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## PLUGGED INTO JESUS

**O**n a recent Monday morning I awoke, excited about the prospects for the week. Jumping out of bed at an early hour, I had plenty of time to take a long, hot shower and to dress, pray, study, eat breakfast and get to the office. It was going to be a great week! However, things went

Plug into Jesus every day. Unlike my hot water heater, His power never fails.

downhill quickly. Turning on the shower, I expected our brand-new, high-technology, instant hot water heater to produce all it had promised. Instead, all I got was cold water that got even colder as my patience turned quickly to impatience. Something was definitely wrong.

Throwing on some clothes, I headed down the stairs, into the garage and straight to that shiny new instant hot water heater. It was plugged in, but its lights weren't on. As I investigated further, I found there was no power to the outlet. No power — no hot water.

Our brand-new, high-technology, instant hot water heater failed to produce what it was created for because it had no power. The greatest

technologies or the best intentions don't amount to much without power.

My Monday morning experience was a good reminder that, even with a good attitude, willingness and the best of intentions, I will fail to be what God created me to be, if there is no power.

How's your spiritual power connection today?

There is spiritual power in the name of Jesus, in the blood of Jesus and in the faith of Jesus. With Jesus, all things are possible, and without Him we have no power to live a victorious life. The Apostle Paul challenged us to daily put on Jesus, to walk with Jesus and to live in Jesus. As we focus our eyes on Jesus, we will become like Him. There is spiritual power to become what we were created to be when we are plugged into the power of Jesus.

One of our North Pacific Union Conference strategic priorities for 2018 is "Unity in Christ." Unity in God's church is dependent upon the members being plugged into Jesus. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Jesus is the light of the world, the express image of God. No Jesus, no light. No Jesus, no unity in the church. No Jesus, no power.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34–35). We may not all ever agree on every church policy or nuance of every Scripture, but if we are plugged into Jesus we are empowered to love one another.

Scripture even describes what love to one another looks like in real life: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; hears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:4–8).

Plug into Jesus every day. Unlike my hot water heater, His power never fails. You will receive power to live a life that reveals God to the world and becomes a catalyst for unity in the church.

*John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president*

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## The King's Speech

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Alden Thompson, for this intelligent, researched article on Bible translations. I have read several books on how the Bible was translated, and what you said here lines up with these books. Having worked in a couple of ABCs [Adventist Book Centers] for 10 years, I have run into several people who are “KJV-only” people. I’ve even heard some go so far as to say all the other translations (other than the KJV) are from the devil! The part about the “missing” words actually being added in the KJV is absolutely correct. The first time I encountered this theory, a man gave me a sheet of paper listing all of the texts with so-called “missing” words. I went home and looked up each one in my NIV and found them to all be there, placed in the footnotes along

with reason why they were footnoted. So people making that claim haven’t really done their due diligence in learning the truth. Thanks again for this long-needed article!

*Alice Ray, transplanted Oregonian now in Arizona*

## Conspiracies

Thank you to Seth Pierce for his November 2017 article on our susceptibility as Adventist Christians to conspiracies and speculative ideas, especially regarding the end of time. The article was so well-written and needed. It would be good to hear more reminders on this in the future ... that instead of focusing on the evil around us to keep our eyes on Jesus until He comes.

*Muriel Zaugg, McMinnville, Ore.*



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## OOPS TIMES TWO

We inadvertently administered the “fountain of youth” to 90-year-old Lyndel Hieb, whose Milestone announcement in the January/February *Gleaner* listed her birth year as 1967 instead of 1927. Her family was good natured about it, but we apologize for this error, now hopefully corrected.

Yet another “oops” occurred in our January/February issue. The article on pages 24–25 about the College Place Village Church 125th Anniversary, mistakenly referenced T.L. Ragsdale as T.S. Ragsdale, according to a concerned family member. While we faithfully printed the article with names as submitted, we do want readers to know of this concern.



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Montana gets a new VP.

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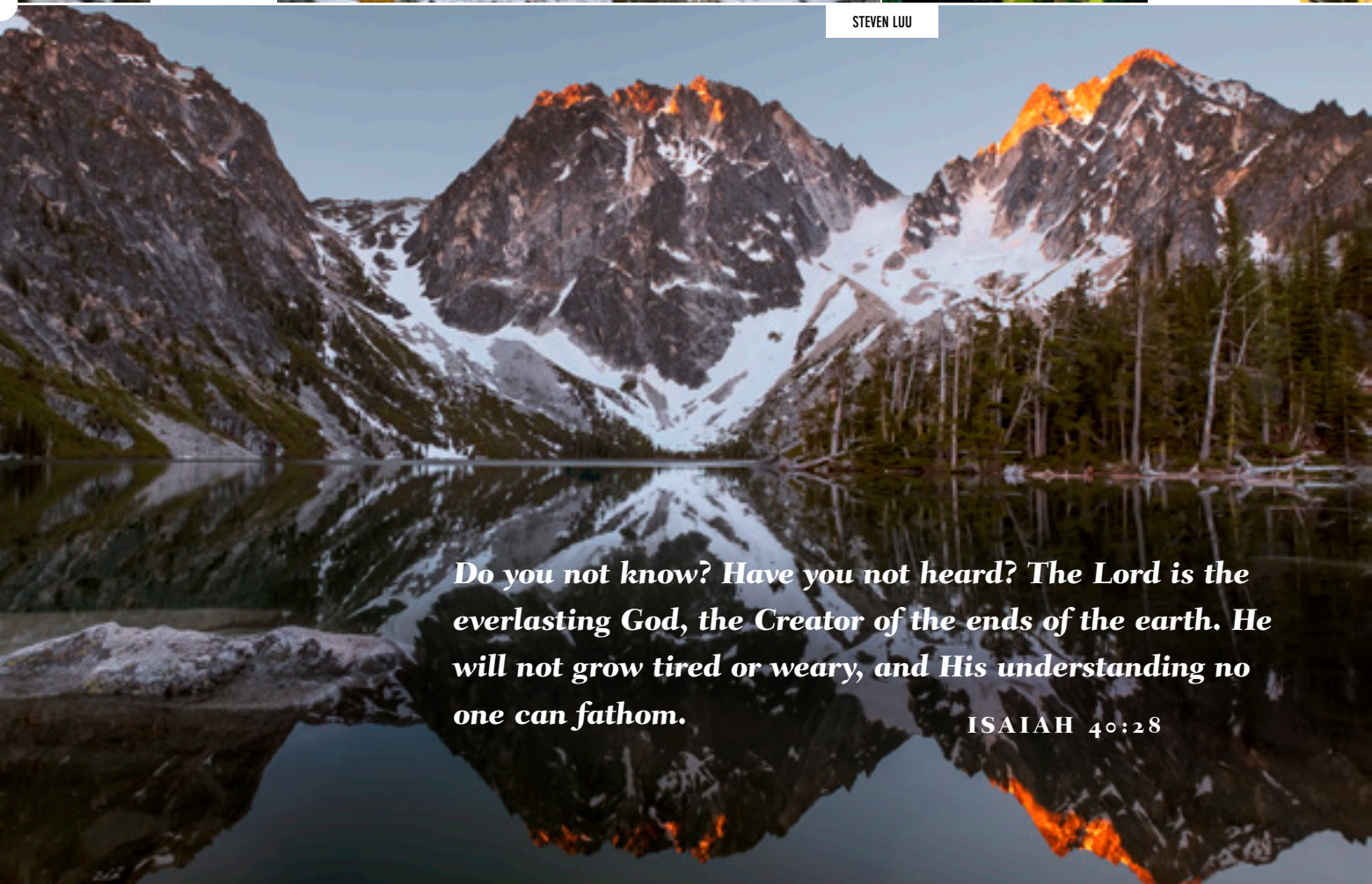


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*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.*

ISAIAH 40:28





*I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

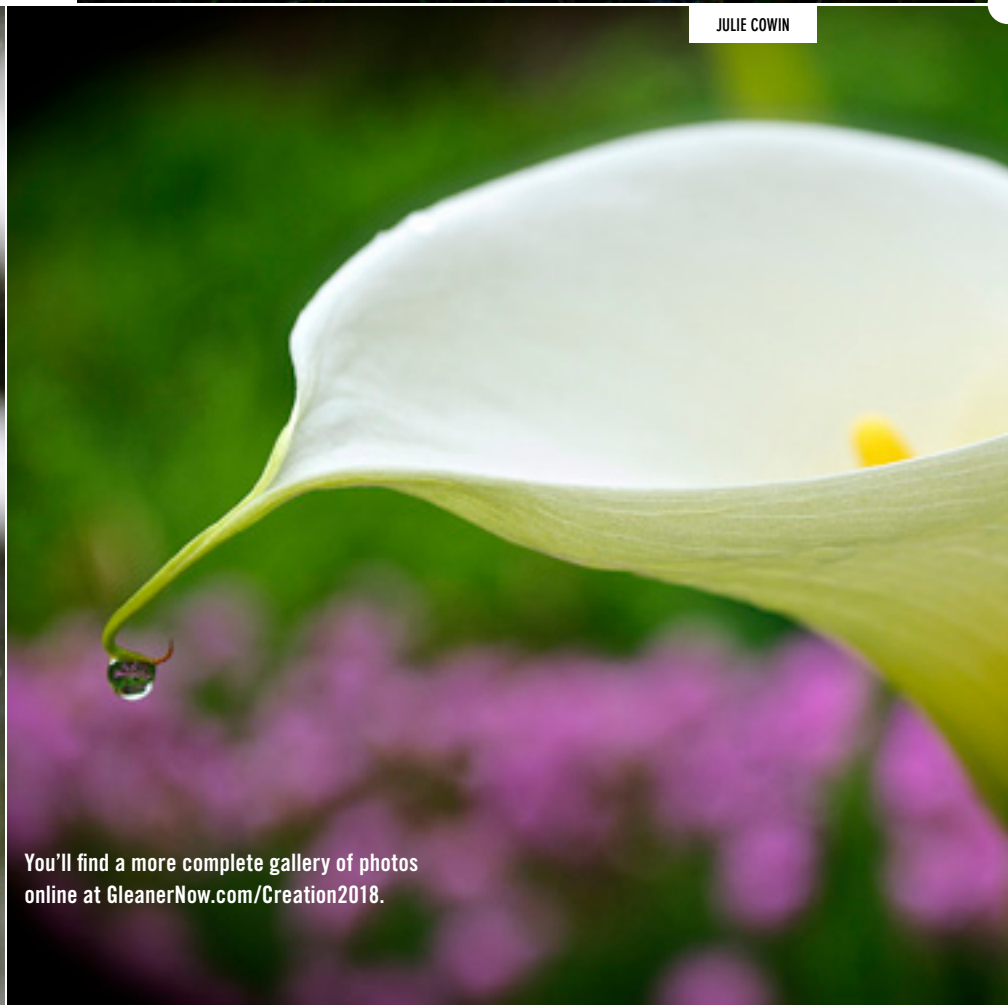
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JULIE COWIN



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## PRIMER ENCUENTRO DE GRUPOS PEQUEÑOS 2017



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### CONFERENCIA DE WASHINGTON

Bajo el lema “Yo y mi casa serviremos a Jehová,” el pasado mes de diciembre se llevó a cabo el primer Encuentro de Grupos Pequeños de las iglesias Hispánicas de la Conferencia de Washington.

