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earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.
Psalm 147:8

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BEYOND THE VENEER

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness ... it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair”

In these opening lines to his book *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens described the disparities between rich and poor, the seedbed of foment that led to the French Revolution. His words, penned in the late 1850s, could also have characterized the demoralized government and crumbling sense

How can we authentically share our message of hope and wholeness with the world unless we have embraced it for ourselves?

of American unity just a few years later. By 1862, the Civil War had become all-consuming, and the confederacy was close to winning its independence. According to author David Von Drehle, in his book *Rise to Greatness: Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous War*, President Abraham Lincoln was faced with the potential of a catastrophe.

Von Drehle says Lincoln likened his dilemma with the metaphor of a tightrope walker suspended on a cable above the raging Niagara Falls. “Suppose,” Lincoln said, “we could pack all the values of our country, its present achievements and hopes for the future, into a pack on this man’s back as he walks the tightrope. As you stand safely on the shore, watching him make his way precariously over the raging

water,” he wondered, “would you shout to him — ‘step a little to the right, or now go the left!’ Or, would you have stood there speechless and held your breath and prayed to the Almighty to guide and help him safely through the trial?”

With the nation teetering on its own tightrope, Lincoln looked away from impending disaster and boldly laid out his vision for the future. In doing so, he honestly acknowledged, “We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last, best hope on earth.”

Indeed for both our nation and our church these are challenging times. Like those Lincoln described who look on while the tightrope artist makes his way perilously across the wire, loud voices are prone to call out directions — “move to the left ... no, to the right.” With disparate messages filling social media posts, clear direction, truth not skewed by human bias, can seem beyond reach.

Recently, a Northwest city hosted three political rallies simultaneously. In order to avoid physical violence, police cordoned off each rally from the others. Yet that sort of peace is a masquerade. When groups with differing perspectives cannot respectfully listen and understand each other, the veneer of civility is just that — a veneer.

Northwest Adventists could cut across the grain of our polarized culture by modeling a different, deeper, divine way.

We could lay aside conspiratorial whispers and believe the best about each other to God’s glory. We could move beyond our own Paul and Apollos tribes, past human differences and truly be about our Father’s business.

In doing so, we would employ the encouragement of Ellen White, who wrote, “There is to be no unkind criticism, no pulling to pieces of another’s work; and there are to be no separate parties. ... No one is to set himself up as a criterion, speaking disrespectfully of his fellow workers or treating them as inferior. Under God each is to do his appointed work, respected, loved, and encouraged by the other laborers. Together they are to carry the work forward to completion” (*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 275, 276).

This, not Lincoln’s vision, may indeed be the last, best hope on earth. Even with our differences, this is the only way we will move forward together: centered in Christ, anchored in the fundamental beliefs of God’s Word, empowered by the Spirit to fulfill His mission. After all, how can we authentically share our message of hope and wholeness with the world unless we have embraced it for ourselves?

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor



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T O G E

North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) leaders have adopted four priorities that undergird the Adventist mission in the Pacific Northwest: To reach our territory with the distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness. The four areas are: 1) **YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT**; 2) **UNITY IN CHRIST**; 3) **TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**; and 4) **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**. These will become the core measurement of progress through the year 2021, when the next NPUC constituency session is scheduled. The *Gleaner* asked John Freedman, NPUC president, to further clarify how these areas may impact directions for Northwest churches in the months ahead.

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W A R D

T H E R

Gleaner: For years church leaders have described young people as “the future of the church.” Does *Priority No. 1 — Young Adult Engagement* — change that to the present tense?

John Freedman: Yes! Let’s stop just wringing our hands, kicking this down to some future spot in the road. We have the ability to stop simply quoting statistics and start being active about making young people a priority now. Our churches and congregations are growing older. So our top priority is to intentionally move forward together in “growing young.” It’s possible to make decisions today that will proactively engage our young people with Christ and the church. Together we can identify and implement processes that will help our churches to become

generationally revived. Our young people often feel very much unheard. It’s long past time for us to listen carefully and act intentionally. Our local conferences are on board with this, and we will encourage each step in this direction.

G: *Some of our more experienced members may worry that young people more actively engaging with the church will cause ill-advised changes — that style may replace substance.*

JF: From my experience, young people are not about style over substance. They’re not against our fundamental beliefs. But they do want to be a part of beliefs that translate into action, real worship, tangible outward-focused service. Positive changes will not damage our church. The young people I’ve

dialogued with want what we all long for — an authentic, effective spiritual relationship with Christ. And, frankly, they’re telling us, “We’re not seeing this in our churches.” This should cause us to pause and get on our knees. So how do we rediscover this together? That is now our focus. Church is more than what happens for a couple hours on Sabbath morning. We can become a relational, life-changing, community-engaging body of believers that will change the world for Jesus. When I’ve seen this in action, inevitably it engages all ages together. And, you know, this is a two-way street. This emphasis is not about every one else simply backing off and handing over the reins to young people. They want and need mentoring from

the wisdom and experience of those who have been on this journey of faith much longer than them. We all have much to learn together through this process of “growing young.”

G: *Do young people really want to sit on church-related committees?*

JF: Well, they certainly don’t want to spend time in meetings that are just talk or eternally obsessed with infrastructure. Some of that is of course important, but it should not be our primary focus. They’re not mainly interested in remodeling bathrooms but in reaching out in Christ’s love where it can make a difference in our communities. Once they’re included in all of our plans and processes, and we begin to listen, we will likely discover



YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships and trust with all ages



UNITY IN CHRIST

Embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer and the Holy Spirit



TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Every member reaching their community with hope and wholeness



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Training and empowering new leaders

amazing new ways of effectively fulfilling our common mission together.

G: *Tithes and offerings, which have been systemic for many of our older members, support the mission and outreach of our church — both around the world and locally. Are young people willing to step up to the plate (no pun intended) to financially support church mission?*

JF: Yes. But, unless we embrace the need for “growing young” as a church, we’ll never know because the young people won’t be around to step up. Those I’ve talked to will support a budget that in clear, demonstrable ways moves mission forward. I’ve watched the commitment that our student missionaries and other young people show in ministry throughout the world. I believe when our younger age groups see opportunities to serve that make sense to them they will contribute in ways that may surprise some of our veteran members.

G: *In regard to Priority No. 2 — Unity in Christ — most of us would acknowledge that there is currently a crisis of unity within our church with serious questions and concerns over gender, equality, beliefs, policies, etc. We have strong differences of opinion on these issues within*

our Northwest churches and members. How do we find God’s way forward without splitting the church?

JF: I talk to earnest and committed members all around the Northwest who find themselves on different sides of important issues. They love this church and God’s unique message and mission. But sometimes we have anchored our unity in the wrong place. Unity is possible when we surrender our collective wills to Jesus. Our differences are too often expressed in emotional language that disrespects what could otherwise be a healthy diversity. Diversity and unity are not in opposition if we find our common ground in being the body of Christ — all of our different parts working together for His glory. This is an intentional choice that each of us can make. We have to want His glory more than we want ours — and human nature is not naturally inclined to give up the throne. We’ll pray that God’s Spirit will move among us to bring the unity in Christ that we are not capable of by ourselves.

G: *How can we move past painting each other with broad brush strokes — young adults, baby boomers, liberal, conservative — that are too-often inaccurate?*

JF: I’ve found it’s possible when we put our focus where it belongs — on Jesus. Sports fans often complain loud and

long about what their respective teams “should’ve” done to win a game. When we’re on the sidelines, there’s plenty of time to critique those actually out on the playing field. Jesus got labeled. But Ellen White reminds us that the criticism didn’t stop Him from mingling with people as one who desired their good. What an important model for us to follow. Let’s skip the labels and learn to know each other as fellow travelers on a journey with Jesus. None of us are perfect; we are all learners. And when we actively join our efforts in common mission, we will find our greatest joy in doing things His way.

G: *What is the key to creating Spirit-led, Christ-centered, truth-filled, people-loving congregations that are multigenerational?*

JF: Love Christ first of all and allow Him to bring us together. We are called to love Him with all of our heart, mind and soul, but also to love one another as He has loved us. Those two things go together. I don’t want to create any political allusions here, but we have too often seen our role as building walls to protect the integrity of God’s church. That’s not our commission. It is to go beyond the four walls of our churches, make disciples and teach them His ways.

G: *You are supportive of Pastor Ted Wilson’s call for Total Member Involvement (TMI)*

throughout our world church. What does that mean to you and for us here in the Northwest in practical, everyday ways?

JF: It essentially means that every member every day will use God’s Holy Spirit-given gifts in ministry for Christ. Our third priority, TMI, mirrors that of our world church and envisions all of us working together to uplift the name of Jesus. Our commission is do far more than just creating a dynamic church program for three hours on Sabbath morning or whipping up an amazing potluck. All those things have a part to play in our mission, but that mission will ultimately have us all working together for one main purpose — creating community connections in order reach others with the gospel.

G: *A significant percentage of our current church administrative and pastoral leadership is due or past due for retirement. Yet our system has been ineffective at mentoring and training younger individuals ready to step in to those roles. What are we doing to change that trend?*

JF: Well, I’m passionate about a fourth priority within our Northwest mission — Leadership Development. We can strategically identify men and women with real potential for leadership and create training tracks and other opportunities for leadership growth. This will require a lot of new coor-

BY BEING STILL IN MATTERS BEYOND OUR CALLING, WE CLEAR THE WAY FOR CHRIST TO BRING VICTORY IN HIS TIME AND IN HIS WAY.

dination that is not currently in place, but it is critical for our church. Adventist Health has successfully modeled this plan, and it's something I believe we should adapt at every level of our church.

G: *It seems clear you believe we must prepare ourselves for positive changes in some of the ways we are currently structured to carry out our God-given mission. How optimistic are you that these changes will happen?*

JF: Bill Liversidge would always ask, "How big is our God?" It's a great question. I believe our God is bigger than any problem or issue we face, and He will get His church to where we need to be. Prayerfully seeking Jesus and asking for the leading of the Holy Spirit — not praying against the "other side" but for God to bring us into unity — will put us in a position to receive God-sized miracles. I believe we have at times made the mistake of thinking we need to defend the church because God is not able to. We're inclined to take sides, judge others and fight for our own opinions. Instead, we need to love Christ supremely and other people as He has loved us and then trust God to nurture and lead His church. By being still in matters beyond our calling, we clear the way for Christ to bring victory in His time and in His way.



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¿HACIA DÓNDE VAMOS?

