orchard Church began preparing for a 90-day evangelism blitz this spring, Pasi showed up for every training and outreach activity. “I can easily use my sight as an excuse for not sharing my faith,” Pasi says. “I think there is no excuse for not going out to witness about Jesus. I had faith that God was going to go with me and help me. If I can do it, I know you can do it better than me.”

In a new venture to im-

prove a culture of evangelism at churches in western Washington, Tyler Long, Washington Conference evangelism coach, provides an outreach training six weeks before a series of meetings, hosts Bible studies and coaches the church in discipleship after the evangelism meeting concludes.

Through the twice-a-week class, about a dozen Port Orchard members learned about friendship evangelism, how to witness in a nonthreatening way, how to give Bible studies, how to reach out to inactive members and other topics.

Long and his team of

volunteers identified potential guests and sent 25,000 Bible study invitations. These activities helped them find more than 200 contacts to visit.

When the Bible prophecy meeting began with Dan Bentzinger, church members welcomed 50 guests, twice what they had experienced previously through direct-mail invitations alone.

“I looked around the church and saw each team member sitting with a guest they had personally invited,” Long says. “Sixty-five percent of our guests already had a connection with the Adventist Church.”

One gentleman had been out of the church for 55 years.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Luka Pasi looks forward to seeing again in heaven and wants to invite his neighbors and friends to get ready for heaven.

Another lady only agreed to talk with the guests at her door after she quizzed them about the correct Sabbath day — something she had just read about in her Bible.

In all, 16 people were either baptized, joined the church by profession of faith or transferred into the church after having their membership dormant for many years.

“[The] Port Orchard Church family is flying high right now,” says Tobin Dodge, pastor. “Everyone who was baptized had a connection in the church: a friend, a neighbor or a relative. This baptism was the largest baptism anyone had ever witnessed in our church.”

The Reach Port Orchard evangelism blitz is transforming how the church views evangelism as a lifestyle and not a program. “Each year the church is becoming warmer to the idea of evangelism being everything we do,” says Dodge. “We are learning to make ourselves available to God and that He will bring people to us.”

Watch “Blind Faith” on GleanerNow.com: glnr.in/lukasfaith.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Tyler Long and Luka Pasi share a bond of friendship after going from door to door to give Bible studies in Port Orchard.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

AAA STUDENTS SURRENDER ALL TO JESUS

Three baptisms unexpectedly became the sermon for the day on May 31 at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) Church and provided a capstone for a school year that witnessed 10 student baptisms.

Just as the children's story was winding down, Jeff Carlson, AAA chaplain, entered the baptistery with Tyler Masden.

"I know God is real, good, alive, active and that He loves me," said Masden, AAA senior from Kent, as he shared how his mentors helped him in his spiritual growth journey. "My baptism is a public declaration of my love for God. This is the beginning of a chapter."

Roving microphones in the congregation allowed the church community to share their encouragement, affirmation and support for each student being baptized.

Julia Nam, a junior from Korea, felt God calling her at the beginning of the school year to be baptized. Throughout the school year, she asked questions,

carefully studied the Bible and went on a mission trip to Belize.

Flynn Chae, a senior from Korea, stood in the baptistery for 45 minutes with Tom Decker, AAA principal, as peers, teachers



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Flynn Chae reacts to the support of the church community who has become acquainted with him through his music performances and ministry involvement at Auburn Adventist Academy.

and church community members recounted how he had changed in the last three years. His classmates in Sylvan, the academy's elite singing group, gathered around the piano to sing "I Surrender All." Chae joined in singing from the baptistery, with



Julia Nam remembers asking questions about God throughout the school year and anticipating her baptism.

tears streaming down his face.

Three years ago, Chae came to Auburn from Korea as a confirmed atheist. He had never felt the love of God before and felt self-reliant, defiant and hopeless.

church events, singing engagements, Bible-study and prayer groups, and the academy's Belize mission trip.