Más de 100 líderes, representando cada una de nuestras iglesias, se hospedaron en el hotel Best Western de la ciudad de Federal Way el viernes y sábado para recibir seminarios sobre cómo aplicar el método de Cristo en los grupos pequeños.

Para las 10 de la mañana del sábado en el gimnasio de la academia adventista de Auburn pasaban ya los 800 miembros de grupos y líderes. El pastor Ferreira tuvo la oportunidad de instruir esta vez a todos los miembros de dichos grupos los principios de crecimiento de iglesia.

En el culto divino el pastor José Rojas, en su sermón nos animó a aceptar el desafío de seguir trabajando a través del Ministerio de Grupos Pequeños y esperar victoria, así como los 300 guerreros de

Gedeón que Dios necesita en los últimos días.

El pastor Doug Bing presidente de nuestra conferencia se dirigió a los presentes con palabras de apoyo y ánimo y oro intercediendo por el ministerio de los grupos pequeños.

Antes de concluir el evento tuvimos una pequeña pero solemne ceremonia para despedir al Pastor Manuel Cabral quien se retira del ministerio después de 42 años de servicio pastoral. Le deseamos a él y su esposa Argerie toda bendición y gozo en el Señor.

Al finalizar este precioso evento lo hicimos con el concierto de Luis Reynoso quien nos inspiró con sus alabanzas llenándonos con alegría integral.

Agradecemos a Dios por la gran bendición que impartió a todos los presentes. Gracias también a todos los colaboradores que hicieron su parte para que el evento haya sido un éxito. Oramos para que Dios nos siga bendiciendo con eventos inspiradores como este.

*Pastor Francisco Brito, director de ministerios hispanos de la conferencia de Washington*



## BETHEL HOSTS ANGEL SEMINAR

**T**he Bethel Church, whose name means “house of God,” hosted the 2017 Angel Seminar Oct. 21 through Nov. 11, 2017. The seminar was held at the Yupiit Cultural Center and led by Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference Native ministry assistant, and his team, in concert with the Bethel Church.

Supported by NPUC, the team did a phenomenal job in preaching the gospel of Christ to interested attendees. Each night, Church opened the Word of God and taught in a clear and concise way what it truly means to be a Christian and accept the gift of salvation.

“Learn to Lean on Jesus” was the highlight of the music each night. Bruce Twing, the main artist, was joined by other guest singers from the Native and Korean communities.

With something for everyone, the children’s program, led by team members

The evangelism team included (from left) Steve Huey, Vecous Waite, Monte Church and Bruce Twing.

The entire team helped make the Angel Seminar a success at Bethel Church.



Tom and Sharon Kingsbury, helped the children to learn more about God’s second book, nature, as well as the God who created it. Crafts and other activities were enjoyed by those who attended, including at least one child who had never attended the church before.

The seminar ended with Church delivering the last message, that everyone should have love for one another. Because of the seminar, five people were baptized and became a part of the Bethel Church membership.

*Vecous Waite, Bethel Company Arctic Missionary Volunteer*



George Dronen, Dillingham pastor, stands with Liza and Vincent Henry and Dan and Theresa Breeden as they celebrate their joining the Dillingham Church family.

## DILLINGHAM CELEBRATES HAPPY DAY

**O**ct. 28, 2017, was a happy day in Dillingham Church as Dan and Theresa Breeden and Vincent and Liza Henry became members.

The Breedens, along with their granddaughter, Sunny, moved to Dillingham in July just a little before Barbara and George Dronen became the interim pastoral team. Dan had grown up in an Adventist home but had never accepted this way of life. His wife, Theresa, was raised in the Catholic faith. When the Breedens relocated, they decided to enroll Sunny in Dillingham Adventist School.

After a while, Sunny wanted to go to church with the other students. Her grandparents thought they might as well join her. The Dronens got to know the couple, and soon the four began Bible studies every Sabbath afternoon. This went on through August, September and October, culminating in the Breedens’ baptism Oct. 28, 2017.

Vincent and Liza Henry

also moved in July to Dillingham, where Vincent works with the state as a probation officer. Both Vincent and Liza are devoted Adventists; however, their membership records had been lost. That didn’t stop the Dronens, who invited the Henrys to participate in the Oct. 28 celebration by again becoming official members by profession of faith.

Both couples are involved in their new church. Dan is a deacon, and Theresa is involved in social activities. Vincent is a deacon and helps out with the sound system, while Liza is an accomplished Bible student and is leading the Wednesday night prayer meeting. The Henrys are also the official greeters.

*George Dronen, Dillingham Church interim pastor*



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## IDAHO CONFERENCE 2018 CAMP MEETING

**T**his year's camp meeting is June 12–16, on the campus of Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. We have chosen a theme of "Keeping God Real!"

As in past years, our evening and Sabbath morning meetings will be evangelistic in nature. John Bradshaw, *It Is Written* speaker/director, is our evening and Sabbath morning guest speaker. Weekday meeting and seminar speakers are Stan Hudson, North Pacific Union Conference Creation Study Center director; Charles White, great-grandson of James and Ellen White; and Bert Logan, from the *It Is Written Spark* program.

Children and youth will enjoy daily programs, and mini concerts will be featured Tuesday through Friday evenings. Sabbath musical guest is His Voice, a male quartet with Harold R. Dixon III, Doug Leno, Kevin Spainhower and Tod Spainhower. Friday afternoon features a women's tea and the annual Adventist Book Center (ABC) auditorium sale. Plus there will be an ABC on-site, with book and food deals throughout the week. Plans are underway to again have a baptism on Sabbath evening.

The Spanish-language camp meeting takes place at the same time, same location, in the evenings and on Sabbath. Abel Morrobel, pastor, is the guest speaker.

Come to camp meeting! There's a blessing for you — and you just might be a blessing for someone else! Follow us at [Facebook.com/idahocampmeeting](https://www.facebook.com/idahocampmeeting) or check [IdahoAdventist.org](http://IdahoAdventist.org) for updates and more information.

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director*

John Bradshaw brings his considerable experience and passion for evangelism to the Idaho Conference Camp Meeting 2018.



Three rows of tables did not provide enough room for the all those who came to the community Christmas dinner. Places had to be created across the back wall also.

## LONG CREEK PROVIDES ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

**T**he Long Creek Church held its annual Christmas fellowship dinner on Dec. 16, 2017, for the Long Creek community in Oregon. The event was well-attended, and extra seats had to be tucked into the corners. According to the mathematical wizards and bean counters, 69 people came to enjoy the meal. If one subtracts the helpers who came from the Walla Walla, Wash., area to provide the inspirational Christmas music singalong and other valuable assistance, 55 eager Christmas celebrants from the local area came to fellowship together.

The food and music provided for the event was excellent, and reports indicate everyone had a wonderful time. The Christmas fellowship event fostered a pleasant Christian atmosphere for the area.

Sherry Schultz coordinated the planning and worked long and hard to bring it all

together. The extended Morris family provided a large portion of the food, and Pearl Spencer decorated the fellowship hall. Many others contributed labor and printing for the gift pamphlet that was handed out along with homemade soap and a jar of instant cookie mix to take home, stir and bake.

*Leland Spencer, Long Creek Church member*



Tim Greenlaw and a youth group from Walla Walla, Wash., area led the Christmas carols.





## ADVENTIST BECOMES DARBY MAYOR

**D**arby welcomed a new mayor, Willard “Buck” Titus, on Jan. 1. Titus is the town’s first Adventist mayor.

Titus first moved to Darby in 1972 and has been a member of the Darby Church for 30 years. He has been married to his wife, Marilyn, for 46 years and has two children and four grandchildren. After two years in the Army and being discharged, he spent 16 years in the National Guard. He worked for Ravalli County road department and as an outfitter as well. He is now employed by the U.S. Forest Service on the road crew.



MELISSA JAHNKE

Willard “Buck” Titus (right) is sworn in as the new mayor of Darby, on Jan. 1, 2018.

In addition to working tirelessly for his church, Titus loves the outdoors and helping his community. He coaches baseball, softball and basketball and is involved with many field trips for the Darby schools.

*Glenda Byrne and Melissa Jahnke*

## DARBY CHURCH WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBER

**D**ec. 30, 2017, was a beautiful day for the Darby and Hamilton church members as Bill Whitney, pastor, baptized Darby’s newest member, Nicholas Jahnke.

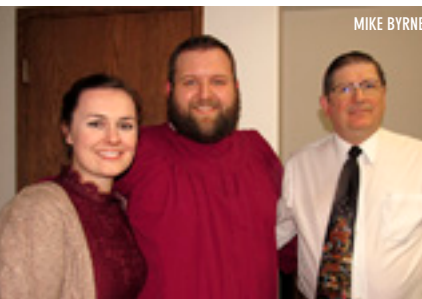
Jahnke has been going to the Darby Church in which his wife, Melissa, and mother-in-law, Glenda Byrne, grew up

and into which his father-in-law, Mike Byrne, was baptized. Jahnke is a wonderful addition to the Darby family and is already a special part of his church by helping his wife with church treasurer duties.

Jahnke has accepted the role as one of the church deacons as well. He also sits on the Blodgett View Christian School’s school board and is director for the school’s home and school program.

*Glenda Byrne and Melissa Jahnke, Darby Church communication leaders*

*Glenda Byrne and Melissa Jahnke, Darby Church communication leaders*



MIKE BYRNE

## MONTANA CONFERENCE ELECTS A NEW VICE PRESIDENT

**M**ontana Conference has a new vice president for administration and finance. Matthew Kirk has accepted the invitation of the conference board of directors and will bring a wide range of ministry and business experience to the role in February.

Kirk comes to the Montana Conference from Turlock, Calif., where he has been the pastor since 2015. He served as an associate pastor at the Bakersfield and Kern River churches in central California from 2012–2015.

With a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and a degree in business management from Western Governors University, Kirk has also completed three units of clinical pastoral education and training through Adventist Health in Bakersfield, Calif. He has begun studies at Andrews University for a doctor of ministry degree with an emphasis in leadership.

Prior to his pastoral training and experience, Kirk served as business manager and teacher for SOULS-West College, an affiliated ministry of the Pacific Union Conference. He also provided business consulting services and spent three years as a communication specialist for the Yavapai County sheriff’s office in Prescott, Ariz.

Kirk’s wife, Mari, is a registered nurse. Together they have two children, Molly and Makson.

“We welcome the Kirk family with great joy,” says Elden Ramirez, Montana Conference president. “I thank God for guiding us throughout the search process. I strongly believe that Matthew’s experience, outside and inside of denominational work, will be a blessing to our conference. We are praying for this beautiful family as they begin their transition to Montana.”

The conference has been grateful for help from Elaine Hagele, who has ably filled this role on an interim basis, following the retirement of Sharon Staddon at the most recent conference constituency session.

Matthew, Mari, Molly and Makson Kirk will soon join the Montana Conference team, as Matthew takes up his new role as vice president for administration and finance.





## BIBB NAMED PAA PRINCIPAL

**J**ust days before 2018 began, Jason Bibb accepted the offer to officially lead Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) as principal.

