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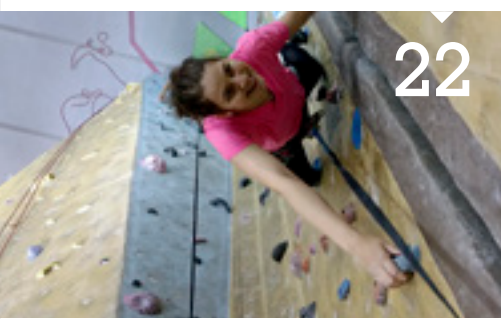
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EMBRACING OUR SAVIOR'S VISION

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s we move forward together in this new year, I am hopeful. My hope is found in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit. And with Jesus at the head of our beloved church,

By focusing on Jesus, we'll want to pour ourselves — our time and energy — into the salvation of others.

I'm confident He will guide us through whatever is ahead.

It's human nature for us to drift toward political solutions when faced with differences of opinion in the church and community. Indeed, the world of politics has its important place, but it is not God's chosen method for His church. Christ commanded us to love each other as He loved us, yet Christians are as prone as anyone to denigrate those who do not agree with their personal views. Political action groups may be important to champion certain issues within public and civic

AUTHOR

John Freedman

government, but they are beginning to make inroads into our church as well.

I believe this is happening in part because you and I have too often become distracted from our God-given calling to

reach people for the kingdom. We become like what we behold, and we will never be able to move forward together on His mission unless we change our vision.

So, I invite you to join me in recalibrating our focus away from the polarizing extremes to the purpose God longs for us to embrace as our full-time mission. The counsel of Romans 12 reminds us we have a choice to make. We can choose to let evil overcome us by continuing to fight sideline skirmishes, or we can choose to overcome evil with good by looking to Jesus and letting Him fill us with light and purpose.

When we learn to love Him and love like Him, we'll want to spend our time telling others about our best Friend, who is coming back soon. This is a beautiful place to begin together.

By focusing on Jesus, we'll want to pour ourselves — our time and energy — into the salvation of others. In partnership with Christ, we will reach out to family, friends, neighbors and work associates to bring hope for the hopeless and wholeness to the broken. We all have a work to do because we are all ministers for Christ to suffering humanity and empowered to serve by the Holy Spirit.

This is what I hope for in myself and for my church as we move forward together further into whatever 2019 will bring. Imagine what respect for each other in our common calling to do His will can bring. Imagine how the Spirit can move to bring thousands more into Christian fellowship, when we love each other for God's glory.

This year, please join me in choosing to dedicate our lives to the mission of sharing this distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness.

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

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A GLEANER READER ALERT

EDITOR'S NOTE: The printed *Gleaner* is moving this year to a bimonthly magazine. Read on to find out why this is a positive move for Northwest Adventists and our collective mission.



I wandered the aisles of our local supermarket the other day looking for the ubiquitous block of yellow-orange plastic often referred to by its scientific name, *Urbana Nondescriptus Velveetus*. Don't judge me. It is seldom used in our household but quite helpful in certain instances — caulking drafty windows, blocking essential arteries and, once in awhile, creating tasty, if questionable recipes.

I wandered because the powers who decide such things had literally moved my cheese. “It’s over in the dairy case,” assured one veteran worker. No, it was not. “Oh, I think it has been moved to the chips and dip aisle,” said another. No, it hadn’t. As I was getting ready to load a query into my mobile phone’s GPS, the manager came to my rescue, took me by the arm and led me to the hallowed spot for the reclusive treasure. I don’t now recall where it was, and likely won’t need to, since this item tends to lurk in our fridge for years before replacement is required.

Change, someone once quipped, is the only constant. It is indeed sometimes disruptive and frustrating. But it is also required for progress and growth. I’ve come to not only accept it, but welcome it.

Change is coming to your printed *Gleaner* during 2019. It’s not the first time the *Gleaner* has changed since its inception in 1906. It was originally a four- to eight-page newsletter printed and sent out to several thousand Northwest Adventists. Through the years, it has progressed, gradually adding pages and photos and color.

In recent years, the printed *Gleaner*

has been sent each month to around 40,000 households around the Northwest and beyond. The frequency of this delivery will now change. Digital methods of communication have improved so dramatically that many members are daily accessing fresh news and inspiration from the *Gleaner* via our GleanerNow.com website and *Gleaner-Weekly* e-newsletter rather than waiting a whole month or more to see it in print. Most of our local conferences are also ramping up digital communication efforts. Northwest members now have the opportunity to be more efficiently and immediately connected as a church family than ever before.

So, in an effort to place more church resources on the frontlines of ministry in your local conferences and communities, we will reduce the cost of printing and mailing the magazine so frequently. And, yes, you’ll notice change this year, as the printed *Gleaner* will come to your household bimonthly — every other month. This will maintain a regular presence for many who relish a physical magazine to page through and read. It will also help redirect valuable church resources back toward local conference mission. I think it’s a

“no-brainer,” considering principles of good stewardship. The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee has agreed.

We can do this together as a Northwest family of believers because there are so many other, more immediate and timely ways for us to connect. Digital content allows us to instantly inform and inspire each other toward our common mission. Watch for additional resources to pop up this year at GleanerNow.com, including regular series of digital podcasts, opinion columns, videos, training resources for mission and evangelism, and more. Look for NPUC Facebook and Twitter postings to provide daily glimpses — as well as social media and regular e-newsletters from your local conference. The *Gleaner* is still a valuable central hub for our Northwest mission, but it is no longer the only source.

And rather than waiting until each print issue deadline comes along to send in news articles and photos of the important things in your corner of the Northwest, send them to us immediately. That way, the good news from our schools, church groups and other outreach endeavors will be seen online at GleanerNow.com long before it appears in print.

You will still receive a bimonthly printed *Gleaner*. But, as we move further into this year of change, please let me know how we can make the expanding digital *Gleaner* resources as effective as possible. I welcome your counsel and creative ideas at steve.vistaunet@nw.npuc.org.

Steve Vistauet, Gleaner editor



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CAREER & CALLING

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WITH A CHANGING CAREER LANDSCAPE AND INCREASINGLY SPECIFIC DEMANDS FROM EMPLOYERS, THE WWU STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SDC) IS HELPING STUDENTS NAVIGATE THE ROAD AHEAD.

Young people are confronted with some of life's biggest and toughest questions: What should I do with my life? How do I want to live? How can I make a difference? Where will I find stability? What is my calling?

Questions as big as these call for careful thought and reflection, and it can be a tipping point for students to have access to a team of experts ready to provide advice and support. At Walla Walla University, that's where the staff of the SDC steps in. The team at the SDC provides a safe, supportive space for students as they work through the decision-making process of discovering a career and calling.

As the career landscape changes, some areas of employment will grow in demand while others will decrease. Along with these changes, the needs and expectations of employers are also shifting. Employers are asking: How do prospective employees learn? How do they work on a team? Are they innovate and creative? Have they developed other soft skills such as a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and the ability to accept and learn from criticism?

With these changing expectations, students must be deliberate about the skills they are developing during experiential learning opportunities such as summer jobs, employment during the school year, volunteer work and internships. They must think carefully about the kind of career they want and how to make choices based on what they value most. The WWU SDC is a place where students can talk through their questions and concerns, get concrete support in specific areas of career development, and chart a path forward.

As SDC team members walk and talk with students and help them take bold steps, they provide support in the context of Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will." It is in this setting that students are finding and using career development resources at WWU that help them move through their college experience with confidence.

Take a look at how two students are using these resources and read more about how the WWU SDC helps to demystify the process of choosing a career.

Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor

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Crystina Uncovers Her Calling

... AND FINDS A SECOND HOME

CRYSTINA VANCE CAME TO WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY TWO YEARS AGO AS A TRANSFER STUDENT FROM CHICAGO. HER MOTHER WANTED HER TO BE IN A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COLLEGE. **ENROLLING AS A BIOENGINEERING MAJOR**, VANCE WAS WELL ON HER WAY WHEN A SERIES OF HEALTH CHALLENGES **TOOK HER DOWN A DIFFERENT PATH** AND PUT HER IN CONTACT WITH SUE HUETT.

Huett is the assistant director of the WWU student development center (SDC), where she works to connect students with helpful resources. She manages disability support services and peer tutoring and provides referrals for students to other campus services. Huett connected Vance with WWU campus health, which set in motion a series of medical tests and doctor's orders for Vance to write down everything she ate.

When Vance began researching the ingredients in her food and how they are developed, she discovered the field of food science. "Food science is basically creating new flavors, developing ways for food to last longer on the shelves, looking at the effects of pesticides and things like that. It can provide research opportunities as well. I completely love it all," says Vance.

As Huett helped Vance navigate her health challenges and wait for the results of her medical tests, she arranged for Vance to take tests for her classes in a quiet, less stressful environment at the SDC. She also connected Vance with peer tutoring provided by student employees of the SDC.

Vance was relieved when she eventually received a diagnosis. Inspired by her research about food science, she changed her major. "I switched over to the bio-engineering science degree, which allows me to take more chemistry and other science classes more related to food science," Vance explains.

Vance is now working with Daryl Harwell, SDC employer relations coordinator, to apply for a food science internship for after she graduates. While she waits to hear about those positions, she is also meeting with David Lindstrom, SDC director, to fine-tune her resume for graduate school.

"I feel like I've used every resource at the student development center," says Vance. "Whether I'm taking a test or just talking with Sue when I'm down or going for tutoring, I'm always there. It feels like the SDC is my second home really."



Jonathan Shapes a Flexible Career

WHILE MAKING A GOOD IMPRESSION SEEMS TO COME NATURALLY TO JONATHAN FITCH, SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR, HE FOUND HELPFUL ADVICE DURING A PRACTICE INTERVIEW WITH WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SDC) DIRECTOR, DAVID LINDSTROM.

"Lindstrom was able to point out behavioral things that could use working on like eye contact, how you gesture and all these things that are very important in the interview process. He points out subtle things that you wouldn't really catch if you were just practicing on your own or with a friend," says Fitch.