La ciudad de Salem es la capital del estado de Oregon, y viven alrededor de 38,506 hispanos. La Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Salem es una congregación que tiene alrededor de 20 años de existencia. Los expertos en crecimiento de iglesia señalan que las iglesias tienen un ciclo vital. En general una iglesia nace, y con el tiempo, crece. Finalmente, llega a una meseta, la cuál es cuando la iglesia deja de crecer y permanece con el mismo número de miembro, o en el peor caso disminuye. El problema número uno es el conformismo. Esa era la preocupación del equipo pastoral. Pues para la llegada del senior pastor Gerizin de Peña la asistencia semanal era de 130 personas en una ciudad que posee 38,506 hispanos.

A partir de esa realidad se comenzó a desarrollar un plan de oración con toda la hermandad para que Dios ilumine la nueva etapa que había de iniciarse, bajo el lema



Alabando al Señor.

“danos tu sueño” queríamos que Dios proporcionara el sueño que Él tenía para Su iglesia en Salem.

Dios comenzó hacer movimientos y rediseñar su iglesia, desde la transición:

- » De un servicio tradicional a un servicio de adoración enfocado en levantar a Cristo;
- » De una escuela sabática saturada a una basada solo en el estudio de la lección;
- » De un servicio de miércoles donde asistían máximo 60 personas a reuniones en 10 casas por toda la ciudad dirigida por los ancianos, registrando una asistencia de 125 personas.

Dios ha respaldado el equipo ministerial y una congregación que ha comenzado a recibir el sueño de Dios, desarrollando la visión de ser, una familia espiritual comprometida a tener:

- » Conexión diaria con Dios;
- » Conexión unos con otros;
- » Conexión con la comunidad.

Finalmente, Dios ha hechos milagros en la congregación de Salem, y por su gracia del 2015-2017, Dios ha añadido 120 personas a través del bautismo y actualmente hay un promedio de 320 personas adorando a Dios cada sábado.

¿Hacia dónde va Salem? Se dirige a ser una iglesia simple, conectada a Dios, unos a otros y la comunidad. Esta realidad nos ha llevado a ver la necesidad de plantar una congregación que alcance el centro y el west de Salem, donde viven alrededor de 16,000 hispanos con una concentración de jóvenes adultos (segundo generación).

Jorge Daniel Richardson, Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Salem pastor asociado



Almas consagrando sus vidas al Señor.

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THREE CHURCHES COLLABORATE FOR 'STORMS OF LIFE' REVIVAL

The Wasilla Church conducted a three-church revival Nov. 4–8, 2017, as an evangelistic outreach to the local community. With support from the Palmer and Anchorage Samoan churches, the revival tackled some of the major setbacks in life because of a world marred by sin and provided a guideline to find God amidst the elements.

Recognizing the spiritual reward that would flow

through the congregation during such a revival, Carl Butler Jr., Wasilla Church pastor, enlisted the assistance of the Palmer Church pastor, Jeff Coleman. As the two worked with the revival team to plan the event, the musical talents of the Anchorage Samoan Church were brought on board to lead song service and provide musical selections throughout the weeklong event.

Opening night of the

revival was such a blessing that members struggled to find seating within the main sanctuary, with some having to relocate to the overflow area. Nightly song service led by the Samoan praise team was the highlight for most visitors. They expressed their amazement and feeling of deep connection to our Almighty Savior through the power of song.

Every night of the five-day Fighting the Storms of

Life revival featured a different speaker, each offering a wide range of spiritual knowledge to those who attended. God used this opportunity to reach both visitors and members, shaking up their spiritual walks and challenging them to let God take control through the storms of life.

Carl Butler Jr., Eagle River Church and Wasilla Church pastor

NOME, ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND CHURCHES RECEIVE PRACTICAL BLESSINGS

The Nome Church was blessed during 2017 to have a volunteer construction crew from the Rivers Edge Church in McMinnville, Ore., come to install new windows and siding for the parsonage.

The crew was under the direction of Paul Knoblock and included his wife, Tami, plus Lloyd Smith, Carl Robert and Matt Weber. Within four days, the Nome project was completed.

Weber went on to the remote Gambell Church on

St. Lawrence Island to work with the children there, then to nearby Savoonga Church, where he rejoined the rest of the crew. The group repaired the wind-damaged roof of the Savoonga parsonage and built a walkway between the parsonage and the church. They also replaced the old rusty oil line that was about to burst.

The Rivers Edge team volunteered their time and talents, traveling at their own expense, because of their

great love for the people in the village of Savoonga. Their connection to Savoonga began when they visited in November 2016 (again at their own expense) and presented an eight-day evangelistic series. They were anxious to return and help their new friends.

The Rivers Edge Church has made the Savoonga Church and village their mission field and are already looking forward to another big project. They envision the gospel being presented to the

whole village via the medium of radio, similar to what was done in the villages of Gambell and Shungnak, and are raising money to make that happen.

Those interested in helping these projects can contact the Alaska Conference at 6100 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507, noting the Savoonga Project on any donations.

Leon Ringering, St. Lawrence Island churches pastor

NEW MEMBERS CARE ABOUT PEOPLE, EVANGELISM

Carol and Samantha came to Middleton Church for the first time Sept. 20, 2016, after they received a postcard from an It Is Written mailing. They asked for Bible studies and studied with the local pastor, Alvin Schnell, and his wife, Coral, for four months. Even before they were baptized on Jan. 28, 2017, Carol and Samantha were on fire for the Lord, sharing the gospel and helping those less fortunate than themselves. They are hardworking, caring young women who come into contact with many people through their cleaning business.

Not enough can be said about the dedication Carol and Samantha show in being the hands and feet of Jesus. One of the things they do is share literature with people. They distribute many books including the Bible, *The Great Hope*, *The Great Controversy* and others.

At the street in front of their home, they have a Hope's Box, where food, dog food, paper products, toiletries and more, as well as literature, is kept, free for the taking by anyone who might need or want it. There is a sign that reads to take what you need

and, if you can donate at some time, then pay it back.

While still church visitors, Carol and Samantha donated to the food boxes for the needy, added names to the list for donations and delivered the boxes. They help with all the holiday food drives and the pantry that keeps food on hand for distribution all year. At Christmastime, they secured several turkeys for the boxes, which meant less cash needed to be spent from the fund.

In the spring, when a yard sale was organized to raise money for the Community

Services fund, the pair solicited their clients for donations and brought in load after load of items to be sold. Then they brought baked items for the corresponding bake sale and even came to shop. They also made donations for two subsequent sales.

Their most recent request to the board was to start a visiting ministry. They asked for help from the congregation to visit people who are lonely, shut-ins, people in nursing homes or those on hospice care. Training was organized by a local hospice for volun-



Church members attend a hospice training class.

teers, and nine people attended and became certified. There is no end to the prospects for visitation.

It is obvious the Holy Spirit, through the study of the Word, has fallen upon Carol and Samantha. Their willingness and humility are opening the door to reach out to the citizens of the Middleton community and beyond. These two new Christian ladies have embraced Jesus' character and are serving those around them in His Spirit.

Lynne Lent, Middleton Church Community Services director, and Leroy Cortez, Middleton Church Community Services assistant



Samantha and Carol get more books for distribution.

CONFERENCE PLANS TO 'GROW MONTANA'

The Montana Conference held its annual pastors' meeting Jan. 14–17, in Bozeman, where strategic planning took place with a focus on revival and transformation. "It is our heart's desire that every member in our conference would experience a significant growth in their prayer life," says Elden Ramirez, Montana Conference president. "I am convinced that when we come together as a body of believers and seek the Lord in prayer amazing things happen. When revival takes place in our hearts, not only our lives experience transformation but also our churches. They become active in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Three Angels' Message, in love, mercy and grace."

Every pastor was invited to participate in reading a collection of books on prayer throughout the year. The first book was written specifically for ministers, to help them in their own spiritual growth. The other books are for them to read with their church members so everyone can be encouraged to grow in their prayer lives. This conferencewide prayer initiative is to prepare every church for Grow Montana, an evangelistic plan to engage

as many as possible and invite them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Grow Montana plan consists of five steps:

- » **Prepare:** Preparing the soil of the heart as the first phase of the evangelism process. This is the reason why a strong emphasis in prayer and the reading of God's Word is extremely important.
- » **Plant:** Testing the soil of the heart by planting seeds of biblical truths. Jesus said, "The seed is the Word of God" (Luke 8:11). This is accomplished by sharing our personal testimony. Every member should have a personal testimony to share. There is nothing more powerful than to share with others what God's Word has done in our lives. Total member involvement is key
- for growth to take place.
- » **Cultivate:** When someone responds positively to the planting of spiritual seeds, it is time to offer a weekly Bible study. This is where we cultivate the growing interest through the study and application of the Word. This can be accomplished through weekly personal or group Bible studies.
- » **Harvest:** After cultivating the interest with Bible studies, it is time to lead those embracing Jesus to make decisions for baptism. Harvesting decisions for Christ can be accomplished through Bible studies, public evangelistic meetings and other forms of evangelistic outreach.
- » **Preserve:** After baptism, new members will be disciplined through nurturing

friendships and continued learning. This is the preserve phase of the evangelism process. An intentional mentoring plan will enable the equipped disciple to make other disciples, thus adding to the growth of the church in Montana.

The Lord has blessed the Montana Conference with godly, committed ministers who are claiming 2018 as the "Year of Revival" and are partnering with all church members to experience transformation, engage in the Grow Montana initiative and witness the continued advancement of God's work in Montana.

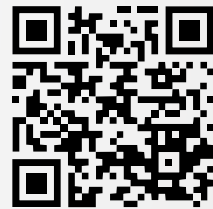
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HEARTS BREAK OVER SUDDEN LOSS OF MILO MATRIARCH

The Milo Adventist Academy family in Days Creek is stunned and heart-broken as they grieve the loss of their Milo matriarch, Cheryl Andrieux. More than 300 people attended her funeral on Feb. 10, and more than 4,000 watched the service streamed live online.

Andrieux suffered a pulmonary embolism on Sabbath morning, Jan. 27, as she prepared for church. Paramedics were able to revive her, but she remained unconscious. She was taken to Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg, Ore., where she fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, Jan. 28, with her husband, Al, and their daughter, Ellen, at her side. She was 71.

Born Cheryl Kay Deibel on March 20, 1946, in Greeley, Colo., she was the first child of Fred and Marjorie Deibel. Andrieux and her younger twin siblings, Max and Linda, grew up in nearby Evans, Colo. She earned a full-ride scholarship to Colorado State University, where she studied for two years before transferring to Union College in Lincoln, Neb., graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and minors in history and secondary education.

Upon graduating from

Union in 1969, Cheryl accepted a teaching position at Pomona Junior Academy (PJA) in California. There she met a young bachelor teacher, Al Andrieux. In an interview last September she said, “Al told me that he had been praying for God to send him whoever he was supposed to marry, so he strongly believed God sent me.”

They married at her home church in Greeley, Colo., on March 22, 1970, so Al and Cheryl were nearing their 48th

anniversary at the time of her death.

