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## GO YE THEREFORE

What if a baptismal candidate can answer every question about our basic beliefs but has not experienced a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ?



AUTHOR

Max Torkelsen

**T**he Great Gospel Commission should be familiar to every Seventh-day Adventist Christian because it is the task heaven has entrusted to His people in preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. Its call is clear: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Have you looked closely at this heavenly directive? It says “go,” not “come.” Think about the usual evangelistic and outreach activities that happen in your community. Do they require people to “come” to your church, community center or school? Or do they require you to “go” out into your community and come alongside your neighbors and friends? Inviting them to “come” is good, but let’s not forget that the Gospel Commission says, “Go.”

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

We may have varied opinions on when this teaching is to take place. Is it before or after baptism? Do we consider the job finished once we have gone over the 13-point baptismal vow?

Or should we include all 28 of the fundamental beliefs? What if a baptismal candidate can answer every question about our basic beliefs but has not experienced a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ? Or what of the individual who has developed an emotional or cultural connection with spirituality yet has not grown in their understanding of scriptural truth?

During recent meetings at our world church headquarters, I was excited to hear some amazing statistical reports. Obviously our divine mission should never be defined only by facts and figures, but here are a few examples to consider. Every 28 seconds another person joins the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That amounted to 127 per hour and more than 3,000 each day in 2012. While we often view our world church through North American perspectives, 89 percent of our current membership is in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and 95 percent of the baptisms are there.

What we consider to be the “norm” on our home continent is unthinkable in other parts of the world. For instance, each pastor in the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division is responsible for 14 congregations and adding 140 new members to the church each year. In contrast, the average North American Division pastor is responsible for just 1.5 congregations and adding three new members each year.

You might also be inter-

ested to know that the North Pacific Union Conference is the sixth highest union in our world church for tithe contributions. We believe in sustaining the worldwide mission of this global church.

These statistics are just a snapshot of the progress of the church at the end of 2012. We need to remember that the “harvest” may not be ripe at the same time in all parts of the world or even our local communities.

The world church and each of our local churches must continue responding to the divine mandate to reach the world using a variety of styles and methods to reach the varieties of people and cultures that occupy planet earth. Randy Maxwell, pastor of the Kuna Church near Boise, Idaho, quipped recently, “We need both microwave and Crock-Pot style evangelism.” I agree. Sometimes people grow in the knowledge and understanding of scriptural truth very quickly, while others require a much more measured path to commitment. We need both public evangelism and personal evangelism.

While we continue to invite people to “come,” we must also answer to the call to “go,” using our unique spiritual gifts to be part of God’s plan for finishing His work in the Pacific Northwest.

*Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president*



## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### In Prison and Inspired

Your stories in this edition ["I Was in Prison," February 2014] were very inspiring. Kirk Gormley's story really hit home. Not only did it bring hope and happiness to several of us who are serving time here in Monroe (Wash.), but also several of the officers made copies to share around the prison. I've already had several inmates ask more about our SDA service and how they could come. I thank Kirk, Caleb, Asa and Daniel for doing what it takes to turn their

lives around and inspire many. Our SDA service has grown from about eight members two years ago to now closer to 40 members. There have been 15-plus baptisms in the past year, and we have another six ready for the next one. God's power and grace are taking hold on this hill. Many of us look forward to our weekly Sabbath service as the light and example of His love for us all. — *Daniel Ogden*

and warmth every Friday night. They are an integral part of the success and blessing of prison ministries in Madras. — *Nate Hellman, Madras and Prineville churches pastor*

### Freedom in Jesus

Thanks for emphasizing prison ministry. As a pastor I have enjoyed visiting behind bars. I visited and spoke at Sunday services in the prison where Patty Hearst had previously spent time. I was privileged to work with one inmate that was baptized while still incarcerated. He told me that he felt freer knowing Jesus behind bars than he ever felt not knowing Jesus before he was in prison. — *Eugene Miller*

### Don't Forget the Gibbons

I am overjoyed at the article written on the prison ministries in Madras, Ore. The group of leaders and the inmates hold a special place in my heart, and the inspiring dynamics were vividly and accurately portrayed in what was written. However, two very important people were missing in the article. This is understandable, as they were on a rare getaway vacation when the writer came to visit. Ed and Dianne Gibbons are part of the core team there at DRCI [Deer Ridge Correctional Institution], and I would be remiss to not share this with the *Gleaner* and its readers. Ed has led out in dozens of baptisms and helps facilitate the ministry, while Dianne brings her musical talents

### Oops!

The *Gleaner* would like to apologize to Will Stuiivenga for accidentally leaving his name off of the Congratulations to Our 2014 Images of Creation Photo Contest winners in the February 2014 *Gleaner*. Stuiivenga's photo will be featured as photo of the week online in October and is currently in the [GleanerNow.com](http://GleanerNow.com) Images of Creation 2014 photo gallery.



Read the article on Prison Ministries and join the conversation online at [glnr.in/gn-prison](http://glnr.in/gn-prison).



Send your letters to [talk@gleanernow.com](mailto:talk@gleanernow.com).

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# CREATION

A FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF

*You who are sighing for the artificial splendor which wealth alone can purchase, for costly paintings, furniture, and dress, listen to the voice of*



One of the benchmarks of the Seventh-day Adventist name and mission is a focus on worshipping the Creator. In its simple consensus statement, the world church includes the following as part of 28 fundamental beliefs: “God is the Creator of all things, and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was very good, declaring the glory of God.”

In celebration of our Creator, the *Gleaner* offers the following images from Northwest photographers along with thoughts from Ellen White. The photographs you see here are among the 52 images featured in a special 2014 nature photo gallery available online at [gleanemow.com](http://gleanemow.com).



Watch *Creation: The Earth Is a Witness* online at [glnr.in/gccreation](http://glnr.in/gccreation).



Enjoy more Images of Creation at [gleanemow.com/nature](http://gleanemow.com/nature).

ADAM CORNWELL



CHRISTINA ANGUICO



*The hand that sustains the worlds in space, the hand that holds in their orderly arrangement and tireless activity all things throughout the universe of God, is the hand that was nailed to the cross for us. — Ellen G. White, The Faith I Live By, p. 28*

*the divine Teacher. He points you to the flower of the field, the simple design of which cannot be equaled by human skill. He is a lover of the beautiful, and above all that is outwardly attractive He loves beauty of character; He would have us cultivate purity and simplicity, the quiet graces of the flowers.*

*— Ellen G. White, The Faith I Live By, p. 25*



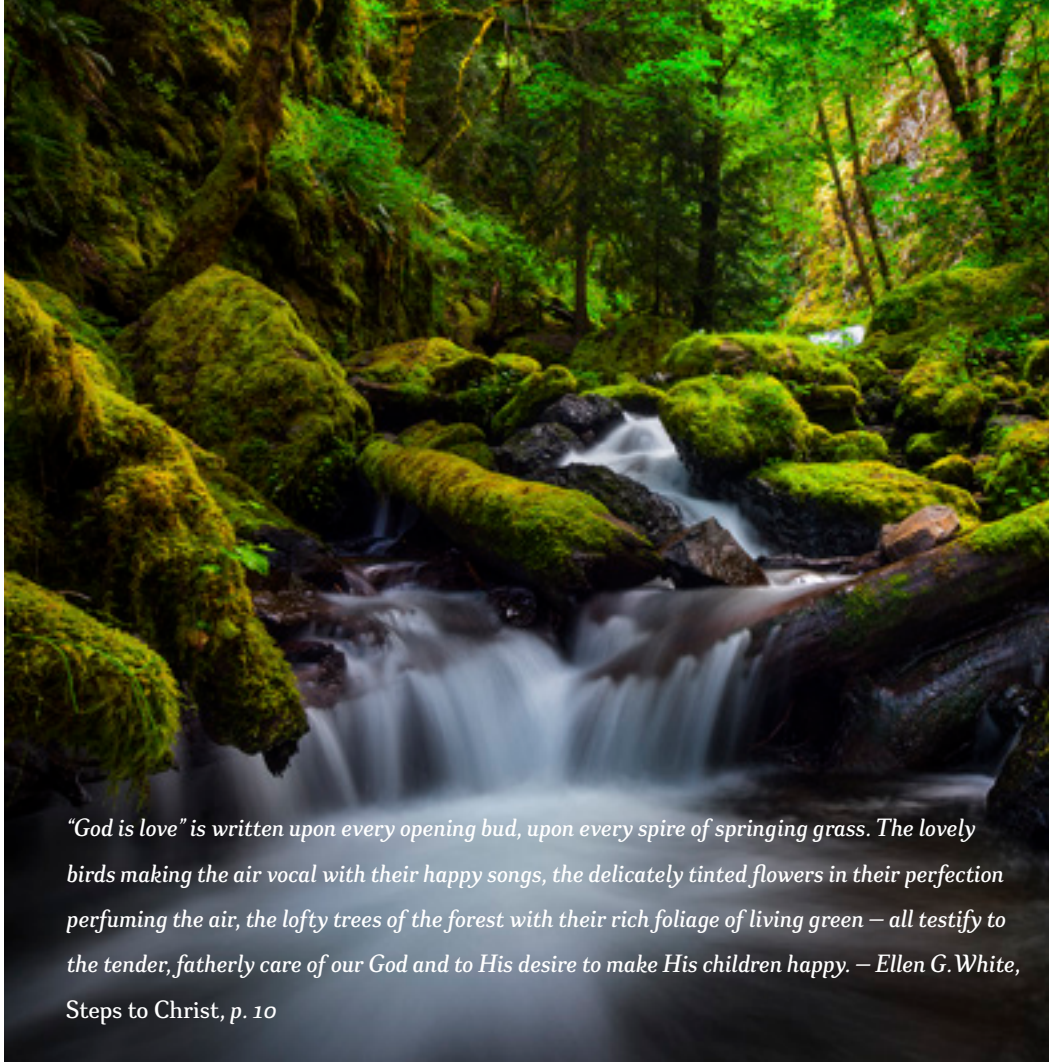
CHUCK DAVIS

*The God of heaven is constantly at work. It is by His power that vegetation is caused to flourish, that every leaf appears and every flower blooms.*

*Every drop of rain or flake of snow, every spire of grass, every leaf and flower and shrub, testifies of God. These little things so common around us teach the lesson that nothing is beneath the notice of the infinite God, nothing is too small for His attention. — Ellen G. White, The Faith I Live By, p. 28*



LYNNE MCCLURE



The beauties of nature have a tongue that speaks to us without ceasing. The open heart can be impressed with the love and glory of God, as seen in the works of His hand. The listening ear can hear and understand the communications of God through the things of nature. There is a lesson in the sunbeam, and in the various objects of nature that God has presented to our view. — Ellen G. White, *The Faith I Live By*, p. 25

“God is love” is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green — all testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God and to His desire to make His children happy. — Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 10

CHRISTINA ANGOQUICO



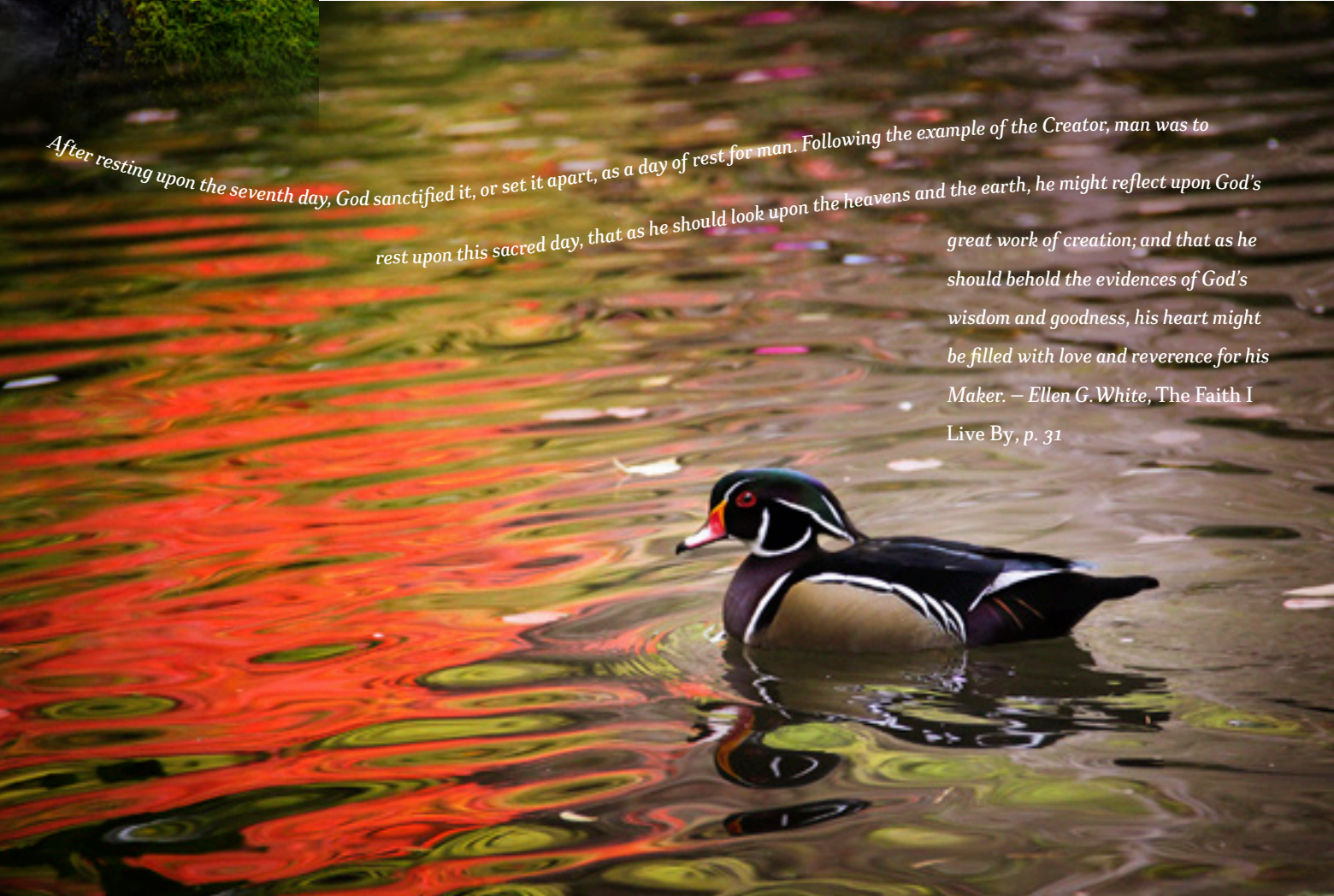


Let us learn the song of the angels now, that we may sing it when we join their shining ranks.  
 Let us say with the psalmist: "While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." "Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."  
 – Psalm 146:2; 67:3. Ellen G. White, Testimony Treasures, vol. 2, p. 112



