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ENCOUNTER JESUS, EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE

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have been to many Adventist academies in recent years for school evaluation visits. The highlight of every visit is a group interview with randomly selected students. We want to know what they, as the “primary customer,” like about their school and what they think could be improved. Here is what I’ve heard:

- » “I like my school because it’s like a family.”
- » “Our school is not big, so we know everyone and we look out for each other.”
- » “At our school you can be involved in lots of activities.”
- » “I know my teachers care about me. They help me outside of class time.”

AUTHOR

Dennis Plubell

Students recognize that Christian faith and Adventist values are core to the Adventist academy and visible in the campus culture. When you ask the students what they would like to see changed to improve the school, someone will invariably respond, “I wish there were more students so that we had a bigger school.” The incongruence of this response always makes me smile.

But, it is not adolescents

alone who are easily confused about quality and quantity. Most of us immersed in contemporary American culture make the same mistake. The media is quick to reinforce the idea that school quality is measured by the breadth of programs, depth of available resources and height of student test scores.

Can Adventist schools, even small schools, be Christian and excellent too? The answer is yes! In fact, I would propose that only in an education where Jesus Christ, the Creator God, is central to the school’s daily lessons and weekly activities can true excellence be found. We must stop confusing size with success. When we seek the Source of excellence, whether in large or small schools, we will find high-quality scholarship. When we encounter Jesus, we experience excellence.

From Genesis onward, the biblical record proclaims with David, “O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!” (Ps. 8:1, NKJV). If the school is “Christian,” there is no excuse for shoddy study.

Daniel and his friends illustrate excellence. They came out of Israel from a school where

the homogeneous student body spoke the same language, ate the same food, completed the same assignments, held the same beliefs, kept the same Sabbath and looked forward to the advent of the Savior. From this school they excelled beyond all others, and a foreign king recognized their excellence in learning.

When our students in Seventh-day Adventist schools encounter Jesus, they will experience excellence. We can trust that when our students encounter Jesus, they too will be recognized for excellence in learning even in the foreign land of worldly ideas and the competitive marketplace of profit and loss. God will honor their Christian education in a way that will bring others to believe on His name and be saved.

As Ellen White pointed out, “In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (*Education*, p. 30).

Dennis Plubell, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for education

PFLUGRAD TO JOIN NPUC EDUCATION TEAM

Golda Pflugrad has accepted the invitation to serve the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) as a full-time coordinator for early childhood education and care (ECEC) and K-12 education projects. Upon joining the NPUC Office of Education team in July, she will fill vacancies left by the retirements of Sue Patzer and Carol Dodge.

Pflugrad comes to this position highly qualified through education and experience. She holds a Master of Arts in early childhood education and has spent nearly two decades as a teacher of young children, including seven years as director of an ECEC center in California. She has been teaching primary elementary grades within the Upper Columbia Conference for the past six years, most recently at Upper Columbia Academy Elementary School in Spangle, Wash.

Most importantly, Pflugrad comes highly recommended for her capacity to connect and collaborate with colleagues and for her passion to extend quality Christian education for the youngest of God's children.

"I am excited to be joining the NPUC educational team as a leader in the field," she says. "Early childhood education lays the foundation for each child's educational journey, and the quality of this foundation depends on the quality of the young child's learning environment. Quality Christ-centered early childhood centers are so valuable and essential. I look forward to visiting our Northwest centers and meeting the directors and staff."

The NPUC Office of Education plans to increase its ECEC emphasis with Pflugrad's arrival. She will spend two-thirds of her time on ECEC leadership. The remainder of her efforts will be focused on coordinating specific programs and projects for K-12 education such as the Don Keele Award and Caring Heart Award programs, publishing projects, and other similar assignments.

"We are delighted to welcome Golda Pflugrad to our team," says Dennis Plubell, NPUC vice president for education. "Her presence and passion will help us immensely as we seek to effectively manage the mission of Adventist education throughout the Northwest."



Golda Pflugrad

LETTERS

Generational Translators?

Silliness abounds in our labels of people groups. Now it's something called "generational translators" [May 2016, "Leaders Learn to be Generational Translators"]. What religio-babble that is! ... Yes, we have historical examples of younger would-be leaders being mentored by experienced older ones; i.e. Timothy and Paul, Elisha and Elijah. But the younger ones took the initiative to follow a teacher/leader. They let the Holy Spirit work in them. They didn't need — what's that phrase? — "generational whatever's." We see how our early SDA church was founded and nurtured by mostly young people. How could they do this without "translators"? Because these young people took the initiative, led by God, gave their all to their mission — of course they didn't have all those electronic gadgets, coffee bars, modern music and movies to take up their time and resources. ... For anybody of any age, there are groups and resources abounding in Christian organizations for you to deeply learn about culture, communication and mentoring. You have no valid reason in excusing yourself by blaming the lack of "generational translators" in your life. Take the initiative, be fully grateful for what the older generations have brought into your life and quit dividing the church into groups. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:24).

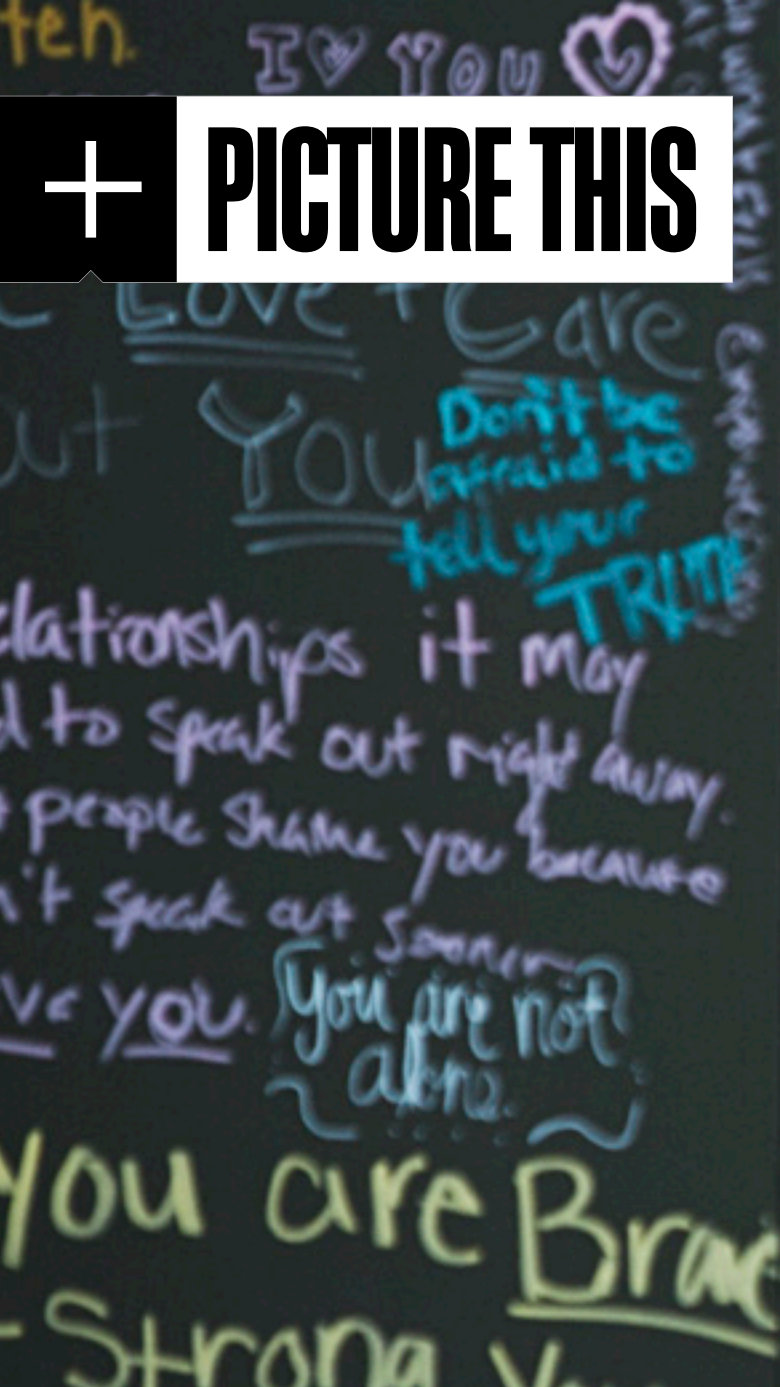
Robert Natiuk, Battle Ground, Wash.

Valid Observations

I just finished the article by Mackenzie Thompson [May 2016, "Stepping Over the Barbed Wire"]. She is gifted in her writing ability. Her concerns are very relevant to our church today. I hope she works someplace in the Adventist Church organization. Thank you for the article.

Kerry Amott, Vancouver, Wash.

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Mount Ellis fosters new leaders.

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Milo plants with a purpose.

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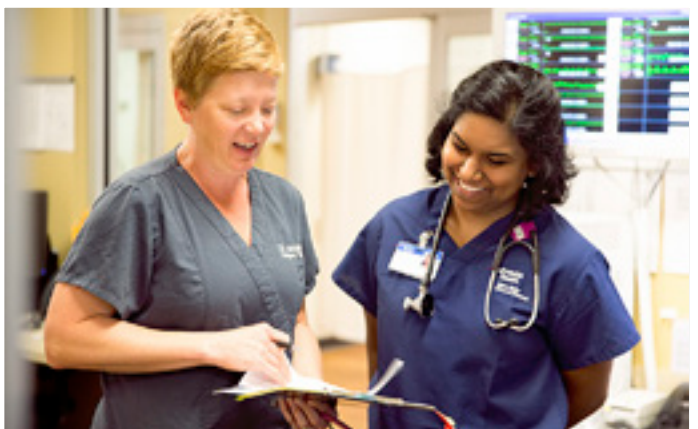
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Medical mentoring in Walla Walla.

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2016 CARING HEART AWARD WINNERS



FOURTEEN NORTHWEST ACADEMY STUDENTS EACH WERE RECIPIENTS OF THE \$500 CARING HEART AWARD SCHOLARSHIP,

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THREE-WAY FUNDING FROM THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE, LOCAL CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIES. STUDENTS WERE SELECTED BY THEIR SCHOOLS FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE SPIRIT OF THE CARING HEART — A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE OTHERS. THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION PROVIDED EACH STUDENT WITH A PLAQUE AND AN ENGRAVED BIBLE. THE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE USED TOWARD TUITION AT AN ADVENTIST SCHOOL OR ON A SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP.

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Kamryn Klingstrand

Kamryn Klingstrand, a junior at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) in Auburn, Wash., is the daughter of current staff members Nathan and Yamileth Klingstrand. A starter for AAA's Falcons women's varsity basketball team, Kamryn has mentored her teammates with encouragement and has always led by her example of displaying Christian sportsmanship.

She has been involved in student-led week of prayer presentations at AAA and Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School in Auburn. Always willing to lend a hand to anyone needing help, Kamryn's positive attitude is appreciated by all. This summer, Kamryn has been selected to participate in the MultiCare Nurse Camp in Tacoma, Wash., and plans on a career as a labor and delivery nurse. She hopes to attend Walla Walla University in the fall of 2017.



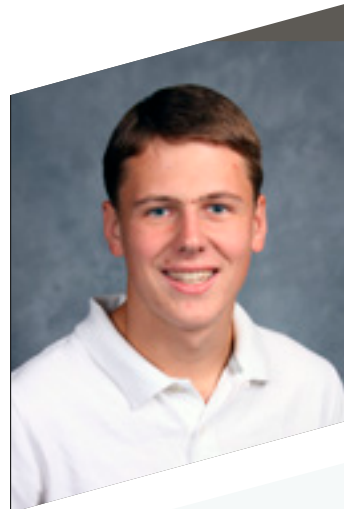
COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Brooke Thompson

She's quiet, soft-spoken, involved, positive, encouraging, big-hearted and caring, especially about people's spiritual well-being. The "quiet" and "soft-spoken" changes once Brooke Thompson gets to know you, but the other traits remain constant. Her smile brightens the halls of Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., and the lives of those she touches.

Her caring heart extends beyond the walls of CAA, where she fills the role of student leader for the spiritual ministries. She is often seen leading Bible study groups, planning Youth Ignite activities for her church and helping on mission trips. She is a National Honor Society member and has led blood drives, sock drives and other community service activities.

Brooke's love of God is shown in her consistency of character and spirituality. She will be greatly missed on the CAA campus and in the community, but her smile will go with her and brighten the world wherever she is.



GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Luke Jansen

Luke Jansen demonstrates a genuinely kind and caring lifestyle every day in the halls and classrooms of Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) in Caldwell, Idaho. Whether greeting by name everyone he sees with a cheerful "good morning," noticing a need and asking how he can help, or displaying friendly sportsmanship on the field, Luke is a continual example of caring, kindness, respect and helpfulness.

Luke has a heart for God and notices Him in the everyday things. He stated he has never felt better about helping people than when on a mission trip to Appalachia this year with his family.

GSAA is proud to honor Luke with this year's Caring Heart Award.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Hannah Stonas

Hannah Stonas, a junior at Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) in Wenatchee, Wash., has spent most of her academic years at CCA, where she has shown strong characteristics of a Christian young lady. On campus, Hannah can often be seen smiling, chatting with everyone, encouraging peers to be involved and helping out where needed. As the student association president for the past two years, she actively encourages all students to be a team, join in activities and build wonderful high school memories.

Her God-given positive outlook on life draws students to her. Her friendliness and leadership have been shown on sports teams and in mission work. She is a daily blessing and role model to CCA and to those with whom she interacts, which includes all of the K-12 students and staff.

Off-campus, Hannah is actively involved at church and is known in the community as a responsible, positive and caring young woman. She is also involved with the Wenatchee High School tennis team, where her talents and uplifting characteristics reach others.





LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Kaitlyn Young

Kaitlyn Young is a kind and caring young lady who demonstrates her caring heart in diverse ways. She plays basketball and never fails to give her best. She shows her caring heart by putting the team first and always staying positive.

She is the junior class president and is constantly coming up with ideas to help her class grow and bond. She looks out for those that are struggling and takes steps to end hurt and frustration. She acts in the way Christ taught us to share a caring heart to all people.

And because Kaitlyn has such a caring heart, she probably never saw this award coming. She would give it to her friends and classmates if she could. Well, Kaitlyn, you already have. Thanks for sharing your caring heart with Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Ore.

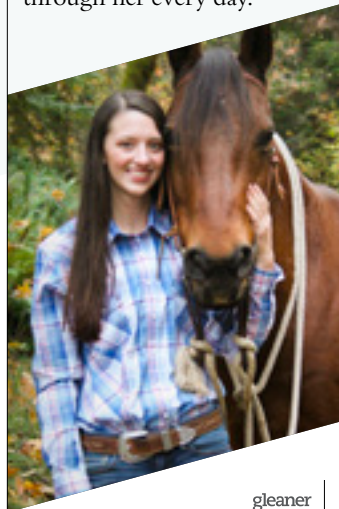
MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Katelynne 'Katie Beth' Miller

Katelynne Elizabeth Miller is a senior at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore. She plans to major in biology at Walla Walla University with an ultimate goal to work with animals.