After PJA, the Andrieuxes taught at Cedar Brook School in Rehoboth, Mass., and Tacoma Adventist School in Washington before arriving at Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon for the 1983–84 school year. In their 35 years at Milo, Cheryl taught English classes; helped to establish the advanced placement program; and served as registrar, librarian and yearbook sponsor.

Although Andrieux

officially retired after 40 years of service, her love, dedication and hard work have been unceasing. She sorted the campus mail every day, prepared the church bulletins every week, served as church clerk, taught children’s Sabbath School classes, and led the women’s ministry with much love and care. Her generosity and selfless spirit will long be remembered by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Al Andrieux of Days Creek, Ore.; daughter, Ellen Andrieux of Sutherlin, Ore.; brother, Max Deibel of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Linda Skinner of Lincoln, Neb.; and countless Milo alumni who consider her a second mom. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Marjorie Deibel.

A memory book is being created for her husband by Milo staff. If you would like to include a message of support or your warm memory of Cheryl Andrieux, please send it to darla.milam@miloadacel.org or Darla Milam, P.O. Box 278, Days Creek, OR 97429. Expressions of sympathy can be also sent to Al Andrieux at the same address.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter



PETER HERNANDEZ

Cheryl Andrieux views the eclipse last summer. The Milo family takes comfort in the fact that the next time they see her, she’s going to have a big smile just like this, but she won’t need to protect her eyes from the amazing sight of Jesus’ coming.

CENTRAL VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Saturday, Feb. 17, marked a milestone at Central Valley Christian School in Tangent as the community celebrated 60 years of ministering to the Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home communities.

More than 200 people joined the staff, students, volunteers and parents for Sabbath morning worship and fellowship in the gym. Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference ministerial director, not only taught the adult Sabbath School lesson but also pinch-hit for Oregon Conference president Dan Linrud, who was ill, by offering an especially relevant morning message.

Burkeen helped the audience remember how Central Valley Christian School has been an “Ebenezer stone” for an awful lot of people through the last six decades, reinforcing how God has used Central Valley to lead so many as they walked with and toward a Savior.

The school, located on Highway 34 since opening in 1957, began as a first-through eighth-grade school.

It expanded to junior academy status by adding ninth and 10th graders in 1971 and returned to pre-K through eighth grade in 2011 to better minister to its community’s needs.

The celebration continued with a classic “haystacks” lunch. After the fellowship meal, many remained at the school to connect with friends from years past or relive on-site memories.

The evening finished with a food fair and dessert auction aimed at supporting Central Valley’s developing capital campaign. When the burgers had been flipped, the taquitos had been rolled and the noodles dished onto plates, the auction began and, once again, the Central Valley Christian School community came up big, supporting the school to the tune of more than \$4,500.

With that kind of community investment time and time again, Central Valley Christian School looks forward to many more years of leading children and their families to Jesus.

Michael La Sage, Central Valley Christian School principal



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Participants learn healthier living through the NEWSTART program.

GRANTS PASS HOSTS NEWSTART LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

Enthusiastic conversation echoed through the Grants Pass Church Better Living Center. It was the day after Valentine’s Day and the concluding session of the NEWSTART (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in divine power) for the Family program.

Those in attendance were sharing what they had learned in four weeks. Some were sharing their success stories with a new recipe. Others were discussing how to apply NEWSTART principles in their homes. Everyone was excited for what this last session would bring.

For eight sessions, about 50 participants learned NEWSTART’s important lifestyle principles. These scientifically researched principles can prevent and even reverse disease. It is possible to make lifestyle changes without great financial cost or prescription drugs, create healthy meals in a hurry, and live a healthier, more joyful life. This is lifestyle change for optimal health.

This last night of the program was Dessert Night. Guests and participants were able to sample an array of healthier, sugar-free desserts. Recipes were provided. Before dessert, those in attendance

were also served a baked potato with healthy toppings and were also treated to a demonstration of how to create some healthy toppings. The demonstration provided some quick and easy meal planning ideas.



The dessert table was more healthy and no less delicious than a typical array of treats.

A program such as NEWSTART requires the assistance of numerous volunteers. The Grants Pass volunteers were doctors, educators and others committed to healthier living. Volunteers prepared the food, provided cooking demonstrations and led discussions regarding NEWSTART’s principles. The program would not have been successful without a dedicated team of helpers. Above all, God’s presence made this program a blessing for all involved.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

NORTHWEST YOUNG ADULTS ENJOY WINTER RETREAT

The Oregon Young Adults and former Big Lake Youth Camp (BLYC) staff members gathered in January for a time of fellowship and fun at the central Oregon camp.

Arriving on a chilly Friday evening, the young adults were welcomed with a fresh snowfall and some amazing food. Benjamin Lindquist, Oregon Conference young adults director, led the young adults in a journey of praising God and provided them with a fresh perspective on Jesus.

The young adults worshipped together on Sabbath and then had the opportunity to spend some quality time in nature. Some of them participated in cross-country skiing, while others went on a snow-

shoeing hike to Patjens Lake. The rest spent time carving out a sledding track and reliving some childhood memories in the snow.

After an exciting Sabbath day, the young adults regrouped in the Big Lake Lodge for some warm food and singing Big Lake Camp songs together. They ended the night with some traditional four-way volleyball and plenty of laughter.

“The weekend at Big Lake was such a good time to be able to get away from the stress of life and reconnect with friends and God,” says Haley Rasco, a senior nursing major.

Adam Nakamura, Oregon Conference young adult

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CAMP MIVODEN CHANGES LIVES

“**P**astor Jeff, I have always wanted to work at Camp MiVoden. I have been going to Camp MiVoden for a long time, family camps as well as youth camps, and now I am finally old enough to be a part of the staff. I really want to work at Camp MiVoden.” This is one of many conversations shared by MiVoden staff and Jeff Wines, Camp MiVoden director.



The climbing wall is fun for young and older campers.

camp during the summer by coming for multiple weeks.

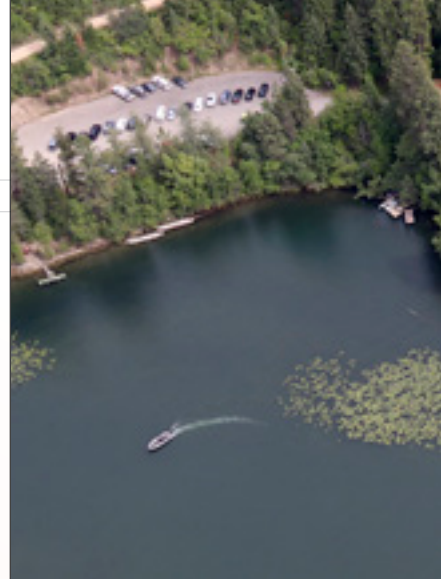
Camp MiVoden is located in a wonderful place on the east side of Hayden Lake. With about 540 acres of mountainous woods and a beautiful waterfront, Camp MiVoden is one of the best outdoor places to be. Over the years, MiVoden has developed many activities and facilities, which are used

the most in summer. The many activities include: high ropes challenge course, climbing wall, equestrian activities, archery, BMX track, zip lines, ceramics, photography, arts and crafts, guitar lessons, gymnastics, and, of course, the pool and amazing waterfront.

MiVoden facilities, which have expanded over the years, allow the camp not only to run



Campers and staff alike love being at Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho. They love the place and the experience. The passion found across the conference regarding Camp MiVoden is wonderful. Many campers have looked forward to becoming a part of summer camp staff. Not only that, but campers who aren't old enough to be staff yet try to figure out ways to lengthen their stay at



a summer camp for young people and families, but to facilitate groups. Staff are currently remodeling, updating and repairing several areas to keep programs running without undue interruption.

During the last few years, MiVoden has won several awards, including the Norm Middag Award of Excellence from the North American Division in 2016 for two areas of excellence: programming and activities. In 2017, Camp MiVoden received the Norm Middag Award of Excellence for all areas of camp.

As MiVoden strives for excellence, the real success is seen in the lives that are changed at Camp MiVoden — the friendships made, the experiences of trying something new and the connections campers are able to make with Christ-centered staff because Christ is the heart Camp MiVoden.

While the following are just numbers, they do tell some of the direction MiVoden is taking. Out of 1077 campers in 2017, the camp hosted 487 youth campers and 590 family campers. Of those who came to camp, 69 campers wanted to be baptized, another 132 are interested in baptism and 15 were baptized at camp. What an incredible experience to see God working in such a mighty way.

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The camp is in the middle of several new construction projects. This view will look different this summer.

In addition, and just as importantly, 258 campers recommitted their lives to Christ, 353 want to learn more about Jesus, and 348 want to live ready for Jesus. Adventist summer camps are one of the best evangelistic campaigns/tools the Adventist Church has. It's why the mission at MiVoden is to "Connect Campers to Christ."

The impact happening at MiVoden isn't just with the campers and groups that come

throughout the year. It is also with the seasonal summer staff hired. A 2008 study done across the Adventist summer camps in the North American Division found that 83 percent of alumni staff either are or have been employed as workers for the church.

The other group of people who influence camp are, of course, the individuals who volunteer and work at MiVoden. MiVoden has had a

fantastic group of Maranatha Volunteers coming to camp every spring for many years. The work they have done has helped the full-time staff continue to do their jobs well and do things that just wouldn't get done without their help.

As staff continue to show Christ to every person who walks on Camp MiVoden's property, they covet your prayers and support and thank you for your dedication to the

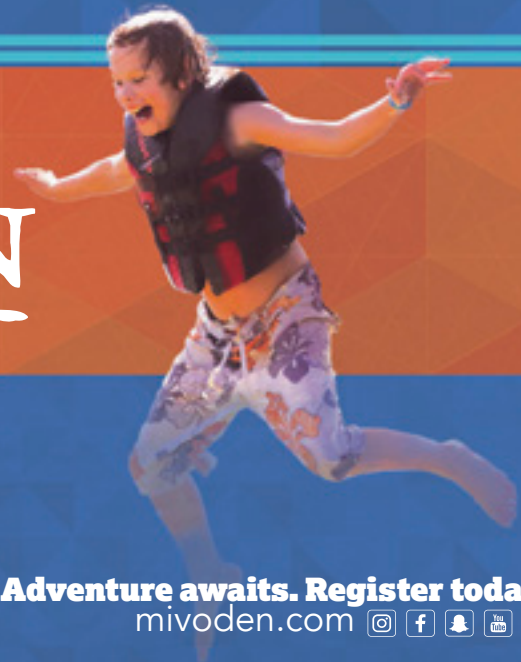
Adventist mission through camp ministry.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant, with Jeff Wines, Upper Columbia Conference youth and family life director

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July 1-8	Junior Camp	Teen Cowboy Extreme Teen 1 Teen Wakeboard 1	
July 8-15	Adventure Camp Blind Camp	Junior Cowboy Extreme Teen 2 Teen Wakeboard 2	
July 15-22	Teen Camp	Tween Cowboy Extreme Teen 3 Tween Wakeboard	
July 22-29		White Water Rafting	Family Camp 1

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BIG GOD, NOT BIG BANG, BIG HIT WITH TEENS



The last weekend in January, nearly 200 teen Pathfinders and their staff descended on Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, for a fun-filled weekend known as Pathfinder Teen Retreat. Teens came from all over Upper Columbia Conference, with some even attending from Montana. New faces intermingled with old, as new friendships were kindled, and old friendships were renewed.

