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my soul from death, my eyes from
tears, my feet from stumbling,
Psalms 116:8



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As you look out across the landscape of our country and our world, it is enough to produce the biblical description of “men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth” (Luke 21:26).

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haos is evident everywhere. In terrorist threats and attacks, in polarized political contention, in disregard for the value of human life, and even in the increasing extremes of weather patterns.

Brothers and sisters, fellow members of the North Pacific Union Conference, this is indeed a time for Adventists to actively share our faith in God’s promise of a soon coming Savior.

Eight years ago, when I became the NPUC team leader, I wrote in my first *Gleaner* message, “I’m very much like you. I feel uncertain about a lot of things.

My heart longs for peace and sanity in the midst of a world that seems out of control. And I’ve concluded that the only

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Max Torkelsen

place left to find unshaking hope and certainty is by going back to the unshakeable foundations of our values and beliefs.” I believed it then and still do today. The only difference is we are eight years closer to that grand Second Advent.

God’s work has moved forward. He has blessed us with significant progress. Our membership has surpassed the 100,000 mark. SOULS Northwest is training people for effective door-to-

door Bible study work. Our targeted trade book initiative has distributed more than a hundred thousand truth-filled books. Our Creation Study Center is already providing wonderful resources. Multiple evangelistic meetings and mission trips happen every year.

Humanly speaking, there’s rarely been a more productive environment for sharing the gospel. We live in a global community where desert nomads have cell phones in their pockets and South Sea islanders

shall hide me in his pavilion” (Ps. 27:3–5).

God has promised to balance our fear with a great hope — the blessed hope. “Lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Heb. 6:1–19).

“I urge you to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

As many of you know, I have decided to retire at the time of our NPUC constitu-

We cannot let a global epidemic of fear spread faster than the good news.

have satellite dishes mounted on their grass shacks. I recall an observation that the news of the 2001 twin tower attacks in New York City was likely known by 85 percent of the world’s population within two hours of its occurrence.

So, bearing a heavenly commission, we cannot let a global epidemic of fear spread faster than the good news.

God’s people have not been given a “spirit of fear; but of power and love” (2 Tim. 1:7). “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God” (Is. 41:10). “Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear ... for in the time of trouble he

ency meeting in September. I have already served well past the Levitical retirement age of 50 (see Num. 8:25). I plan to stay active in meaningful ministry, but I am looking forward to discontinuing my place on more than 30 boards and committees and focusing my time, attention and energy on active, personal involvement with ministry.

My prayer is that we will remain faithful to the mission God has given us and He will keep us fruitful in our ministry until Jesus comes.

Maranatha.

Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president



SHADOW EMPIRE SERIES IMPACTS THE NORTHWEST

In today's media-saturated, on-demand landscape, is it even possible to get people to walk through the doors of a church?

From April 28 to 30, the Voice of Prophecy's Shadow Empire series revealed the answer is a clear "yes!" Hundreds of churches across North America — including many in the North Pacific Union Conference — held this four-part event, which focused on the compelling life of Constantine and his continued impact on religious liberty today.



In addition to documentary-style segments featuring Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy speaker and director, half of the program was led by the local pastor, which enabled guests to get to know their local church and register for follow-up Bible studies. Lyle Arakaki, Forest Park Church pastor in Everett, Wash., says he really "appreciated the opportunity Shadow Empire gave the local pastor to have a significant role in each presentation."

"Even though this was a seed-sowing event, some churches have already seen amazing results, including baptisms," reports Boonstra. The engaging

content included ultra-high-definition aerial footage using a quadcopter, and Boonstra taped his segments on location in countries such as Serbia, Turkey and Italy.

Through a partnership with SermonView, an evangelism marketing ministry in Vancouver, Wash., hosts had access to a range of effective promotional resources, including direct

mail and social media. And through the use of the series' accompanying book, *Shadow Emperor*, and *Shadow Empire* Bible lessons, attendees received additional resources for deeper study.

"For a long time, I have wanted to be involved in evangelism," explains Traci Carothers, a member of the Pendleton (Ore.) Church. "However, I have no training or experience, nor can I afford time away from my family for some sort of evangelism training. The Voice of Prophecy made it

easy for someone with no experience to become fully engaged and involved in reaching out to the community."

Due to the overwhelming response to the series and feedback from churches, Shadow Empire will return this fall, from Sept. 15 to 17. If your church couldn't participate the first time around or would like to host it again, your chance is coming. Please have your pastor visit shadowempire.com/event for all the details.

*Michele Stotz, It Is Written Television
public relations director*

LETTERS

What About the Laptop?

Interesting article on grace by Pastor Weber in this month's issue of the *Gleaner* [Perspective, June 2016]. But what he didn't tell us was whether he found his laptop!

Ken James, Camas, Wash.

WEBER RESPONDS

It was never found, but insurance totally covered the cost of a new replacement. And, finally, somebody found my passport in a garbage bin, and the police returned it to my apartment quickly. Thanks for caring about the outcome of my calamity, which surely God worked for good according to His promise.

What About the Volunteers?

I enjoyed seeing the article about the Russian church ["Parousia Completes House of Prayer," June 2016]. The only disappointment was the Maranatha volunteer group that actually built the structure was not even mentioned.

Arland Sanborn, Redmond, Ore.

GLEANER RESPONDS

Thank you for this reminder. We need to salute all volunteers, the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes for the glory of God.

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PRESENT TRUTH

STILL A PRIORITY



STEVE LANTO

IN THE SUMMER OF 1849, A NEAR-PENNYLESS MAN LAID DOWN THE SCYTHE HE'D BEEN USING TO MOW THE FARMERS' FIELDS, PICKED UP A PEN AND BEGAN TO WRITE. HIS NAME WAS JAMES WHITE, AND HIS WIFE, ELLEN, TOLD HIM HE NEEDED TO PUBLISH A LITTLE PAPER. "LET IT BE SMALL AT FIRST," SHE SAID, "AND IT WILL BE A SUCCESS FROM THE FIRST." WHILE THE FIELDS AROUND HIM MAY HAVE BEEN READY TO HARVEST, GOD HAD A DIFFERENT HARVEST IN MIND FOR JAMES.

Soon he had written the first issue of *The Present Truth*. After walking 8 miles to the printer, he carried a thousand copies back home in a carpetbag. He and Ellen placed the papers on the floor in front of them and called a small group of believers to join them in prayer. Together they knelt down and, with humble hearts and many tears, pled for the Lord to bless the message they were about to send out. And so began the publishing ministry of what would one day become the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Twenty-five years later and more than 2,000 miles away, James White started another magazine, *Signs of the Times*, in his home in Oakland, California. Faced with prohibitive rail charges and endless delays in sending print material from Battle Creek, Michigan, to the believers on the West Coast, James established the

Pacific Press Publishing Association. In 1904, it relocated to Mountain View, California, where it remained for 80 years, before the high cost of living in what had become the Silicon Valley forced a move to its current location in Nampa, Idaho, on December 7, 1984.

TRANSITIONS

While the challenges of increased shipping charges and rising cost of living could have been predicted, who could possibly have imagined the changes that would occur in the publishing industry when, in 2007, Amazon released its first Kindle? In the months that followed, scores of publishing houses went out of business, and many bookstores, including Borders, filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Predictions that every household in the country would soon own multiple e-readers sent

publishers scrambling to include e-books in their lineup.

Both Review and Herald and Pacific Press felt the effects of the changing trends in reader preferences. But, within the church, publishing is first and foremost a ministry. It has always been about finding the most effective way to spread the message.

While our pioneers traveled by horse and carriage to share their message with scattered groups of believers, they understood how limited was their reach. Under God's guidance,



The Pacific Press management team includes (from left) Robert Congleton, Robert Hastings, Doug Church, Dale Galusha and Jerry D. Thomas.



The original Pacific Press building in Oakland, California

MILESTONES in NORTH AMERICAN PUBLISHING

1849

The Present Truth printed

1850

The Adventist Review first published

1855

James and Ellen White move to Battle Creek, Michigan, where the Review and Herald flourishes

the publishing work took those same messages, captured them in print and sent them around the world.

As a result, millions have been won to Christ through the years. Now, 170 years later, new ways of sharing the gospel are being added to the standard printed page.

More than 1,500 e-books are available at Adventist-ebooks.com. And while reader response has been favorable, it's interesting to note that sales of digital books have not significantly affected sales of print books. In spite of projections showing that digital publishing would take over printing, the publishing industry is now tracking a decline in the sale of e-books.

Experts in the publishing industry report that having both print and digital options increases overall sales. While e-books remain a popular way to read stories, most people prefer a

paper book when they intend to study a topic carefully. Most books published by Pacific Press are designed for study.

FURTHER TRANSITIONS

Another unexpected transition came about in June 2014, with the biggest reorganization in Adventist publishing's 153-year history taking place when the constituency meetings of both Review and Herald and Pacific Press voted in favor of restructuring. As a result, Review and Herald closed operations at its 80-acre facility in Hagerstown, Maryland, over a period of several months and now continues its ministry at the General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, with a different focus. It publishes the Sabbath School quarterlies for every age group, the magazines *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, and all new books prepared by the

E.G. White Estate and other departments at the General Conference.

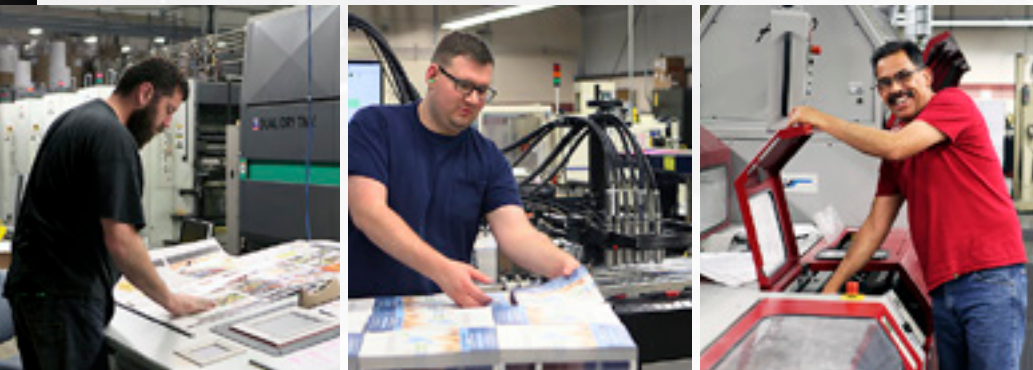
But publishing houses are more than paper and printing presses. At the heart of any ministry are the people who have worked together for decades and have become like family.

This has been perhaps the most difficult aspect of the transition. Several who worked at Review and Herald took early retirement, others found work in the area, and a total of 26 employees moved to join the Pacific Press team in Idaho. They fill positions within every department, and the skills they have brought with them are invaluable. The number of employees at Pacific Press has risen from 120 before the transition to a total current work force of 177, including student and temporary workers.

As the publisher for the North American Division, and with an increased workload, Pacific Press has invested in newer, more efficient equipment to meet the demand. A Man Roland Rotoman printing press was purchased and shipped in nine truckloads from Arizona. With its running speed of 50,000 pages per hour and the addition of extra shifts, production is flowing smoothly and printing deadlines are being met.

TRENDING

Regarding reading trends within the Adventist Church in North America, it's been noted that there is a renewed demand for sharing literature. Whether it is books, magazines, booklets or tracts, members are anxious to have appropriate literature to share with others. Each sharing piece invites interested readers to learn more



“Pacific Press remains committed to its mission of effectively uplifting Jesus through communicating biblical teachings, health principles and family values.” — Dale Galusha

1874

The first issue of *Signs of the Times* published in Oakland, California

1901

Edson White establishes the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee

1902

Review and Herald moves from Battle Creek to Takoma Park, Maryland

1904

Pacific Press moves to Mountain View, California



A truckload of mailbags are ready for delivery from the Mountain View, California, Pacific Press headquarters.

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through ministries like the Discover Bible School, the Hope Channel and bibleinfo.com.

This year the North Pacific Union, the General Conference and Pacific Press have partnered to develop a pilot program called Project 28. It is designed to encourage literature outreach in the local church. The first book in this program, *Live to 101*, has already placed more than a quarter of a million books in communities around North America.

In its new role as the North American Division publishing house, Pacific Press is excited for the opportunity to work in partnership with the division departments and ministries helping to ensure that not only are needed resources developed, but that the training to use these resources will be part of an ongoing program. The children's ministries department, for example, is now involved in planning content for *Our Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure* and *Guide* magazines, and these magazines have now become part of the NAD children's ministries program rather than just an ancillary product.