LYNNE MCCLURE

*After resting upon the seventh day, God sanctified it, or set it apart, as a day of rest for man. Following the example of the Creator, man was to rest upon this sacred day, that as he should look upon the heavens and the earth, he might reflect upon God's great work of creation; and that as he should behold the evidences of God's wisdom and goodness, his heart might be filled with love and reverence for his Maker. – Ellen G. White, The Faith I Live By, p. 31*



JENNIFER BECHTEL

## UN AÑO BENDECIDO



Momento de oración y consagración del equipo pastoral presente en las clases de SAL.

**E**l 2013 fue un año muy bendecido para los hispanos en la Conferencia de Upper

Columbia. Nos organizamos para trabajar en equipo, los diferentes departamentos de la asociación, pastores y líderes de todos los distritos se unieron para realizar un programa anual multidisciplinario lleno de actividades que terminaron acercando a cientos de personas a los pies de Jesús.

Una actividad bendecida fue SAL (Seminario Adventista

líderes más experimentados de cada iglesia hispana confiaban sus responsabilidades en manos de sus reemplazantes dándoles así la oportunidad de crecer en experiencia y en la administración de los ministerios eclesiásticos, mientras ellos se enriquecían académicamente en el Señor.

El Seminario Adventista Laico es una extensión de la Universidad de Andrews en Berrien Springs, Mich., bajo la supervisión del Doctor Ricardo Norton. El ciclo lectivo se dividió en cuatro trimestres;

durante el presente año. La primera colación se realizará en el Campamento MiVoden, en Hayden, Idaho, el sábado, 8 de marzo, y la segunda se realizará durante el campestre hispano de nuestra conferencia, programado para fines del mes de mayo en Walla Walla, Wash.

Además, durante el año, el equipo pastoral organizó un plan de evangelismo, con el que, tanto líderes laicos como pastores, pudieran canalizar lo aprendido en las clases de SAL. El plan consistía en dar protagonismo a los líderes laicos coordinados por sus respectivos pastores para realizar la siembra. El pastor Gerizín de Peña, parte del equipo pastoral, organizó el calendario de cosecha en tres etapas. La primera etapa consistió en una campaña realizada por el equipo nacional de evangelistas "RTM" que

consta de 30 evangelistas profesionales, muy espirituales y cuidadosamente coordinados para llevar las actividades de cosecha. Para fines de abril 221 almas habían sellado sus vidas con Cristo. En la segunda etapa los líderes laicos se organizaron y predicaron una segunda semana de cosecha en cada uno de los distritos hispanos. Y como tercera etapa, los pastores cerraron el año con un evento de cosecha general en sus respectivos distritos. Los reportes distritales indican que cerca de 400 nuevas almas nacieron en el Señor durante el 2013.



Vista de la primera clase de SAL en plena sesión, presentada por el Dr. Atilio Dupertuis.

Laico). Donde alrededor de 160 hermanos representando las iglesias hispanas de nuestra conferencia se registraron a comienzos del año para este programa. Durante los siguientes 12 meses un promedio de 140 asistían fielmente a las clases que se dictaban un sábado al mes en la Iglesia Hispana de Richland, Wash.

La estrategia dio muy buen resultado. Un sábado al mes los

tres de orden académico y uno para trabajo de campo. La práctica fue supervisada por los pastores hispanos locales y los líderes laicos eran responsables de poner en práctica sus conocimientos de acuerdo a lo requerido por su iglesia local.

Más de 140 líderes laicos llenaron los requisitos y completaron el curso exitosamente. La graduación de éstos líderes tendrá lugar



El pastor Ramón Canals fue uno de los profesores invitados.



El grupo de almas listas para entregar sus vidas a Jesús mediante el bautismo en la campaña de evangelismo de abril en la Iglesia Hispana de Toppenish, Wash.

Lo realizado durante el 2013 nos confirmó que cuando los laicos, los pastores y la administración se organizan para trabajar unidos, Dios derrama grandes bendiciones.

*Upper Columbia Conference oficina del ministerio hispano*

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DONATES BLANKETS TO BARTLETT HOUSE

**A**laska's annual Juneau Women's Retreat is held at the Shrine of St. Therese each May and provides a serenely beautiful location overlooking Lynn Canal away from the hustle and bustle of city living. The ladies attending have an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing, fun-filled weekend, sharing the love of Christ and developing a closer personal relationship with Jesus.

The idea to do a community service project began at the retreat held in May 2013. Attendees chose to make no-sew fleece throws for Bartlett House, a facility on the Bartlett Regional Hospital campus that provides affordable lodging for family members of sick patients and for southeast Alaska residents who travel to Juneau for medical care.

Ladies of the Juneau Church not only attended the weekend retreat but met several more times during the fall and winter to complete the blankets. Nine fleece throws, suitable for both children and adults, were presented in January to Sheila Bradford, Bartlett patient access services director, by Juneau Church members Angela Imboden, Judy Evenson, Nickie Romine, Diana Pinar and Lynne Jackson.

Another community service project will be selected for the next Juneau Women's Retreat, scheduled for May 9-11, 2014, again at the Shrine of St. Therese.

*Lynne Jackson, Juneau Church women's ministries leader*



(From left) Sheila Bradford, Angela Imboden, Judy Evenson, Nickie Romine, Diana Pinar and Lynne Jackson present nine blankets made for Juneau's Bartlett House.

## WILLIAMS ORDAINED IN WRANGELL



(From left) Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president; Colleen Crawford; Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president secretariat; Charlene Williams; Howard Williams; and James Jensen, Alaska Conference vice president of finance, celebrate Howard Williams' ordination to the gospel ministry.

**H**oward Williams was ordained to the gospel ministry in the presence of his congregation on Sabbath, Feb. 15, in Wrangell. Williams worked for years in South America as a pilot, mechanic and lay pastor. He and his wife, Charlene, are fluent in Spanish, which has helped them establish Spanish work wherever they go, even as far north as Alaska.

In 2009, the Williamses were called to pastor the Wrangell/Petersburg District where they have reached out to each community. Howard has connected with a small group of Spanish-speaking people in Petersburg.

He is a member of the local ministerial association and is an active part of community events. Charlene began a ministry in Wrangell called Bear Basics, a secondhand store.

Howard has regularly helped organize the annual camp meeting on Vank Island and is always available to help with summer camp programs.

And now, another step awaits. The Williamses have accepted a call to pastor the Dillingham and Togiak churches beginning in May. They look forward to what God has in store for them there.

*Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference V.P. secretariat*



## A CALL TO PRAYER

**A**re you looking for power, mercy and encouragement? The following verses are packed with power, mercy and encouragement and direct us as God's people to the source:

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place" (2 Chron. 7:14–15, ESV).

While this is a promise of God to us regarding prayer, notice that it is conditional. The verse begins, "If my people . . ." It is quite simple. If we choose to pray and meet the conditions cited, the fulfillment and blessings are ours; however, we can choose not to pray and receive nothing. The choice is ours.

These verses are a call to prayer for God's people. Pastors and church leaders, let's challenge our churches to be churches of prayer. Teachers and school leaders, let's challenge our schools to be schools of prayer. Let's invite the families in our

churches and schools to be families of prayer. What if you were a man or woman of prayer? What if our children were children of prayer?

If there was ever a time when we needed to pray, *it is now*. If there was ever a time we needed to be God's people, *it is now*. If there was ever a time we needed to humbly seek God's face, *it is now*. If there was ever a time when we needed to turn from our wicked ways, *it is now*. If there was ever a time when we needed God to hear from heaven, *it is now*. If there was ever a time when we needed God to forgive our sin, *it is now*. If there was ever a time when we needed God to heal our land, *it is now*.

Notice God's encouraging promise in chapter 7, verse 15: "Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place." Wow! God's attention is focused on His people in the Idaho Conference, in the North Pacific Union Conference. His ears are attentive to us. Let us humble ourselves and pray and seek His face.

*David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 4-6**

**Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) Alumni Weekend**

**APRIL 13-14**

**GSAA Academy Days**

**APRIL 14-18**

**Sixth Grade Outdoor School**

**APRIL 27**

**Pathfinder Fair and Adventurer Fun Day at GSAA**

**MAY 5**

**Elementary Science Fair at GSAA**

**MAY 6**

**Elementary Track and Field Day at GSAA**

**MAY 16**

**GSAA Art Show and Spring Concert**

**MAY 30-JUNE 1**

**GSAA Graduation Weekend**

**JUNE 10-14**

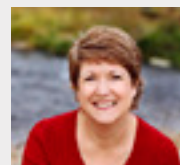
**Idaho Conference Camp Meeting at GSAA**

Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus 101 Biblical Institute director/speaker, will be presenting "Revelation: The Fifth Gospel's Pictures of Jesus" beginning Tuesday evening, June 10, at 7:15 p.m.

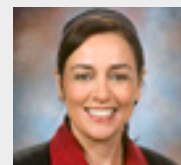
Other presenters include Steve McPherson, Karen Pearson, Jordana Ashcroft, Corleen Johnson, Maureen O'Kane and Jack McIntosh. Mini-concerts are featured Tuesday through Friday evenings. Programs for children and youth, from birth through high school, are planned throughout the day and evening. The Big Tent for Young Adults is back. For more information, see the May issue of Mission Idaho Update or online at [IdahoAdventist.org](http://IdahoAdventist.org).



Steve McPherson



Karen Pearson



Elizabeth Talbot

MADELINE GIBSON



The Egyptian Theatre, situated on a busy downtown Boise intersection, premieres a film about what happens when we die.

## HELL AND MR. FUDGE SHOWS IN BOISE

When Stephen McPherson was Idaho Conference president, the question he often was asked by non-Adventists was, “What happens when I die?” When he discovered that his longtime friend James Wood was co-producing a movie on just that topic, a plan began in his mind to bring it to area theaters.



MADELINE GIBSON

(From left) Steve and Sharon McPherson pose with James Wood, producer, outside the Egyptian Theatre.

McPherson introduced his idea to the Boise Central congregation, who agreed that it was a great idea. Not only would it answer people’s questions about death, it would dispel the misconception of a vengeful God who tortures sinners in hell forever.

*Hell and Mr. Fudge* premiered at the Egyptian Theatre, which is a historic site in Boise’s downtown area. The title

on the marquee was quite an attention-grabber. Showings were scheduled for Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 26 at 2 and 6 p.m. A week and a half before the showing, posters were posted and postcards were handed out. Approximately 400 people attended. Children under 10 were admitted free. Of that total, it is estimated that 100 were not Seventh-day Adventists.

McPherson and Wood answered audience questions after each show, and tables in the lobby offered publications on the topic, including the *Signs of the Times* magazine on “The Truth About Hell,” another featuring “Benefits of Belief” and Danny Shelton’s booklet “Does God Burn Sinners Forever?” The definitive textbook by Edward Fudge, *The Fire That Consumes*, and the DVD of *Hell and Mr. Fudge* sold out, and orders were taken for more.

The movie is based on Edward Fudge’s theological and historical search for biblical truth about the false belief of an eternal hell and the reactions he received from attempting to correct that false doctrine. For more information, go online to [hellandmrfudge.org](http://hellandmrfudge.org).