The trio of baptisms closed with an invitation for others to consider baptism. Chae's classmate and friend Nutt Noppakaosaengnimit, a senior from Thailand, stepped forward from the cluster of Sylvan singers as the congregation thunderously applauded his decision and the three baptisms of the day. One week later, during graduation weekend, Noppakaosaengnimit was baptized.



CHRIS WILLIAMS

Flynn Chae shares how he arrived at Auburn Adventist Academy as a confirmed atheist three years ago. Over time in a Christian environment his heart softened, and he concluded his senior year by deciding to be baptized.

Before heading off to college and life, these Auburn Adventist Academy seniors decided to be baptized this school year.



JESSI TURNER

He attributed everything bad to God.

"God brought me here to Auburn Adventist Academy where I found Jesus," Chae says. "I realized recently that God has been there all along [in my life]."

In his time at Auburn, he transformed from a shy, quiet student into a young man who the church community knows because of his involvement in

The Sabbath when the baptisms and a decision for baptism became the sermon is sure to be a defining memory in the history of the Auburn Adventist Academy family.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



The Russian-Ukrainian Parousia Church celebrates the groundbreaking of what is believed to be the first Russian-built Adventist church in the United States.

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING CONGREGATION FINDS NEW HOME

When the Russian-Ukrainian Parousia Church was organized in 2006, the congregation began dreaming about having its own church facility in the Auburn region.

Members of this congregation came from the former Soviet Union countries of Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Estonia. Many of them came into the United States as refugees, since most of them went through a difficult time of religious persecution because of an atheistic regime. Some won green cards.

“We felt it was our mission to serve the Russian-speaking community of more than 120,000 in the greater Seattle area,” says Victor Krushenitskyi, pastor. “Since then our church grew up to 150 members.”

The multitalented church supports two choirs, a brass band, three vocal groups and a children’s choir. The church is also a young congregation with 60 children ages birth to 15.

The congregation purchased a 1.3-acre lot in 2011 near the border between Auburn and Federal Way. The church partnered with Adventist architects Don and Alice Kirkman in the last three years to develop building plans and arrange for

building permits.

“We named it the Faith Project,” says Krushenitskyi. “Our members generously donated their money (in spite of their low income), and we also did some fundraising with yard sales, benefit music concerts and selling national cuisine.”

The congregation held their groundbreaking ceremony on June 8 with special guests including John Freedman and Doug Bing from Washington Conference, Federal Way city hall council member Martin A. Moore, neighbors and church friends.

“From what we know by communicating with our Russian-speaking members across the country, it will be the first-ever Adventist Russian-built church in USA history,” says Krushenitskyi. “By God’s grace we are planning to finish the building from outside (dried in) by the end of this year and then will continue to do the inside work as funds will be available. We appreciate your prayer and support as we continue our Faith Project.”

Heidi Baumgartner

A NEW CHURCH GROWS IN MAPLE VALLEY

Nemaia Faletofo felt God calling him to present a Bible prophecy seminar for his church in Burien last fall. God kept prompting him to do something more, in addition to his full-time job, and he began planting a church in Maple Valley with a core group of five families.

Maple Valley Church began on March 1. By March 14, members began their first Bible prophecy series. From a handful of people who initially attended

this church, this growing congregation now has 35–40 people regularly attending church services.

The church celebrated its first three baptisms at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting in June. Maple Valley leaders have a full summer of outreach activities planned and look forward to partnering with God.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

The Maple Valley Church plant began with just a handful of people in March, and they now have 35–40 people attending regularly. They are excited about their first three baptisms.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER



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Effie Pamapaian receives an honorary degree at age 104.

GRADUATE EARNS SECOND WWU DEGREE 75 YEARS AFTER FIRST

Walla Walla University's oldest student ever received an honorary Bachelor of Arts degree in history during the June 14 commencement ceremony. Effie Pamapaian, a 1939 WWU graduate, has been attending university classes since 1999.

University president John McVay presented Pamapaian with a diploma, congratulating her in front of an audience of more than 400 fellow graduates plus family and friends attending the outdoor ceremony.

In addition to the distinction of being WWU's oldest student at age 104, she was also WWU's first female theology graduate.