Following a series of interviews with the PAA staff, students and local church pastors, the PAA board met and voted unanimously in support of Bibb's leadership as principal.

The leadership transition was smooth as Bibb had already been serving as interim principal since August and served as vice principal of finance for more than four years.

Dan Nicola, Oregon Conference education associate superintendent, wrote that "after Bibb's excellent leadership thus far, the board is confident in his ability to guide PAA into the future and bring the school closer to the ideal that God has to minister to Portland youth."

"Mr. Bibb shared with the board that his greatest desire for PAA is that it be a place where students meet Jesus in every aspect of school life," says Nicola. "He casts a vision for academic excellence, authentic relationships, and a strong sense

of 'family' among staff and students."

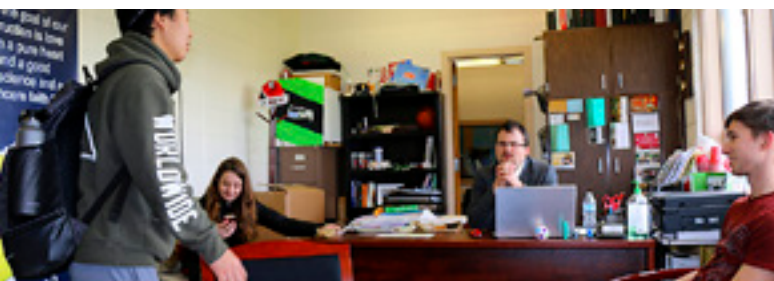
The PAA community embraces Bibb. "Recently I had an appointment with Jason," says Stephen Lundquist, PAA religion teacher, "and when I arrived I could barely push through the door because his office was so full of students. They didn't have to be there. Rather, they wanted to be there. They *wanted* to go to the principal's office. I have complete confidence in the future of our school knowing that we have that kind of a leader."

"I was hoping Mr. Bibb would end up as our permanent principal," says PAA senior John Danilich. "He treats every student with respect and care. He's humble, patient and enthusiastic. He really lives out our Christ-centered, character-driven motto."

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent*



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Throughout lunch or after school, Bibb's office holds a nonstop stream of students.



KATHY HERNANDEZ

Every Child Deserves to Know Christ Scholarship recipient and Milo senior Taleigha Schnoor enjoys her faculty family dog, Brezel.

## SCHOLARSHIP REDIRECTS MILO STUDENT

**F**our-year senior Taleigha Schnoor, as a freshman, was among the first group of students at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek to receive the Every Child Deserves to Know Christ Scholarship from the Oregon Conference. The scholarship is provided by a group of generous donors deeply committed to Adventist education.

The scholarship became available after the fall semester began in 2014, so Schnoor enrolled a few weeks late, a decision that changed her life. In February 2015 she was the first scholarship recipient to be baptized. "I probably wouldn't have gotten baptized my freshman year if I hadn't been able to come to Milo, and I'd probably still be in public school," she says.

Schnoor credits hall workshops with the resident assistants for helping to create a spiritual atmosphere in the dorm. She also appreciates her

two student chaplain friends who have helped her grow in her relationship with God.

"I definitely have a lot more faith, and I read my Bible more. I spend more time with God. Being secluded kind of helps you put your life into perspective," Schnoor says of her time on the remote Milo campus. "If I were at home in public school, it wouldn't be as much."

Schnoor has been accepted to Walla Walla University, where she hopes to be able to attend this fall. "I really like Walla Walla and its spiritual atmosphere and the people there," she says.

To her anonymous benefactors who have made it all possible she says, "A big thank you! It's literally been the best thing that's ever happened to me."

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*



## CAA SHARES CHRIST AT HOME AND ABROAD

**W**hile we often read *Gleaner* articles about sharing Christ on mission trips, the learning that develops this desire to share Him often takes place at school or in the home. Staff at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., value mentoring students into leadership positions. The school is blessed to have many students for whom this training has already begun at home under the direction of God-fearing parents.

The CAA chapel program, held three times weekly, provides an opportunity for students to share with their classmates and develop their leadership skills on a regular basis. Recently Connor Natiuk, a sophomore, shared an experience he had over the summer during his driver's training. He was doing

freeway driving, so there was a lot of time for talking with his instructor. She asked him questions about himself and where he lived, and when she found out he was from Meadow Glade, Wash., the questions took a turn in a spiritual direction.

Natiuk was able to share with his instructor about God and invite her to attend church, which she said she'd never done. When they got back to the driving school, Natiuk asked if she would like him to pray with her, and so his driver's education class ended with prayer in the parking lot. "That is one of the best experiences I've ever had," Natiuk reports.

A totally different experience was had by the Life With Christ class members when they headed to Chinle, Ariz., to do the week of prayer

for the students at the elementary school on the Navajo Nation Reservation. Aaron Payne, Life With Christ Instructor and CAA chaplain, made it clear from the beginning that the CAA students' primary purpose was to love the students. They would share talks, sing songs and plan activities that would point kids to God, but the thing that would most clearly show them His love would be their interaction with and love for the students.

The CAA students each chose a little brother or little sister who became the primary focus of their attention during their time at the school. If the volume of tears and length of time spent crying when CAA left at the end of the week was any indicator of the amount of love shared, it was overwhelmingly and unbelievably successful. "I didn't realize



DAWNE WRIGHT

CAA Life With Christ class bond with students in Chinle, Ariz.

how attached we had gotten to the kids until we had to leave them," Abby Sissons, a CAA freshman, says. Sophomore Danny Dowsnell agrees and says it was the best mission trip he'd ever been on.

As the CAA family continues planning for two mission trips during spring break, one to Mexico and one to the Dominican Republic, they solicit your prayers. Who knows what God has planned for students and adults who desire to share Him with others and bless the lives of all those with whom they come in contact?

*Larry Hiday, CAA Gleaner correspondent*

CAA students learn the power of relationships as big brothers and sisters to students at the elementary school on the Navajo Nation Reservation in Chinle, Ariz.



DAWNE WRIGHT





Money raised through the Women's Ministries Retreat brought sewing machines to students in Rwanda.

## OREGON WOMEN'S RETREAT BRINGS BAPTISMS

**F**ive women were baptized due to the most recent annual Oregon Christian Women's Retreat, held Oct. 20–22, 2017, at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

Guest speaker Jennifer Ogden, Walla Walla University Church associate pastor, presented the message of Jesus and how we are living in the last days. Sabbath evening Ogden made an altar call for those coming to God for the first time, those who wanted to be baptized, and those who strayed and wanted to come back.

Laura Robins was among those who wanted to be baptized. She had never been baptized in any denomination. She had been attending an Adventist church and was contemplating baptism in the last few months. When she read there would be a baptism that weekend, she knew the Holy Spirit had led her to the retreat for baptism.

This year's retreat attendees gave more than \$10,000 to

buy sewing machines for the Summer Vocational Training Program of Impact Hope and Rwanda Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Learning how to sew enables Rwandan students to make enough money to be able to live outside the refugee camps.

For more information on Impact Hope of Rwanda and to help the children of the refugee camps, go to their Facebook page, ImpactH, or their website, [impact-hope.org](http://impact-hope.org).

The next Oregon Christian Women's Retreat will be Oct. 12–14, with Jean Boonstra as the guest speaker. For more information about the retreat and to view live streaming of the speakers, go to [orgcwomen.netadvent.org](http://orgcwomen.netadvent.org).

*Terrie Leen-Griebel, Oregon Conference women's ministries field coordinator*

**+** Read more online at [glnr.in/113-02-or\\_baptisms](http://glnr.in/113-02-or_baptisms)

## SHARON CHURCH CLOSES 2017 AND ENTERS 2018 IN STYLE

**T**he members of Sharon Church in Portland, welcomed their new pastor, Garth Dottin, in mid-October 2017, and the celebration did not stop there. They continued by closing out the year with a New Year's Eve service and celebration that included games, food, a DJ, testimonies and, yes, two baptisms.

Earlier in December, two others joined the church by profession of faith and three others through baptisms. Bringing in the new year of 2018 they again celebrated the amazing power of God with two more baptisms on Jan. 13 — bringing the total recent baptisms to seven.

Sharon Church members are excited for those who made the decision to walk with God and are happy to welcome them into worldwide Adventist family. These new members include Theresa Holcey, Justin Dare, Dimitra Williams-Weinstein, Gabby Hillis, Theodore Johnson, Tracy Mansfield, Brianna Mansfield, Jumah Smith and Georgina Olazaran.

The Sharon Church congregation then embarked upon a 10-day fast and prayer session Jan. 11. The testimonies heard as a result of the fast were amazing.

Find and like "Sharon



Theresa Holcey accepted Jesus Christ and is baptized into the worldwide church family.

Seventh-day Adventist Church" on Facebook and visit the church's website, [sharonsda.net](http://sharonsda.net), to stay abreast of the various activities happening at Sharon Church and join them on any given Sabbath, where the arms of Christ are always open.

*Denise Williams, Sharon Church communication leader*

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## CAMP MIVODEN GETS SMOOTH HANDOFF

**A**fter more than 33 years of service, Bruce Christensen officially handed off the position of Camp MiVoden operations director to Ashley Silva on Dec. 31, 2017.

Christensen has dedicated the last 40 years to camp ministry in general. While operations director at Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, he has also held a variety of other jobs including camp director, ranger, caretaker and camp manager.

Christensen started camp ministry at Big Lake Youth Camp (BLYC) in Oregon, then moved to Hayden Lake in 1984. As his time working at Camp MiVoden comes to a close, a number of celebrations have been made in his honor, including a staff reunion this last September. Christensen also received the Lifetime Service Award from the Adventist Association of Camp Professionals at Pine Springs Ranch in California this year.

While the MiVoden

family is sad to see such an influential man leave camp, they are excited for Silva and the experiences he brings to MiVoden.

Silva and his wife, Laura, have two children: Sierra, 6, and Lyam, 4. The Silva family moved from Moses Lake, Wash., where Ashley was the maintenance manager at a fruit and vegetable plant. Previously he worked at BLYC for three years as the assistant director and maintenance director. Silva worked alongside Christensen for the past year as the associate operations director.

The MiVoden family welcomes the Silva family with excitement for this new chapter in the camp's story.

*Larissa Bitton, Upper Columbia Conference youth and family life assistant*

**Bruce Christensen officially handed off the position of Camp MiVoden operations director to Ashley Silva.**



Camp MiVoden staff who attended the Association of Adventist Camp Professionals meetings at Pine Springs Ranch, Nov. 28–Dec. 3, 2017, enjoy their Norm Middag Award of Excellence.

## CAMP MIVODEN RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**C**amp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, received the Norm Middag Award of Excellence at the recent Association of Adventist Camp Professionals (AACP) meeting held Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, 2017, at Pine Springs Ranch in California.

Adventist camps apply for this award each year. In fact, last year Camp MiVoden received the Norm Middag certificate for two areas of excellence — programming and activities. The award this year is for all areas of summer camp, which is why it is called the Award of Excellence. The Norm Middag Camp of the Year Award went to Florida's Camp Kulaqua.

Jeff Wines, Camp MiVoden director, says, "I'm proud of the team that is invested in MiVoden: our paid staff, the volunteers who help, the summer camp staff and the administration supporting us. It is a fairly large team that makes the camp run smoothly." Wines also serves as AACP president-elect.

