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## LIVING OUR MISSION BY EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES

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od calls each of us to follow the example of Jesus Christ as loving and compassionate individuals. This means caring for ourselves and others in mind, body and spirit as He did on Earth. As Jesus empowered those He healed with confidence in His power, so we are called to empower the communities with which we come into contact.

1 Thess. 5:11 tells us to “encourage one another and build each other up,” advice that Adventist Health has taken to heart. Through programs such as LivingWell, Adventist Health is empowering its employees to take charge of their own health and live healthier lives. Through our approach to population health, caregivers work to empower at-risk patients by providing the knowledge, tools and support they need to attain their best health.

Other training, such as clinical pastoral education, empowers pastors, chaplains and caregivers, supplying instruction and real-life practice in aiding grief-stricken patients and their families. Together, these programs and many more exemplify the Adventist Health mission “to share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing.”

Jesus used healing as an introduction to His ministry as He traveled from place to place. He met people where they were and provided healing of the mind, body and spirit. Today hospitals and clinics

play an important part in spreading the gospel commission of the church, showing Christ’s love to communities that might not otherwise be reached by the Adventist message.

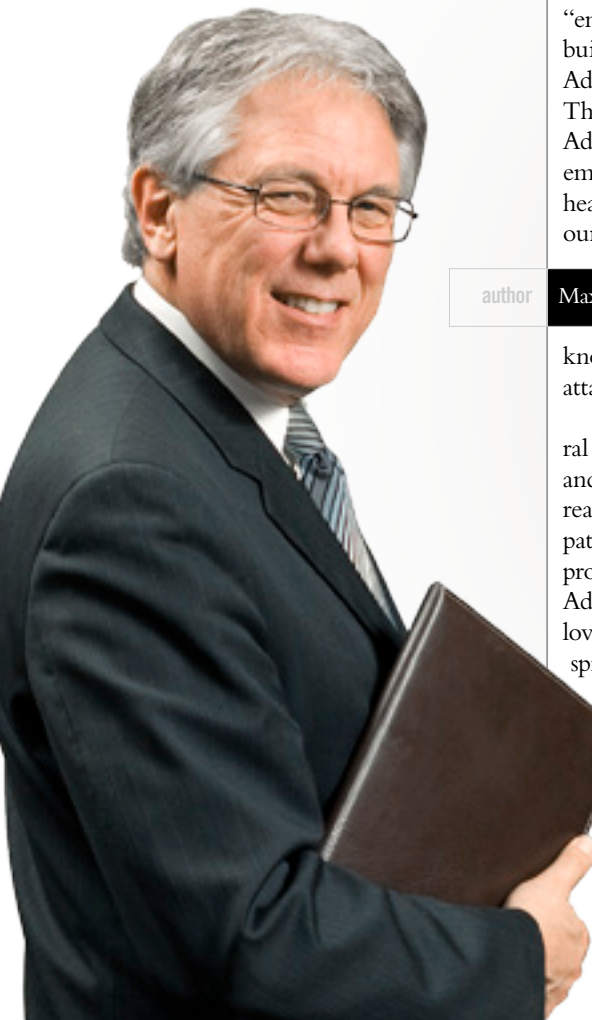
**HEALTH MINISTRIES PROVIDE A GATEWAY TO OUR FAITH IN A WAY THAT NO OTHER MINISTRY DOES.**

Health ministries provide a gateway — often an introduction — to our faith in a way that no other ministry does. Adventist Health believes that, by embracing the mission and shared values, we will find new ways to bear witness to our Creator’s love and new avenues for reenergizing the prophetic message of the Advent movement.

*Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president and Adventist Health board vice chairman*

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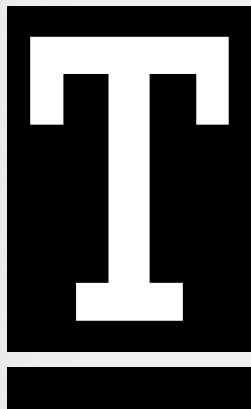
**Max Torkelsen**







## START A WILDFIRE



They're leaving the church! That's the refrain I hear, and have shared, over and over again, when the subject of youth comes up (I include the 16 to 35 age group in my use of the word "youth" in this article). We cite

studies by the Barna Group and tell anecdotal stories of youth who have left the church. We blame the local church, the Adventist academy or the university, or we point to the fact that they didn't go to an Adventist school. We stand in conference office hallways and opine about the millennials and just exactly how they should be kept, reclaimed or reached. This is most certainly a problem that must be faced and corrected. But let's not just look longingly out to those who have passed through our doors and ignore those who have wholeheartedly invested themselves in their faith.

You, Adventist youth, are the lifeblood of God's last-day movement. It is "with such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained ..." that "... the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (*Education*, p. 271) It is you, Adventist youth, who have non-Adventist friends. You have enthusiasm, energy and a passion for doing something that impacts your world.

The North Pacific Union has just launched a yearly event called Wildfire that will inspire, train and equip Adventist youth and new believers to share their faith. A friend of mine, Autumn Youngberg, recently shared her feelings about how youth and older church members need to *interact* — the youth bring ideas and energy, and more experienced members bring wisdom and efficiency. Wildfire is not a typical conference where you sit and listen to a speaker. Experienced and effective speakers will share practical ideas and inspirational messages, but we're going to keep them short and provide time for roundtable discussions and interaction with the ideas and speakers.

Wildfire speakers include Joseph Kidder, a specialist in innovative evangelism from Andrews University; Tyler Long, a young evangelism coordinator for the Washington conference; Michael Tuazon, director of the Pacific Union's

young adult outreach leadership school, SOULS West; and Jason Worf, director of the North Pacific Union's outreach leadership school, SOULS Northwest.

This November 6–7 will be the first Wildfire event, but we plan on continuing this effort to engage and mobilize a generation of youth that will



take this gospel to the world in this generation. Why wait? Let's start a wildfire today.

If you are an Adventist youth or a new Adventist member, register to attend Wildfire at [startawildfire.org](http://startawildfire.org). If you know people who would benefit from a network of passionate and godly friends and a vision for changing the world, sponsor them to attend Wildfire.

Jason Worf, SOULS Northwest director

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# PICTURE THIS



files Montana

## The high road to health

Free medical, dental, eye care offered, as questions about church-led event sink today

By Chad Baker

**H**undreds of people gathered at the Grand Spokane Hotel last night for the free medical, dental and eye care event. The event was part of a larger effort to provide health care to the community.



## Spokane VA center hits wall in recruiting

Spokane VA center hits wall in recruiting. The center is struggling to find staff for various positions, including nurses and administrative roles. This is due to a combination of factors, including a tight labor market and the need for specialized skills.

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SCOTT REINER, ADVENTIST HEALTH  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

**ADVENTIST HEALTH** is committed to realizing our mission, “to share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing,” in the 75-plus communities we serve every day. From the windward side of Oahu to the redwoods of California and the Walla Walla Valley in the Pacific Northwest, we are working diligently to transform the delivery of care to better serve our patients, their families and the broader communities.

Throughout Adventist Health, our workforce is leading the way to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. From operating clinics in rural areas that might not otherwise receive any care to taking a moment to pray with individuals in crisis, the people of Adventist Health are living our mission every day.

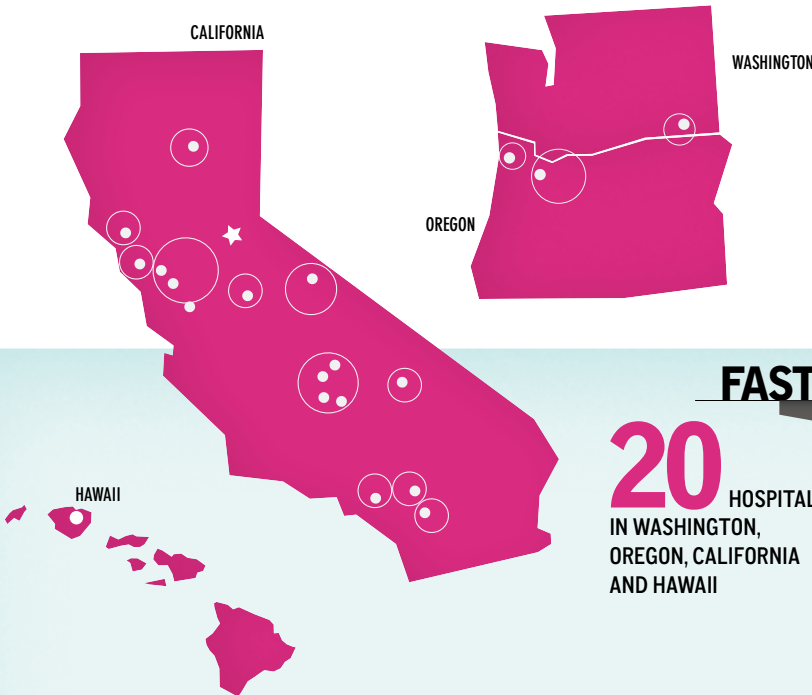
Smart growth is also a major component of our strategic initiatives. We are actively seeking opportunities to create new working relationships with hospitals, other providers, payers — and even some competitors — that align with our goals and extend our mission.

Every day Adventist Health empowers healthy communities by improving access to comprehensive, quality health care services and enhancing the quality of life for those we serve through health programs that have been collaboratively identified and prioritized. We also provide health professions education, research and other health services that would be otherwise unavailable to those in need. We are proud to extend our mission into the communities we serve. Together we can build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.

*Scott Reiner, Adventist Health president and CEO*

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ARE LIVING OUR MISSION EVERY DAY.



## FAST FACTS

**20** HOSPITALS  
IN WASHINGTON,  
OREGON, CALIFORNIA  
AND HAWAII

MORE THAN  
**275**  
RURAL HEALTH CLINICS,  
PHYSICIAN CLINICS AND  
OUTPATIENT CENTERS

**15**  
HOME CARE  
AGENCIES

**7**  
HOSPICE  
AGENCIES

**4**  
JOINT-VENTURE  
RETIREMENT  
CENTERS



# POPULATION HEALTH:

## *Producing a Healthy Workforce With LivingWell*



ADVENTIST HEALTH

More than 300 Adventist Health employees participate in the California International Marathon each December including several families.

**HEALTH CARE** is full of buzzwords, and one you may have heard lately is “population health.” While the term’s definition varies, the common thread is the improvement of health in the communities we serve.

“The vision behind population health is both anchored and inspired by Adventist Health’s deep roots in health and wellness — roots that maintain a stronghold on our way of thinking, behaving and being,” says Tom Russell, Adventist Health population health innovations vice president. “It’s about influencing the populations we serve in a way that drives health and wellness for everyone.”

Adventist Health believes improving the health of the

population begins at home with employees and their families — that’s why we’ve implemented the LivingWell program, which was originally created at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, to encourage a whole-person health approach to a healthy lifestyle.

“Our mission is to share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing, and we believe that includes our employees,” says Russell. “We decided to focus on how we could take action and make a positive difference in the health of our team.”

The mission of healing doesn’t stop with Adventist Health employees — in fact, it’s only the beginning. The LivingWell program produces

a healthy and happy workforce that can better serve patients and the community by focusing on whole-person health of the mind, body and spirit. Less time away on sick leave means better continuity within the team, increasing trust and communication, and positively impacting the patient experience and clinical outcomes.

Lisa,\* a nurse at Adventist Medical Center, has experienced the positive effects of the LivingWell program firsthand. Even with a strong background in public health, Lisa says that she’s learning new things every day in her blood sugar class, which is part of the employee health program.

“Here I am at 62 with a bachelor’s and master’s, and there are still things I’m learning,” says Lisa. “I just learned that a little bit of exercise after meals can bring your blood sugar down two or three points within the next few hours.”

In addition to learning how to control her blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol, Lisa sets goals with her care manager for the Adventist Health employee health plan.

Together, they talk about Lisa’s exercise goals and progress. This healthier lifestyle has also positively affected Lisa’s personal life and goals for the future.

“It was good for our relationship to be able to go on walks together,” Lisa says of her husband of nearly 27 years. “We have that whole period of time to chat. Plus, when I retire, I want to be healthy enough that when we travel, I can walk a few miles without wearing out.”

Though the terminology may be different and the concepts may seem new, the roots of population health lie in Adventism’s journey to health and wellness since its birth.

“The Adventist Church has been known for health and wellness for years, and Adventist Health is a part of that journey,” says Russell. “It’s all about the people and keeping them in the center of care. That’s what Christ did.”

\*Name changed to protect employee privacy.

*Shelby Seibold, Adventist Health communication specialist*

### WORKFORCE OF

# 31,000

MORE THAN 22,350 EMPLOYEES  
4,800 MEDICAL STAFF PHYSICIANS  
3,850 VOLUNTEERS

THERE WERE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES IN 2014:

123,044	ADMISSIONS
545,151	EMERGENCY VISITS
2,324,895	OUTPATIENT VISITS
858,501	RURAL HEALTH CLINIC VISITS
573,271	PATIENT DAYS
234,688	HOME CARE VISITS
80,386	HOSPICE DAYS

# COMMUNITY CARE:

## *The Resilience Center Care Team Puts the Adventist Health Mission Into Practice*

Sue,\* an elderly woman with anxiety, shortness of breath and chronic abdominal pain had visited the emergency room on 24 separate occasions over the course of one year. Because of her severe situation, Sue qualified for the Resilience Center at Adventist Health in Portland, Oregon, a clinic designed especially for at-risk patients. Through months of coaching, education and support from physician Chad Lowe and the Resilience Center team, Sue and her husband were able to learn how to manage her condition without relying solely on visits to the ER. The team also coordinated access to the treatment, medication and follow-through she needed. Sue hasn't been to the ER since March.



CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON

“We celebrate victories like this over and over in our clinic,” says Alina Tudor, care manager at the Resilience Center. “They are the result of incredible teamwork and like-minded collaboration.”

Sue is one of more than 220 patients seen by the Resilience Center team since the first patient arrived in February 2014. With a goal to reach at least 500 patients, the clinic was developed to be a patient-centered medical home specifically for high-risk patients such as Sue. The team provides patients with a more intensive level of care than is available in a typical primary care setting.

“We try to surround the patient with resources,” says Lowe, who has been working at the Resilience Center since it opened. “That means we have to think outside the box to find methods of care that a traditional center can't or

won't do. It also means we're an active part of their lives throughout their journey to better health.”

The Resilience Center's goal is to look at the big picture — whole-person health — in order to heal. This happens when all the elements of patient care come together with a full understanding of the patient situation, says Lowe.

“We opened the Resilience Center to ensure that patients receive the right care, in the right setting, at the right time,” says Tudor. “The team uses a holistic approach to each individual's care as we seek to empower and support them in their journey to better health.”

Dorane Brower, Integrated Physician and Health Plan Services vice president, says that the development of the Resilience Center was worth the risk taken in developing it

in the first place.

“In a way, it may seem counterintuitive because we are keeping patients out of the emergency department and hospital, which provide revenue to our organization,” says Brower. “But when you look at it through the filter of our mission and through the eyes of our patients, it becomes the only thing we can do. Our mission calls us to do exactly this.”

Lowe is the medical director at the clinic but works with an in-house team of nurse care managers, medical assistants, a dietician, a pharmacist and a psychologist to provide multidisciplinary treatment for each individual. Patients who are referred to the Resilience Center have one or more chronic illnesses and usually require the attention of multiple caregivers working together — often providing education and on-

call support for patients and their families. In Sue's case, caregivers worked with her husband to provide insight into what his wife was going through and educated him about how he could help her at home.

“Our primary goal is to take care of each patient's needs in the way that best fits them and their situation,” says Lowe. “It's all about helping the patient in a way that's personal and gives them the best experience.”

At the clinic, patients have access to whole-person care — mind, body and spirit. Debbie Kettle is the on-site psychologist. She has a master's degree in divinity, which provides background not only for social issues but spiritual issues as well. She uses this knowledge on a daily basis, especially in her work with elderly patients and end-of-life counseling.



WE'RE DOING WHAT JESUS DID — MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AND HELPING THEM TO MOVE FORWARD.



CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON



- ① Debbe Kettle provides counseling support to patients.
- ② Resilience Center team members include family nurse practitioner Diana Almy and Jeremy Liu, director.
- ③ Jeremy Liu, Chad Lowe, Diana Almy, Jon Ludwig, Alina Tudor, Debbe Kettle and Ashley Swift provide whole-person health care through the Resilience Center in Portland, Oregon.

“Sometimes the most important thing we do in the clinic is just listen,” says Lowe. “It’s not always prescribing, doing tests and providing treatment. We have patients who have already had a lot of intervention and medication and have seen all kinds of specialists, but we’re able to make progress because we can spend time with them listening.”

While many primary care clinics schedule 15-minute appointments, Lowe’s patients are able to meet with him with plenty of time to address all their issues — in some cases, an hour or more if necessary. If they can’t make it into the clinic or have a complicated living situation, Lowe makes house visits.

“I always wanted to be a country doctor, doing home visits,” says Lowe. “Now I’m in an urban area, but I still get to meet people where they

are — at home, in the hospital, at nursing homes or in the clinic — I love that about my job. It really helps with the continuity of care patients receive.”

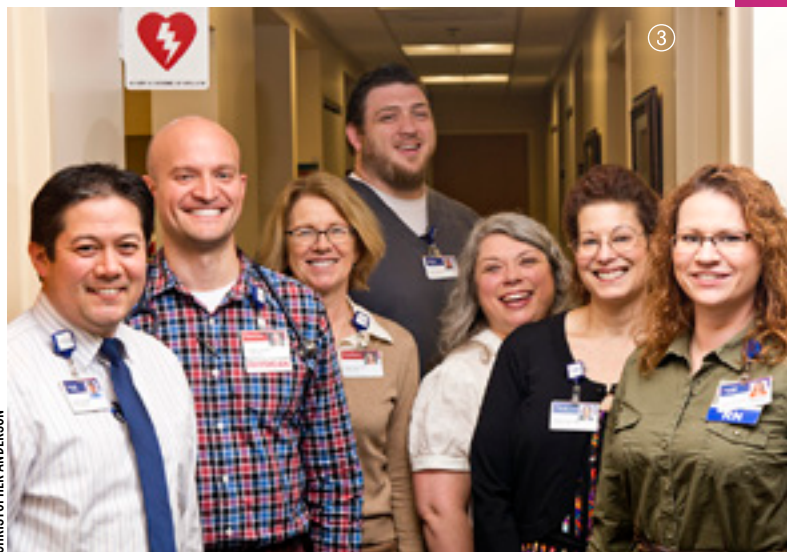
Time and place are critical in Lowe’s line of work. One patient was brought to the attention of the Resilience Center because he had missed several appointments with his own primary care physician. The team was given his address and did a home visit, only to discover that the man was living in a barn without any resources or access to care. With the help of social services and financial counseling, he was transitioned into a safer and healthier living environment.

“This is one way we’re encompassing the Adventist Health mission,” says Lowe. “We’re doing what Jesus did — meeting people where

they are and helping them to move forward in their lives and in their health.”

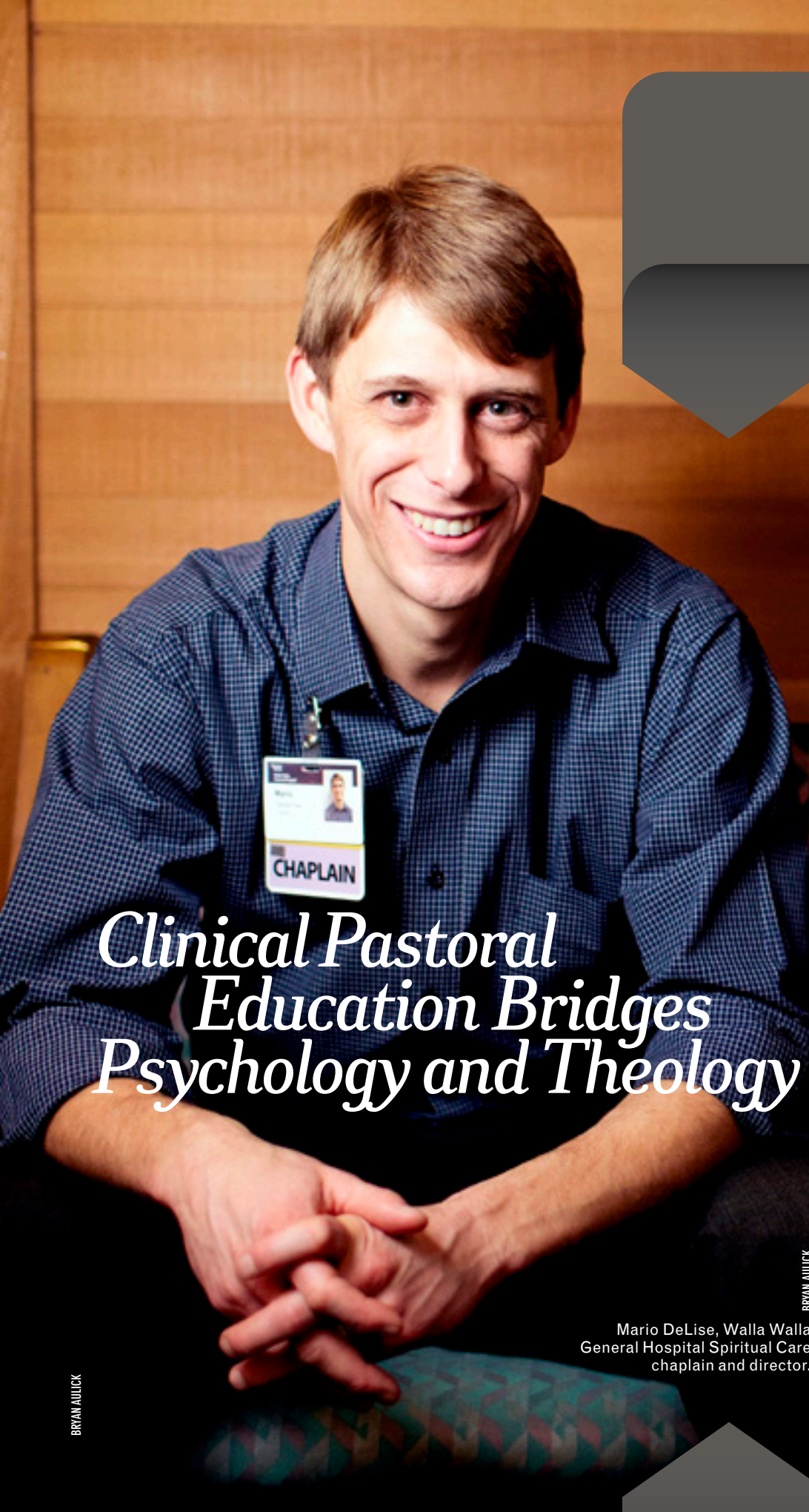
\*Name changed to protect patient privacy.

*Shelby Seibold, Adventist Health communication specialist*



CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON





# Clinical Pastoral Education Bridges Psychology and Theology

Mario DeLise, Walla Walla General Hospital Spiritual Care chaplain and director.

BRYAN AULICK

**B**efore beginning clinical pastoral education, Eduard Ciobanu, pastor of Mount Tabor Church in Portland, Oregon, was sure the course would be the key to acquire a specific skill he felt was lacking in his encounters with sick members. It didn't take long for him to realize that it is so much more.

“During the first week, I made a discovery that blew me away and humbled me tremendously,” says Ciobanu. “It wasn't necessarily a *skill* I needed. It was understanding how much room I have in my heart for someone else. It's about creating that healing space for another person to experience in a way that's meaningful to them.”

Danny Parada, Spiritual Care director at Oregon's Tillamook



Paul Crampton presents certificates to those who completed the CPE program at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon.

BRYAN AULICK



## THE EXPERIENCES OF THIS PROGRAM REACH FAR BEYOND HOSPITAL WALLS.

Regional Medical Center, says clinical pastoral education made him realize the importance of being present in a given situation.

“In my first week of training, I came overloaded with a theological point of view,” he says. “Then I learned that you don’t bring an agenda. You come to listen.”

Clinical pastoral education (CPE) is a community-based training program that focuses on the clinical skills that chaplains, pastors and other caregivers need to integrate spiritual care into everyday practice — in hospitals, churches and the community. This provides rigorous education in counseling that professional clergy wouldn’t normally receive in seminary.

“CPE joins psychology and theology,” says Tony Andrews, pastoral care and CPE director at San Joaquin Community Hospital (SJCH) in Bakersfield,

California. “We’re between a pastor and a therapist, and we bring those two spaces together.”

From an educational standpoint, CPE offers a high degree of introspection, says Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care. While part of the focus is learning how to provide spiritual support for patients and their families, the other part is looking inward — as each pastor, chaplain and caregiver examines the effect of the situation on themselves as well as their own reactions, biases and behaviors that influence their work with patients and families.

“Christ didn’t have CPE, but He knew what He was doing,” says Parada. “He laughed with those who laughed and cried with those who cried.”

Part of introspection for each participant is learning it’s not necessary to go into each

encounter with an agenda or a plan to “fix” the person or the situation. Mario DeLise, a chaplain and Spiritual Care director at Washington’s Walla Walla General Hospital, says that it’s a totally different approach from the standard Scripture and prayer plan he used before CPE — and it’s more beneficial to patients.

“It is not a one-size-fits-all approach to ministry,” he says. “Rather than feeling that I need to tell patients what to do, we work together to build on their existing strengths. In the process, they often discover spiritual resources and strengths they didn’t even know they had. You can help draw those out and show them that they’re more resilient than they thought.”

CPE, which was pioneered by Andrews at SJCH in January 2014, is now available at other Adventist Health facilities — White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles and Adventist Medical Center in Portland. Chaplains, such as Parada and DeLise, must take at least four units of CPE to be board-certified, with each unit comprised of a variety of attendees with diverse backgrounds and varying levels of experiences. However, local pastors such as Ciobanu also are encouraged to participate along with theology students, health care providers, clergy and chaplains.

“It had a tremendous impact on my ministry,” says Ciobanu. “As a pastor, you always have an agenda — and I tend to focus on logic over emotion. But CPE taught me to distinguish

heart from mind. Whoever is listening to you is trying to connect on an emotional level, and you need to meet them there.”

Participants use two primary tools to learn about and develop their own self-awareness: case studies and group process. Case studies evaluate the interaction between the chaplain and the patient using theories learned in the classroom, undergoing group and individual analysis. Members are encouraged to bring situations from the previous week that challenged them with troubling or problematic issues, then discuss them for better understanding.