This year's speaker, Stan Hudson, North Pacific Union Conference Creation Study Center director, came to the retreat with the intention "to encourage young people to leave with a stronger faith in God and the biblical account." Teens listened attentively as he delved into topics such as dinosaurs and the Bible, carbon dating, Darwin and evolution, creation and the flood, and the fossil record, all the while providing great evidence for a creationist viewpoint. According to Hudson, our worldview depends on the glasses through which we are looking.

The worship talks this year held the full attention of six-year staff attendee Darlene Bitton. "I really enjoyed the speaker," she says. "I was able to come away with more information about creation, along



Stan Hudson, NPUC Creation Study Center director, encouraged the teens to leave with stronger faith in God and Bible.

with clarified information about the behemoth spoken of in the book of Job."

God's timing was perfect for Carly Haeger, Brewster (Wash.) Blazers Pathfinder, who will be studying evolution

in her schoolwork later on this year. "I got a lot of examples of proof that God did create the world, proof that the flood did happen and proof that God does care about us," she says. "I felt myself growing closer to

God and to everyone else who attended."

Andrew Silas, a first-time staff attendee from the Deer Park (Wash.) Mountaineers, was delighted to have his Pathfinders there to learn more about God. He too appreciated the worship talks, stating, "I really enjoyed the lectures on creation. I am inspired to go and do more studies on the creation story so I can share with others."



Teens turned old sweaters into hats, scarves and mittens for local homeless shelters.

Sabbath morning, teens were split into groups of eight or more and sent on a scavenger hunt, dubbed "The Amazing Race," all over lower Camp MiVoden. The objective was to complete team-building challenges while learning more about dinosaurs and creation. Participants were surprised at how simple yet difficult the tasks were.



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HAYDEN LAKE HOSTS FEAST TO REMEMBER

Community and church members gathered Nov. 19, 2017, to give thanks and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast at the Hayden Lake Church in Hayden, Idaho. This annual event is hosted by the church's community services, and this year more than 125 people attended.

Rose Shevitz, community services leader, and Livia Ivascu have teamed up to host this dinner for eight years now. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of dedicated workers to do what we do every year," Ivascu says. "Many hands make it possible to get the work done. Rose and I would not have been able to do this without all the help of others."

The majority of the food was made on-site. Volunteers also helped with decorating the fellowship hall, leading songs during the feast and sharing special music. Jorge Baute, pastor, shared a devotional thought, and everyone was invited to share how the Lord has blessed them.

Hayden Lake Adventist Community Services opens at 11:45 a.m. each Tuesday for Bible study, songs and prayer, followed by a hot meal at 12:30 p.m. The doors to the food and clothing banks are also opened at this time. In mid-December, the team fills and delivers boxes of Christmas food, toys and clothing to families in need.

"It's a privilege to be able to do this ministry because it's helping people," says Shevitz. The passion each member of community services has for what they do shines through both their words and deeds.

Loren Starr, Hayden Lake Church communication leader



Sarah and SueEllen Baute serve guests.



The bountiful feast features many food choices.



The Williams children provide special music for the event.

In the afternoon, teens spent time turning old sweaters into useful items for those less fortunate. In total, 13 sets of mittens, 85 hats, 84 scarves and 20 waterproof backpack covers were created and donated to local homeless shelters.

Throughout the weekend, "Jam Time" provided an opportunity for those musically inclined to come together and make beautiful music. Teens and staff brought guitars, a ukulele, a flute and their voices and had a wonderful time jamming together.

A new addition by request of previous attendees was the "Lounge." Here teens found a cozy place to play board games and ping-pong and to hang out. Shaylee McConnel, Hayden Lake (Idaho) Pondero-

sa Pathfinder, says, "My favorite part about Teen Retreat was being able to hang out with friends." The Lounge provided the perfect place to do so.

Overall, this year's Teen Retreat was a fun, educational and spiritual time for all in attendance. Noah Wenburg, Hermiston (Ore.) Pathfinder, fittingly summed it up when he said, "I really enjoyed the speaker. I found my faith strengthened through his talks, and I learned a lot of new things."

Megan McCormick, Deer Park Mountaineers Pathfinder



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Teens enjoyed some marshmallow games.



NEW CURRICULUM INVITES STUDENTS TO ENCOUNTER JESUS

The primary writer of a new Bible curriculum came to Washington in February for a two-day learning session with Washington Conference educators.

Curriculum developer Lanelle Cobbin spent the last 11 years researching and creating Encounter, a discipleship-based approach to growing the faith of children from kindergarten to grade 12.

The curriculum — initially tested in Australia and New Zealand before coming to the United States — guides students through a series of interactive learning phases in which students learn to use their Bibles as a foundation to know about God’s plan for their lives.

“Diving into the world of

Jesus helps us understand the Word of Jesus,” Cobbin shared with Washington Conference teachers.

The Bible-focused curriculum takes into consideration the way students think and learn today and is primarily activity-based. The curriculum also integrates nine types of learning for all types of learners: verbal, logical, visual, kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, natural and spiritual. Furthermore, the curriculum includes Adventist history sections and connects fundamental beliefs to the lessons.

“It’s more experiential,” says Becky Meharry, Washington Conference associate superintendent and member of the North American Division’s Encounter steering committee.

Lanelle Cobbin teaches the new Encounter curriculum to the teachers of western Washington.

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Teachers attend a two-day in-service to network and learn about the Encounter curriculum.

“Instead of kids knowing the Bible for facts, it’s kids experiencing the Bible. The new curriculum is about intentionally inviting students to accept Jesus in a developmental way.”

“I’m excited because for a long time I’ve wanted a more hands-on, tactile approach for sensory learners, and so I’m looking through these samples with excitement,” says Melissa

Hammond, teacher at Shelton Valley Christian School. “It adds a dimension of fun that we don’t have in our Bible curriculum right now, and if we’re going to attract kids to the love of God it needs to be engaging.”

The new Bible curriculum employs a significant para-

digm shift in both teaching and learning and embeds the latest pedagogy in brain-based learning. The teacher in-service reviewed the different methods of learning and provided techniques to help teachers give students time to process what they’ve learned instead of immediately moving on to the next topic of learning.

“The teachers’ in-service is a spiritual experience, not just about learning new techniques,” says Meharry. “I hope teachers are inspired to connect with their kids and come back revitalized to take on the challenge.”

Explore the Encounter curriculum at adventisteducation.org/encounter.

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



KATIE HENDERSON
Washington Conference Music Festival participants perform their final concert Saturday night.

STUDENTS LEARN SERVICE MELODIES

From one end of Auburn Adventist Academy to Rainier Auditorium, the sound of music could be heard as more than 400 students rehearsed during the Washington Conference Music Festival in late February.

Students represented Washington and Upper Columbia conferences' schools, as well as home-school students. "I really like Music Festival because everybody and everyone [came] from Washington and the different schools so we can come together and make music and have lot of fun with it," says Janni Blackham, student from Rogers Adventist School (College Place, Wash.) in Upper Columbia Conference.

On Sabbath afternoon, students had the opportunity to partner with World Vision, a nonprofit committed to supplying needs to impoverished areas of the world, to package school supplies for students and teachers worldwide.

"I'm really excited that we have this opportunity to be of service, especially on Sabbath, because this is a way to be Jesus' hands and feet and be part of something that's bigger than ourselves," says Melissa Morauske, teacher from Olympia Christian School.

"We packaged student kits for impoverished students who don't have the resources for school and baskets for teachers who are working in areas that don't have many resources," explains Craig Mattson, Washington Conference vice president for education. "In all, we packaged 807 student kits, 1,200 teacher baskets and 1 ton of recyclable paper and donated over 30,000 volunteer minutes during the World Vision project."

Katie Henderson



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PATHFINDERS INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE

The sound of more than 170 Pathfinders filled Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson in early February with laughter and fun as teenagers were greeted by a stage full of emoji faces at the Pathfinder Teen Retreat. Over the weekend, teens participated in daily activities that challenged them to understand and process emotions better.

"I really liked the activity we did to show what everyone has been through in their life," says Natasha Mwansa, Pathfinder from the New Life Phoenix club in Fife.

David Salazar, Washington Conference youth ministries director, says attendance for Pathfinder events has increased in the last seven months. About 376 kids attended the Idaho camporee last September.

Eight Pathfinder clubs qualified for and competed in the conference-level Pathfinder Bible Experience, held at Sequim Church. They were tested on their Bible knowledge of Daniel and Esther.

Five clubs advanced to the union-level Pathfinder Bible Experience in Boise, Idaho, including:

- » Ocelots — Bonney Lake Church;
- » Cascade Eagles — North Cascade Church;



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Pathfinders accept their Pathfinder Bible Experience certification.

- » Chehalis Believers — Chehalis Church;
- » Chehalis Interpreters — Chehalis Church;
- » Evergreen Pathfinders — Startup Church.

Pathfinder clubs in Washington Conference have added 10 clubs since September 2017, increasing their club numbers to 34, and are steadily becoming a more active ministry.

"In the future, I would like to see more community outreach projects at the Pathfinder events," says Salazar. "I want them to have the chance to connect to God and to their local community."

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern

CHEHALIS CHURCH MEMBERS BECOME 'BAG LADIES'



The “Bag Ladies” of Chehalis Church create mats from plastic bags for the homeless.

“**W**e should all go to lunch!” This phrase sent the ladies of a Sabbath School class from the Chehalis Church to lunch in October 2017. While lunching they decided to find a project to benefit children in the local area.

The group wanted personal involvement rather than simply donating financially. They wanted to meet as a group regularly while benefiting someone in need, and, most importantly, they wanted to make a difference in a child’s life.

After a December meeting preparing Christmas gifts for local foster kids, the ladies decided to start a major project of making sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags for homeless teens. The “Bag Ladies” were off and running!

It sounded simple — just cut the bags, attach them to make yarnlike strips (“plarn”) and crochet them into 3-by-6-

foot mats. The truth was a little bigger: It takes about 700 bags to make one mat.

A continual pilfering of bag recycle bins is required, and lots of hours (at least nine just to crochet one mat) are spent in the completion of each sleeping mat.