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director*

## ENTERPRISE ADVENTIST SCHOOL WINS IPAD SWEEPSTAKES

What are the odds that someone who rarely enters a contest would ever win? Who knows. But that is exactly what happened when a member (name withheld by request) of the Enterprise (Ore.) Church entered a nationwide Labels for Education sweepstakes on behalf of the Enterprise Adventist School in September 2013.

Dan Webster, school principal, received a letter in October indicating that the Enterprise Adventist School was a potential winner of the grand prize: five iPad 16GB tablets

and \$500 worth of iTunes gift cards for apps. Still no one really expected the school to win.

A small package arrived in December containing five \$100 gift certificates to the Apple iTunes store. This looked even more promising. Sure enough, a few days later, the five iPads arrived. Webster spent time during the Christmas Break strategizing how to optimize these for academic use in the classroom.

*Alina Rice, Enterprise Church communication leader*



Students at the Enterprise Adventist School who will be using the five iPads include Kari Rose, Kaelin Sanders, Ronan Nash, Kana Oliver and Alondra Pena.

## PATHFINDERS CONTINUE PINEWOOD DERBY TRADITION

If you were in the vicinity of Mountain View Adventist School (MVAS) in Missoula on Jan. 26 and you did not stop by, you missed out on some incredible Pinewood Derby racing. Attendees had a great time as the Montana

past 18 years. With more than 80 cars registered it was a race-filled day, with each car racing 12 times.

There were some inspiring, unique and innovative designs, and the judges had a hard time choosing the Best in Class for design. From yellow locomotives to cars with fish tanks on them, the designers' efforts were obvious.

The racers' excitement was contagious, and the audience cheered and encouraged each racer. Now each of these young designers is planning what to do for next year's race.

Janice Hansen and her husband, Greg, have been heading up this event for the

*Phil Hudema, Montana Conference youth director*



Montana Pathfinders sponsor a Pinewood Derby each year.

Pathfinders sponsored the 18th annual Pinewood Derby.

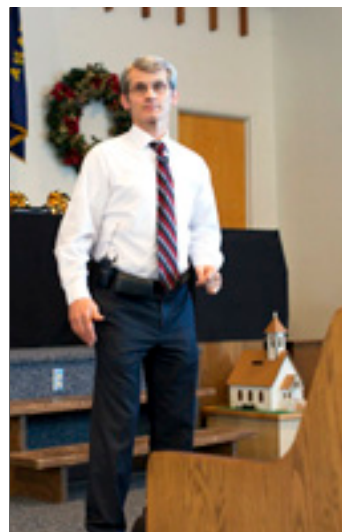
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## MONTANA MEMBERS LEARN TO PRAY

The Montana Conference family gathered Friday evening, Jan. 31, for the annual Prayer Conference and to listen to Pavel Goia, an Adventist pastor born in communist Romania. Today he pastors the Adventist church in Lexington, Ky. His ministry shows God answers prayer both where there is persecution and in secular America.

Along with the miracle stories told, he taught that the center of prayer is God. It is to know God and to trust Him. The function of prayer is an intimate relationship. The goal of prayer is to live in His presence, to the point that you forget yourself.

"I learned a more effective way of praying," reports Laryssa Barlow.



JENN KYLE

Pavel Goia shares how the center of prayer is God.

Teresa Kammerman, another attendee, agrees. "I learned that I need to 'throw' my requests at God, leave them with Him and worship Him," she says.

Rudy Fallang adds, "I realized that most of my prayers were meaningless repetitions. I am going to look at the way I pray and make some changes."

For more information on Goia's ministry, read his life story in *One Miracle After Another*, authored by Gregg Budd and available at the Adventist Book Center. To hear a weekend excerpt go to [montanaconference.org](http://montanaconference.org), click Departments and then click Prayer Ministries.

*Kathleen Hixson, Prayer Conference attendee*

## "He's On His Way"

**MONTANA CONFERENCE  
CAMP MEETING**  
June 18-21, 2014  
Mount Ellis Academy



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## MILO STUDENTS FROM CHINA EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS

**M**ilo Adventist Academy is privileged to have students from several different countries in its English as a Second Language (ESL) program, which has operated for many years.

Michelle Candy, who spent several years working in Hawaii, Hong Kong and China, works hard to make sure visiting students understand not only the English language but also American culture. Besides teaching language and Bible classes, she also takes the time to plan other activities.



During a home leave, students from Hong Kong went to Chicago, Ill., and Andrews University in Michigan.

One of these activities was a trip to Crater Lake with some students from Hong Kong. The students got to play in the snow, explore the woods and eat in an American restaurant — the first time for many of them to eat an American

restaurant that didn't serve fast food. Another trip was to Chicago, Ill., and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., during a recent home leave.

Cici Chen, who is visiting from China, says she appreciated the chance to see how American professors teach their students and how the American university system differs from the Chinese system. The students also enjoyed seeing the thick ice on Lake Michigan and exploring Chicago, though they had never been so cold before, as temperatures dipped to 0F.

During other home leaves, the international students go to American family homes to experience a little bit of American home life. Many of the students become close to their host families. Cherry Xu, for example, has become part of the family

Michelle Candy, Milo's ESL teacher, plans cultural activities in addition to classroom instruction.

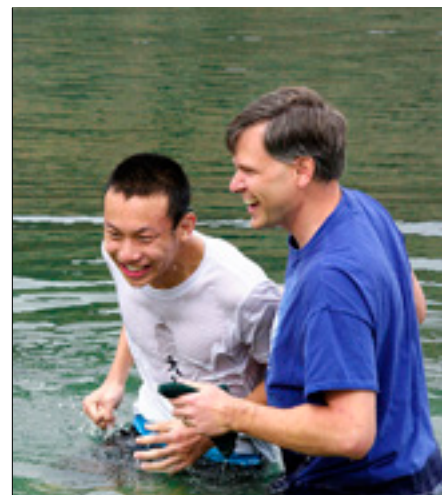


Milo students visiting from Hong Kong explore Crater Lake.

of her classmate Ardy Vaeono, spending many home leaves with the Vaeonos. Because of this closeness, Vaeono visited China this summer with Xu, becoming part of her family in turn.

Tony Dan had only been in the United States for one month when he told Chad Reising, Milo Academy Church pastor, that he wanted to be baptized, right away if possible. After studying with Reising, he was baptized during Bible Camp last September. Dan says that he wanted to be a Christian because he comes from a region in China that has a lot of violence. He wanted to know God because he wanted a better way to live. He wants to go back to China and change his environment by trying to share a better way of life with his friends.

As these international students are exposed to Christian teachers, classmates and ideas,



Chinese student Tony Dan was baptized during Bible Camp last September.

they have many questions. Milo's teachers and staff ask for your prayers as they strive to answer these questions through their teaching and their living examples.

*Nancy Starr, Milo Adventist Academy administrative assistant*

## GATEWAY'S COWBOY CHURCH MARKS ONE YEAR

**W**ell, it is not the famous Gaither Gospel Hour, but it sure is close. Gateway Church (Grants Pass) holds Cowboy Church the first Sabbath of each month at 5 p.m., for an hour of old-time country-gospel singing and a 10-minute sermon.

Friends and family come dressed in western apparel, overalls, cowboy hats and boots and join in the singing. While the music plays, several members work steadily in the nearby kitchen preparing what will soon be the potato bar with homemade chili and fixings.

Feb. 1 marked the first anniversary of the Cowboy Church service. Each month the attendance grows. On the first Cowboy Church, 75 guests attended. One year later, attendance doubled to more than 150 guests.

Gateway was blessed to have Teryl Casebier return to help celebrate the anniversary. Casebier sang “One Day at a Time,” “I’ll Fly Away,” “Peace in the Valley” and other beautiful, almost-forgotten gospel songs. Nicholas Jones, Gateway Church pastor, harmonized and played the guitar, while Larry York played bass, Kip Bradford played mandolin and 9-year-old Noah Carlson played guitar.

If you are ready for an hour of good old-time country-gospel singing and some knee-slapping fun, put on your overalls, cowboy hat and boots and come on down to Grants Pass.

*Starla Glassel, Gateway Church communication leader*



Gateway Church in Grants Pass holds Cowboy Church once a month.



Grants Pass Adventist School rallies to raise funds for a local toddler fighting heart defects.

## GRANTS PASS SCHOOL HOLDS ‘PENNY WAR’

**K**aleb Lahr, 3, was diagnosed with aortic stenosis after his birth in August 2010. He also was suffering from mild mitral stenosis valve regurgitation and endofibroelastosis (a rare condition). He has endured surgeries, hospital stays and numerous visits to doctors and specialists in his three years of life. His most recent surgery was during Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week, Feb. 7–14.

Kaleb’s big brother, Allan, attends the Grants Pass Adventist School. In recent years, the school has rallied behind the Lahr family with prayers and financial support. Last year, baked goods and “gently loved” toys were sold, and a quilt was stitched together from pieces bought by families.

For CHD Awareness Week 2014, the students engaged in a “penny war” between classes. Everyone

brought in pennies, while nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars were “bombs” that could be used to put a rival class in a “negative” balance. When all was said and done, this Adventist school raised \$3,169 in the “battles,” which will assist the Lahrs with mounting medical bills.

Lindsey Lahr, Kaleb’s mother, successfully lobbied to have Kaleb’s Law passed in Oregon. This requires all hospitals to “pulse ox” test all newborns. This is a safe, cheap and effective way to test for congenital heart defects. Kaleb was near death before his congenital heart defect was detected. The sooner a heart issue can be detected, the sooner treatment can begin.

*Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader*

## EMERALD'S MUSICAL DREAMS RISE ABOVE THE WEATHER

**W**hen snow started covering the Willamette Valley just days before the Emerald Christian Academy (ECA) benefit auction, team leaders, volunteers and teachers started to pray for it to clear enough that guests could still attend. The morning of Sunday, Feb. 9, dawned with temperatures warm enough to turn the previously icy roads into slush, allowing guests to attend Emerald's Evening of Elegance — Musical Dreams at the Emerald Valley Resort in Creswell, Ore.

Despite worries that the power might not be on, teams of volunteers showed up Sunday morning in snow boots to display items for the silent auction and decorate the event room, dodging snow melting from trees and navigating around fallen branches.



Louis LaRiccia, an ECA alumnus, plays the piano as part of the evening's entertainment.

Katrina Harness, head of the auction team, shares, "We are so thankful for our God and all the volunteers (many who worked behind the scenes and made a huge difference), all the donors, and all the folks who attended in spite of all the crazy weather. We certainly felt the support of this community and are so blessed to have so many families who show such huge support."

The main goal at the auction was to raise money for ECA to install a new phone and intercom network to replace the current out-of-date system. Guests enjoyed an evening of live music from ECA alumni Louis LaRiccia and Lindsey Rodgers, plus her husband, Steve Rodgers. Attendees participated in the dessert dash, bidding for the chance to be the first table released to pick from a mouth-watering array of cakes and cookies.

Sheldon Eakins, ECA principal, was pleased by the evening's turnout. "The 10th annual Emerald Christian Academy auction was a huge success," he says. "In spite of the weather, we received a great turnout and donations to further enhance our educational program. This is evidence that our ECA community sees the value of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education."

*Serena Liu, Emerald Christian Academy parent and auction team member*

## MOLALLA MEMBER HONORED FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

**T**he children's division of Molalla Church presented a 13th Sabbath program during Sabbath School on Dec. 28, 2013. Marge Quade was presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by all the Molalla Sabbath School officers and Eduard Ciobanu, Molalla Church pastor, thanking her for 60 years of faithful service in the kindergarten department.

When Quade was asked about her experience teaching so many children during those 60 years, she replied, "I like it. I am uncomfortable being in front of adults but enjoy teaching and being with children. It is a part of me."

"Because of her dedication to teaching Sabbath School in the kindergarten division for 60 continuous years, Marge is a rarity," says Ciobanu. "A monument of commitment to serving God and His precious little ones, she has taught countless generations what it means to love Jesus. The results of this tireless, selfless and sacred work will only be revealed in the eternal kingdom. What a ministry well done."

*Helen Shreve and Brenda Thorpe, Molalla Church members*



Marge Quade receives a certificate of appreciation for serving Molalla Church's kindergarten Sabbath School for 60 years.

## COLUMBIA STUDENTS CREATE 'HeART'

**E**xpressing oneself is personal. Making art is personal too. And as we are “created in God’s image,” when the two combine it can result in a reflection of that image



CAA art students explore the local art scene during a field trip to Vancouver, Wash.

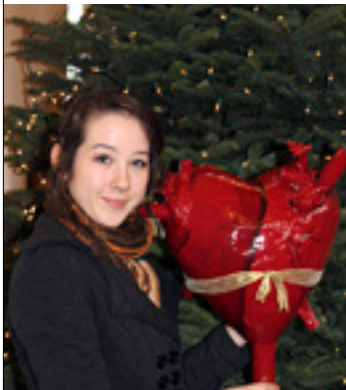
through a magical, meaningful new creation. It is an art from the heart — “HeART.”