In group process, interpersonal relationships are examined as members reflect on how they feel and how they interact with one another. In the small-group setting, unconscious behaviors rise to the surface where peers can express their observations about how these factors may be influencing other areas of life and work. Case studies and group processes combined with weekly topics — including crisis intervention, personality theories, conflict management and active listening — allow participants to learn more about their own lives and the behaviors that influence their work.

“We’re bridging the gap between health care chaplaincy and community through the spiritual aspect,” says Crampton. “The experiences of this program reach far beyond hospital walls.”

*Shelby Seibold, Adventist Health communication specialist*



Danny Parada, Tillamook Regional Medical Center Spiritual Care director.

## Y AHORA BOISE ...

*“Señor, permite que el fuego que está en mi corazón, derrita el plomo de mis pies” — Anónimo.*

**I**nmediatamente después de la crucifixión, los seguidores de Jesús eran apenas un centenar. Era un culto clandestino perseguido y a punto de ser erradicado. Pero en pocas décadas este grupo contaba con miles de seguidores por todo el imperio romano. El mensaje del Cristo resucitado fue propagado por un hombre a través de las calzadas que Roma había construido para sus soldados. Ese hombre fue Pablo. A lo largo de su vida recorrió más de 30 mil kilómetros evangelizando hasta decir: “De esta manera me esforcé por predicar el evangelio, donde Cristo no había sido predicado” (Romanos 15:20).

La misión fue encontrar personas interesadas en estudiar la Biblia.

La estrategia del apóstol consistía en evangelizar las ciudades populosas, fundar iglesias allí, y luego dejar a otros la tarea de irradiar el evangelio hacia las poblaciones vecinas (Hechos 14:21; 15:35).

### ‘Misión Boise’

Boise es la capital del estado de Idaho, y su ciudad más poblada (205,671). Acoge a un promedio de 20,000 habitantes de habla castellana.

En el año 2014, Alberto y Ceney Brenes, miembros entonces de la Iglesia Adventista de Nampa, abrazaron la misión de encontrar personas interesadas en estudiar la Biblia. Y las hallaron. Conformaron un

grupo pequeño que se ha reunido los miércoles de noche para orar, y el sábado por la mañana para el repaso de la lección de la Escuela Sabática, en la iglesia americana de Cloverdale, Idaho. Los primeros frutos de su dedicación fueron dos preciosas almas bautizadas el pasado 14 de junio en ocasión del campamento en el plantel de la Academia Gem State.

Los esposos Brenes se mudaron a otro estado. Amaury González, miembro de la Iglesia Adventista de Caldwell, y Víctor Suástegui, miembro de la



Y ahora Boise el desafío.

Iglesia Adventista de Nampa, asumieron el desafío de plantar la primera iglesia adventista de habla hispana en la capital del estado de Idaho. Hombre a hombre con ellos hay otros misioneros: Claudia Suástegui, Rosa Nieto, Enrique Gómez, Gonzalo Percolla, Marta Carmona, y Edai Rodríguez. Unidos se preparan para la primera campaña evangelística a celebrarse en el mes de septiembre con el pastor Billy Jay Culp, evangelista oriundo de Puerto Rico. La Palabra de Dios se multiplicará en la tercera metrópolis más habitada del pacífico norte de los Estados Unidos. Oremos por ello.

*El pastor Juan Francisco Altamirano, coordina la labor de las iglesias de habla hispana en la Asociación de Idaho*





# ME? A MISSIONARY TO THE ARCTIC?

**W**here in the world is Atqasuk, Alaska? I soon found out. It is a tiny Eskimo village in the arctic that can only be reached by a small single- or twin-engine airplane. The closest grocery store is a 20-minute flight away, so all food items need to be ordered or brought with me to the village.

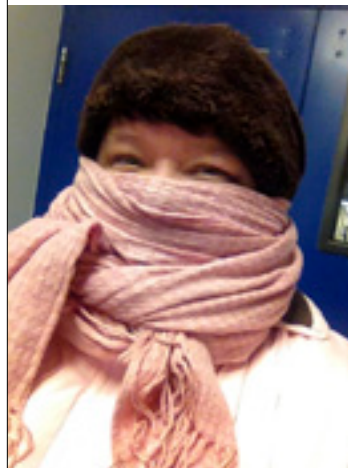
In November 2013, I received an email asking if I would consider applying for a long-term substitute position as a school counselor. A few days later, I received another email asking if I would be willing to accept the job. I asked for a few days to pray about it and eventually decided to accept the position. I had always wanted to live in Alaska ever since visiting several years ago, and I figured now was my chance, so why not?

Plans were quickly made and packing commenced. I discovered from asking many questions that life would be much more difficult than in other places in the U.S. For one, life in the village is certainly different. There are no malls, stores, restaurants or other places to “go out” to. I have found that I have done a lot of reading, writing and thinking over the past few months, as there is little else to do other than take long walks

with my dog, Puppy.

Before I arrived in the village, I found out that there is a small interdenominational church that meets weekly as well as a small group of teachers meeting weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays. I was happy to join this group of teachers (and have gone to the small village church a few times as well). Even though they are not Seventh-day Adventist groups, we still focus on our relationship with Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

There are struggles in the village. I am an outsider, and



“Missionary” counselor Sarah Porter.

the people here take time to learn to trust you. Even those teachers who have been here a long time are still treated as outsiders; we will never be



Meade River School students at play.

Inupiat. That being said, most villagers have been welcoming. When meeting people while walking through the village, at the post office, at the clinic or at the little store, I find people are always happy to say hello and be friendly.

All in all, my experience has been a positive one. Yes, I still miss fresh fruit and vegetables — I keep on dreaming about fresh peaches, berries, jicama, cucumbers and tomatoes. It is still hard to plan months in advance for ordering groceries, and it is still hard to form relationships with parents of the students with whom I work. But all in all, I wouldn’t trade my experience here in

Atqasuk, Alaska, for anything. God knew what was best, and I trusted Him to lead. Ps. 25:4–6 says, “Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” That is my prayer today, that God will continue to lead me and teach me so that I will be a light in a dark world, shining brightly for all to see.

Do you have an interest in teaching in Alaska? If so, go to [alaskaconference.org](http://alaskaconference.org).

*Sarah Porter was the Meade River School counselor when she wrote this article last year.*

## CAMP POLARIS: FACE-LIFT CHEERS UPLIFTED FACES

**S**he truly loves red — red, red, red. The transitional face-lift at Camp Polaris on Lake Aleknagik made Debbie Reiswig, camp manager, cry a little when she saw the new red cabins. They are beautiful if you like red, and they are beautiful if you like warm, dry, new and spacious.

The uplifted camper faces shone with awe as they entered the new cabins, smelled the new wood, saw the “no leak” roof system, warmed up by the wood stove and slept in the new bunks.

All of this face-lifting comes because of the generous donations of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church offerings and some insurance funds provided by Adventist Risk Management.

The other obvious attraction is the new metal roof put on the lodge by a group from Moses Lake, Wash. The group arrived in July and, from

the youngest kids to the oldest adults, including one age 94, worked and worked until they ran out of materials. Even then they wouldn't quit, and they moved into Dillingham and worked on the school there.

The offerings totaled a bit more than \$51,000. The camp is moving forward with the 13th Sabbath Project, which received almost \$285,000. It is specified for flushing toilets and showers, which seem like a luxury but will actually help campers keep clean and sanitary.

With all these blessings from God, staff members are praying that the clean, warm, dry campers will be more receptive to God reaching out to them through nature and the staff at Camp Polaris, as the staff uplifts Jesus.

*Laurie Hosey, Alaska Conference education director*

Camp Polaris mission adventure brings volunteers to improve the camp facilities and cabins.



Alaska women enjoy dinner around the campfire.

## ALASKA WOMEN ENJOY 'LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE'

**R**ed Eagle Lodge was the setting again this August for the seventh annual Alaska Women's Wilderness Retreat, themed “Living the Abundant Life.” Located in beautiful Copper River Valley, this area overlooks 16,000-foot-plus mountains of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Most of the 41 people attending stayed in restored

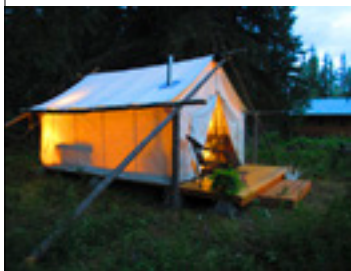
added insight with talks on “Healing Connections.”

Unique features of Red Eagle's wilderness retreats include nature walks, crafts and a campfire cookout, interspersed with the presentations, music and prayer time. Women choose crafts to bless the community, like homemade bread packaged with the text “I am the Bread of Life,” baby blankets for the maternity center and handmade cards with a personalized message.

Four or five husbands cook, serve and clean up the six retreat meals. This enables every woman to be “Mary” listening without “Martha” work.

What makes this Alaska Women's Retreat special? It's the time for relaxation, recreation and rejuvenation, and the peace of a place apart. It's the renewed commitment to let go and let God work in us His gift of the abundant life.

*Judy Dennis, Red Eagle Lodge proprietor*



A warm glow lights a “glamping” tent at the Alaska Women's Wilderness Retreat.

homestead cabins, while others enjoyed tents and RVs.

Speaker Cheri Gatton, Idaho Conference women's ministries leader, based her seminars on a favorite text, John 10:10. Jesus says, “I am come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.” Victoria Kildal, counselor from Tok, Alaska,





## GEM STATE RUNS TO THE CROSS

The halls of Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell rang with the excited voices of students, parents and staff welcoming in a new school year on Aug. 23. From the registration process and meeting the new staff to sharing a meal, it's obvious that relationships remain the clear focus of Gem State's mission. The student association chose "Running to the Cross" as this year's school theme, emphasizing that our most important relationship is the one we build with Jesus.

After a day of orientation and classes, the entire school journeyed up to the ever-beautiful Camp Ida-Haven for further focus on building relationships with each other and with the Creator of the universe. During this three-day retreat, Geoff Starr, Gem State Academy Church pastor, challenged the group to "own it," making



Students lead worship on the shores of Payette Lake.

their run to the cross a personalized path that begins every day with prayer. He used the models of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to illustrate the importance of first knowing what we believe and then staying true to those values.

The Gem State team wants each of its staff and 76 students to start each day with a positive foothold propping

the race door open. They claim God's promises in Prov. 3:25-27: "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you (Jesus Christ). Make straight the path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil." As they left their retreat time

of volleyball on the beach, worship beside the lake and zip lining through the trees, they all anticipate a full year of academic excellence and experiencing Jesus in all aspects of their lives.

*Kimberley Mitchell, Gem State Adventist Academy teacher*

The earth is a little lighter as these Gem State Adventist Academy students from Brazil jump for joy.



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## MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY FOLLOWS FOOTSTEPS OF LEWIS AND CLARK

This year marks the 114th school year for Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman. With enrollment up and the dorm full, students and staff began the year with adventures abounding. During the first week of school each year, the seniors take off into the Crazy Mountains for senior survival and the rest of the student body goes on outdoor school.

Outdoor school took 64 staff and students to the Upper Missouri River Breaks this year, where they paddled all their food, water and gear for 47 miles, reversing the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery, who sought the Northwest Passage

210 years ago.

A lot has changed since Lewis and Clark made their famed journey, but some of the pristine conditions have remained largely untouched. Students and staff alike thrilled at the sight of the white sandstone cliffs, slot canyons and the winding river. Not only did students get a lot of great exercise and learn to work together, they also worked on a physics problem about the most efficient way to use a canoe paddle, learned about geology, looked at the importance of cottonwood trees on the river, read Lewis' and Clark's journals, and wrote journals of their own detailing their trip down the river.

James Stuart, science teacher, described this particular trip as "the most beautiful trip

on this river" he has made. After the first night and morning of rain, the clouds broke up. Overnight, the stars were displayed in abundance.

"[The views] were really pretty," says Lindsey Schumacher, sophomore.

Seth Ellis, math teacher, agrees: "The sun shining through the fog was absolutely killer."

Ellis also shares how impressed he was with the students. "Kids in Montana are so



Sandstone cliffs and the winding Missouri River greet Mount Ellis Academy students as they retrace the path of Lewis and Clark during this fall's outdoor school.

ready for adventure, and they are willing to just get out and put the work into it," he says.

God blessed the MEA team with an amazing place to live, and it is a great experience to be able to discover the reality of our Creator in His book of nature — the great outdoors.

*Michael Lee, Mount Ellis Academy principal*

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## HAVRE CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL CAMPOUT

The Havre Church held its annual campout July 17–19 in beautiful Beaver Creek Park in the Bear Paw Mountains south of Havre. The unsettled weather Friday gave way to gorgeous sunshine and comfortable temperatures for the rest of the weekend.

Clarence and René McKey, a retired pastoral couple from Great Falls, joined

the group for the weekend. Clarence preached the sermon on Sabbath, and Leo Beardsley led the study of the Sabbath School lesson. Several visitors

attended. The food was wonderful and abundant and the environment inspirational. Somehow God's second book of nature lends emphasis and

meaning to His first Book like nothing else. The campout is a highlight of the year for this group and provides time for fellowship that is so strengthening. It is a blessing to live surrounded by the beauty of God's handiwork.

*Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader*

Clarence McKey shares the Word.



LEO BEARDSLEY





Before the fire, the Journey to Bethlehem sets transformed Kelso, Wash., into the Holy Land of ancient days.

## FIRE WRECKS 'JOURNEY' VILLAGE

**A** popular Christmas event in Kelso, Wash., suffered massive fire damage this summer.

Journey to Bethlehem, an outdoor walk-through experience of the Christmas story, was held at the Journey Church in Kelso, for the past 18 years. Early on Sabbath



After the fire, members are praying and waiting for God to lead them forward.

morning, Aug. 11, church leaders received a call that there had been a fire in the village portion of the sets. Fortunately, only three small shops burned.