VISION FOR TOMORROW

And what does the future of publishing hold? Within the industry, the growth of the e-book phenomenon has slowed down for many of the major houses and typically accounts for 20 to 25 percent of their revenues.



How this will shift and change in the future is anyone's guess. Pacific Press president Dale Galusha states, "Pacific Press remains committed to its mission of effectively uplifting Jesus through communicating biblical teachings, health principles and family values through both the printed and electronic page."

Karen Pearson, Pacific Press Publishing Association publicity and public relations director

Fun Facts About Pacific Press

Ships more than **5,250,000 pounds** of mail a year — largest bulk mailer in Idaho

Uses more than **8,000,000 pounds** of paper in the web press and more than **4,100,000 sheets** of paper in the sheet-fed press annually

At capacity, printed pages can cover a **football field** every six-and-a-half minutes

Prints more than **2 million pages** per hour

Publishes about **60 new books** each year

More than **2,000 trucks** deliver or pick up product each year

1980

Southern Publishing and Review and Herald merge

1983

Review and Herald moves to Hagerstown, Maryland

1984

Pacific Press moves to Nampa, Idaho



Current Pacific Press plant in Nampa, Idaho.

2014

Restructuring results in the Review and Herald moving to the General Conference and Pacific Press becoming the North American Division publishing house



CONVOCATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF BLESSINGS

HUNDREDS OF MULTICULTURAL Northwest members gathered May 12–15 in Auburn, Wash., for the 40th annual North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) regional convocation, themed “The Time Is Now.”

This special gathering has decades-old roots in an original meeting at Sunset Lake Camp in Washington and many annual events at the Oregon Conference campgrounds in Gladstone, Ore. More recent convocations have been held at what is now called Black Diamond Camps in Auburn.

As always, the convocation featured dynamic presentations from several speakers. This year’s lineup included William T. Cox, Allegheny West Conference president; Sherwin Jack, Maranatha Church senior pastor in Atlanta, Ga.; and Terrance Taylor, Pasco Ephesus Church pastor in southeast Washington. Geston Pierre, a member of the Grammy-nominated acapella group Committed, provided inspiration for the youth.

Tré Voce, a trio of classically trained women, thrilled the audience during main meetings and in the Saturday evening concert. Anika Sampson-Anderson, Brandie Sutton and Kali Wilder-Blue were accompanied by their founding music director, Lloyd Mallory.

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Those who attend this annual camp meeting for regional churches often enjoy the opportunity to stay on site. But the demand for rooms is always higher than the camp can accommodate. While the event will likely continue at the current location for the near future, the NPUC team of Alphonso McCarthy and Patric Parris are seeking other venues with expanded lodging options to be considered.

The photos here capture a small slice of the 40th anniversary “action” at this year’s convocation. If you haven’t yet attended one of these special gatherings, resolve now to make it priority for next year.



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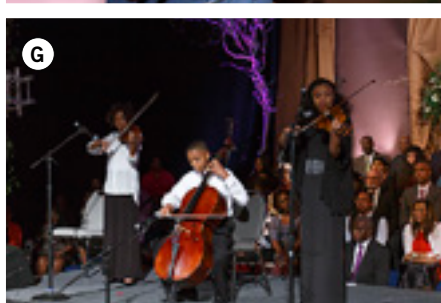
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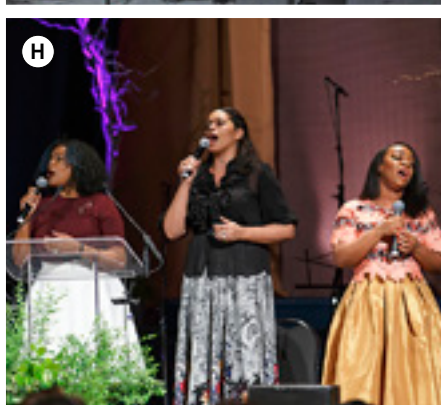
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- A Sherwin Jack preaches for the Friday night program.
- B Max Torkelsen welcomes attendees Friday night.
- C The McCarthy family gathers onstage.
- D William Cox delivers the sermon for Sabbath's divine worship.
- E The Oromo Church Choir from Portland, Ore., shares musical praise.
- F Tommy Warren shares musical inspiration during the Friday night program.
- G 300 Watts performs special music for Sabbath.
- H Tré Voce sings hymns of meditation.



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Cascade Christian Academy	600 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801	509-662-2723	Stephanie Gates	K-12
Upper Columbia Academy	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3600	John Winslow	9-12
Walla Walla Valley Academy	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-525-1050	Brian Harris	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	David Gage	1-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	John McCombs	1-8
Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	June Graham	1-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Dean Edwards	K-8
Countryside Adventist Elementary School	12109 W. Seven Mile Rd., Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-8982	Phyllis Radu	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-9
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-3120	David Robinson	1-8
Grandview Adventist School	106 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA 98930	509-882-3817	Richard Peterson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Sean Ruud	K-10
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Jordan Lindsay	K-9
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Adam Weeks	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Jeanne Goodhew	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Daniel Wister	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Deborah Joplin	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084 Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41 #D, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Holley Bryant	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robin Featherstone	K-10
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Darla Shupe	K-9
Tri-City Junior Academy	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Spencer Hannah	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Gordon Smith	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Renae Young	K-10

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Auburn Adventist Academy	5000 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98092	253-939-5000	John Soule	9-12
Orcas Christian School	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Tom Roosma	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Gary Brown	K-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226	360-384-8155	Mary Ann Barrett	K-8
Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	Ron Trautwein	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Dea Bienhoff	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Cynthia Miller	1-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Becky Rae	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Karen Carlton	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	To Be Determined	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	Craig Mattson	PK-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Sharron Schwartz	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Sandra Hawkins	1-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Melissa Hammond	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Crysti Wallace	PK-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8



LA GRAN COMISIÓN

“**Y** Jesús se acercó y les habló diciendo: Toda potestad me es dada en el cielo y en la tierra. Por tanto, id, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo; enseñándoles que guarden todas las cosas que os he mandado; y he aquí yo estoy con vosotros todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. Amén” (Mateo 28:18–20).



El Pastor Pintos cumpliendo la Gran Comisión de hacer discípulos, bautizando a una joven en Yakima, Wash.

Desde el principio del tiempo, incluso antes del pecado, el amor de Dios planeó todo lo que fuese posible para redimir a sus hijos.

Apoc. 13:8 dice, “del Cordero que fue inmolado desde el principio del mundo.” ¡Él formuló su plan de redención para salvarnos incluso antes de la creación! Jesús nos transmitió la misma Gran Comisión que él tuvo mientras estuvo en la tierra.

Jesús nunca cayó en la trampa de hacer lo que otra gente pensó que él debería hacer. La multitud quiso coronarlo rey y lo llevaron hasta Jerusalén. Ellos quisieron que Jesús venza a los romanos y establezca el reino de David a su gloria anterior. Jesús nunca se permitió quedar atrapado en las agendas de otra gente. Para Jesús siempre se trató de la misión de la Deidad respecto a la salvación de un mundo perdido.

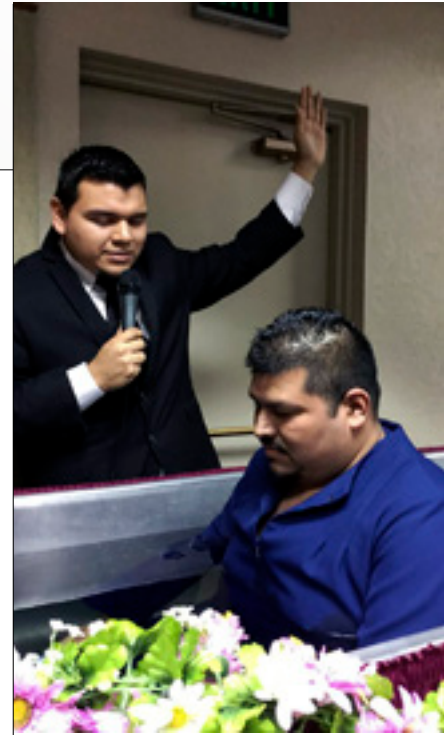
Nuestra misión dada a nosotros está en Mateo 28 y Apocalipsis 14. Estos pasajes trazan claramente la voluntad de Dios y su intención para su iglesia de los últimos días. Los tres ángeles de Apocalipsis 14 representan la misión y el movimiento que Dios dio a su iglesia. Somos llamados a hacer discípulos a través del bautismo, y enseñarles a observar todas las cosas que él

nos mandó a hacer.

Somos llamados a seguir al Cordero que fue inmolado desde la fundación del mundo (Apoc. 14:4; 13:8), proclamando las buenas nuevas de salvación, perdón y una nueva vida en Cristo (Apoc. 14:6–7). ¡Las buenas nuevas son que Jesús no es solamente el creador de los cielos y la tierra, sino también el re-creador, que hace nuevas creaciones de cada persona (2 Cor. 5:17) que rinde su vida a Él!

Cada iglesia, cada miembro es un testimonio de esa nueva realidad. Nosotros, somos llamados a ser un medio en las manos de Dios llevando el mensaje salvador de Jesús a nuestro mundo perdido. Tenemos el privilegio de compartir el mensaje de los tres ángeles (Apoc. 14) y de esparcir la Gran Comisión a la última generación sobre la tierra.

¡Esta es la misión de Dios; esta es la misión de la Conferencia Upper Columbia; esta es mi misión y confío en que creas que es tu misión! ¡Es la voluntad de Dios para nosotros hoy! Dios nos pide que usemos cada iglesia, cada escuela y cada miembro como instrumentos de su voluntad para proclamar el amor de Dios a cada persona. Vamos hacia el interior del territorio de la Conferencia Upper



El Pastor Hugo Villalobos oficiando un bautismo en la iglesia de Hermiston, Ore.

Columbia y hacia cada rincón de nuestro mundo para “hacer discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo; enseñándoles que guarden todas las cosas que os he mandado; y he aquí yo estoy con vosotros todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. Amén” (Mat. 28:18–20).

Paul Hoover, la Conferencia de Upper Columbia presidente

AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY GRADUATES SECOND SENIOR CLASS

Amazing Grace Academy (AGA), located in the scenic Matanuska Valley not far from Anchorage, is the Alaska Conference's only 12-grade academy. Recently it held its second 12th-grade graduation in celebration of the class of 2016.

Two proud graduates received their diplomas from Griggs International Academy, which partners with AGA to certify all graduation requirements have been met.



Nicholas Beckage receives his diploma from Laurie Hosey, Alaska Conference education director.

Five years ago, AGA set out to find a way to provide a quality 12-grade Adventist education for its Alaskan students right in Alaska. Previously, all students who wished to graduate from an Adventist school had to travel to the Lower 48 to do

so. For many families, this isn't desirable or feasible.

To meet the needs of local families, AGA added ninth grade to its program in 2011 and added one grade each year until it was able to graduate its first class last year. Although graduating numbers have been small, they are growing.

AGA anticipates graduating as many as seven students next year. God has richly blessed the school and its programs over the years with increasing enrollments, more staff, a new gym and programs that meet the needs of its students in all grades.

"With a dedicated, hard-working staff, outstanding constituent support and, most of all, God's blessings, Amazing Grace Academy has become the place for many families in the area to send their kids," says Dane Bailey, AGA principal. "We solicit your prayers as we continue to move forward toward the kingdom."

You can see more about what this school is doing by accessing the YouTube video "Amazing Grace Academy now has 12 grades" at [glnr.in/111-08-ak_amazing](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glnr-in/111-08-ak_amazing).

Rick Jordan, Amazing Grace Academy teacher



STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOOR SCHOOL, ALASKAN-STYLE

How do you outperform an outdoor school experience for students who live in a most magnificent outdoor environment? It really is a pleasurable feat, when you work with teachers and chaperones who love adventure, nature, Jesus, mobs of children, sleeping on floors, brown bagging food and playing basketball.

This most exquisite and unique experience outdoor school program included experiences like "A Night at the Aquarium," "Sleeping Under the Star(fish)" and "Voyaging on the Good Ship *Alaska Explorer*" — a marine science vessel containing labs, outdoor viewing stations, hands-on classes and seasickness medicine.

High seas, rain, closed roads, smashed sandwiches, ocean sickness and lack of sleep doesn't keep Alaska's fifth- through eighth-graders down and out. They are out there spotting whales, walrus, porpoises, birds, bears, bison, caribou, glaciers, octopus, otters, the Whittier Tunnel (a one-lane train track that trains and cars take turns on) and

various other Alaska icons.