Pamapaian began taking classes soon after she retired in the Walla Walla Valley. Until the last few years, she even did the assignments and took the examinations. "The students love her, and she is a real inspiration to them and to me," says Greg Dodds, history professor. "Her love of learning is contagious."

Pamapaian has taken an estimated 16 classes in history, nine classes in religion and a speech class.

Rosa Jimenez, WWU relations senior manager

SHERWOOD TRUST AWARDS \$20,000 TO KGTS

A gift from Sherwood Trust caps a major initiative to improve the broadcast of KGTS, the network hub for Positive Life Radio. The Walla Walla, Wash., foundation granted \$20,000 to the Walla Walla University radio station to purchase and install two antennas on Pikes Peak, which overlooks the Walla Walla Valley from the Oregon side. These improvements will bring broadcast transmission up to current industry standard.

The Sherwood Trust is a nonprofit, private foundation founded by Donald and Virginia Sherwood. The Sherwoods were longtime residents of Walla Walla. The couple worked together in contributing to the quality of life in the Walla Walla Valley through their involvement in many major civic projects, including the public library and downtown developments.

Installing the new antennas will complete the station's \$147,000 project, which also

includes replacing studio equipment and updating Internet connections between the five stations that broadcast Positive Life Radio.

More than \$127,000 has already been contributed. Gifts have come from many sources including Verizon, which donated towers valued at \$24,100. A donor gave a one-time gift of \$40,000 to kick off this fundraising initiative. Former staff members of Positive Life Radio made contributions, and from the listening audience 543 families each gave \$100 to carry the project toward completion.

Based on the Walla Walla University campus, Positive Life Radio is a network of five radio stations and 15 translators throughout the Inland Northwest. It reaches more than 120,000 listeners in 18 communities and can be streamed anywhere at plr.org.

Rosa Jimenez

Walla Walla University is home base for the Positive Life Radio network.



CARDIOLOGISTS SAVE LIFE AT HEART WALK

For the past nine years, Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., and the Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular have participated in the Greater Portland Heart and Stroke Walk as a way to raise awareness about cardiac health in the communities while supporting the American Heart Association.

More than 200 AMC employees and their families participated in the event including Brad Evans and Doug Dawley, both cardiologists at the Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular. Evans and Dawley were among those who were first on the scene when, ironically, a participant suffered a heart attack. The prompt actions of these doctors and the others who were so quick to help are credited with saving the man's life.

Local news outlets re-

ported that Portland Fire and Rescue crews had difficulty getting into the event area due to the large crowd, but walkers, the two physicians and a trained EMT "jumped in and started performing CPR," according to Tommy Schoeder, Portland Fire and Rescue spokesman.



ED HOOPER

Adventist Medical Center employees walk to raise awareness about heart health.

Cardiologists Doug Dawley (left) and Brad Evans (middle) along with Tom Russell (right), Adventist Health senior vice president of population health innovation, at the Greater Portland Heart and Stroke Walk. Dawley and Evans were at the right place at the right time to help save a participant's life.

A person can survive for only four to six minutes before lack of oxygen results in brain damage or death. That's why it's important that everyone knows how to do CPR. "This incident demonstrated that CPR can buy extra time, until the ambulance was able to get to the patient and transport him to the hospital," says Evans, who was the first person to begin administering CPR on the patient.

"I was so glad to hear that the patient survived his sudden cardiac-death incident," notes Dawley, who was also involved in performing the CPR until paramedics were able to arrive on the scene along the banks of the Willamette River. "Everyone should learn to do CPR. It saves lives."

"More than 7,000 people

were participating in the community event, but these physicians were at the right place at the right time," says one American Heart Walk attendee. "This man is alive today because of the heroic acts of these two walkers."

For more information about heart health, visit the Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular's website, nwregionalheart.com.

Adventist Health staff



JIM PELICH



FAMILYBIRTHS

HESGARD — Mara Lena Marie Hesgard was born March 3, 2014, to Tim and Erin (Huston) Hesgard, Vallejo, Calif.