Members started talking about repairing the damage, but the fires didn't stop. There was a small fire on the playground, next to the village site, on Aug. 21 and then a large fire on Aug. 29. The last fire destroyed the city center set, including most of the props

and the majority of the shops. That same day, another four fires were set in the woods above the village. It is estimated that the fires caused about \$80,000 worth of damage. Many of the destroyed props had been lovingly created and donated by members who no longer live in the area, so the loss was sentimental as well as monetary.

Community support and grief was immediate and widespread, as were offers to help rebuild. Journey to Bethlehem was the third-largest event each year in the community, with 6,000–8,000 attending each year.

One mother brought her 6-year-old twins to see the fire damage and asked what they saw. They replied, "The cross still stands."

Members had been praying God would set their church on fire, but not like this. God is still in control. They ask you to join them in praying God will guide their church as they wait on Him to lead the way.

*Marcia Stone, Journey Church pastor*

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## GOD ANSWERS TWO CHURCHES' PRAYERS

**T**wo churches in Hillsboro had a need. Sunset Christian Fellowship needed a pastor. Mosaic Church had a pastor but needed a permanent place to meet. For about a year, each church family had worked on achieving its goals, unaware of the other's needs. Yet each time members thought they had found the perfect solution, doors were closed on really good opportunities.

They began to wonder what God had for them and became ready to consider other options. About this time, God led them to become aware of each other and their needs. The idea arose to ask if perhaps God was leading them

The praise team leads the congregation in singing at the newly formed 59th Court Church.



There was a celebration as two congregation come together as the 59th Court Church.

together. The leadership teams of both churches met several times, sharing their histories, goals and visions. Over time they became convinced they were a good fit and each met the other's need.

The leadership of both churches brought this concept of merging two churches into one for the members to ponder and then vote on. The members agreed. On May 24 these churches met together and, under the leadership of conference officials, officially formed a new congregation.

God had answered their prayers in a surprising way. The temporary name of this new church is "59th Court Church," and it meets at 3033 SE 59th Ct., Hillsboro, OR 97123. Visitors are welcome.

*Gary Clendenon, 59th Court Church member*

## BEAVERTON PARKING LOT SALE BRINGS BLESSINGS

For two years, the Beaverton Church has hosted an annual parking lot sale for the local community. On Sunday, June 14, church members and community members alike occupied spaces in the Beaverton Church parking lot and sold what they no longer needed. The Pathfinder group was also able to get in on the fun and raise money for their activities by hosting their own booth as well as making smoothies. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and the chance to meet neighbors and make new friends.

This year, the parking lot sale was truly blessed. The church ministry department worked hard to collect new and used books to give away during the sale. Dozen of Christian books for children, 13 free Bibles and 76 new Christian books for adults were given away to community members in just one day.



Free Bibles and books were available during the Beaverton Church community parking lot sale.

Hundreds of people passed through the church parking lot during the sale and were greeted by parking volunteers and other members of the Beaverton Church. One of the newer church members was moved to donate all the money earned that day to the church's India missions. Many blessings were found, and chances for prayer abounded. The parking lot sale, in just two short years, has become an event that is eagerly anticipated by church members and neighbors alike.

*Amber Alekel, Beaverton Church communication leader*

A community parking lot sale at the Beaverton Church brings the neighborhood together.



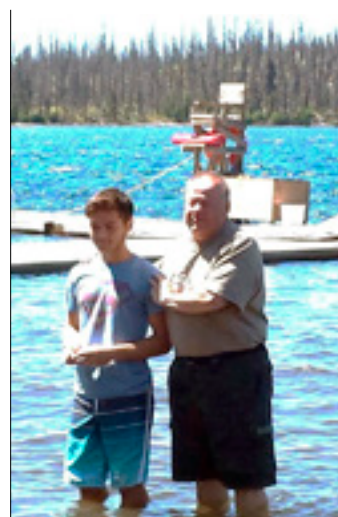
Cabin mates and Cedar Creek Church members share stories about Ty Miller during his baptism.

## CEDAR CREEK CHURCH CELEBRATES BAPTISM

A fervent love for the Lord is occasionally displayed in our youth that truly inspires and motivates more seasoned Christians. Tyrelle Miller has done this for fellow members of the Cedar Creek Church in Woodland, Wash., as they remember the Sabbath mornings during praise time when Miller would ask with seriousness and conviction that “God bless everybody.”

Miller showed God's love early by reaching out to others in need both close and far away by participating in missionary trips to Peru and Chile. He has displayed a commitment, love and devotion to Jesus and his church that testifies of a life that will produce many blessings and opportunities to witness.

In elementary school, Miller became interested in musical instruments; he has been greatly blessed with the gift of music from baritone, banjo and French horn to drums, guitar and a great voice. Spending the last six summers at Oregon's Big Lake Youth Camp getting to know Jesus, meeting new friends and counselors each year, and having Bible Studies with Marty



Jackson, Cedar Creek Church pastor, helped Miller with his decision to be baptized.

To begin the special Sabbath, Miller helped lead out in Friday night vespers song service. Then the next day, on Sabbath, Aug. 8, he was baptized in front of church members, cabin mates and counselors.

At a very young age, it has been evident that Miller has had a heart open and devoted to learning of and loving Jesus.

*Wanda Interlichia, Cedar Creek Church member*



## MILO WELCOMES NEW STAFF

**M**ilo Adventist Academy in Days Creek is blessed with a wonderful group of new staff this year.

Photography teacher Peter Hernandez is a digital artist as well as a professional photographer. He especially enjoys composing and retouching. He owns his own business, Hernandez Imaging, and has a degree in commercial art from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Hernandez enjoys sharing his passion for creating compelling images.

Leonard Hild, the new music director, comes from Orlando Junior Academy in Florida. He is a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where he studied music at Dalhousie University and earning a Bachelor of Music with a major in vocal performance. For the past 38 years, he has sung professionally as both a tenor soloist and chorister and has conducted adult ensembles. Hild earned a master's in educational administration from the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada, and has worked as a district music coordinator and a principal.

Aaron Nakamura accepted the invitation to be vice principal for finance. A business administration graduate of California State University in Los Angeles, Nakamura enjoys youth ministry, public speaking, writing, playing musical instruments, podcasting,



(From left, back row) Peter Hernandez, Leonard Hild, Aaron Nakamura, Justin Braman, Dave Allemand, Brandon Richards, (from left, front row) Faye Wehrley, Kim Person, Brooke Spickelmier, KayLee Mason and Kilikina Richards.

going to the beach, surfing and snowboarding.

The new athletic director, Justin Braman, worked most recently in Paradise, Calif., but is originally from Massachusetts. Braman has a Bachelor of Science in physical education, health and recreation from Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Collegedale, Tenn. He is the varsity coach, runs the new fitness program, and teaches sophomore Bible, health and PE.

Dave Allemand is the new maintenance director. He most recently served at SAU.

Brandon and Kilikina Richards are both graduates of Auburn (Wash.) Adventist Academy and Walla Walla University (WWU) and most recently worked in Nevada. Brandon is the development director and will also be working with campus industries.

Kilikina will be teaching English, English language learners (ELL) and drama.

Faye Wehrley has a strong background in accounting and has joined the Milo staff in the business office as the new accountant. Her husband, Jeff, works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Their family includes two Milo students, Tori and Mikayla.

The new head girls' dean is Kim Person. Her husband, Jessy, is a 2003 Milo alumus. Kim graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy and went on to attend WWU (where she met Jessy on a blind date) and Concordia University (Portland, Ore.), earning a Bachelor of Science in social work. Kim most recently was the head dean at Forest Lake Academy in Florida.

The assistant girls' dean, Brooke Spickelmier, is from

Henderson, Nev., and is studying religion with a minor in social welfare at WWU, where she was a resident assistant last year.

KayLee Mason is the new administrative assistant and is excited to be back in Oregon. Her parents and grandparents worked at Milo when she was young. Mason earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, then spent a year teaching kindergarten through third grade at a private school in Montana.

For contact information for all staff members, please visit [miloacademy.net](http://miloacademy.net).

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*

## GALACTIC QUEST LAUNCHED IN GRANTS PASS

Vacation Bible School launched a “Galactic Quest” the first week of August. The lower half of the Grants Pass Church converted beautifully into a giant VBS “spaceship.” The mission was clear: share Jesus’ love and plan for salvation with “cadets” (children). Sixty-five cadets registered and participated.

There were five main “stations” on Spaceship VBS, and daily assignments showed the character of God. In the Simulation Room, cadets engaged in various physical activities. In the Mess Hall, snacks



Cadets explore the various stations on Spaceship VBS.

included space burritos and banana rocket pops. In the Ready Room, stories were shared from Jesus’ life, with scenes recreated and discussed. In the Space Lab, projects such as sprouting seeds sparked much interest and focused attention on our Creator. There also was

the Engineering Room, where crafts created included a solar system mobile, an astronaut book with the cadets’ pictures, a telescope and a birdhouse.

Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, spoke to the cadets and prayed with them each night. Near the end of the mission, Martin was given the OK to remove the restrictive neck brace he had been wearing since a Father’s Day tractor accident had left him millimeters from paralysis or death. Through a series of miracles, he was present at VBS to show everyone how great our God really is.

While this five-day mission was certainly a time commitment, what a blessing it was to show Jesus, the Captain, to these precious kids. As coordinator, Donna Clifford recruited a strong team of volunteer officers and cadets, including 10 teens who served as CPOs (Chief Petty Officers) and helped man the stations with the adult officers. The Oregon Conference supplied spaceship equipment to help make this VBS truly out of this world.

*Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader*

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## SHARON CHURCH HOLDS ‘DESTINATION PARADISE’ VBS

The mission of Sharon Church in Portland is “to welcome with love and minister to our church, our family and our community.” That mission was put into action with this year’s Vacation Bible School — promoting the theme “Destination Paradise.”

During the week of June 15–19, Sharon Church’s simple basement was transformed into a tropical island paradise of undersea animals plus a monkey pod tree complete with hanging branches and swinging monkeys. Tropical flowers and plants as well as decorated stations made the island scene even more adventurous.

Every evening, children were welcomed by “travel agents” who guided the children in songs, memory verses and God’s Word.

About 30 children, ages 3–12, attended. They were given a guided tour throughout the island stations: games at Finn’s Surf Shop, crafts at Conch Cove and fishing at Sun Rise Reef.

Evenings ended with the roundup of the day’s events, a theme song, memory verses and a snack.



The children pay attention during the Destination Paradise VBS program.

On Sabbath, parents attended a special presentation given by the children during which they also witnessed their children receive certificates, sing songs and recite memory verses. It all ended downstairs directly after service with fellowship and refreshments.

*Denise Williams, Sharon Church communication leader*

Sharon Church’s basement was transformed into a tropical island paradise of undersea animals for Vacation Bible School.





## SOUTHERN OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

**T**he Southern Oregon Christian Women's Retreat celebrated a milestone in June. This was the 10th retreat held at lovely Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek. The founding committee, headed by Pat Young, didn't dare to dream, back in 2005, that the concept of a low-cost, high-quality women's retreat in southern Oregon would be so well-received and long-lasting.

This year's theme, "Reunion," began as Corleen Johnson explored the way Jesus helps us deal with our past. Fonda Cox told attendees how to have peace in their present, and Tawny Sportsman spoke about preparing and staying ready for that grand reunion in heaven.

Breakout sessions included checklists for healthy relational, spiritual and physical lives and were presented by Margie Kruse, Beth Boram and Linnea Stonebraker, and Connie Allred.

This year's outreach projects included pillowcase bags of essentials and toys for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care. A special offering was taken up for Bangla Hope, supporting the



The ladies pack pillowcase bags with toiletries and toys for children taken from their parents and placed in foster homes.



On Sunday morning, retreat attendees gather by the Milo bridge wearing their white scarves as symbolic "robes" of Jesus' righteousness.

women of Pollywog Handicrafts.

Beautiful blue skies and sunshine combined with good food, meeting old and new friends, singing choruses around the oval by candlelight, an anointing service, and the traditional pajama party all

Willing Hearts arrive at Milo by car. Willing Hearts is a singing group from the Valley View Church in Medford.



intertwined to make a most memorable weekend.

The theme quotation this year was from *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen White*, p. 204, and expresses the heart feelings of the members of the retreat committee: "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

*Alice Ray, Central Point Church communication leader*

## PAA INTRODUCES FOUR NEW TEACHERS

I can't believe I get paid to be at school all day," says Sean Kootsey, one of four new teachers at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA).

"I have a lifelong passion for learning," adds Kootsey, who teaches a blend of classes for PAA's social studies and English departments. Kootsey recently completed a master's degree in education and has a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he also received a minor in religion. He has taught at and administered many Adventist institutions.

"I'm so excited to be a part of a school family that I have admired from afar for many years," says Kootsey.

Also making PAA's future bright is Herbert Terreri, who will instruct PAA's first sign language course. Besides his career teaching deaf, hard-of-hearing and mainstream students, Terreri is also known as an advocate for the deaf community in Southern California. He was a part of state committees and advisory boards that

worked toward accepting sign language in public schools. He was pivotal to developing and implementing various sign language systems for the state of California.