During his sophomore and junior years, Fitch was manager of the Atlas, a campus business run by the Associated Students of Walla Walla University. He oversaw daily operations of the small shop that sells beverages and is a hub of student activity. This year, while maintaining a full academic load, he is also a research and development engineering intern at Wilkinson Baking Company.

In fact, it was through Fitch's work with the SDC that he got the nudge to explore opportunities at Wilkinson. "Lindstrom jumpstarted the whole process in my mind. He connected what he saw were my strengths with the needs at the Wilkinson Baking Company," Fitch says. "A couple of weeks later, after I had formulated some questions and thought about what I wanted to talk to him about, [the owner of the Wilkinson Baking Company] came in, and I started up a conversation with him. Through that conversation, I got an internship. Without Lindstrom, I don't know if that internship would have happened."

Throughout the year, Fitch has also worked with Lindstrom on refining his resume. Their conversations have helped Fitch develop a flexible mindset about starting out in the engineering industry while steering him toward specific areas that align with his strengths, such as process engineering, medical device engineering and aerospace engineering.

As graduation draws closer and Fitch's search for full-time employment intensifies, he foresees expanding his use of SDC services. "I will continue talking with Lindstrom about any opportunities I have and about future interactions with employers," he says.

Fitch says, "I'm looking to see what kinds of opportunities are present right now and from there will just kind of shape my career path as it happens naturally."



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SEVEN TIPS FOR CHOOSING A MAJOR

- » **KNOW YOURSELF.** Identify your values, aptitudes, interests and personality and consider the areas of study and careers that align with them.
- » **KNOW YOUR FINANCIAL GOALS.** Consider what economic factors are important to you and how a college education will position you in the broader economy and help you achieve your financial goals for the future.
- » **DO SOME RESEARCH.** Study the trends in the industries that interest you. Are there certificates or competencies that your favorite employers are looking for? Can you get this expertise through your academic preparation, or do you need to seek additional study and guidance?
- » **GET SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE.** Take advantage of experiential learning opportunities, which take a variety of formats including internships, practicums, research assistantships and volunteer work. Experiential learning can be formal or informal but is almost always very educational.
- » **JOB SHADOW.** Spend time on the job with a professional in your area of interest and really observe what a day in their life is like.
- » **CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS.** Schedule an interview with someone who works in your area of interest. Come prepared with questions, and let them do most of the talking. Take good notes to help further your understanding.
- » **TAKE A BROAD VIEW.** Majors are important, but they may not necessarily determine career success. Take responsibility for your own career path and make mature decisions.

PARENTS: HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED

1 HELP DEFINE GOALS.

Switch the focus from choosing the perfect major to defining personal and career goals.

"It would be amazing if every student started college with clear goals of what type of life they want to live after college," says David Lindstrom, director of the WWU student development center. "Sometimes lifestyle goals help define what kind of career suits us best."

When a student starts college, no matter how well they did in high school, it can be a difficult transition. To help your student thrive, Lindstrom recommends talking with them about well-defined goals that include short-range goals (30 to 90 days), medium-range goals (six months to two years) and long-range goals.

2 ENCOURAGE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.

Start early to encourage your student to experience career possibilities for themselves. These experiences can help them pinpoint what they want to do and what they don't want to do.

"The internship is the new interview," says Lindstrom. "Internships can help students determine not just what kind of career works for them, but also what kind of company and team they want to work with."

"Ask us about the value of experiential learning and how to engage in that process," says Lindstrom.

CORE CAREER COMPETENCIES EMPLOYERS SEEK

- » Analytical and critical thinking
- » Applied problem-solving
- » Ethical reasoning and decision making
- » Innovation and creativity
- » Oral and written communication skills
- » Teamwork and leadership
- » Engaging diversity
- » Active citizenship and community engagement
- » Digital literacy
- » Career management

WWU SDC SERVICES

FREE PEER TUTORING

The SDC provides free tutoring by more than 40 peer tutors in eight major subject areas. The most popular subjects for tutoring are mathematics, languages and writing. The SDC provides more than 1,500 tutoring appointments per quarter.

LIVING AND LEARNING SUPPORT

This can include help with study habits, time management and goal setting, as well as

facilitating help with digital pens, audio books and emotional support animals.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

The SDC provides support for students with disabilities. This can include help with learning disabilities, test proctoring, emotional and mental health needs, mobility issues, and other disabilities.

CAREER FAIRS AND NETWORKING EVENTS

The SDC facilitates

opportunities for students to connect with employers and graduate schools during career fairs and networking events on campus. Events are planned for general student interest as well as in specific areas, such as health care, business or STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

CAREER SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT SEARCH ASSISTANCE

The SDC provides help for students in selecting a

major and in searching for employment. This can include career assessment, cover letter and resume critique, practice interviews, developing LinkedIn profiles, tips for completing applications correctly, and personal statement and curriculum vitae critique for graduate school applications.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The SDC assists students in finding internships and other experiential learning opportunities and in helping them un-

derstand how to glean the most out of every work experience, from summer camp counseling to work as a barista.

EMPLOYER RELATIONS

The SDC provides assistance for employers who are considering WWU students and alumni for internships and part- and full-time positions.

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GRUPOS PEQUEÑOS SALUDABLES

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ay pasajes Bíblicos que impactan todo el tiempo, uno de ellos que me a impresionado a través de muchos años de ministerio es el episodio donde dos futuros discípulos le preguntan a Jesús, “Maestro, ¿dónde moras?” Jesús responde a la pregunta con una invitación, “Ven y ve” (Juan 1:39). La historia culmina con una placentera estadía de estos dos discípulos con Jesús toda una tarde.

Esa reunión llegó a ser la primera comunidad cristiana, el primer grupo pequeño. Esto me toca personalmente porque considero un honor ser invitado a una casa a pasar unos momentos de agradable conversación con amigos o con extraños. El resultado es siempre el mismo, una experiencia de familismo, Koinonía, una celebración de confraternidad.

Con esta nueva modalidad de procedimiento, Jesús pone las bases de su nueva iglesia, le pone una fundación de naturaleza funcional a su nuevo movimiento. Será una sociedad basada en el concepto “diada,” dos individuos que se relacionan guiados por una misión y propósito específico. Jesús introdujo esta relación dual a los líderes judíos mientras lo acusaban de sanar a un hombre en sábado. “Jesús les dijo: De cierto de cierto os digo: No puede el Hijo hacer



El pastor Bullón entrenando a los líderes de grupos pequeños.

nada por sí mismo, sino lo que ve hacer al Padre; porque todo lo que el Padre hace, también lo hace el hijo igualmente” (Juan 5:19). Nota la incisión de la palabra “igualmente” en el párrafo, esto no es un accidental. Jesús sigue diciendo, “Porque el Padre ama al Hijo, y le muestra todas las cosas que él hace ...” (ver. 20).

En la diada cristiana, uno es *maestro* y el otro es un *discípulo*. El primer discípulo de la iglesia no fue Juan, o Andrés o Pedro; fue Jesús y su Padre fue el primer maestro. Eventualmente Jesús establece sus propios discípulos llegando él mismo a ser el maestro. Los discípulos entonces salieron a formar otros discípulos, convirtiéndose en maestros y así sucesivamente la iglesia crecía y se aumentaba en numero. Este efecto de domino debía de seguir hasta el fin del tiempo. Obstaculizar este proceso o detenerlo

significará la muerte para la iglesia. Comunidad es para la iglesia lo que agua es para un pez.

Con estas verdades en mente la división norteamericana lanzó un proyecto muy ambicioso, el de formar 15,000 grupos pequeños a través de las iglesias Hispánicas de la gran nación Estadunidense y Canadá con el propósito de formar comunidades pequeñas evangelizadoras que trabajarán unidas hasta el “Día del Señor.” La idea inmediata

es la de invitar a los grupos pequeños formados a buscar a cinco personas por las cuales podremos orar, amistar y eventualmente invitar a un grupo pequeño. Durante la semana santa del próximo año vamos a tener una reunión por el internet a través de la página vidagps.org, donde el pastor Alejandro Bullón presentará una serie de tópicos especiales desde la sala de un hogar donde estará congregado un grupo pequeño. Los pastores y líderes de grupos pequeños a través de toda nuestra Unión han recibido los códigos necesarios para poder entrar a la transmisión. Te invito a que no te quedes afuera, únete a un grupo pequeño. ¡Determina formar parte de este lanzamiento evangelístico que transformará tu vida, tu familia, tú iglesia y tú comunidad!

César De León, Unión del Norte del Pacífico vice presidente del departamento de ministerio Hispano

Pastores en Washington aceptando el llamado a preparar líderes de grupos pequeños.





PALMER PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS HOST SECOND ANNUAL COOK-OFF

Palmer Church members took a break from cooking supper and headed to the Amazing Grace Academy gymnasium on Sept. 30, 2018, to support the recently revamped Pioneer Peak Pathfinder and Pioneer Puddle-Jumpers Adventurer clubs in a fun and tasty event: the second annual chili cook-off and bake sale.

More than 60 people, both members and friends, filed into the gym. The Pathfinders and Adventurers had transformed the large space with fall-themed centerpieces and decorations. The Pathfinders grinned proudly behind a bake sale table featuring Texas sheet

cake, cookies and cakes.

Conversation hummed in the air and — best of all — a long row of tables on the back wall boasted 10 crockpots filled with hot vegetarian chili. Katie Arndt, Adventurers leader, explained the voting process to the crowd: Each person was to taste all 10 chilis in numbered cups and then place a ticket in the jar that corresponded to the number of their favorite chili. This process would select the winner of the People's Choice award. A table of judges would choose the first-, second- and third-place chilis.

For the better part of an hour, guests tasted chili and discussed the highlights of each with friends. All were flavorful and filled with perfectly cooked beans, vegetables and different spices. One had a

really spicy, smoky chipotle flair.

Thankfully the Pathfinders and Adventurers had placed colorful cups of mints alongside each plate. They were the perfect cooling companions for a spicy spoonful of chili. Spicy or not, all 10 chilis proved you don't need meat to create a fantastic and filling chili.