The daughter of Milo alumni and staff Jeff and Kim Miller, Katie Beth has been a Pathfinder and has helped with Vacation Bible School multiple times. She has been actively involved in Apostles' Outreach and always looks forward to Milo's Neighbor Days because she enjoys working outdoors and helping the older folks in the community.

Katie Beth's love of horses led her to become a wrangler leader in Milo's equestrian program, where her dedication, dependability and positive work ethic are a model for younger students. With her ready smile and her cheerful willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, Katie Beth lets Jesus' love shine through her every day.



MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY

Kenneth Jones

Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Mont., is proud to nominate Kenneth Jones for the 2016 Caring Heart Award. Ken has helped to run the school's basketball camp held in other towns in Montana. As the basketball team captain, he encourages the players in a loving and kind manner. He is passionate about sharing Christ with his peers as the student body chaplain.

Ken also has a passion for mission trips and will do any task he is asked to do. His presentation of Christianity is very thoughtful and inviting. Ken is continually looking for ways to connect fellow students with the church community. He is quick to support students with a word of encouragement or with a hug.

As Ken transitions out of high school, he plans to pursue a career in the art world.

ORCAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

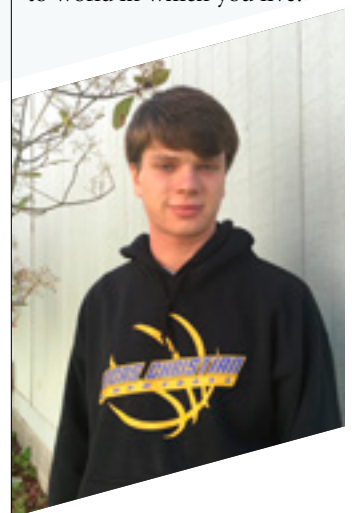
Elliott Claus

The Caring Heart Award recognizes a sense of empathy, compassion and service and goes to a student of Orcas Christian School in Eastsound, Wash., who shows a compassionate spirit through service and leadership.

Mission trips were an opportunity for this student to be actively engaged in helping those surrounding him with whatever needs to be done, in both the more obvious international opportunities and the sometimes subtle opportunities closer to home. In either context, Elliott Claus is always willing to lend a helping hand.

A positive student leader, Elliott's service and activities identify him as a servant leader now and for the future. Throughout all four years of high school, Elliott has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in addition to caring for his fellow students.

Elliott, we wish you the blessings of God's grace as you continue to serve and change to world in which you live.





PORTLAND ADVENTIST
ACADEMY

Adam Nakamura

Adam Nakamura is a senior at Portland Adventist Academy in Portland, Ore. He has a heart for service demonstrated by his participation in several mission trips during his high school years, both locally and abroad. More importantly, Adam cares deeply for his fellow students. Adam takes seriously the challenge to love as Christ loves. For this reason, his PAA family is honored to nominate Adam for the 2016 Caring Heart Award.

Adam plans to attend Walla Walla University this fall and will likely apply his award scholarship toward his tuition as he pursues a career in child psychology.

PUGET SOUND ADVENTIST
ACADEMY

Aaron Bless Mumu

Aaron Bless Mumu was selected unanimously by the staff of Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland, Wash., for his exceptional spiritual leadership and dedication to others on campus. As pastor of the senior class and campus ministries leader, all while maintaining academic excellence, Aaron also takes the time to uplift his classmates on a daily basis.

This year, Aaron put together a prayer room for week of prayer, which was a blessing to many. He has made a noticeably constructive impact on PSAA and his fellow students, and his teachers know he will continue to do so wherever he goes. For this reason, we are pleased to recognize Aaron Mumu as this year's Caring Heart Award Recipient.

Aaron plans to work with SOULS Northwest in the future and pursue a college degree. His parents are Teddy and Johanna Mumu.



ROGUE VALLEY ADVENTIST
ACADEMY

Joseph William Katzenbach

Joseph Katzenbach has been a student at Rogue Valley Adventist Academy (RVAA) in Medford, Ore., since the fifth grade and is the son of Jerry and Kathy Katzenbach. Joey loves the great outdoors and anything associated with wilderness living.

This year he has been the physical education teacher's aide for the young students in first through fourth grades. These younger students love him and can't wait to see him every day.

Joey has participated in the RVAA mission trips far from home, but also gives of his time to others close to home. He is currently looking into continuing his education at Walla Walla University, but wherever he decides to go he will be a light to all those who come in contact with him.

SKAGIT ADVENTIST ACADEMY

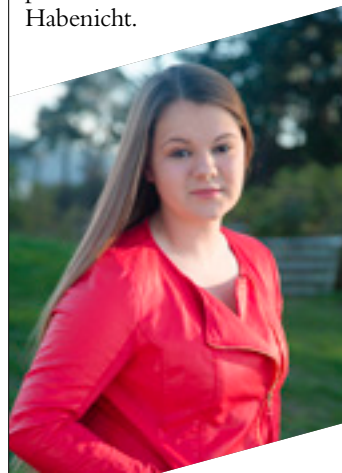
Ashlyn Habenicht

Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) in Burlington, Wash., is pleased to announce one of its seniors, Ashlyn Habenicht, as this year's Caring Heart Award recipient. Ashlyn possesses a vivacious personality and has served as senior class president, junior class vice president and student body social vice president.

Her caring and thoughtful spirit has her involved in feeding the homeless and other community outreach activities. In addition to her creativity, which she has shared on the yearbook staff for four years, Ashlyn has a passion for music and has led a variety of singing groups in her school and church. She has played on the SAA volleyball, football and basketball teams and enjoys intramural sports.

Ashlyn demonstrated her missionary spirit through trips to Kenya, Belize and, most recently, Plummer, Idaho. Twice, her peers have selected her to speak for student-led week of prayer.

She plans to attend Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., and take nursing. Her parents are Dave and Nerida Habenicht.





UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

Charles Buursma

Charles “Charlie” Buursma, a junior at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., was selected to receive the Caring Heart Award for exemplifying a missionary spirit on campus.

In addition to making a difference on campus, Charlie served with the Upper Columbia Conference Youth Rush team this past summer, going door to door to give community members the opportunity to purchase religious and health books.

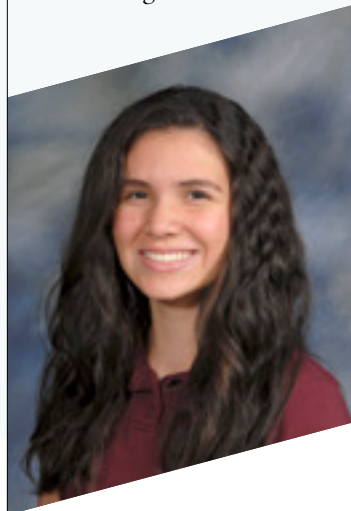
As a residence assistant, he is an example in his conduct and love towards others. Many look up to Charlie, as was demonstrated recently when he was chosen by the student body to be one of their student week of prayer speakers. Tonakset (Wash.) Church members are also proud of Charlie, as are his parents, Henry and Lorilee Buursma.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY

Loanna Mora

Loanna Mora joined Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) in 2013 for the last two years of her high school experience. From the moment she arrived on the WWVA campus in College Place, Wash., she connected with the staff, students and visitors. Her generous and caring spirit have brightened their days, comforted and inspired her peers, and impressed her teachers.

She shares her smile and positive attitude throughout her community through service projects with her classmates, through her church and through her work at Son-Bridge Community Center. We are delighted to recognize Loanna and celebrate what God is doing in her life.



CARING HEART AWARD

TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE WITNESSING AND SERVICE A CENTRAL PART OF THEIR LIVES IS ESSENTIAL TO THE EDUCATIONAL GOALS OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS AND TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH. EACH YEAR THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION SPONSORS THE CARING HEART AWARDS – GIVING RECOGNITION TO SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE AND SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD.

VIVID: LA NUEVA IGLESIA MULTIETNICA DE LA CONFERENCIA DE OREGON

Presentar a un Dios real, en una iglesia relevante, con personas relacionables son los fundamentos sobre los cuales la nueva Iglesia Adventista llamada Vivid fue lanzada. Desde agosto del 2015, un grupo de líderes con los que me he gozado trabajando, nos hemos reunido para planificar el lanzamiento de esta nueva iglesia patrocinada por el ministerio hispano de la Conferencia de Oregon.

Después de mucho estudio y oración, se descubrió que el área de Keizer, Ore., está muy saturada con universidades y colegios, y es una comunidad que está creciendo rápidamente. Descubrimos que para poder alcanzar esta área efectivamente, se tendría que plantar una iglesia multi-étnica enfocada en alcanzar a los jóvenes adultos y millennials que viven allí. Debido a que no había una Iglesia Adventista de habla inglés en la ciudad de Keizer, la conferencia aprobó apoyar este nuevo proyecto. No mucho tiempo después se descubrió que éste tipo de iglesia multi-cultural beneficiaría también a las ciudades vecinas de Salem y Woodburn. Fue allí donde se les pidió a las iglesias locales su ayuda y logramos reunir un



núcleo de 25 líderes que serían el fundamento de esta nueva iglesia.

Durante 6 meses este núcleo se fue preparando con entrenamiento en liderazgo, además de preparar el terreno de las ciudades de Woodburn, Keizer y Salem. En Febrero de este año se tuvo el primer Open House en Woodburn con una asistencia de 115 personas interesadas en la iglesia de Vivid. En los próximos meses se tuvieron dos open houses más en las ciudades de Salem y Keizer, mientras tanto el núcleo seguía creciendo. Finalmente en Abril 2, de 2016 se lanzó el primer servicio de Vivid Adventist Church. Desde que abrió sus

puertas, la nueva iglesia ha sido bendecida con un promedio de 40 a 50 almas que llegan a adorar cada semana. El servicio comienza cada Sábado a las 10:30 a.m. con un rico desayuno que es abierto para toda la comunidad, seguido por el estudio de la Biblia a las 11 a.m. Al terminar los estudios, comienza el servicio de adoración. La iglesia también ha sido bendecida por un buen grupo de visitas cada semana, que han conectado muy bien con el mensaje presentado en Vivid.

Con la ayuda de Dios, se estará lanzando un nuevo programa presentado por Vivid los Viernes por la noche, donde se tendrá la Escuela

Sabática, presentada de una forma diferente. Tendremos comida con el propósito de alcanzar a la comunidad joven de Salem, Keizer y Woodburn más efectivamente. Les invitamos a que visiten la página de Facebook de Vivid en [fb.com/vividadventist](https://www.facebook.com/vividadventist) para más información. También les pedimos sus oraciones por esta nueva iniciativa de presentar a un Dios real, en una iglesia relevante, con gente relacionable.

Samuel Moreno, Iglesia Hispana de Keizer pastor

AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY GOES TO PANAMA

Spring break seems to be the right time to take a mission trip. That is doubly true when the mission trip participants are from Alaska. After a long, cold winter, it is a blessing to be able to travel somewhere warm and sunny to help others.

This past March, 21 students and 20 adults from Amazing Grace Academy (AGA) and the adjacent Palmer Church traveled to Panama on a mission trip supported by Maranatha Volunteers International.

The group spent nearly two weeks helping the members of the Los Hatillos congregation by building a One-Day Church structure

to be used for Sabbath School and evangelism, painting their existing church building, and holding a Vacation Bible School for the local children.

All the participants worked hard, in temperatures that regularly exceeded 95



The AGA group hard at work adding walls to the One-Day Church.



The Amazing Grace Academy group stands in front of the newly painted church, happy to have been of service to the people of Panama.

degrees, in order to complete the structure nearly a day ahead of schedule. Besides working hard, everyone had the opportunity to swim and relax each day at the small hotel where they were staying in the town of Chitre, a few minutes from the job site.

On the final Sabbath, members of the local congregation were joined by the Chitre Church members, who had planted the Los Hatillos congregation, for a joyous celebration of song and prayer. The local congregation is already involved in outreach endeavors that they hope will

fill up their church in a few months.

The Alaskan group returned home via Panama City, where they spent a day sightseeing before boarding the plane for the long flight home. Every participant felt blessed to have been able to participate in this mission adventure, and most of them are already making plans to go on the next AGA mission trip in 2018.

Rick Jordan, Amazing Grace Academy teacher

TOK OFFICIALLY BECOMES CHURCH

It was a celebratory high Sabbath for the members of the Tok Church when Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, and several friends from other interior Alaska church groups came to organize the congregation into an official church.

The town of Tok originated as an Alaska Road Commission camp for the construction of the Alaska

Highway during World War II. It is now considered the hub of the eastern interior and the entry town for traffic coming up the Alaska Highway.

The Seventh-day Adventist work started in Tok in 1990 and has continued to grow and reach out to the community. Thirty-seven charter members signed the official document organizing them as a church.



Don Lee Jr., Tok Church pastor, addresses the congregation.

Bivocational pastor Don Lee states, "This congregation loves Jesus and knows what He has done for us. We are excited to see what He has planned for us and our community."

If you get to Alaska, join us for a Sabbath and hear our testimony."

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president

PROPHECY SEMINAR MAKES ALASKANS FISHERS OF MEN



With tears of joy, Mariano and Kristy were baptized.

Alaska's Bristol Bay supports the world's largest salmon fishing runs, which attract fishermen from all over the world. Many flood the small town of Dillingham during the summer months to take advantage of the abundant fishing opportunities. The Dillingham Church decided to do some different fishing of their own, following the Savior's call to be fishers of men.



The Amazing Prophecies Revelation Series was held by Jason Morgan, NPUC evangelist, at the Dillingham Church.

As the saying goes, there's never a perfect time to do public evangelism because the devil will compete with you every single time. Prior to the opening night of the Amazing Prophecies Revelation Series, held in March by Jason Morgan, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist, the handbill mailing was distributed two weeks earlier than expected. Would the community forget about the meetings?

As Howard Williams, Dillingham Church pastor, led in prayer and claiming God's promises, members witnessed people from the community excited to be coming to the series night by night.

Patty Jones came opening night to learn more about Revelation and how to prepare for the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Though Jones never received a handbill, a church member, Nancy, met Jones on a morning walk the day the meetings began and decided to muster the courage to invite her. At the conclusion of the series, Jones was baptized.

Mariano and Kristy attended nightly. When the Sabbath message was presented, Mariano couldn't shake the conviction he and his family needed to be keeping the Lord's Day.

On one Sabbath afternoon, he decided to cut up some firewood in the mountains. To his surprise, he couldn't find any wood laying around anywhere. He then thought, "Is God showing me that I shouldn't be out here on His holy day?"

The next day, he went out again to find wood, and, sure enough, he found more than he needed. Mariano and his family decided, no matter what, they would keep the Sabbath to honor the Lord. With tears of joy Mariano and Kristy were baptized and happy to join others as well.