Terreri also developed a sign language program at Santa Ana Community College in California. Thanks to him, the school also offers an interpreter's training program and a service center for sign language, deaf and hard-of-hearing students. "I'm so excited to get back into the high school environment," Terreri says. "I believe PAA will enable me to work with a high caliber of students that will demonstrate exceptional communication."

Emmett McCutchenne heads PAA's music department and teaches orchestra, choir, the Alegria special choir, band, steel drums and jazz band. McCutchenne has

taught and mentored students from kindergarten to college. His groups have earned top ratings at the annual Anaheim Heritage Festival, as well as top awards from the California Association for Music Educators and Oregon's Music Education Association.

Besides teaching, McCutchenne has a professional career in flute performance and guest conducting. "I am looking forward to teaching in a Christian educational environment where I'm able to pray freely and teach praise music without opposition," says McCutchenne.

Strengthening PAA's technology offerings, Frank Jin teaches math and computer science courses such as 2-D animation. After graduating

from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., with a computer science degree, Jin spent foundational years of his career in Silicon Valley developing high-tech startup companies. He eventually started his own business, which took him to the Portland area.

Jin most recently taught at Portland Adventist Elementary School and also coached their Lego Robotics team, which won a first-place prize in a competition. "To be able to share my faith with young people all the while helping them to increase their knowledge and skills in [the] ever-so-changing techno world is thrilling," says Jin.

Read the full bios for these new staff members at [glnr.in/110-10-or\\_pcateachers](http://glnr.in/110-10-or_pcateachers).

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent*

(From left) Frank Jin, Sean Kootsey, Herbert Terreri and Emmett McCutchenne (not shown) join Portland Adventist Academy's teaching staff.







## RITZVILLE PATHFINDERS HELP GUYANA CLUB

The Ritzville (Wash.) Pathfinder club does their best to support the Pathfinders from Guyana, South America (pictured here). The Guyana Pathfinders attended a camporee wearing uniforms made possible through the efforts of the Ritzville Pathfinders.

## NEW MEMBER FEELS 'LIKE FAMILY'

One day as Gail Resser and Sue Clark were working in the basement of the church, the door opened. A woman looked in and said, "I want Bible studies."

It is not every day that someone walks in off the street and makes such a request, but Debi Gingras' hunger to know what the Bible said was keen. Clark, Resser and Judy Siebert of the St. Maries Church in Idaho studied once a week with Gingras, surrounding her with love and support as the months went by.

"She was interested in everything and so open to truth," Clark says. They completed the *Discover Bible Guides*, began on a prophecy study and eagerly watched Charles Byrd's DVD series *Thunder in the Holy Land*.

When Gingras requested baptism, family members, friends and church members



Debi Gingras is baptized in the river by Ryan Clark.

met at the riverbank of the St. Joe on Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 22.

After speaking about the symbolism of baptism, Ryan Clark waded into the river with Gingras. Following the baptism John Pierce, St. Maries Church pastor, closed the service with prayer.

"I feel as if I belong now," Gingras glowed. "I feel like family."

*Cathy Law, St. Maries Church member*

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## VOLUNTEERING TO HEAL A VILLAGE

**F**or two brief days during the Your Best Pathway to Health mega-clinic Aug. 3 and 4, residents in Spokane, Wash., glimpsed what it might have been like as Jesus healed entire villages. Your Best Pathway to

Grateful patients treated the volunteers like heroes. When buses pulled in to offload the volunteers at 6 a.m. on the first day of the clinic, the waiting crowd spontaneously erupted in loud applause.

Justy Jenkins, a disabled U.S. military veteran, heard at the veterans hospital in Spokane that a mega-clinic would provide free health care. She was sitting in a lawn chair at the head of a crowd of about 500 people when the clinic's doors opened at 7 a.m. on the first day.

"I can't believe that they are doing this for us," Jenkins said several hours later as she took a break during a dental procedure for a much-needed

crowd in the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center.

Jenkins, a former military specialist in Germany, said she hadn't slept since her arrival to the fairgrounds on Saturday and was exhausted. But she said the wait was worth it. She spent several hours alone, but the line had swelled to about a dozen people by Sunday afternoon.

"They brought us water and food," she said of volunteers who were setting up the clinic. "They are so nice."

Doctors, nurses, dentists, massage therapists, chaplains and other volunteers assisted 1,485 people on the first day of the Your Best Pathway to Health event. The mega-clinic

originally aimed to show Jesus' love in action to 3,000 Spokane residents. However, by the end of the second day, volunteers ministered to 1,626 additional patients, surpassing the initial service goal.

The expo center was humming as arriving patients filled out forms before being directed to chairs in waiting areas. In curtained booths, volunteers provided a range of services, including primary medical care, minor surgeries by appointment, dental care, vision, mental health, women's health, physical and occupational therapy, nutrition and lifestyle coaching, haircuts, and free clothing, including suits and wedding dresses.



ANTHONY WHITE

Before patients left the fairgrounds, they were offered spiritual and lifestyle counseling as well as a variety of books and magazines.

Health, a service of Adventist-Laymen Services & Industries, partnered with Upper Columbia Conference and the city of Spokane to host a free clinic in Spokane, the third held in the United States in the past two years. More than 1,300 Adventist volunteers from around the world provided free medical, dental and eye care to 3,111 people, including some who began lining up two days in advance of the clinic.



ANTHONY WHITE

BRENDAN COON

Daniel Harning, an oral surgeon who volunteered in Spokane, sees a patient during the two-day event.





- ⊙ Patients sign in for their free medical care at the Your Best Pathway to Health mega-clinic.
- ⊙ David A. Condon, Mayor of Spokane, Wash., visiting with volunteers and patients at the event.

More photos online at [glnr.in/pathwaytohealth](http://glnr.in/pathwaytohealth)

Once patients were ready to leave, chaplains and volunteers offered prayer. Early on, touching stories began to emerge from these prayer sessions.

One patient requested prayer. The counselor visiting with him prayed for Jesus and God to send angels of comfort. The man broke down weeping.

“Why are you crying?” the counselor asked.



ANTHONY WHITE

tion centers at local Adventist churches to pick up their free prescription glasses, lab reports and other follow-up work. Those that came to the health information centers were invited to attend health and lifestyle courses taking place this fall in Spokane Adventist churches.

Those visiting the mega-clinic, both volunteers and patients, said it was hard describe everything going on due to so many people helping and being helped. Perhaps it can best be summed up by the words of one patient, Craig Meissner, who drove with his wife from Sandpoint, Idaho, to the clinic: “It’s amazing to see all these people being helped. It reminds me of what it must have been like when Jesus healed an entire town.”

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



BRENDAN COON

One of the patients is fitted for glasses by a volunteer.

“I’m crying because of all the people I met today,” the patient said. “When I see people like this, I want to be a

part of a people like this.”

Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president, was volunteering as a chaplain. He says the sight of so many people in line was wonderful and tragic at the same time.

“We are hoping that the healing ministry of Christ will impact them,” he says. “We hope this will be the beginning of something that will truly alter their destinies.”

The clinic’s effort to provide both physical and spiritual healing struck a special chord

with Hoover, who accepted Jesus and became an Adventist about 30 years ago as he struggled with addictions to alcohol, tobacco and other substances.

“God began a process of healing me,” he explains. “I hope people can start a similar journey today.”

Adventists in Spokane are working hard to make sure patients’ journeys to physical and spiritual wholeness didn’t end with prayer at the clinic. Each person was personally invited to visit health informa-

## A TWO-DAY FIELD HOSPITAL

3,111 PERSONS SERVED  
7,500-PLUS SERVICES PROVIDED, INCLUDING:

- » Primary care visits
- » Women’s health services, including Pap smears
- » Medical specialists consults, including heart evaluations, gastroenterology, neurology, pulmonology, rheumatology and infectious disease
- » General and orthopedic surgery
- » Pediatrics
- » Podiatry services
- » Adult and child immunizations
- » Comprehensive dental care, including root canals, crowns, fillings, extractions and cleanings
- » Pharmacy
- » Eye care, including eyeglass fittings and examinations
- » STD screenings
- » Medical massage
- » Physical therapy
- » X-rays
- » Laboratory services
- » Haircuts
- » Hydrotherapy
- » Clothing
- » Chaplaincy services

## FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS HIGHLIGHTS CAMPER CREATIVITY

**F**ifty campers participated in the first-ever Festival of the Arts at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson. For the week of Aug. 9–15, the camp was filled with the sights and sounds of creativity, including drawing, painting, sculpting, string ensemble, choir, music production, photography, advanced horsemanship and mime. This new camp was designed to affirm and celebrate the artistic gifts God has given to His children.



William Frohne rehearses his part for the string ensemble performance on Sabbath evening.

Campers were able to choose from a number of major areas of study in either the visual or performing arts. They could also choose an elective class that allowed them to broaden their artistic experience. The festival featured guest performers, artists and instructors from across the country: Wesley Brainard, a mime from Tulsa, Okla.; Werner Carrasco, a music producer from Nashville, Tenn., and his daughter, Charmaine, a Christian contemporary artist; John Neumann, former choir director at Auburn Adventist Academy; and Holly Carpenter, a string teacher from the Walla Walla area.

From the first day of the festival, it



Pastor Dave Yeagley tries his hand at throwing a pot on the wheel for the first time during the Festival of the Arts.

And the music production class wrote, recorded and produced its own music video.

Sitting on the back of a horse one afternoon, a longtime camper flashed a huge smile. “This has been the best week I have ever had at Sunset Lake,” she exclaimed.

The festival concluded on Sabbath with an afternoon of performances by the guest artists, baptisms, a gallery displaying the work of the visual art students and an evening performance by student musicians. “Better keep this camp around,” one parent remarked. “My daughter plans on coming back next year.”

To experience the talent of these campers, watch the music production class’ original music video on YouTube at [glnr.in/110-10-wa\\_festivalofarts](http://glnr.in/110-10-wa_festivalofarts)

David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director

was clear God had brought together a very special group of students. The string ensemble formed a double quartet and tackled the music of Mozart. Photography students explored Mount Rainier National Park with cameras in hand. Campers and staff came together to create a 40-voice choir.

### BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY

God’s love and grace was illuminated this summer at Sunset Lake Camp. By the numbers:

- » 26,840 meals served
- » \$26,699 raised for camper scholarships
- » 670 campers
- » 206 decisions for baptism
- » 155 first-time decisions for Christ
- » 150 campers attended because of scholarships
- » 93 hours of banana-boat rides
- » 84 pages memorized in one week for the evening drama
- » 80 awesome staff
- » 49 campers attended the first-ever Festival of the Arts
- » 12 baptisms at camp this summer
- » 7 epic performances of *Illuminate*, an original camp play
- » 6 confirmed sightings of Jerry the Bear
- » 1 incredible summer
- » 0 campers turned away because they couldn’t afford camp
- » 1,000,000 “Your glory fills the sky, a great and holy light, shining like a million stars, I’m amazed by who You are!”





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## VBS TRANSFORMS CHILDREN'S LIVES THROUGH GOD'S WORD



SAM TOOLEY

Student leaders at Auburn Adventist Academy welcome 233 new and returning students to campus during registration.

## AUBURN SEES GOD'S ANSWERS TO PRAYER

**J**erry Russell walked into a financial ministry prayer time on Monday, Aug. 31, and exclaimed, "I had the best meeting of my career last week!"

As vice president for finance for Washington Conference, Russell has years of experience in attending usually predictable and fairly routine financial meetings. This time was different.

"We were meeting to finalize Auburn's budget since registration had just happened, and the initial enrollment numbers were in," Russell says, as he tells the story of meeting with John Soulé, Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) principal, and Marko Oksanen, AAA business manager. "I knew this would be a good meeting because I had been told the day before that we had 220 students, with nearly 100 in the dorm, and we had a nearly balanced budget with 205 students with 70 in the dorm."

The four-hour budget meeting began with an announcement of 228 accepted

students; by the time the meeting concluded, 233 students were accepted.

"God brought the right students to Auburn in answer to our specific prayers and the hard work of our school volunteers," says Soulé.

"Prayers are being answered right before our eyes," says Russell. "I have been praying for 250 students for quite some time now, and I have to admit lately that I had kind of given up on that, but God has come through in a big way."

The academy has a balanced budget based on 230 students with 90 in the dorm. This budget level allows for appropriately funding programs and includes financial reserves for future needs.

"I can't wait to see what God does with the rest of this school year," Russell says. "We need to be faithful, keep praying and see what God will do."

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

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**V**acation Bible School (VBS) at Transformation Life Center (TLC) in Olympia included something special this year: a fundraiser called Operation Kid-to-Kid to raise money to send New Testament Bibles to children in Thailand.

"We set an initial goal of 50 Bibles and a secondary goal of 100," says Laurey Jones, TLC young adult member and one of the VBS leaders. "For every \$4 the kids brought in, we were able to send one Bible to a kid in Thailand."

Through the VBS program's catchy music, colorful decorations, easy-to-remember Bible points, fun crafts, yummy food, active games and amazing Bible stories, children at the Olympia VBS program learned about trekking through life with God. By the end of the week, they had also raised enough funds to send 47 New Testament Bibles to children in Thailand.

On Sabbath morning, the VBS team presented at church about the results of the children's fundraising efforts.



JAINNINE SOWERS

Children from Olympia, like Korbon and Kaitlin, raised funds at Vacation Bible School to send New Testament Bibles to children in Thailand.

The congregation not only helped the children reach their first goal for 50 Bibles but also donated enough funds for more than 100 Bibles.