Inspiration occurred for an art project that would tap into students’ creativity when Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) art instructor Marién Vera saw the art of many local artists scattered throughout the nearby Vancouver, Wash., area. She took her art students to see the artwork and then introduced the next art project for them to develop. It was a change of pace from all the previous assignments but combined them for a piece of art that was very unique and individualized. She gave each student

a heart-shaped Mylar balloon that they covered with papier-mâché before creating “what the heart meant to them.” Their final masterpieces were inspired by many things, including poetry and personal journeys. The premiere exhibition for these pieces of art was a fundraiser event that took place in the forum of CAA.

The art was then relocated to different places in the school where fellow students could enjoy them. “It was so rewarding to see a nervous student who didn’t consider herself an artist become an artist gleaming with pride in her work and what she had accomplished,” says Vera. This project, begun as an overwhelming one, turned into one of the heart. And it was not only art of the heart but also art from the heart.

*Larry Hiday, CAA Gleaner correspondent*



Lexi Mills, CAA senior, with her “anatomical” heart.



Laura and James Eng lead a prayer group.

## BEAVERTON RECEIVES 10 DAYS OF BLESSINGS

**T**he Beaverton Church joined churches around the world for 10 Days of Prayer, held Jan. 8–18. Members and guests met together each night at 7 p.m. for prayer. Led by James and Laura Eng and open to all ages, each nightly hour of prayer included praising God, confessing to God, thanking Him, and asking for His intercession in their community and the world.

name, and this morning I found out she had contemplated and attempted suicide last night but had not been successful. I believe God kept her safe from her own actions due to our prayers, even though we didn’t know she was struggling so deeply.”

The event provided opportunity for collective prayer and praise for our Creator. “I feel like I’m finally learning to pray God’s Word back to Him,” says Vanda, another attendee. “That is powerful because I feel like I’m really having a conversation with Him when I do that.”

*Amber Alekel, Beaverton Church communication leader*



Names are placed in the prayer basket so the prayer group can lift those names up in prayer during 10 Days of Prayer.

Each attendee placed in a basket the names of five specific people for whom they wanted to pray so everyone could lift them in prayer.

“I put the name of a friend’s daughter in the basket who was a victim of a violent crime,” says Brenda, one participant. “We all prayed over her



Beaverton Church’s 10 Days of Prayer group meets and prays together.

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## PRAYER TRANSFORMS AGING TROY CHURCH

**A** once-dwindling church has made a turnaround through prayer and faith in God's promises. The Troy (Idaho) Church began with a focus on children. Members purchased a turn-of-the-century Swedish church in 1946 then moved to the site of a schoolhouse they purchased for a few hundred dollars. They combined the buildings and added a basement to create classrooms, a church and a school.

In more recent years the church family began to slowly decrease in size as families left. With only one child left in the congregation, members needed to do something.

About five years ago the church members began to pray. Dennis Nickel, the pastor, was



LYNDI LITTLER

Young and old work together to finish the Troy Church building project.

God each Sabbath for church growth and specifically for more children.

Their prayers of faith were rewarded tangibly. Before Nickel passed away in August 2011, younger families began moving to the area and babies were born. When the new pastor, Ole Olesen, came in 2012, the church was still praying, and one after another additional babies arrived to families in the congregation.

Now there are 34 children in church. The church's longstanding Happy Hour for Kids on the second Saturday night of each month has a

whole new generation. "Happy Hour is an important part of our church outreach," says Lyndi Littler. "It brings our

congregation enjoyment and satisfaction, not only working together for the good of our own children but to make a difference in our community kids."

Josie Littler, 6, says, "I look forward to Happy Hour. It's what I think about when I think about fun. I learn about Jesus and animals and do crazy crafts. I love it."

Her brother, Justus, 4, says, "My favorite part of Happy Hour for Kids is playing games with my friends."

Stepping out in faith, Troy Church is adding 9,000 square feet to create a new lobby, classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and offices. Members of all ages have donated time, equipment and professional skills. Current and former members have donated thousands of dollars and continue to do so. Sunday work bees are well-supported, and whenever the workplace is safe the children help alongside the adults.

"The spirit of cooperation, fellowship and generosity

lends an excitement to Troy Church," says Olesen. "And when obstacles arise from bureaucracy, funding or the inevitable disappointments along the way, the spirit of prayer and hope keep drawing us together."

Troy Church had fewer than 35 people attending weekly, and now 60–80 people attend. Continued increases seem inevitable as Troy Church grows spiritually, physically and structurally. Be sure to check out Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church on Facebook.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



LYNDI LITTLER

Children enjoy the Happy Hour for Kids at the Troy Church.

The addition of 9,000 square feet to the Troy Church is taking shape with the help of many church members.



LYNDI LITTLER

A recent church picnic reveals many children have been added to the Troy Church congregation.

battling cancer but had a big heart for his church members and supported them as they took 15 minutes to petition

## UCA STUDENTS CONSTRUCT VIDEO STUDIO

**W**hat started out as a simple question to a local news station about green screens has transformed the tech lab on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy (UCA). In the spring of 2013, UCA videography instructor Tamara Terry connected with Dan Lamphere, operations manager for several local TV stations, which happened to have a foam green screen and some lights the students could use. Needless to say, Terry and the students were thrilled.

Seeing the enthusiasm William Garrett, UCA industrial arts instructor, knew the foam wouldn't last around active students, so he along with sophomores Taylor Sims and Elliot Wickward, junior Bethany Stafford, and seniors Cameron Smith, Alex Tataryn, Sarah

Blake and Oscar Merry took turns smoothing out the lab's brick walls. Once they were smooth enough, Garrett, Terry and Terry's mom, Marilyn Michalenko, painted the walls green. Terry's husband, Randy, and father-in-law, Richard Terry, were recruited to cover a window so the room could have two green walls.

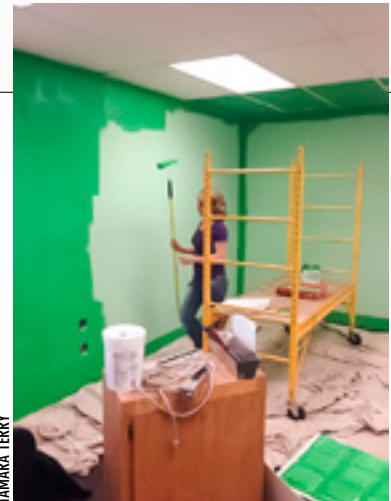
Bob Lenz, UCA information technology director, along with several student workers, upgraded the tech lab computers with new professional-level hardware and software so students could edit high-definition video footage from the cameras quickly and efficiently.

The next project was to create a pole to hold the lights. Garrett and Caleb Lamberton, '13, welded pipes together to hang the donated lights. A variety of backdrops were purchased

with donated funds. That created another project need: how to hang them. Garrett gave students the vision, then senior Suzanna Officer drew up the plans on AutoCAD. Juniors Dustin James and Mike Evans cut out the brackets with the PlasmaCAM.

Far from finished, it is exciting to see what a little team work can do. Terry hopes to eventually have some professional video cameras for the class to use and a variety of props to create sets. One student-made video can be seen at [glnr.in/1kb2ckt](http://glnr.in/1kb2ckt).

UCA needs to update the AutoCAD design software to give students current technology experience. If you're interested in donating toward the \$3,000



TAMARA TERRY

Bethany Stafford, UCA junior, works on painting the built-in green screen in the new videography studio.

AutoCAD upgrade, please contact the school.

Joe Hess, UCA Gleaner correspondent



## A SNOWY GRAND OPENING FOR NEW CAFETERIA

**T**he grand opening for the new Upper Columbia Academy cafeteria was held Monday, Feb. 24, amid a winter storm that was akin to Christmas. Students and staff alike enjoyed the ribbon-cutting ceremony even though they were bombarded with snowflakes. This event marks the beginning of a new gathering place

for food and friendships and a new footprint for the campus, which will open up the campus. Students have been using the new cafeteria since the move-in on Nov. 20.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



The ribbon is cut by (from left) Cliff Wallace, son of Pop Wallace, for whom the cafeteria is named; Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president; Weston David, building committee chair; John Winslow, Upper Columbia Academy principal; and Omar Alfaro, student body president; as Linnea Torkelsen, UCA alumni and development director, looks on.

## INCHELIUM HOSTS 'LIFE IS SACRED' PRAYER DAY

**H**igh unemployment, peer pressure, loss of hope — whatever may have been the causes, the number of suicides on the Colville (Wash.) Indian Reservation led to an emergency tribal meeting to seek answers. One tribal leader's comment, "Our young people don't even know how to pray," sparked an event, "Life Is Sacred" Prayer Day.

A reservation-wide day was set for Nov. 1, 2013, to start the healing process among these people, who represent four native communities.

Ranny LeBret invited the Inchelium (Wash.) Church to participate in this event. She asked if the church could hold an hour of testimony, song and a sacred message. She also encouraged members to offer literature and pray with and for those attending who might be seeking hope and direction in their lives. To say the least, the Inchelium Church members were honored to attend and participate in sharing the love of God with their neighbors.

The full day of events went from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and included traditional songs and other activities as well as other area-wide churches holding services and offering their presence and community support.

Those participating in this event, as well as community members, were encouraged to join together for a walk around town to show unity in support of those hurting and as a remembrance of those who died.

Inchelium Church's portion of the day included personal testimonies from Mark Johnson, Beryl Abbott and Jessica Pendleton. Members gave several musical numbers, one of which was performed by the church children's bell choir. The service concluded with a sacred message from Ken LeBrun, Inchelium Church pastor, on the theme "Teach Us to Pray."

In closing, tribal members along with Inchelium Church members joined in prayer for those in Inchelium and others on the reservation, that there would be an awakening in the hearts of the people for something better and that they would seek God in their lives.

Church members felt blessed to be able to accept this invitation to join hands as a community of believers and share hope and healing for the hurting.

*Angie Johnson, Inchelium/Kettle Falls/Northport District communication leader*

PATTY MARSH



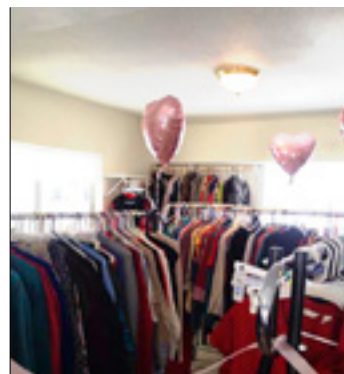
A temporary sign marks the Northport Main Street Cottage grand opening.

## NORTHPORT MAIN STREET COTTAGE OPENS

**A** Northport, Wash., ministry that prepares a weekly free vegan meal for the community held a grand opening on Feb. 6, for the newly purchased Northport Main Street Cottage, which will be refurbished this summer. Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services director, attended the meal and event.

About 90 of Northport's 295 residents attend the meal each week. Volunteers also hold a weekly class on a topic of art, music or health and run a small thrift store that helps defray the cost of the meals.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



The nearby thrift store helps support the weekly free meal to the community.

(From left) Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services (ACS) director, and Janice Burman, Northport ACS director, share in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.





# GOD MEETS US WHERE WE ARE

**I**went forward to “the altar” at the request of the student preacher during Auburn Adventist Academy’s student week of prayer. A half dozen other ministers joined me as we sat on the front pew and bowed our heads.

“Lord, these are Your young people,” I began praying. “Call them, save them, be God in this place.” The student speaker began his appeal for students as I continued to pray for God’s Holy Spirit to move. I prayed a short time more and looked up, sensing people around me.

The front of the church was packed with more than 100 students. I looked at their faces wet with tears.

Throughout the timeless evening, the pastors in the room went from group to group praying with each small cluster of students. There were seniors who are mature, nervous and well aware of the very large world that will expand in just three months. There were Asian international students from Buddhist and secular traditions. There were freshman who seemed young and small. With each group, I was conscious and aware of the pivotal moment this was in the lives of these students.

The words of my prayers crackled and broke with the emotion of “age” watching “youth” commit to Jesus. The groups went on and on. I looked up after each “amen” and saw another cluster of faces looking at me, expectantly, as though waiting for the dedication prayer to confirm their commitment to making Jesus Christ their Savior and Lord.

Joy flooded my heart. Joy flooded my whole being! The prayer circles completed, we found our seats. With the weight of God’s presence in the room, 150 of us just sat in silence, bound together by the miracle God had thrust upon us. Staff, faculty,



Tom Decker

pastors and even students spent the next two hours praying, comforting and counseling with each other.

In nearly 30 years of youth and pastoral ministry, I could count on one hand the number of times the Holy Spirit burst into a room and flooded it with His presence with this intensity. Student speakers throughout the week had set the stage for this night. Their vulnerability, authenticity and transparency made it clear that God would meet us where we are. On this night, during this week, we let Him in. He broke through our pride, secularism, superficiality, fear and hypocrisy. God is present at Auburn Adventist Academy.