After voting for their favorite chili and perusing the bake sale table, guests filled their bowls with the chili they liked best, which they enjoyed along with salad and homemade cornbread — and, of course, bake-sale treats. At the end of the evening, Amazing Grace Academy teacher Rick Jordan took the microphone to announce the winners of the cook-off.

Each winner took home a fall-themed trophy and warm congratulations from all who attended.

The Palmer Church community looks forward to supporting their Pathfinders and Adventurers groups throughout the year. Many are already combing through chili recipes in preparation to enter the chili cook-off next fall. Even more are looking forward to partaking of tangy, hearty spoonfuls of chili while surrounded by church family. It's the perfect event to welcome nonmembers and friends so they can experience the warmth and friendliness of this church community.

Laura Melchor, Palmer Church communication leader



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Construction on the new addition to the Tok Church began in May 2018.

TOK MEMBERS HEAR THE CLARION CALL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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For years members of the Tok Church in eastern Alaska searched for avenues in their quest for a church school. When Elias, a fourth-grade church member, heard Francine Lee speak of the need for an Adventist school, he badgered her at every opportunity.

In August 2010, the shoestring venture began in Lee's home. School was half days, leaving her time

to work at her store and the local clinic. Today, the school operates 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., four days a week. The Lees use every room of their home for devotions, science and studies. Even the yard, garden and greenhouse are used. Since that tiny beginning, 19 children have received a Christian education. This year 12 children in grades two through eight and Elias, now a senior, are attending Arctic Light Academy (ALA). Though

Lee is the only full-time staff, others assist by grading papers, listening to little ones read or instructing as needed. Several donate financially.

Ellen White's words in the *Advocate* dated May 1, 1890, continues to motivate Lee and her husband, Don Jr.: "Work as if you were working for your life, to save children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of this life."

Tok Church members

have heard that clarion call. As others express an interest in sending their children to ALA, additional space is critically needed. To facilitate this growing enterprise, the Tok Church launched a building project in May 2018 that includes a multipurpose room and space for the school ministry.

Francine Lee, Arctic Light Academy teacher and Tok Church member

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'REJOICE BOISE!' CONCERT SHARES JOY OF JESUS

Rejoice Boise! was a concert of praise, presented by Max Mace, the Heritage Singers and Cloverdale (Boise) Church member Jere Webb. The concert was held in September at the Morrison Center, a premier concert venue on the campus of Boise State University. It began with an invitation-only meet-and-greet. Those who attended enjoyed meeting the Heritage Singers, Webb and Jim Gilley, the evening's master of ceremonies. The evening began with a short sermon in which Gilley powerfully portrayed God, though He inhabits eternity, not as the "I Was" or the "I Will" but as the "I Am."

"The evening was not a performance, it was an experience," says Tom Robinson, a Cloverdale Church member. "How often, standing before a congregation, have I longed to individually wrap each congregant personally in the safety and joy of the Savior's healing love? The Rejoice program achieved that."

During a break in singing, Webb shared his miraculous story of continued healing from a dire late-stage cancer diagnosis. His experience has given him a reignited passion

for Jesus and for those who have drifted or moved away from their relationship with the Savior.

The Heritage Singers and their founder, Max Mace, have been around a long time. Dale Galusha, Pacific Press Publishing Association president, presented Mace with a plaque of appreciation. The Heritage Singers have long been artists of Chapel Music, an entity of Pacific Press.

Galusha shared the words, which included song titles the Heritage Singers have done over the years: "Max, you and Heritage Singers have taken us on a spiritual journey. Forty-seven years ago, you invited us to 'Come Along ... to a Land Called Paradise.' Through that journey, you've always pointed the way to 'The Lighthouse.' You urged us to 'Never Give Up.' When the way has been rough, you've reminded us that 'Someone Is Praying for Us ...' and that 'Tears Are a Language God Understands.' 'Through It All' you pointed us to a 'Hill Called Mount Calvary.' You invited us to be part of the 'Family of God' and assured us that truly 'There's Plenty of Room in the Family.' You have kept us focused on the



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SAMANTHA LOUISE

fact that the 'King Is Coming,' 'What a Day That Will Be.'"

After the Rejoice Boise! concert in September, Mace answered a few questions:

Eve Rusk (ER): Tell me what you have enjoyed the most over your many years of ministry.

Max Mace (MM): The joy of seeing lives changed and giving

young people a platform to use their musical talent for the Lord.

ER: Could you describe a concert moment that sticks out in your mind that confirmed to you this was God's ministry?

MM: At the end of our concert we had an altar call. A man stood, then walked down the aisle, stopped at a row and put his arm around a man sitting down.



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They both started crying, stood and came down to the front of the church for prayer. We found out later that they had a long-standing feud that had split the church. God used Heritage Singers to minister through music to soften and heal these men's hearts.

ER: What was the purpose of joining with Jere Webb

to bring this concert to Boise and to the Morrison Center?

MM: Jere and I have been praying and dreaming for several years about doing something like this together again. When we were both younger, back in the 1970s, we worked together in a number of seminars in Glendale, Walla Walla, Portland and Dallas/Fort



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Worth. Rejoice 2018 Boise! was especially designed to reach inactive and former church members. Our goal was to have a community outreach and invite people to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ. It was extremely gratifying to look out and see the main floor of the Morrison Center so packed full of people that they even overflowed into the orchestra pit.

ER: I understand you want to continue doing concerts like this one around the country. Why?

MM: We believe now more than ever before we need to reach out and reconnect with the ones that are discouraged and have lost their relationship with Jesus. One of our old songs that many will remember is "The King Is Coming!" I believe that more today than ever before. As long as God gives me the energy to get on the plane and fly again, I want to make every day of life count for

God, and Jere feels the same way.

ER: Last question — are you planning to direct a Heritage Singers group in heaven?

MM: Yes, I am looking forward to taking auditions and directing a THOUSAND-voice choir along with the angels!

Many thanks to the steering committee of Linda Easley, Dona Fulmore, Joe and Cissa Saladino, Valerie Trees, and Jere Webb for their work in organizing this joyful event. For more information, a video of Webb's testimony and more pictures, go to Rejoice2018.org.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director

A Dale Galusha presents Max Mace with a plaque of appreciation from Chapel Music and Pacific Press.

B The Heritage Quartet sings a rousing number.

C One treat was a trio of Max Mace and his nephews Perry and Terry Mace.

D Jere Webb offers prayer, with Jim Gilley in the background.

E Lucy and Max Mace took time with many of the guests at a meet-and-greet.

ROUNDUP CHURCH GLOWS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Roundup Church has recently taken on a GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) challenge. Each week the members are given a challenge involving the popular GLOW tracts, led by church member Kay Dickerson. The members then report on their progress the next Sabbath at church.

One challenge was to place GLOW tracts in unusual locations. Some were placed in books and jigsaw puzzles at a senior center. Some went into a case of beer in a store, doctors' offices, restrooms, gas stations and even a milk crate at a school lunch room. The next challenge is to place 100 GLOW tracts per member in different locations in a week, knowing God can bless this effort.

The world is hurting, and people need our help. Can your church get on "tract" with GLOW tracts as a part of your outreach?

Norma Trent, Roundup Church member



Jeremy Craik works with the bonfire.

TROUT CREEK CHURCH SPONSORS ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY

The Trout Creek Church annual harvest party was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, 2018, at Ray Langford's ranch. The community was invited to give church members an opportunity to get to know their neighbors and learn how they can meet their needs. More than 100 attended from the surrounding area, some from as far away as 80 miles.

Guests enjoyed hot apple cider from the blueberry farm and a large campfire for roasting corn. The children

scampered around and climbed on large hay bales. The group sang songs, and Jeremy Craik told a story about his mother catching a really big fish when he was a boy.

After supper activities included a "Moses in the Wilderness" adventure trail. The trail featured activities that taught about the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites. The evening closed with a festive hayride.

Martha Petty, Trout Creek Church member



David and Billie Jo Jabs, Jim Hansen, and Beaver Eller lead the group in song.



A free dental clinic held at the Sandy Church.

SANDY OFFERS FREE DENTAL CLINIC

The Sandy Church provided a total of 86 adults and children with free dental care on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. Church members and other volunteers from the community partnered with volunteer dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants to offer dental exams with X-rays, dental cleanings, fillings and extractions with a combined estimated value of \$37,300. The dental equipment and chairs were provided by Caring Hands Worldwide, a charitable organization with headquarters in Lowell, Ore., and founded by Adventist church members Cedric and Julie Hayden.

Community members learned of the event through invitations from church members, social media, and promotional flyers and posters. Tami Beaty, event organizer, distributed flyers and posters to local social services agencies,

schools, a food bank, libraries and medical clinics. Flyers also went to 4,000 homes through the local newspaper.

At the end of the day, patients and volunteers felt blessed. Patients received 51 extractions, 47 fillings and 37 cleanings. Many commented on the kindness of the volunteers and quality of the care provided by the dental professionals.

A comment made by a Sandy Church member and volunteer Sharon Peil echoed that of many others who served: "It was an incredible undertaking. I stood in awe as I went from area to area with the amount of detail and organization of everything. What a blessing it was for me to be able to participate. Let's plan for another."

Jon Beaty, Sandy Church head elder

SUNNYSIDE PATHFINDERS, ADVENTURERS, FILL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Energy was flowing in Portland as the Sunnyside Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs gathered the Sunday before Thanksgiving to pack Thanksgiving baskets.

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up the their baskets, but some needed delivery. The lady at the first home did not speak English. When the kids were able to communicate that they were there to deliver the Thanksgiving basket, her confusion changed into a smile. As the Pathfinders handed her the basket, followed by a sack of potatoes and then a large box of even more, she was overwhelmed. Her simple repeated "thank you, thank you" was more than enough to let the Pathfinders know that they were making a difference in their community.

The appreciation expressed at the second home was just as strong. As Andrei Gramada stated after returning from the delivery, "It feels like we are doing stuff for Jesus too."

Elizabeth Fresse, Sunnyside Church communication leader



The day started with a short devotional from Juan Fresse, Sunnyside Church associate pastor.

The clubs partner with the church and with Union Gospel Mission each year to get names of families in need and provide them with food, including many fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. On Nov. 18, 2018, 46 food baskets were packed and handed out.