"Vacation Bible School, along with other children's ministries, has been a big part of my family for as long as I can remember," Jones says. "It's truly an honor to be able to help out and participate in VBS each year."

*Heidi Baumgartner*

Children at the Olympia VBS program learn about trekking through life with God.



## BREATH OF LIFE HOSTS HEALTH FAIR

**B**reath of Life Church in Seattle is located in an urban, unincorporated area of King County called White Center. This area is known for its high poverty level and crime rate.



Tahia Good and Shirley Mathieu welcome visitors to the Breath of Life Church's community health fair and answer their questions.

Sundria Burton, Breath of Life Church head deaconess, wanted to meet the needs of the community surrounding the church and worked with fellow church members to survey and plan a way to meet a specific need: health care.

The free community health fair was planned for May 31, advertised in their immediate community and beyond, and set up throughout the church facility. Breath of Life Church invited and involved partners from Swedish Mobile Mammography, Centers for Multicultural Health, Neighborcare Health,

Medical Teams International, the health van from Tacoma Central Adventist Church, several dentists, massage therapist Christopher Kelly, and United Healthcare and Amerigroup Insurance representatives.

"We offered free medical and dental services for uninsured and underinsured community members," says Burton. "The services included medical screenings, dental exams and treatment, mammograms for women ages 40-plus, massages, provider referrals and insurance guidance, and free fitness club passes. Twenty-nine people took advantage of the event and were truly grateful to obtain services that were otherwise unavailable."

After their experience with this first health fair, the church plans to host another community health fair next year.

*Darren McPherson, Breath of Life Church member*



Lonika Wagner and Anthony Brinkley prepared the advertising campaign for the free community health fair offered by Breath of Life Church.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Doug Bing and Jerry Russell, as representatives of Washington Conference, welcome Ron Sydney and Frances Leaf to ordained pastoral ministry.

## SYDNEY ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

**R**on Sydney's youth group on the beautiful island of Saint Lucia in the Caribbean first helped to nurture his passion to do something great for God.

On the heels of graduating from high school, Sydney received strong impressions from God to enter into pastoral ministry. While many pastors begin their pastoral training in college, Sydney began his during two years of working as a canvassing colporteur before studying for a theology degree at Canadian University College (now Burman University) in Alberta.

Sydney's first ministry call came from Upper Columbia Conference, where he led the Pasco (Wash.) Ephesus congregation and served as a youth and associate pastor at Richland (Wash.) Church. Following two years at Andrews University seminary, Sydney transitioned to Washington Conference, where he pastored All Nations Church, 24-Seven Ministry and Eastside Fellowship in the greater Seattle metropolitan area. He is engaged to Frances Leaf.

Sydney has a passion for people regardless of age, lifestyle, cultural background or ethnicity. "God has given Ron a gift to like people, challenge people and invite them to follow Jesus," says Bill Roberts, Washington Conference ministerial director. "He is a vibrant, fun, thought-provoking minister."

Throughout Sydney's ordination ceremony on Aug. 29 in Kirkland, his ministry friends and mentors affirmed God's calling in his life and challenged him to "be a pastor, not a just a preacher," in the words of Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for children, youth and regional work.

John McLarty, Green Lake Church senior pastor, closed the remarks of the day with an ordination charge: "Hear daily God's call. Daily bask in God's glory. Light the world with God's love. Mind your Adventist heritage. Fill your people with hope."

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*



## DWELLING WITH THE LORD AND GIVING THANKS

**A**s Walla Walla University holds its week of worship Oct. 5–10, two WWU faculty members share thoughts inspired by some of their favorite verses in Scripture.

### To Dwell in His House

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” (Ps. 27:4, NIV).

During a visit to Puerto Rico last Christmas break, my family and I enjoyed the typical highlights such as Old San Juan, Rio Camuy Caves Park, the music and street food at Plaza Colón in Mayagüez, night kayaking the bioluminescent bay in Fajardo, and traditional Puerto Rican Christmas fare in Isabela and Lajas. For me, however, the most significant part of the trip was Rosario.

Rosario is a barrio of San Germán and the family seat of the Montes (paternal) and Ballester (maternal) families. My parents were born there, met there and married there. My memories are full of childhood visits to my grandparents’ house. My grandfather would take me around town as he ran errands and went about his business. My grandmother would dote on me as I “helped” her prepare meals. We talked, and we played. I looked forward to those visits and loved spending time with my grandparents.

Psalm 27 shares a similar

sentiment. The psalmist is announcing his desire to spend all his time in the temple. This desire to “dwell in the house of the Lord” is cherished and singular. *The Clear Word* uses the personal phrases “stay close to the Lord” and “talk with Him.” *The Message* says “live with Him in his house” and “contemplate his beauty.” No other verse so fluently articulates my personal desire to dwell in my Lord’s house, to be close to Him, to talk with Him and to contemplate His beauty.

*Josefer Montes, WWU School of Business chairman*

### Moments of Pure Joy

Several years ago my husband and I attended a wedding in Paradise, Calif. On the long drive, we speculated on how the town was named. One idea was that perhaps everything was so perfect in this region, the name Paradise was just logical. Sunshine, good air, contented healthy people. Paradise.

Yet I am nearly certain that people in Paradise have the same concerns and joys as the rest of us. They are agonizing over business failures, worrying about children, and fretting over the details of work and family life. There are people in Paradise who are exhausted, depressed and hurting.

Want some good news? All of us, whether we live in

*Pam Cress, WWU associate vice president for graduate studies*

Paradise or somewhere else, can have moments of pure delight even in the midst of pain and chaos. Paradise moments happen every day in every town. Just look for them. Celebrations with family and friends. A beautiful sunset. A hug from a child. A good book. Sabbath. Apple pie or cinnamon rolls. A smile. Peace that defies understanding. A warm cup of tea. So, be intentional this week and recognize the paradise moments in your life. Be prepared to be surprised and to give God thanks for the moments of pure joy and peace He unexpectedly supplies in this broken and weary world.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8, NIV).

*Pam Cress, WWU associate vice president for graduate studies*



Josefer Montes, WWU School of Business chairman



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## ACEN GRANTS CONTINUING ACCREDITATION TO WWU SCHOOL OF NURSING



The Walla Walla University (WWU) School of Nursing was granted continuing accreditation for the Bachelor of Science nursing program with the removal of a warning by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at a meeting of the ACEN July 9–10.

The decision came following an ACEN site visit and program review in February 2015 after WWU appealed a July 2014 decision by the ACEN to deny continuing

accreditation of the program. The nursing program remained accredited throughout the appeal and review process.

“The quality of our nursing program and our graduates has been clearly demonstrated,” says Lucille Krull, WWU School of Nursing dean. “ACEN has not been concerned with our curriculum or our student outcomes.”

Graduates from the WWU School of Nursing consistently outperform the national pass rates on their National Council Licensure

Examinations.

The initial denial of continued accreditation was issued when the university failed to meet one standard for graduate degree credentialing of School of Nursing instructors. That standard is that all WWU School of Nursing faculty must possess at least a master’s degree. As of January 2015, 100 percent of the nursing faculty had a master’s degree in nursing.

“Our nursing faculty are some of the most dedicated

Christian professionals that I know, and I am pleased that ACEN has recognized this,” says Krull.

In addition to ACEN accreditation, the WWU nursing program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Commission and the Oregon State Board for Nursing.

To learn more about the WWU School of Nursing, visit [wallawalla.edu/nursing](http://wallawalla.edu/nursing) or call 503-251-6115.

*Kim Strobel*

## WALLA WALLA GENERAL HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICES AT WWU

Walla Walla General Hospital/Adventist Health began providing health services for Walla Walla University (WWU) students, faculty and staff on the university campus in College Place,

Wash., as of Sept. 1.

The new Adventist Health University Clinic represents a new model of campus health care at WWU that offers 24-hour access to an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a

medical assistant or an on-call physician. Students, faculty and staff continue to enjoy the excellent health care they’ve come to appreciate on campus, while benefiting from the depth of services provided by a large health care system. One of those benefits is insurance billing by the clinic.

“It is our desire to operate a health clinic at WWU that understands and complements the unique needs of a university campus,” says Monty Knittel, Walla Walla General Hospital president and CEO.

“An additional benefit

of this new partnership will continue to be the convenient location of the clinic,” says Hilary Catlett, WWU dean of students. The clinic will be housed in Meske Hall on the university campus at 133 S. College Ave., College Place, Wash. Future plans call for a new clinic location. The clinic can be reached at 509-527-2425.

*Kim Strobel, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations supervisor*



**Childers 60th**

Martin and Patricia Childers celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Granger (Wash.) Church on April 26, 2015, where they were joined by family and friends.

Martin Childers and Pat Fry first met in the second grade when attending Granger Elementary Church School, although at that time marriage was the furthest thing from their minds. Pat's family moved away when she was 12 and both



Martin and Patricia Childers

Pat and Martin graduated from different academies in 1954, but they continued to see each other during Pat's visits to her grandmother.

The couple married on April 24, 1955, in Pendleton, Ore., and lived near Toppenish, Wash., where Martin farmed with his father. They bought their own farm near Toppenish in 1961, where they continue to live today.

Martin farmed row crops, and Pat supported him on the family farm and was a homemaker for their two children, Sherri and Mike. Martin and Pat were active supporters of church school as their children grew and continue to be active participants of the Granger Church.

Their family includes their daughter, Sherri Ann Flynt of Altamont Springs, Fla.; their son, Michael K. Childers of Toppenish, Wash.; and Pat's mother, Bessie Fry of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

**Edwards 70th**

On April 26, 2015, the children of Donovan and Eileen Edwards hosted a celebration in honor of their parents' 70th wedding anniversary at the Milton Church fellowship hall in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Donivan Edwards and Eileen Bitzer were married Dec. 27, 1944, in Wapato, Wash. Donivan worked at the St. Clair Ranch raising cattle and alfalfa seed. Eileen was a cook at Hartline's Café in Wapato.

They moved to College Place, Wash., in 1960. Donivan was employed by the Milton Nursery, and Eileen worked part time for Washington Children's Home Society in Walla Walla, Wash.

They moved to Milton-



Donivan and Eileen Edwards

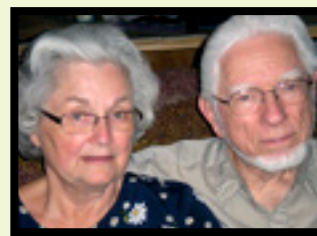
Freewater in 1968, and Donivan went to work for the Steen/Schroeder Wheat Ranch. Eileen joined the staff at Walla Walla College (now University). Donivan retired in 1990, and Eileen retired in 1992. They still reside and

maintain their home in Milton-Freewater.

Their family includes daughter Sandra, who passed away in January 2008; daughter and son-in-law Twyla and Richard Kruger of Walla Walla, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**Petty 55th**

Thurman and Martha (Gehres) Petty celebrated their



Thurman and Martha Petty

55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21, 2015. Thurman served for 30 years as a pastor before retiring because of health in 1990. He wrote 18 books, among them five books on the Babylonian captivity of the Jews, known as the Gate series — "Gate" is in the title of each book (still available as e-books from Pacific Press).

Martha was a registered nurse before retirement and served in many different venues during her years of service. She is also an artist, selling many paintings in the early years.

The Pettys served as pastor and nurse on Pitcairn Island in the early 1980s, as documented in the October 1983 issue of *National Geographic*.

Thurman was also a pastor in a number of U.S. states — Maryland, New Jersey, Wyoming, California, Missouri and Texas. Currently they live in Trout Creek, Mont.

Their family includes Lydia and Wayne Newton of Castle

Valley, Utah; Joel and Crystal Petty of Burleson, Texas; Esther Jong-Sook Petty-Johnson and her husband, Billy, of Fort Worth, Texas; and 10 grandchildren.

**Tilton 50th**

Gene and Cheri Tilton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 1, 2015, in Kona, Hawaii, with their family.

Cheri Lee Orsborn and Eugene Mills Tilton III were married July 1, 1965, in Lincoln City, Ore.

Gene is retired from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Forestry and Lincoln City Church School. Cheri is retired from Lincoln City School District and Lincoln City



Gene and Cheri Tilton

Hospital. Both enjoy golfing, reading, carving and traveling to see their grandkids.

Their family includes Richard and Jennifer (Tilton) Zbaraschuk of Sequim, Wash.; Greg and Deborah (Tilton) Jones of Lake Oswego, Ore.; Michelle Tilton of Sequim; Chelsea Tilton of Corvallis, Ore.; and 8 grandchildren.

## FAMILY BIRTHS

**CAFFERKY** — Hannah Lynn was born Jan. 6, 2015, to Nathan and Andrea “Dea” (Botimer) Cafferky, Aurora, Colo.

**LOCKWOOD** — Hanna Isabelle was born July 10, 2015, to Darren and Aimee (Langston) Lockwood, Troutdale, Ore.

**MAAS** — Ethan Bryan was born July 26, 2015, to Byran and Becky (Bonson) Maas, Walla Walla, Wash.

## FAMILY WEDDINGS

### MCGREGOR-RUTHERFORD

Jenell Louise McGregor and Richard Louis Rutherford were married June 21, 2015, in East Wenatchee, Wash., where they are making their home. Jenell is the daughter of Phillip and Gloria McGregor. Richard is the son of Scott and Janet Rutherford.

### PETTY-ANDERSON

Brittney (Inez) Petty and Christopher “C.J.” Anderson were married Aug. 9, 2015, in Woodland, Wash. They are making their home in Battle Ground, Wash. Brittney is the daughter of Thomas and Heather (Johnson) Petty. C.J. is the son of Donald and Teena (Blehm) Anderson.