SCHLITTENHART — Noella Marie was born Dec. 5, 2013, to Isaac W. and Emily C. (Waters) Schlittenhart, Chattaroy, Wash.

FAMILYATREST

ANDERSON — Rudy Angeline (Day), 88; born Feb. 15, 1926, of Iowa; died March 10, 2014, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Debra Satre, Vancouver; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CAMPBELL — Reita Velle (Stanton), 93; born Feb. 8, 1920, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Feb. 6, 2014, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: husband, Donald L.; stepsons, Donald L. Campbell II, Longview, Wash.; and Gregg M. Campbell, Kelso, Wash.

CLAYVILLE — Douglas, 58; born Dec. 13, 1954, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 10, 2013, Dallas, Ore. Surviving: wife, Sue (Huyck); sons, Caleb D., Pendleton, Ore.; John and Joseph, both of Dallas; daughters, Chryslyn Lutz, Angwin Calif.; Camilyn Clayville, Sherlyn Clayville, Selena Clayville, Rachele Clayville, all of Dallas; parents, Robert and Peggy (Dempsey) Clayville, Cove, Ore.; brothers, G. Dennis, La Grande, Ore.; Donald W., Moses Lake, Wash.; sister, Diane Wells, Lewiston, Idaho; and 7 grandchildren.

COOPER — Veryl Eldon, 85; born June 11, 1928, Weiser, Idaho; died June 30, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Carol (McMillin); son, Robert, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Brenda Conner, Beverly Langer and Patty Nelson, all of Walla Walla; Marilyn Pemberton, College Place; sister, Maxine Un-

ruce, Beaverton, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchildren.

CORWIN — Corabell (Smith), 89; born Jan. 31, 1925, Phoenix, Ore.; died May 8, 2014, Ashland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Harvey, Medford, Ore.; Daniel, Ashland; daughter, Diane Chamberlain, Ashland; 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

DEGERATY — Charles Otto, 78; born June 16, 1935; died April 23, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash.

DOPP — Janice Arlene (Horner), 83; born Oct. 5, 1930, Portland, Ore.; died March 15, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Randall E., Milton, Fla.; daughter, Terrie D. Aamodt, Walla Walla; and 3 grandchildren.

GARNER — Arthur Dale, 78; born May 24, 1935, Landour, Mussoorie, India; died April 8, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Betty (Dasher); sons, Maurice, Ooltewah, Tenn.; Gordon, Agat, Guam; Kent, Walla Walla; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HARRIS — Edna Doris (Maier), 87; born April 27, 1926, Bowdle, S.D.; died April 22, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Harold “Jack” Harris; son, Lance, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Karyl Dupée, Garden Grove, Calif.; brother, Harlan Maier, Stockton, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

HENDRICKSON — Hazel Joyce (Wimer) Blehm, 75; born Aug. 15, 1936, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada; died April 15, 2014, Brush Prairie, Wash. Surviving: husband, Carl Hendrickson; son, Ted LeRoy Blehm, Hillsboro, Ore.; daughter, Marla Joy (Blehm) Corson, Beaverton, Ore.; brother, Richard Gaylord Wimer, Walla Walla, Wash.; sister, Barbara (Wimer) Henry, Vancouver,

Wash.; 2 step-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

LANG — Viola Eleanor (Hanson) Bowhay, 106; born Dec. 19, 1907, Mountain Home, Idaho; died April 22, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: sons, Alonzo Lang, Paradise, Calif.; Edward Lang, Madera, Calif.; daughters, Marlene (Bowhay) Gaede, Tillamook, Ore.; Sharon (Bowhay) Haeckl, Napa, Calif.; stepdaughter, Elaine (Lang) Wagner, Spokane, Wash.; 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

LEE — William Rouse, 91; born Aug. 12, 1922, Hamilton, Mont.; died April 27, 2014, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, William “Bill” H., Bozeman, Mont.; daughters, Laura M. Avery, Vancouver, Wash.; Cheryl A. Nelson, Sandy, Ore.; Lisa M. Moore, Nampa, Idaho; brother, Alvin Lee, Polson, Mont.; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