When 86 Alaskan outdoor schoolers from all over Alaska gather together at night and in the morning for praising God, that is exactly what they do — praise God for the hardships and beauty, new friends, new knowledge, new animal sightings, and new spiritual attainments ... and they do it all with new songs and stories of experience.

If you are looking and longing for a new, challenging, spiritual and academically strong experience in your life, sign up as a student or volunteer in an Alaskan Seventh-day Adventist school, especially during outdoor school.

Laurie Hosey, Alaska Conference education director

Outdoor school students and staff enjoy an epic outdoor adventure, Alaskan-style.



ANSWERED PRAYERS KEEP STUDENT IN ADVENTIST SCHOOL

For many families, affording Adventist education is a financial struggle. It often means giving up other things, and it sometimes is the combined effort of family help, church help and financial aid that makes the difference of whether or not a student can attend an Adventist school. But many believe the investment is worth it.

Angelina* came to the Caldwell Adventist Elementary School (CAES) office distraught. Her son Eduardo* was already receiving financial aid to attend CAES. He was

we can do? We don't have any money to pay his school bill right now."

Staff prayed with Angelina and told her God had already figured this out. They just had to trust Him.

The very next day, the school received a donation from two Sabbath School classes at the Caldwell Church. Members had heard about the family's situation and had collected money to help pay Eduardo's school bill. The amount collected was just enough to pay for his school bill for the remainder of the year. Angelina cried, touched by the generosity of others and God's ability to meet her need before she even asked.

Eduardo wrote a letter to the Sabbath School classes explaining what it meant to him to be able to stay at CAES: "Thank you for paying so I can go to CAES. I have learned so much about God and the Bible. I am so happy that I can make friends who have the same beliefs and continue to get a Christian education. I feel cared about here. In my old school I didn't feel wanted; I was just a number. I cannot express my gratitude to your class. It is a blessing that you are helping me with my education."

*Names changed for privacy

Nicole Batten, Caldwell Adventist Elementary School business manager/administrative assistant

a bright boy with a kind disposition. Finances were tight, and the family even lost their home at one point. Angelina wasn't working, and the family was surviving on her husband's disability check.

Angelina knew the devastating effect pulling their son out of CAES would have on him. "Eduardo is so happy here," she said. "He loves his friends and his teacher. He feels safe here. Is there anything else



Marcia Racehorse-Robles had reached out through the Idaho Camp Meeting Facebook page to inquire if Jose Rojas would baptize her.

NINE BAPTIZED AT IDAHO CAMP MEETING

Idaho Conference Camp Meeting 2016 was actually an Evangelism Summit. Jose Rojas of MOVEMENTUM spoke for both the Spanish-language and English-language meetings. Both groups met together on Saturday night, after the baptism of nine individuals.

Francisco Altamirano baptized seven into the Caldwell Hispanic Adventist Company.

Marcia Racehorse-Robles and Brooks Davis, mother and son, were baptized by Rojas and will become members of the Pocatello Church. Racehorse-Robles had been baptized 20 years ago but says, "I fell off the wagon and got run over." A member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes, Racehorse-Robles is actively ministering to the Shoshone-Bannock men and women in the Fort Hall Reservation justice system. In the last year, she has been studying her Bible and praying more, and she wanted to recommit her life to Jesus.

Davis thought about bap-



Jose Rojas shares Brooks Davis' joy at Davis' baptism and commitment to Jesus and His church.

tism in the 1990s but put it off. In the last year, he has sensed the power of the Holy Spirit and saw prophecy coming true in today's world. Davis joins his mother in ministering to Native Americans. They ask for your prayers for themselves and their ministry.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director



NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING HELD IN POPLAR

Native American Camp Meeting was held in Poplar this year. About 60 adults attended the meetings on Sabbath, and 12 children met with Kevin McDaniel. They were privileged to use the Greet the Dawn auditorium, located at Fort Peck Community College.



Steve Huey was the featured speaker for the weekend meetings. For his topic, "Pressing Together," he used one of the quilts Marla Marsh is making as part of his illustration of how things come together.

Attendees also had the pleasure of having Monte Church and Bruce Twing with them. Church gave a report of the Native work, and Twing helped provide the music. Other musicians included Norman Johnson on the guitar and Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, on the saw.

One of the highlights of the weekend was having Church visit inmates at the adult jail in Poplar. Gary Marsh has been showing the *Native New Day* DVDs to the inmates for almost a year, and it was a blessing to the men and women in the jail to meet Church in person. Twing provided some music, Church shared a short message, and the audience was blessed with the presence of Huey and McDaniel.

Gary Marsh, Montana Conference Church member

MOUNT ELLIS HOLDS CAVE QUEST VBS

The Mount Ellis Vacation Bible School presented this summer was attended by almost 40 kids from the Bozeman area. Organizer Linda Schaffner worked with Angela Ellis and a team of youth and adults to prepare and share the program. Hours were put into decorating the various stations the children would rotate to throughout the day. The theme for this year was "Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World."

This summer, churches all across Montana hosted other



VBS programs reaching out to the children of their communities. All church members can support the various VBS leaders with time and talents in this very important ministry.

Barry Taylor, Montana Conference ministerial director

STARKEBAUMS' SERVICE RECOGNIZED

The Montana Conference board of directors specially recognized Ed and Juanita Starkebaum for their years of service to Mount Ellis Academy and the Montana Conference.

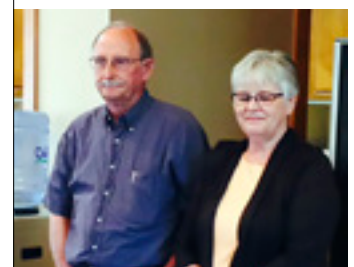
Ed has served 20 years as religion/history and auto shop teacher at the Bozeman academy. Most recently he has been a member of the board of directors and personnel committee for the conference.

Juanita has worked as administration assistant/registrar for about 22 years. She is also known for the tasty meals she has so often organized and prepared for many occasions such as class fundraisers, special

events and other meetings held at the conference office.

Ed and Juanita will be greatly missed in Montana. Members of the conference wish them God's blessings as they transition to their retirement in the Walla Walla, Wash., area.

Barry Taylor



EVANGELISTIC SERIES CRYSTALIZES NEED FOR SPANISH CHURCH IN GRANTS PASS

The Grants Pass Church Spanish Group concluded a two-week evangelistic series with a baptism on the final weekend. Jose Sanchez was warmly welcomed into the church family on Saturday evening, March 26.

Sanchez, an employee of the local DMV, came to know of Adventists by watching Better Life Television and occasionally attending church over the years. For various reasons, he stopped short of fully committing his life to Christ and His Word.

In recent months, Sanchez was a more consistent presence at the Grants Pass Church and was invited to La Pasión Cristo Eres Tú (The Passion of Christ Is You) evangelistic series with Carlos Martin. Martin spoke on a variety of biblical teachings, all in the context of Christ's love for us.

Martin is the professor of evangelism and missions at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. He

has personally baptized more than 4,000 during a ministry that has spanned more than 35 years. Wherever he travels and speaks, he shows the love of God. Christian Martin, his son, pastors the Grants Pass Church and its new Grants Pass Spanish Group.



Jose Sanchez sings praises to the Lord.

Assisted by elders of the Grants Pass Spanish Group, Carlos Martin had the opportunity to visit attendees in their homes. Through this outreach, he had opportunity to know Sanchez on a more personal level. "Jose will bring fresh air to the Grants Pass Spanish Group," affirmed Carlos Martin.



Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, baptizes Jose Sanchez after a two-week evangelistic series, presented by Carlos Martin.

Martin mentioned Sanchez had used Sabbath School quarterlies to teach at a non-denominational church. This new believer has demonstrated great potential as a teacher and preacher for the Lord. Plans are underway to put Sanchez to work right away for the cause of Christ.

Others attending the series made decisions for baptism and will continue to receive support. Martin says that the series "crystallized the need to form and nurture a Spanish group in Grants Pass." The task of planting a Spanish church in Grants Pass is huge, but this group has accepted the challenge as they now meet every week for Sabbath School and worship services.

Of this momentum, Christian Martin says, "We believe it is God's will for Grants Pass to have its very

own Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church. In obedience to the Great Commission to take the gospel to every tongue, we expect great things from God as we step out in faith. It's exciting!"

The series required many helping hands. Dedicated greeters welcomed 30–40 attendees every evening, including children. The children were offered activities each evening. Books and CDs were given away in drawings each night. Volunteers prepared hot drinks and treats, reflecting a common practice and a characteristic of Spanish hospitality.

No one present will forget the bright smile and words of praise shared by Sanchez at the end of the series. He no doubt will lead others to Christ.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

BAPTISMS GROW SUTHERLIN CHURCH

The Sutherlin Church has grown by 18 new members in the past 11 months. It all began when then-pastor Ben Bilan taught a Truth Link series in the fellowship hall. Four people were baptized, and Louis Torres, from Mission College of Evangelism in Canyonville, baptized Bob and Vickie Merrill.

Torres had used the Sutherlin Church as training for his students when he taught a Revelation series last fall, and 10 people were baptized. Some of his students continued to work in the Sutherlin area.

The Merrills had been living in Grants Pass when they felt a need to improve their health. They contacted the Grants Pass Church and began studying with Chuck Austin. They were living in a fifth-wheel camper and had made friends with Kim and Gabby,

who had jointly decided Grants Pass was just too big and wanted to move to a smaller community.

Vickie Merrill suggested Rice Hill, so the four of them checked it out, and they hooked up their campers and moved. Kim and Gabby found a place to purchase in the country near Sutherlin, and the Merrills are purchasing a new home in Sutherlin. The Merrills contacted the Sutherlin Church to have someone continue their studies. That is when they met Dennis Page, one of Torres' students. He continued their studies, and Torres came to Sutherlin to baptize them on June 4.

The Sutherlin Church also just welcomed their new pastor, Andre Scalfani, on July 15.

Eileen Mallinson, Sutherlin Church communication leader



Louis Torres presents Vickie and Bob Merrill for baptism at the Sutherlin Church.



Dottie and Norman Versteeg have come out of retirement to pastor the Redmond and Sisters churches.

REDMOND, SISTERS GET NEW PASTOR

When Dave Shasky retired in December 2014 after pastoring both the Redmond and Sisters churches for the past 10 years, members kept things going with guest speakers. Elders and deacons kept things running as smoothly as possible with local speakers Merle Greenway and Larry Von Pohle.

Retired pastor Norman Versteeg also filled in. After a year of looking for a new pastor, Versteeg agreed to serve as interim pastor until a permanent pastor could be found.

Members' prayers for a new pastor were answered when Versteeg decided to come out of retirement and become pastor of the Redmond and Sisters churches.

Versteeg began pastoring in 1968. He first served in Garden Grove, Calif., for 14 years and then in Irvine, Calif., for 11 years.

The Southeastern California Conference hired

his wife, Dottie, in 1972 as an associate. She joined the ministerial department in 1980 to provide care for pastors' spouses. Versteegs ministered together for three years in San Diego, Calif., and eight years in Riverside, Calif., until they retired in 2005 and moved to Bend, Ore.

The Versteegs both love being in ministry. Norm is a shepherd and has enjoyed being in a church family with so much visitation. He and Dottie feel God has entrusted them with different gifts, which they enjoy using together to bless His sheep.

Dottie says Norm loves being "recycled" and is grateful to be with church families in Redmond and Sisters. The Versteegs' prayer is that all their members keep growing together in becoming reflections of Jesus.

Lorene Ferguson, Redmond Church communication leader

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PAA WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL



From a young age, Portland Adventist Academy's new principal, Sheldon Parris, knew he was being called into ministry work. But he had never thought of education as a ministry until he experienced its power firsthand.

After graduating from PAA, Parris earned a religion degree at Walla Walla University with the hope of becoming a pastor. After graduation, he accepted a position as a dean and religion teacher at Newbury Park Adventist Academy (NPAA) in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "I realized right away that education is as much a ministry as any other ministerial capacity in the Adventist Church," says Parris. "Children are the future of our church and our world. I cannot think of a better mission than preparing them to lead others to the kingdom of God."

Parris continued to grow in the field of education as he added additional responsibilities to his work at NPAA. He soon found himself in the role of vice principal and chose

to continue his professional growth at La Sierra University. He recently completed his master's degree in administration and leadership while continuing his work as a vice principal.

His path to PAA is a love story. Parris was raised in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago but moved to Portland when he was 16 and began attending PAA in the middle of the school year. "Although



PAA welcomes a new principal, Sheldon Parris, and his wife, Christiana.