The process started at the end of October with a canned food drive. The night before the baskets were created, the club leaders went shopping to add items to the baskets.

On Sunday morning, the clubs divided up by unit and group leader, and each person had a part to play as the goods were sorted and packed.

Most recipients picked



One unit prepares to load a basket into a vehicle.



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GRANTS PASS ADVENTIST SCHOOL BUILDS STREAMS

Despite other professional involvements at the time, Marla Aaron was tapped to do still more. “God was bothering me,” she says. Enrollment was down at the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist School. Personal research indicated many were not aware of this “hidden gem” at the north end of Grants Pass.

Aaron’s own children had benefited from quality Christian education. Many potential families in the community could also benefit. Aaron wanted to see this school not just succeed but also exceed. After making this a matter of prayer, she took action.

Aaron researched what other private schools were offering their students, especially the youngest learners. Before she knew it, she had written a proposal, which was approved by the school board.

The Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist School now offers a preschool program for children as young as 36 months. Soon the school will be certified to provide daycare in the same classroom.

The preschool classroom is designed to inspire and educate young minds. A table is situated with objects



to teach an oceanography unit, from vocabulary to the ecosystems involved. At one side of the room is a station with art supplies. At another edge is a station with musical instruments.

Activities and lessons are developmentally appropriate, offering a “whole brain” approach to learning. After all, says Aaron, “When the brain connects, the student understands, and they are really learning.”

The curriculum is designed to educate students in the same “STREAMS” approach as the rest of the school. STREAMS builds upon the academic disciplines of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). STREAMS focuses on science, technology, religion (or relationships with God and man), engineering, arts, math and service. All classrooms, from preschool to eighth grade, use the STREAMS approach to learning.

In her experience, Aaron says Adventist schools have “the most qualified” educators of any school. Teachers must have at least bachelor’s degrees and regularly pursue additional learning. Aaron completed her Master of Arts in early childhood education and elementary education at Concordia University in Portland. She has more than 35 years of experience in the education field.

In addition to being an educator, Aaron and her husband have been involved with the foster parent program. Through their years of involvement, there were about 29 placements, in addition to the couple raising their own children. The couple adopted two of the children and are hoping to adopt a third. Aaron considers Grants Pass and the Rogue Valley to be “home.”

The Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist School has been providing quality Christian education for more than 100 years. It has been in its current location on Heidi Lane for more than 25 years. Questions about tuition and requests for tours can be directed to 541-479-2293.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

MILO CLASS HOLDS HEALTH FAIR

Milo Adventist Academy's sophomore health class provided a Public Health Day in Canyonville's

The students also organized a jump-a-thon during the fair as well as a free giveaway of honey to people who wanted to know more about Milo. The academy's chef also came and cooked a great Asian-influenced vegetarian lunch.

The students had the opportunity to teach health and wellness to many other people outside their immediate circle. The students further

Pioneer Park on Oct. 11, 2018. Milo had 25 students and four staff members help out and run a fully functioning public health fair.

The students all prepared health education topics like abstinence, mental health, anxiety, depression, effects of sleep and exercise, effects of tobacco, and the reduction of stress when adding humor in your life. The students researched and cited all of their information and then presented it to a wide variety of people, ages 15–78.

In total the students presented health information to 62 people. Many of the people were impressed with all of the things Milo had to offer and really just wanted to know more about the Days Creek academy.

Milo students held a public health fair, presenting health information to the community of Canyonville.

strengthened their understanding of the multiple themes they studied and presented. All the students seemed to have a great experience reaching out and touching a neighboring community with health and wellness education.

Chad Lambie, Milo Academy health teacher and athletic director



Two CVCS students, decorated with face paint, carve pumpkins to take home.

CENTRAL VALLEY PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING

What better way to enjoy a blustery fall evening than by spending it in the gym of Central Valley Christian School in Tangent? That is what many people in the Central Valley community decided to do on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. The school hosted a Fall Festival fundraiser to raise money for various safety improvements around the campus. There were also booths supporting the robotics club at school and the local Pathfinder club in their fundraising for their upcoming Oshkosh (Wis.) trip for the international camporee. Fiddling music was provided by a local family, and tips were collected to support their son's upcoming mission trip.

Throughout the gym children ran around with smiles plastered on their faces and candy and prizes overflowing from their treat bags. Games included Plinko, an arcade-style

basketball shootout, pumpkin carving, face painting and so many more family-fun games. Adults sat and chatted while chowing down on veggie burgers, nachos and pies.

When all was said and done and the gym returned to normal, upwards of 200 people had enjoyed the wonderful evening. Thanks to a generous donor who matched the evening's proceeds more than \$2,000 was raised to help the variety of causes supported. The school family is praising God for another great turnout by these amazing families. The staff hope He is honored as the school continues to serve the community and train its students for His service.

Amanda Rich, Central Valley Christian School teacher

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Courtney Minden is a junior who loves challenges. She began climbing as a freshman, cautious of heights. She's working toward her goal to lead climb.

PAA CLIMBING CLUB REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Portland Adventist Academy teacher Mark Smith followed the passion of a small group of students who loved rock climbing and guided them in the organization of the school's first climbing club in 1997.

Smith remembers few students participated but also recalls big support and enthusiasm. "We began with five or six students and a \$1,000 anonymous donation," he says.

Within a short time, the club had gained so much momentum that the school created space for a bouldering gym. It was funded, built and maintained by community members, alumni, parents, pastors, teachers and students.

Twenty-two years later with many twists and turns of change, the club is thriving with 34 active members and remarkable accomplishments Smith wouldn't have imagined 22 years ago.

Emily Nagele, who was new to climbing as a freshman, graduated last year as one of the most accomplished climbers in the club's history. "As a sophomore, Emily began regularly climbing boulder problems two grades harder than any previous PAA female climber," says Smith. "She

then also completed a climb five grades harder than any previous female climber."

Now a student at Walla Walla University, Nagele, along with young alumni Lauren Solari and Will Howard, is certified Climbing Wall Instructors by the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA). Howard, who began climbing at PAA despite an initial fear of heights, recently earned a Single Pitch Instructor certification from the AMGA.

Smith says these success stories are paving a way for future climbers' successes. "The accomplishments of those climbers are important because it changed the mindset of the club going forward," he explains. "Today, club members often attempt routes that would have never been considered 10 years ago."

Club member and PAA junior Courtney Minden was a cautious and shy freshman when she was encouraged to join the climbing club.

"I was really shy and quiet back then," says Minden, reflecting on her progress over the last two years. "But I'm not anymore."

Her enthusiasm shines as she describes the challenges of a lead climb. "You have

to hold yourself in one place while you're clipping," she says. Minden talks with excitement about good technique, the correct way to fall, belaying challenges and how she's learned to manage fear with safety.

"Lead climbing is defi-

nately more difficult than normal climbs," she says "and it's a huge jump from where I'm at right now. But I'm going to keep at it."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

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SUMMER CAMPS REACH WALLA WALLA VALLEY COMMUNITY

Camping is much more than tents and sleeping bags since the College Place (Wash.) Village Church began sponsoring Walla Walla Valley Camps as a community outreach in June 1998.

Beginning with three weeks of camp sessions that first summer, the program has expanded to offer summerlong athletic, science, water specialty, and day and residential camps lasting from one-day to one-week. For ages 7–19 the camps are co-sponsored by Walla Walla University (WVU) and manned by volunteers in every area. Less than half the participants are part of Village Church. Sixty to 65 percent are from the Walla Walla community.

The 2018 summer schedule of one-day and weeklong camps included spelunking, science, music, choral, clown computer and drama camps. Spelunking was enjoyed in Hood River Valley, filmmaking at the WVU labs, and

water camps at Jubilee Lake and the Snake River.

The weeklong water camps provide canoeing, kayaking and wakeboarding. Residential camps for ages 8 and up are based at the ABC mountain retreat near Tollgate, Ore. Here the campers rent campgrounds and pitch their tents with the help of adult volunteers, which this year included Jason Worf, Village Church youth pastoral intern.

The university-based science camp encompasses much more than the familiar picture of test tubes in the chemical lab emitting clouds of vapor into the atmosphere. Featured for the first time this year, the “naked egg” — a title intriguing enough to make this reporter want to be a kid again — was supervised by Jim Cain, Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) major from Walla Walla University and retired after 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Soaking a raw egg in vinegar for 24 hours dissolves the shell and leaves the egg



Summer camp includes horses too.

whole and encased only in its membrane. Another 24-hour soak in fresh vinegar creates a translucent orb, squeezably soft and ready for more cool “eggperiments.” This is only one of the projects during the week of science camp.

Walla Walla Valley camps are rooted in the idea that everyone is uniquely created by God. Therefore, each member of the human race should respect others who represent different races, cultures, genders, ethnicities and religious convictions. Members of the human family were created to learn, explore, experience adventure and pleasure, and interact productively with other

members of the family of God.

Activities at the camp are shaped by a desire to encourage respect and compassion for others, nurture learning and a sense of personal growth, and create a sense of adventure. That adventuresome spirit is balanced by a self-discipline that fosters lifelong personal development. Christian principles based on biblical ideals outlined in books by Ellen G. White — *Messages to Young People*, *Child Guidance* and *The Adventist Home* — supply the framework for reaching these goals.

Donna Casebolt, Village Church member

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A UNIQUE EVANGELISTIC SERIES

Tim Rumsey led Hayden Lake, Idaho, members and guests through an intriguing evangelistic journey during September and October 2018. Read more online at glnr.in/114-01-uc_haydenlake about where the core principles of the body of Christ led in this special journey.

TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Hayden Lake Church hosted Daniel Gabbert, mental and spiritual health coach at Black Hills Health and Education Center, for an intense series on spiritual health during September 2018. Read more online at glnr.in/114-01-uc_timewithgod about the secret of a “praise binge.”



LAY-LED MOVEMENT BUILDS MOMENTUM, CHANGES LIVES

A group of Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) alumni determined in 2004 to do something to positively impact their beloved school. Thus began a volunteer movement that has enabled hundreds of students to get a Christian education.