MILLER — Emma “Irene” (Jones), 90; born Dec. 30, 1922, Reliance, S.D.; died Oct. 16, 2013, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: son, Ronald, Nibley, Utah; daughter, Franci Miller, Neotsu, Ore.; brother, Robert Jones; sister, Florence Eckright; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

MOODY — Eva Claire, 101, born Oct. 28, 1911; died May 14, 2013. Surviving: son, David; 4 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

PRICE — Alice Irene, 95; born Jan. 29, 1919, Robinson, N.D.; died Feb. 24, 2014, Sidney, Mont. Surviving: son, George Kirkendall, Syracuse, N.Y.; daughters, Ann Cummings, Sidney; Janis Dove, Gresham, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

FAMILYATREST

REED — Robert Gordon, 84; born Nov. 29, 1929, Boise, Idaho; died Feb. 12, 2014, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: wife, Bette (Buell); sons, Gordie Jr. and Jeffrey, both of Ontario; daughter, Pamela Drake, Nampa, Idaho; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Samuel Ervin, 93; born Sept. 20, 1920, Toledo, Wash.; died May 1, 2014, Bend, Ore. Surviving: son, Jerry Smith, Spokane Valley, Wash.; daughters, Linda Heath, Gig Harbor, Wash.; Becky Danielson, Bend; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

TRAUTWEIN — Evelyn Mae (Schutt), 82; born Sept. 1, 1931, Hong Kong; died April 12, 2014, Rogue River, Ore. Surviving: sons, Terry, Grants Pass, Ore.; Ron, Auburn, Wash.; Alan, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Wendy Kessler, Sandy, Ore.; sisters, Carolyn Roberts, Chiacum, Wash.; Betty Fox, Pacific Grove, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WEEKS — Mildred Joan (Hare), 92; born Jan. 22, 1922, Nowthen, Minn.; died April 15, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Benjamin H.; daughters, Nancy Pellow, Republic, Wash.; Sally Faulkner, Everett, Wash.; Mary Betz, Walla Walla; sister, Phyllis Kinnard, Vernon Hills, Ill.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

- Aug. 2** — Local Church Budget;
- Aug. 9** — Andrews, Loma Linda and Oakwood Universities;
- Aug. 16** — Local Church Budget;
- Aug. 23** — Local Conference Advance;
- Aug. 30** — Alaska Conference.

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Walla Walla University

- Aug. 17** — Master of Social Work hooding and graduation ceremony for the Billings, Mont., campus;
- Aug. 22-24** — Rosario Marine Laboratory 60th anniversary celebration, Anacortes, Wash.

Idaho

All About Jesus Seminar

Aug. 22-30 — McCall Church invites you to attend the All About Jesus Seminar presented by Lee and Marji Venden. These seminars are offered to aid pastors and churches desiring to deepen a congregation's spirituality by clear, practical suggestions on how to develop or deepen a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Weekdays and Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Sabbath meetings, Aug. 23 and 30 at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Location: Idaho First Bank, 475 Deinhard Lane, McCall, Idaho. For more information, call 208-634-2844 or email csnelson97@hotmail.com.

Oregon

Bobby McGhee and Friends

Aug. 30 — "Come Meet People YOU Already Love" at the 12th annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers, Sunnyside Church, 6-8 p.m. Speaker Herman Bauman will also deliver both services on Sabbath at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. There will be a special potluck for friends of Bauman.

Breath of Life Coming to Portland

Sept. 7-13 — Experience the power of the gospel. Carlton P. Byrd, Breath of Life television ministries speaker/director, will be at Sharon Church, 5209 NE 22nd Ave., Portland, Ore. Visit breathoflife.tv.

Columbia Classics

Sept. 19-20 — Columbia Academy's Columbia Classics Weekend is at Columbia Adventist Academy in the chapel/cafeteria. Friday at 6 p.m., light supper provided, followed by vespers. Sabbath at 9 a.m., breakfast provided, followed by programs and a potluck lunch. RV spaces available, but only a limited number of electrical and water hookups available. First-come, first-serve basis.