Noah Lincoln, a resident of a remote village, flew with his family to Dillingham to pick up a plane he had purchased. To his surprise, the plane wasn't ready to fly until another three weeks, just

long enough for Lincoln and family to attend the seminar and gladly accept the truths they were hearing. After their baptism, Lincoln said, "There are no Seventh-day Adventists in my village; we will be the first to take the Three Angels' Messages home to our people."

At the conclusion of the series in March, the Lord blessed the Dillingham Church with 21 baptisms. If we are willing to work and do our part, God is more than willing to use us in taking the everlasting gospel into all the world. Just ask Noah Lincoln.

Jason Morgan, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist

The Lord blessed the Dillingham Church with 21 baptisms following the evangelistic series.





NAMPA CHURCH HOSTS DISCOVER PROPHECY SEMINAR

From Feb. 20 to March 12, the Nampa Church hosted the Discover Prophecy Seminar with speaker Brian McMahon and his wife, Heidi, who shared her gift of music with attendees most nights. The series was a well-attended, powerful three weeks of exploring God's Word.

The McMahons are North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) evangelists. In addition to holding yearly seminars in the larger NPUC areas, they conduct seminars in Montana, Idaho and Alaska on a three-year rotating basis.

After confirming the date, the Nampa Church members participated in weeks of preparation and planning for this



Heidi McMahon shares her gift of music, as she did many of the nights during the prophecy seminar.

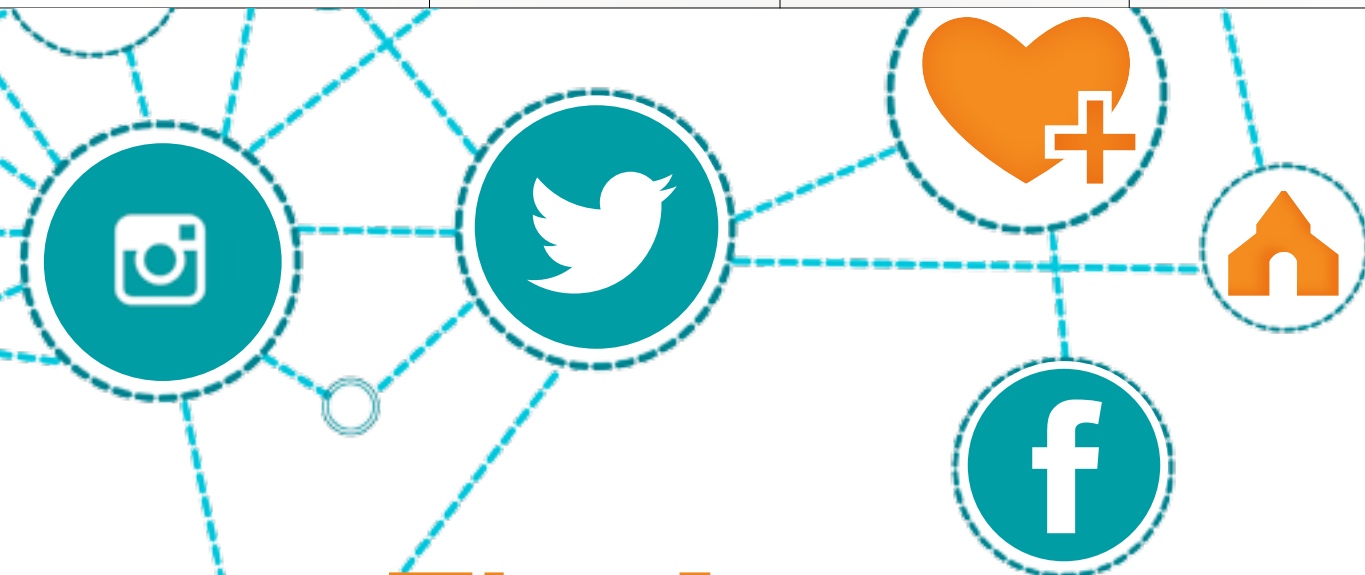
event. There were 22 different job designations, each with a leader(s) and many helpers, who faithfully fulfilled their individual tasks each night. The opportunity to meet and fellowship with guests face-to-face was coordinated by the church's social committee; food for the six planned meals was provided by members. Each fellowship meal averaged 120 attendees.

"God blessed abundantly, and on Celebration Sabbath, March 19, 13 precious souls chose to be baptized into God's family," says Chris Evenson,

The 13 new members of the Nampa Church receive gift bags and stand with Brian McMahon (front left), NPUC evangelist, and Chris Evenson (back right), Nampa Church pastor.

Nampa Church pastor. "Several small groups have been organized to nurture these new members, as well as provide a place for those wishing to continue studying. We sincerely thank the McMahons for their ministry."

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader



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VISION IMPROVES AT BVAS

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Neither bifocals nor a prescription have been needed to improve the vision of Boise Valley Adventist School (BVAS). All that was needed was a concept and a passionate school board. The vision in reference is not connected with eyesight but rather an ideal or image of something better: a desire to target areas within the school, in need of improvement, to promote the success and growth of BVAS.

The idea began with a concept proposed by Troy



Students actively involved with each other in the learning process is an important step.

and church family and lead these groups in selecting areas of greatest need, then develop a plan to accomplish or improve those areas.

In the few short months since the vision committee began this process, many areas have already been addressed and have had a spiritual impact on the school atmosphere.

Accomplishments include improving the registration process, incorporating an open house, updating the aesthetics of the school library, increasing school exposure during church services, increasing community service awareness, creating a tag line, adding a preview

night and expanding the music program.

Additional areas such as marketing the school logo, developing key learnings, incorporating life skills and increasing project-based learning activities are being developed. This process will be ongoing for the next five years, with the ultimate goal of seeing growth in enrollment.

The vision process has been and will continue to be instrumental in creating a facility and atmosphere that is reflective of the school's philosophy and mission. The term "vision" means "to imagine," and that's exactly what the vision group has done: imagine a school that's spiritually sound, academically excellent, aesthetically appealing, financially stable and bursting at the seams.

Melanie Lawson, Boise Valley Adventist School teacher



Project-based learning is an important element of the new BVAS vision.

Haagenson, Cloverdale Church pastor, that targeted five key areas of education. Those areas included spiritual growth, marketing, financial stability, academic excellence and facility maintenance. Haagenson then challenged board members to assemble committees from the school



CORRECTION

Our camp meeting article in the May *Gleaner* unintentionally caused confusion by referring to language groups with terms that seemed instead to denote ethnic groups. Our references to "Anglo" or "Hispanic" meetings should have been "English-language" or "Spanish-language" meetings.

We greatly appreciate those who have called this oversight to our attention. It was not our intent to exclude any group of people from any of our meetings. We apologize for using words that did not accurately convey our intention to be inclusive rather than exclusive. We have adjusted the words of our camp meeting information in print and in online and social media content to reflect these important changes.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director

MONTANA PRAYER MINISTRIES HOLD 2016 CONFERENCE

The Montana Conference prayer ministry coordinator, Donna Wagner, organized the 2016 Prayer Conference, themed “Unprecedented” and held May 6–7 at Mount Ellis Elementary School in Bozeman. Attendees represented more than a dozen churches from around the state.

Each participant received an extraordinary packet containing the DVD *The War Room*, a prayer journal, the book *The Lord’s Prayer Through Primitive Eyes* and two other prayer resources.

The guest speaker was Randy Maxwell, pastor of Washington’s Renton Church. The family group Ron and Sonia Birnel and their two daughters, Krystal and Shelly, from Billings, provided beautiful worship music. The Mount Ellis Academy seniors cooked and served two delicious meals for Sabbath.

The prayer conference began Friday evening with Maxwell’s message of “Unprecedented” miracles that occurred through Jesus and the early church because of fervent prayer and unprecedented faith.

Sabbath morning Nathan Shaw, Montana Conference associate treasurer, offered his

testimonial, “Goosebumps With My Tears,” which had moved many to tears with his message of what God can do and how He can bless us through circumstances we may not understand and how God’s love for us is without limits.

Maxwell next spoke of “Revival for One” and the importance of praying and communing with our Lord. He shared the way to know Jesus is by spending time and talking with Him, learning about Him through His Word, communing with Him and trusting Him. Maxwell also mentioned how he has used prayer journaling most of his life and how it’s blessed him to speak with Jesus as his Friend as well as his Savior.



Nathan Shaw offers his testimonial.



ROLLIN HIXSON

Randy Maxwell speaks on the power of prayer during the 2016 Prayer Conference.

Next Maxwell spoke of the “Awesome Things” that await us if we have faith. Everything has been made available to us through His Holy Spirit, just as in the early church. He quoted several Scriptures to remind us how our own doubt and fear slow our faith and hinder His power, which was freely given to us. Maxwell asked a very poignant question: “What have we done with His Holy Spirit?”

The Prayer Conference concluded as Maxwell gave examples of how to have a “power house” of prayer as he laid out “A House of Prayer Blueprint” and the nine essential elements of churches that are houses of prayer and how to trans-

form churches into a powerful houses of prayer.

The 2016 Prayer Conference offered an enormous amount of beneficial information. In addition to the welcome packets, Maxwell provided several handouts and material for attendees to take to their own churches and help create houses of prayer with the power the early churches received: “It is written, ‘my house shall be called a house of prayer’” (Matt. 21:13). See you next year at the 2017 Prayer Conference.

Lanette Hetrick, Great Falls Church prayer ministries leader

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TRUEWIND LEADERSHIP CLASS SPREADS TO MEA

The TrueWind leadership program has been changing lives for decades, and now it's making an impact on students at Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman.

TrueWind started at Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania, then the founders took TrueWind Leadership to Highland View Academy in Maryland, where MEA teacher Seth Ellis first encountered it. He, in turn brought it to MEA and hopes to see it continue to spread as his students graduate.

No one gets cheat codes in leadership class. It's not a formula, and Ellis doesn't tell students to lead like he leads. Everyone is there because they want to make a difference; they just don't know what that looks like yet.

Few people feel inspired by the thought that "I want my life to bring sameness in the world." But in many schools and churches, sameness in thought and action is the whole picture — the driving force. Ellen White talks about this in her book *Education*, in

which she makes a strong case that individuality is the stuff of "true education."

Kailey Lambert, a graduating MEA senior, put it this way: "I always liked to stay in a small place. I didn't like to leave my little circle. I was very much also [one to] follow the rules and avoid being blamed. Now I'm learning to sail."

In TrueWind Leadership class, "sailing" is not a hobby or leadership position. It's the tide of permission. In this program, kids learn to read the winds, chart unique



Mount Ellis Academy students are gaining important insights through a new leadership class.

destinations, add value to the lives of everyone in their crews and express one of the powers that make us most like God — individuality.

Seth Ellis, Mount Ellis Academy math, computers and leadership teacher

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OREGON CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING 2016

Since the first Oregon Camp Meeting in 1878, pastors and church members have practiced this year's camp meeting theme — "Called Together ... Members in Ministry." That first camp meeting, Adam Stephens offered the use of his farm near Salem, Ore., for the gathering. Pastors and members volunteered to clear and prepare a meeting place, where they were inspired by the messages of Ellen G. White, J.N. Loughborough and A.T. Jones. During



that camp meeting, White had a vision of the vast extent of God's mission for the Adventist Church — a mission that continues today and can be achieved only because we have all been "Called Together ... Members in Ministry."

God's abundant blessings on this theme await all who attend Oregon Conference Camp Meeting July 19–23 in Gladstone, Ore. The adult meetings will feature worship in music and word, highlighted by gifted musicians and inspired presenters. Early morning messages will be shared by conference leaders — Al Reimche, Dave Allen and Dan Linrud.

Morning study hour will be led by Carl Cosaert of Walla Walla University. A wide range of seminars will be available Wednesday through Friday. Evening messages will feature Mike Tucker of Faith for Today.

The Sabbath worship message will be proclaimed by Ron Halvorsen Jr., Ohio Conference president. The Sabbath afternoon concert features Jennifer LaMountain. Sabbath evening service concludes with music by Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus.

The children's ministries department invites all children to enjoy Son Creek Junction, a western gold mining town set in the 1800s. Children will have a great time with music, Bible stories, crafts and skits. Every day they will discover a new nugget of truth for growing up in God's family, drawn from the book of Acts. Each day they will learn a Son Creek saying. Themes include "Start Up," "Listen Up," "Open Up," "Look Up" and "Speak Up." The youngest children will spend their time "On the Farm With Jesus."

Youth and young adult groups will feature engaging social interaction, inspiring music and impactful messages. It is sure to be a meaningful and memorable experience!

Whoever you are, there is something exciting for you at Oregon Conference Camp Meeting 2016. See you there!

Dan Linrud, Oregon Conference assistant to the president



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 14–16
Oregon Spanish
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JULY 19–23
Gladstone Camp
Meeting

JULY 21–22
Red Cross Blood
Drive

JULY 21
Education Day

JULY 22
5K Fun Run/Walk

JULY 23
Big Lake Youth
Camp at Camp
Meeting

JULY 23
Jennifer
LaMountain
Concert



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SHARING GOD MAKES THE DIFFERENCE FOR RVAA GIRLS' TEAM

The basketball season for high school starts way before the school year begins. There are summer practices, summer basketball camp and maybe even a tournament or two to keep the players conditioned.

This year was no different at Rogue Valley Adventist Academy (RVAA) in Medford, and a fairly typical season was expected. Each year, the RVAA girls have worked hard but usually fall a bit short of successful.

This season would change all of that.

As in other years, Mike Glasgow, RVAA athletic director, began the high school basketball season with a spiritual bonding retreat on the Oregon Coast. As a team, the girls decided they were tired of always losing and made the conscious decision to make changes and really work together as a team. Through this process, the girls decided to step up their spiritual practice and established the team goal of praying at the end of each game with each team they played.

As part of the local sports association, Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), not all the teams they would play are from Christian schools. After winning their first game of the season, the RVAA girls felt a bit awkward



The Lady Hawks placed fourth in the State 1A Championship and were given the Sportsmanship Award.

approaching the other girls and asking if they would like to pray with them.

To their surprise, the other team responded in a positive manner. The girls made a circle in the middle of the gym, joined hands and said a simple prayer.

As the season continued, the real surprise was how much the girls grew in their own spiritual walk. They took their commitment to each other seriously, and each girl felt her being on the team was as important as the person working next to her.

By the time the Lady Hawks had played each team at least once, they were pleasantly surprised when, at the end of a game, the other team was waiting expectantly for the prayer time. Girls were asking about Jesus, and some felt

more comfortable sharing their Christian values.

Some might think the perfect ending to this season would be if the Lady Hawks made it to and won the state championship tournament. But for this team, the perfect season was accomplishing all the goals they had set out for themselves:

praying with each willing team, making it to the district playoffs and going to the state tournament.

They did, and to watch as these girls joined hands with another team in the center of the gym, during the Oregon State 1A Championship Tournament, and bow their heads in prayer was an awesome sight to see. They placed fourth in the state and were also given the Sportsmanship Award — an achievement that made their coach, Marlene Slagle, proud.