FoundationONE's professionally managed endowment now has \$3.5 million in assets. The fund's income is more than \$150,000 annually, and this money is distributed to qualified UCA students each year in the form of grants and scholarships.

"We have grown to this point through 'friend-raising,'" says Mindy Weber, FoundationONE's president. "Friend-raising is a winning strategy because it treats donors like real people and not like wallets. We don't simply want people's money; we want their good ideas, their influence and their prayers."

Meet Yvonne "Yve" Ellis Lahav, a freshman who FoundationONE is sponsoring this school year. Yve says, "Before I came to UCA, I was becoming someone I didn't want to be."

Yve attended public school grades one through eight.

"The first five years were fine," she says, "but every year after that, it got harder."

Yve, plus her brother, Abe (now a UCA sophomore), and their single-parent mother, had, for years, been saving to be in a Christian school. But they also knew that financing would be difficult, so the kids agreed to stay in public school through eighth grade. Yve is delighted the time has finally come for her to go to an Adventist academy.



Yve has her horse with her at UCA, thanks to the school's horsemanship program.

Not only did Yve and her brother enroll at UCA, Yve brought her horse to school. She absolutely loves the new horsemanship class. Her favorite class is Bible. She says, "I've never had a Bible class



During 2018, FoundationONE hosted eight Circle of Friends parties. Todd and Teri Wagner invited alumni in the Walla Walla, Wash., area to join them for brunch.

before, and I am learning so much."

When asked if she has experienced anything at UCA that is truly life-transforming, Yve responded, "Yes. The fall week of prayer was wonderful. The final night the speaker made an altar call, and I, along with eleven other kids, went forward. I had been baptized, but being around godly people all the time has convinced me that I want to be a sold-out Christian for the rest of my life. The week of prayer was what I needed to make that recommitment."

Yve loves the family atmosphere at UCA. "In just one quarter, I've made better friends than I've ever had before," she says. She dreams of

being a four-year senior and is willing to work three jobs each summer to make that happen.

The ultimate goal of FoundationONE is to grow the endowment to a level that assures every hardworking, qualifying student who lives within the Upper Columbia Conference territory has an opportunity to enroll at UCA. All Adventist young people, regardless of family income, deserve the opportunity to grow and be mentored by Christian teachers. To learn more about FoundationONE, go to foundationoneuca.org or call Linda at 509-939-1716.

Linda Klinger, Upper Columbia Academy FoundationONE executive director

COLLEGE PLACE VILLAGE CHURCH CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF MINISTRY

The anniversary celebration of the College Place Village Church's 125 years of ministry — the last 50 at its present location — began Friday night, Aug. 31, 2018, and continued through Sabbath, Sept. 1. The celebration was the climax of a project that began two years ago to refurbish, restore and renew the current structure.

Groundbreaking for the current facility took place March 3, 1968. A Friday night communion service on Dec. 20, 1968, celebrated its completion.

Featured speakers included the current head pastor Jeff Kinne on Friday evening. Three former pastors spoke on Sabbath morning. Dave Thomas gave a very clear picture of a pilgrim, one chosen by God, with Abraham as an example. Lee Venden built on this solid platform as he shared his testimony of a life dedicated to going wherever God called him and the ups and downs of his and Margie's answers to



College Place Village Church former pastors came to the celebration.

those calls. Then John Bradshaw described the final stages of our pilgrimage with the beautiful rewards and realities of being children of God.

The weekend included a wide range of Village Church's musicians. The celebration included vocalists, pianists, violinists and Village Brass. The group Ladies' Praise, which has blessed Village Church with music for 30 of the last 50 years, also performed. Choral groups and a piano/banjo duet rounded out the musical presentation.

After a potluck picnic at nearby Fort Walla Walla

Museum Park, the festivities continued with a Sabbath afternoon review of *Tell the World*, a new feature-length film about our Adventist pioneers. Lynelle Ellis, Walla Walla University associate professor in the cinema, religion and worldview department, interviewed Kyle Portbury, Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, Texas) associate professor of cinema presentation, director of the film and the only Adventist personally involved

in this remarkable enterprise.

Although for a number of years the pastoral staff has included theology majors from Walla Walla University as pastoral interns, Matt Axford was the only former intern able to attend this celebration. Now pastoring the Brewster and Chelan, Wash., churches, he came with his wife, Grace, and son, J.L., who were with him during his internship here, plus the two little girls who have joined their family since he left.

The weekend closed at 5 p.m. with former pastors and their spouses/families introduced by Kinne sharing memories of their time at Village Church and stories of God's leading, followed by a watermelon feed in the Village Church courtyard.

Village Church members praise God for His leading during the church's 125 years of ministry and pray for His blessing as they continue until Jesus comes.

Donna Casebolt, Village Church member



LISA SCHOLL



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UCA HOLDS FIRST YOUTH CHURCH

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Connecting youth to Jesus and encouraging commitment to and involvement in church has been a theme of much discussion in the Adventist Church as many recent studies indicate young people are leaving the church in alarming numbers. Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., and the UCA Church believe one way to do better is to include young people, allowing youth to be totally in charge of church.

Last spring, a student at UCA approached Eric Johnson, principal, with an idea to have a church service run entirely by the youth. This had been done in the student's home church with great success. Kerianne Kruger, class of 2019, answered the call to coordinate the idea. Thus, the idea of Youth Church at UCA was begun.

The Youth Church concept was wholeheartedly approved by the UCA Church board at the end of the 2017–18 school year. A sign-up sheet was posted, and 25 students signed up. More students added their names during registration for the 2018–19 school year.

Organizers of Youth Church say they intend to involve every student on those two lists in some way or another. Ten student leaders joined



Kruger and the adult staff and sponsors at a special weekend retreat to prepare their hearts and plan for the implementation of Youth Church.

The theme of the first Youth Church — held on Nov. 3, 2018 — was “Overcoming the Fear Factor.” Student leaders Taylor Duffield and Beverly Talakua began with a short intro and prayer. Then all their hours of planning and practice culminated in a beautiful, deep and meaningful service. Students led in every area: children's story, Scripture, prayer, praise singing, short dramas, greeting, ushering, creating the bulletin and preaching.

UCA students were drawn to the honesty and openness of the presenters and were engaged in the service. “It is very humbling to know that everyone is struggling with something because sometimes as an individual we get too

focused on our own problems,” says Joel Cruz, a senior.

The message was clear to Jingyi who, like many international students from China, was not brought up in a Christian environment. “This speech talked about fear. Everyone has something to fear, maybe small, maybe big. It's hard to face it, but it always exists,” he says. “Only by making up your mind to defeat

it and face it can you move forward bravely. Believe that God will always protect you in the distance, accompany you and defeat your fear.”

Future Youth Church services will be planned in a similar manner. Team leaders will get together with their staff sponsors and Kruger, to choose a theme, and plan the program. They will utilize staff coaches for specific areas such as music and drama, and produce a church service designed to touch hearts and connect the worshippers to Jesus. Upcoming dates for Youth Church are March 2, April 13 and May 18. Please pray for UCA's Youth Church — and attend!

Shelley Bacon, Upper Columbia Academy recruiting and communication director



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TACOMA CENTRAL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO CHURCH FAMILY

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he family of God is a little bigger after 10 people were baptized just before Thanksgiving at Tacoma Central Church. Their incredible stories were years in the making, and God knew the right timing for the right connections.

son knew it was finally his time to join God's family.

Similarly, James Worobe had also felt God's calling. "I have always felt like I've been a part of the church since 1984," says Worobe. "I came to a point in my life that I truly felt like God was calling me to be

"When I came in one day, I was planning to meet one of my friends who was running late to the meeting, so I sat in the back waiting," says Martin. "A church member came up to me and asked me why I was sat all the way in the back. I explained that I was waiting, but she smiled brightly and invited me to sit in the front with her."

"If it wasn't for such an accepting and friendly congregation like this," says Scott Tyman, Tacoma Central Church pastor, "Juanita probably wouldn't be here."

Steve Boothe and his family had been putting off God's call for several years before the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar came so close to home that they could no longer say no. During the evangelism series in Puyallup with Shawn Boonstra, the Boothers devel-

oped strong relationships with those who were at the series and continued to attend and be active with the church the last two years.

"I believe my family has been ready for this day for a while," says Steve Boothe. "We had been waiting for the right time, but what better time is there than now?"

During the day of baptism, the family of seven crowded into the baptismal pool. As each one became baptized, the smiles grew on both the faces of the Boothe family and the congregation.

When Sierra Boothe, one of four daughters in the Boothe family, was asked how she felt that day, she replied, "People use the saying, 'I've been better,' but today is probably the best I'll ever be."

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



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Sampson Fernandez Jr. first thought about baptism when his wife was baptized two years ago. Having just returned from deployment to Japan with the U.S. Army, Sampson decided to attend the Inheritance Restored seminar with Rico Hill at Tacoma Central Church. When a call for baptism was offered, Samp-

baptized. Something clicked, and I felt like there was more I needed to do; to commit myself to Him and be reborn once more."

Juanita Martin first came to Tacoma Central Church for Fun Day Monday, a senior program for fun, nearly two years ago. Since then, Martin has been attending health seminars.



James Worobe is baptized on Nov. 17, 2018, after feeling he had been a part of God's church for 34 years.

GOD'S CLOSET EXPERIENCES GIVING CYCLE

Many parents in the Monroe area often find themselves wondering how they can keep up the wardrobes of their growing children.

This is where God's Closet, a modern take on the Dorcus Society, steps into the picture. For just a \$1, families can come and pick up the clothing they need for their children — and sometimes a little more.

"We broke our record at our most recent event by serving 167 families, nearly 400 people, with free clothing and haircuts and were also able to give away two cribs, three to four bassinets and 14 strollers," says Tracey Gaver, God's Closet Monroe director.

But recently, the trend of families who come and pick up

what they need has shifted into a cycle of blessing.

"Families have started to recycle the clothes they've picked up from us as their kids grow out of them," says Gaver. "They're starting to feel a part of the giving cycle, and I hadn't realized how powerful that feeling would be. It's not just about 'give me,' it's about 'how can I serve too?'"