Some Bag Ladies cut and “plarn” while others crochet. When the plastic bags began taking over people’s living quarters, one Bag Lady repurposed her exercise room as the “Plarn Center” for the group.

Ten mats were delivered by March 1 for 10 homeless teenagers who won’t live in a shelter because they would have to give up their pets. More mats are in process with the hope of making a small difference in the lives of the kids who call a shopping cart home.

Earlene Wohlers, Chehalis Church communication leader

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTISTS PERSIST IN GOD’S CALLING

As you drive across East Union Street toward Lake Washington adjacent to Seattle, you will find a Lutheran church open on a Saturday morning and a faithful group of Seventh-day Adventists gathered together to worship God in the Amharic language.

You’ll hear voices lifted in a capella harmony and may even be greeted with “Melikami Senibeti,” or “Happy Sabbath” in Amharic.

Ethiopian Adventist Church is the newest Adventist church in western Washington. “God is calling us to shine for Him,” says Tammire Darsabo, lay pastor.



Lay pastor Tammire Darsabo and the church elders are the first to sign the charter for the new Ethiopian Adventist Church in Seattle.

in 2009, launched a low-power FM radio broadcast twice a week in 2011 and became a church “company” in 2014. Their tithe grew from \$5,600 annually to nearly \$55,000.

The gathered congregation in January included a 50-50 blend of Ethiopian Adventists from Seattle and Portland to celebrate the “church status” occasion. An elder from Portland shared his words of blessing: “You’ve come a long way. Organizing a church is not a simple task. I’ve seen and witnessed your journey. The work is not done. It’s just started. Our prayer is for you to continue to proclaim the gospel.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



Members who sign the Ethiopian Adventist Church charter reflect on many years of praying, planning and preparation for this day.

Following their start as a Sabbath School in 1998, the group grew to afternoon worship services in 2005. They moved from Maranatha Adventist Church to Volunteer Park Church in 2006, requested official “group” church status

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WWU OFFERING RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

The Walla Walla University (WWU) School of Education and Psychology is offering a new master's program in special education and an undergraduate minor with an endorsement in special education.

Neria Sebastien, assistant professor of education, will lead the new program, which is restructured from the original WWU special education program that has not been offered since 2003. Sebastien brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in working with children with special needs. He has taught in New York, Hawaii and St. Lucia and has published numerous articles on inclusive teaching and leadership in education.

The new program will meet an increasing need for special education teachers on both state and national levels, as well as within the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. The new program takes a generalist approach and prepare graduates to work with special needs children of all ages and in all subjects. In a specialist approach, Sebastien explains, student teachers learn to work with specific groups — typically defined by age, disability, subject matter



Neria Sebastien, WWU assistant professor of education, works with a student in the WWU Discovery Preschool program.

and other factors — but can miss the rest of the picture. In a generalist approach, however, students learn all of the tools available for helping a broader range of individuals.

The master's degree program will offer a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and a Master of Education degree. Both master's degrees and the undergraduate minor prepare teachers to lead inclusive classrooms in which children with special needs are taught alongside their peers and enable teachers to lead dedicated special education classes. Students will collaborate with the WWU Center for Educational Equity

and Diversity (CEED) to earn firsthand experience working with children with special needs in the community.

“The special education minor is designed to immerse students in meaningful theory and practice for working with exceptional students,” says Sebastien. “CEED will serve as an additional way the students can connect meaningfully with the community. We believe that community service experiences with academic learning increase personal and professional growth.” This presence in the community is essential, Sebastien says, because it keeps the education relevant and purposeful.

The program has gathered a dedicated cohort — a number of whom are returned student missionaries. Sebastien says these students are especially excited for the new minor because they have seen firsthand the need for special education skills during their mission experiences.

Mindy Robinson, sophomore elementary education major, is one of those students. As a kindergarten through second-grade teacher at Kabula Hill School in Malawi, Robinson encountered students with disabilities and showed great resourcefulness in adapting her curriculum to meet her students' needs. “Seeing them grow and learn and being part of their story gave me a sense of purpose I wanted to keep pursuing in my life,” says Robinson.

Robinson is now pursuing the special education minor and says, “My experience as a student missionary brought me to teaching and special education.”

For more information about the special education program at WWU, visit the School of Education and Psychology online at wallawalla.edu or call 509-527-2211.

Charles Riseley, WWU university relations student writer

PROVIDING HOPE TO A COMMUNITY — OF INMATES

“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matt. 25:36).

When we think of health care, we might think of services performed in hospitals, clinics and medical offices. But do we ever consider how medical care is performed in jails?

Oregon’s Tillamook County Jail is small — with a 96-bed capacity, it serves the county’s population of about 25,000. At 11 p.m. on a Thursday night in 2015, Eric Swanson, executive director for strategy and development at Adventist Health Tillamook, received a text message from the jail commander: *Call me first thing in the morning.*

“We’ve lost our last nurse,” the jail commander said when Swanson called the next morning.

Swanson understood the full weight of this sentence. In addition to his role at Adventist Health Tillamook, he is a paramedic and a reserve deputy with the sheriff’s office — a role he has held for 29 years. He knew the jail needed medical staff to maintain their accreditation, so he turned to Gina Seufert, vice president of physician and clinic services, to come up with an official game plan.

“Gina and I were on the same page right away,” Swanson says. “The sheriff’s office



Adventist Health’s “superstar” team not only provides top-notch care to their patients in the jail, they view it as their own personal ministry.

is an important community partner to us — and it was the right thing to do.” After getting the thumbs-up from David Butler, Adventist Health Tillamook president, Eric began performing medical care in the jail the same day and then created a plan for the hospital to be the official “clinic” in the jail. Seufert recruited a team of “superstar” paramedics, medical assistants, EMTs and a full-time nurse to join the efforts.

The on-site clinic operates much like other Adventist Health facilities to provide high-quality, whole-person care 12 hours a day, seven days a week, plus on-call care.

The only difference is that these patients are in handcuffs. Adventist Health’s “superstar” team not only provides top-notch care to their patients in the jail, they view it as their own personal ministry.

Larry Hamilton, who has been a nurse for Adventist Health for nearly 34 years, is one of those people. Hamilton is a lay minister and a skilled missionary nurse who seized this opportunity to put his skills to use. “Larry is truly living our mission every day — through the care he provides, Larry is inspiring health, wholeness and hope,” Swanson says.

The inmates are often

surprised at the level of compassion they receive from the new medical team. Once, while providing care to an inmate with a history of frequent visits to the jail, Swanson says the inmate turned to him and said, “What’s going on here? This medical care is completely different” — to which Swanson responded, “Well, I’m from Adventist Health. We really care about you as a person. We want to give you the very best care.”

Judy Leach, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest Region vice president of strategy activation and communication

Christensen 50th

On Aug. 6, 1967, Ron and Mauretta Christensen began an adventure together that has now lasted 50 years.

They met in 1964 at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. Although Mauretta only attended there one year, they managed to maintain a long-distance relationship even without email or texting capabilities.

Mauretta graduated from Loma Linda University in 1965 with a degree in medical records and took a job in Denver, Colo. Ron graduated from Union in 1966 and obtained a job in Massachusetts, just outside of Boston. A year later Mauretta moved to Boston, where she was the lead in the medical records department at the hospital while Ron began a career in data-processing at the same hospital.

Seven years later, and now with two children in tow, they traversed the United States as Ron accepted a call to work at Portland Adventist Hospital in Portland, Ore.

Ron spent the majority of his career working for the North Pacific Union Conference in the Home Health Education Services (HHES) area, which dealt with literature evangelism. Mauretta did consulting at nursing homes around Pacific Northwest.

After 16 years with HHES, Ron returned to his roots and took a position back working for Adventist Health in their information technology department. By then Mauretta had given up the consulting business and was doing research on brain injuries at Oregon Health Science University. Her job was funded by a federal grant; when it expired in 2005, she chose to retire — although she did take

a temporary job in 2008 working for Providence Health.

Ron retired in 2010, and since then they've enjoyed much traveling. They have visited Europe three times, done a mission trip to Costa Rica and driven from Chicago to Los Angeles, following Route 66 roads.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary they flew to Alaska, took a bus tour around the state, then boarded a cruise ship back to the Lower 48. With this trip, they are proud to state they have now set foot in all 50 states. They recently toured Egypt too.

Ron and Mauretta each run a separate food pantry.

They still reside in the same house they purchased in 1974 and somehow manage to maintain their 1 acre of land.

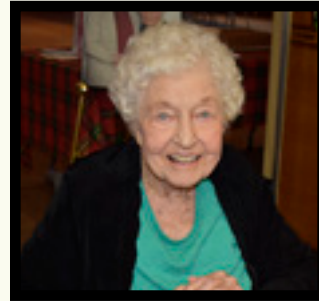
Their family lives in the Portland area and includes Keith Christensen, Marc and Debra Christensen, and three grandchildren.

Givens Grove 100th

Euna Adeline Givens Grove had her 100th birthday on Nov. 28, 2017. Euna celebrated her birthday on Dec. 2, 2017, surrounded by family and friends.

Euna Adeline Drew was born at home in Eugene, Ore., on Nov. 28, 1917, before the doctor arrived, and she has rarely slowed down since. She had an older brother, Cecil (d. 1986), and a younger sister, Mable (d. 2004).

She attended Walla Walla College (now University) for pre-nursing and then attended nursing school in Paradise Valley, Calif., where she met her husband Forrest Givens, who was a rare male student in her class. They married after their graduation in 1941. Euna



Euna Adeline Givens Grove

worked in many different capacities as a nurse before retiring in 1983.

Euna and Forrest had three children: Ginny, Cheryl (deceased of cancer in 1990) and Randy.

Euna survived a ruptured esophagus in 1989 and has miraculously outlived all the doctors involved with saving her. Her faithful, loving husband, Forrest, passed away in 2004.

In 2010, at age 93, Euna married Roland “Rollie” Grove, whom she met at the Whipple Creek Church, in Ridgefield, Wash., where she is a member. Euna and Rollie live on the farm in La Center, Wash., not too far from her children.

Euna has read the Bible through more than 20 times and never found any Scripture to disprove what the Adventist Church teaches. She says, “I have learned firsthand that the Bible promises are true and dependable. The love of God goes beyond anything we can imagine.” She has served her church as board member, newsletter editor, deaconess and kindergarten leader.

She has traveled to France, London, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand.

Her secrets for a long, happy life? “Don’t eat too much

sugar, eat a balanced diet, have a positive attitude.”

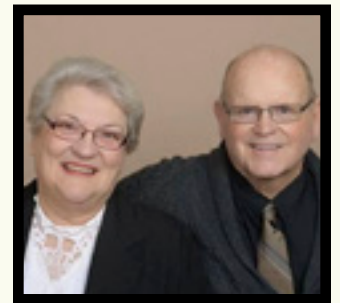
Euna’s family includes her daughter, Virginia “Ginny” Lee of Vancouver, Wash.; son, Randall “Randy” Givens of Ridgefield, Wash.; 3 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Jones 50th

Gary and Christy Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25, 2017, in Vancouver, Wash.