For these girls, making this one change — to actively share their love of God — made all the difference.

Cynthia Ward, Rogue Valley Adventist Academy registrar and secretary

The girls accomplished their goal for the season: praying at the end of each game with each team they played.





DISCIPLESHIP STUDENTS BRING SOLIDARITY WALL TO U OF O

It's called the Solidarity Wall. "The point of the project is to allow students to openly express healing words of encouragement to victims of sexual assault and outrage against the perpetrators," says Ty Gibson, co-director of Light Bearers and lead pastor of Storyline Church in Eugene.

Light Bearers runs a discipleship school called ARISE, led by a group of educators who are passionate about Jesus and want to equip others for everyday ministry. ARISE interns constructed a large wall, covered it with a surface upon which messages could be written, and placed it in a prominent spot on the University of Oregon (U of O) campus in Eugene.

A love letter, sealed with a solidarity seal, was distributed on campus for the week of April 18–22. As the interns

shared the letter, they invited students to visit the Solidarity Wall and write their messages to survivors of sexual assault. Testimonies and spoken-word poetry were also performed at the wall during the week.

One in five females on university campuses across the U.S. is sexually assaulted. In 85 percent of these incidents, no repercussions are experienced by the violators — not to mention the fact that many young men are sexually violated as well.

The Solidarity Wall project is getting massive attention, not only on the U of O campus but also at Princeton University and a university in the United Kingdom. Some girls responded by bursting into tears and telling their stories about being violated. Young men were encouraged to be more willing to intervene in situations where a young

woman might be threatened.

"The reasoning behind calling it 'The Solidarity Wall' is that language is broad enough that other walls can be installed on other campuses to promote awareness on a number of different social justice issues," explains Gibson. "This creates a medium in which anyone can have a voice on various crucial issues. Violated individuals can encounter beautiful encouragement from the community, and potential violators can come away with a sense of conviction that they are being watched and that their actions are repulsive."

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director

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GROUND BROKEN AT LIVINGSTONE

Ground has broken at Livingstone Adventist Academy as a new building project takes shape. Excavators, bulldozers and rollers are busy making noise and moving dirt and gravel.

The first building under construction will be an industrial arts building, where students will learn auto mechanics, woodworking and other hands-on technical skills.

That building will be finished before the next school year begins. The elementary school teachers and kids will use the entire facility during



School board members, pastors and conference officials participate in the groundbreaking.



Students check out their 3-D replica of the new Livingstone campus.

the year as the main part of the school is completed.

Students in various mathematics courses helped the project by applying their math knowledge to wood. They built a miniature model that approximates what the future school will look like. Quite a bit of time and effort went into creating the model, which was on display for business meet-

ings, planning meetings and alumni weekend.

The model was built out of plywood, two-by-fours, sandpaper, spray paint, cardboard and a variety of other things. The model showed the students have a very clear picture in their minds of what the school will look like and how excited they are to see it come together.

Livingstone teachers and staff feel tremendously blessed to have this project coming to the campus. It is an incredible way to shake things up. Just when it begins to feel like things are never changing, God sends this incredible blessing and everything changes.

It may be true that an exterior isn't as important as

the interior, but a school's exterior can have a big impact on everything inside. It has given the Livingstone staff and faculty new energy to invest in the quality of their program and to capitalize on the powerful gift God has brought them. They

say that you should dress for success, and, by Livingstone's standards, they're are putting on their formal wear.

Keith Bowman II, Livingstone Adventist Academy chaplain and teacher

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SUNNYSIDE YOUTH REACH OUT IN LOS ANGELES

From the day his mother enrolled him in Little Dribblers basketball at age 4, the sport was the first love for Colby Maier of Kelowna, British Columbia (B.C.), Canada. While attending Kelowna Christian School, his skills steadily improved. He won awards and started getting scholarship offers.

However, a severe injury to his right ankle between grades 11 and 12 gave Maier time to think about the direction his life was headed.



When students asked if they could pray with the people, more than 90 percent said “yes.”

During four months of ankle rehab, his Adventist grandparents invited him to church and an evangelistic series. During his 12th-grade year, he was baptized into the Adventist Church. His first love now was Jesus Christ.

Between high school graduation and enrolling at Canadian University College



Leaders from Sunnyside Church lead a group of 12 Portland-area academy students on a mission trip to Los Angeles.

(now Burman University) in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, Maier went on a mission trip to the Dream Center in Los Angeles, Calif., sponsored by the Kelowna Mennonite Church. He was greatly touched by the ministry to the poorer sections of Los Angeles, especially the many homeless people in the city.

This trip solidified in Maier’s mind the determination to do this full time. He kept in the back of his mind the wish to take another group of youth to the Dream Center so they could see the ministry and receive the inspiration that had so deeply touched his life.

He got that chance.

As assistant pastor at Sunnyside Church in Portland, Maier and two other adults led

a group of 12 Portland-area academy students on a mission trip to the Dream Center March 18–28, which included several major activities in Los Angeles.

During Adopt-a-Block, the youth would walk around the assigned streets picking up trash and doing whatever they could to make the environment look better. This was greatly appreciated by the neighborhood.

The youth also helped with food distribution. Surplus and donated food in boxes was taken to government-sponsored housing projects and distributed to low-income residents. When the students asked if they could pray with the people, more than 90 percent appreciatively said “yes.”



The youth help with distribution of boxes of surplus and donated food.

Students were glad for their experience. “It was great to really help people and not be just a tourist,” one offered.

“We would like to do more for people, especially the homeless, here in Portland,” another added.

Has your church taken its youth on a mission trip lately? If you ask them, you may find many are ready and eager to go. What are you waiting for? Blessings and inspiration await.

Warren Rushold, Sunnyside Church communication team leader



Youth from the Portland area get ready to distribute food boxes.

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TUALATIN VALLEY ACADEMY INTEGRATES STEAM

Integrating science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) in school curriculum has generated a lot of interest recently. Tualatin Valley Academy (TVA) in Hillsboro is steadily working toward STEAM integration in all classes, from preschool through ninth grade. This year, TVA students participated in several unique projects on the STEAM front.

Preschoolers worked in teams to create a slide for pompoms using paper towel tubes and tape. Their creativity, communication and teamwork skills were put to the test as they

engineered their slides.

Third-graders put on a Christmas Bible play that taught them memorization, public speaking skills and teamwork.

Fifth- and sixth-graders studied animals in science class last fall and then used their art skills to make models of the animals they had studied, increasing their understanding of how and why the animals function the way they do.

Seventh- and eighth-graders participated in communication technology, a class that brings communication and technology together via photography, photo editing, video

creation and music editing.

Middle school students also participated in a Working Models class, which integrated science, technology, engineering and math. After-school programs emphasized STEAM as well.

Next year, TVA is offering a class called Project Integration for high school students. The class focuses on helping students understand how the skills they are learning in their core curriculum classes can be integrated into real-world projects.

Tualatin Valley Academy is focused on providing students with a high-quality, relevant education that adequately



Art Smart teaches students about other cultures through art.

prepares them for college and beyond. This focus has not gone unnoticed, and TVA's enrollment is growing, including an expansion to ninth grade this fall.

Rachel Blackburn, Tualatin Valley Academy Gleaner correspondent

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MILO DEVELOPS ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

An all-organic and non-GMO agriculture program is being developed at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek. The two primary goals of the new program are to give the students an experience cultivating fruits and vegetables and to put good, wholesome food on the table in the cafeteria.

Jeff Birth, agriculture director, and his student workers have labored tirelessly this year to increase the cultivatable land by clearing two acres of wild



Junior Nyton Fullmer and sophomore Noahna Fullmer transplant Swiss chard.

Ten pounds of Swiss chard and 20 pounds of spinach have been served in the cafeteria so far this spring. Other crops growing in the greenhouses include green beans, summer squash, romaine lettuce and radishes. In addition, the herb garden behind the cafeteria has been replanted and is providing a variety of fresh herbs to the chefs.

The agriculture department is collaborating with the equestrian center and cafeteria to create compost for the gardens. The program can now make its own mulch by running downed tree limbs, twigs and branches through the recently acquired wood chipper.

Ellen White wrote in the book *Education*, “It would be a great aid in educational work

could every school be so situated as to afford the pupils land for cultivation, and access to the fields and woods” (p. 211). Milo students are enjoying the opportunities their rural location affords to follow this counsel.

“The thing I like the most,” says Yulemi Hernandez, a junior, “is working outside, among nature.” She also reports that she has learned “how to follow orders and that even if no one is watching you, you have to work.”

“When I’m up there sometimes in the silence, I think how God has provided a bunch of lessons for our lives,” says Zabdiel Brigido, a senior.

Alumnus Dan Santee, ’71, says, “I remember having to get up before daylight and moving irrigation pipe for

hours before getting to eat breakfast. That farm made men out of a lot of boys. I still use what I learned working there on my farm and with my own herd. I for one was disappointed when they closed it. I am thrilled that there is a renewed interest in getting the farm going there again.”

Tours of the agriculture department gardens and greenhouses will be available during Alumni Weekend on Friday, Sept. 30.

The first year of operation was donor-funded. If you have a heart for agriculture, contact Jeff Birth at jeff.birth@miloacademy.org for more information.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter



JEFF BIRTH

Senior Zabidél Brigido turns the compost pile.

blackberries to be enclosed inside a new deer fence surrounding the orchard gardens. Birth and his team also cleaned up the orchards and applied donated fertilizer.

The agriculture team removed debris from the old greenhouses and built planters and heated propagation tables for germinating seeds. Germination next year will start in January thanks to the heated tables.



Milo’s first crop of Swiss chard this season has already yielded 10 pounds for the school cafeteria.

More online at gnr.in/111-07-or_milo

GRANTS PASS STUDENTS CHALLENGED TO 'BE LIKE JESUS'

Ninth-grade students at the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist School accepted a challenge to “be like Jesus.” They gave several days of service in the San Francisco Bay Area recently.

The Center for Student Missions (CSM) provided opportunities to work and learn in urban areas. It has been called an “eye-opening” experience by those who participated. Philip Ermshar, principal and teacher, referred to the trip as “a blessing.” He noted that



Students prepare a meal for those staying at the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

in Oakland’s crown.”

In this child development center, each student assisted with a classroom. “When it was my turn to go out to the playground and play with the kids, I had them all chasing me,” says Stevan Crary. “After the chase, I was mobbed, it felt like, by hundreds of kids.”

While in the Tenderloin District, food was delivered to the sick, disabled and elderly through Project Open Hand. “I was kind of scared when I approached them. After I got started, it wasn’t that bad,” says Rebekah Crary.

The class also broke up into groups, praying for and assisting anyone who might have a need. Jhovy Gonzalez had an encounter with a homeless person at a bus stop. “We sat down, talked to him and asked if he wanted anything to eat,”

explains Gonzalez. “Right at that moment, his face lit up with joy. He mentioned a good place to eat nearby. We took him there and bought food.”

The ninth-grade class brought enthusiasm and energy to each destination. The students prepared a meal for those staying at the Bay Area Rescue Mission (BARM).

While at BARM, the students sorted donated clothing. This particular task might not have been everyone’s favorite, but the youth remained fully engaged and completed the task. They also prepared a meal at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Alameda County.

Each student was asked if they would pursue mission work again, if asked. Unanimously, the answer was, “Yes!” Autum Rose said she would highly recommend others complete mission work through CSM.

Friendships were established, and current ones were strengthened. Mission work helped give these students a closer walk with Jesus. This group will, no doubt, continue to serve while preparing for the soon return of our Savior.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



Grants Pass students helped Saint Vincent’s Day Home in West Oakland, Calif., which has served the “poorest of the poor” for more than 100 years.

prayer and discussion surrounded each activity. Spiritual bonds were strengthened.

Saint Vincent’s Day Home in West Oakland, Calif., has served the “poorest of the poor” for more than 100 years. California Governor Jerry Brown referred to the nonprofit as “one of the jewels



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Students at Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist School score, on average, two grade levels above the national average on achievement test.

PAA STUDENTS EXCEL AT AAPPL EXAMS, LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Iwant to change the conversation from grades to proficiency,” says Rita Barrett, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) teacher.

Barrett, who has grown PAA’s language department from two levels of Spanish to four, has made it her education mission to motivate students to desire proficiency in a language instead of simply to pass a classroom test.

“Proficiency is how well you can communicate in a language without practice,” Barrett explains. While measuring language proficiency isn’t easy, the ACTFL (the American Council on the Teaching of

Foreign Language) Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Language (AAPPL) is an exam that comes close.

This year, every PAA Spanish student was able to take the AAPPL exam, thanks to a Don Keele Excellence in Education Award granted to Barrett by the North Pacific Union Conference board of education.

Students in Spanish I and II took the interpretive reading and listening components of the AAPPL test, while upper-level students were tested on interpersonal listening and speaking and presentational writing. All four classes mea-

sured better on the AAPPL than expected.

Senior Charli Jo Davis is an example of why this exam is so exciting to Barrett. “She achieved what usually takes a year abroad to accomplish: an advanced rating,” says Barrett.

Even through all the excitement of test scores and awards, Barrett continues to be grounded in the core belief that learning should be loved. “Instead of reaching for an A, I want my students to reach for the next level of proficiency and to become lifelong language lovers and learners,” says Barrett.



Senior Charli Jo Davis, pictured at right with Rita Barrett, received an advanced rating on the AAPPL test for Spanish. Davis came to PAA as a sophomore taking Spanish I. Now she converses, reads and writes in Spanish with ease.

Liesl Vistaumet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

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Bell ringers perform at the Christmas concert last December.

YACS CONTINUES STEADFAST MISSION

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The YACS community is thankful for teachers who enhance the overall program by providing educational experiences through outdoor school at Camp MiVoden, weeklong science and history trips, and backpacking trips. In addition to stellar academics, YACS offers many opportunities for students to embrace a life of service to others. This is evidenced in mission trips, participation in local church

services, outreach to neighboring areas and nursing homes, plus collaboration with peers during weekly school assemblies and worship.

YACS also affords a fun environment for students through in-house school events coordinated by an active home and school team, before-school and after-school care, and exciting summer day camp programs.

This fall, YACS is welcoming Alyson Atwood as the new music teacher. She will be teaching classroom music, beginner band, concert band and concert choir.

If you are interested in a school that focuses on the important mission of providing a biblically based, holistic, mission-driven educational experience, please contact Yakima Adventist Christian School at 509-966-1933 or visit yacsschool.org.

Kelly Kwon, Yakima Adventist Christian School marketing department

More online at glnr.in/111-07-uc_yacs

MSAS BRINGS LEARNING TO LIFE

Parents and friends flocked to the Milton-Stateline Adventist School (MSAS) gymnasium in Milton-Freewater, Ore., on a Thursday evening in April while students dabbed their final makeup and practiced the lines of speeches. The Wax Museum and Science Fair was represented by the entire student body, from preschool through eighth grade.