*Tom Decker, Auburn Adventist Academy principal*

## AUBURN STUDENTS FEEL PRESENCE OF GOD

**T**here is a special week at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) when a group of dedicated students speaks to their peers on spiritually relevant issues. This February, 22 students presented beautiful, powerful messages from the pulpit of Auburn Adventist Academy Church.

“It was the most spiritually powerful event that I’ve ever experienced in my life,” reports Matthew Burghart, AAA senior. “Students really got a chance to open up to other students, some even for the first time, about their relationship with God.”

The theme for this student week of prayer was “Where Do I Fit?” The core of virtually



EMILY KARMY

Auburn Adventist Academy just finished a powerful student week of prayer experience during which 22 teenagers shared their faith journeys with peers. In the same week, the academy announced significant plans for repositioning the school for future balanced growth.

every speaker’s message was that we need to focus entirely on God, placing no esteem on ourselves or our desires. We hide ourselves in Him in order to fit into the puzzle that we call life because this life is not ours — it belongs to God.

Students connected to that message. “Student week of prayer made me think about how to live out my relationship with Christ,” says Ahsan Rogers, freshman.

Every year this week is amazing, but this time it culminated in an extraordinary finish. Academy staffing decisions for next school year were announced in the midst of this week, and emotions were raw. Friday night vespers brought healing salve, and the academy community felt the presence of God almost tangibly as everyone sensed His Spirit filling every empty place in the

room — including their empty hearts and lives. “On Friday at vespers, the Holy Spirit was tangible in the air,” says Raquel Landaverde, AAA junior. “I had never felt that before.”

“Auburn really grew into a family this week at student week of prayer,” said Mikeala Herman, AAA junior. “I could feel God on campus. The talks became more meaningful after the news about staff changes that came

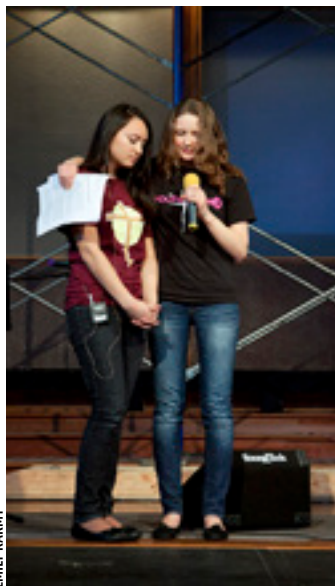
out on Thursday. To keep the spiritual high going, we decided to start having group prayer to help people know they are not alone.”

As people came to the front to pray with pastors and dedicate their lives to the Lord, a fresh awareness of the peaceful strength of the gospel filled their hearts. An eloquent silence fell over the sanctuary. There are times in life when words are meaningless, and this was one of those times. The hundreds of hearts in that room were opened and knit together in true love as they prayed with each other, seeking earnestly the heart of God.

*Nicole Hwang and Lindsay Hill, AAA seniors*



Read about Auburn's changes for next school year at [glnr.in/lnkpiyb](http://glnr.in/lnkpiyb).



EMILY KARMY

As peers prayed and shared together, their faith grew during Auburn Adventist Academy’s student week of prayer.



EMILY KARMY

Auburn Adventist Academy grew into a family during this student week of prayer experience.

## EDUCATORS FOCUS ON ADVENTIST HERITAGE, SCIENCE BELIEFS

**W**ashington Conference educators reversed their roles, from teacher to student, in February for a day of training.

Timothy G. Standish, Terrie Aamodt and Joe Galusha Jr. spoke to 80 teachers and a group of interested pastors about teaching Adventist heritage and creation-based science in the classroom.

believe,” says Standish. “Science cannot be ‘scientifically true’ all the time as science changes constantly and the Bible never changes.”

“The question we need to ask is, ‘What about evolution should be taught?’” Standish says. “Students need to know why Adventists reject Darwinism but do not necessarily need to know about ‘evolution’ according to

every possible definition.” He says appropriate topics include Adventist beliefs, a definition of evolution, why Adventists reject Darwinism, a description of theistic evolution, and why theistic evolution cannot work.

The takeaway message for Brian Setterlund, Puget Sound Adventist Academy (Kirkland) math teacher was, “It is imperative to



Archie Harris, Washington Conference vice president for education, welcomes 80 teachers to a day of learning how to teach Adventist heritage and science in the classroom.

study the Bible and keep up with current research in science. Adventists need to know the truth and the errors that are out there.”

Aamodt, Walla Walla University history and English professor, continued the presentations by sharing the story of Ellen White in a social and historical context. “Ellen White’s entire life was spent trying to keep her eyes on Jesus through all life’s experiences, personal and social issues of the day,” Aamodt shared.

Aamodt explained how the way one generation grew up reading Ellen White books is not the same experience as



Terrie Aamodt from Walla Walla University shares with Washington Conference teachers how to teach Ellen White’s life story to a new generation.

subsequent generations. Aamodt shared a list of topics for teaching Ellen White’s life story from her accident as a child to her lifelong hunger for Jesus and how she joined others to forge a durable religious community.

Galusha, Walla Walla University associate vice president for graduate studies, wrapped up the presentations by sharing why he remains an Adventist scientist. “Scientists get to study some of the greatest things,” says Galusha. “We want students to come with a permission to be curious.”

Galusha’s challenge to teachers was clear: Find ways to say to your students, “I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist, and I love Jesus.”

*Lowell Dunston, Lori Roberts, Monte Saxby and Brian Setterlund, Washington Conference teachers*

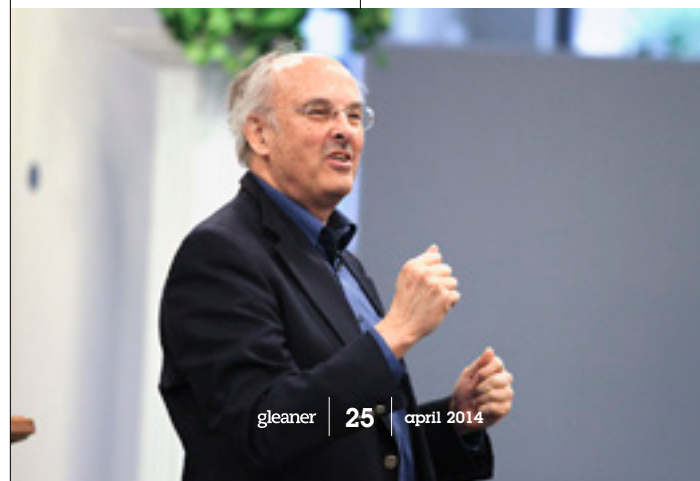
Walla Walla University’s Joe Galusha Jr. recounts his story of learning how to share his faith in the classroom and proclaim, “I’m proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist, and I love Jesus.”



Washington Conference educators hear three perspectives on teaching Adventist beliefs in the classroom.

Standish, from the Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, Calif., opened the three-part presentation with a scientific rationale for the Adventist view of short Earth history.

“The ultimate objective of Adventist education should be to provide students with the opportunity to make a free and informed choice about what to





Bonney Lake Church is adopting a culture of evangelism in which members are learning to abide in God's love.

## BONNEY LAKE REFOCUSSES MINISTRY FOR CHURCH GROWTH

**I**n an effort to make positive, friendly changes, Bonney Lake Church teamed up with Washington Conference in the Partners for Growth initiative to grow healthy churches. Members started plans nearly two years ago to invite part-time conference evangelist Jac Colón to present a Bible prophecy seminar.

As they planned, members held a 12-week prayer class and a 40 Days of Prayer teleconference. When the seminar began Oct. 4, 2013, 40 guests attended, thanks to handbill and personal invitations to families, friends and neighbors.

Bill Ellison, a car mechanic, invited his neighbors Greg and Felicia Maxwell when they brought their vehicle for some work. "The meetings start to-night," Ellison said. "You should come."

The Maxwells came the first night and returned throughout the series of meetings. Both

Greg and Felicia Maxwell were baptized and are active in small groups and growing in Jesus.

The focus on evangelism and hospitality changed the culture of Bonney Lake Church. Attendance grew by 50 percent. Membership is also up, with 30 people joining the congregation in the last two years either by baptism, profession of faith or membership transfer.

"The church's goal is to create and maintain a culture of evangelism," says Vince Saunders, Bonney Lake District pastor. "The church is learning to 'abide in God's love' as we experience revival in our church. Evangelism is the focus of our ministries now."

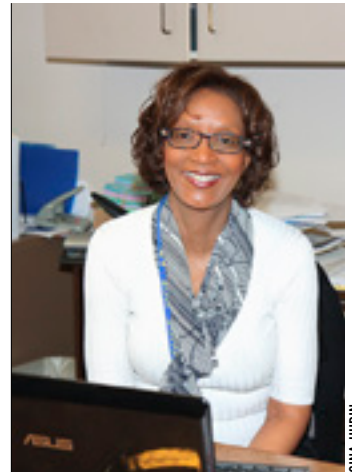
*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

## BUENA VISTA SEES GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

**B**uena Vista Adventist Elementary School in Auburn has firsthand experience in God's promise to provide a solution "even before we ask."

The school recently received an urgent request for tuition assistance from a fund that is already allocated and exhausted for this school year.

Three staff members — Ron Trautwein, principal; Donna Ellis, administrative assistant; and Tom Johnson, maintenance director — prayed



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Tahia Good, Buena Vista bookkeeper, knew the tuition assistance fund was already allocated and asked God to provide for a sudden need.

While the meeting was underway, another parent came into the school office with a sizable donation of cash in response to the tuition request. Ellis excitedly interrupted the financial aid meeting with the good news.

"I was shaking as I realized how God had provided what was needed at the perfect time," Ellis recounts.

The miracle did not stop there. Within a few days, another person donated the remainder of what the family needed.

Answers to prayer for schools come in many forms. Support school programs and fundraisers. Volunteer your time. Give financial support. You could be the next answer to prayer.

*Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Elementary School marketing director*



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about the request and felt God impressing them to send out a tuition assistance request to the school family.

The father of the family in need had a meeting scheduled the following day with the school bookkeeper, Tahia Good.

"Before our meeting I was strongly impressed by the Holy Spirit to ask him to pray," recalls Good. "I knew the situation looked bleak, but somehow I knew these kids needed to be at this school."

## STUDENTS BLESSED BY JESUS-CENTERED EVENT

**S**now continued to pack Interstate 90's Snoqualmie Pass, Wash., in early February as Walla Walla University (WWU) students journeyed from College Place, Wash., to Seattle to experience the One Project 2014 — a meeting of more than 700 believers discussing the supremacy of Jesus in the Adventist Church.

Hosted in the Grand Ballroom of the 40-story Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle, WWU students joined other Adventist students, teachers, pastors, chaplains and church members to focus on this year's theme, "Present Truth," established to keep Jesus Christ as constant focus and foundation in personal lives and especially in the church. The second theme of the One Project centered on the concept of "My Dream for the Church."



Paddy McCoy, WWU chaplain, prays with a group from WWU.

Originally founded as an independent ministry by a small group of pastors, the event is now an official ministry of Walla Walla and Andrews universities.

Brooke Spickelmier, a WWU theology student, feels blessed to have attended the One Project. "[It] was an astounding time for me and helped further me in understanding the Lord's calling in my life to serve Him and others in chaplaincy," she says. "Best of all, Jesus was glorified, and my heart rejoices when I reflect on the determination of Christ's body being truly involved in hastening the Second Coming of Christ."

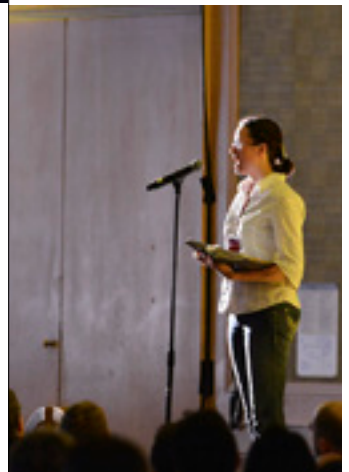
The One Project is a 48-hour gathering, this year featuring 14 different authors, pastors

and speakers who presented short messages called Reflections. Nearly 80 tables seating nine people each filled the Grand Ballroom. A 20-minute discussion period followed each Reflection. Called Recalibration, this period began with a discussion question presented to the groups to spark conversations led by each table's group facilitator. Another opportunity for sharing thoughts was the Response time, during which anyone could speak in front to share their dream for the church.

Faith Hoyt, a WWU student studying communication, appreciated the chance to connect with fellow believers. "The One Project was an inspiration to me," she says. "The time I spent there was not

only beneficial to my spiritual life, but it was also an excellent way to stay connected with my church."

The gathering was also an empowering experience for theology student Stephen Farr, who says it will have a positive effect on his ministry. "It is important to attend events like this and take the time to listen to each other about our hurts, our hopes and our dreams," he says.



Brooke Spickelmier, WWU theology student, speaks during the One Project in Seattle.

*Rachel Wood, Walla Walla University relations writer*



Timothy Oliver participates in the discussion during the One Project.