Sheldon Parris is the new principal at Portland Adventist Academy. "PAA gave me much more than academic knowledge; it gave me Jesus," recalls Parris.

the climate was cold at that time of year, the PAA family was warm," recalls Parris. "From the first time I walked into the school, I felt welcomed. Students walked me to class, introduced me to friends, invited me to study with them and familiarized me with the American culture. It was exactly what I needed spiritually, academically and socially."

For Parris, returning to PAA is a spiritual homecoming. "Before I came to PAA, I believed in God, but a relationship with Him was nonexistent," he says. "But I saw in my peers something that I had never seen before. They were in love with Jesus Christ, and it showed in everything they did. I wanted a connection with Christ more than anything else. I started reading my Bible for the first time, attended Bible studies, paid close attention in Bible class and prayed like I had never prayed before. PAA gave me much more than

academic knowledge; it gave me Jesus."

"I was baptized and my life changed forever," says Parris. "My time at PAA was the greatest educational experience that I have ever had, and I thank God for leading me there. I certainly would not be where I am today without the experience. I am honored to serve as PAA's principal, and I promise to give back to the school all that it gave to me and more."

Liesl Vistannet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

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FORMER MEMBER RETURNS HOME

As the sun set over the Rogue River on June 3, Carrie Hise stood in that cold water but did not feel cold. A huge smile spread across her face. Pastors Christian Martin, from Grants Pass Church, and Jim McMurry, Hise's longtime pastor who was visiting from Boring, Ore., walked those last steps with Hise, baptizing her in front of an enthusiastic crowd.

It was a moment that took many people, many years, many prayers and a lot of love to reach. Martin assured everyone gathered that, if they had not before witnessed a miracle, "you will tonight."

This was a "welcome back" celebration for Hise, as she is no stranger to the Adventist Church. She was active in the church when she was a young girl in Sonora, Calif. A self-professed "former bad girl, gone good" and recovering alcoholic, she understood the concept of a "higher power" but still found herself spiritually lost.

Through a chance trip in June 2015 to Coos Bay and an invitation to a little Adventist church there, Hise heard exactly what she needed to "get off the fence." Several events led her to the Grants Pass Church. "The moment I walked through the doors of our church, I felt welcome and that I was home," says Hise. Soon she was preparing for baptism with Martin. Although Hise was baptized



Pastors Jim McMurray (left) and Christian Martin (right) celebrate Carrie Hise's decision to be baptized.

when she was 10, this time it was even more meaningful as she has been shown Jesus in a new way and loves Him more than ever.

With the temperatures in the high 90s, the evening began with a potluck with friends, family from California and her new church family. The potluck was followed by a short vespers program. Then the group made the short walk to the river for Hise's "rebirth."

Hise has wasted no time jumping right into ministry. She will be heavily involved in the Celebrate Life in Recovery program that began June 23 and runs for 14 weeks. Her experiences will inspire and encourage many who need healing. After 40 years, like the prodigal son, Hise is home at last.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader, with Carrie Hise

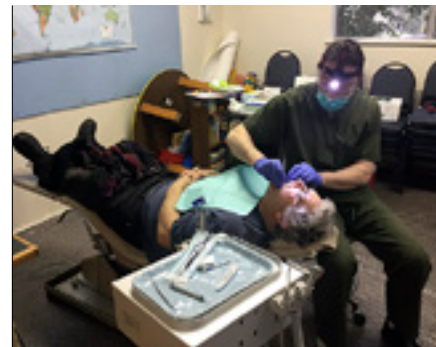
FALL CREEK PROVIDES DENTAL CARE TO VETERANS

The mobile dental unit of Caring Hands Worldwide swung into action Easter weekend to serve veterans at the Fall Creek Event Center on the local Adventist church campus.

Veterans attending were served a substantial breakfast before rotating to the dental stations for examinations, X-rays, cleanings, fillings and extractions, as well as lifestyle counseling. The volunteers also prayed with willing veterans.

The veterans, who represented branches of service including the Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army, ranged in age from 27 to 67. They came from the cities of Oakridge, Springfield and Eugene, as well as nearby Lane Community College and the University of Oregon.

Providing the care were 27 individuals, from dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to students, cooks and other community volunteers,



Fall Creek Church with Caring Hands Worldwide provides dental care for veterans.

including members of the Fall Creek Church.

Cedric Hayden, Fall Creek Church communication leader



UCC SCHOOLS: EDUCATING FOR TODAY AND ETERNITY

FIVE TIPS FOR PARENTS

The CognitiveGenesis Study done through the Seventh-day Adventist Church has found certain practices to be integral in helping your children excel and learn school. Here are five of them.

1. Listen to your kids through meaningful conversations. When communicating with your children, hear their opinions, their hopes and dreams. And let them know you are proud of their accomplishments.
2. Read for fun. Books can help children discover the world and learn things they are interested in.
3. Give your kids chores. When kids pitch in and receive praise and rewards, they learn how to meet deadlines. They will also learn how to make mundane things fun.
4. Take time to connect. When you spend one-on-one time with your child to discover how they are thinking and feeling about the challenges they face, they will know you are on their team.
5. A positive spiritual outlook leads to academic success. When kids like Bible class and Sabbath School, it helps them do well in school. Have conversations with your children about faith and God.

When we take time with our kids and give them affirmation, we can help them increase in wisdom and grow in truth. Our ultimate goal is to help our children learn on Earth what will help them live in heaven soon when Jesus comes.

May we all be able to say, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are living according to the truth” (3 John 4).

To watch videos covering these tips and more, go to glnr.in/111-08-uc_educ.

Want to enroll your children in an Adventist School in Upper Columbia Conference? Go to uccda.org/education/schools.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant



UCA STUDENTS BRING BIBLE TO LIFE AT CAMP MEETING, VBS

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) students and alumni helped in a special way to make the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) camp meeting a success when it was held on the school's Spangle, Wash., campus June 22–25. This year, several current and former UCA students worked side by side with the kindergarten team to bring the story of Joseph to life for the young camp meeting attendees.

Kindergarteners attending camp meeting this year experienced “Joseph’s Journey,” from his dreams while living in his father’s house to settling his family in Egypt.

Spangle Church members transformed UCA’s old cafeteria into Egypt’s palace

for their Vacation Bible School program held the week after school ended.

For several years now, the Spangle Church VBS coordinators, Stacey Pedersen and Allison Winslow, have worked with kindergarten camp meeting leader Jeremy Foss to decorate using the same program. “They can do some amazing work with foam, cardboard and fabric,” says Tamara Terry, who is part of the kindergarten camp meeting team. “The kindergarten team was so appreciative of the work Pedersen and Winslow completed for their VBS that we were able to use as well.”

The kindergarten camp meeting team is mainly comprised of pastors. Tye Davis, assistant pastor at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, has been in the kindergarten division for several years now and has made quite the impression with the 4- to 6-year-olds. Because of his storytelling gifts, he is usually in the Bible story station. Even though he portrayed Joseph this year, many of the older kids remembered him as Moses in a previous year’s program.

The Upper Columbia Conference His Travelers team has been instrumental in completing the kindergarten team. They are able to have hands-on experience during



The Upper Columbia Conference His Travelers team assists in the camp meeting kindergarten division. They felt right at home in the old cafeteria because this year’s team happens to be current or former students of Upper Columbia Academy. They travel eight weeks this summer, visiting different churches and helping with Vacation Bible School programs and community outreach.

their training week assisting in the kindergarten division. This year they all felt right at home as they are all current or former UCA students

A new and much-needed addition to the kindergarten team this year was the forma-

tion of a His Travelers Junior team. Current and former students from Upper Columbia Academy Elementary School were group leaders, who enriched the kindergarteners’ experiences and ensured they made it to each station.

“Our attendance usually increases each day of camp meeting, so the His Travelers Junior team was very helpful to assist with safety as well as making sure each child is having a wonderful experience,” Terry says. “This year our day attendance was even higher due to the wonderful seminars offered for their parents.”



Tye Davis, assistant pastor for the Coeur d’Alene Church in Idaho, shares the story of Joseph during kindergarten camp meeting. One of the highlights of the week was helping “Joseph” fill the grain barrels.

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference assistant to the president for communication



For the first time, kindergarten camp meeting enjoys assistance from a His Travelers Junior team. Natasha Rogers, Molly Ahola, Gabriella Srikureja and James Terry, all current or former students of Upper Columbia Academy Elementary School, led the 4- to 6-year-olds from station to station, helping them have a rich experience in “Joseph’s Journey.”

ROGERS ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Due to two resignations and one retirement, Rogers Adventist School (RAS) in College Place, Wash., needed to find a strings director, third- and fourth-grade teacher, and principal.

Melissa Claridge, one of Rogers' part-time junior high teachers, is taking the third- and fourth-grade position. "My passion has always been for third- and fourth-graders. I appreciate their big hearts and enthusiasm for life," she explains. "They are curious and ready to delve into researching the answers to their questions. Being a part of their growth and walk with Jesus is an honor."

Claridge builds strong relationships with her students and colleagues, who are thrilled to have her join the team full time.

The new strings director, Holly Blackwelder Carpenter, is a graduate of Rogers School. Since returning to the Walla Walla area so her children could attend Rogers, she has built a full violin studio. She is the Japan Seattle Suzuki Institute director and a member of the Suzuki Association of the Americas' board of directors.



Holly Blackwelder Carpenter

"My desire to fill this position comes from a deep passion for instructing young people in the art of music and my even deeper desire to serve my Lord and my church," says Carpenter. "I see the RAS strings program as providing not only an opportunity for its own students to continue to grow in the arts, but to be an outreach to other students in the community who may join the program."

"Holly Carpenter is a deeply committed instructor, who loves her students and rejoices with them over the music they make," says Jeremy Beam, RAS personnel committee chairman. "She cannot envision a more fulfilling

career than teaching our young people."

Holley Bryant, the new RAS principal, comes from Walla Walla University, where she has been the marketing and human relations director. Prior to that, she served as principal of Hood View Junior Academy in Boring, Ore. "I'm so excited for the opportunity to not only support and maintain the current RAS program and culture, but also for the



Melissa Claridge

Greg Dodds, RAS board chairman, agrees. "We are absolutely delighted that Holley Bryant will be the next principal of Rogers School," he says. "She brings passion, professionalism, experience and visionary Christian leadership. Most importantly, she cares deeply about children and each of their spiritual journeys."

The RAS family is expecting 2016–17 to be a stellar year as Christ continues to lead this school. If you know children who would benefit from attending school here, please contact the principal at principal@Rschool.org.

Clare Thompson, Rogers Adventist School retiring principal



Holley Bryant

chance to think 'outside of the box' — to be creative and innovative as we continue to make Seventh-day Adventist Christian education relevant in our church and local communities," says Bryant.



More photos online at glnr.in/111-08-uc_hispanic

JAY WINTERMEYER

César De León, North Pacific Union Conference ministerial and evangelism director, encourages members through the story of Lot.

COMMUNITY SERVICE KICKS OFF UCC HISPANIC CAMP MEETING

Members from across Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) spent a week touching their communities through service projects the entire week prior to the annual UCC Hispanic Camp Meeting, which began June 18. Teens, young adults and life-



JAY WINTERMEYER

Liz Polanco preaches for the main services at camp meeting, encouraging members to live like Jesus.

A native of Puerto Rico, Polanco exhorted members to keep their eyes on Jesus as they seek to lift Him up and make disciples. “Live your life for Christ with joy. Keep a smile on your face and love in your heart for others,” she said.

In addition to the adult meetings, there were also meetings for children and young adults. Each camp meeting track focused on leading people to Jesus and getting to know Him better.

Visit the UCC website at uccsda.org to see videos of the different projects in which members participated.

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference assistant to the president for communication



JAY WINTERMEYER

The music team leads rousing song services.

long members rallied around their community through a variety of service projects that shared the love of Christ in practical ways.

Following this “Week of Compassion,” members gathered in Pasco, Wash., to fellowship and gain encouragement for the coming year. Liz Polanco, pastor and camp meeting keynote speaker, shook the rafters with her powerful voice and energetic personality.

SHADOW EMPIRE SERIES HEALS

“I was just looking for a way to walk through the door,” explains one person who attended the Shadow Empire series at Idaho’s St. Maries Church this spring. She had discontinued attendance at a former church after feeling ignored and unimportant.

The St. Maries Church began the series by Shawn Boonstra on April 28. Attendance reached nearly 20, including seven guests. Some were former Adventist members looking for a way to return. One couple had recently come under conviction this church had Bible truth, but life had its distractions — until the showing of the Shadow Empire.

“The facts about Con-

stantine and the surrounding characters of his story unfold more like a novel than a seminar,” one attendee says. “Then the follow-up Bible study and discussion helps you connect the dots to the state’s intrusion into the church then — and now.”