Volunteers (including previous shoppers and families) come to lend a hand to sort, organize and set up for quarterly shop days. Donations are gathered between shop days from local businesses, church members and community residents.

"We now have families, groups of different faiths and community members who come to serve with us," says Gaver. "Some of these families just want their children to experience this service ... even if it's just sorting. We are blessed to have an involved community."



Families from the Monroe, Wash., community sit in the sanctuary of the Monroe Church to wait their turn for the quarterly shop day.

NOMINATED AS A COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Recently, God's Closet Monroe was nominated as a 2018 community champion hosted by Molina Healthcare.

"It turns out that it's a really big deal to be nominated and recognized for the community champion award, and it was an incredible honor to be nominated and included with the other nominees," says Gaver. "Some of the nonprofits nominated had eliminated homelessness in their commu-

nity, created prison ministries or created free supply closets for students in need. I was okay with not winning if there were people such as this."

Although God's Closet did not take an award home, Gaver simply feels blessed to have been recognized. "The families leave with clothing, and we leave being blessed," says Gaver. "It's an incredible gift to give every single time."

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



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Auburn Adventist Academy students with the Sylvan Chorale put on a musical performance in the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Oklahoma!*

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY ACES OKLAHOMA!

The lights turn on and the stage is set as the audience is immersed in a field of corn stalks and blue sky. As the music begins with “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning,” the audience settles in further for the Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) production of *Oklahoma!*

AAA’s Sylvan Chorale with additional cast and crew delighted the audience with the rollicking but meaningful production of this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic. Many of the musical numbers were familiar classics, and people could be heard humming the tune throughout the crowd.

The immense amount of work and dedication is owed to Melia Williams, director of Sylvan Chorale and *Oklahoma!* She explains that musical education is necessary and that *Oklahoma!* shows how the arts exemplify real life and capture the heart of human nature.

Lauren Ziegele, AAA senior and *Oklahoma!* cast member, explains that, although the play is a comedy, it comments about societal class distinctions. “Sometimes we focus on things that make us different, but really we have so much in common,” she says.

Audience members were drawn into Claremore, Oklahoma Territory, in 1906 watching Laurey Williams, played by Heidi Kissinger, AAA senior, decide between love



Audience members were drawn into early 20th-century Claremore, Oklahoma Territory, to watch Laurey Williams, played by Heidi Kissinger, AAA senior, decide between love and social obligation.

and social obligation. There are several characters surrounding their love story including the scary and sinister character Jud Fry performed by Keagan Griffin, AAA sophomore, who seeks Laurey for his own.

Each student individualized their characters and the stage was alight with their interpretations as Ziegele laughingly explains, “There’s a lot of sass in this play. Like a lot. You don’t realize it until they’ve sunk in, but then you’re like, that was a good line!”

Another year, another play and another evening ended on a high note for Auburn Adventist Academy as audience members went away singing, “Oh, what a beautiful day”

Read more about the students experience on playing in the *Oklahoma!* musical production at glnr.in/114-01-wa_oklahoma.

Kilikina Vega Richards, Auburn Adventist Academy faculty

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FAMILY, FRIENDS CELEBRATE AUBURN’S 100TH CLASS

For graduating seniors and their families, senior dedication is a special moment. It’s a time of celebration, and it’s a time for making memories. This past November, friends and family celebrated with the 100th graduating class from Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) as they look to their futures.

This year, Auburn Adventist Academy combined senior dedication with family weekend so families could be in attendance. Families were treated to special music from students and a message from speaker Katelyn Campbell, former chaplain who is now

in seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

“Your life before you is a blank canvas waiting to be filled,” says Campbell to the graduating class. “God has given you a life of amazing things, and He has dedicated you for greatness. But this is just the beginning. How will you paint your canvas? Who will you be? Fill your canvas well!”

Gabriela Jung, Auburn Adventist Academy media literacy student

Auburn Adventist Academy’s 100th graduating class grasps hands as they sing “Side by Side” during senior dedication on Nov. 9, 2018.



HEALING A BIG HEART

Miriam Salvador has always had a big heart for her heritage and culture. A resident of the Acoma Reservation in northwestern New Mexico, Salvador spends her free time sewing, designing Indian art and making traditional clothing. As an outpouring of her love for her culture and community, she gifts these to her friends and neighbors.

Salvador's life is rooted in tradition. A direct descendent of the Anasazi people, she was born at and spent her adult life in the ancient village of Acoma Pueblo — one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America. Until the last couple of years, her routine included regular visits to Sky City, the sacred mesa reserved for ceremonial gatherings and exchanging crafts.

But fatigue and shortness of breath gradually overcame her ability to climb the steps to the mesa. "I couldn't get rid of my cough and I was constantly tired, and I just didn't know what was wrong," Salvador, 78, explains.

Sensing her life was in danger, Salvador visited a doctor for the first time in her life. Her niece drove her an hour



away to a hospital in Albuquerque. The doctor diagnosed her with pneumonia. During her treatment, Salvador's doctors realized she had severe rheumatic mitral valve disease — a

condition causing a valve in her heart to harden and not work correctly.

The heart specialists in Albuquerque suggested a high-risk open-heart surgery. This would require cutting through Salvador's chest and breaking her breastbone to access her heart.

Salvador decided she needed to do her own research. "My first step was to define for myself what we were talking about," she says. "In the process I educated myself on the mitral valve, what it does and how important it is."

She and her daughter Cindy poured themselves into finding what options were available. Salvador made it her goal to find the best course of treatment.

With two daughters living in Oregon, Salvador's research led her to Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular, which is well-known for excellent outcomes in minimally invasive valve surgery. She learned how robotic-assisted surgery would keep her breastbone intact.

Salvador also found Thomas Molloy, the medi-

cal director of cardiothoracic surgery for Adventist Health Portland. Having performed more than 2,000 valve procedures, Molloy was the provider Salvador knew she could trust for the first surgery of her life.

Salvador's decision proved to be the right one. "I thought I was going to be in a lot of pain, but I have no pain at all," she says. "At first I found it hard to believe I would be able to be up and around in two to three days. I am amazed by this procedure."

With her own heart healed, Salvador is on a mission to share her experience with her Native community so they know they have options for their health care. She believes this is the reason for what she's gone through.

For Salvador's Adventist Health Portland team, her goal is a beautiful extension of their own mission to live God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope to people and communities both near and far.

Laurel Rogers, Adventist Health contract writer

Hill 95th

Geraldine “Gerry” Wilma (Sutter) Hill celebrated her 95th birthday July 29, 2018, with a family dinner in Tillamook, Ore.

A month before her 95th birthday, her son Calvin and his wife, Jaimy Hill, hosted a dinner at their home for her scattered family, including daughters Marge Schwartz and Sherrilyn Lorenz from Michigan; granddaughter Julie Hill Alvarez plus her husband, Hector, and daughters, Amelia and Olivia, from Florida; and grandson Timothy Hill and his wife, Heidi, and children, Annalise and Dexter, of Portland, Ore. Her son, Bradley Hill, had visited shortly before this event.

Geraldine Wilma was born at home Aug. 26, 1923, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Walter and L. Marguerite Sutter, the first of six children. Her father worked in a steel mill while her mother was a homemaker. She grew up in western New York, attending a two-room elementary school and graduating from Williamsville High School in 1940. After a pre-nursing year at Atlantic Union College and three years’ clinical experience at New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Maine, she became a registered nurse in 1944.

After a year of working in a very busy labor and delivery unit in Buffalo, she accepted an invitation of one of her nursing school roommates to join her at Walla Walla College (now University) to get a Bachelor of Science in nursing education. After giving the business manager her last \$20, he hired her as one of the school nurses. To help meet expenses, she also worked at Walla Walla General Hospital.

Before graduating in 1947, she met and married Raymond

C. Hill, one of the veterans who had returned from the Pacific Theater that year. They were married Sept. 10, 1946, in Buffalo, in a ceremony attended by that same roommate, Alice Bolton, and her husband, Charles Ames, who had been instrumental in fostering their friendship.

After graduation, they moved to Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Michigan so Ray could get his degree in agriculture. During this time Gerry taught two pre-nursing classes before giving birth to their first daughter, Marjorie. Their first call was to Newbury Park Academy in California, where she served as a part-time school nurse and gave birth to their son Calvin. It was while there that they received their call to the Phillippines, sailing to Manila with their two small children in 1953.

Their second son, Bradley, was born in Manila a year after their arrival, and daughter, Sherrilyn, was born a week after they arrived at her parents’ home while they were home on furlough, completing their family. In 1963 the family returned to the United States for a nine-year stay at Andrews University before moving to Ohio, where Ray was grounds superintendent at Kettering Medical Center and Gerry taught nursing for the next 13 years at Kettering College of Medical Arts.

Both retired in 1985 but continued to work part time for the next 13 years, interspersed with visits to their scattered children. It is satisfying to her that she has had a part in launching about 900 young people into a nursing career.

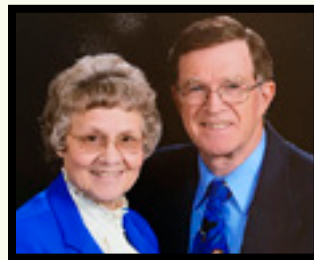
In 2003, they decided it would be prudent to be near

family, so they moved to Tillamook, Ore., to be near their son Calvin, a physician there. Ray passed away two years later. Gerry still lives alone in the family home. She keeps busy helping out with community service, taking water exercises and teaching a Sabbath School class. She also maintains contact with many friends and family by computer or snail mail. She also enjoys the accomplishments of her 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She testifies that God is great.

Stafford 50th

John and Ruby (Kruger) Stafford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19, 2018, at the fellowship hall of the Village Church in College Place, Wash. Helping them celebrate was their family, numerous friends and relatives.

They met at Walla Walla College (now University), where John was a French major and Ruby a religion major.



Ruby and John Stafford

They were married on Aug. 18, 1968, at the old Village Church in College Place. They spent their first year studying French at Collonges, France. After John graduated from Andrews with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, they went to Gitwe College in Rwanda. After three months they were sent to Kivoga College in Burundi, where they both taught for eight years.