History came to life when fifth- through eighth-grade students, varying from George Washington to Oprah Winfrey, put on their shows. Costumes were detailed, and props were flawless. Lewis and Clark donned furs and skins with a journal documenting their most recent discoveries.

The Learning Tree Kinderschool displayed a trifold poster about germs



Mackenzie Davis as a World War I nurse.

and spreading diseases, with pictures of students touching different things with clean hands and then again with dirty hands. It was clear by the amount of mold on bread which hands had been sanitized and which had not.

Elizabeth Yaw's first- and second-graders hatched baby chickens from eggs and displayed the life cycle of the birds. Many were thrilled to see the live babies hopping around the cage.

In the third- and fourth-grade corner, Raymond Hall and his class challenged families to build the tallest paper tower and to see who could beat the kids who had been working away at theirs all week.

Fun can be had while learning at the same time, and history lives on for all ages.

Crystal Oltman, Milton-Stateline Adventist School teacher

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Eighth-grader Wyatt Randall and his display of the Barbary Wars.



Team Terabyte proudly displays their first-place award at the regional tournament at Walla Walla Valley Academy.

TEAM TERABYTE DISCOVERS TECHNICAL SUCCESS

It has been an amazing year for Team Terabyte from Omak Adventist Christian School in Omak, Wash. This is these students' third year working on a robot and challenge for First Lego League (FLL).

After purchasing a new EV3 Lego robot, the team planned their project and programmed their robot, Evie. This year's challenge theme was "Trash Trek." The team's goal was to come up with a real-world problem related to trash and find a solution to fix it.

At the local landfill, team members learned about the landfill's most annoying problem: the pesky plastic bag. The team then came up with the idea of a vending machine that would take the sacks, vacuum press them and bundle them for recycling.

A cardboard prototype was constructed, and a skit was planned to promote its use. Local merchants and the county landfill staff were

invited to the presentation. Those who came thought the students had a great idea.

Team Terabyte participated in the Adventist Robotics League (ARL) regional tournament in April at Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place, Wash. There they shared their project and took home a first place, with an invitation to the national competition held at California's Sacramento Adventist Academy in May.

Thanks to many generous sponsors, Team Terabyte was able to fly to Sacramento and bring home a second place for their project.

It has been an exciting learning experience for this small, one-room school. The students look forward to more fun and learning with FLL, Adventist Robotic League and Evie.

Jennifer Hoffpauir, Omak Adventist Christian School teacher

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PALISADES CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SENDS STUDENTS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A group of 42 students and sponsors from Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) in Spokane, Wash., learned a lot during their two-week mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March.

"I will never again doubt that I am very privileged," says Abigail Pedersen, a student at Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) in Spokane, Wash. "I knew the people in that country were going to be poor, and at first it was a little shocking."

The group tackled five major projects. The block crew built a Sabbath School addition onto an Adventist Maranatha church in Barharona, while the foundation crew built the foundation for a church that members had awaited for more than 25 years.

A paint crew painted the Fidelidad Church, recently built by another Maranatha team. A medical crew of three doctors, one dentist and one

dental assistant saw well over 70 patients per day combined, including many Haitian refugees or poor with no medical help available.

The fifth team, a Vacation Bible School crew, conducted two VBS programs per day at two different churches for the community children.

"This trip has taught me many things," says Joelle Townsend, a PCA student. "The people in the Dominican Republic were happy with little things. I have been truly humbled."

Another student, Rafael Grigoryan, adds, "I think that on this mission trip I felt God's presence a lot more and truly understood how much God cares about us."

Ruth Lenz, Palisades Christian Academy teacher

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Vacation Bible School ends with learning about heaven and heavenly crowns.



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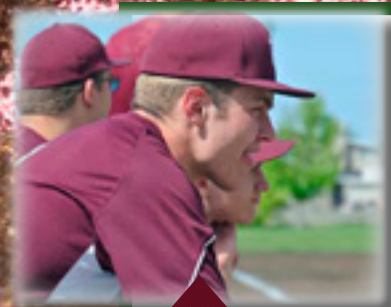
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TRI-CITY UNDERGOES TRANSFORMATIONS

Tri-City Adventist School (TCAS) in Pasco, Wash., has undergone and is undergoing some significant transformations. The halls and walls have been given a face-lift with new paint and carpet. The library now has a well-appointed room of its own after some partitions were moved. The office had a face-lift, and a redesign and refurbishing of the kitchen was included.

Another change comes with the retirement of Verna Canaday, who has served the school in a number of capacities during her 31 years. Spencer Hannah will be assuming the reins as principal for the coming year. As an experienced administrator and teacher, he brings fresh ideas and great leadership to the school.

The school has an annual talent contest open to all students from kindergarten through 10th grade. For this year's contest, 11 students landed a spot on the program, in addition to those who displayed beautiful art and incredible crafts.



Keziah Mugisha knows a lot about U.S. presidents and much more.

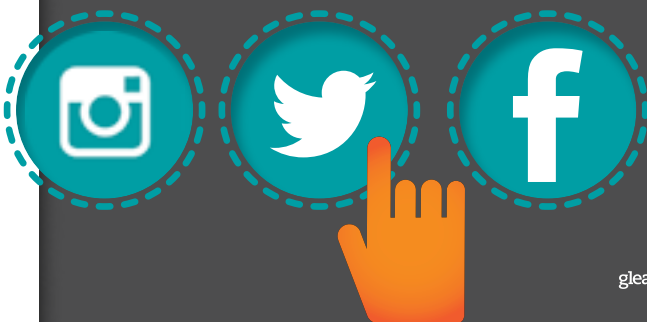
For the first time, fourth-grader Alex Irvine ventured into the competition with some slight-of-hand tricks and was awarded the third-place spot. Mayumi Evangelista, a second-grader

with a bell-tone voice, earned second place with her rendition of "Jesus Take the Wheel." And Keziah Mugisha, who is new to the school this year as a kindergartener, placed first for her incredible knowledge of

presidential facts and figures. Mugisha claims TCAS as her school and Betty Villarreal as her teacher. She can not only jump rope but also excels at tag, math, reading, and written and oral language. She has also taught herself to play "Jesus Loves Me" and "Ode to Joy" on the piano and is working to expand her repertoire.

TCAS is fortunate to have students with a variety of gifts and talents they willingly share with others — from filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse to special music, nursing homes visits and regularly working in the local church community center packing boxes of food and assisting patrons. Last year, the seventh- and eighth-grade class opted for service work at the school and in the community, while the ninth- and tenth-graders included the cleanup of several parks in the Portland, Ore., area.

Sharon Hibbs, Tri-City Adventist School administrative assistant



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MUSIC OFFERS LIFELONG BLESSING TO UCA STUDENTS

Students expand their talent as part of the 2015–16 UCA band.

The gift of music is a powerful tool to reach hearts and minds in ways the spoken word cannot. The music program at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., encourages students to develop their talents for lifetime involvement in music, whether in their local churches or community music groups.

“Music is a gift that can be a lifelong blessing to the performer and listener alike,” says Dean Kravig, band and orchestra director. Within the past eight years, Kravig developed a string orchestra and full symphonic orchestra. They perform in various venues in addition to accompanying many of the choral groups.

Curtis Anderson, choral and voice director, has been at UCA since 1999. When he arrived, he added a vocal octet to the voice options. “I was so impressed when I heard La Sierra University’s octet under the direction of William Chunestudy in the ’90s,”

Anderson recalls. “I wanted to bring that to UCA.”

Anderson helps the vocal octet members learn the music and then allows them to determine the musical aspects like dynamics, tempo and text interpretation. “My goal is to challenge my best singers to another level,” Anderson adds.

Because of UCA’s long-standing tradition of excellence in music, about 70 percent of the students are involved in some aspect of music each year.

Ronnie Anderson, senior, has played the trumpet for six years in the UCA band, starting with two years while a student at UCA Elementary School, and joined the vocal octet his junior year. He enjoyed playing with Walla Walla University’s honor band his junior year, but feels “the best part of the vocal octet is singing with the best musicians in the school.”

Raina Hernandez, senior, has worked for Kravig for the past two years and played in

the UCA orchestra for the past three years. “I like pushing my playing ability and learning different aspects of music, as well as bonding with other students,” she says.

Contract teachers round out the strong music program. Krista Dalrymple brings piano expertise, while Julia Salerno teaches violin and viola and Denika Kleinmann focuses on cello. Approximately 50 percent of the students are involved in either private voice or instrument lessons.

UCA offers many opportunities for the students to

participate in music including band, brass choir, choir, Choralliers, flute ensemble, orchestra, sax quartet, symphony orchestra, vocal octet and wind ensemble. Other ensembles are arranged based on the instrumental strengths of that year.

“This life is like a dress rehearsal for heaven,” Kravig says, “and our talents need to be developed and fine-tuned here for God’s use and for His glory.”

*Tamara Michalenko Terry,
Upper Columbia Academy
communication coordinator*



The 2015–16 UCA orchestra brings together students with instrumental skills and interests.

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UCAES STUDENTS USE 3-D PRINTER TO GIVE A HELPING HAND

For almost a year, students at Upper Columbia Academy Elementary School (UCAES) in Spangle, Wash., waited for the day they could make a 3-D printed prosthetic hand for someone who wants one. That day finally came.

During a district spelling bee in January, a UCAES father happened to meet a girl without one of her hands. The UCAES parent told the girl's mother about the school's Helping Hands Project and gave her the teacher's cell number.

A month went by without hearing anything. The teacher prayed to find someone who needed a prosthetic hand. A few days later, the mother texted.

For the next couple months, the students used a mold and pictures of the girl's hand to carefully size a pre-designed hand from e-Nable, called the Cyborg

Beast, to fit her. They also customized the hand's appearance based on her favorite colors and sports team by 3-D printing the parts in purple, pink and glow-in-the-dark and adding a Seahawks logo.

UCAES's recipient shows off her prosthetic 3-D printed hand and her new doll with a matching prosthetic hand.



The recipient tries out her new piano hand, which UCAES students designed and 3-D printed.

Even though this process tried the students' patience and seemed overwhelming at times, they persevered until they had created the best hand they possibly could for the girl.

But the project didn't end there. A fifth-grade girl offered to donate a doll that not only looked like the recipient girl, but also had the same name. The students designed a smaller version of the recipient's prosthetic hand and put it on the doll to a match.

The final feature was a prosthetic hand that would help the girl play the piano. A fifth-grade boy ended up creating the best design, which included two fingers that were spaced to be able to play thirds on a piano.

Finally, on a Friday in

early May, the moment came. It was a powerful moment to witness the recipient put on the hand and pick up an object for the first time. Later she tried playing the classroom's electric piano. "I did it!" she said.

The school hopes to continue to use their 3-D printer and talents to lend a helping hand, keeping in mind that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

To view a video of the recipient receiving "handful" of gifts, visit glnr.in/111-06_handsvideo.

Learn more about the Helping Hands project at glnr.in/111-07-helpinghands.

Chris Duckett, Upper Columbia Academy Elementary School fifth-through eighth-grade teacher

GRANDMAS SUPPORT BREWSTER READERS



Brewster Adventist Christian School, a small prekindergarten to eighth-grade school with a familylike atmosphere in central Washington, has recently been blessed by the volunteer time of four amazing grand-

mas from the local church. Each day of the week, Monday through Thursday, one of the grandmas comes in for one and a half to two hours to volunteer her time listening to children read in groups and individually. This is especially

helpful in the multigrade classrooms, which have varying reading abilities.

Tanya McCombs, Brewster Adventist Christian School teacher

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STUDENTS EXPERIENCE PASSOVER

Beacon Christian School in Lewiston, Idaho, celebrates a tradition each spring, and this year was no different. Students in grades three through eight attended an agape feast to celebrate the feast of the Passover.

To help set the scene, the room was darkened and lit only with oil lanterns. Fruit, bread, cheese, olives, hummus and juice adorned the lamp-lit table. Each seat was marked with the name of a disciple.

“We want to help students experience the Bible firsthand,” says Terry McGarvy, homeroom teacher for grades three through five.

This year’s agape feast focused on the ordinance of humility. Many believed that the reason Jesus washed the disciple’s feet was because they wore sandals on dusty roads and their feet were dirty. While this was true, there

was a deeper meaning. The students were able to experience this lesson with the help of Dave Crockett, Lewiston Church pastor.

As Crockett unfolded the scene from the Upper Room for the students, he shared with them that we wash feet today to remember we are all servants. If Jesus was willing to serve, we, His followers, must also be servants willing to serve in any way that glorifies God.

Listening to Crockett, students learned how the ordinance of humility is a special time to search our hearts and make everything right with God and with everyone else. It is a time to be humble and follow the example Jesus gave us and willingly serve others.

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



Paula Oltman shares her love for violin with Hermiston Junior Academy.

RETIRED TEACHER CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

When Paula Oltman retired, she had a dream of sharing her love for violin with the students of Hermiston Junior Academy in northeast Oregon. She wanted to teach violin and develop the students’ skills so they could play for church.

The first year, nearly all the students took the violin classes. Oltman bought the instruments in various sizes and rented them out to the students for a very affordable fee. Her dream was that the students could change sizes of instruments as they grew and finish school owning their own instrument to take with them as they entered academy orchestra.

Violin classes started from kindergarten. It was difficult to coordinate the bow, fingers and music and watch the leader. But with weeks of practice, it began to come together.

An after-school advanced class, open to all ages, was started by October. The first

performance was the Christmas program. It was amazing to see 40 students standing in rows playing together.

After each performance, new music was introduced requiring new skills to learn, with greater difficulty. Some students were hungry to learn more, and their parents supported their desire with private lessons. The advanced group continued through the summer months.

With the second year of violin complete, Oltman’s accomplishments are evident. Many students love violin and work hard at this difficult instrument. The school is alive with the sound of music, thanks to a retired teacher with a passion for inspiring children to learn.

Susan Mizushima, Hermiston Junior Academy kindergarten and first-grade teacher



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PSAA STUDENTS SHOW CHARACTER

There are myriad options when it comes to receiving an education these days. One of those options, of course, is our own Seventh-day Adventist school system. However, with the competitive spirit of current society, the question persists, “So why Adventist education?” Why choose a smaller educational environment? Why pay tuition prior to college? Why choose the local Adventist school out of the many other schools nearby?

The staff of Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland believe these very aspects are what present students with unique opportunities to learn, to interact on campus and to serve their community.

To illustrate, the annual Spring Concert and Student Art Exhibition on May 25 was a special evening on campus when these character traits were vividly shared.

Through the hard work of directors Craig Mohr and Elton and Anika Zebron, PSAA's music program has become one set apart locally and beyond. With this in mind,



The annual Spring Concert and Student Art Exhibition is a highly anticipated event at PSAA.

students, staff and parents alike had been anticipating the show. In the words of parent Troy Perry, “This is always the best!”

Featuring musical selections from classical, gospel, modern and world genres, it was an evening that displayed the students' dedication throughout the year to achieve exceptional sets. More profoundly, the concert also demonstrated the spirit of community and creative talent inherent to PSAA.