Milo Class of 1964 Plans 50th Reunion

Oct. 3-4 — The 1964 Milo Adventist Academy graduating class announces its 50th reunion at the Milo campus. All classmates are invited to attend our class-sponsored Friday night vespers and all-day Sabbath activities, followed by a fun Saturday night 60s-themed buffet party and entertainment. There will be an old-fashioned popcorn popper, soda fountain, ice-cream sundaes, yummy camp meeting shamburgers with all the trimmings and much more. Other classmates before or after 1964 are welcome to join the Saturday night party. For reservations and the discount rate before Sept. 12, contact Kathy (Koenig) Corwin at kathy@corwins.com, Mike Watt at mtwatt@thegrid.net or call 559-226-4800.

Upper Columbia

WWVA Class of 1964 Reunion

Sept. 19-20 — We look forward to seeing you at the 50th reunion of the Walla Walla College Academy/Walla Walla Valley Academy class of 1964. For more information, contact Derreta Budd Winsor at 360-425-2201 or Gayle Fowler at 509-301-8422.

UCA Alumni Homecoming

Oct. 3-5 — All former faculty, students who attended and/or graduated, and their families are invited. Honored classes end in 4 and 9. Friday night welcome-back reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by vespers. Sabbath worship from 10 a.m. to noon. Tammy McGuire speaking. Please update your contact information by email at alumni@ucca.org or on the UCA website at ucca.org/Alumni.

Bible Study Tour to Turkey

March 18-29, 2015 — The UCC Office of Education is sponsoring a Bible study tour to ancient Hittite sites as well as to some of the Seven Churches. Visiting these ancient Biblical sites makes the Bible come alive. The tour will once again be hosted by Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University biblical studies professor. Also accompanying the group will be an expert Turkish guide, Hakan Edime. Teachers, pastors and lay members are welcome. More trip details available at glnr.in/ucctour-2015. To register for this tour or have your questions answered, contact Sharon Seanson at 509-994-9334 or sharons@uccsda.org. Space is limited, so act soon.

Washington

NAARA Annual Retreat

Aug. 8-10 — Northwest Adventist Amateur Radio Association annual retreat at Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash. Ham radio classes and testing potentially available Aug. 6 and 7 if enough people show interest. Reports from Adventist World Radio and of ham radio on mission trips. Registration forms available at naara.org. For more information, contact 509-540-0544 or keithrcarlin@charter.net.

Car and Bike Show

Aug. 17 — Car and bike enthusiasts are invited to the 10th annual Shelton Valley Christian Show N' Shine held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Shelton Valley Christian School Campus, 201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, Wash. This is a family event with kids jumper, door prizes, great food like Tom's Famous Burgers, raffle and trophies. For more information or to register, call 360-426-8741 or go online to sheltonshowandshine.com.

World Church

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Oct. 3-4 — Sheyenne River Academy/Dakota Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, N.D. Come and renew your friendships. Honor classes include '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '75, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05 and '10. For more information, contact 701-258-9000 ext. 236 or visit our website at <http://bit.ly/DAA-AlumWknd14>.

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August	1	8	15	22	29
DST					
ALASKA CONFERENCE					
Anchorage	10:41	10:22	10:01	9:40	9:19
Fairbanks	11:05	10:40	10:15	9:49	9:23
Juneau	9:19	9:03	8:45	8:26	8:07
Ketchikan	8:53	8:39	8:23	8:07	7:50
IDAHO CONFERENCE					
Boise	9:09	9:00	8:50	8:39	8:27
La Grande	8:21	8:12	8:01	7:49	7:37
Pocatello	8:52	8:43	8:33	8:23	8:11
MONTANA CONFERENCE					
Billings	8:44	8:35	8:24	8:12	8:00
Havre	8:58	8:47	8:35	8:22	8:09
Helena	9:01	8:51	8:40	8:28	8:15
Miles City	8:35	8:26	8:15	8:03	7:50
Missoula	9:10	8:59	8:48	8:36	8:23
OREGON CONFERENCE					
Coos Bay	8:40	8:31	8:21	8:11	7:59
Medford	8:32	8:23	8:14	8:03	7:52
Portland	8:40	8:31	8:20	8:08	7:56
UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE					
Pendleton	8:25	8:16	8:05	7:53	7:41
Spokane	8:26	8:15	8:04	7:51	7:38
Walla Walla	8:24	8:15	8:04	7:52	7:39
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y wife recently gave birth to our third child, and one of the many questions we have as we watch her grow is what her personality will be like. Both our eldest and our newly crowned middle child are distinct in approaches to life — yet there is one thing that binds all kids together: temper tantrums.