All attendees were excited about a follow-up series, Revelation Speaks Peace. Two families continue to attend on Sabbath, and one is studying the Bible with John Pierce and his wife, Diana.

“This was really a healing series,” organizer Sue Clark says. “It gave some a purpose to come through our doors.”

Cathy Law, St. Maries Church member



Sue Clark and Cathy Law show Lexi a sign for the Shadow Empire series.

SONBRIDGE: CONSISTENT MISSION, EXPANDED VISION

A little more than 10 years ago, a small group of passionate and visionary Adventists saw an increasing number of unmet needs within the Walla Walla Valley of southeast Washington. An idea formed of what could be done to serve the local helpless and hopeless.

These Adventists shared their vision of service, and the idea spread rapidly. With great excitement, eight local Adventist churches decided to develop an Adventist Community Services program together that would serve in ways impossible individually. Soon after, SonBridge was created.

Today, SonBridge Community Center has a 33,000-square-foot building on a 2.1-acre campus in College Place, Wash., and serves more than 8,000 people per year from the greater Walla Walla Valley area.

This year has been a year of big changes. The center's longtime and well-loved executive director, June Christensen, has retired. A large

expansion of the SonBridge's education center is underway, and educational classes and social services continue to serve

Norman Thiel is taking over as the new SonBridge executive director.

the needs of the community in a significant way.

In the midst of many changes, a tone of constancy rings as Norman Thiel accepts the position as the new executive director. Thiel has been an active and passionate part of SonBridge for the past four years as a board member, interim campaign manager to complete

the medical and dental clinics, and later the finance committee chairman.

While serving in each position, Thiel met and worked beside many inspiring volunteers. Many of these workers have spent their careers in Adventist organizations and now are serving as volunteers in their retirement. "Their inspiring attitudes, skills and teamwork make SonBridge the most meaningful place for me to be," says Thiel. "I've been so blessed by the collaboration with other faith communities as we work to alleviate pain."

Entering any new leadership role can be a daunting task, but Thiel is already geared up for the expansion of SonBridge. Some of the immediate goals he plans to incorporate include growing services, from meeting urgent needs of utility bills, clothing, car repairs, aching teeth and relief from physical



Volunteers make the world go 'round at SonBridge.

pain to training and educating community members on prevention of health and social crises through productive and connected lives.

Thiel also understands the need of completing funding goals and plans to fund the expansion of the education center by the end of 2016. “We currently are about 80 percent complete in raising funds, but we will forfeit \$300,000 of the present funding if it’s not raised by the end of this year,” he explains.

Once the education center is operating at full capacity,

imperative. Today, SonBridge and partners offer many classes. Some of the classes are ESL (English as a Second Language), financial management, grief recovery and life transitions. “I envision classes offered in parenting, cooking, addiction recovery, stress reduction, exercise for health and longevity, aging gracefully, diabetes reduction, and oral health,” says Thiel. “Many of these classes will have both a children’s track as well as an adult track to build family health and resiliency.”

As the education center



Walla Walla Valley Academy students find on-the-job experience at SonBridge.



A recent gathering at SonBridge highlights the continued growth of the facility.

Thiel hopes to expand the education facility from a maximum of 120 to 250 people in a training session. Currently, only five individual groups can be held simultaneously, and his goal is to reach 10 individual groups.

Thiel stresses that education within any community is

expands, volunteers have become the primary source of support. More than 200 volunteers provide the equivalent of more than 15 full-time employees. Volunteers operate the Thrift and Gift Store, which provides the cornerstone of funding for the operating budget of SonBridge.

SonBridge supports local Adventist education by providing work opportunities to students from nearby Walla Walla Valley Academy so they can earn money for their education while learning a variety of valuable skills.

Volunteers are needed with unique skills, expertise and enthusiasm to help build the education center, as many others have done before. You are invited to serve at SonBridge on a regular basis if you live in the Walla Walla Valley. Or if you are driving through the area, stop by and come visit the staff and facility.

Finally, please join the effort in praying for SonBridge, its staff, the construction and the programs it continues to offer.

Thiel hopes to provide a richer and more meaningful atmosphere for those who volunteer and that people of all ages will be inspired to volunteer. He also hopes other

local Adventist churches will become involved as constituent churches and SonBridge can become a training ground for future community leaders who attend Walla Walla Valley Academy and Walla Walla University.

At the end of each day, Thiel’s passion for the purpose of SonBridge is to devote valuable time and resources to provide help to the hurting and underserved population within the Walla Walla Valley.

If you would like to be part of this effort by participating in some way, visit SonBridge.org or call 509-529-3100.

Kevin McGill and Shelby Shewchuk, SonBridge volunteers

GRAYS HARBOR, CHOCTAW NATION HONOR ARMY VETERAN

Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School students had an opportunity this year to expand their study of the Holocaust and its impact on Jews throughout Germany and beyond.

Fifteen Grays Harbor students attended a special assembly in Aberdeen on March 23. They were fascinated by the personal account of 92-year-old Arnold Samuels, a U.S. Army veteran who grew up as part of a Jewish family in Germany. Samuels eventually moved to the United States in his teen years. At 19, during World War II, he asked to be drafted into the U.S. armed services so he could fight the power that had forced him

from his homeland.

Samuels eventually was involved in liberating a concentration camp. Actual photos he had taken were in a scrapbook for Grays Harbor students to view. Students were attentive and drawn into the question-and-answer time after his story was told. This added to their understanding of a play about the Holocaust they have studied. Samuels' actual account helped bring this tragic period to life for them so they



Arnold Samuels receives the Choctaw Nation lapel pin for his World War II military service.

too may never forget.

As a tribal elder of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Thomas Davis, Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School board member, presented Samuels with a golden lapel pin with the tribal seal to honor Samuels' role in a top secret mission that contributed to the end of the war.

Davis also took the opportunity to provide additional information to the students about the original Choctaw code talkers of World War I, who were instrumental in aiding the allied efforts.

As a result this special day, Grays Harbor students have a much greater appreciation for the challenges of war. They have been inspired by the account of one who determined to meet adversity with the commitment to be a liberator.

Tom Davis, Grays Harbor Church deacon



Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School students, staff and board members surround Arnold Samuels after presenting him with the Choctaw Nation lapel pin for his service in World War II.

Read the full stories online at glnr.in/111-08-wa_ministry

BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



A K-8 student art exhibit premiered at Forest Park Adventist Christian School in Everett on May 12. Under the direction of volunteer art teacher Maria Hamilton, the exhibit showcased 250 student art projects.



A showcase of children's talent was presented at Russian-Ukrainian Parousia Church in Federal Way on May 28. The Heavenly Pearls festival featured young soloists, readers, photographers, designers and artists ages 3-15.



Tacoma Central Adventist Church members are finding common ground in their community through a focus on health. Health evangelist Rico Hill held a five-session motivation rally seminar in June. A "From Sickness to Health" seminar follows in August.

LACEY PROFESSIONALS PRESENT DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Read more online at glnr.in/111-08-wa_lacey

The Lacey Church presented its fifth Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program as a community outreach, beginning with a free introductory program on Feb. 9 and concluding with a banquet on April 19 for participants, guests and program helpers. The only costs for the attendees were for the books and materials.

The 22 participants came from all over western Washington for the weekly seminar, which featured the new Neil Nedley DVD series. Most evenings included sampling



(From left) Edward P. Case, a local psychiatrist, and his father, Ronald L. Case, a retired allergist, serve as co-directors of the Lacey Church's Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program.

Most participants reported a great deal of mood improvement by the end of the program. "It opened my eyes to many ideas to incorporate into my daily life, such as listening to classical music, drinking adequate water, reading and contemplating the book of Proverbs, eating better, and exercising," says one attendee.

At the final banquet, attendees were presented with graduation certificates, spiritual materials and recipes used for the buffet. Many of the plant-based recipes were from Neil Nedley's book *Depression — the Way Out*, which was the major textbook for the series.

A 20-week follow-up on July 5 was a chance to see how the attendees are doing and to discuss plans for future possible Bible studies in the book of Daniel.

Joan Case, Lacey Church Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program administrative assistant

Some of the volunteer cooks at the April 19 banquet for the Lacey Church's Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program include (from left) Elke Tanner, Laura Bullard, Joan Case, Mona Griffith and Sharline Wellman, who was the banquet coordinator. Not pictured are cooks Jennifer Case, Lyn Malott and Ciri Achord.

healthful foods shown to improve mood. Then participants discussed the day's lesson in small groups led by program co-directors Edward Case, a local psychiatrist specializing in anxiety and depression, and his father, Ronald Case, a retired allergist.



PORT ANGELES HOLDS CAMPOUT

More online at glnr.in/111-08-wa_campout

Camp David, that high-security presidential retreat about 60 miles from Washington, D.C., conjures up all kinds of images for most of us. But across the U.S., on the north shore of Lake Crescent on the Olympic Peninsula lies another Camp David, but this one is called Camp David Jr. One of the very few similarities of the two is they were both established about 1935.

The Port Angeles Church held one their more popular functions, the annual church campout, at Camp David Jr., on May 7. "One of the things I wanted to do," says Lisa Burnett, retreat organizer, "was to free up the people who have church responsibilities nearly every Sabbath morning while at the same time provide activities for all age groups."

One of those activities was a first-person "walk through the Bible." Bible characters were portrayed by members young and old, including 3-year-old Justin Byers. The walk included the stories of Jonah, Anna the prophetess, Paul and Silas, the shepherds at Christ's birth, and women asking Jesus for healing.

The Friday-through-Sunday campout was attended by



Campers listen to Bible stories.

60-70 members and guests who were able to refresh and renew their relationship with not only each other but also with God in a beautiful natural setting. "Coming out here with my church family," says Buddy Kruger, Port Angeles Church member, "is not only relaxing and peaceful, but it gives us yet another opportunity to connect with each other."

Gary Ledbetter, Port Angeles Church elder



David and Noah Ley enjoy Camp David Jr.



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BUENA VISTA STUDENTS ASSIST PEDIATRIC CENTER

For three years now, students from Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist School in Auburn have assisted during the annual Pediatric Interim Care Center luncheon at the ShoWare Center in Kent. This year seven students volunteered to set tables for 760 guests, sell raffle tickets and assist with registration of the luncheon attendees.

The Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC) is a medical facility located in Kent that provides 24-hour care to newborns who have been prenatally exposed to drugs of all kinds. The center has provided care to more than 3,000 infants since it opened on Oct. 1, 1990.

"I think it is really cool to help these unfortunate babies," says eighth-grader Josie McKey, who first volunteered three years ago. "It isn't their choice what happened to them, so we



GINA HUBIN

PICC luncheon guests and Buena Vista Elementary student volunteers listen to Steve Raible, former Seahawk player and current radio commentator for the Seahawk games.

are here to help in any way we can."

This annual spring luncheon helps sustain PICC's work in the community throughout the year because the center receives very limited funding from the government. This year's luncheon raised \$127,306 for the babies.

"Volunteering for the luncheon makes me feel happy because I get to help raise money for the babies," says Stephen Ellis.

The students began brainstorming how they can do more for PICC throughout the year by collecting much-needed baby supplies the organization uses for these babies throughout the year. If you would like to be involved with Buena Vista students in supporting PICC, please contact Buena Vista office manager, Donna Ellis, at 253-833-0718.

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Elementary School marketing director

This is the third year for Buena Vista Elementary students to volunteer with an annual community fundraising luncheon to help newborns who have been prenatally exposed to drugs.



GINA HUBIN

AAA STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SEEK TODAY FOUNDATION

SEEK (Support, Educate and Encourage Kids) Today is one of the organizations that has been instrumental in making it possible for more kids to attend Auburn Adventist Academy. This not-for-profit investment foundation distributes private funds to qualified students who desire to attend AAA.

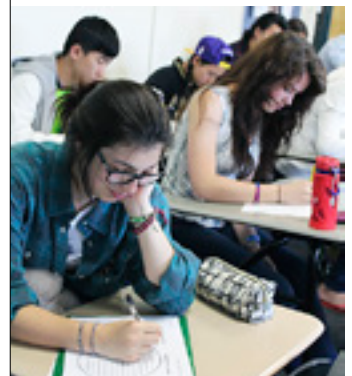
This organization not only uses nearly 100 percent of donated funds for student aid but also takes a personal interest in each student awarded the financial support. Students accepted into the program must maintain high standards in the areas of academics, citizenship, attendance and work. They also receive mentoring and evaluations from teachers, employers and administration.

Alice, a returning student and SEEK Today recipient, says, "The people who are a part of SEEK have shown me what a real family is like and, as I grow into adulthood, what I need to do to take care of myself and prepare myself for a prosperous and healthy future."