This same spirit and creativity were made all the more evident by the Student Art Exhibition, also a part of the eve-

ning. Begun several years ago by English instructor Anika Zebron and thanks to the Don Keele Excellence in Education Award, the show consisted of projects conceived by students on this year's theme, “Vocabularies: Multiculturalism in Our Community.”

Students created works of art personal to their heritage. With the diverse student body of PSAA, it proved to be a colorful and inspired show. Students also supplied personal rationales to accompany their art. Freshman Dariana Badillo wrote, “One of my dreams is to live in a world with equality for all people My piece shows kids from seven different nations in their native clothing being happy together as friends.”

So, why Adventist education? At PSAA, the answer is found in what is done there. This year's Spring Concert and Student Art Exhibition is a reminder that “smaller schools” mean more interaction and personalized programing, setting them apart and making them worth the investment. When one night helps answer “why Adventist education?” it validates what staff and students work to accomplish together and is truly something to celebrate.

Anika Zebron, Puget Sound Adventist Academy teacher

BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



Legendary physics, engineering and woodworking teacher Tom Allen is retiring from Auburn Adventist Academy after 32 years. His Research Physics class, with a field trip to Loma Linda University, served as a catalyst for many students to pursue a career in medicine.



In 40 years of Adventist education, Doug White has congratulated 39 graduating classes in Washington Conference. His education career includes 32 years at Kirkland Adventist School and Puget Sound Adventist Academy, one year in Spokane, and seven years at Skagit Adventist Academy.



The written and artistic creativity of Washington Conference elementary students continues to be displayed in the double award-winning “The Wave” student newsletter. View the 13-issue archive at www.washingtonconference.org/education.

Freshman Dariana Badillo with her piece, *Joyfully United*.



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“Thanks for listening, and thanks for supporting OCS.” That’s the sign-off for Olympia Christian School’s biweekly podcast recorded by the students in grades six through eight.

The podcast began two years ago as a way of keeping the constituent churches of Lacey Church, Transformation Life Center in Olympia and the Olympia Spanish Church informed about school happenings. Gerry Lindsay initiated the podcast, having previously started a podcast at Guam Adventist Academy.

The podcast is in English and Spanish. The students



Isaac Roy tries his hand at recording a OCS podcast.

“in the know” about what is happening at the school, and it keeps staff focused on marketing the school. The podcast is a great opportunity to highlight student life at OCS and keeps the church members informed about upcoming events.

Jonathan Fetrick, Transformation Life Center pastor, says his church members enjoy the podcasts because they are very informative and help church members recall what it was like to be in grade school.

Students say they are proud to be involved and look forward to recording the next podcast. Sixth-grader Kaitlin Sowers says the podcast is a good way to keep everyone informed, and fellow sixth-grader Emily Ogden adds that, while recording, she is learning about what’s going on in the other classrooms.

Search for “podcasts” at ocssda.org to listened to the archived recordings.

Gerry Lindsay, Olympia Christian School volunteer

Common sense dictates there is a connection between exercise and better health, and educators are very aware of the positive correlation between exercise and student performance.

Ten years ago, following suggestions made by the U.S. Department of Health, Cypress Adventist School (CAS) in Lynnwood, Wash., became involved in North America’s premier running/walking program for school, the Feelin’ Good Mileage Club. During the 2015–2016 school year, 15,000 schools (2.5 million kids) participated in this activity.

Three times weekly, for 10 minutes of the 20 minute morning recess, pre-K through fifth-grade students walk or run on a prescribed quarter mile course around the field. They have the option to continue walking for the final 10 minutes or have free playtime.

Each child has an individual mileage card on which their laps are recorded. This year, pre-K student Ethan Rae chalked up 40 miles, and second-graders Hiyab Gabrehiwet and Andrew Santos recorded 90 miles each. Together all the pre-K through fifth-grade participants compiled a total of 1,500 miles.

Student motivation comes from three sources:



LOREEN DOUGHERTY

The Feelin’ Good Mileage Club participants from Cypress Adventist School are staying fit while enjoying camaraderie.

- » A large thermometer displayed in the main hallway tracks the combined miles and students excitedly watch their progress as the “temperature rises”;
- » Individual “toe tokens” (key chain size colorful plastic feet that can be attached to shoes, backpacks or zippers), with 5 miles earning one token;
- » The camaraderie that develops while walking and talking with friends, simultaneously achieving goals together, promoting teamwork and building self-esteem.

This program will continue this August for an eleventh year.

Marilyn Jordan, volunteer and retired Cypress Adventist School teacher



(From left) Kaitlin Sowers, Emily Ogden and Madison Hayes make last-minute revisions before recording a podcast.

review and suggest revisions to the scripts before the record button is pressed.

According to OCS principal Sharron Schwartz, the podcast has been a very effective tool in a couple of ways: It keeps the constituent churches

BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY LIKES TO GIVE

During their recent history tour to Seattle, eighth-graders from Buena Vista Elementary School in Auburn had an opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet. Inspired by the book *I Like Giving*, Washington Conference leaders gave Buena Vista some money and challenged students to find a way to bless others with it.

While planning their class trip and knowing about the dire homeless problem in Seattle, the students combined the donated money with funds they had raised for their class trip — enough to purchase

eighteen \$10 McDonald's gift cards.

Most of the people who were given the gift cards responded positively with "thank you" or "God bless you." Unfortunately a few expressed wanting money instead or wishing the kids had more to give them. "Seeing how the people accepted our gifts made me think about how I should be when I receive gifts from others," says Kennedy Aiolupotea.

Lauren Rester recalls, "Near the waterfront I saw a man digging in a trash can, so I gave him one of the gift



Buena Vista eighth-grade students pool funds donated to their class to purchase 18 McDonald's gift cards to give to the homeless in Seattle.

cards. He was so touched he almost starting crying, and he said 'God bless you.' That made the whole experience so meaningful."

For Ezekiel Lemma, the experiences made him want to do even more to help others who are in need.

While the kids witnessed many different kinds of people — some kind and grateful, a few rude and ungrateful — all the students agreed how

they were blessed and how it still felt good doing something nice for another person, even if their response wasn't exactly how the students thought it should be.

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Elementary School marketing director

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SKAGIT STUDENTS STUDY HISTORY'S CALL TO SERVICE

Two large black and red trunks arrived at Skagit Adventist Academy's history classes in Burlington last winter, and the students were curious. What was in them? They soon found out. Each trunk contained teaching curriculum from the Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle to help students grasp the enormity of the Holocaust.

For three weeks, students in grades seven through 10 watched short videos, read short excerpts, and used pictures and replicas to learn how Hitler developed his "Final Solution" and what people like British humanitarian Nicholas Winton did to help rescue hundreds of children.

One of the most impactful assignments centered on short biographies of children who were part of the Holocaust. Each student received a different child. Their task was to summarize the participant's life and then predict an outcome. Some were discouraged to find that their person had not survived the war, while others were pleased to find that theirs had indeed survived the horrors of the Holocaust.

In the fifth and sixth grades, students learned similar themes as they read the book *Hana's Suitcase*, a story of a modern-day teacher receiving the suitcase of a Holocaust victim named Hana and the

research that followed to identify the owner.

The curriculum included Skagit students researching life in the 1940s and conducting personal interviews with people who lived back then. They learned about the daily life and the impact that the war had on people's lives.

"Interviewing people who lived during World War II made what we learned more personal and believable," says Makena VonBergen, sixth-grade student. "It has helped me connect and relate better with older people. I see them more as brave now."

Skagit students held discussions over deeper, value-forming issues that were raised in the books and articles they read. They read the story of the Ten Boom sisters who were committed to helping the Jews. Corrie ten Boom chose to lie about having a radio in the house and was able to help many Jews. Her sister chose not to lie and was also able to help many Jews. The fifth- and sixth-grade students held a debate over the ninth commandment to not bear false witness and whether there was a time when it was okay to lie — such as when you are saving a life.

"I see the courage people like the Ten Boom sisters showed through the difficult situations they went through," says Leili VonBergen, eighth-grade student. "I'm amazed by



Through interviews, Skagit students learned how World War II affected people's lives in the 1940s.

the love, kindness and forgiveness they showed towards the Nazis."

Through these in-depth studies of the Holocaust in fifth through 10th grades, Skagit students were able to lay life foundations to understand the value of service and the value of standing against the evil in this world.

Tami Rowe and Rachel Mountain, Skagit Adventist Academy teachers

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AAA SENIORS DEMONSTRATE DEDICATION, DETERMINATION

Yutong “Kevin” Tan arrived from Beijing, China, with a determination that would allow him to have a great experience at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA).

While attending AAA, Tan has improved his English, shined with his math skills and participated in the basketball program. He is taking a perfect SAT math score of 800 with him as he graduates this year.

He says his strict study schedule and determination are what allowed him to achieve his goals. “I have a goal to study at a top college,” Tan explains. “I want to learn, and in order to achieve the goal I need to be dedicated.” Tan will begin his undergraduate study at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Penn., this fall.

When Joshua Venn chose to come to AAA, he wasn’t quite sure what to expect.

Auburn’s wide range of class offerings, proximity to family and the allure of the Pacific Northwest were among his reasons for choosing the school. However, he did not want to have unreal expectations. “Honestly, I expected the school to be impersonal and cold, but it ended up being just the opposite,” says Venn.

Within three weeks Venn knew everyone and was happily surprised at the warm welcome he received from both students and staff. He has participated in student week of prayer and served in student leadership positions, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Even though it is difficult to watch the seniors graduate and leave campus, it is rewarding to see them grow and exciting to think of all God has in store for them.

Stacy Tejel, AAA English teacher



Yutong “Kevin” Tan and Joshua Venn are two examples of Auburn Adventist Academy students who are demonstrating determination and dedication in their academic studies.



Grays Harbor alumni (from left) Allison Cushing, Syrene Stopsen, Cami Clevenger and Emily Cushing return to dig up a time capsule they buried as elementary students.

GRAYS HARBOR STUDENTS DIG UP TIME CAPSULE

In February 2013, sisters Allison and Emily Cushing, along with their friends Cami and Syrene, made a time capsule out of an empty chocolate sampler tin. They let all 18 kids at their school, Grays Harbor Adventist Christian

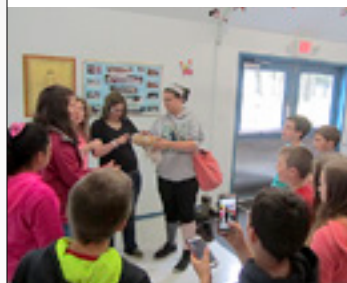
a plastic toy, a ribbon. The four friends wrote notes to put inside, sealed the tin shut and buried it outside.

Because the Cushings are moving this year, and because they were all impatient, the girls’ original plan to uncover the time capsule after five years was discarded. So three years after it was buried, they returned to the school on May 19, 2016, to dig up their time capsule.

The girls and the current Grays Harbor students surveyed the tin’s contents. Waterlogged papers required deciphering. The kids took pictures of all the items.

In the end, it wasn’t so much the things as the cherished memories of their old school that made digging up the time capsule worth it for these girls.

Emily Cushing, 17, who attended Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School for fifth through eighth grades



Digging up the time capsule provides a special moment of interaction between Grays Harbor alumni and current students.

School, put something in the time capsule if they wanted to.

Kids put in random things they had on hand: a fuzzy pencil, a couple markers, a few erasers, a rubber toy, a beaded trinket, a penny, some liquid glue, colored pencils, a Bible lessons notebook, a *KidsView* magazine, a picture of Jesus,

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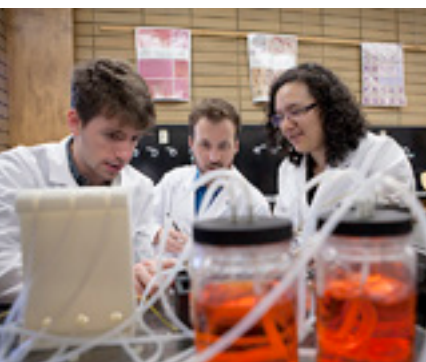
"But as for me and my family we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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alla Walla College opened its doors for the first day of classes in 1892 with 80 students in one building that stood tall against the backdrop of the Blue Mountains. Enrollment had increased to 101 by the end of the day. By contrast, Washington State University, which opened the same year, had 60 students.*

Nearly 125 years later, Walla Walla University (WWU) students number more than 1,800. They choose from more than 100 areas of study in liberal arts, technical and professional programs on five WWU campuses throughout the Northwest.



Students work multidisciplinary teams on bioengineering projects.

On average, college graduates earn more than \$1 million more during their lifetimes than those without college degrees. A study by *The Economist* magazine shows

WWU ranked nationwide among other colleges whose alumni outperform income expectations for the 10 years following graduation.

This isn't surprising, given the strength of WWU academic programs and the quality of the students WWU attracts. What is surprising is that some well-known universities didn't rank well when graduate earnings were analyzed.

It's a blessing to see the long-term economic value of a WWU degree confirmed in these findings, but these statistics and others like them are secondary to the WWU core themes of excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression and faith in God. In countless ways each day, these core themes are expressed among WWU students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Take for example Ka-leb Williams, 2015 business administration graduate, who recently traveled halfway around the world to Zambia, where he worked for several months at the Lusaka Eye Hospital to help upgrade their accounting system.

Then there is Karl Wallenkampf, 2016 graduate with degrees in humanities and biology, who recently received the de Jager prize for exceptional academ-



WWU students find Peterson Memorial Library a quiet, comfortable place to study.

ic performance from the Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford (SCIO) center during a semester he spent studying at Oxford University.

The four core themes are more than simply something pleasant to contemplate. In fact, seven WWU faculty and staff spent countless hours during the 2015–16 academic year to analyze, track and assess how well WWU is doing at fulfilling its commitment to the core themes.

The team tied each of the themes to strategic initiatives and then, using eight different assessment instruments, pinpointed areas of success and areas where improvement is needed. The WWU campus community is not content to

rest on past success. We press on.

We press on with the WWU statement of philosophy in mind, which says in part, "Recognizing that God is the source of all truth, goodness and beauty, the university seeks to convey to students a wisdom that translates academic achievement into responsible citizenship, generous service, a deep respect for the beauty in God's creation and the promise of re-creation through Jesus Christ."