While the range, pitch and frequency varies from child to child, they all have what we affectionately call “melt-downs.” Usually due to a lack of rest and not getting his or her way, the child has an emotional implosion — or explosion, depending on the child. I have watched my sweet girls morph into door-slamming, foot-stomping, lip-pouting demonstrators.

It's especially bad in public. One book reflects on the experience by saying, “The fear of your child losing control in public is enough to make you want to stay home, order takeout, and shop online. Most people are staring at you, the parent, not the child. They

are watching to see if you will keep your cool. Think about the last time you saw a child freaking out in a store; weren't you secretly hoping the parent didn't lose control too?”¹

I confess sometimes I wish the opposite so I can judge another parent and feel good

Common decency tells us that screaming, hitting, name-calling, mean letters and refusing to play because we don't get our way isn't how grown-ups behave.

about my own shortcomings. Then I repent.

However the children in your life lose control of themselves, private or public, we all have a responsibility as mature adults to gently help discover better ways to express what they are feeling. Common decency tells us that screaming, hitting, name-calling, mean letters and refusing to play because we don't get our way isn't how grown-ups behave.

We go to great lengths to explain to our children the proper way of dealing with emotions like anger and fear. We do our very best to make them aware of the people around them, how they look when they embrace ugly behavior, and how it makes Jesus look if we claim to love and follow Him.

After all, inspiration tell us that “there are those who are watching this people [Seventh-day Adventists] to see

what is the influence of the truth upon them.”² What effect does the advent message on its adherents? Jesus answers simply by telling us we are to taste good (see Matt. 5:13).

Yes, we can all agree on the necessity to impress upon today's children the need for mature adults, especially those following Jesus, to conduct themselves respectfully, and to communicate their thoughts and feelings in ways that build people up.

But then we come to church.

1. Michelle Nicholasen and Barbara O'Neal, *I Brake for Meltdowns*, 8.
2. Ellen White, *Selected Messages Book 3*, 260.

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PERSPECTIVE



SPIRITUAL AIDS

“**P**astor!” It was Sonja. She had a homosexual twin brother who had contracted AIDS in the bowels of San Francisco. Life was fading fast, and Jim wanted to come home to his churchgoing sister’s family so he could die in peace. Sonja wondered if I would visit Jim’s hospital room and anoint him. “Certainly, if he wants me to.”

Jim did. I explained that the anointing service would involve dedicating his life to Christ. It was not a magic cure all but a willingness to submit to God’s will, in faith that He can and will heal, but only according to His timetable. For many, this will be at the final resurrection.

Jim agreed to these terms and accepted Jesus. After leading him in the sinners’ prayer, I anointed him in his hospital room — surrounded by sobbing women, his beauty shop clients.

Jim did receive a miracle of healing, not from AIDS but from guilt, shame and alienation from God. As his life faded away in the weeks that followed, we often spoke of Christ and the glories of eternity with

Him. Jim’s sister transformed her home into a hospice, and his gay friends were always present at our discussions and prayers. I hugged them all without fear — gays and lesbians know the difference between a Christian embrace and the other kind. Jim especially seemed to appreciate the touch of someone beyond the homosexual subculture.

Death came all too soon. Sonja’s family asked me to have the funeral at our church. The following Sabbath afternoon 100 homosexuals showed up at our church in all their regalia. Our members warmly escorted their gay guests from the foyer into the sanctuary.