The pair spent most of their lives in Minnesota. Gary A. Jones graduated Braham High School and Christy F. Ubl graduated Hinckley High School; both were in the class of 1964.

Gary met Christy at a friend’s house in Minneap-



Christy and Gary Jones

olis, and they were married Thanksgiving weekend 1967. They honeymooned in northern Minnesota.

They had twins, Scott and Lisa, in November 1968, followed by another baby, Don, in February 1970. Gary worked for 25 years as an electrician in the iron ore mines near Nashwauk and Keewatin as well as recording secretary for the local steelworkers union. Christy also worked at various secretarial jobs in the area of Hibbing. Their

FAMILY MILESTONES

children attended and graduated from Nashwauk-Keewatin High School.

After retiring from mining, Gary studied at Bemidji State University and worked in various jobs, including counseling and semitruck driving. They attended and were members of the Blackberry Church near Grand Rapids, Mich., for many years. Both of their sons graduated with engineering degrees from Walla Walla College, and their daughter graduated with a teaching degree from University of Minnesota, Duluth.

In 2013, Gary and Christy moved to Vancouver, Wash., to live near their daughter.

The Jones family includes Scott Jones of Grand Coulee, Wash.; Don and Clarice (Davidson) Jones of Colville, Wash.; Lisa and John Jokela of Vancouver, Wash.; and 11 grandchildren.

Lewis 90th

On Dec. 17, 2017, children and other relatives, plus friends gathered at the Adventist Community Service Center auditorium in Salem, Ore., to celebrate Delbert Lewis' 90th birthday.



Delbert Lewis

During his lifetime, Delbert has served as a teacher in Adventist schools for 37 years. He taught in Washington and northern California schools.

In addition, he worked for 30 summers in Adventist youth camps in both Northern California and Central California conferences.

May the Lord continue to bless him as time marches on toward Christ's Second Coming.



Karyn and Steve Phelps with their children

Phelps 50th

Steve and Karyn Phelps celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, 1967, with a reception at Auburn City Church.

Steve met Karyn Whitney while she was attending Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) in Auburn, Wash. They were married Sept. 17, 1967, the fall after Karyn's senior year at AAA. Steve attended Walla Walla College, and both attended Walla Walla Community College.

Both worked many years at Walla Walla General Hospital in southeast Washington. Karyn worked for Loma Linda University Medical Center and Steve at Loma Linda Veterans Medical Center in California.

They now reside in Coppell, Texas, having moved to be near their grandchildren.

The Phelps family includes Steven Phelps Jr. of Chicago, Ill.; Laura and Adam Bloomberg of Flower Mound, Texas; and 2 granddaughters, Madalyn Bloomberg and Lyndsay Bloomberg.

Salt 65th

Frank and Virginia Salt recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary surrounded by more than 40 friends and family members. The happy couple met at Walla Walla College, which Frank chose because his Adventist friends from his hometown of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, planned to attend there. Little did he know he would find the love of his life and his church family at this little college.

Frank Salt and Virginia Hopke were married on Sept. 14, 1952. Shortly after graduation, in 1953, Frank was drafted into the military. They moved around a bit but settled in Fort Lewis, Wash., where their first child, Kevin, was born.

After Frank's Army service, the couple moved to Charlottesville, Va., where Frank completed his hospital administration training. Right in the midst of Frank's final dissertation, their second child, Randy, was born.

The next move was to Spokane, Wash., where Frank was the assistant administrator of St. Luke's Hospital. Their third child, Don, was born while they were there. Later they moved to Kansas, where Frank became the administrator of Shawnee Mission Medical Center. That is where Sheril was born.

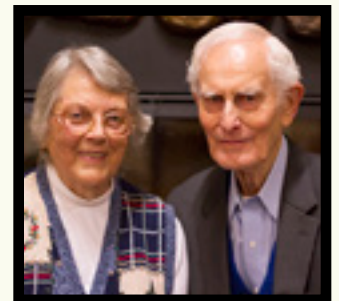
As their children grew older, Frank and Virginia were drawn back to the little college town where they first met. After settling in Walla Walla, they established Salt's Business and Tax Service and saw to it that all four children attended Walla Walla University (WWU).

In 1986, Frank and Virginia relocated their tax business

to Sedro-Woolley, Wash., Virginia's hometown. After many satisfying years of service to their clients, Frank and Virginia retired last year in order to follow other interests. They are both still active, vigorous participants in their church and in their community.

Throughout their life journey, Virginia juggled her responsibilities as a housewife and mother with a variety of jobs varying from secretary to dump-truck driver. She was the head of the local community services center the day a tornado hit Topeka, Kan. Shortly after arriving at the Red Cross center for distribution, Virginia was put in charge of organizing the whole effort because of her quick and effective assessment of what was needed.

Frank and Virginia enjoy the company of their children, Kevin and Jennie Salt of Mount Vernon, Wash.;



Virginia and Frank Salt

Randy and Arlene Salt of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Don Salt of Sedro-Woolley; Jeff and Sheril Fetter of Walla Walla; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

FAMILY BIRTHS

NELSON — Darci Grace was born Jan. 11, 2018, to Edward I. and Heidi (Coupland) Nelson, Vancouver, Wash.

RICHARDS — Astrid Corinna was born Jan. 20, 2018, to William “Billy” and Jessica (Spreadborough) Richards, Portland, Ore.

SPANO — Catalina Francesca was born Feb. 10, 2018, to Jared and Constance (Campbell Folch) Spano, Richland, Wash.

FAMILY AT REST

BABB — Barbara (Sween), 75; born Sept. 15, 1942, Abilene, Kan.; died Dec. 27, 2017, Albany, Ore. Surviving: husband, Raymond; son, Michael, W. Frankfort, Ill.; daughter, Cheri Ealy, Albany; and 5 grandchildren.

BAKER — Ruth Alice (Rumbolz) Huffman, 94; born Sept. 14, 1923, Ethan, S.D.; Dec. 6, 2017, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: husband, Frank Gates, Sweet Home, Ore.; son, Roger Huffman, Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter, Laura Huffman Osterkamp, Baker City, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

BECKNER — Sue Anamarie, 54; born Nov. 12, 1962, Cloverdale, Calif.; died Oct. 20, 2017, Goldendale, Wash. Surviving: father, Joseph Beckner, Troy, Mont.; mother, Ruth (Smith) Beckner, Medford, Ore.; brothers, Daniel Beckner, Imbler, Ore.; David Beckner, Medford; Samuel Beckner, Goldendale; Jonathan Beckner, Island City, Ore.; and John Beckner, Robertsdale, Ala.

BOLINGER — Eugene Earl, 82; born Nov. 10, 1935, Fort Scott, Kan.; died Nov. 16, 2017, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Davis); 7 children; 10 grandchil-

dren, 7 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 7 step-great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

DEMING — John Murray, 75; born July 2, 1942, Gary, Ind.; died Nov. 29, 2017, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joan (McTaggart), College Place, Wash.; sons, John Michael, College Place; Joel, Yakima, Wash.; Jeff, Watsonville, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FAUTH — Timothy, 66; born Oct. 29, 1951, Toppenish, Wash.; died Nov. 11, 2017, Toppenish. Surviving: wife, Lintena (Presler).

FOWLER — Harris Alvin, 89; born Oct. 4, 1927, Elida, N.M.; died Oct. 3, 2017, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, Colleen (Wood); sons, Stephen, Yarnell, Ariz.; John, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Christine Crase, Wenatchee; Katie Byrd, Wikieup, Ariz.; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

FRENCH — Michela (Nunez) Cassalovo, 82; born Nov. 1, 1934, Pollutri, Italy; died Sept. 25, 2017, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: husband, Earl French; son, Greg Cassalovo, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and daughter, Maria Nunez, Temecula, Calif.

HARMS — Arthur E., 95; born June 3, 1922, Gary, Ind.; died Oct. 22, 2017, Richland, Wash. Surviving: wife, June Ruth (Corder); sons, Leonard, Pasco, Wash.; Lawrence, Redlands, Calif.; daughter, Linda C. Case, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

HENDRYX — Martha Lee, 62; born Aug. 21, 1955, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 20, 2017, Portland. Surviving: brother, Kelly Hendryx, Portland.

JACKSON — Aurelia Eileen (Kaylor) Wittlake, 83; born Sept. 20, 1933, Granger, Wash.; died Aug. 31, 2017, Ridgefield, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dale; sons, Fred Wittlake, Gold Hill, Ore.; Leonard Wittlake, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Neal Wittlake, Benton, Kan.; Steven Wittlake, Columbia Falls, Mont.; daughters, Evie Tenorio, Caldwell, Idaho; Joan Gutierrez, Nampa, Idaho; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JACOBS — Rosalie Hope (Bliven), 74; born Aug. 28, 1943, Salem, Ore.; died Oct. 23, 2017, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: son, Keith, Toledo, Ore.; daughter, Lorraine Jacobs, Canby, Ore.; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

JAECKS — Lenard Dale, 85; born March 21, 1932, Wausau, Wis.; died June 25, 2017, Chattanooga, Tenn. Surviving: wife, Lois (Iattoni); sons, Steve, Ooltewah, Tenn.; Ronald, Salem, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

JOHNSON — Alice Johanne (Jensen), 97; born June 24, 1920, Askov, Minn.; died Oct. 9, 2017, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Rita Johnson and Teresa Boiraud, both of Olympia; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

KENNY — Edward H., 96; born July 17, 1921, Sawyer, Idaho; died Oct. 16, 2017, Spirit Lake, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Linda Brennen, Ponderay, Idaho; Charlotte Schober, Lincoln, Neb.; Katheryn Fridlund, Stanwood, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

KYLE — James Edwin, 91; born Dec. 13, 1925, Darby, Mont.; died Dec. 8, 2017, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving:

wife, Sybil (Morrison), Darby; sons, Ken, Cavendish, Idaho; Jerry, Orondo, Wash.; daughters, Barbara Gren, Damascus, Ore.; Carolyn Sturges, West Richland, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

LARSON — Inez (Brinegar), 94; born Nov. 30, 1922, Hawasse, Ark.; died Oct. 16, 2017, Priest River, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Roy Larson, the Philippines; Harold Larson, Priest River; Anders Larson, Hayden, Idaho; daughters, Joan (Larson) Hegge, Priest River; Sheryl (Larson) Pletsch, Vancouver, Wash.; Karla (Youngdale) Smith, Priest River; 13 grandchildren 30 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

LEEN — Twilla Marie (Farr), 66; born Jan. 19, 1951, in Iowa; died Nov. 24, 2017, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: husband, Norman; a daughter; and 2 grandchildren.