"God touches and changes the lives of our young people, through the Holy Spirit, using many different venues and experiences," says David Freedman, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) vice president for finance. "Camp MiVoden is one of those special places God wants His kids to experience. I am thankful for Jeff Wines and his team, who are focused on Christ and His mission to His young people. I am also very thankful for the invested interest of the UCC constituency in strong support of Camp MiVoden. The North American Division Norm Middag Award of Excellence received this year is in recognition of this strong, Christ-centered ministry."

Camp MiVoden is an Adventist summer camp, family camp, and year-round camp and retreat center.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*





## BEGINNINGS OF DEARY AND TROY ACS CENTERS

**T**he year was 1982, and the place was a little white house behind Deary Church in western Idaho. Etta Ginter, Alice and Leland Reiber, and Mike and Bernita

Linderman started what they called “Dorcas.” This community service expanded with an addition of a single-wide mobile home. Shelves were built, boxes were labeled and filled, and it opened to the public one day a week. Clothing not taken was packed into boxes and hauled to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) warehouse in Spangle, Wash., to be shipped overseas.

“The town of Deary had not been especially friendly toward Adventists prior to this outreach,” says Pat Crew. “But as people were helped, they began to feel the genuine love

June Miner visits with volunteers at the Deary thrift store.



KEVIN MCGILL

Dedicated volunteers keep the ACS warehouse active in Deary.

and care, and their hearts were softened.”

Crew, who is the former director of both the Deary and Troy Adventist Community Services (ACS) centers, moved to Deary in 1990. She and her husband were still attending the Moscow (Idaho) Church, but within months she began helping at the center on a regular basis. By 1997 she was asked to be in charge.

The Deary Center was

literally filling up so fast with items for the community there was no place to walk. They started raising funds and looking for a new, larger place. Crew had never been a fundraiser, but she says, “This was a God thing. In five months we had the purchase price, \$70,000, and paid cash for the old shopping center in Deary.”

Many volunteers from both Troy and Deary helped to remodel and rewire the building, and they opened on Dec. 1, 1999. The center operated on a donation basis. The donation jar received generous amounts at the start. Eventually people began calling it the “free” store. “We realized we were enabling people to make unhealthy choices by not paying for things,” Crew reports, “so we finally decided to switch over

to a full thrift store.”

Though this was a difficult decision, it was applauded from people in the community. People in great need were still cared for at no cost, but others purchased needed items.

Even before this new center opened in Deary, volunteers were receiving furniture. At first they handled it in their storeroom, then a garage. Then the town of Deary allowed them the used of some of their building space. “We needed to do something to improve the situation,” says Crew. “After much prayer, discussion, seeking others’ wisdom and asking God for divine guidance, we bought the lot across the alley from our center.”

They had the money in a short amount of time and paid cash. They began building a 5,000-square-foot building in 2008 and moved into it in 2010. Darrel Hunt and his crew saved the center thousands of dollars.



KEVIN MCGILL



Patty Marsh was pleased to award Pat Crew with a plaque of appreciation for her service to the Deary and Troy communities.



It now houses a food bank, a shop and pallet shelving accessed by a forklift where the furniture is stored.

The Deary Center serves 35–40 families a month through their food bank, and people continue to bring furniture daily to their warehouse.

They sponsored two community dinners, which were favorably received, and have been asked to have a booth in the park on Deary Days. The center has made many friends in the community.

### EXPANDING TO TROY

The Sojourners thrift store in Troy was rumored in 2013 to be closing. Crew visited with the owner, Steve Bonner. When she expressed an interest in the store, he gave her a price. She countered with a lower price. Once Crew received the go ahead and spoke to the Troy board, they were able to purchase the shop for \$20,000. It closed June 9, 2013, and reopened June 17 as the Troy ACS Center.

This center has now been



John drives the forklift at the Deary warehouse.

rewired; has a covered access ramp, new lighting and ceiling; and is manned by volunteers from the Troy community. It is completely debt-free. They are currently working on improving accessibility to the food bank.

“God is a big God,” says Crew. “He has some very big plans for the center in Troy. This is a faith-building experience.”

Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services director traveled to Deary Nov. 18, 2017, and awarded Pat Crew a beautiful plaque for 27 years and thousands of hours of service to the two ACS centers. Crew has since passed the torch to new leadership in Deary and Troy ACS centers, and they continue to operate with new volunteers.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



## UCA OPENS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

**U**pper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., is thrilled to announce the opening of the Palouse Equestrian Center located on the campus. UCA began work on this project last summer. About 22 acres were fenced in, and pasture grass was planted. Outdoor shelters were built to keep the horses out of bad weather, and an indoor riding arena is under construction. The arena will provide space for students to ride and be with their horses all year.

UCA is working to develop a horsemanship class that will be taught as an elective next school year. The equestrian center will operate year-round with summer day-camps offered to the community in June and July.

Sarah Holloway, equestrian director, oversees the start of this new program. "I am thankful for the opportunity to work in this unique position and for the support this new program has received," says Holloway. An unexpected blessing was provided when

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a family donated enough equine-related items — including round pin fencing, heated troughs, saddles, blankets, bridles and gear — to fill up a truck and trailer.

"The goal of this program is to offer hands-on learning that is unique to UCA," states Eric Johnson, UCA principal. "It is important that we continue to look at new and creative ways to educate students at Upper Columbia Academy."

Holloway is excited about the future of this new endeavor. "An equestrian program evokes excitement in people from around our local community and our UCA family in a wonderful way," she says. "I absolutely love seeing eyes light up the first time someone gets up on a horse. I have seen and hope to continue to see horses and the love of horses bring people together, give students an outlet from school and teach a variety of life lessons."

*Julie Hagele, UCA teacher, and Eric Johnson, UCA principal*

Sheyenne Dubnya and horse Maggie both board at UCA.



Eager Beavers give gifts in the Kamiah community.

## KAMIAH GIVES CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS

**W**ith guitars, a banjo, voices and enthusiasm, members of the Kamiah Church went old-fashioned caroling in the neighborhood surrounding the church in Idaho. "Littles" (Kamiah Valley's term for preschoolers) and school-age children ran eagerly up to the door to give residents a peppermint-decorated star cookie, a GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tract and an invitation to the church's "Carols for Christ" worship service on Dec. 23, 2017, plus a cookie for each child they encountered.

Later, a neighbor approached the group. "Who shall I give this too?" he asked with a broad smile. Someone in the group reached out to take the \$10 bill he offered. "We just appreciate what you're doing so much. It sounds so good to hear the Christmas music," the neighbor said.

Kamiah Church children eagerly handed out GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts while the adults sang Christmas carols.



Giving music and even Christmas cookies at this season certainly returns blessings fourfold.

*Cathy Law, Kamiah Church member*



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## GOD ANSWERS TITHING PRAYER

The Washington Conference financial staff learned awhile ago the importance of praying with purpose and specificity for things that were on their hearts. This past year, they prayed for a 5 percent annual tithe gain.

This seemed like an impossible goal because there were 53 Sabbaths in 2016 and only 52 Sabbaths in 2017. That usually means a loss of tithe or, at best, a break-even year.

God had bigger plans.

God answered the staff's prayers with a tithe gain of 4.97 percent for 2017. This was celebrated with conference office staff, in committees and at pastors' meetings. The tithe gain was close enough to round up to 5 percent in conversations. This was an exciting time, and Washington Conference praised God for His goodness and provision.

But the question

remained: Why would God bring the conference right to the threshold and not let it cross it with exactly a 5 percent gain. Though there was a profound amount of gratitude for the 4.97 percent, the staff wondered why He wouldn't have given them just another \$6,000 to make up the 0.03 percent difference.

If the story ended right there, it's still a really good story. God is good! He has promised to provide and did so incredibly well.

But God had a different story. Craig Carr, Washington Conference vice president for administration, shared he'd had

a dream in which the money was found to complete the 5 percent.

And then a ministry director mentioned to a staff that one of his church groups still needed to remit about \$10,000 in tithe for December.

Of course the 2017 financial reporting was closed, so the 4.97 percent is the official report, but God revealed He had given exactly what was asked for and then a little more. With the additional \$10,000, the conference unofficially had a gain of 5.01 percent.

It's so much fun to be a firsthand witness as to what God is doing.

*Jerry Russell, Washington Conference vice president for finance*

Washington Conference executive committee members pause in prayer to thank God for answering a specific tithing prayer.

### BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



When a transformer blew and knocked out the lights, Renton Church overcame the darkness with song and prayer at the start of their Thunder in the Holy Land series. Read more at [glnr.in/113-02-wa\\_renton](http://glnr.in/113-02-wa_renton).



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In early December 2017, the Chehalis Church celebrated the retirement of their pastor, David Glenn, and his wife, Tomi, after 45 years of service to God. Read more at [glnr.in/113-02-wa\\_chehalis](http://glnr.in/113-02-wa_chehalis).



Ladies of the Arlington and Everett Indonesian churches worked together to teach and feed more than 60 people from the churches and community, who enjoyed learning to make vegetarian egg rolls and more types of Indonesian food! Read more at [glnr.in/113-02-wa\\_veggie](http://glnr.in/113-02-wa_veggie).





## INNOVATION LABS ENCOURAGE LISTENING

**L**yapa Simuzoshya sat by herself at a table and watched as young adults filtered into the room, found friends, chose tables and prepared for the start of Innovation Lab.

“I was struggling with being at Innovation Lab because I was certain I’d be an outsider at the church gathering ... again,” says Simuzoshya, who moved to the area a couple years ago. “I’ve struggled to find warm, inviting church people.”

Then someone noticed her, started a conversation and introduced another person who had also recently moved to the area. A young married couple, also new to the area, joined the table along with an adult leader, who, you guessed it, was new to the community as well. This became a perfect opportunity for table participants to make new friends over a simple dinner and guided conversation.

### A COLLABORATIVE ADVENTURE

A year ago, Washington Conference embarked on a ministry plan to involve more young adults in all aspects of

ministry. Conference leaders asked young adult ministry experts for names of someone who could lead this endeavor. The common recommendation was David Yeagley, a ministry leader already on the team.

In the first year, Yeagley met with small groups of young

adults to listen to their needs and established connections with ministry partnerships already in progress.

The North American Division is partnering with California’s Fuller Youth Institute in a learning cohort called Growing Young, based off a similarly titled book by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad Griffin. The Adventist training track is designated as Growing Young Adventists. (You’ll find this ministry page on Facebook.)

In Growing Young and its related research, six factors of young people friendly churches are identified: unlocking key-

chain leadership, empathizing with today’s young people, taking Jesus’ message seriously, fueling a warm community, prioritizing young people and families everywhere, and being the best neighbors.

The North Pacific Union Conference also has young adult ministry involvement as a key focus and recently sponsored 12 churches in the Pacific Northwest to participate in the Growing Young cohort. Three of the participating churches are in western Washington: Emerald City Community Adventist Church, Volunteer Park Church and Port Orchard Church.

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## A LAB FOR LISTENING

Taking time to listen and learn is important in inviting young people into ministry involvement. Yeagley organized two Innovation Labs in Washington — one in Auburn and one in Bellevue — where approximately 40 participants at each venue discussed the question, “What does it look



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like to do church together?”