## ADVENTIST HEALTH PRESENTS MACKETT CRYSTAL ANGEL AWARD

One of the most important qualities patients want from their physician is trust. Ted Mackett, general surgeon at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., is viewed as a man of his word to the thousands of patients who entrust their care in his hands. He consistently takes time to connect with patients' lives far beyond their medical charts, says Wesley Rippey, AMC chief medical officer. "His genuine Christian compassion has qualified Mackett for the esteemed Crystal Angel Award," says Rippey.

Each year, Adventist Health honors an outstanding physician who exemplifies the mission, vision and values of the hospital to patients, staff and community. Mackett's peers believe that the seasoned surgeon clearly signifies mission excellence not only in Portland, but throughout the world.

"It is most fitting that the 2014 Crystal Angel Award be given to Dr. Ted Mackett," says Tom Russell, AMC president and CEO. "Mackett consistently demonstrates the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in his interactions and has had a tremendous impact in our community and in countless Third World countries. His Christian compassion coupled with his superb attention to quality outcomes makes him most deserving of the award."



Ted Mackett is a general surgeon at Adventist Medical Center.

Mackett felt the calling to be a physician as a child of missionary patients growing up in India. The epiphany hit him when he fell and broke his arm while trekking the Himalayan mountain range. Seeing how attentively his physicians cared for him inspired him to care for others in that manner.

In his 20 years as a surgeon in Portland, Mackett has always put his faith and the needs of patients as his greatest priorities.

"I have a deep desire to alleviate pain while improving the quality of life for my patients and that sometimes impacts the amount of time I spend with my own family," says Mackett. "I am blessed to have an amazing wife who understands my focus and calling."

"Mackett helps reduce stressful experiences for others with his Christ-centered demeanor," states Rippey. He is known among his patients and

coworkers for his great sense of humor and memory of important events in people's lives. His ability to connect with people with his kind eyes, bold laughter, colorful storytelling and strong listening skills transforms others.

Rippey states that these qualities have established a very loyal patient following. Patients from around the world fly to Portland to receive care from him. "Not everyone wants to keep seeing their surgeon after they've finished healing from a surgical procedure, but Mackett's patients have a lasting bond with their surgeon. He shares, listens and prays with them long after their clinical care is finished," says Rippey.

Mackett states that it is easy for him to go that extra mile for his patients when he realizes that this is why God made him. "We physicians are God's representatives on this Earth," he says. "Jesus spent most of his time on this Earth healing, so healing is very a personal experience not just between the patient and physician but also with a Higher Being. When I think of this, how can I help myself from loving what I do?"

To watch a video about Mackett, go to [glnr.in/1fc8vfv](http://glnr.in/1fc8vfv).

*Divya Joseph, Adventist Health Gleaner correspondent, with Judy Leach, AMC marketing and communication director*

**Petersen 70th**

LuVerne and Alice Petersen celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Jan. 19, 2014, with a brunch in Walla Walla, Wash.

LuVerne R. Petersen and Alice M. Nelsen were married Jan. 19, 1944, in Kimballton, Iowa. LuVerne was inducted into the Army and spent time at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Saipan. After the service, the couple farmed near Kimballton for about 63 years. Alice worked as human resources director at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, Iowa, for 28 years. They were members of the Exira (Iowa) Church. They moved to Walla Walla in 2009 and are members of the University Church in College Place, Wash.

The Petersen family includes Larry and Jane Dodds of Walla Walla; Les and Janet Brown of College Place; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Reed 50th**

Dave and Ann Reed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their three daughters, family and friends at a park near Artichoke, Minn.

The Reeds are a testimony to Adventist Christian education, meeting in 1961 at Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minn. Ann Miller wanted to pursue her love for Jesus and started attending in 1959. She was baptized into the Adventist Church that spring. Her senior year at Maplewood Academy, Dave Reed began attending, and love found its match. They were married at Hutchinson Church on Aug. 25, 1963, and settled nearby so their three girls, Julie, Brenda and Dianne, could attend the church school and Maplewood Academy.

Dave was a carpenter/contractor, a career he worked at for more than 40 years. He still enjoys helping people with their home projects. Ann had a health-food store and also worked at Maplewood. They

always loved young people, and their girls had many friends to bring home.

They had moved to Oregon in 1985, living there 20 years. They helped start Better Life TV with three other couples and continued working at the station — Ann as manager and Dave as head cameraman — for many years while they still were working their business.

They eventually headed to Yuma, Ariz., and Marion, Iowa, becoming snowbirds and loving it.

The Reed family includes Julie and Loren Olson of Marion; Brenda and Kevin Johnson of Pleasant Hill, Ore.; Dianne and Doug Parady of Standish, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Their children and grandchildren are their testimony and pride. Loving the Lord and pursuing His will has led them on many Maranatha projects.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

**STOCKDALE-COWLES** Alexandra Stockdale and Jonathan Cowles were married Dec. 22, 2013, in College Place, Wash., where they are making their home. Alexandra is the daughter of Bob and Linda Stockdale and Colleen (Lobdell) Stockdale (deceased). Jonathan is the son of David and Linda Kreye Cowles.

**ASBURY** — Weston Tru was born Jan. 21, 2014, to Brian and Jenny (Winders) Asbury, Amboy, Wash.

**BECKER** — Austin Martin was born Sept. 5, 2013, to Matthew and Lauren (Kuehne) Becker, Bremerton, Wash.

**BECKER** — Benjamin John was born Sept. 5, 2013, to Matthew and Lauren (Kuehne) Becker, Bremerton, Wash.

**CONLEY** — Isaac David was born Oct. 13, 2013, to David and Esther (Pflugrad) Conley, Tacoma, Wash.

**INGRAM** — Sophia Elizabeth Lin was born Feb. 6, 2014, to Isaiah and Chastina (Schrader) Ingram, Chattanooga, Tenn.

**JIMENEZ** — Ethan Javier was born Feb. 2, 2014, to Jorge and Kathryn (Briggs) Jimenez, Walla Walla, Wash.

**LOPEZ-PAGOLA** — Jonathan Eder was born Dec. 16, 2013, to Eder Pagola and Kristina Lopez, Woodland, Wash.

**MELENDEZ** — Castiel Ray Alan was born May 24, 2013, to Ray and Christina (Back) Melendez, Vancouver, Wash.

**MEYTHALER** — Gretchen Louise was born Jan. 30, 2014, to Mark and Amy (Schrader) Meythaler, Waconia, Minn.

**PFLUGRAD** — Kaylee Olivia was born Nov. 16, 2013, to Russell and Aubrey (Stone) Pflugrad, Walla Walla, Wash.

**PRITCHARD** — Brecken Reid was born Aug. 25, 2013, to Tyler and Haley (Isaacs) Pritchard, Ridgefield, Wash.

**WHITAKER** — McKinzie Jean was born Jan. 16, 2014, to Jeremy Allen and Mollie Jean (Tachenko) Whitaker, Culver, Ore.



Alice and LuVerne Petersen

**ALLEN** — Laurence Arthur Jr., 89; born Aug. 31, 1924, Cherryville, Ore.; died Oct. 4, 2013, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Laurie Allen, Gresham; and 2 grandchildren.

**ALLEN** — Mildred “Millie” Mae (Danielson), 88; born Oct. 23, 1924, Grand Forks, N.D.; died July 28, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bonner; son, Neil L., Denver, Colo.; daughter, Lorna Nieuwstratan; and a grandchild.

**ANDERSON** — Murl Wayne, 88; born March 25, 1925, Freeborn, Minn.; died Dec. 12, 2013, Wilsonville, Ore. Surviving: wife, Colleen (Clough) Fuge English Anderson; son, Jim, Seattle, Wash.; stepson, Lee Fuge, Canby, Ore.; stepdaughter, Regenia Valentine, Richland, Wash.; sisters, Mary Alcorn, Medford, Ore.; and Marge Brittain, Baker City, Ore.

**BAILEY** — Wanda (Newcomb), 65; born Jan. 13, 1948, Oneida, N.Y.; died Dec. 23, 2013, Rocklin, Calif. Surviving: husband, George; son, Robert, The Dalles, Ore.; brother, Paul Newcomb, Battle Ground, Wash.; sisters, Ida Parker, Portland, Ore.; Audrey Esslinger and Sharon Harp, both of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

**BROWN** — Elsie (Marple), 98; born March 23, 1915, Grafton, W.V.; died Nov. 18, 2013, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Bonnie Preston, Puyallup, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grand-

children and a great-great-grandchild.

**COOK** — Virginia J. (Miller), 81; born Sept. 6, 1932, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 30, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Gregory, Olympia, Wash.; daughter, Carrie Bennett, Kennewick, Wash.; sister, Beverly Gustafson, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**COSSABOOM** — Shadow V., 21; born April 16, 1991, Pocatello, Idaho; died March 23, 2013, Pocatello. Surviving: husband, Rickie Iverson; son, Kole Shott, Blackfoot, Idaho; daughters, Anika Cossaboom, Pocatello; Chevelle Iverson, Fort Hall, Idaho; father, Michael Cossaboom, Blackfoot; mother, Nicole Summerlin, Pocatello; brother, Braegan Murphy, Pocatello; grandfather, John Summerlin Jr., Hagerman, Idaho; grandmother, Val D’Eon, Twin Falls, Idaho; great-grandfather, John Summerlin, Twin Falls, Idaho; and great-grandmother, Nadine Paige, Pocatello.

**DYE** — James Albert, 88; born Feb. 8, 1925, Ellijay, Ga.; died Jan. 29, 2014, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Marjorie (Matthews); son, Leslie Dye-Thompson, Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Gloria Neidigh, Paradise, Calif.; brother, Fuller, Napa, Calif.; sister, Anna May Martin, Yucaipa, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**ELLISON** — Violet Lillian (Gaggin), 89; born Jan. 1, 1925, Lismore, New South Wales, Australia; died Feb. 10, 2014, Napa, Calif. Surviving:

husband, Harold “Bill” Ellison; sons, Rod, St. Helena, Calif.; Craig, Silverton, Ore.; daughter, Karen Ellison Agnetta, Watertown, N.Y.; sisters, Ruth Gaggin James, Sutter Creek, Calif.; Rose Gaggin Brown, Auckland, New Zealand; and 8 grandchildren.

**FLOTTMANN** — Arlie F., 86; born Dec. 14, 1926, Washington, Mo.; died Nov. 27, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Nesary), College Place; sons, Richard A., Tempe, Ariz.; Edward L., Missoula, Mont.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**GREEN** — Benjamin Howard, 85; born Feb. 16, 1928, Bartley, W.V.; died Dec. 28, 2013, outside of Ellensburg, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Bonnie Faye Werth, College Place, Wash.; Gina Brigitte Ann Mitchell, Walla Walla, Wash.; Bobbi Lynn Miller, Klamath Falls, Ore.; brothers, Rick Green, Croton, Ohio; John Green, Alexandria, Ohio; sisters, Audrey Horn, Westerville, Ohio; Beulah Marie Stewart, Galena, Ohio; Norma Harper, Columbus, Ohio; Jean Searles, Bolivar, Tenn.; Carol Martin, Columbus; Joyce Evener and Donna Green, both of Croton; Pam Evener, Johnstown, Ohio; Sandy Moore and Bev Weekly, both of Hebron, Ohio; and 7 grandchildren.

**GREEN** — Naomi Ruth (Craig), 83; born June 16, 1930, Columbus, Ohio; died Dec. 28, 2013, outside of Ellensburg, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Bonnie Faye Werth, College Place, Wash.; Gina Brigitte Ann Mitchell, Walla Walla, Wash.; Bobbi Lynn Miller, Klamath Falls, Ore.; half-sister, Jeannie Fleming,

Wahoo, Neb.; and 7 grandchildren.

**GREENE** — Margaret Jean (Vaughan), 71; born Sept. 24, 1942, Susanville, Calif.; died Jan. 24, 2014, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Nathan, Gresham; daughter, Shanna Greene, Gresham; brothers, Darrell Vaughan, Okinawa; Anthony Vaughan, Portland, Ore.; Christopher Vaughan, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Jonathan Vaughan, Miramonte, Calif.; sister, Dianne Stewart, Santa Rosa, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.

**GRUESBECK** — Kenneth LeRoy, 85; born Nov. 25, 1927, Boyne City, Mich.; died Nov. 12, 2013, Troutdale, Ore. Surviving: wife, Eleanor; sons, Kevin Fowler and Keith Fowler, both of Orlando, Fla.; Bob Boehm, Punta Gorda, Fla.; Ken Gruesbeck Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.; daughter, Kathy Miller, Big Fork, Mont.; brother, Ron Gruesbeck, Lansing, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**HEISLER** — Elinor “Annie” (Boling) Hatch, 99; born May 30, 1914, Salem, Ore.; died Sept. 6, 2013, Florence, Ore. Surviving: sons, Donald “Joey,” Florence; William, Highland, Calif.; Robert, Grants Pass, Ore.; Jack, Yamhill, Ore.; daughter, Priscilla Hatch-Hafner, Sublimity, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**HONEYSETTE** — Evelyn E. (Squier), 91; born Aug. 10, 1922, Salem, Ore.; died Jan. 15, 2014, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Janice Lewis, Auburn.