During that time, God blessed them with two sons, Jeffrey and Michael.

After a study leave at Andrews and serving as pastor in the Idaho Conference, the Staffords returned to Rwanda to train pastors at the new University at Mudende for French-speaking Africa. In 1987 John served as ministerial secretary for the Rwanda Union Mission in Kigali. In 1990 they had to leave Rwanda because of the tribal war. He then served in Seychelles Islands as mission president. After a year and a half they returned to the United States and served as associate pastor and Bible worker at the Village Church in College Place for 16 years.

They went to Sri Lanka in 2008 to train pastors and teachers at Lakpahana Adventist College and Seminary. Four years later they returned home and retired. John is currently volunteering as Gospel Outreach (GO) regional director for French-speaking West Africa, visiting and training GO workers in Gabon, Chad, Benin and Togo. He has recently served as part-time interim pastor at the Zillah and Sunnyside churches in Washington. They have recently received a call to the New Zealand Union Conference to be the pastor of the Adventist church on Pitcairn Island.

In 2012 they retired, remaining in their home in College Place.

Son Jeffrey is married to Jeanne and is a CEO private pilot, flying out of Hong Kong. Son Michael and his wife, Andrea, live in Washington, where Michael has a dental clinic in Zillah. The Staffords also have 7 grandchildren.

FAMILY AT REST

AHLERS — Glenys Elizabeth (Jones) Icenogle, 74; born Jan. 18, 1944, Pontypridd, Wales; died May 31, 2018, Enumclaw, Wash. Surviving: husband, Alvin; son, Donald Icenogle, Burien, Wash.; stepson, Alan Ahlers, Renton, Wash.; daughters, Sonia Wattenbarger, Redmond, Wash.; Donna Parkhurst, Cle Elum, Wash.; stepdaughter, Kathleen Korsgard, Enumclaw; Annette Ahlers, Culver City, Calif.; Jayne Booth, Los Gatos, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

BECK — Edwin C., 95; born April 3, 1923, Medina, N.D.; died Oct. 14, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jacquelyn (Faucher); son, Peter, College Place; daughters, Jeanne Jarnes, Spokane, Wash.; Nancy Irland, Hillsboro, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

BENDER — Mamie P. (Graham), 91; born April 13, 1927, Midland County, Mich.; died Oct. 13, 2018, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Larry and Garry, both of Caldwell; daughter, Bonnie Villanueva, Caldwell; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

CORNELL — Blanch May (Hull) Robinson Johnson, 98; born Feb. 29, 1920, Zillah, Wash.; died Sept. 22, 2018, Mount Vernon, Wash. Surviving: husband, Duane, Burlington, Wash.; sons, Lonnie Robinson, Kirkland, Wash.; Jerry Robinson, Junction City, Ore.; daughter, Sheryl Robinson, Anacortes, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

DANIELS — Esther M. (Stephens), 95; born Nov. 15, 1922, Nord, Calif.; died Oct. 19, 2018, Battle Ground,

Wash. Surviving: son, Doug, Roseburg, Ore.; daughters, Diane Queen, Canyonville, Ore.; Paulette Jackson, Battle Ground; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

GIARDE — Paul Erving, 95; born Oct. 24, 1922, Bellingham, Wash.; died Oct. 15, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Raymond, College Place, Wash.; daughter, Paulette Riggle, Sebastopol, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GILBERT — Richard Donnelle, 84; born April 15, 1934, Eugene, Ore.; died Sept. 5, 2018, Eugene. Surviving: wife, Nancy (Brillin); son, Don Gilbert, Eugene; daughters, Stephanie Kesey, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; Gretchen Virk, Bend, Ore.; Kristin Wall, Eugene; stepson, Andy Keefe, Bend; stepdaugh-

ter, Wendy Zacharias, Eugene; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HAAS — Elmer Clifford, 95; born Feb. 6, 1923, Cleveland, N.D.; died Oct. 16, 2018, Jamestown, N.D. Surviving: daughters, Mary Kay Duvall, Portland, Ore.; Laura Jean Ryan, Ridgeway, Colo.; Candice Carol Hollingsead, Buchanan, Mich.; Evangeline Ellen de Fluiter, Ridgecrest, Calif.; sisters, Evelyn Rosin, Battle Ground, Wash.; Lillian Jonietz, Jamestown, N.D.; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HASSELL — Marilyn Jean (Gildroy), 91; born April 7, 1927, Roundup, Mont.; died Sept. 24, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, Eagle Point, Ore.; daughters, Sherry Nally, Walla Walla, Wash.; Marilyn

Mayne, Paradise, Calif.; sister, Arlene Hamilton, Salmon, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PETERSON — Shirley Mae (Starkebaum), 90; born April 23, 1928, Omaha, Neb.; died Oct. 4, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Stan Eugene, Castle Rock, Colo.; Steven Don, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Sharon Renee Peterson, Spokane, Wash.; Sheri Hensel, Mishawaka, Ind.; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

ROSE — Grover Allen, 89; born May 21, 1929, Yakima, Wash.; died Oct. 13, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Steve, Walla Walla; Ken, Enterprise, Ore.; daughters, Barbara Woodland, Walla Walla; Rhonda King, College Place, Wash.; 27 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

ST. CLAIR — Leo, 77; born Dec. 13, 1940, Yakima, Wash.; died Sept. 24, 2018, Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Surviving: wife, Cecelia (Hall); sons, Shaun, Yucca Valley, Calif.; Shane, Milwaukie, Ore.; daughter, Shelley Howell, Yucca Valley; brothers, Dale, Wapato, Wash.; Lamont, Apple Valley, Calif.; sister, Fairy Cooper, Chehalis, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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PATRICIA ANN CHILDERS

Patricia Ann Childers passed away on July 22, 2018, in Sunnyside, Wash., at the age of 82.

She was born in Cedar Grove, Tenn., on Feb. 25, 1936, to Hollon and Bessie Fry. She and her family moved in 1943 to Granger, Wash., where she met her future husband, Martin Childers, while in the second grade. Later, her family moved to Pendleton, Ore., however Patricia and Martin became reacquainted in high school at Upper Columbia Academy; they married on April 24, 1955, settling into farm life in Toppenish, Wash. During their farming years, Patricia cared for their children, Sherri and Mike; assisted with the farm's bookwork; and spent many summers working in the mint fields. Her favorite pastimes included photography and watching the Seattle Mariners and Seahawks.

When Martin retired in 2010, they spent time traveling around the country. Patricia was a longtime member of the Granger Church, where she was the church organist and also spent time as a junior class Sabbath school teacher.

Patricia will be lovingly missed by her husband of 63 years, Martin; daughter, Sherri Flynt; son, Mike; her 98-year-old mother, Bessie; her younger sister; Carol Kelsey; as well as her extended family, friends and all the children who fondly called her "Grandma Pat."



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WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Kirkland WWU Alumni Event

Jan. 11 — Walla Walla University alumni are invited to welcome the Sabbath with a complimentary meal and vespers on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkland Church. Please RSVP at wallawalla.edu/alumni/events, email alumni@wallawalla.edu or call 509-527-2631.

Puyallup WWU Alumni Event

Jan. 12 — Join fellow Walla Walla University alumni on Sabbath at the Puyallup Church. John McVay, WWU president, will speak for the church service at 11 a.m. followed by a church potluck with dessert provided by WWU and a campus news update.

OREGON CONFERENCE

His Praise Men's Chorus Concert

Jan. 19 — His Praise Men's Chorus will be presenting a concert during the 10:50 a.m. church service on Sabbath in the Riverside Church, 463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671-8318. His Praise is a group of about 25 men, directed by Charlie Drury and drawn from the Portland, Ore./Vancouver, Wash., area and from all walks of life, who have one thing in common: They love to sing gospel music. For more information, call Merrill Caviness, Riverside Church pastor, 360-953-1372; Zarah Castro, Riverside Church secretary, 360-835-3114; Jerry Irvine, His Praise scheduling coordinator, 206-261-6452; or Wes Wilbur, His Praise president, 360-936-1401.

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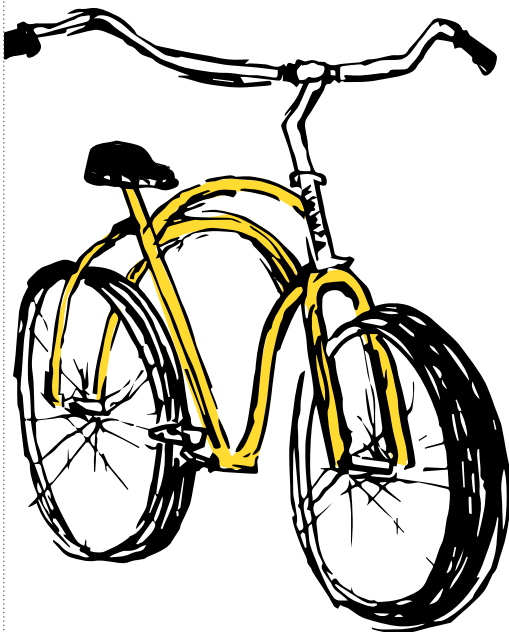
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INFALLIBILITY AND AUTHORITY

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ost of the time this column shares a personal reflection or a story with a note of encouragement for a situation you may be facing. This time, however, I am stuck, and I am going to let you wrestle with my stuckness. Besides, I'm still recovering from my qualifying exams, so I feel more like asking questions than answering them at the moment.

In our rather warm online discussions of church unity I have seen the following section of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* cited: "In the Church today the General Conference Session, and the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions, is the highest ecclesiastical authority in the administration of the Church. The General Conference Executive Committee is authorized by its Constitution to create subordinate organizations with authority to carry out their roles. Therefore, all subordinate organizations and institutions throughout the Church will recognize the General Conference Session, and the General Conference Executive Committee between Sessions, as the highest ecclesiastical authority, under God, among Seventh-day Adventists."¹

In a democratic style of church governance, it is hard to argue with this. However, I am left with a problematic tension not discussed in the passage and

one I rarely see discussed anywhere — that of infallibility and authority.