God is revealing Himself in amazing ways on the AAA

campus. The academy is happy to be welcoming new students and, accordingly, a few new staff members.

Students wanting to attend AAA this year or get on next year's list are encouraged to contact Jay Coon via email at jay.coon@auburn.org or by phone, 253-939-5000, ext.



SEEK Today provides an opportunity for donors to interact with Auburn Adventist Academy students who are part of the scholarship program.

229. Come for a visit, take a tour, talk to some teachers and students, and see for yourself if Auburn Adventist Academy is where you need to be.

Stacy Tejel, AAA English teacher

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CHERI FLETCHER



WWU BEGINS OFFERING COCURRICULAR TRANSCRIPT

With the recently introduced cocurricular transcript, Walla Walla University students now have a way to obtain an official verified record of their activities outside the classroom.

“Employers now are looking for more than just a GPA and more than just a degree,” says Emily Muthersbaugh, WWU student life manager. The new transcript is modeled after the academic transcript and lists accomplishments in four areas:

- » Awards, such as merit-based scholarships and being listed on the dean’s list;
- » Leadership, such as club officers;
- » Professional development, including research and internships;

» Service, such as Service Day participation and spending time as a student missionary.

In today’s dynamic workforce, well-rounded experience, in addition to academics, can prove invaluable for job placement and admission to graduate school or other professional programs.

Student involvement will be recorded from the fall term of 2013 onward. Students and recent graduates can access their unofficial cocurricular transcript at myWWU.wallawalla.edu, where they can also order an official release of the transcript. For now, the transcript, which most often carries a small fee, will be delivered at no cost.

Alex Aamodt, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations student writer



WWU RECEIVES MAXIMUM ACCREDITATION FOR NURSING PROGRAM

The Walla Walla University School of Nursing was recently granted accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through the maximum eligible time frame of June 2021. The CCNE found that the WWU School of Nursing met all accreditation standards with no questions or concerns.

“Nursing accreditation is a very rigorous process,” says Lucille Krull, professor of nursing and dean of the School of Nursing. “We prepare a large report, and then the accrediting body sends visitors to perform a multiday site visit. At that visit, they talk with students and faculty, observe in classes, go with students to patient care clinicals, and review many files and records. They check to make sure the School of Nursing is functioning in harmony with the mission of the overall university and is teaching students according to the required CCNE standards. I am pleased that they recognized that Walla Walla University has an excellent School of Nursing that produces highly skilled Christian nurses.”

The CCNE is an independent accrediting arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and is officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Educa-



tion as a national accreditation agency. The CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate and residency programs in nursing. The WWU School of Nursing offers a baccalaureate degree program in nursing.

To schedule a visit to the WWU campus, apply to the WWU nursing program or learn more about studying nursing at WWU, visit wallawalla.edu/nursing.

Kim Strobel, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations supervisor

MEMORY CARE FACILITIES STIMULATE MEMORIES WITH INNOVATIVE SPACES

Parkview Memory Centers are using innovative activities and experiences to stimulate memories in Alzheimer's and dementia residents. The centers are located at Generation's Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Wash., and CherryWood Village in Portland, Ore.

"Each community has spaces that resemble a space or time in a resident's life," says Melody Gabriel, Generations president and Adventist Health board member. "There's a small chapel that looks like a church, a beauty parlor, an auto garage and an eatery."

At Wheatland Village, where several residents have a history of outdoor work and farming, caregivers decided to start a garden where residents could plant, care for and harvest vegetables to be used for meals. They started the seeds in a greenhouse on the campus and then spent a day transplanting them into raised planters for easy access.

"They got to dig holes with their hands and 'play' in the dirt," says Natasha Delano, Memory Care and Assisted Living at Wheatland Village director. "After we were done, they told me all about the kinds of fertilizers I should use and how we should care for the plants. These aren't people who are usually verbal, but they had



Antique cars spark conversations between residents and their caregivers.

so much to share around this experience."

Adventist Health partners with Generations LLC, a family-owned and -operated company that manages resort-style retirement communities across California, Oregon, Washington and Utah. Generations worked with Walla Walla General Hospital and Adventist Medical Center in Portland to develop Wheatland Village and CherryWood Village, both of which include Parkview Memory Care facilities.

"Wendell White, founder of Generations, wanted to have some kind of community for our residents with Alzheimer's that wasn't a nursing home, where they could have their independence," says Delano. "It's designed for people to have more autonomy in their daily life."

Parkview facilities use a holistic approach — focusing

on the mind, body and spirit — to treat and care for the health of each whole person. The same approach was used in the design and construction of the memory care buildings — perhaps the most unique being the incorporation of an antique car into the design of each facility.

"The 1940s and 1950s, when many of our residents grew up, were the heyday of the automobile," says White. "Cars were a huge part of life. You remember the car you learned to drive in, if your first kiss was in a car. There are so many milestone memories associated with being behind the wheel, and we can stimulate those long-term memories for our residents."

Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the community living spaces, watching old TV

shows and nature documentaries in the theater, getting their hair done at the salon, and spending time in the antique cars.

"They can climb in the front or back seats, use the radio or fiddle with the motor," says Gabriel. "At CherryWood, one resident who used to be a mechanic actually disassembled the whole motor. But that's what it's there for — to give residents a physical part of a memory."

Ali Reiner, Adventist Health corporate marketing and communication intern

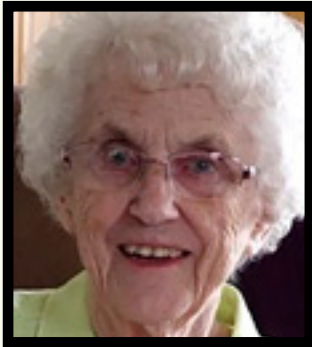


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Garnet Bigger

Bigger 95th

Garnet Bigger celebrated her 95th birthday with all of her children, seven grandchildren and 14 of 15 great-grandchildren at a reception on March 6, 2016. Family came from Michigan, Maryland, Oregon and Washington to share in the Irish-themed party at the Walla Walla University Church fellowship hall, complete with a bagpiper.

Garnet was born March 4, 1921, to Allen and Alberta McCoy in Yakima, Wash., the second of four children. She married Forrest Bigger in 1941, and they raised their family of four in southern Oregon.

To help put their children in church school, Garnet worked for the state of Oregon in the unemployment office for many years. She retired to travel with her husband. They even drove through Mexico and Central America on their way to a mission assignment in Ecuador. She also traveled in Europe, New Zealand, the South Pacific, Australia and the Caribbean.

Forrest passed away in 2005, but Garnet's love of travel carried on. She celebrated her 90th birthday on a family cruise through the Panama Canal. Her dream of seeing where her ancestors came from was realized with a tour of

Ireland and Scotland when she was 92.

Her family includes Darold and Barbara Bigger of Walla Walla, Wash.; Carolyn and Larry Evans of Laurel, Md.; Rick and Marty Bigger of Saginaw, Mich.; Sandi and Rick Carlson of Everett, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Casper 65th

Glen Casper and Nena Fowler were married on April 1, 1951. Even though they married on April Fool's Day, it apparently wasn't any joke — they are still married 65 years later.

Glen grew up in southern Oregon's Coos County, while Nena grew up in Fallon, Nev. They met while attending Laurelwood Academy in Oregon. Glen says, "The most interesting thing I found at Laurelwood was Nena." They both graduated in 1950.

Glen began working at his dad's gyppo mill. He eventually hopped a bus going to Nevada. After a few months, he concluded Nena was the one for him. They were married in Fallon.

Glen had apprenticed to learn dental lab work in Coos Bay, Ore. When the Korean War draft board called him up, he convinced them to let him finish his apprenticeship. They evidently forgot to call him up again. He started his own dental lab in 1954 and went to denturist school in 1980. He was still working until recently. Nena stayed home to raise their two children, but later worked with Glen as his receptionist and delivery girl.

Glen has served as church

deacon, elder, Sabbath School superintendent and building chairman for the new church sanctuary. He's been active in home and school association and the local school board. Nena, a longtime Pathfinder counselor, helped in the children's divisions and as the Sabbath School secretary.

The Casper family includes Debbie and Steve of Burleson, Texas; Randy and Debi of Astoria, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

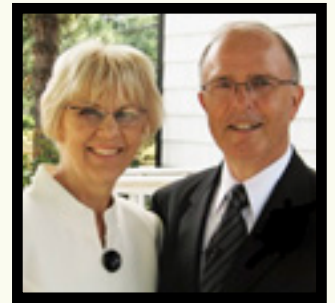
Sanford 50th

Tom and Bonnie Sanford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on July 3, 2016, at their home church in Sequim, Wash. Their reception was themed "Around the World in 80 Days."

Thomas Sanford met Bonnie Fike at Andrews University where Tom was studying theology and Bonnie elementary education. They married two years later in South Bend, Ind., on July 3, 1966. While at Andrews for seminary studies, their first child, Kelly, was born.

They went on to pastor the Choteau/Shelby/Havre district in Montana, starting a new church school in both Shelby and Havre.

The Oregon Conference called them to pastor the Shady Point Church, where their son, Craig, was born and Bonnie continued teaching.



Bonnie and Tom Sanford

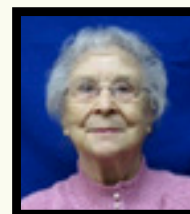
They spent four years pastoring in Hood River, where Tom served on the Juvenile Services Commission and Bonnie piloted the Jail Alternative Measure Program for delinquent teens.

While in Hood River, the couple followed the Lord's leading to found Project Patch. What started out of a small office in Hood River has now grown in scope and scale, impacting thousands of teens and families over the past 32 years.

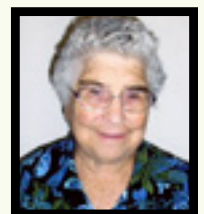
Now retired, they still travel and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. The Sanford family includes Kelly and Chuck Hagele; Craig and Eniko (Molnar) Sanford, all of Vancouver, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

Oops!

In the June 2016 issue of the *Gleaner*, we misidentified two women who celebrated their 90th birthday: Betty Hiebert and Evelyn Emerson. We apologize for this mistake.



Betty Hiebert



Evelyn Emerson

FAMILY BIRTHS

DUNKS — Bailey Addison was born on May 6, 2016, to Michael and Kelly (Stevenson) Dunks, Springfield, Ore.

GIENGER — Willow Joy was born March 1, 2016, to Jonathan and Kathryn “Katie” (Currier) Gienger, Redlands, Calif.

HILLIARD — Levi Louis was born March 7, 2016, to Jonathan and Jenee (Gifford) Hilliard, Portland, Ore.

RYAN — Aloisious Steven was born April 26, 2016, in Tillamook, Ore., to Nicholas and Megan (Gann) Ryan.

SCHLEHUBER — Zackary Andrew was born Dec. 18, 2015, to Joseph and Hillary (Stahlheber) Schlehuder, Issaquah, Wash.

STACY — Jordyn Taliaina was born May 26, 2016, to Frederick and Marlene (Sio) Stacy, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

ENGELHART-SLOOP — Brittany Ann Engelhart and Jeffrey Richard Sloop were married April 3, 2016, in Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Everett, Wash. Brittany is the daughter of Andrew and Charlotte (Meitzler) Engelhart. Jeffrey is the son of Richard and Linda (Cramer) Sloop.

FAMILY AT REST

BIGGS — Taylor Camryn, 14; born May 22, 2001, Twin Falls, Idaho; died Jan. 31, 2016, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: mother, Lisa Biggs Conner; father and stepmother, Aubrey and Jessica Biggs; brother, Sean Biggs; sister, Morgan Biggs; grandparents, Rusty and Carolyn Biggs, Jim and Betty Hockenberry, Rick and Pam Zea, and Lee Conner, all of Twin Falls.

BROCK — Jim, 82; born Sept. 9, 1934, Nephi, Utah; died Feb. 21, 2016, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Kurt, Shane and Brady, all of Nampa; Scott and Frank, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter, Linda Hill, Caldwell, Idaho; brothers, Don, Baggs, Wyo.; Bob, Hurricane, Utah; sisters, Susan Brock, Centerville, Va.; Judy Walker, Elko, Nev.; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

CABATIC — Napoleon, 75; born Sept. 15, 1940, Alcala, Pangasinan, Philippines; died April 9, 2016, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Surviving: wife, Darlene Cabatic; son, Bryan Cabatic, Shoreline, Wash.; stepson, Glen Pedersen, Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada; daughter, Chondra Chavez, Patterson, Calif.; stepdaughter, Marina Ganz, Hope, British Columbia, Canada; and 2 grandchildren.