**JACKSON** — C. Marjorie (Mackey), 86; born Oct. 21, 1927, Mimden Mines, Mo.;



died Oct. 25, 2013, Cascade Locks, Ore. Surviving: husband, Al; daughter, Jackie; Redland, Calif.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**KINMAN** — Duane N., 88; born July 15, 1925, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 24, 2013, Sutherlin, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evelyn (Fry); son, George, Roseburg, Ore.; daughters, Carol Ann Allison, Salt Lake City, Utah; Colleen Wolf, of South Dakota; Connie K. Spiva, Arkoma, Ark.; 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**LAWSON** — Galen A., 84; born Feb. 13, 1929, Buenos Aires, Argentina; died Jan. 23, 2014, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Baker), Nampa, Idaho; daughter, Beverly Dearden, Redlands, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**MERTINS** — Juanita Lav (King) Carr, 83; born Jan. 4, 1931, St. Louis, Mo.; died Jan. 10, 2014, Emmett, Idaho. Surviving: sons, William “Chuck” Carr, Emmett; Richard Carr, Caldwell, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**MILLER** — Emma (Kapp), 92; born June 24, 1921, Napo-

leon, N.D.; died Jan. 11, 2014, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Mavis Albertsen, Vancouver; and granddaughter, Tiffany Horsch, Vancouver.

**MOHR** — Gretta Jean (Rowland), 97; born Sept. 15, 1916, Singapore; died Feb. 24, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Lyle, Tillamook, Ore.; daughter, Julene (Mohr) Dana-Anderson, Big Bear City, Calif.; sister, Lola Jane Pogue, Portland; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**PFLUGRAD** — Mary “Carol” Caroline (Martin), 84; born May 14, 1929, Williston, N.D.; died Jan. 22, 2014, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: husband, Arnold; son, David, Beaverton; daughter, Charmaine Vargas, Portland, Ore.; foster daughter, Jody Downey, Waimalu, Hawaii; brother, Thomas “Bud” Martin, Tacoma, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**PIERCE** — Rachel May (Anderton), 95; born April 5, 1918, West Barrington, R.I.; died Feb. 5, 2014, Yakima, Wash.

**REID** — Grace Elsie (Moon), 91; born July 25, 1922, Dinuba, Calif.; died Jan. 18, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviv-

ing: sons, C. Kenneth, Fort Gibson, Okla.; G. Edward, Knoxville, Tenn.; David A., College Place, Wash.; Richard H., Vina, Calif.; sister, Carol Garcia, Waxhaw, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**ROSENBERGER** — Elizabeth Patricia “Pat” (McClain), 91; born July 18, 1922, Walsenburg, Colo.; died Dec. 29, 2013, Clarkston, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary, Clarkston; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

**SEIBOLD** — Arnold Carl, 95; born March 10, 1918, Cathay, N.D.; died Jan. 22, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Winona (Budd); son, Norman, Selma, Ore.; daughters, Janice Hutson, Culver, Ore.; Pamela Fletcher, Ventura, Calif.; sisters, LaVerne LeFore and Irene Engelhart, both of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**STEPHENSON** — Shirley Irene (Wagner) Hall, 74; born Nov. 11, 1938, Forsyth, Mont.; died April 17, 2013, Spirit Lake, Idaho. Surviving: husband, William “Prince” A., Oldtown, Idaho; daughters, Tamara “Tammy” (Hall) D’Silva, Enterprise, Ore.; Terri (Hall) Haskins, Myrtle, Ore.; stepson, William Stephenson, Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho; stepdaughter, Margene (Stephenson) Llewellyn, Coeur d’ Alene; mother, Pearl (Helgsen) Cullens, Powell, Wyo.; brothers, Bob Wagner, Hayden Lake, Idaho; Lloyd Wagner, Kansas City, Mo.; sisters, Diane (Wagner) Wells, Coeur d’ Alene; Dottie (Wagner) Snodgrass, Denver, Colo.; 8 grandchildren, 4 step-grand-

children, 7 great-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

**VISGER** — Dale Bennett, 84; born Oct. 13, 1929, Leedale, Alberta, Canada; died Dec. 26, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Evelyn (Kaldahl) Groulik, College Place, Wash.; sons, Darryl, Henderson, Nev.; Darcy, Airway Heights, Wash.; sisters, Nora Simmons, Vulcan, Alberta, Canada; Bonnie Triebwasser, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

**WARD** — Carol Mae (Oliver), 81; born Dec. 25, 1932, Grants Pass, Ore.; died Jan. 14, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ben; sons, Dan, Vancouver, Wash.; David, Loveland, Colo.; daughter, Laura Pflugrad, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Joseph Oliver, Pasadena, Calif.; sisters, June Hedgepath, Auburn, Wash.; Betty Rosenquist, Loma Linda, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**WENGER** — Charles R., 94; born Aug. 9, 1919, Wisdom, Mont.; died Jan. 12, 2014, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Linda Knowlton, Langley, British Columbia, Canada; Kathy Brown, Oregon City; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

**APRIL 5** — Local Church Budget;

**APRIL 12** — Christian Record Services;

**APRIL 19** — Local Church Budget;

**APRIL 26** — Local Conference Advance.

More upcoming events listed at [gleanernow.com/events](http://gleanernow.com/events).

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**APRIL 6** — Spring Service Day. WWU students tackle a variety of community projects;

**APRIL 6-8** — April U-Days. WWU welcomes academy seniors to campus;

**APRIL 13** — Ninth annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge;

**APRIL 16-20** — Senior Showcase, featuring outstanding athletes in men's and women's basketball;

**APRIL 24-27** — Alumni Homecoming Weekend. For a schedule of events, visit [wallawalla.edu/homecoming](http://wallawalla.edu/homecoming).

## IDAHO

### Gem State Alumni Homecoming

**APRIL 4-6** — Save the date for Gem State Adventist Academy's Homecoming weekend, "Growing in the Lord." The weekend includes a Friday night vespers, Sabbath church service, Sabbath lunch, a mini-concert by Jaime Thietten ('94), and varsity vs. alumni girls' volleyball and boys' basketball games. More information available at [gemstate.org/alumni](http://gemstate.org/alumni).

### Islam and Christianity in Bible Prophecy

**MAY 9-18** — Islam and Christianity, presented by author Tim Roosenberg, will help attendees understand Bible prophecy, starting in Daniel's time and chronologically unfolding through the time of Christ, extending through our time and on to the end of the millennium. Including a future major conflict between Islam and Christianity. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime to understand Bible prophecy and current events more clearly than ever before and face the future with confidence and peace. The first night, May 9, starts at 7:30 p.m. Each night thereafter will have two presentations. The first one, repeating the previous night's presentation, will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by the next presentation, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light meal between presentations will be provided, as well as child care. Location: Eagle Church, 538 W. State St., Eagle, Idaho. For more information, call 208-939-6625.

## OREGON

### Campion Academy Northwest Chapter Meetings

**APRIL 1-3** — Mark your calendar for the Campion Academy chapter meetings coming to your area: April 1 in College Place, Wash.; April 2 in Portland, Ore.; and April 3 in Seattle, Wash. Postcards will be mailed out with information. Or call Marilyn at 970-667-5592 ext. 110.

### Health Seminar

**APRIL 3-5** — White Salmon Church presents an exciting and informative health seminar with Linda Carney, M.D. Learn how to prevent and reverse major diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Topics include: "Prevent and Heal Disease Through Plant-Based Optimal Living," Thursday at 6:30 p.m.; "Birth Certificate: Why Disease Exists," Friday at 6:30 p.m.; "Healing From the Hem of His Garment," Sabbath at 11:30 a.m., followed by a meal for all to enjoy; "Ask the Doc: Write Our Questions, Hear Answers," Sabbath, 3-5 p.m. Please RSVP for Thursday night by calling 541-399-3020. All presentations are free. White Salmon Church, 509 NE Tohomish St., White Salmon, Wash.

### White Salmon Health Expo

**APRIL 13** — The White Salmon Expo will feature screenings for blood pressure, lung capacity, body-fat analysis, cholesterol, glucose, Harvard step test, Alameda County computerized health-age appraisals and free anti-stress massages. Medical and other volunteers will show you practical and simple ways to help prevent and possibly reverse diseases. Take charge of your health. All screenings and lectures are free. Held from noon until 6 p.m., at the White Salmon Church fellowship hall, 509 NE Tohomish St., White Salmon, Wash. For more information, call Kathy Leon at 310-430-0653.

### Gardening Workshop

**APRIL 13-17** — Learn secrets to a healthy garden with Lynn Hoag of Sun Country Gardens. Grow nutritious foods year-round using methods given by inspiration more than 100 years ago. Invite your friends and neighbors. Sunday, 1-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 6-8 p.m., at the Vancouver Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, Wash. Reserve your place with early registration. Contact Marilyn Puccinelli at [marilyn.puccinelli@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.puccinelli@gmail.com) or call 360-609-1461.

### 2014 Oregon Men's Retreat

**MAY 2-4** — The 2014 Oregon Men's Retreat is coming this year to the beautiful Grove Christian Camp outside of Cottage Grove, Ore. Mike Tucker, Faith for Today speaker/director and *Lifestyle Magazine* host, will speak on the theme "Your Identity in Christ," a timely and important topic for 21st-century Christian men. More information is available at [orgcfamily.netadvent.org/2014-men](http://orgcfamily.netadvent.org/2014-men).

### Central Oregon Camp Meeting

**JUNE 19-21** — Come to the Central Oregon Camp Meeting at 60508 Old Lake Rd., Christmas Valley, OR 97641, themed "How to Leave This World Alive!" Speakers include C.A. Murray, from 3ABN; Ivy N. Harris, from Wichita Falls, Texas; and Brent Brusett, pastor. Musician: Craig Bradley. Youth: Tim Crary, former ASI youth leader. Children: Bonnie (Gladden) Cossey, Oregon Camp Meeting children's department veteran. Haystack dinner on Sabbath. To register or for more information, contact Sharon Gladden at 541-306-0384, email [antlers2000@msn.com](mailto:antlers2000@msn.com), or go to [cosdacamp.com](http://cosdacamp.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### Maplewood Academy Northwest Alumni Chapter Meeting

**MAY 3** — Sabbath potluck following church in the Walla Walla Valley Academy fellowship hall. Contact Justin Bacon for more information, 320-587-2830.

### Alumni Weekend

**MAY 9-11** — Cascade Christian Academy, Wenatchee (Wash.) Junior Academy and the Wenatchee Church will be hosting their annual Alumni Weekend. Graduates, friends and family are invited to participate in the weekend's events, which include a benefit golf tournament, Friday evening vespers, Sabbath worship service and a Mother's Day pancake breakfast/family fun day. Come join us for a weekend of celebration and reunion of old friends. For more information, contact [info@ccawenatchee.org](mailto:info@ccawenatchee.org) or 509-662-2723.

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Ketchikan	7:28	7:42	7:56	8:10
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Boise	8:14	8:22	8:31	8:39
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Billings	7:45	7:54	8:04	8:13
Havre	7:52	7:03	8:13	8:23
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Missoula	8:08	8:18	8:27	8:37
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Coos Bay	7:46	7:54	8:02	8:11
Medford	7:40	7:47	7:55	8:03
Portland	7:41	7:51	8:00	8:09
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Pendleton	7:26	7:35	7:44	7:54
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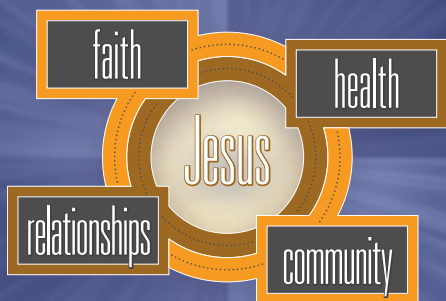


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# HOW TO PICK A FIGHT

**T**here's nothing like a good fight. Growing up in a family with two other brothers, I had fights that were frequent, creative and quite painful. However what made a good fight was the underlying understanding that none of us were out to truly hurt each other.

Demonstrate dominance? Absolutely.

Practice a new move we saw on TV? For sure.

Experiment with avant-garde wrestling locations like trampolines, pools, ice rinks and bunk beds? Best times ever.

Fights become more sophisticated as we grow older. Physical violence is typically exchanged for more subversive techniques. We battle with wits, arguments, claims of authority and citations of experts. Particularly in church we find friendly debates ... and not so friendly.

Church fights can be the stuff of legend and can cripple ministry for decades. Yet conflict comes to both biological and spiritual families — so the question isn't how to avoid a fight but how to have a good one. The Bible tells us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9, ESV). A peacemaker is really someone who picks a fight — by jumping into it with the intention of creating peace and closeness.

That seems wrong, but it's because we often confuse peacemaking with peacekeeping.