On the Vatican's website, I found several codes of canon law that claim "infallibility" of the "Supreme Pontiff" as well as the magisterium and college of bishops.² Canon 752 declares: "Although not an assent of faith, a religious submission of the intellect and will must be given to a doctrine which the Supreme Pontiff or the college of bishops declares concerning faith or morals when they exercise the authentic magisterium, even if they do not intend to proclaim it by definitive act; therefore, the Christian faithful are to take care to avoid those things which do not agree with it." Submission to this infallible authority is meant to foster "unity."³

The tension that troubles me is that, while I certainly believe in church organization (mostly because church disorganization is the worst), I do not believe the church to be infallible. I'm a Protestant, so the idea of an *ex cathedra* authority doesn't fit within what I have always been taught by conservative and liberal Protestant leaders. What's more, the desire to conform to an infallible church authority led to various inquisitions by the medieval church, to guarantee that all were pledged to operate in a spirit of harmony with orthodoxy.

So, do we believe the church



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Seth Pierce



Do we believe the church at the highest level is infallible?

I know I write this against the backdrop of the debate over women’s ordination and church governance, but my question seeks a general answer. This is a tension felt by all Protestants, regardless of denominational affiliation. If a governing body is wrong, do we protest or do we go along with what is wrong until it is made right? And who would make it right? On the one hand we have Scripture telling us “all things should be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40) and to submit to authority (Rom. 13:1–5). On the other we are told “... to him who knows to do good and does not do it ... it is sin” (– James 4:17). And, of course, there’s that clear instruction that we are to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). What do we do here?

The only suggestion I have is to refrain from making appeals to authority as though it were infallible. It isn’t, unless I am missing something in Fundamental Belief No. 12, which reminds us that Christ Himself is the head of the church. Besides, appeals to authority in this way seldom work. Margaret Thatcher observed, “Being in power is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are a lady, you aren’t.”

Put another way, authority is not automatically granted to leaders who simply point out that they are owed allegiance.⁵ Imagine if pastors ran around with the *Church Manual* citing how the senior pastor “should be considered the ranking officer and the local elders as assistants.”⁶

May we have more grace and caution in our ongoing dialogues and disagreements.

1. *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, p. 29.
2. Canon 749, www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/_P2H.HTM.
3. Canon 755.
4. White, Ellen, *Manuscript Releases 17*, 1898, p. 216.
5. John Maxwell has an entire chapter devoted to this in his classic work *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.
6. *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*, p. 74.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

at the highest level is infallible? The quote from the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* and various other quotes are often used to imply this. Yet, there are quotes, such as the oft used (and, honestly, abused) Ellen White quote, where she states, “It has been

some years since I have considered the General Conference as the voice of God.”⁴ If we claim infallibility, does that mean we have embraced a Roman Catholic ecclesiology (doctrine of church)? Or, if we don’t accept the infallibility of the church, does it mean, theoretically, that even the highest authority of the church occasionally makes mistakes?

OUR GREATEST SIN

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hank God Almighty, we're free at last!"

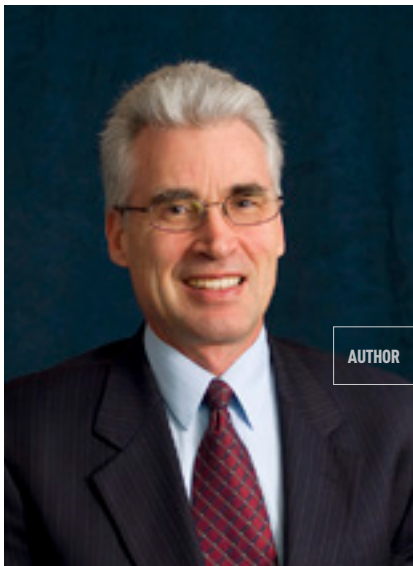
Who could forget that stirring declaration of Martin Luther King Jr., born 90 years ago this January? King's speech inspired a cheering crowd of one-quarter million in our nation's capital. Their march on Washington is a landmark of American history and a big reason to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which this year falls on Jan. 21.

Christians especially can appreciate King's legacy, since the resurrection life of Jesus in His Spirit liberates us from bondage to racism. Sadly, some who claim Christ are unenthusiastic about King's legacy. Several decades ago when I proposed an article for an Adventist publication about Martin Luther King Day, a blunt rebuff bounced back.

"Why would you write about that man?" the editorial assistant chided. "King had character deficiencies."

"Who doesn't?" I argued. "But despite whatever faults Dr. King had, let's remember what he stood for. By advocating nonviolence he made America a better place, even for us white people."

"Besides," I persisted, "the holiday bearing King's name transcends the man himself. It provides opportunity for all Americans to celebrate cleansing from slavery's



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Martin Weber



dark history. Martin Luther King Day also provides time to search our hearts and repent of residual racism."

A good argument, I thought, yet my article never got published. God knows I tried.

Looking around our world, who could deny that religion actually fuels the fires of hatred and prejudice? One need not visit Jerusalem or Tehran to notice that belief in God is more of a Grand Canyon than a Golden Gate Bridge in human relations. Neo-Nazi rallies in the American Bible Belt give atheists an excuse to deride Christian faith. (Unbelievers seem less eager to discuss



Overcoming racism requires transcending religious theory so we embrace the example of Jesus Christ.



the failed promises of secular socialism.)

Overcoming racism requires transcending religious theory so we embrace the example of Jesus Christ. Our Lord on Earth waged war against prejudice sponsored by the religious establishment of His day. He shocked foes and friends by extending Himself to despised Samaritans. Today it remains true that only the warm love of His gospel can cleanse the proud heart of racial hatred: “He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division be-

tween us” (Eph. 2:14, NKJV) and “Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God” (Rom. 15:7).

Despite those Scriptures’ powerful proclamations and admonitions, racism slithers under the doors of churches and even coils behind the pulpit. You might question that assertion if you share my skin color. But take time for a heart-to-heart talk with a veteran black or Hispanic leader, and what you hear may spark surprise and grief.

Several I have spoken with have baptized more souls than I

ever will. These leaders have a right to be heard, but they confide a dilemma: If they speak out, it appears they have a partisan attitude. Yet if they keep quiet and try to be team players, they risk betraying their ethnic heritage and their responsibility to foster unity (not mere compliance with interracial policies and procedures).

Thank God people are praying about these things, but we must also work together in Christ’s name to confront and conquer the demon of racism. First we must understand the depth of the problem. Where are our churches falling short?

Usually racism in the Adventist community is subtle. For example, many minority leaders believe there remains a denominational glass ceiling above which they cannot be promoted (except in token instances). Church administrators I’ve discussed this with express frustration, believing much is being done to achieve proportionate racial representation in leadership. Indeed the Seventh-day Adventist Church has made significant progress on every level. We need more.

In my opinion, the greatest example of prejudice in the

Christian church is the low priority we assign to racism on our “to do not” list of sins. Most Adventists seem to regard racism as more a social misdemeanor than a spiritual felony. Yet we have been warned: “The inhumanity of man toward man is our greatest sin” (Ellen White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 163).

Sin thus involves more than violation of a written code. Actually, evildoing is basically a violation of relationships. Consider the Ten Commandments, the biblical foundation of morality. The first four address one’s relationship to God, and the rest primarily deal with interpersonal relationships. No wonder “love is the fulfillment of the law” (Rom. 13:10).

What a witness this world would have if believers of all colors and cultures cherish humble hearts, loving one another as Christ has loved us. Seventh-day Adventists ought to lead the way, and Martin Luther King Day seems a good time to start.

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JUST LIKE JESUS

CRACKER'S FAMILY

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racker was born 38 years ago to a homeless couple.

Born on a street, in a corner by the door of an abandoned building. He entered the world with nothing, except bright red hair and brilliant white skin.

Cracker's not his real name, but it's the name he uses in the street.

Cracker came to our church because we're planted on the street. One wall has windows that look right out into the sidewalk. Our floor is old linoleum, and our chairs are plastic. We serve coffee and tea in paper cups and delicious-looking treats on small paper plates.

When Cracker came, he sat on the floor, feeling he wasn't worthy to sit in a plastic chair. He came, week after week and for midweek meetings. Sometimes he was high on crack, other times on meth or whatever other drug he could find that day. But, he came.

On Sabbath mornings, when Cracker came to church and collapsed onto his linoleum "pew," Pastor Dale slid in beside him until it was time for the sermon.

They became fast floor-friends.

Recently the church piled into rented vans and traveled together to a place where the river slowed into a pool deep enough for a biblical baptism.

Cracker came along. High on meth.

Everyone piled out of the vans onto the sand of the slow-flowing river. There were parties on all sides, parties with canoes, parties with booze, parties with hilarity, parties without Jesus.

The church made a party too. A party with Jesus, with laughter, singing, and with boisterous rejoicing. A party celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and God's gift of new life. All the time Cracker stood and sat in the back scribbling on a borrowed notebook with a borrowed pencil. High and happy.

Somewhere in the service, Pastor Dale asked if anyone had something to add in the service. "It's always a gamble," Pastor Dale says. "When you invite, you choose in advance to accept and affirm whatever people are led to share. But, it's God's church, not mine."

"I have a poem for you," Cracker declared. "It's about things I'm thankful for about you, my church, and things I love about God."

Cracker's poem was 10 pages long, and he read every word, adding myriads of hallelujahs, amens, huzzahs and tears to the party.

As the cheers died down Pastor Dale walked into the water and opened his arms to those who were ready to be baptized. Cracker immediately

ran into the water, way out into the center of the river, raised his arms high, thanked God for baptism and splashed beneath the flow. Several others came forward, including Pastor Dale's college-age daughter, a homeless woman, three thieves and one other.

Cracker stayed in the water through all the baptisms, adding cheers and shouts to the celebration of new life in Jesus. It was a Sabbath party in the river, and Cracker was at home.

"Cracker's made a life-changing impact on me, like hardly anyone else I've met," says Pastor Dale. "He comes from a place where you don't really expect to meet God, but there He was — coming to us through Cracker!"

Cracker. Homeless from birth — now in love with his newfound Father.

Cracker. Familiar with the effects of cocaine, alcohol and meth — now high on Jesus.

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