To open the guided conversation time, each table tried to build the tallest free-standing balloon structure with balloons, tape and pipe cleaners. The activity opened the creativity and imagination of participants as they headed into timed one-on-one interviews about their church experience, needs, ideas and suggestions for solutions.

The conversations revealed hearts longing to connect with church family beyond the sanctuary, serve God in a variety of career fields,

help address church and community needs such as in mental health, and foster cross-generational communication.

“We ended up with a list of needs, seeds of ideas and an opportunity to discuss the next phase of actions,” Yeagley says. “We want to continue dreaming and dialoguing together as we move forward in faith to grow the next generation of Adventists.”

As the second Innovation Lab ended, one young person told his friend, “We just talked about church for three hours. I liked it so much that I don’t want to go home.”

## CONVERSATION WISH LIST HIGHLIGHTS

- » Develop real, honest connections;
- » Nurture authentic, Christ-centered community;
- » Find common points between generations;
- » Increase mentoring and opportunities to learn;
- » Allow failure to happen;
- » Provide accountability;
- » Connect with neighboring churches;
- » Allow young adults to have a voice;
- » Understand there are different needs on the same pathway to heaven.

## INNOVATION LAB VOICES

- » “I want to feel valued and loved.”
- » “I need cross-generational friends.”
- » “I want to serve ... especially the disenfranchised.”
- » “I want to be part of something that makes a difference.”
- » “I dream of empowered younger generations to take leadership roles in the church.”
- » “I dream of more flexibility in programming: fewer lectures, more service opportunities.”
- » “I dream of more open communication between churches.”
- » “Here’s an idea: one-on-one spiritual buddy system. Everyone has a church buddy.”
- » “I sense a complacency and lack of integrated culture in

the church.”

- » “I am looking for a community in action.”
- » “I need a way to build a sense of family in my new home church.”
- » “I need acceptance and support to serve God in a way that uses my gifts.”
- » “I need ways to connect with others my age to build relationships through experiences (and sitting in a pew doesn’t count).”
- » “Church makes me feel like I am home and welcomed.”
- » “I need to be part of a church that extends beyond two hours every Sabbath.”

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*



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HEATHER ANDERSEN

The students in third and fourth grade worked together to bring in an amazing amount of goods for the drive.

## SCHOOLS SERVE THROUGH LOCAL LOVE, GOOD WORKS

**K**irkland Seventh-day Adventist School (KSDA) and Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) are only separated by a parking lot in Kirkland and share school spaces like the gym and cafeteria, but there is something about coming together for a cause that creates a special sort of unity.

During the holiday season, KSDA and PSAA joined forces to raise donations for Renewal Food Bank, a project hosted by PSAA's National Honor Society (NHS). Established in 1998, Renewal Food Bank of Bellevue is a nonprofit agency whose mission is "feeding the hungry in east King County in a caring environment with dignity and respect."

On campus, NHS students promoted the project, encouraging students and families of PSAA and KSDA to donate nonperishable goods like canned foods, pasta and baby food. On the designated day of collection, Heather Andersen's third- and fourth-

grade class bought in the most with 125 pounds. All together the schools surprised Renewal Food bank with more than 500 pounds of food.

"Local service is so special because though we don't know each other, we have an automatic connection through being from the same community," says senior and NHS member Jessie Lee.

Local service also evokes an awareness of the realities our communities face. For NHS sponsor and PSAA instructor Denise Childs, "thinking about those locally, right in [our] own community, who are struggling" is eye opening. She adds, "The immediacy of realizing there is need in what may be assumed an 'affluent area' makes the experience that much more impactful."

Next steps for NHS, PSAA and KSDA include more local projects like this collaboration with Renewal Food Bank.

*Anika Zebon, Puget Sound Adventist Academy teacher*

## WOODY COMMISSIONED TO GOSPEL MINISTRY

**W**ashington Conference commissioned Auburn Adventist Academy chaplain Jennifer Woody on Dec. 16, 2017.

A life of ministry is what Woody knows best. Her parents, Richard and Mary Halversen, modeled a life of ministry whether through evangelism or pastoral ministry. Richard Halversen reminisced during his daughter's commissioning service, "God called her to be a proclaimer of good news."

Woody began her career as a paralegal for the General Conference's religious liberty department. She transferred to the North American Division's women's ministries department, where Mary Maxson, pastor, encouraged her to study theology, which Woody did. She will finish her master's in pastoral ministry this summer.

She has also served in western Washington and

northern California in many ministerial roles, including as an elder, Auburn Adventist Academy teacher and chaplain, church planter, and youth pastor.

As chaplain and Bible teacher for Auburn Adventist Academy, Woody has had the privilege of baptizing many students and experiencing the joy of watching young people go into ministry themselves.

"I'm proud to be part of a heritage that is not ashamed on the gospel of Jesus Christ and not afraid to be real," Woody says. "We must finish the work God has set before us. We must stay surrendered to God, and what He has begun, He will finish."

Woody's family includes her husband, Justin, and their children: Sydney, 15, and Sierra Sky, 12.

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

Jennifer Woody and her family are surrounded in prayer.

KATIE HENDERSON







On a cold but joyful winter day, students and staff gather outside the newly renovated Bowers Hall for the ribbon-cutting.

## RIBBON-CUTTING MARKS OPENING OF TRANSFORMED BOWERS HALL

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**M**ore than 500 people attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 7, 2017, to mark the re-opening of Bowers Hall, home of the Walla Walla University (WWU) School of Business.

A yearlong renovation project on Bowers Hall added more than 3,000 square feet to the existing building and reorganized classroom and office space. The transformed facility includes an innovation classroom/laboratory, technologies that enhance digital learning, efficient group study spaces and multifunctional meeting spaces.

“It is no haphazard choice to renovate and expand Bowers Hall,” says John McVay,

WWU president. “This building signals our intentions to further strengthen Walla Walla University by growing our School of Business.”

Madilyn Malott, junior business major and president of the WWU Business Club, says, “For me, the new building means a new space for collabo-

orative learning. It also serves as an important reminder that the donors of the project believe in both me and my potential and are willing to invest so that I will have a better learning experience.”

*Alixandria Reiner, WWU university relations student writer*

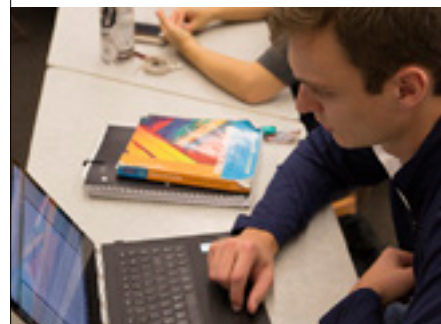


## BUSINESS PROGRAM REACCREDITED BY ACBSP

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) reaffirmed accreditation of the business program at Walla Walla University (WWU) in December 2017.

The ACBSP has more than 1,100 member institutions in more than 50 countries and is a leading accreditor in mission-based standards of teaching excellence. The ACBSP is the only organization offering business accreditation for all degree levels, including associate, baccalaureate, master and doctoral programs.

“We are pleased to have our business administration degrees reaccredited for the maximum period of 10 years,” says Bruce Toews, WWU School of Business interim dean. “Because of this accreditation,



students can have confidence that our program meets rigorous quality standards and that our degrees are widely recognized.”

WWU’s business program was initially accredited by ACBSP in 1997, when it became the first program in Seventh-day Adventist higher education to earn business accreditation.

*T. Brooke Sample, WWU university relations student writer*

## PORTLAND NATIVE HONORED FOR HELPING KEEP HOPE SHINING BRIGHT

**T**he city of Portland, Ore., recently recognized Terry Johnsson with the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award. Johnsson, a Portland native, is Adventist Health's Pacific Northwest Region vice president of mission integration. The award recognizes Johnsson for his commitment to helping communities triumph beyond struggles and challenges.

Johnsson was the first African American from Oregon to serve as a U.S. Air Force Presidential Honor Guard at the White House, where he served three presidents. His passion for service began as a teenager when he joined Adventist Health Portland's volunteer department as the hospital's first male candy striper. Johnsson's commitment to improving the quality of life for others shows in his passionate focus locally, regionally and nationally.

"I am humbled, grateful and honored to be chosen for the Martin Luther King Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award," says Johnsson. "I have always been inspired by Dr. King's example of making this world a better place for generations to come. It remains my lifelong calling."

As a child, Johnsson suf-



Terry Johnsson enjoys his award with his wife, Kara.

fered from an extreme case of dyslexia and was told he would never succeed in life as result of his inability to be an effective communicator. Johnsson beat the odds and went on to earn two undergraduate degrees, a master's degree and a doctorate degree.

The words of Martin Luther King Jr. reverberate in Johnsson's mind — "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Most recently, Johnsson founded a nonprofit high school mento-

ring program called Student Healthcare Leaders. His goal is to help young people identify their talents and provide high school students an exposure to the world of health care.

His passion for helping youth clearly stems from his own journey as a teenager. Through his work at Adventist Health, Johnsson is providing high school students with mentors who can help expand their minds by exposing them to hundreds of occupations within health care and by encouraging them to identify their

strengths in helping others.

"Having witnessed Johnsson's sacred calling for nearly a decade, I am very proud of his accomplishments in helping transform lives while creating healthy communities," says Joyce Newmyer, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest Region president. "His faith-based, heart-led approach to sacred work continues to guide and inspire us in addressing opportunities in the communities we serve."

Johnsson received the award at Portland's annual Keep Alive the Dream program, one of the largest community-based celebrations in the United States. The event, hosted by the World Arts Foundation, gives voice to the heritage citizens' struggle for peace, social justice, civil rights and human dignity.

Johnsson is married to Kara Johnsson, pastor of the Sunnyside Church in Portland. To hear more about Johnsson's story, visit [glnr.in/113-02-ah\\_Johnsson](http://glnr.in/113-02-ah_Johnsson).

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



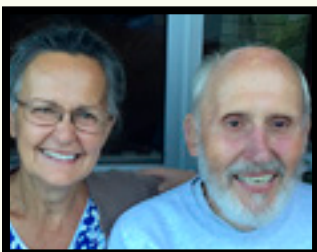
**Förster 50th**

Klaus and Madelaine Förster celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 16, 2017, with a small dinner with their daughter, Erika, plus her family and the couple's friends in Walla Walla, Wash.

Klaus was born and raised in Germany and met Madelaine Philips when he came to the U.S. to go to school. Madelaine and her mother met Klaus in church and invited him home for lunch.

Klaus and Madelaine married in Madelaine's home town of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 16, 1967. They spent their honeymoon traveling to Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore., where Klaus had accepted a teaching position. Several years later, they took a second honeymoon to Germany, where they have made frequent trips over the years.

Klaus taught Bible, world history and German at Milo Academy until he retired in June 2007. Madelaine worked as a registered nurse until she retired in 2013. They lived on the Milo campus for several years before moving a mile away from the school. They still live near Milo on land they purchased as a small family in 1975.