LIGHTHOUSE — Myrna Mae (Wentland) Pflugrad Easter, 91; born July 28, 1925, Jamestown, N.D.; died June 11, 2017, Nine Mile Falls, Wash. Surviving: son, Ron Pflugrad, Waverly, Wash.; daughters, Marsha (Pflugrad) Ellis and Sandra (Pflugrad) Oster, both of Nine Mile Falls; 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

MCDOWELL — Alvin Lee, 96; born Feb. 2, 1921, Centralia, Wash.; died Oct. 10, 2017, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Judith Lee Shaner; 4 grandchildren and a step-grandchild.

MCGIRR — Charlotte L., 89; born April 27, 1926; died Dec. 28, 2015, Bend, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Cheryl Patton, Bend; and a grandchild.

MERCHANT — Philip E., 70; born April 22, 1947, Sioux City, Iowa; died Nov. 10, 2017, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, Boni (Robison); sons, Mac, Lafayette, Colo.; Ted and Stephen, both of East Wenatchee, Wash.; daughter, Jennifer Merchant, Lafayette, Ga.; and 3 grandchildren.

O'DELL — Floyd "Digger" Walter, 84; born June 24, 1932, Forks, Wash.; died Nov. 4, 2016, Condon, Ore. Surviving: wife, Norma El-nora (Calkins); sons, Michael O'Dell and Kelly O'Dell; daughters, Darla Merritt and Glenda Springer; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

PFLUGRAD — Arnold Varree, 87; born July 7, 1930, Milton, Ore.; died Nov. 1, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, David, Portland; daughter, Carmen Vargas, Portland; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

RAAB — Wilfried, 81; born Nov. 17, 1935, Augsburg, Germany; died Oct. 12, 2017, Moyie Springs, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Oliver, Turner, Ore.; Raymond, Salem, Ore.; daughters, Claudia Moots, Moyie Springs; Monica Danreuther and Heidi Raab, both of Kalispell, Mont.; sister, Henrietta Hinkelmann, Fischach, Germany.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

REYNOLDS — Irene A. (Feigner), 100; born April 20, 1917, College Place, Wash.; died Nov. 16, 2017, College Place. Surviving: son, David, College Place; daughter, Judith Vitez, College Place; 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

RITTENBACH — Emanuel Theodore, 91; born Feb. 15, 1926, Butte, N.D.; died Sept. 7, 2017, Milton-Freewater,

Ore. Surviving: sons, Rod, Sunnyvale, Calif.; Sid, Umatilla, Ore.; Tracey, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Melodie, Roseville, Calif.; brother, Otto, Greenville, N.C.; sisters, Frieda, Minot, N.D.; Hilda, Urbandale, Iowa; Esther, Portland, Tenn.; and 2 grandchildren.

SMITH — Rosemary Lee (Smith) Goodridge Chinn, 84; born Sept. 10, 1933, Yakima, Wash.; died Nov. 25, 2017, Lawrenceville, Ga. Surviving: son, Terry Goodridge, Smokey Point, Wash.; daughter, Valori (Goodridge) Smith, Lawrenceville; sisters, Elinor Wells, Yakima; Barbara Fehrer and Beverly Anderson, both of Boise, Idaho; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

SOPER — Ward A., 79; born Oct. 16, 1938, Leslie, Mich.; died Nov. 18, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lois (Meseraull); daughters, Debra Gross, Florence, Mont.; Linda Soper, College

Place; Joyce Soper, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Marley Soper, Apopka, Fla.; and 5 grandchildren.

STEWART — Florence Mae (Olson), 87; born Jan. 13, 1930, Artesia, Calif.; died Nov. 25, 2017, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Cindy Stewart, Vancouver; Debbie Stewart, Angwin, Calif.; Shari Thompson, Mount Shasta, Calif.; and a grandchild.

TOMPKINS — Melvin Lloyd, 93; born March 23, 1923, Portland, Ore.; died April 18, 2016, Marietta, Ga. Surviving: son, Randy, Marietta; daughter, Claudia Carol Armstrong, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Richard, Yucaipa, Calif.; sister, Maxine Vixie, Portland; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WARREN — Gloria Jean (Harbison), 77; born May 6, 1940, Sandpoint, Idaho; died Oct. 31, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Elmo, Eltopia, Wash.;

daughters, Debie Powell, Sandpoint; Sunnie Hutton, Cocolalla, Idaho; 2 brothers; a sister; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

WENTZ — Marjorie Kathleen "Kay" (Norman), 74; born Feb. 5, 1943, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 6, 2017, Tigard, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Susan Wentz, Tigard; Renea Spriet, Baker City, Ore.; and a grandchild.

WILLIAMS — Dorothy J. (Rasmussen), 88; born April 2, 1929, Ringsted, Iowa; died Nov. 13, 2017, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: son, David, McMinnville; daughter, Debra Hermens, McMinnville; sisters, Shirley Smersfelt, Crockett, Calif.; Wanda Godsey, Willamina, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

YEATTS — Francis Oliver, 88; born Oct. 10, 1928, Loma Linda, Calif.; died Sept. 8, 2017, Kalispell, Mont. Surviving: wife, Joan (Parker); daughters, Doris Yeatts and Barbi Maas, both of Kalispell; sister, Merna Witzel, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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CAFFERKY-WILL

Grace Estelle (Burke) Cafferky-Will died Jan. 16, 2018, in College Place, Wash., at the age of 96.

Grace was born Dec. 4, 1921, in Timberlake, S.D. She married Ed Cafferky, M.D., in 1946. They had three children: Ron Cafferky of West Linn, Ore.; Carmen Cafferky of La Center, Wash.; and Bob Cafferky of Portland, Ore.

After Ed's death in 2006, Grace married Al Will, M.D., a friend who had lost his wife. They were married seven and a half years.

Grace is survived by her husband, Al; her three children; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Gracie was a gifted musician who taught a multitude of students and blessed many church services with her music.



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April 7 — Local Church Budget;

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April 26–29 — Plan now to attend Walla Walla University Homecoming Weekend, featuring more than 50 events. Learn more at wallawalla.edu/homecoming.

IDAHO CONFERENCE

Missing Members

The Coeur d'Alene Church is looking for the following missing members: Dolores Andalora, Bret Bauer, Kristina Bauer, Lucy Bauer, Gerald Bean, Nadyne Bennett, Rose Berger, Bonnie Blain, Sharon Bloomsberg, Cassie Bottum, Darla Boughton, Eric Boughton, Stella Buchnovics, Sandra Carlson, Sasha Carlson, Gary Carpenter, Wendy Chapin, James Chatfield, Jonathan Cochran, Dennis Conger, Jeremiah Conklin, Gerald Davies, Kristine Davies, Denise Davis, Jessica Davis, Randall Deland, Robert Deland, Elaine Decker, Shane Decker, Shannon Decker, Sarah Denison, Amie Denison and Doris Derry. If you have any information about these missing member, please email Tye Davis, Coeur d'Alene Church associate pastor, at tyed@uccsda.org.

OREGON CONFERENCE

Portland Adventist Academy Alumni

May 5–6 — Portland Adventist Academy (Portland Union Academy) invites you to celebrate the memories! Alumni Weekend features special speaker Bobby McGhee ('78). Free lunch is provided for all as well as a class cake when you reserve a (free) reunion room. Sunday features a golf tournament to support Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarships (PAASS). Share your memories, find friends and reserve your reunion room or spot in the tournament: 503-255-8372 or paasda.org.

Rogue Valley Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend

April 27–28 — We invite any students who attended, and/or graduated from Rogue River Academy, Rogue River Junior Academy and Rogue Valley Adventist School to our beautiful campus at 3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, Ore., for a Friday evening vespers, Sabbath service, potluck lunch and Sabbath evening vespers, followed by an alumni basketball game. Contact the school at 541-773-2988 or email us at cward@rvas.org.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Maplewood Academy Alumni Annual Meeting

May 5 — Maplewood Academy alumni, teachers and attendees

come to the annual meeting and potluck lunch at 1:30 p.m. at Walla Walla Academy, 300 SW Academy Way, College Place, Wash. For more information, contact Lois Pegel at 509-529-4837.

Harris Junior Academy/Pendleton Junior Academy Alumni Event

April 14 — Alumni, along with their family and friends, are warmly invited to our Harris Junior Academy/Pendleton Junior Academy Alumni Day event. Our event is open to everyone (past and present) with a connection to our school and church. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Event highlights includes Sabbath School and church programs, haystack lunch provided, reminisce program, class night socializing, and Sunday morning brunch. More information at glnr.in/04142018. We hope to see you there.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Chehalis Church Celebrates 100 Years

April 14 — You're invited to the Chehalis Church 100-year anniversary celebration and homecoming Sabbath. Come celebrate 100 years of blessings at 120 Chilvers Rd., Chehalis, Wash., starting at 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School.

Duerksen at SAGE Reunion

April 21 — SAGE members from around Washington Conference will gather for their annual reunion on Sabbath at 10 a.m., in the Washington Conference Office, 32229 Weyerhauser Way South, Federal Way, Wash. Dick Duerksen, much-loved Maranatha storyteller, will be the featured speaker, and you can see a visual report on the 2017 Costa Rica mission trip. Special music and congregational singing will be directed by a group from North Cascade Church. Attendees are requested to bring an entrée, salad or dessert for a potluck meal. You won't want to miss this rich spiritual feast. Come and bring your friends!

Missing Members

Sequim Church is searching for the following missing members: Debra Burke, Frank Burke, Chong Soon Chonge, Donna Couch, Rueben Couch, Bonnie Ferris, Joseph Pagliochini, Pamela Pagliochini, Darrel Stock, Judy Stock and Sandra S. Smith. If you have any information regarding these missing members, please contact Jay Richmond at 360-683-7373 or sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org.

WORLD CHURCH

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Alumni Reunion

June 8–10 — "Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Alumni Reunion for alumni and classmates at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Mich. Honor classes: 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968. For further information, contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit glaa.net.

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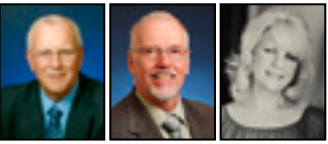

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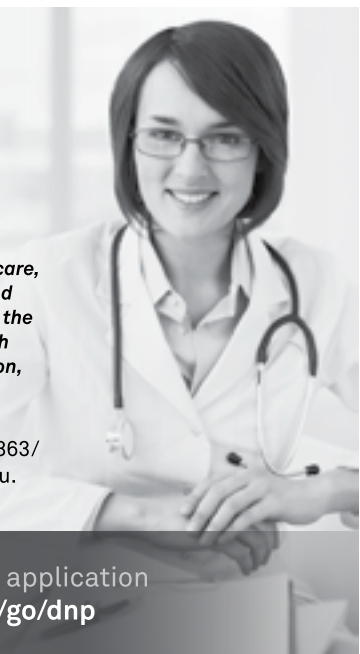
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RAGE FLU

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hen Billy Graham's death made it onto social media, I sifted through a variety of passionate responses — not all of them pleasant. While some praised the evangelist's incredible legacy of preaching the gospel, others criticized his comments on Jews having too much control in the media, as well as his stance on gay marriage. Beyond the praise and criticism, strands of outright hatred loaded with vulgarity celebrated the death of a man who, despite controversy, was responsible for more good than a million judgmental social media junkies put together.