In my memorial message, God opened the door to share the gospel. I explained how all of us are born with spiritual AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, inherited from Adam. We all are doomed with an irresistible, incurable disease of the soul (Rom. 7:24). God in mercy sent us another Adam — a new corporate representative — who overcame where our first father failed us. By Christ’s life, death and resurrection, a new humanity began in the body of Christ (Eph.

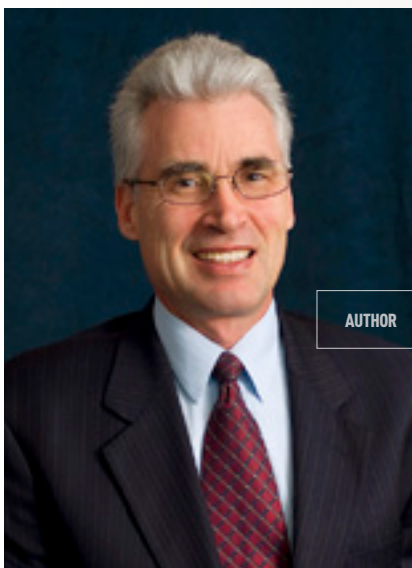
2:14–16). Through baptism we signify our transition from our AIDS experience in the old Adam to Christ’s new human race, participating in the faith community of the church.

People seemed to get it. At the subsequent luncheon, gay guests openly discussed God and their interest in knowing Him more. A lesbian recording artist seemed particularly interested. She gave me her CD. The songs communicated a lot of pain and anger with which I hope she got some help from our church.

That night about midnight my phone rang. It was Jim’s former domestic partner. Excitedly yet thoughtfully, he testified he had never expected to experience God in the way he did at our church.

He was wondering if we could meet and talk about Jesus. And our church.

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DITCHES

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n an idyllic late spring afternoon, a friend and I cruised a curving country road in his convertible. These were the halcyon days of fuel prices, so the throaty throb of the big V-8 gulping gallons of gas dampened our enthusiasm not

Some honest and tender souls take a sad look at the carnage and choose another route toward the kingdom.

one iota. College classes and research papers left behind for the moment, we took the long way back from the store just for the joy of warm sun and fresh air. On my lap was a brown paper bag full of purchased condiments — ketchup, mayo, pickles, etc. — for a planned bonfire and wiener roast.

The eight-track tape spun out a catchy tune as we wound our way up the hill toward campus. Rounding a corner a bit too cavalierly we were suddenly confronted with a split-second decision. There, dead ahead in the middle of the road, was a large, lifeless skunk. It had

obviously met its fate there in our lane, and we were loath to run over it again or suffer the odiferous imprint of such an encounter.

But that would have been better than the reaction of my cohort, who jerked the steering wheel, veered around the unfortunate beast and plowed straight into the ditch. As the dust settled, my friend jumped out to check his beloved vehicle while I surveyed the condition of the condiments, now a kaleidoscopic puddle of pickle-laced colors that somehow complemented the unmistakable aroma of our nearby nemesis.

Roads are meant for traveling. Ditches are not.

Biblical teachings pave the road to our destination, but some of us have seasoned those clear words to our own taste. We've let strong opinions on music, jewelry, clothing or worship styles run us off the road into the ditch. In the name of righteousness, differences over ordination, the nature of Christ, spiritual formation and the like can become an in-house civil war — pitting member against member in a fruitless family feud.

It's no wonder that some honest and tender souls take

a sad look at the carnage and choose another route toward the kingdom.

This is not a new problem. Jesus confronted it two millennia ago, when religious folks openly criticized Him for a long list of Sabbath infractions. The Bible says in Mark 3 that when Jesus encountered a man with a withered hand in the synagogue these self-appointed gatekeepers "watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him." When the Savior asked them, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil?" they had no reply.

We're all better off out of the ditch, back on the road to Zion. There we can get a better look at Him, the author and finisher of our faith.

The next time a Pharisee in your path begins majoring in minors, ignore the skunk in the road. Keep your eyes on the destination, hold your nose and drive straight on through.

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