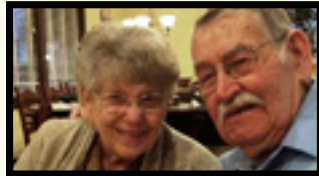


Klaus and Madelaine Förster

The Försters enjoy gardening and visiting with their children and grandchildren. Their family includes Erika and Brandon Miller of College Place, Wash.; Ingrid Chapman of Winston, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and a step-grandchild.

**Funner 70th**

Carl and Myke Funner enjoyed dinner with family on their 70th wedding anniversary on Oct. 5, 2017, in Yakima, Wash.



Carl and Myke Funner

E. Myra "Myke" Decker married Carl Funner on Oct. 5, 1947, in Granger, Wash. Carl and Myke moved to southeast Alaska following their wedding. Carl worked as a general contractor and commercial fisherman.

In 1969 they moved to Bellevue, Wash., where Myke earned her nursing degree. Live Oak, Calif., became home in 1982, and there Carl grew kiwis on their farm and Myke worked as a nurse. In 1997 they retired and moved to Yakima.

The Funner family includes Sandy and Larry Johnson of Nampa, Idaho; Mike and Gwen (Randall) Funner of Rock Island, Wash.; Larry Funner of The Dalles, Ore.; Carla and John Bautista of Stamford, Con.; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Hoffman 50th**

Ray and Gloria Hoffman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 9, 2017, with a reception at the Walla Walla City Church in southeast Washington.

Ray Hoffman met Gloria Blanck in College Place, Wash., early in 1967. Ray was barbering at Bob and Ron's Barber Shop in College Place, and Gloria was taking nursing at Walla Walla Community College.

They were married on April 4, 1967, at Gloria's parents' home

in Moscow, Idaho. Their daughters Traci and Tami were born in 1970 and 1972 while Hoffmans lived in Spokane, Wash.

In the last 50 years they spent time living in Orofino, Idaho, as well as Spokane, Lyle, Goldendale, and most recently Pomeroy and Dixie in Washington. Ray spent approximately 30 years working in the health care industry as a nurse and administrator. He spent the last 12 years of his working life as an LPN in Pomeroy and finished his career as an elected hospital board member there.

Gloria spent most of their married life as a homemaker, while also working out of the home on occasion. She enjoys gardening, reading and crafting when time allows. Ray's hobbies have included reading, bicycling, decorating and woodworking. More recently he has added wood carving and makes wooden spoons, among other things.

Ray and Gloria's family has grown to include 16 grandchildren. They are now retiring in Dixie, Wash., to live closer to their children.

The Hoffman family includes Len and Traci Pope of Dixie; Tami Mathison, who passed away in 2013 and with her husband, Marty Mathison, lived in Sunnyside, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

**Tanner 100th**

Oregon's Springfield Church honored Frieda Tanner as its longest-living member and celebrated her milestone 100th birthday with flowers and comments.

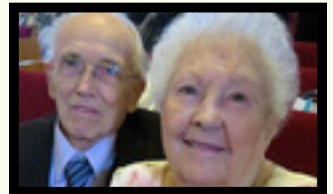
Frieda Brunner was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Greeley, Colo. She grew up in Colorado and was baptised at the Boulder, Colo., camp meeting.

Lew and Frieda met at the Dale Carnegie School of effective speaking. They were married 65 years ago in 1952. They have two daughters, Carol and Jeanne (who is adopted).

Frieda received her nursing degree at Madison College, Tenn. Frieda and Lew continue to send felts and visual aids to missions around the world. Currently they send items to Africa and Cuba, some through Light Bearers Ministries in Jasper, Ore. Southern California was their home for many years, and they have been in Oregon for more than 30 years.

Frieda has been a vegan for many years. She and her husband have had many delicious Sabbath dinners at their home.

Daughter Jeanne Henrik-



Frieda Tanner

sen is an active member on the Springfield Church worship team. Daughter Carol lives in California. They also have grandchildren: Niel Henriksen of San Diego, Calif., and Lindsey Rodgers of Eugene, Ore., who is active in the Springfield Church as an organist and pianist. Their great-grandchildren include Sam Rodgers, 5, of Eugene; Elise Hendricksen, 8 years, and Lukas Hendricksen, 4, of San Diego, Calif.

Four generations of the Tanner family worship and serve at the Springfield Church: Lew and Frieda, Kent and Jeanne Henriksen, Steve and Lindsey Rodgers, and Samuel Rodgers. What a great heritage to have and leave: a solid spiritual, social and familial foundation.

## FAMILY BIRTHS

**JIMENEZ** — Joslyn Leslie was born Aug. 14, 2017, to Jorge and Kathryn (Briggs) Jimenez, Walla Walla, Wash.

**KEEND** — David Douglas was born July 3, 2017, to Jack and Hannah Rebecah (Peterson) Keend, Mount Vernon, Wash.

**MAAS** — Hailey Rebecca was born Jan. 3, 2018, to Bryan and Becky (Bonson) Maas, Walla Walla, Wash.

**PETERSON** — Gabriela Ryan was born July 12, 2017, to Ryan and Anyelina (Del Carmen) Peterson, Mount Vernon, Wash.

## FAMILY AT REST

**BACK** — Thomas William Andrew, 25; born March 13, 1992, Vancouver, Wash.; died Sept. 9, 2017, Vancouver. Surviving: mother, Leanore “Lenny” Back, Vancouver; sisters, Angel Rey McCoy and Christina Melendez, both of Vancouver; grandparents, Ernie and Rita Back, Salem, Ore.; and Shirley Back, Vancouver.

**COLVIN** — DeLores Evelyn (Bowman), 96; born Nov. 29, 1920, Denver, Colo.; died Sept. 30, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bill, Salinas, Calif.; Vern Patrick, College Place; Dan, Lewiston, Idaho; daughters, Kathy Paddock and Jan Colvin, both of College Place; brother, Gene Bowman, Enterprise, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

**CURTIS** — Roy Laverne, 84; born Jan. 2, 1933, Walla Walla, Ore.; died July 24, 2017, Walla Walla. Surviving: wife, Jessie Curtis; sons, Roy, Burlington, Wash.; Roger, Wallowa; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**CURTIS** — Ruth Elizabeth “Betty” (Koerber) Bolander Griffin, 82; born Oct. 15, 1934,

Berkeley, Calif.; died Sept. 21, 2017, Anacortes, Wash. Surviving: husband, Gary Curtis, Guemes Island, Wash.; sons, Brent Bolander, Anacortes; Brian Griffin, New York City, N.Y.; daughter, Brenda Griffin, Guemes Island; stepsons, Mike Griffin, Columbus, Ohio; Peter Griffin, Arkdale, N.C.; Gart Curtis, Homer, Alaska; stepdaughters, Sylvia (Griffin) McCleary, Houston, Texas; Margo (Curtis) Reveil, Homer; brothers, George Koerber, Oakland, Calif.; Steve Koerber, Solana Beach, Calif.; sister, Janice Mace, Redlands, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**DERBY** — Elaine (Skinner), 94; born Dec. 4, 1922, Shidler, Okla.; died Sept. 19, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Dennis, Gilbert, Ariz.; Ray, Lake Oswego, Ore.; daughter, Sherry Borgeman, Olympia, Wash.; sisters, Lenore Wagner and Lee Peterson, both of College Place; Marilyn Stanford, Walla Walla, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**DUNHAM** — Alexander Lee, 97; born June 11, 1920, Helena, Mont.; died June 16, 2017, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marie; sons, Robert and Charles; 2 stepsons; and a stepdaughter.

**EASTER** — Barbara Jean (Steward), 85; born Feb. 20, 1932, Giltner, Neb.; died Aug. 21, 2017, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Greg, Tustin, Calif.; Doug, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Brad, Redlands, Calif.; Bob, Boise; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**FRISBY** — Carol Jeanette (Simpkins) Perry, 85; born June 9, 1932, Dormansville, N.Y.; died Oct. 7, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Allen J. Maynard, Entiat, Wash.; Glenn Rudolph Perry, Wenatchee,

Wash.; Wayne Lewis Perry, Roseberg, Ore.; Wesley Clark Harris Perry, Cheltenham, Pa.; daughters, Echo Lane (Perry) Johnston and Marky Munger, both of College Place; Dana Bertrand, Walla Walla, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**GIBSON** — Frieda (Nickel), 88; born July 6, 1929, Gemunden, Germany; died June 17, 2017, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Jerry, Boise; Ken, Chula Vista, Calif.; daughters, Madeline Gibson, Boise; Rose Brown; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

**LANE** — Marylyn Diane (Kerns), 78; born Sept. 23, 1938, South Gate, Calif.; died July 25, 2017, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: sons, Brian Merrill, Port Orchard, Wash.; Lorren Eugene, Dayton, Wyo.; Robert, Klamath Falls; daughter, Lorna Diane Kline, White City, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**MILLER** — Gordon “Mike,” 74; born May 21, 1943, Craig, Colo.; died Aug. 6, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary (Hagood); sons, Derrick Miller, Michael Alexander Miller and Levi Miller; brother, Murray Buck Miller, Gresham, Ore.; sister, Darlene Lindstrom, Mesa, Ariz.; and 8 grandchildren.

**PRESTON** — Alvina T. (Miller), 100; born Jan. 27, 1917, Detroit, Mich.; died Sept. 18, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, J.J., Puyallup, Wash.; Ken, Magalia, Calif.; daughter, Judy Denis, Vancouver, Wash.; 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**ROTHERMEL** — Janice M. (Sweeney), 75; born March 26, 1942, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 7, 2017, Happy Valley, Ore.

Surviving: husband, Vern; and daughter, Kari M. Rothermel, Happy Valley.

**TYLER** — Olive A. (Chandler), 82; born Nov. 30, 1934, Arlington, Wash.; died May 23, 2017, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: sons, Mike Holloway, Perris, Calif.; Russell Holloway, Forest Hill, Calif.; daughter, Tillena Haws, Chehalis, Wash.; sisters, Eunice Brown, Independence, Ore.; Nellie Harwood, Salem, Ore.; Patricia Schweiger, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Kathleen Nordstrom, Beaverton, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**WAGNER** — Orvin Edson, 87; born Jan. 23, 1930, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Sept. 2, 2017, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Claudia (Eells); sons, Raymond, Grants Pass; Michael, Eagle Point, Ore.; Darrell, Isanti, Minn.; daughters, Kimberly Garver, Tyler, Texas; Dianne Wagner, White City, Ore.; Susan Dietel, Rockland, Wis.; Sharon Stiverson, McMinnville, Ore.; brother, Delmer, Rogue River, Ore.; sister, Elaine Johnson, Idaho Falls, Idaho; 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

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## NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

- March 3** — Local Church Budget;
- March 10** — World Budget: Adventist World Radio;
- March 17** — Local Church Budget;
- March 24** — Local Conference Advance;
- March 31** — NAD Evangelism.

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**March 3** — WWU alumni are invited to hear John McVay, WWU president, speak at the Spokane Valley (Wash.) Church. A potluck will follow along with a dessert buffet provided by WWU. RSVP at 800-377-2586.