### SHEPHERD-LUCE

Anin Shepherd and Schuler Preston Luce were married July 26, 2015, in Everett, Wash. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Anin is the daughter of Paul and Yuba (Gates) Shepherd. Schuler is the son of Richard and Delray (Dovich) Luce.

### WEED-POPE

Emily Dawn Weed and Caleb Carroll Pope were married June 21, 2015, in Beaver Camp, South Fork, Colo. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore. Emily is the daughter of Eric and Dawn (Weatherman) Weed. Caleb is the son of Len and Traci (Hoffman) Pope.

## FAMILY AT REST

**AMUNDSON** — Edna Marie (Olson), 92; born Sept. 1, 1922, Mountain Home, Ore.; died March 24, 2015, Niles, Mich. Surviving: sons, Kenneth, Portland, Ore.; Larry, North Bend, Wash.; daughter, Janet Adams, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**CARPENTER** — Shirley I. (Williams), 89; born Sept. 27, 1925, Owanka, S.D.; died June 14, 2015, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Rod, Vancouver; Kevin, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Joyce Case, Vancouver; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**CLARIDGE** — Delva C. (Rivinius), 91; born Feb. 12, 1924, Cole-Harbor, N.D.; died May 5, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Lawrence L.; sons, Ronald D., Reno, Nev.; Rick W., Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Cynthia L. Claridge-Weber, Pomona, Calif.; brothers, Edwin Rivinius, Denver, Colo.; Fred Rivinius, Grand Junction, Colo.; Ervin Rivinius, Westminster, Colo.; sisters, Lilly Ann Schultz, Madras, Ore.; Elsie Apt, Corvallis, Ore.; Ruth Truax Amundson, Mobridge, S.D.; Dionne Nick, Mesa, Ariz.; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**COMSTOCK** — Darryl Linden, 82; born Sept. 16, 1933, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Feb. 17, 2015, Stayton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Betty J. (Tonn), Salem, Ore.; sons, Darryl II, Spokane, Wash.; Doug, Salem; daughter, Sharyl Ashley, Wilsonville, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**DAHL** — Wanene Pearl (Simons), 80; born Oct. 19, 1934, Creston, Wash.; died Dec. 20, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Glenn and David, both of Portland; daughter, Linda Dahl, Portland; brother, Bud; sisters, Virgie, Janie, Car-

olyn and Kay; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**DIXON** — Lillie Louise (Leeper) Bond, 74; born July 22, 1940, Newport, Wash.; died May 20, 2015, Newport. Surviving: husband, James; son, H. Buckley Bond, Richland, Wash.; stepsons, Bruce Dixon, Portland, Ore.; Bill Dixon, Cannes, Australia; daughter, Christina Bond, Bismarck, N.D.; stepdaughter, Barbara (Dixon) Gohl, Portland; 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

**EDGE** — Elma G., 95; born Oct. 10, 1919; died Nov. 15, 2014. Surviving: sons, Dan E., Robert B. and Michael G.; daughters, Carol Benton and Kathi Joy Edge.

**GEORGE** — Martha Kay (Scholl), 62; born May 2, 1953, Madison, S.D.; died June 26, 2015, Harrison, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Leonard, Delta, Colo.; sons, Kenneth, Spokane, Wash.; Karl, Harrison; Lowel, Delta; daughter, Sondra George, Yakima, Wash.; brother, Charles Scholl, Junius, S.D.; sisters, Charlene Binder, Lincoln, Neb.; Barbara Pooley, Beatrice, Neb.; Delores Johnson, Brandon, S.D.; Carol Evans, Arvada, Colo.; and 6 grandchildren.

**GRIFFITH** — Ruth Eleanor (Jeys), 91; born Oct. 3, 1922; died July 17, 2014, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Mike, Atlanta, Ga.; John, Vancouver; daughter, Cari Pepper, Battle Ground, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**HANSEN** — Nadine (Toler), 97; born Nov. 11, 1917, Winchester, Wash.; died June 20, 2015, Milwaukie, Ore. Surviving: son, Irwin C., Portland, Ore.; brother, Gerald Toler, Bellingham, Wash.; sister, Norma (Toler) Bruget, Lyn-

den, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**HENTON** — Paul Raymond, 86; born Dec. 13, 1928, Dallas, Ore.; died May 10, 2015, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marjorie (Norman); sons, Stephen and Douglas, both of Jasper, Ore.; Timothy, Lincoln City, Ore.; daughters, Virginia Tetzler, Eugene, Ore.; Yvonne Herr, Sequim, Wash.; Vicki Osgood, Pasco, Wash.; Tracy Ivy, Enterprise, Ore.; 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**HICKETHIER** — Louise Wanda (Reinholtz), 83; born Nov. 23, 1931, Epping, N.D.; died May 8, 2015, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Dennis, Damascus, Ore.; daughters, Jeannie L. Miller and Cheryl B. Hickethier, both of Cedar Mill, Ore.; sisters, Ruby Schulden and LaVonne Halbash; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**HUNTER** — William Seward, 84; born Feb. 16, 1931, Okanogan, Wash.; died May 5, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Juanita M. (Kalar); son, Leland S., Vallejo, Calif.; daughter, Teresa M. Hunter, College Place; and sister, Jean Nation, Bellflower, Calif.

**JOHNSON** — Alice Marie (Ellyson), 93; born April 11, 1921, Clarkdale, Ariz.; died March 18, 2015, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: son, Kenneth, Sun Lakes, Ariz.; daughters, Judith Milam, Sun Lakes; Evelyn Canfield, Centralia, Wash.; Kay Russell, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**KOENIG** — Marjorie H. (Livingston), 90; born Dec. 19, 1924, Fairmont, Minn.; died May 26, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, William E.; daughters, Heidi Hart, Mosier, Ore.; Sandra



Zickuhr Jacobson, Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada; Elizabeth Behrmann, Albany, Ore.; sister, Donna Livingston, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**MANLEY** — Robert Elliott, 71; born Oct. 14, 1943, Mussoorie, Uttarakhnad, India; died Feb. 6, 2015, Rancho La Mirage, Calif. Surviving: wife, Kathy (Fouts); son, Todd R., San Jose, Calif.; daughter, Traci Kathlene Manley, Portland, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

**NELSON** — Donald Nathan, 88; born Aug. 2, 1926, Longview, Wash.; died April 24, 2015, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, LaVelle (Cookson); sons, Warren, Vancouver; Doug, Ukiah, Calif.; daughters, Carole Nelson, Vancouver; Connie Craw, Aloha, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**NESS** — Iver Laurits, 79; born June 7, 1935, Bellingham, Wash.; died April 24, 2015, Everett, Wash. Surviving: wife, Nancy, Marysville, Wash.; son, Bryan; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**OAKS** — Ann Louise, 92; born May 28, 1922, Bismarck, N.D.; died March 25, 2015, Redmond, Wash. Surviving: son, Dennis Link, Redmond.

**PARKS** — Delbert W., 87; born Oct. 3, 1927, Pillager, Minn.; died June 20, 2015, Eugene, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Darlene (Nelson); daughters, Janelle Parks, Nampa, Calif.; Christina Lonning, Cheney, Wash.; brother, Leo Parks, Collegedale, Tenn.; sister, Dorothy Henifin, Portland, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**PETERSEN** — Kenneth Taylor, 33; born June 9, 1982, Caldwell, Idaho; died June 10,

2015, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: son, Adrian, Emmett, Idaho; daughter, Michelle Comosol, Emmett; father, Kenneth Scott Petersen, Colorado Springs, Colo.; mother, Janette (Shaddy) Petersen Monaghan, Emmett, Idaho; stepfather, Pete Monaghan, Emmett; brother, Corey Petersen, Emmett; step-brothers, Jeremy Monaghan and Jake Monaghan, both of Treasure Valley, Idaho; stepsister, Kim Monaghan, Treasure Valley; and grandmother, Raina Petersen, Caldwell.

**QUISHENBERRY** — Margaret Louise (Leidig), 85; born July 25, 1929, Peoria, Ill.; died April 15, 2015, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Janice Odegard and Sandra Cox; brothers, Harold Leidig and Jim Leidig; twin sister, Helen Barbee; and 2 grandchildren.

**REISWIG** — James E., 89; born June 10, 1926, Lincoln Valley, N.D.; died June 22, 2015, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Bettigene (Frach); and sister, Marge Dick, Bismarck, N.D.

**SCHWARTZ** — Francis Louise (Schwarz) Shands, 90; born July 28, 1924, Los Angeles, Calif.; died May 9, 2015, Startup, Wash. Surviving: husband, Daniel; sons, David Shands, Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.; Dan Shands, Sultan, Wash.; Chris Shands, Snohomish, Wash.; daughter, Tana (Shands) Skewis, Snohomish; stepsons, Ted Schwartz, Startup; David Schwartz, Lansing, Mich.; brother, Phillip Schwarz, Frederick, Md.; sisters, Agnes Roberts, Los Angeles; Christina Harper, Bullhead City, Ariz.; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**SHULL** — Alberta L. (Warren), 89; born May 26, 1925, Hereford, Ore.; died June 21,

2015, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: sons, Denton, Auburn, Wash.; Ron, Sparks, Nev.; daughters, Sherrie Giddings, San Diego, Calif.; Jan Stackhouse, Canyon Lake, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

**SIEVERS** — Ruby Ina (Klein), 93; born Feb. 12, 1922, Aberdeen, S.D.; died March 25, 2015, Bellevue, Wash. Surviving: son, Allan, Oregon City, Ore.; daughters, Karen Brashear, Pasco, Wash.; Sherry Lacey, Brinnon, Wash.; brother, Leroy Klein, Clackamas, Ore.; sister, Eleanor Bowen, Gladstone, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**STEINGAS** — Wilfred John, 92; born Feb. 27, 1923, International Falls, Minn.; died June 5, 2015, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: wife, Elsie M. (Poster); sons, John, Woodbury, Minn.; Roy, Missoula; David, Karnack, Texas; Robert, Springfield, Ore.; Gary, Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Diane Crider, Alberton, Mont.; Lynda Knapp, Boring, Ore.; brother, Richard, St. Paul, Minn.; sister, Donna (Steingas) Dehn, Elk River, Minn.; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**SYPE** — Alta Amelia (Galway), 88; born Oct. 14, 1926, Cimarron, N.M.; died March 4, 2015, Okanogan, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ross Jackson Sype; daughter, Sherrie Sype, Okanogan; twin sister, Alma Gyland-Bingner, Oroville, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

**TURPEL** — William Paul, 80; born March 29, 1934, Boston, Mass.; died Jan. 15, 2015, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lois Ann (Lampson); daughter, Lori Ann Diaz, Moses Lake; brother, Alan Turpel, Dewey, Ariz.; sister,

Jane Sutter, Flagstaff, Ariz.; and 2 grandchildren.

**WEDEMEYER** — Jack B., 69; born March 23, 1946, Portland, Ore.; died, May 27, 2015, Portland. Surviving: wife, Joan (Appleman); son, Robert, Lynnwood, Wash.; daughter, Sheryl Hamann, Portland; brother, Arlan, Bickleton, Wash.; sister, Sonia Cox, Olathe, Kan.; and 2 grandchildren.

**WOFFENDEN** — Mary Marie, 92; born Oct. 11, 1922, Onida, S.D.; died June 12, 2015, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bill and Jim, both of Selah, Wash.; daughters, Bonnie Heubach, Sedgewick, Kan.; Joyce Woffenden, Penrose, Colo.; Clara Carr, Loveland, Colo.; Ramona Watson, Yakima; 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

- Oct. 3** — Local Church Budget;
- Oct. 10** — Voice of Prophecy/La Voz de la Esperanza;
- Oct. 17** — Local Church Budget;
- Oct. 24** — Local Conference Advance;
- Oct. 31** — North American Division Evangelism.

### North Pacific Union Conference Association Official Notice

Official notice is hereby given that a Regular Membership Meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 2 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee. The purpose of the Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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

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

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**Oct. 23-25** — Families of current WWU students are invited to the WWU main campus for Family Weekend. Come participate in class visits, an ice cream social on Friday, student missions vespers, Sabbath seminars and a faculty/staff talent program. Families are also invited to a complimentary Sabbath lunch with John and Pam McVay.

## OREGON

### Hope Montana Concert

**Oct. 3** — All are welcome to see musician Hope Montana in concert at 7 p.m. Hope Montana has years of vocal and guitar experience as a soloist, as well as performing with her family. Her full, rich voice is a joy to listen to as she raises our hearts to praise of the Lord Jesus. She will also have a few vocal numbers during the morning worship service. CDs will be available after the concert. Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N. Castle Rock, WA. For more information, call 360-967-2165.

### Depression: The Way Out Seminar

**Oct. 6** — Updated "Depression: The Way Out" eight-week video seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. Neil Nedley, founder and speaker, inspires with tested tools to fight depression. There will be healthful food samples as seen in the book and breakout sessions with a depression coach. If you or someone dear to you is facing depression, this seminar is for you. There is a materials fee for taking the full eight-week class. Location: Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N., Castle Rock, Wash. For more information, call 360-967-2165.

### Heart Healthy Cooking Class

**Oct. 11** — Join us for a whole-foods, plant-based meal with a 1950s-themed Burger Bonanza. In addition to the meal, Philip Paden,

of Paden Eye Care, will present the latest research correlating plant-based nutrition with the prevention of heart disease. Donations welcome, but this is a free event on Sunday at 1 p.m., at the Valley View Church, 3677 South Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501. For more information, call 541-773-6097 or visit [vvsda.org](http://vvsda.org).