COMSTOCK — Betty Janet (Tonn), 82; born Aug. 11, 1933, Lodi, Calif.; died April 1, 2016, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Doug, Salem; Darryl II, Mesa, Ariz.; daughter, Sharyl Ashley, Wilsonville, Ore.; brother, Elverne Tonn, Manteca, Calif.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CURRY — Claude Leo “C.L.”, 88; born Sept. 14, 1927, Opp, Ala.; died March 18, 2016, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, Shirley M. (Pedersen) Schultz Curry, College Place, Wash.; son, Michael Curry,

Battle Ground; stepsons, Gary W. Schultz, Discovery Bay, Calif.; Larry D. Schultz, College Place; stepdaughter, Susan M. Schultz, Walla Walla, Wash.; 3 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

DEPNER — Reuben Robert, 93; born May 14, 1922, Rocklyn, Wash.; died May 7, 2016, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joyce (Johnson); son, Wayne, Spokane; daughters, Rae Rich, Chewelah, Wash.; Mona Morley, Priest River, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

DOWARD — Jan Stanford, 90; born Oct. 19, 1925, Seattle, Wash.; died Feb. 7, 2016, Ferndale, Calif. Surviving: wife, Loneva (Thompson); daughter, Melody; and 6 grandchildren.

DRESSLER — E. Marion (Schwager), 95; born Oct. 28, 1920, North Wales, Pa.; died April 10, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Andrew, Walla Walla; David, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

EVANENKO — Donald Vernon, 82; born March 14, 1934, Butte, N.D.; died May 1, 2016, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife: Geraldene (Grondahl); sons, Curtis, Walla Walla, Wash.; Brent, Sheboygan, Wis.; daughters, Suzette Hage, Bismarck, N.D.; Tanya St. George, Post Falls, Idaho; Kyleen Thomason, Walla Walla; sisters, Elaine Brown, Moses Lake, Wash.; Esther Allred, Walla Walla; 10 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

GORDON — Jean Marie (Laird), 82; born Oct. 25, 1932, Lakeport, Calif.; died Oct. 5, 2015, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Stanley “Dick” Gordon,

Las Vegas, Nev.; Tom Gordon, of California; Bob Bialobrzeski, Tualatin, Ore.; daughters, Valerie Martin and Vicki Martin, both of Portland; Kelly (Bialobrzeski) Benthin, Coos Bay, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HAMILTON — Robert Sidney, 73; born July 12, 1942, Los Angeles, Calif.; died March 22, 2016, Conrad, Mont. Surviving: wife, Donna (Musgrave); daughter, Traci M. Cain, Conrad; 4 step-grandchildren and a step-grandchild.

HARTNELL — Calvin, 92; born Oct. 20, 1923, Bellingham, Wash.; died April 3, 2016, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Ruud) Blehm Hartnell; sons, Bryan Hartnell, Redlands, Calif.; Bernard Hartnell, Grand Junction, Colo.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON — Alberta Lucille (Lloyd), 91; born Dec. 6, 1924, Nelilta, Wash.; died April 9, 2016, Lynnwood, Wash. Surviving: sons, Kevin Johnson and Daryn Johnson; daughters, Carol Fillman and Kathy Arnold; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

KELLER — Fremont F., 95; born Jan. 12, 1921, Indianapolis, Ind.; died March 29, 2016, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Betty Sue (Osgood); sons, Fred Roesener, Tillamook, Ore.; Karlton Kent Keller, Mauk Lek, Thailand; Kris D. Keller, College Place; and 10 grandchildren.

KNAUFT — Marguerite Dodge, 99; born March 6, 1917, Bonnie Lake, Wash.; died March 15, 2016, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Daniel, Fall City, Wash.; Richard, Hailey, Idaho; daughter, Joan Baker, Nampa; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

MARY LEE ALCORN CAMPBELL



Mary Lee Alcorn Campbell was born to the late Willie Alcorn and Alberta Townsend on Nov. 20, 1921 in Somerville, Texas. At 18, she moved to College Station, where she met her husband, Alvin Campbell. They married Oct. 4, 1941, in Bryant, Texas, and eventually moved in 1948 to Anchorage, Alaska, where they chose to make their home and raise their children.

Mary Lee was known for her warm heart and welcoming spirit and was greatly loved by all. Her love for her Lord, family and community were evident in how she lived. Foremost was her love for Jesus. A well-known presence in the Anchorage Adventist Church community, she devoted much of her life to her church family. She was baptized in Portland, Ore., at the Sharon Church in 1947. Most recently, she was a member of the Anchorage Northside Church, where she served as an elder.

Mary Lee passed away June 21, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Alvin Campbell Sr.; sisters, Marie Thomas, Minnie Coleman and Mable Smith; children, Alvin Campbell Jr., Bonnie Campbell Jones and Brenda Campbell Johnson; grandchildren, Carol McAllen, Monica Campbell Yoshihara, Mchawi Herrington, Hasaan Herrington, Ayeesha Herrington-Hankins, Kiersten Johnson Loyd and Maiya Johnson; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Andy; son, James D., Spring, Texas; and stepdaughter, Connie Lee (Moore) Landon, Umatilla, Ore.

NAPIER — William J., 95; born Feb. 20, 1921, Ewing, Neb.; died March 21, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Virginia (Proctor); son, Scott, Pasco, Wash.; daughters, Tamara Barr and Vicki Napier, both of Redlands, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

ORTMAN — Jean Elise (Madero), 90; born Nov. 16, 1924, San Diego, Calif.; died Sept. 10, 2015, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Ralph William Ortman, Sandy, Ore.; daughters, Linda Dianne Haas, Tenmile, Ore.; Idelsi Marie Ortman; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PERRY — Connie Lee (Lewis), 81; born March 20, 1935, Keene, Texas; died March 26, 2016, Portland, Ore. Surviving:

sons, Chris, Portland; Norman, Camarillo, Calif.; daughters, Larinda “Susie,” Portland; Kathy Bones, Newberg, Ore.; Jennifer White, Oregon City, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PORTER — Gary Ray, 62; born March 9, 1954, San Francisco, Calif.; died April 25, 2016, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Connie, Pendleton, Ore.; daughters, Shelli Rehberg, Tacoma, Wash.; Melissa Porter, University Place, Wash.; stepson, Justin Krieger, Pendleton; parents, Ernest and Marlene (Anderson) Porter, Pendleton; brother, Gene Porter, Silver Lake, Ore.; sister, Donna Griffin, Pendleton; 4 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

WERNER — Lyle Hubert, 86; born April 9, 1929, in Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, Canada; died March 22, 2016, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Alice

(Goerlitz); sons, David, Loma Linda, Calif.; Randy, Orange City, Fla.; Barry, Boise, Idaho; Durwood, Portland; and 8 grandchildren.

WHEELER — Margaret L. (Armstead), 91; born June 16, 1924, Sioux City, Iowa; died Nov. 10, 2015, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WHITMORE — Margie (Duerksen), 87; born Aug. 28, 1928, Shafter, Calif.; died March 30, 2016, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Steve Azevedo; and 3 grandchildren.

WOOSLEY — Albert Franklin, 80; born March 23, 1935, Hillsboro, Ore.; died Jan. 26, 2016, Sun Lakes, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Cecelia Woolsey; sons, Bill Woosley, Scappoose, Ore.; Matt Woosley, Newport, Ore.; Larry Wilson; daughters, Cheryl Lettenmaier, Toledo, Ore.; Tryna Luton, Eugene, Ore.; Brenda Woolsey, Aloha, Ore.; Vena Lahn Otis; sister, Linda Jung, Yuma, Ariz.; 10 step-grandchildren and 8 step-great-grandchildren.

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MCMUNN — Margaret Jane (Borton), 86; born July 28, 1929, Baker City, Ore.; died April 27, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Samuel H.; son, Kenneth H., Port Orford, Ore.; daughters, Linda D. Browning, Goldendale, Wash.; Sandra M. Browning, Bingen, Wash.; sisters, Edna C. Drury, College Place, Wash.; sister/niece, Bettie Irene (Klinepier), South-erlin, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

MCMUNN — Samuel H., 90; born July 22, 1926, Bend, Ore.; died April 30, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Kenneth H., Port Orford, Ore.; daughters, Linda D. Browning, Goldendale, Wash.; Susan M. Browning, Bingen, Wash.; brother, William, Seneca, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

MCNEILUS — Camille Helen (Kendall) Hamilton, 89; born July 8, 1926, Conway, Iowa; died April 14, 2016, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Robert Keith Hamilton, College Place; Brian Winston Hamilton, West Frankfort, Ind.; Douglas Kent Hamilton, College Place; Davon McNeilus, Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Leasa (McNeilus) Hodges, Eden Valley, Colo.; sisters, Lucille Van Horn, Bremerton, Wash.; Viola Jones, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Bonnie Humphries, Spokane, Wash.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MILLER — Jessie H. (Houck), 103; born March 17, 1913, Cleveland, N.D.; died March 25, 2016, Portland, Ore.

MOORE — Wilma Grace (Jackson), 81; born March 5, 1935, Mancos, Colo.; died March 27, 2016, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

Aug. 6 — Local Church Budget;

Aug. 13 — Oakwood University/Andrews University/Loma Linda University;

Aug. 20 — Local Church Budget;

Aug. 27 — Local Conference Advance.

NPUC and WWU Constituency Sessions

Official notice is hereby given that the twenty-eighth regular constituency meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) of Seventh-day Adventists and Walla Walla University will be held at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore., on Sept. 25, 2016, at 9 a.m. The purpose of the constituency meeting is to present reports covering the five-year period ending Dec. 31, 2015; to elect officers, board and committees for the ensuing quinquennial period; to consider and act upon recommended changes to the constitution; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the constituents. The present constitution provides that the voters of this meeting shall be the duly appointed delegates from the local conferences within the Union and certain ex officio and other delegates. Registration of delegates is scheduled to take place at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church from 8 to 9 a.m., Sept. 25, 2016. All duly accredited delegates are urged to be in attendance at this constituency session.

*Max Torkelsen II, NPUC president and WWU board chairman
John Loor Jr., NPUC executive secretary*

North Pacific Union Conference Association

Official notice is hereby given that a regular membership meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association (NPUCA) of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 3:45 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2016, and will be held at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. The membership is comprised of the Board of Trustees of the NPUCA, the appointed ex officio members and other delegates to the Sept. 25, 2016, NPUC Constituency meeting. The purpose of this regular meeting is to receive reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*Max Torkelsen II, NPUCA president
Kimberley Schroeder, NPUCA secretary*

OREGON

The 14th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers

Sept. 3 — The 14th annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers will be held at 6 p.m. at Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Musical inspiration and special guest speaker Buell Fogg, Union College associate chaplain, are just part of a special evening. Plan now to attend this remarkable event and reconnect with friends from near and far.

In Concert With Carl Parker and Friends

Sept. 10 — You're invited to enjoy Carl Parker and Friends in concert at Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holladay St., Portland, Ore., at 6 p.m. An offering will be taken to support children and families in need of food. This includes the Weekend BackPack Lunch Program that ensures that children have food to eat on the weekends. For more information go to peopletopeopleministries.com.

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Sept. 30–Oct. 1 — Join us in celebrating 60 years of Adventist education at Milo. Honor classes end in 1 and 6. For reservations, write to miloinfo@miloacademy.org or call KayLee Mason at 541-825-3200, ext. 3321.

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Oct. 2–4 — Small-school and home-school students in grades five through eight are welcome to register for Milo's Sports Camp, which begins Sunday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. and runs through Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. Contact Kathy Hernandez at kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org or 541-825-3200, ext. 3323. Preregistration required. The camp often fills to capacity, so register early.