## IDAHO CONFERENCE

### Missing Members

The Cloverdale Church is looking for the following missing members: Joshua Abbott, Sarah Andregg, Tina Baker, Kendra Blackburn, Carlene Boatwright, Mary Catmull, Stephen Clay, Barbara and Bryan Cripe, Lane Davis, James Forrester, Tim Heffel, Lacey Kramer, Laurie Mock, Saundra Mock, Teresa Pline, Bethany Reid, Barbara Steams, Treston Ward, and Anna Wilkerson. If you have any information, please contact the church office at [csda@cloverdale.org](mailto:csda@cloverdale.org).

## OREGON CONFERENCE

### Disaster Preparedness Class

**March 6** — Disaster Preparedness: What will you do? The topic is “Canning and Food Preservation.” In a disaster situation there will likely be a loss of power. What are you going to do to keep the food in your freezer and refrigerator from spoiling before you can eat it all? This class will focus on the basics of food preservation: canning, drying and other methods of extending the shelf life of your food supply. All are welcome to come and bring a friend at 6:30 p.m. to the Castle Rock Church Abundant Life Center, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy N., Castle Rock, Wash. (I-5 Exit 49). Questions? Call Wanda at 360-967-2165.

### His Praise Men's Chorus Concert

**March 18** — His Praise Men's Chorus will present a concert during the 10:45 a.m. church service on Sabbath at the Seaside Church, 1450 N. Roosevelt (Hwy. 101), Seaside, OR 97138. His Praise is a group of about 25 men drawn from the Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., area, and from all walks of life. Directed by Charlie Drury, all have one thing in common: They love to sing gospel music. For information, call Bill E. Smith, Seaside Church pastor, 503-409-6908; Jerry Irvine, His Praise scheduling coordinator, 206-261-6452; or Wes Wilbur, His Praise president, 360-936-1401.

### Annual Big Lake Snow Weekend

**March 23-25** — Come enjoy a winter weekend at Big Lake Youth Camp. Bring snowmobiles, cross-country skis and/or snowshoes, and clothes for playing in the snow. Place all items in an easily identifiable snowproof bag. Snowmobile rides available for all. Cost is lowest until March 5. Your fee includes a 5:30 p.m. on Friday snow cat ride from Ray Benson Sno-Park (Oregon Sno-Park permits required for the weekend), five meals and two

nights' lodging. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Jerry Walter, marked for Big Lake. Mail to Big Lake Weekend, c/o Jerry Walter, 92395 Territorial Hwy, Junction City, OR 97448. For more information, call Jerry at 541-998-3593 or 503-789-8911.

### CAA Alumni Homecoming Weekend

**April 6-8** — Columbia Adventist Academy will be honoring the classes from years ending in 8 and the honor group of 1957 and prior (the CAA Trailblazers). If you are interested in helping to coordinate your class reunion, please contact Larry Hiday at CAA at 360-687-3161 or [larry.hiday@caaschool.org](mailto:larry.hiday@caaschool.org). The weekend schedule includes: Friday evening vespers (presented by the class of 2008); Sabbath School (presented by the class of 1998); church (presented by the class of 1993); Sabbath afternoon program (presented by the class of 1968); and Saturday night event and basketball games. All weekend meetings will be held in the Meadow Glade Church, 11001 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, Wash. Registration will be in the school forum.

### “Hands-On” Gardening Workshop

**April 22** — Learn techniques guaranteed to grow a robust garden of healing foods, high in nutrients that are so lacking in today's produce. Learn how to plant a tree using methods first introduced by Ellen White. Lynn Hoag of [SunCountryGardens.com](http://SunCountryGardens.com) has made a lifetime study of these principles and will present a wealth of information so you too can grow your ideal garden. Bring a shovel, garden rake and brown bag lunch and be prepared for a lot of fun. Kids are welcome. Where: Vancouver Community Adventist Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, WA 98665. Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: Free if you bring a non-Adventist friend. Please register by April 8. For more information, email [Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com) or call 360-609-1461.

### Laurelwood Adventist Academy

**Aug. 3-5** — Members of the class of 1968 will meet at the Adobe Resort in Yachats, Ore., for a 50-year class reunion. Call and make your reservations now. Reference Laurelwood Academy's 50th Class Reunion. Questions? Call Jacquie Jenkins Biloff at 605-295-0040 or email at [skyjaky@gmail.com](mailto:skyjaky@gmail.com).

## UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

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### Missing Members

The Clarkston Church in Clarkston, Wash., is looking for the following missing members: Carol Godwin, George Koller, Joshua Marshall, Milton Martin, David Nichols, Mary Nichols, George and Candy Peck, Debbie Riley, Tami Siebly, Larry and Beverly Smyth, William Swam, and Steve, Dillon, and Lukas Winegar. If you have any information about these people, please contact the church clerk, Morleen Flerching, by email at [flerchingermorleen@gmail.com](mailto:flerchingermorleen@gmail.com); by phone at 509-758-9480; by mail to

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Church Clerk, Clarkston SDA, PO Box 548, Asotin, WA 99402.

## Missing Members

Sandpoint Church in Sandpoint, Idaho, is looking for information on the following missing members: Monica Atkins, Celene Cross, Daisy Dos Santos, Elisa Lopez, John and Karen Shaffer, Albert Frangione, and David Williams. If you have any information on these members, please contact Lynda Bailey at [sandpointsdachurch@frontier.com](mailto:sandpointsdachurch@frontier.com) or 208-263-3648.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

### Biblical Justice in Community: Urban Ministries Conference

**April 13–15** — Biblical Justice in Community: Urban Ministries Conference is coming to Bastyr University, Kenmore, Wash. Four out of five Americans now live in the city, creating one of the greatest evangelistic challenges facing the Adventist Church in America: “How do we effectively share the gospel of Christ in an urbanized world?” The Urban Ministries Conference will highlight proven principles and practices that impact the holistic needs of diverse people groups in cities. It will spotlight innovative, successful and sustainable ministries operated by Adventist churches in the urban context. Attendees will be exposed to biblical principles that should influence and inform effective ministry in our current social climate. Information and registration at [urbansda.eventbrite.com](http://urbansda.eventbrite.com). For additional information, call Outreach Ministries at 253-681-6008.

### Washington Adventist Camp Meeting

**June 15–23** — You are invited to Washington Adventist Camp Meeting in Auburn, Wash. Speakers Ron Halvorsen Jr., Harold Alomia, Fredrick Russell and others will help you understand how to “Share Faithfully” in our world today. Lodging reservations open Monday, March 5, at [washingtonconference.org](http://washingtonconference.org).

## WORLD CHURCH

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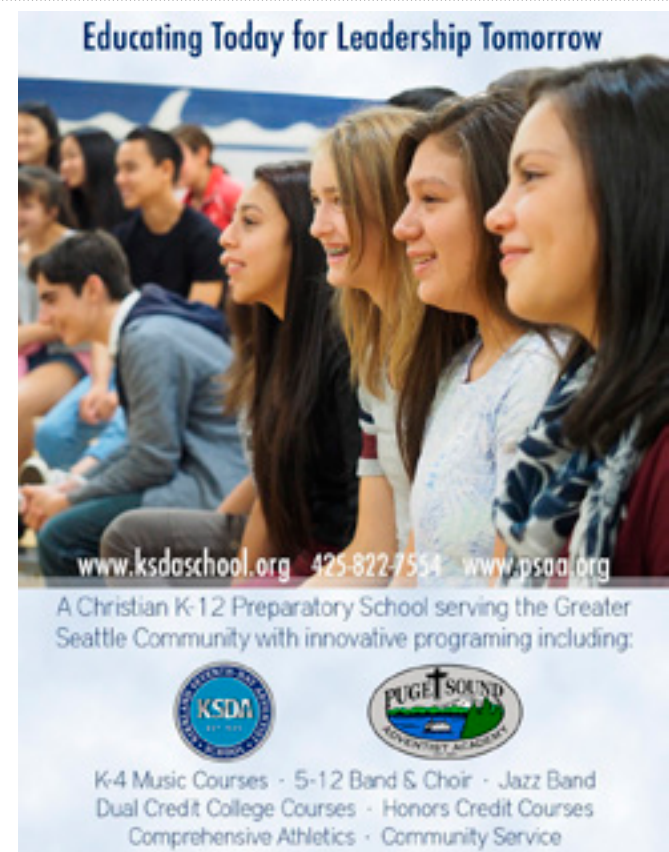
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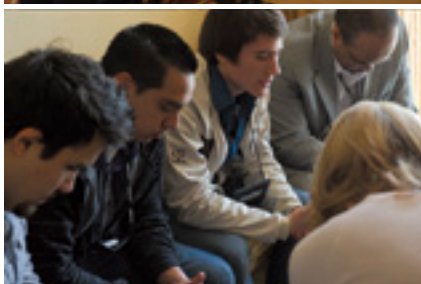
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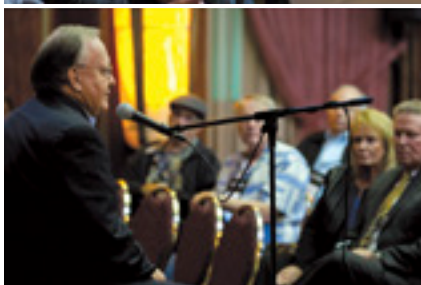
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# FOLLOW THE DOG

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Recently I bore the crushing burden of a stopover in Fiji after preaching for a camp meeting in New Zealand. More specifically, I spent two days on the remote Mana Island — population 400. This doesn't include the resort, which, due to the off-peak season, didn't have all that many tourists. This meant most of the white sandy beaches were vacant, and I often had the infinity pool to myself. I'll pause to allow you time to work through your envy. Yet, while the downtime from an intense speaking schedule was welcome, I got a bit restless after the first day and decided to go exploring.

My wanderings took me to several interesting lookouts, beaches and accidentally through someone's private property. Upon returning to the resort, I noticed a path that led to the small village that had a restaurant, backpacker

hostel and a Seventh-day Adventist school. There was

a sign warning me not to stray from resort grounds, but, having a fairly good idea that crime was essentially nil on the island, I took the risk. After a few minutes of walking, I found the school and several happy students.

As I observed the facilities and watched the staff interact with the students, I began to chat with one of the student missionaries serving there.

This led to meeting three other Adventist college students. We had a brief chat about how long they had served, where they were from and other typical small talk. I said my goodbyes and began making my way to the other side of the village, but a gnawing feeling began to gnaw at my spirit.

I reflected on my own mission experiences and what encouraged me when I was far away from home. I thought of Rich Carlson, Union College (UC) chaplain, who visits all the student missionaries from UC and ministers to them however he can. I didn't have much to offer, but I suspected a meal out might be nice. This feeling began to grow, and I wondered if I should turn around and extend



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an invitation to supper. As I pondered, I came to the end of the village, where I was greeted by a small white dog. Strays are common in Fiji, and mostly friendly, but still my defensive instincts took over, and I determined this was a great time to turn around.

My decision was reinforced by a playful nip around my ankles. Being a dog owner myself, this wasn't cause to panic — just be mildly annoyed. “Go on!” I shouted. Even if the animal didn't understand English, I figured it would read my tone loud and clear. The critter backed off but continued to trot by me as I made my way back through the village. *Perfect*. It occasionally nudged me if I stopped or tried to deviate course until we arrived back at the little school.