I was not surprised that a public figure such as Graham stirred up controversy or said things people didn't like — that's par for the course for anyone who commands a substantial platform. What struck me most was the lack of grace, by both believers and nonbelievers.

For example, when someone on a Christian Twitter thread noted that Graham publicly apologized for his anti-Semitic comments, a critic replied, "That's fine. He still made them." Certainly it is important for us hold leaders accountable for what they say and do, especially those who represent themselves as Christian (Luther also had anti-Semitic issues). However, what if Jesus looked on us and pointed out a particular sin? And when we said, "But I asked for forgiveness," Jesus replied, "That's fine, but you still did it"?

Have we entered a world where repentance and forgiveness

are fiction? The irony is clear: Those who preach grace don't receive it, and those who refuse to give it are the ones who think everyone should have it, which is why they push back in the first place.

This isn't just a Billy Graham issue; he's just the most recent illustration. We have political leaders with Twitter feeds filled with this kind of thing. I don't mean we should avoid holding leadership accountable. I am not suggesting the perspectives of those who have serious issues with Graham don't matter. But I am concerned that our media milieu is stripping us of the gospel of grace.

Columnist Susanna Schrobsdorff notes, "Anger is particularly contagious on social media. Researchers at Beihang University in Beijing mapped four basic emotions in more than 70 million posts and found that anger is more influential than other emotions ... it spreads faster and more broadly."¹

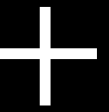
Researchers also found violence and violent speech meet the criteria for disease: "Like a virus, violence makes more of itself. Rage begets more rage. And it spreads because we



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humans are wired to follow our peers.”² It’s contagious. Our society is becoming infected with “rage flu.”

Jesus says, “I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your

brother; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary” (Matt. 5:22–25). He also states, “Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. . . .” (Matt. 5:44–45).

A few clarifications here. Anger isn’t bad; it is powerful and can be a righteous force for change. Secondly, I do not speak from a position of someone on the margins and do not want to minimize the

voices of those who do. What I do see is our “rage flu” takes hold of everyone in ways that eject the core teachings of Jesus we celebrate — but have great difficulty in practicing. I mean, look at this passage: “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; or the Lord will see and be displeased and turn His anger away from him” (Prov. 24:17–18). Really? Not even a little bit?

Our rage escalates from facts and data to a “sacred conflict” — a digital jihad where the goal is no longer co-existence, peace, advocacy or even respectful disagreement. It’s the decimation, mockery and demise of our opponent. Google already has a tendency of being graceless — online sins remain forever no matter how much you repent. We don’t need to contribute to this with unnuanced statements of rage that create an echo chamber of anger.

This matters because media ecologists notice that we are moving away from having “online” interactions to an “onlife”³ experience, where the social practices and identities we have in virtual space bleed over into physical space. Is

rage the way the world is now? What might people do when so much of their interactions are laced with anger? Is lashing out violently a reflection of “onlife” social norms?

As followers of Jesus we should be foremost in seeking accountability through thoughtful critical judgment, without ejecting the rudiments of the gospel.

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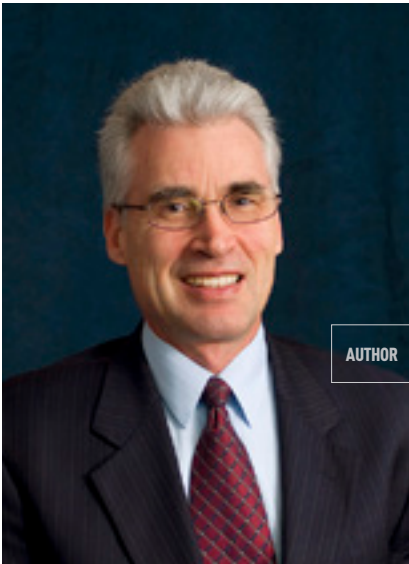
ome Seventh-day Adventists pointedly ignore Easter because of its ancient roots in paganism. But many others skip this annual opportunity to celebrate Christ's resurrection for another reason: They simply don't see it as central to our faith.

While most Adventists around the world believe the reality of Christ's resurrection, some underestimate its relevance to salvation and Spirit-filled living. By contrast, early Christians staked their lives — in this world and for eternity — on the risen life of Jesus. His resurrection reverberates throughout the New Testament:

- » "He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:3);*
- » "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ... But Christ has indeed been raised" (1 Cor. 15:17, 20);
- » "Since, then, you have

been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1).

The gospel is simple and powerful. We die at the cross in Christ but arise in His resurrection. This historic accomplishment is the basis of our receiving His Spirit today, just as we receive forgiveness only through His once-for-all-time death on the cross.



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CHRIST'S RESURRECTION TRANSFORMED MY LIFE

The summer of 1971, I led five fellow college students selling literature in West Virginia to plant a church. We rose at 5:30 each morning to pray for the Spirit. But despite our fervent supplications, we did not receive the spiritual fulfillment we sought.

Why? Was God unfaithful to His promise? No. We had misinterpreted John 7:39: "The Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." We thought this meant Jesus wasn't being sufficiently glorified within our little group for us to qualify for the Spirit's outpouring. Only decades later did the life-changing realization dawn on me that this verse refers *not to our feeble attempts*





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to glorify Jesus but to Christ's own historic glorification upon His resurrection.

Let's see this in the Bible. Peter connects the glorified, resurrected Christ with God's gifting of His Spirit: "Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

The glory of the risen Christ provided the Spirit to the disciples — not any supposed spiritual accomplishment of their own. Peter did not say, "We prayed harder and harder and pressed closer and closer together until we finally got hold of the Holy Spirit!" Rather, God glorified the res-

urrected Christ, and through embracing that historic event together we today are filled with the Holy Spirit.

When Peter and John communicated healing to a lame man, everybody was amazed. But Peter warned, "Don't look at us as if by our own power or godliness we healed this man. God glorified His Son, whom you killed — but He raised Jesus from the dead. That's the power through which this man is healed" (Acts 3:12,13, paraphrased).

When we realize this, we are also released from the crushing weight of trying to qualify ourselves for God's Spirit through supersonic faith,

personal perfection or achieving global church unity. God's Spirit is ours today not because we have glorified Him enough but because Jesus rose from the dead and was glorified in heaven! When we embrace Christ's resurrection life, living for Him will never be the same.

RESURRECTION LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

We would not dare request forgiveness without the historic death of Jesus at Calvary. Even so, we must not fancy the possibility of being filled with God's Spirit outside of the resurrection of Jesus and His celestial glorification. Seventh-day Adventists seem slow to understand this fact of life in Christ.

The story is told about shipwrecked sailors in a lifeboat without drinking water. Dying of thirst, they pray for an outpouring from heaven. No rain comes. Finally, someone dips his hat for a drink from the seawater surrounding them — seemingly a foolish act, since saltwater cannot quench thirst and is harmful if ingested in quantity. But these sailors actually are adjacent to the coast of Brazil. They cannot see the shore yet are within range of the mighty

Amazon River, which pours out torrents of fresh water into the South Atlantic.

So this desperate, dying sailor drinks what he thinks is saltwater but actually turns out to be sweet, fresh water. He shrieks with joy in discovering that the outpouring for which they were praying had already surrounded them. Now they just need to experience God's abundant provision. They all drink the water of life and live to be rescued.

Adventists await Christ's coming to rescue us from this shipwrecked planet. We desperately pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit — already ours through the resurrected, glorified Christ! Realizing and relishing this will rejuvenate us with revival and reformation.

So let's have a blessed and happy Easter, not via pagan rituals of the past, but with joyful acceptance of Christ's resurrection power in us today!

*Scriptures are from the New International Version.

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JUST LIKE JESUS

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

“**W**rite two pages about what you did last summer.” It was the worst assignment of the year. We fretted about it from the day school dismissed in June. Some wrote sample essays, memorized them and then wrote them out when Miss Townsend gave The Assignment on that terrible first Monday of the

The Bible room was hot, and most of my classmates were using up ink as if the Perfect Answer demanded a 10-page essay.

My paper was blank, my pencil unused.

I knew what I was going to do over the summer. Our family was going on a trip to Canada, I would be working at

and starts, salted with really bad days, some ugly bullying, broken hearts, tears, and temptations far larger than you could hope to handle if you're living solitary.

“Travel alone, and the devil doesn't bother you very much. He's already got you on his side.

“However, if you're singing a life-duet with Jesus, the devil has to work hard to get you off-key and will do his best to make your life hell.

“But that's OK. Jesus is your full-on partner. And He has already overcome the devil.”

I looked down at my empty paper, reached for my pen and wrote: “Jesus, may I please follow your lead on this?”

Dick Duerksen, Oregon Conference storycatcher and storyteller

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new school year.

The year I was to graduate from high school, Pastor Jake, the Bible teacher, took Miss Townsend's assignment and threw us a real curveball.

“Your last assignment for this year,” Pastor Jake intoned, “is your first assignment in After High School life. Use as much paper as you would like to answer this simple question: What are you going to do with Jesus this summer? You have 15 minutes.”

I couldn't think of anything to write. So, I sat and thought.

I could promise to read my Bible every day, to pray more, to gripe less, to be kinder and forgive more easily. But those were the expected answers, the easy ones that would take five minutes to write and five seconds to break.

the hospital, I had three lawn contracts, and I already had a roommate for college. But, what about the “with Jesus” part of the question?

Twelve minutes passed. Then 14. Jake was looking at his watch. I was doomed.

In desperation I reached for my pencil.

Then the timer buzzed.

“OK, everybody,” Pastor Jake said, “take your paper, fold it carefully and keep it easily available. Every Monday morning, before you do anything else, take out the paper, unfold it and read it aloud to yourself. Then, kneel beside your bed and talk with Jesus about how it's going.”

There were groans, mostly over work seemingly wasted, and then Pastor Jake spoke again.

“It would probably be easier if you just did whatever you wanted to this summer and every summer to follow.

“However, the challenge is for you to let Jesus write your story with you. That will be more difficult, filled with stops



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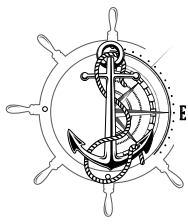


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