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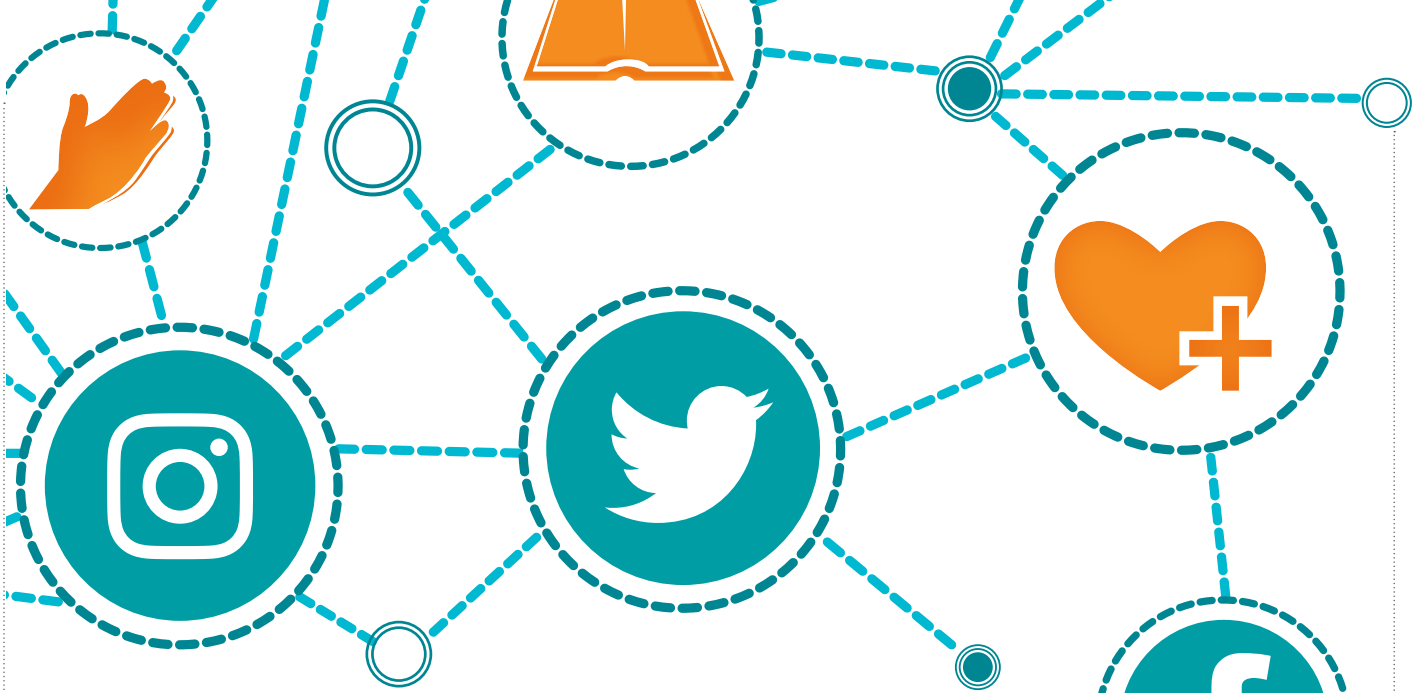
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FAME RUSH

This summer, conference administrators allowed me to speak in the adult auditorium at camp meeting — the “adult table.” The experience left me with a variety of new things to reflect on.

One of them happened while teaching my seminar on how technology shapes our being and our belief. While scrolling through various comments on our conference Facebook page (yes, we corporately “creeped” together as a class) to explore how people communicate online, we came across the videos of the all the speakers in the auditorium.

We looked through several videos but focused on the little “thumbs up” and “thumbs down” icons indicating whether or not someone approved of the message or not. Some speakers had all likes; most had some likes and dislikes. No comments. Just “likes” or “dislikes.”

One of the questions we grappled with in the class is, “What happens to our message when we filter it through technology?” In this case it appears the sermon, a dialogue on biblical truth, simply became a commodity to “like” or “dislike” but not necessarily engage with.

At the time my video had only one comment — in German. As a class we translated it, and it turned out to be someone professing support for the Catholic Church and calling for the end of the Adventist “sect.” I don’t preach in German, so I am not sure this person listened at all, which only emphasizes the point — it has become a commodity to critique instead of thought-

fully engage. Scholars note how YouTube has led to a culture of critics who make their comments without any context for what they are criticizing.¹

Beyond that, I asked the class if I should base the “success” or quality of my sermon based on the “likes” it received. Should a preacher or singer or composer look to “shares” as confirmation that their gifts are worthy?

YouTube is credited with initiating a participatory culture, where anyone can upload content for the masses — bypassing traditional authorities such as publishers, record companies and academic committees. So how are we to determine what is worth creating, watching or listening to?

Combine this with Facebook’s tendency to move people toward “presentation anxiety” (i.e. how should I present myself online to create the best image and gain the most popularity?). Have we created a culture akin to the gold rush of 1849? The California Gold Rush was the largest mass migration in U.S. history — increasing the non-native American population by 100,000 in a year.² By 1850 it attracted immigrants from around the world, and more merchants became wealthy than actual miners.² In its first five years YouTube amassed more video footage than the entire history of American television.¹

Because a comparative handful strikes it big, do we now have conversations about how to get our church more “hits” or “likes” or “shares”? Is this generation growing up in a digital environment that holds out the promise of fame and fortune if you can just say



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that nugget of truth, develop a voice that sparkles on a podcast, capture that perfect selfie, or do something as simple as putting on a Chewbacca mask and laughing, then retailers, tech companies or Google pay for it and bring you fame and fortune without having to go through the conventional channels of education, discipline or seeking to craft something of quality?

The world holds out true success stories of brilliant musicians and CEOs (i.e. Lindsey Stirling, Mark Zuckerberg, etc.) who miraculously bypassed convention due to either perfect timing, preternatural insight or extreme giftedness (or all of the above) that inspire us to open our own websites, YouTube channels and public platforms.

However, if we look closely we see vastly more videos and images of people hurting themselves, endangering themselves, or posing and making themselves up to get attention of ... who? A modeling agency? A crowd of music fans? Nike, Adidas or Reebok? And when a video of someone hurting themselves is especially hilarious, garnering lots of attention, does that then call forth more acts of stupidity to make millions laugh at the advertisers' expense instead of ours — since they are the one running the commercial on our video?

Social media has decentralized authority and created tremendous opportunities

for many, but are we now in the middle of a “fame rush”? Millions of people continue to migrate and live much of their life online — hoping not only for connection, but increased attention. As we continue to integrate religious content, and our own personal content, with the internet, will we face a temptation to bypass thoughtful work in favor of conforming to what's trending on Twitter?

Scripture has always called us to meditate on “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy” (Phil. 4:8). In our rush to use every tool at our disposal to share the gospel and Three Angels' Messages and make a difference, we must take more care than ever before to make sure our messages are shaped by what is biblical, beautiful and meaningful — not just what is marketable.

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WHEN THE CANARIES STOP SINGING

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efore modern technology, coal miners placed canaries in cages throughout their subterranean tunnels as an early warning against the invasion of carbon monoxide. The toxic gas often seeped into mines, odorless and thus undetected — until the songbirds started dying. That meant everybody in the mines desperately needed fresh air.

For many Seventh-day Adventist congregations in North America, the canaries are ceasing to sing. We are losing our young people, and our churches themselves are dying. Ten years ago, Paul Richardson of the Center for Creative Ministry warned, “The median age for the Seventh-day Adventist community in North America, including the unbaptized children in church families, is 58. . . . There are more than 1,000 local churches in the North American Division that have no children or teens at all.”¹

Confronted with the loss of our songbirds, what should we do?

Many church leaders focus on how to persuade youth and young adults (YYAs) to stay with us — as if the solution to a noxious atmosphere is to develop a strain of poison-resistant victims. But isn't our basic task to identify what's poisoning our YYAs and then lead

our entire church into life-giving fresh air?

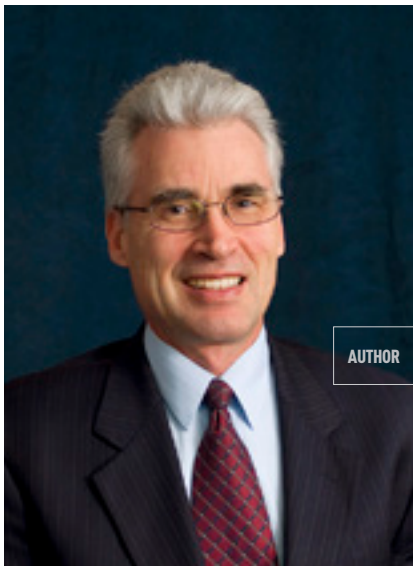
TOXIC JUDGMENTALISM

What is toxic in our churches? From my own attrition research and pastoral experience, I believe many churches suffer from systemic judgmentalism, resulting from a lack of love. Not that we want to be unloving; on the contrary, we care deeply, as evidenced by how deeply our church invests in educating children right through their college years.

So what's wrong?

I suggest we suffer from a misunderstanding of *how* to love. Perhaps we've forgotten the major issue of the Great Controversy — that love requires freedom of choice, despite inevitable risks. Thus, paradoxically, our very concern about safeguarding the spirituality of our young adults generates a coercive and judgmental counterfeit of love that drives them away in a spirit of toxic anxiety.

Good intentions do not guarantee good results. In prayer meetings, our predominant concern is attrition of our young people. Often tears are shed. No fair-minded observer could accuse praying grandparents (most prayer meeting attendees seem to be older members) of not caring about their kids,



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LEARNING TO LOVE

Biblical love comes not only from a caring heart but an educated mind. Paul says, “It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, *with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent*” (Phil. 1: 9–10, emphasis added).

Without knowledge and discernment that empowers us to approve what is excellent, our attempts to love may find a counterfeit expression in intolerance — unintended but real. And devastating.

We see this in the *agape* love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13. Verse 5 says of true love, “It does not insist on its own way.” This is typically interpreted as selfishness, and often is. But there is another way in which people withhold love by insisting on their own way: expecting that everybody agree with their own views of dress, diet, music, worship and everything else. They canonize their convictions, and anyone out of compliance may become the target of gentle yet judgmental correction, even coercion.

To further clarify the connection between knowledge and love, 1 Cor. 13:9 warns, “Now we know

in part.” Nobody but God knows everything, and true love recognizes this, not only individually but corporately. Loving members and churches humbly tolerate some variance in understanding and expressing Christian standards: “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Cor. 3:17).

We desperately need the fresh air of love to cast out systemic anxiety and liberate us in the Spirit to fulfill God’s end-time calling. Then judgmentalism will cease, and our young adults will have the freedom to sing God’s song in their own way. They will find our churches a safe place to bring their friends, find a spouse and raise their children.

1. Quoted in A. Allan Martin, “Burst the Bystander Effect: Making a Discipling Difference with Young Adults.” In Roger Dudley, ed., *Ministering With Millennials* (Lincoln, Neb.: AdventSource, 2009), 112.

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young and old. And yet many prayer warriors — in the same spirit of concern that stimulates their intercession — may form the core group of judgmentalists in the church.

Picture the Adventist grandmother who stays up past bedtime to bake cookies for the youth group, then when delivering those cookies she feels compelled to admonish (scold) the teens for what they are wearing or listening to. Her condemnation is done for the sake of Christian love. But

talking about love — and even trying to love — is not the same as actually being loving. Even though our intentions are good, we need to learn what love is and how to express it.

Consider Hollywood’s obsession with love, obviously a counterfeit. Could the same thing happen in church — not the world’s over-tolerant perversion of love, but a religious counterfeit of love from the opposite extreme of intolerance?

WORD

B

efore the age of multiblade, aloe-infused, disposable razors, there was the “safety” razor. A vast improvement over the venerable but temperamental straight-edge razor, this implement was a thing of engineering beauty to any young lad who longed to be a man.

My father treated his safety razor like a gun — he left it unloaded until it was ready to use. A twist of the handle opened the razor’s “doors” to allow insertion of a fresh and sharp double-edged blade. I would watch intently as he mopped soapy shaving suds onto his face and carefully applied the razor. I couldn’t wait until I was old enough to do the same.

In the meantime, he allowed me to practice without the blade. I would spread the foam over my peach fuzz and scrape off the white foam just as if I was really shaving. Except I wasn’t. It was just pretend.

When the first real whiskers began to sprout on my chin, they did so with inopportune timing. Sporadic teenage acne made the shaving experience a dicey choreography. The razor was no respecter of pimples or pride. Some mornings, bits of

hastily snatched toilet paper blotted the worst offenders. But with the risk came the reward of progress. I was past the point of pretend, accomplishing more than just swiping at the surface.

Some of us are struggling to get our spiritual experience past the pretend stage. We are imitating the motions, but something is seriously lacking. Beyond the surface foam, nothing is getting done. No progress is being made. We have no new spiritual victories to celebrate, no fresh testimonies to share.

Perhaps the razor provides a lesson. Shaving without the blade neglects the essential elements of progress and transformation. It’s just pretend.

That all changes when we turn to something strangely akin to my father’s double-edged razor — the biblical “two-edged sword.”

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12).

The Word is a sword. Yet to those who presumptuously pick up Scripture to cut and wound, Jesus says, as He did to Peter, “Put away your sword.”

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A knife in the hand of an adversary becomes a weapon of destruction. In the hand of a skilled surgeon, it is an instrument of salvation.

Thus our great joy: The one who wields the sword of Revelation is not an adversary, but an Advocate.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

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