Kim Strobel, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations supervisor

** Bold Venture: A History of Walla Walla College, by Terrie Dopp Aamodt, p. 1–3.*

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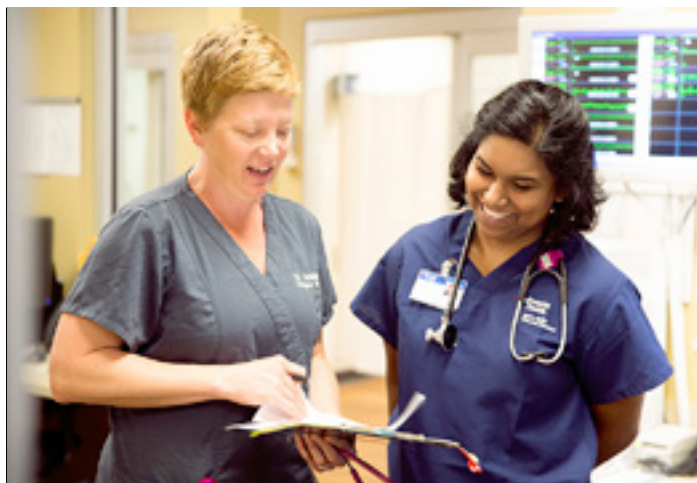
WWGH WELCOMES MEDICAL STUDENTS

Northwest Adventists have a long history of providing quality higher education in southeast Washington. Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) has joined that educational legacy by providing clinical education for third-year medical students from the Pacific Northwest University (PNWU) College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Wash.

This program, which began in 2013, benefits both the medical students and their patients at WWGH. During their clinical rotations in the Walla Walla Valley, the medical students are paired with physicians in the area to gain experience in pediatrics, internal medicine, emergency medicine and more.

For some, the Adventist Health mission and healing environment have been a new and unique experience. Elizabeth McMurtry, who practices emergency medicine at WWGH and previously coordinated the PNWU program in Walla Walla, points out Adventist Health's understanding of preventive health care and how diet impacts health fits well with osteopathic medicine.

"The focus on vegetarianism is unique in medicine," says McMurtry. The PNWU medical students appreciate learning about how health



Emergency medicine physician Elizabeth McMurtry (left) talks with Priya Panneerselvam, a medical student gaining clinical experience at Walla Walla General Hospital.

maintenance and disease prevention start with diet.

PNWU medical student Priya Panneerselvam chose Walla Walla for her clinical rotation site because she knew she'd get a lot of hands-on experience directly with physicians. She hasn't been disappointed.

"Being one of four medical students at this hospital has been a huge blessing. WWGH has provided me with numerous opportunities, including assisting with surgeries and procedures," says Panneerselvam.

She's also been delighted with the culture surrounding her work at WWGH. "The hospital has welcomed us with open arms, keeping us in the loop about holiday parties and fun events," she says. "I love

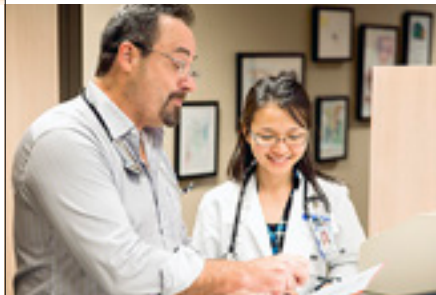
walking into the hospital and being greeted by banners with the mission of restoring peace, hope and health."

Cindy Tran, another PNWU medical student, chose Walla Walla because of its rural setting and clinical opportunities. Once she arrived at WWGH, she discovered a hospital filled with kindness — "from the CEO and CFO to the staff and volunteers," she says.

"The hospitality that I've experienced made it feel like home," Tran adds. "My preceptors are all excellent physicians, great in both medicine and as individual persons, whom I would like to become when I 'grow up.'"

The hospital also benefits from the addition of medical students to its staff. At first,

some patients wonder why there is an extra person in the exam room. "But the more they talk, the more patients realize this is a collaboration between patients and medical students," McMurtry explains. Because the medical students are especially focused and eager to learn, their questions often flesh out helpful information — like lifestyle complications — early in the examination and diagnosis cycle.



Pediatrician Joseph Wren (left) guides medical student Cindy Tran through her clinical experience in treating some of WWGH's youngest patients.

These medical students help WWGH provide personalized care to patients, while the hospital gives the students a glimpse into Adventist Health's unique focus on whole-person health. This partnership is another way WWGH is demonstrating the human expression of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Laurel Rogers, Adventist Health writer

BLISS — Ellen Mae (Payne Rose), 89; born Feb. 16, 1926, Chelan, Wash.; died Dec. 21, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Donal D. Bliss, Chugiak, Alaska; daughter, Thora L. Bliss, College Place, Wash.; brother, Carl Rose, Colville, Wash.; sister, Myrtle (Rose) Age, Colville; 8 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

BORING — B. Ruth (Doleman), 91; born July 30, 1924, Portland, Ore.; died April 1, 2016, Portland. Surviving: daughters, Susan Colburn, Portland; Jodie Schimke, Kingston, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

DAVIS — Shirley Ann (Ruffcorn) Clark, 90; born March 18, 1925, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Feb. 28, 2016, Billings, Mont. Surviving: sons, Michael Alan Clark, Montana City, Mont.; Charles David Clark and Douglas Lee Knoche, both of Billings; Daniel Jay Clark, Lakewood, Colo.; brother, John Ruffcorn, Grand Terrace, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

JONES — Mavis E. (Baty), 93; born Aug. 15, 1922, Eagleville, Calif.; died March 5, 2016, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: son, Melvin, Cherry Valley, Calif.; daughter, Bonnie Barnhart, Days Creek, Ore.; sister, Margaret Bobst, Loma Linda, Calif.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RAINES — Kenneth, 94; born Jan. 20, 1922, Forest Grove, Ore.; died Jan. 22, 2016, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Diane (Brandt); sons, Scott, Ferndale, Wash.; Greg, Boise; daughters, Catherine Haney, Keene, Texas; Erin Jensen, Boise; Colleen Lang, Louis-

ville, Ky.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SLAYTER — Melvin Merle, 88; born July 27, 1927, Lasiter, Texas; died Feb. 23, 2016, Sheridan, Ore. Surviving: son, Allen, Spanaway, Wash.; daughters, Darlene Snow, Sheridan; Diana Adams, McMinnville, Ore.; Iris Frogge, Aurora, Neb.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

ST. CLAIR-WIBBERDING-JONES — Naomi Hazel (Sulzie), 97; born July 29, 1918, Rockyford, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 20, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Leo St. Clair, Yucca Valley, Calif.; Dale St. Clair, Wapato, Wash.; Lamont St.

Clair, Apple Valley, Calif.; daughter, Fairy St. Clair-Cooper, Chehalis, Wash.; stepsons, Bill Wibberding, Moses Lake, Wash.; Lonnie Wibberding, Pe Ell, Wash.; Gary Wibberding, Wapato; Mark Wibberding, Salisbury, N.C.; stepdaughters, Carol Howard and Judi Kautzman, both of Yakima, Wash.; Lindy Hicks, Rio Linda, Calif.; Gloria Powell, Bend, Ore.; Janet Scheller, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; Debbie Wibberding, Farmington, N.M.; sister, Ruby Ruth Griffin, Portland, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, 21 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 38 step-great-grandchildren.

WAHLSTROM — Mary Alice (Sherman), 74; born Feb. 21, 1942, Peoria, Ill.; died Feb. 25, 2016, Puyallup, Wash.

Surviving: husband, Gregg, Bonney Lake, Wash.; sons, Jon Mark, Puyallup; David, Bonney Lake; daughter, Jan Elston, Ventura, Calif.; brothers, David Sherman, Wilder, Idaho; Jonathan Sherman, Athol, Idaho; and 2 grandchildren.

WHELOCK — Merrill G., 89; born July 5, 1926, Detroit, Mich.; died March 7, 2016, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Betty (Briggs); sons, Robert, Post Falls, Idaho; Richard, Las Vegas, Nev.; daughters, Becky Zimmer, Venice, Fla.; Sharon Proctor, Coeur d'Alene; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

WITCOMBE — Charles Morgan, 94; born July 10, 1921, Seattle, Wash.; died Dec. 27, 2015, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Judith Karen (Adams); sons, John Witcombe, Grants Pass, Ore.; James Witcombe, Lockeford, Calif.; Darren Musgrave, Seattle, Wash.; daughters, Julie (Witcombe) McGhee, Oak Hills, Calif.; Janet (Witcombe) Remitz, Heron, Mont.; 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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RICHARD WILLIAMS

A resident of McMinnville, Ore., Richard “Dick” Williams passed away on Feb. 18, 2016, at the age of 86, surrounded by his family and friends. He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Doris Elaine (Jauch) Williams. He is also survived by his children, Celene (Williams) Cross and Grant and Cecily (Williams) Geschke; his grandchildren, Sydney Cross, Joel Cross and Annika Geschke; his brother-in-law and brother-in-law’s wife, Bob and Virginia Jauch; and many nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by both of his parents, his brother Bob Williams, and his sisters Mildred Hurst and Frances Maxwell.

Dick was born in El Centro, Calif., and resided in the state until moving to Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1979. He attended high school at San Diego Union Academy, attended college at La Sierra University and graduated from Pacific Union College. He served in the U.S. Army from June 1953 to May 1955. He received his master’s degree in education from San Jose State University in 1970.

Dick retired after 43 years of teaching and administrative work in both private and public schools. After his grandchildren were born, Dick and Doris moved to McMinnville, Ore., where he resided until his passing.



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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

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Max Torkelsen II, NPUCA president

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More events listed at GleanerNow.com/events.

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3ABN coming to Albany Adventist Church

July 9-10 — Shelley Quinn and C.A. Murray of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) will be at the Albany Church starting Friday at 7 p.m. and continuing through Sabbath, with the church providing the Sabbath meal. For more information, call 541-928-9555 or go to albanyadventist.org.

Union College Alumni Gathering

July 23 — Alumni, family and friends of Union College are invited to attend this year's Gladstone Union College Alumni Gathering on July 23 at 5 p.m. in Zull Hall, on the grounds of the Gladstone Park Conference Center, during Gladstone Camp Meeting. The meeting will feature a special guest from Union College and will offer a chance to catch up and reconnect with friends and old classmates. A light meal will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help with expenses. For more information, call Jeremy or Krissy Barber at 971-208-5741.

Filipino Rally

Aug. 20 — Filipinos of Oregon and Washington: Let us all come together for a Filipino Rally with worship, fellowship

and food at Rivergate Adventist School, 1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027. Services will begin with Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. and continue into the afternoon until 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style, so bring your favorite entrée and salad or dessert for 12. Bring your friends, appetites, both spiritual and physical. For more information, call Ardina Wang at 503-255-0075.

Laurelwood Academy Class of 1976 40-Year Reunion

Sept. 16-18 — Starting off with golf on Friday, please call Robert Danielson 503-260-3000 or email robertdanielson4@gmail.com for more details. Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. and church at 11 a.m., at the Laurelwood Church, 39200 SW Laurelwood Rd., Gaston, Ore., followed by potluck next door at Laurelwood Elementary. A guided tour of the campus is scheduled. Also planning an evening of sharing the past 40 years of our lives and getting reacquainted at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant, 8544 SW Apple Way Portland, Ore., at 6 p.m. Find us and register on our Facebook page, Laurelwood Academy Class of '76 Reunion. For more information, call Dean Moreno at 503-706-0548 or email Bev (Lutz) Betts at bj_betts@icloud.com.

Laurelwood Academy Class of 1966

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Impact Your Health Eugene 2016

Oct. 15-16 — The local Eugene Adventist churches are partnering with Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) to organize a free medical, dental and vision clinic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Lane County Fairgrounds Performance Hall, 796 W 13th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402. Volunteers are needed in the medical, dental and vision fields, as well as general volunteers like translators, greeters, registration workers, barbers/hairstylists, massage therapists, food coordinators, security and crowd control specialists, prayer warriors, and foot-washing ministry partners. Register to volunteer at impactyourhealth Eugene.org. If you're

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WORLD CHURCH

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Missing Members

Auburn City Church is looking for the following missing members: Jay Brooks, Jeffrey Cooper, Helen Dargie, Larry Drummer, Dudley and Sung Doyle, Amanda Jorgenson, Edward Monday, Nikki Torrey, and William and Angela Wood. If you have any information about these missing members, please contact Gary Fogelquist at the Auburn Church Church, 402 29th St. SE, Auburn WA 98002, contact Carla at 253-833-2560, or email auburncity7@hotmail.com.

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WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY has two faculty openings in music and one in psychology for fall 2016. To view the respective job descriptions and to apply,

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Events

JOIN US FOR RESTORATION INTERNATIONAL'S NW FAMILY RETREAT held this year on July 13-17, at Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Wash. Visit restoration-international.org or call Vernon and Karina Pettey at 406-890-1195.

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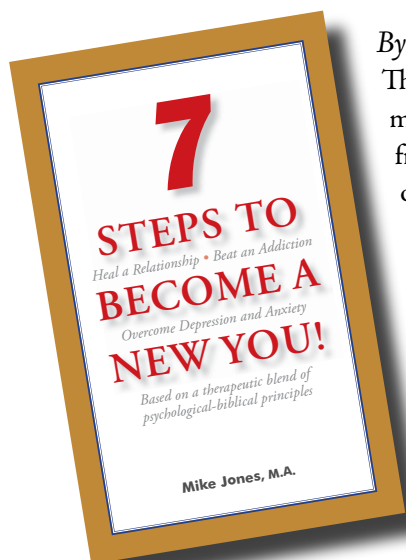
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FOUR THINGS CHURCH MEMBERS DO ... THAT WOULD GET THEM FIRED AT WORK



I debated on placing a lot of qualifications on this article.

You know, things like, “just because you do this doesn’t make you a bad person” or “this may describe you, but Jesus still loves you” or “I know you have been hurt by someone, and I understand why you do what you do” — but I could spend the entire column qualifying and kill the whole exercise. So, with that in mind, I present to you four glorious, silly things people of sound mind and body do, while claiming church membership, that would get them sacked at work.

1. DON'T SHOW UP

This is obvious, or should be, but apparently it isn't to half the members on our “church books.”

Employers don't usually keep people on payroll who don't show up. Even magicians who make themselves disappear for a living have to first appear in order to amaze everyone with their disappearing. Everyone from cooks to zookeepers need to show up; but despite the admonition not to “forsake the fellowship of believers” (Heb. 10:25), Christians claim to be a part of a particular tradition or local church — but never make an appearance.

Even weirder, when the

planets align and they do show up, they become offended when regular attenders express either delight or surprise at their presence. They complain about greeters' comments indicating they are a visitor. It is irritating when church members are treated like visitors; but it is even more irritating when visitors claim to be members. I used to work at and attend Union College, but I don't expect a paycheck from them or to be treated as an employee when I visit every few years — that would be weird.

2. SHOW UP, BUT DON'T WORK

Imagine a dream company you would love to work for. It could be the *New York Times* or the hotel Atlantis in Nassau Bahamas (which has a clear tube waterslide that shoots you through a shark tank). Now imagine going to their place of business, standing there and telling everyone you work for that company. Even now, imagine going to work and just standing or sitting, but not actually talking with people or helping — how long would you keep that job? Even people who stand around holding signs on the street corner manage to twirl them and dance a little bit, which is more than a lot of church members do.