Peacekeepers are those who run away from conflict, just want everyone to be happy and bury hard feelings instead of confronting them. They usually do more to make

things worse rather than better. So how do we effectively engage with opposing forces without making things worse? Here are a few suggestions:

## PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING

This is especially hard for those of us who do know everything. Yet nothing diffuses a situation more than a sincere, self-deprecating comment. Instead of blustering into a conversation with a machine gun full of quotes, qualifications and anecdotes from our personal histories, offer phrases like:

"I probably overlooked something ...," or "I'm new to this discussion ...," or even "I haven't heard your perspective before ..."

They go a lot further than condescending statements such as:

"Well if you just read the Bible ...," or "If you were a real Christian ...," or "When you have a few more years' experience ..."

It also never hurts to ask clarifying questions like, "When you said ... did you mean ... ?" A lot of fights have turned ugly because people ended up talking past each other, defining the other side's arguments in ways they never intended.

The wisdom of Proverbs still stands when it says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Prov. 15:1). This becomes especially true in online debates where we become bolder in our words because, for whatever reason, we feel less awkward saying things we wouldn't say in person.



AUTHOR Seth Pierce



## ASK FOR HELP

You can actually make someone win the argument for you when this is used correctly. When I taught a semester of Christian Beliefs at Union College in Lincoln, Neb., I frequently came across viewpoints that differed from mine. One particular day, when a student questioned the presentation of the state of the dead, I employed this technique. After affirming the student's obvious personal research, I asked him to help me. I said I would love to embrace his viewpoint and that I have several friends with similar ideas, but I haven't found a way over a few

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obstacles. I gently shared a few observations from Hebrew thought and church history and then asked for him to help me climb over those intellectual hurdles.

He couldn't.

He actually acknowledged he had never considered those points before and toward the end of the semester came closer to the Adventist perspective. It's a way to affirm people's intelligence, disagree and persuade at the same time. Of course this also means you must be open to receive help in the chance they have thought things through better than you.

Which brings us to the final point.

## AFFIRM GOOD QUESTIONS AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY

Occasionally our arguments will break down due to someone's well-placed question. As in healthy team sports, we need to affirm the opposing side for making a good play. A good question is a chance for us to deepen our understanding — or perhaps shed false ideas. We all have skewed viewpoints

from time to time, and we should welcome opportunities to tighten our worldviews.

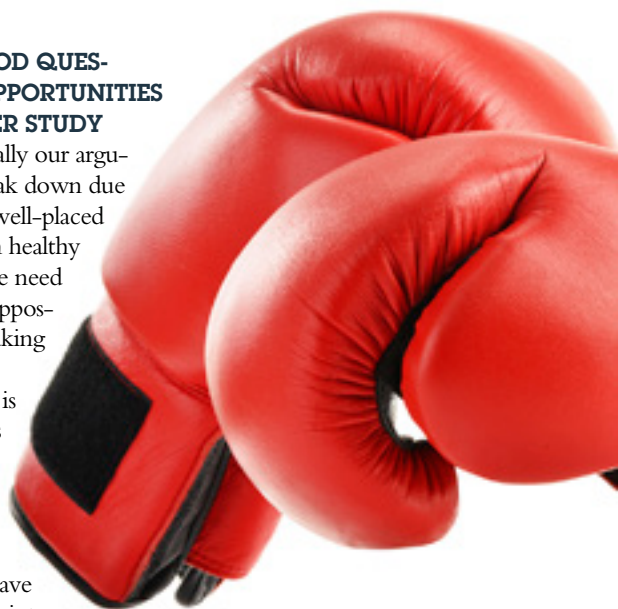
Ellen White was open to asking good questions and dialogue:

“The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation” (*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 35). It's our heritage to ask and seek after truth.

Approaching investigation, dialogues or conflicts in a spirit of fear or anger won't help the

cause of Christ. May you not be afraid of good fights, and may you fight fair, and may your willingness to make peace create closeness in the body of Christ.

*Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor*



# CONFRONTATION OR COLLABORATION?

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re other Christians our rivals or our friends? In relating to Baptists, Lutherans and Catholics, should we be confrontational or collaborative? Can we participate in community events with them without compromising our unique Seventh-day Adventist mission and message?

Historically, our approach has been confrontation. A century ago and more, Adventist evangelists often were master debaters. They arrived in town, pitched a big tent and challenged local preachers to doctrinal disputes. Quick on the draw with silver-bullet proof texts, the Adventist usually won the spiritual showdown. He carried the audience into subsequent evangelistic meetings, planting a church. That's how many Adventist congregations got started in the old days.

This approach left a bitter aftertaste in town. Churches founded on confrontation with fellow Christians were unwelcome in the community. Moreover, these new congregations tended to be internally contentious — Sabbath-keepers fighting each other over nuances of doctrine, diet and assorted lifestyle issues. Many century-old churches still haven't attained the unity for which Christ died. Contention is in their DNA, transferred from generation to generation. I know a little church that nearly split amid a nasty discussion about mushroom dishes at "fellowship" dinners.

We Adventists feel called to hold society accountable for threats against religious liberty, hoping to delay a national Sunday law. Indeed, freedom for practicing one's faith is vital. So perhaps we need to hold ourselves accountable to religious

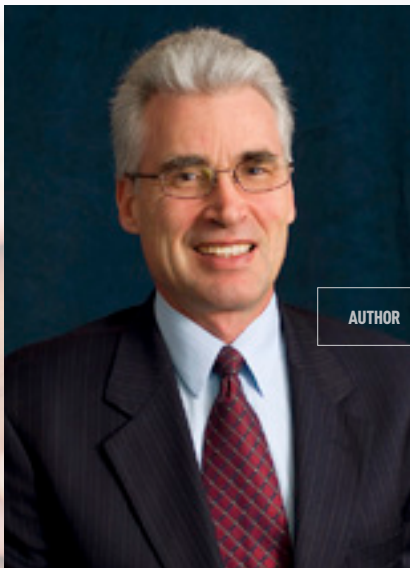
liberty in our own churches, where conflict and persecution happen with alarming regularity.

Some professed liberals are intolerant of those who reject their alternative agenda. Pseudo-conservatives sometimes care more about what people are eating than whether they have enough food to eat. Criticism from both sides can become mutual persecution.

Perhaps Northwest Adventist church boards should appoint an elder to monitor religious liberty within the congregation, for the sake of preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17). Jesus wants us to be considerate, among ourselves and with our neighbors.

Yet the question remains: Can Adventists committed to evangelism collaborate with other Christians without compromising our own message and mission?

We might learn from Ellen White. Her teaching and example admonished 19th-century Adventists who contended among themselves and their Sunday-keeping neighbors. In 1888, delegates convened in Minneapolis for a General Conference session. Predictably, a big debate ensued. Ellen White famously rebuked the contentious spirit. But here's something you may not have known: While in Minneapolis she collaborated with non-Adventist Christians. She spoke at a rally of the Women's Christian Temperance Union — fellow Christians who at that time were also agitating for a national Sunday law. Obviously Ellen White didn't agree with them about that. But she did unite with them on common ground in seeking moral reforms in American society. In fact, she



AUTHOR

Martin Weber



became quite popular at these non-Adventist rallies — to the consternation of Sabbatharians more interested in being “peculiar people” than loving and collaborative neighbors.

Ellen White even entrusted her signature book, *Steps to Christ*, to non-Adventists for initial publication. She awarded initial printing rights to Dwight Moody’s brother-in-law, Fleming Revell. In writing other books, she often borrowed the language of non-Adventist authors, effectively collaborating with their teaching.

Here’s a point to take home to our hearts: Ellen White collaborated with fellow Christians — and we can do the same, without compromising our unique doctrines. I am privileged to do this in my retirement years as the Seventh-day Adventist product manager at Logos Bible Software, interacting daily with scores of wonderful Christians who publish and promote every Adventist book I bring them (see [logos.com/sda](http://logos.com/sda)).

Such collaboration did not come easy for me in my early pastoral ministry. Then I joined a local community ministerial association. They invited me to preach at their community Easter celebration and conduct a communion service. People saw me on local Christian television and greeted me at the mall as a brother in Christ. Pastors asked me to visit their churches and pray during services. One had me mediate a dispute among his elders.

Then the pastor of the city’s biggest church, who had

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previously spurned Adventists, sponsored me as a police chaplain — connecting me with people in crisis whom otherwise I could never invite to church. A “March for Jesus” was moved from Sabbath morning to the afternoon on my behalf. Fellow chaplains teased me about being a vegetarian — then wanted meatless recipes. Nobody accused Adventism of being a cult anymore.

Meanwhile our Sabbath attendance doubled. The key was collaboration with the Christian community while preserving a distinctly Adventist message and mission.

I learned through this process that when our Creator urged us to be salt in this Earth, He knew what was best.

*Martin Weber, Adventist product manager at Logos Bible Software*

# GRATEFULLY RECOVERING

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fter serving as pastor, missionary and college Bible teacher, my final 25 years in church employment were as a hospital health educator. Probably the most life-changing experience for me was running residential and outpatient stop-smoking programs. Through my association with smokers, I became acquainted with many people who had already dealt with other addictions. One evening a recovering alcoholic gave me a copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (frequently referred to as the *Big Book*), which of course I did not need.

But when I finally got around to reading it, what a surprise to find its stories and counsel resonating with my own experience and feelings. Page 62 brought it into focus in a painful and powerful way. Rather than alcohol it said that “selfishness, self-centeredness is the root of our troubles ... . We had to have God’s help!” Now that was getting really personal, way beyond alcoholism. At the bottom of the page came this painful summary: “First of all, we had to quit playing God.”

When I read that I said, “Wow, that’s it. That is my problem. I didn’t originate it, but I did inherit it.” It’s the basic human issue, powerfully biblical and enun-

ciated succinctly in the *Big Book*.

So the power of 12-step programs in life lies in the fact that they address the root cause of real problems such as alcohol, gambling, overeating, overwork, sex addiction or any other problem. They challenge our selfish nature and remind us to acknowledge our powerlessness and to continually turn our will and life over to the care of God as we understand Him.

A few years ago, while staying with some new friends, the subject of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) came up, and the husband expressed frustration with an Adventist church member who would call himself an alcoholic instead of saying he used to be an alcoholic. I replied, “You may have missed a point along the way. There are three kinds of alcoholics. First there’s the practicing alcoholic, drinking up a storm under the illusion he or she is having a good time, but messing up their own and other people’s lives. Then there’s the dry drunk who, as a teetotaler, doesn’t touch the stuff but is miserable because he wishes he could. Finally, the third one is a recovering alcoholic, who also is not drinking but who on a daily basis accepts his powerlessness over alcohol, acknowledges a power outside of himself that can change him, and is daily turning his will



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and his life over to the care of God, making things right, keeping things current, sharing with other people. He is at peace — with others, with God and with himself!”

Then it occurred to me that there are also three kinds of sinners. There’s the practicing sinner, doing all those things people aren’t supposed to do and apparently having a great time. Then there is the dry-drunk sinner who obeys all the “rules” but harbors envy for what other people seem to be enjoying. It’s so difficult to let go.

The third are the recovering sinners who are also avoiding the “pleasures of this world” but who daily remember their powerlessness and that God can do for them what they can’t do for themselves. They are turning their wills and their lives over to the care of God, making amends, keeping current, sharing with others, and increasing their daily communion with God.

Another time I was staying with a family, and at breakfast the husband said, “I’m going to an AA meeting tonight.”

I said, “Oh really? Is it an open meeting?”

The God I worship today is so much better than the one I used to worship even though we’ve always been on good speaking terms.

It was. So Friday evening there were six of us in a memorable meeting — four smokers and two nonsmokers.

It was memorable because when it was my turn to share, I simply told the truth — “Hi, my name is Harold, and I’m a gratefully recovering human being. I came with my friend tonight just to thank you and the AA family. You see, the God I worship today is so much better than the one I used to worship even though we’ve always been on good speaking terms.”

A dozen years later, by the grace of God, I’m still recovering. The process continues because He is passionate about

my progress and I claim the promise that “He who began a good work in me will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” What a journey! From a self-centered life to a God-centered land where we will see Him face to face, where God himself will be with us and be our God, forever. Now that is eternal recovery and good news!

*Harold Burden, retired pastor, missionary, teacher and health educator*

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Months dragged by. The men waiting on Elephant Island,

famished and fainting, held on to life with the slimmest hope their leader would come back. Then, one unforgettable day, there came a shout from the lookout. A ship had appeared on the horizon. Shackleton had returned. In a frenzy of jubilation, within one hour, all of the men were aboard, headed back to the land of the living. Not one had been lost.

In this cosmic adventure, we too await a rescue. We await fulfillment of the promise given by angelic messengers two millennia ago: "In like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven, he will come again."

And while we wait, the conditions are deteriorating; the enemy has had his way, ravaging the flock, culling the herd, tearing at our flanks until it is easy to despair for the prophetic patience of the saints. When will our Leader return? We wonder. How long can we hold on? Do we look for Him in vain? Is the promise really true?

What answers do our lives reveal?

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