In his book *Anatheism: Returning to God After God*, author Richard Kearney describes being open to God, through the practice of hospitality and

a willingness to open ourselves to the “other” (who often turns out to be God in disguise or, at the very least, a “divine appointment”). He states, “Reading the face of the other is difficult, often disorienting and puzzling, but it is never completely impossible. If it were, every meeting with the divine would be a blind date.”\* Was this dog helping to orchestrate a blind date with God's destiny? As I reflected on this, I chose to interpret its actions as a movement of the Other on my path. And, even though I was a bit nervous about inviting the student missionaries to dinner, I nevertheless sought bonding by listing off mutual friends/acquaintances and explaining the mechanics of a haystack.

My invitation was greeted enthusiastically. When I arrived to meet them in the evening, the dog, Maya (she belonged to a student at the school), trotted along

with us to the restaurant. One of the students commented that she never follows them like that. Maya curled up under our table by my feet and rested while we ate. We chatted about college, church and their island experiences. After the meal, we walked back to the school. I had prayer with them, and we wished each other God's blessings on our respective ministries.

This certainly wasn't a compelling or dramatic outreach on my part. I don't recall any miracle happening while we broke bread by the seaside. It was simply a spiritually lucid moment of recognizing the subtle rhythms of God and practicing the words of Jesus, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matt. 25:35). The students also welcomed me as

a stranger and gave me the chance to be a blessing.

Following God's appearances as the “other” (whether a wandering minister or student missionaries, literal or metaphorical) takes a willingness to see and interpret life through a spiritual lens and take social risks. May you see, and follow, God's appearances in your life — even if that means following a stray dog.

\*Kearney, Richard, *Anatheism: Returning to God After God* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), p. 120.

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# SUDDENLY NOTHING MATTERED

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aturday night is a busy time for 911.

Frank and Sue were clubbing at the close of a busy week, dancing and drinking. Arriving home at midnight, they started arguing, yelling in each other's face.

This fight was furious. But suddenly, whatever the problem was, it went away. Right in the middle of their curse-out contest, Frank dropped to the floor. Dead.

The argument was over. Sue won!

The marriage was over too. In one failed heartbeat, Sue went from angry wife to grieving widow.

Amid her panic, she managed to phone for help. As paramedics wheeled Frank's shrouded body out the door, the police escorted Sue, sobbing and screaming, off to the station. They needed to determine that no crime had occurred.

All they got from Sue was hysteria. "Frank! Frank! I'm sorry!

Dear God! I'm really sorry! I just want him back!

Now!"

Instead of Frank, I walked in the door of the interrogation room. Talking soothingly to Sue, I lightly touched her forearm as male chaplains are trained to do. But she needed to be hugged and held like a baby by a mother. Only a woman could really do that.

I told the detective in the hall outside the door I needed

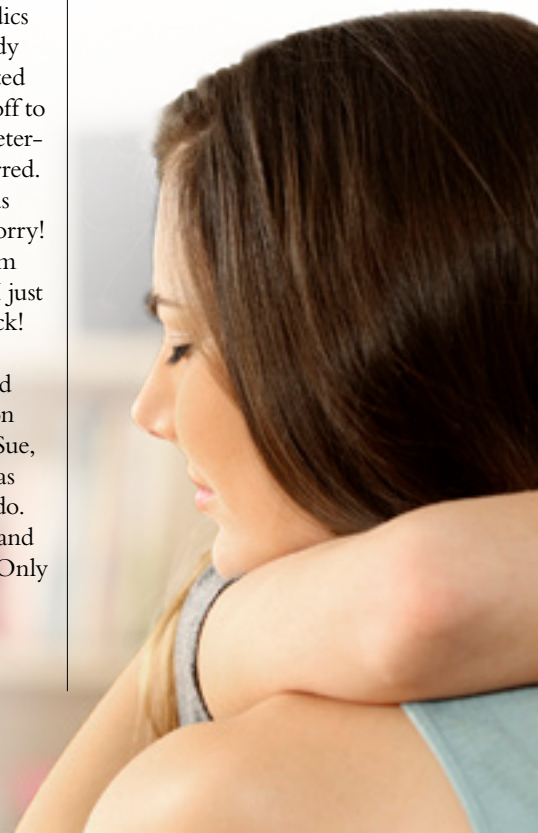
dispatch to summon Julie. Our church secretary by day, Julie was a county-trained volunteer crisis responder by night, working with chaplains from various churches. Julie had won the respect of the department by the way she helped a mother whose son drowned in a boating accident.

Julie arrived 2:30 a.m., Chaplain's Standard Time. She cradled Sue in her arms, gently rocking her maternally. Soon the convulsive sobbing became quieter quivering, which gradually subsided. I slipped out of the room and told the detective that now they could interview Sue. My job was done for the night, thanks to Julie.

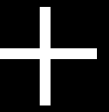


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## Cross-pollination of ministry spreads God's blessings everywhere.

### MINISTRY IN COMMUNITY

The cliché says it best: Sometimes the right man for the job is a woman. All police agencies recognize that certain responsibilities and crises are better managed with a woman's particular skills and intuition.

You might be interested in how Julie became a crisis counselor.

Upon arriving as church pastor, I soon realized Julie's ministry potential transcended her secretarial job description. I could trust her to make decisions that normally would be pastoral discretion. She became basically the unofficial

administrative pastor. I don't remember Julie making any misjudgments — although it would have been fine if she had because she would have acknowledged them and grown accordingly.

I've made my share of pastoral misjudgments. But not regarding Julie.

I also noticed that Julie had leadership ability — and was a Spirit-filled disciple. She had earned the church members' deep respect and soon became our women's ministries leader.

Julie manifested calmness, compassion and wisdom in crisis, a rare combination and a sure qualification for chaplaincy — except the county required all chaplains to be ordained pastors. So I sponsored her for training as a crisis counselor in support of the chaplaincy team.

Soon we worked together not only as paid employees in the church office but on a volunteer basis for the various law enforcement agencies that operated in our

county. Julie is now a licensed chaplain, as fully a minister of God as I am — and was from the day she committed her life to God for service.

So is every member of the church in God's worldwide community of priests. Many others in our congregation had ministry discovery testimonies as Julie did, each in their unique way. Someday I'll write a book devoting individual chapters to their stories. Meanwhile I cherish the memory of how they blended their various personalities, backgrounds and experiences into a symphony of service for the congregation and the community.

### FRUIT SALAD, NOT A SMOOTHIE

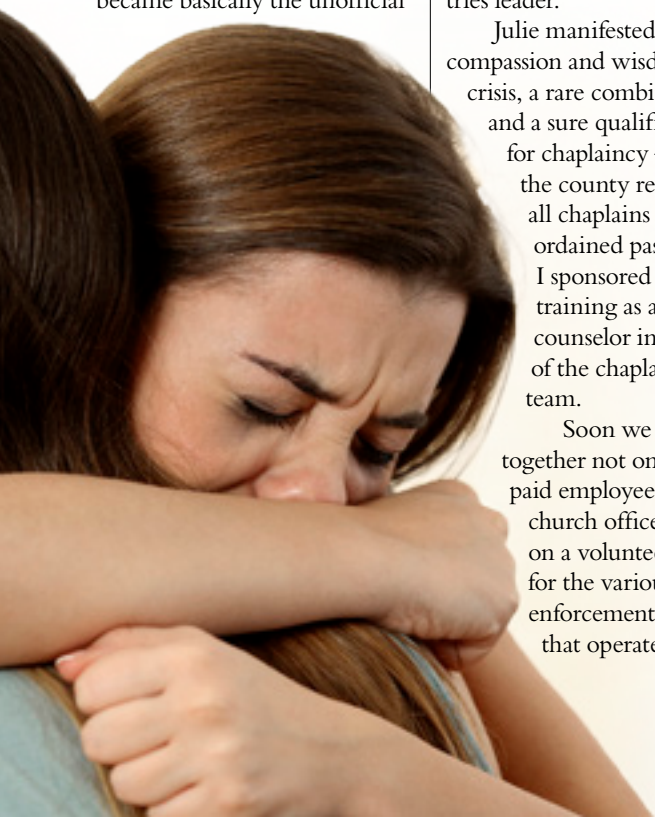
In religious cults, that's not how it works. Instead, a megalomaniac leader bullies everybody into submission. He may even assign his deluded disciples new names to reflect his vision for their life. Whatever God had in mind in creating that particular individual doesn't matter to him — he defines reality. The group becomes like a fruit smoothie, homogenized and seasoned to the taste of the leader.

A healthy church community, by contrast, is a fruit salad. All members retain their God-given particularity, synchronizing with other members. Individual identity finds meaning, purpose and expression in serving together with all other priests in the ministry community.

It's like honeybees doing their job in a flowering orchard. Cross-pollination of ministry spreads God's blessings everywhere. As our High Priest in heaven expresses His spiritual giftedness through our various ministries on Earth, we serve one another while serving Him.

The digital age opens up new doors for ministry by younger members. More on this in a future column.

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# JUST LIKE JESUS

## THE EMPATH

“**E**mpath.” It is in *The New Yorker* magazine, so it must be a real word. “On *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, she served as an empath,” writes Doreen St. Félix, staff writer for *The New Yorker*. A bit of Internet research brought me to some rather strange tales. “Empaths,” one site says, “have a tendency to

Remember the day Rabbi Jairus begged Jesus to touch his dying daughter? Immediately, Jesus left the feast disciple Matthew was holding for Him and headed up the hill with Jairus. Eager to heal the little girl. But, immediately sidetracked by another’s request for attention. Yes, two women were healed that day, and both Jairus and Matthew proclaimed Jesus to be the Messiah. However, after the celebrations died down, Jesus stood on the hill talking with His Father about all

the donkey — as sacrifices to the new order. It grew so wonderful the temple leaders tried to shut the celebration down before Pilate would kill them all! Jesus? He rode quietly, allowing their false dreams to crystallize and collapse. When it was over, He was nowhere to be found. The Reason for the celebration had slipped away, unnoticed, and stood in the temple court speaking with His Father about His coming sacrifice.

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openly feel what is outside of them more so than what is inside of them. They can easily be overwhelmed by the needs of others.”

Here are some other empath traits:

- » They are highly sensitive to the needs and emotions of others;
- » They are ideal listeners with whom even strangers share their hearts;
- » They believe every problem has a solution;
- » They always look out for the underdog;
- » They must have quiet time.

Jesus must have been an empath. He loved intuitively, immediately sensing the needs of others. He was repelled by cruelty and threw Himself in front of the “Powers That Be” to protect the poor and down-trodden.

the others who hadn’t requested His help, trying to figure out how He could heal them all. An empath. Empaths do not enjoy being in large crowds; in fact they often slip away to be alone in a quiet place. Remember the day Jesus asked Peter to go into town and “borrow” a young “never ridden” donkey from a businessman in Jerusalem? Peter obeyed, found the donkey, got permission from the owner to share him with “The Master,” then brought the animal to Jesus in Bethany. The day quickly became a day of triumph. Hundreds came, then thousands, all believing Jesus was proclaiming Himself KING.

“Rome is gone!” they shouted. “King of kings and Lord of lords!” they sang as they hacked off palm branches to wave in their joy. Many laid their coats in the mud before

Listen to His heart: “How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!” (Luke 13:34). Jesus. Overwhelmed by the hurts and needs of others. Praying for us to become like Him.

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