AUTHOR

Seth Pierce



PERSPECTIVE



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3. SHOW UP, WORK, BUT DON'T CONTRIBUTE

Okay, so maybe you wouldn't get fired for this, but it would make the work environment rather unpleasant. Many jobs have potlucks or parties or office pools where people pitch in to help in various ways — but if you're the guy or gal who just enjoys everyone else's contribution without contributing then things will turn ugly. In other words, when you expect that others will always take you to lunch instead of seeking to take someone else to lunch, people will start to feel frustrated and your relationships will erode. Even though you may be present on occasion, you really aren't part of the community. Sometimes as a pastor I get to appreciate the irony of members complaining

about candidates such as Bernie Sanders, whom they perceive as offering "free stuff" to everyone, and how terrible that is. Yet they themselves show up and consume religious goods and services and never give anything back.

4. OPENLY CRITICIZE LEADERS AND CORE VALUES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Not since the doors of Wittenberg have believers had so many opportunities to publicly post their grievances concerning religious institutions and leadership. Now, as a good Protestant, I enjoy a protest — I strongly believe in accountability, grassroots movements and all the wonders of having a gripe session when life becomes frustrating (and, as I often remind people, those who work for the church

witness far more to become irritated over versus the laity). However, there are healthy ways and toxic ways to deal with conflict. What strikes me as fascinating, especially among actual employees of the church, is the brazen and personal attacks on doctrine and leadership. While many times my friends and colleagues have good questions and make good points, the contrast of what is allowed at most workplaces fascinates me.

Imagine working for Starbucks and posting on Facebook, "This coffee is so nasty and burnt tasting, go to [local hipster joint] instead!" What about working for Microsoft and calling out Bill Gates on Twitter and then expressing how much better Apple does at designing? Countless stories of people losing their jobs due to social media outbursts can be found with a few keystrokes, and yet it's an open forum for pastors, teachers and members

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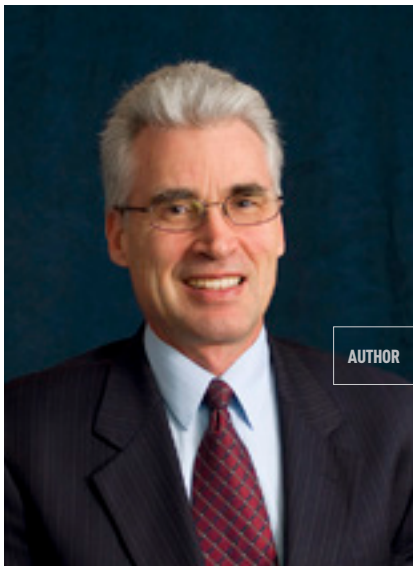
Am I suggesting we don't engage in critical reflection? No, successful organizations reflect deeply on their mission and make difficult decisions to "stay in business." However, I don't know of many organizations that encourage open criticism and sarcasm among employees on their personal media sites.

CONCLUSION

Church membership is a tricky thing and varies across denomination and local congregations within the same denomination. Does this mean we need to rein people in and reestablish stricter standards for membership and employment? Or maybe it means that the church has more grace than our places of business and maybe more than we have realized.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

CIRCUS OF GRACE



AUTHOR

Martin Weber

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ule No. 1 for law enforcement chaplains is to never interfere with an arrest. But one time I did. It was before I knew better, predating my volunteer ministry as a chaplain.

The year was 1983. While visiting my mother in Maryland, I took my kids — ages 5 and 6 at the time — to a pharmacy. A police car straddled the curb outside the store, lights flashing. As we walked inside, there was a man being arrested.

“Daddy! Is he going to jail?”

“It seems like he will.”

Now the kids really got excited. “What did he do?”

“I guess they caught him stealing something.”

Normally I’m a proponent of “reap what you sow, learn from your choices.” But some-

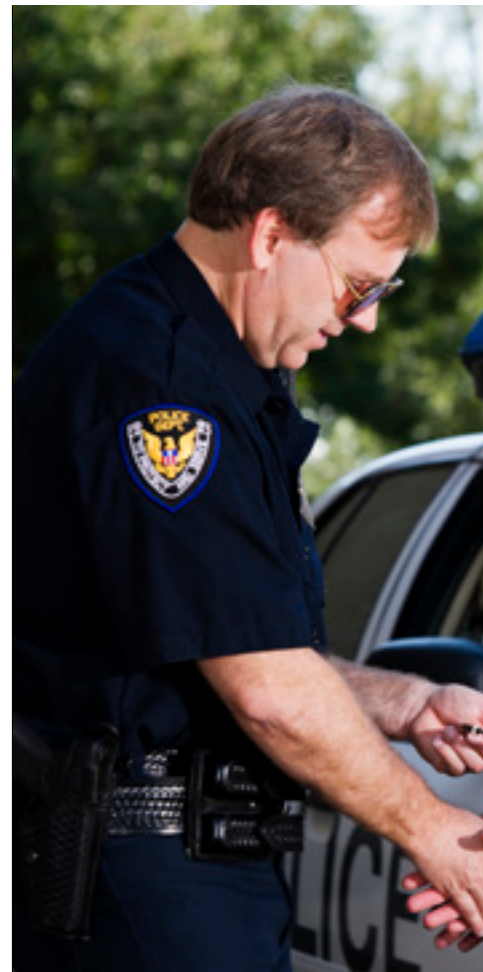
thing about this guy touched my heart. Maybe his slumping shoulders. Seized with unexpected boldness, I ventured over and initiated undeserved intercession.

OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

“I’m really sorry you have to arrest this man.”

The officer turned to me and stared. “Yeah, we’re sorry too.”

Pointing to the suspect, I suggested, “I think this man also is



sorry. He looks that way to me.”

The officer frowned.

Naively ignoring that warning, I addressed the thief: “Aren’t you sorry you stole that stuff?”

“I sure am, man.”

“See, he’s sorry,” I pled hopefully. “I’ll bet he’ll never shoplift anything again.”

“He’s right! I’ll never steal anything again as long as I live!” exclaimed the thief.

Yeah, right, the store manager frowned sarcastically.

“Look,” ordered the officer, regaining control of the situation and righteously resisting the audacity of grace. “You’re obstructing justice here.”

I apologized. His voice softened. “I’m sure you mean well, sir, but I’ve got a job to do for this man,” he said, nodding toward the manager. “He’s the one pressing charges.”



We seldom know this side of heaven the positive results of radical grace.

grin and final wave, he dashed around the corner into a trash-strewn alley. Watching in wonder, the policeman ducked into his cruiser, calmed his flashing lights and thoughtfully rolled out of the parking lot.

Maybe the whole thing was for him.

CELESTIAL INTERCESSION

Alone again with my kids, I walked them over to our Mazda and opened the door.

“Wow, Daddy,” they exclaimed. “Why did you help that man? Didn’t he deserve to go to jail?”

“He sure did. I guess I felt sorry for him. And I wanted to show you what we were talking about in worship the other day — how Jesus intercedes for us in heaven as our high priest.”

It was an expensive illustration. Seven dollars is a stretch for a struggling young family, particularly in 1983 dollars. But I could have paid a lot more for interfering with the arrest process — with my own arrest, actually. Only 15 years later as a chaplain did I

realize the outrageousness of my breach of protocol. Police risk their lives when arresting a suspect who might be armed and have criminal comrades lurking nearby.

But I was just a foolish young dad, so the officer spared me. And maybe he had other reasons too.

I don’t know whether the criminal beneficiary of my intercession turned his life around. Probably not, judging by how he dismissed my spiritual explanation of his release. Yet we seldom know this side of heaven the positive results of radical grace.

Come to think of it, we are all recipients of this amazing grace. How have we responded? How have we paid this gift forward to others in our midst?

Martin Weber, Adventist product manager for Faithlife, maker of Logos Bible Software

I saw my opportunity. “Say, would you drop charges if I take responsibility for what this guy did? Let me pay for whatever he stole.”

The manager scowled, a swirl of irritation, consternation and amazement. “This store has a systemwide policy of arresting all shoplifters,” he replied. Then he paused and shrugged. “But ... I guess we can make an exception, if you’re willing to pay for the merchandise.”

I pulled out my wallet. “So how much do I owe you?”

He thought for a moment. “Let’s make it \$7.”

I handed over a five and two ones, and the manager took custody of the ransom.

“Can he go now?” I petitioned the officer.

“Well, if the manager is

dropping charges, I’ve got no grounds to arrest him.”

Case closed. The handcuffs came off, and I triumphantly headed for the exit, trailed by my kids and our new friend. As our circus of grace paraded past onlooking customers and employees, some seemed amused, others amazed.

Outside, the pardoned shoplifter stopped and turned toward me. “Hey, man! I can’t believe what you did in there.”

I told him God had done the same thing for me and for him with our sins recorded in heaven — a much more serious situation than any charges here on Earth.

He didn’t seem captivated by the grace that set him free. He just wanted to evacuate his crime zone. With a grateful

SHOULD I GO BACK TO CHURCH?

I'm asked this question frequently by those who are not active in a church. In case you or someone you know is among them, my response is: "It's probably a good idea to find a church home if you want to keep growing spiritually."

Of course, genuine spiritual growth comes as a result of having a prayer life that includes personal Bible study and daily conversations with God. But conversations with fellow Christians are important too. Perhaps this is why Christians are encouraged to "not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another" (Heb. 10:25).

Let's face it. We live on a planet that is unfriendly to Christian living. The Bible is clear that Satan is in charge here. Jesus called him "the prince of this world" (John 12:31). And because we're all born with his selfish nature, we all have battles to fight. So it's really nice to be able to interact with others who can encourage us.

Often we find them in church.

Sometimes finding the right church can be challenging after you've been away for a while as I had been. Diane and I visited 12 churches before we found one that worked for us. It was a startup and only had 35 to 40 members. But we liked its upbeat music. The members were friendly, the pastor was an excellent communicator, and the church seemed to have a healthy spiritual vibe.

But what should you do if there's only one Adventist church in town and you're not comfortable there? Perhaps something like this. Once a Christian friend suggested that I hook up with the most godly man I could think of in my church and ask him to mentor me. I prayed over the matter, then approached a retired man who agreed to let me meet with him. We met every week for about a year until a new job took me away.

Because of his mentoring, that was one of the most wonderful years of my life spiritually. And so I pass on the idea to you with this caveat: Don't rush and do pray long and hard for God's guidance before you approach someone.

And now back to Diane's and my search for a church home. When we visited one church where no one spoke to us after we got by the greeter, I finally got up and walked down to the front of this very large church and began greeting people. I said my good mornings, shook hands and continued down seven or eight rows until those who were in charge started the service and I returned to my seat.

As we were leaving after the service, Diane said, "I think we left them better than we found them." However, as you might expect, we didn't go back.

We did sign up with Church No. 13 many months later. But within six months, the pastor whom we had learned to love left to become a Bible teacher in a religious secondary school. Also,



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them a call? They hadn't been around for 20 years, we were told.

"Get us their phone number, and we'll give it a try," we said.

I said a little prayer a few days later and made my first attempt. "Hey, Bill," I said. "This is Mike Jones. We used to know each other back in the day, and our boys were friends. How about we get together some time with our wives for a little breakfast and catch up?"

Bill was cordial, but said he and Ada were busy just now. Maybe another time. I continued to pray for guidance, and about three weeks later I called again. Bill said they were still quite busy. I waited for about six weeks and was really wavering when I made my third call.

They said yes to a breakfast encounter, and we had a great visit getting reacquainted. A few weeks later they accepted our invitation to an event at the church.

Today Bill and Ada Wallace are fully back in church. Bill is the head deacon, and we are proud to number them among our dearest friends.

Which brings me back to you. If you haven't been attending church for a while, might it be good for you to come back too? I believe it would. In fact, I suspect Jesus will be waiting there for you with open arms. And it would surprise me if you didn't get some handshakes and a hug or two from some new friends and maybe from some old ones as well.

Mike Jones, author and Rockwood Church member

it wasn't helpful that three months elapsed before the next pastor arrived. It was also not helpful that just several years later the second pastor left for a new assignment.

It was an unsettling time. But when we moved to a nearby city so we could be near Diane's aged mother, we hooked up with another church.

This has not been a perfect situation for us either. None is. But we've been in this church for 10 years and formed some really nice friendships. Plus we've found some meaningful ways to be involved. Among other things, Diane teaches a Bible study class and I teach friendliness principles from time to time to equip the members to have warm connections with visitors.

I pause here to remind

myself — and you — that the church is supposed to be a spiritual medical center. If it really is, you're going to encounter some fairly unwell people, sometimes even among leaders. I mean, if you were the devil, would you attack the music industry or the church? When we bump into unwell members, we have two choices. We can let these folks impact us negatively, or we can realize we've been saved to serve and relate to them as Jesus would. The choices we make will help to determine if our return to church will be successful.

Several years ago, one of our longtime church members asked Diane and me about some inactive members who didn't attend church anymore. Didn't we used to know them? Might we be willing to give

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few years ago, I did the unlikely improbable impossibility. That's descriptive, not redundant.

My military style of golf — left, right, left, right — is more akin to the parable of the lost coin than any other heroic story. So the hole-in-one came as a shock. In the hallway at home, there's a photo of me gazing at the ball in disbelief. It really did happen — I have a witness willing to come forward should there be doubters. But to characterize my entire golfing experience by this one singularly sensational event would be grossly unfair. It would, in fact, be as inaccurate as . . . my golf swing.

My mother used to call with great concern in her voice. "Are you all right?" she'd exclaim.

"Of course. Why?" I'd ask, a bit bewildered.

"I saw on the news that winds there have knocked down trees and the streets are all flooded," she'd say, incredulous. I would be so ignorant of the surrounding chaos. She found it hard to believe that local news crews had faithfully found two trees in town that had blown over and just one city block floundering under 6

inches of water. Truly, for those locations it was a disaster. But the apocalypse? No.

Recently on the way to Spokane, Wash., I squeezed into an airplane seat next to a Middle Eastern man. "I'm flying in from Iran," he offered, while my terror alert went temporarily to orange. But, as we talked, I discovered he had been an American longer than I had. My synaptic response had been wide of the mark.

How easy it is to judge someone's character, the impact of a storm or the true ability of a golfer by one point in time, by one narrow perspective. How easy it is to be dead wrong.

Jesus' disciples learned this the hard way. In her book *The Desire of Ages*, Ellen White describes them as "anxious that Judas should become one of their number. He was of commanding appearance, a man of keen discernment and executive ability, and they commended him to Jesus as one who would greatly assist Him in His work" (p. 294).

Who among us would have thought differently? Nearly without exception we fulfill the scriptural observation that "man looks on the outward appearance." And we are shocked when our external value

judgments prove so often to be unfailingly fallible yardsticks of character.

The guy with the grumpy face turns out to be the sweetest person you've ever met. The person with the angelic smile is, behind the façade, a Judas at heart.

Teachers around the world, of course, have known this since the beginning of time. Wise educators know the roughest, toughest challenges often yield the highest rewards. They view their students through the Father's eyes. And that makes all the difference.

Through the years, many of my instructors embodied this value. I just wish one of them had taught me how to play golf.

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