### Sharon Church Homecoming

**Oct. 24** — Sharon Church Homecoming needs your help with registration, coordinating mailing, luncheon and social. Contact Shelly Larry at 971-219-6366 or [VML3130@frontier.com](mailto:VML3130@frontier.com).

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### Missing Members

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### Andrews Academy Homecoming Weekend

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**Sabbath afternoon 3:00 p.m.**

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Ellen White encouraged women to be involved in all aspects of church and family life, especially witnessing and evangelism. This presentation will show her as a bold visionary activist, but also a warm, personable mother, grandmother and neighbor.

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# Images of Creation Photo Contest

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**Vertical** photos (up to 15 digital entries) may be submitted for consideration to be featured on page two of the *Gleaner* magazine. Winning entries for the print edition of the *Gleaner* will receive \$200 per photo.

**Horizontal** photos (up to 15 digital entries) may be submitted for consideration to be featured on [GleanerNow.com](http://GleanerNow.com) as Photo of the Week.

- Only images of nature scenes taken within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington will be considered.
- Winning entries from past years are no longer eligible for submission. No more than three photos from any one photographer will be selected as winners for the print edition of the *Gleaner*.
- Photo dimensions and file requirements available online.
- Include with your submission, your full name, mailing address, phone number, email address, website (optional), each photo's file name, corresponding photo title and photo location.
- Final selection of both vertical and horizontal image winners will be at the discretion of the *Gleaner* staff.
- *Gleaner* use of the photos submitted will be according to the complete Photo Contest guidelines available online at [GleanerNow.com/photocontest](http://GleanerNow.com/photocontest).

Any horizontal photo submitted may also be included in a preliminary Web-based gallery to allow individuals to go online between Nov. 24–Dec. 10 to vote for favorite images as part of the selection process for Photo of the Week.

Submit your entries online at **[GleanerNow.com/photocontest](http://GleanerNow.com/photocontest)**

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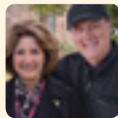
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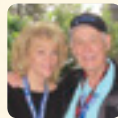
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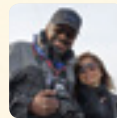
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# HAUNTING YOUR OWN HOUSE

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irst, a disclaimer, acknowledging that many believers feel Christian writers shouldn't speak of ghosts, or tell ghost stories, unless they are Holy Ghost stories — which happens to be the intent of this article. Nevertheless, if this doesn't work out, I will accept my due chastisement and write something about kittens next time; but for now, know that I have been haunting a property in the south of Bonney Lake, Wash., for several months now.

Each morning various craftsmen arrive to work together on the construction of a beautiful home that will be finished sometime in October ... especially if I have anything to do with it. While they work with deep concentration, a lone figure slips in and out of the rooms observing them with a watchful eye, like a glimmer of an apparition haunting the hallways of some great 19th-century manor house — catching visitors by surprise.

I knock on things, literally walk through walls (before the drywall at least — I have had considerable trouble since then) and, not without a little glee on my part, give people a moment of panic when they see me standing behind them — unaware that I snuck into my own house while their power tools were on full-throttle. As they clutch their chest gasping for air and pray

something in Spanish, I bombard them with questions and concerns:

“Why is that wall there? We said no wall there, so why is that wall there? That wall better not be there when I get back here.”

“So what's the rationale behind having the electrician wire everything, including the door to the office, BEFORE it has been cut for French doors — won't that have to be done again?”

“Now that the pendant lights are in the right place, why is the island in the wrong place? No, moving the lights to the wrong place with the island doesn't make everything in the right place.”

Thus far, my favorite conversation occurred with the building rep who muttered a curse when I showed him the pictures of my sedan not being able to fit in the model home's garage due to the placement of a safety post to prevent exuberant parkers from running into their furnace. Yes, I can tell by the word you just uttered that you see the problem as I do.

To be fair, the workers I have met have been cheery and appreciative when I bring Gatorade on hot days. The poor guy working to install the furnace in the garage, during a summer of record heat, looked like he was about to cry at the sight of an ice-cold beverage.

The reason for my hauntings is obvious — I want my family's home and investment built well. I have spoken to many people who have gone through this process



AUTHOR Seth Pierce





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and have horror stories due to a lack of home haunting that began with, "If only I had been here more . . ."

The metaphor of a house haunts the pages of all four Gospels. Jesus frequently calls people's attention to the state of their spiritual house — their heart, emotions, relationships and connection to God. One of the first songs we learn is

about a house. It's based on Jesus' teaching that "everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matt. 7:24–27, ESV).

After being accused of working miracles through the power of the enemy, Jesus points out, "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if

Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house" (Mark 3:25–27, ESV).

If our "homes" have a mash-up of materials, conflicting floor plans and the wrong people for the job, we will collapse.

I'm not suggesting a sly perfectionistic approach with legalistic heart-inspectors scrutinizing our spiritual homes based on a variety of codes difficult to understand. My hope is in developing rigorous safety inspection practices to give us a working knowledge of what is going on in our hearts, that inform our relationships with Jesus and others.

Even with the glitches, the work eventually gets done well with some pleasant surprises too. The siding workers beamed as they told me how on our house everything "just fit" perfectly. We also discovered that our home will have the stone façade we initially thought we couldn't have. Not everything you find in your heart is bad; you may see that Jesus has done some fine work there too.

Take time to prayerfully notice if what is going on in your heart contributes to a life soundly built on Jesus. Haunt the spiritual house of your heart with the help of the Holy Spirit so you don't miss what Jesus wants to build in your life and end up having "your house left to you desolate" (Matt. 23:37–39).

*Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor*



# APPRECIATE THE PASTOR

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hen the elders hid my Bible with its sermon notes, I should have known this Sabbath would be different. They didn't want me to preach that day. What was happening? Pastoral Appreciation Sabbath.

Grateful church members across America among many denominations set aside the month of October to honor their pastors. So it was for me that memorable Sabbath in 1997 with New Hope Church in Maryland. Our elders wanted my sermon time for themselves, taking turns sharing their testimony of what they had learned from my sermons that year. How affirming!

Following church services, Darlene and I were ushered with

our associate pastor and his wife into the

fellowship hall, decorated with extravagant gold ribbons. After a delicious lunch, expressions of love continued from members lining up at the mic.

Suddenly somebody rudely interrupted with news that two cars were parked on the front lawn of the church. New cars, in fact — one for my associate and the other for myself. How nice! Neighbors wondered what was going on — all these Adventists so excited on their Sabbath.

I'm not suggesting that every

Northwest Adventist congregation should buy their pastors new cars this month. Maybe your congregation can only afford tickets to Hawaii for their pastoral couple (round-trip, please!). Still too expensive? No problem. Try an Olive Garden card for the pastoral couple's date night and a yellow Subway card for your pastor's quick nutritious lunch during a busy week.

The Lord will understand if you go a little overboard supporting your pastor. It's biblical: "Give a bonus to leaders who do a good job, especially the ones who work hard at preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17, *The Message*). Such largess should include lay elders who teach and preach along with the pastor.

Why is it so important for us to support our local church leaders? Because local congregations are the heart of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Global councils and constituencies vote this or that policy, which only matters in terms how it benefits local churches. Everything the denominational hierarchy does (let's call it what it is) has value only to the extent that local churches are blessed.

Why? Because the local church is where the action is. It's where people get dedicated as babies, baptized as youth, men-



AUTHOR

Martin Weber





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tored as teens, married as adults and finally, at the end of the day, have their funeral. It's where members and their guests hear and discuss God's Word Sabbath after Sabbath. Church administrative offices, bookstores and media centers all shut down on the Lord's Day so employees can worship in local congregations. There everybody gathers to get energized and equipped to disperse once again into the

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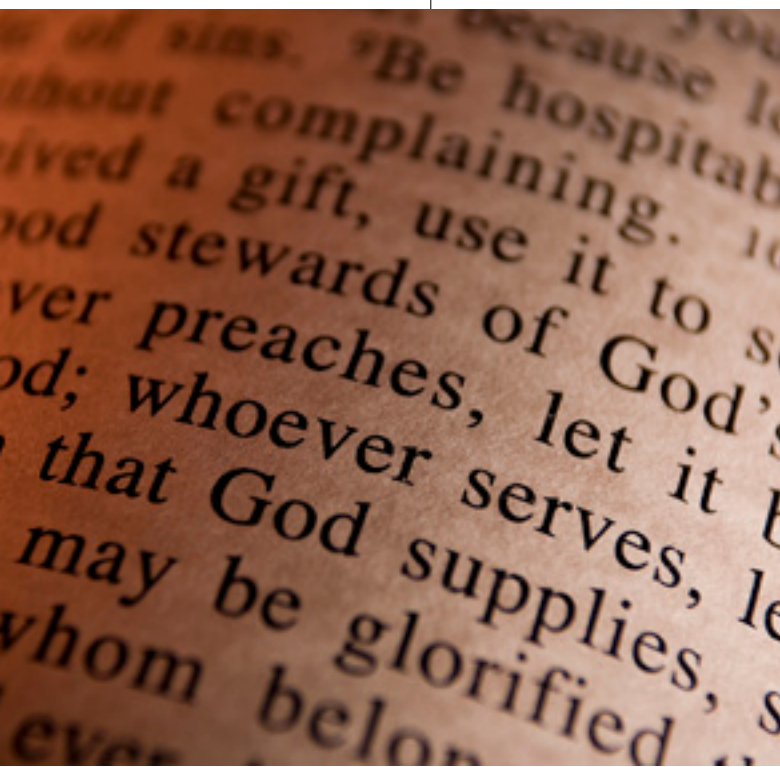
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Political pundits remind us that "all politics is local." That's likewise true for Adventism. It's all about the local church — led by dedicated pastors worthy of your highest respect and warmest affection.

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





## ANTIBIOTICS

**M**oderation in all things sounds like a reasonable goal to me. Give me a plate full of eggplant or okra, and I'll follow that advice to a fault. But I'm liable to renege when brought face to face with my pet weaknesses.

**Unless we can look at people like Jesus does it is not our duty to cleanse the sanctuary or legislate who He has called.**

Slide a block of cheddar cheese or a scoop or three of dark chocolate ice cream in front of my face and watch me struggle.

To be fair, I'm also in love with blueberries and peaches and strawberries and whole wheat bread and brussels sprouts. I do believe a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of choc ... er, fruits and vegetables is our best route to sustainable well-being.

But a couple years back, when gripped in the grimy arms of an especially nasty, nagging bronchial bug, I reluctantly accepted a prescribed dose of antibiotics. Within a week I was cleared up, hale and hearty again.

It's easy to see why these little pills are so often sought after — they seem

to fix so many ills. But used indiscriminately, they can also create superbugs, impervious to any known cure.

As I have reflected on recent discussions within our church over issues significant to us all, I wonder about some of the comments and attitudes expressed. They have hit hard, like a zealous overuse of antibiotics. Earnest souls from around the world have slathered it on with passionate words, texts, quotes and, yes, applause.

Yet, just as efforts to protect our bodies from illness sometimes create the very problems we try to avoid, so too can our efforts to build barriers against evil — both perceived and real.

Zeal to protect the truth can push it further from us and create a resistance to the values Jesus has called His disciples to embrace. Truth will not flourish among us unless we can get our worldwide love of spiritual antibiotics under control.

Those on differing sides point to Scripture as the antidote — and I agree. This “light unto our path” is indeed useful for doctrine, reproof and instruction. But as a heaven-sent letter it is also intended by the Giver to move us forward together in mission. We should be careful lest we apply it like penicillin against the pure in heart in our midst.

Unless we can look at people like Jesus does — beyond the surface to the heart — it is not our duty to cleanse the sanctuary or legislate who He has called.

Jesus' own rag-tag group of disciples was a disgrace to the gospel for three years. There was Thomas, the skeptic; Matthew, the moneymonger; James and John, hot-headed brothers with the helicopter mom; Judas, hidden traitor; and Peter, the proverbial bull in a china shop. Doubt, denial, bickering and betrayal came from this core body of believers hand-picked to carry on their Lord's mission.

And then the Spirit came. Characters were changed, differences mended and mission advanced.

The Greek *pneuma* used in Scripture for the Holy Spirit also denotes “breath” or “wind.” We could use some deep-breathing exercises right about now.

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## Adventist Maverick: A Celebration of George Knight's Contribution to Adventist Thought

Earlier this year George R. Knight was presented with a Festschrift, which is “a collection of articles by the colleagues, former students, etc. of a noted scholar, published in his or her honor,” as defined by Webster. This book, *Adventist Maverick*, celebrates Knight's 38 years of teaching literally from Australia to Zimbabwe and the 41 books he has written. As stated in the book's introduction, it is “a response of gratitude and recognition for [his] significant scholarly contribution” to the church.

During the presentation, Gilbert Valentine paid tribute to Knight and noted that he is “probably the most prolific author the Adventist church has seen ... [and he] has become one of the most influential voices in the contemporary Adventist Church.”

In the chapter written by Jerry A. Moon, we are given a glimpse into how Knight views himself. “Knight has characterized his stance within Adventism as a ‘radical conservative.’ He considers himself a ‘conservative’ in terms of his loyalty to historical truth and values, but ‘radical’ in that he uses historical truth to assertively prod the church and its educational system toward what he sees as needed change.”

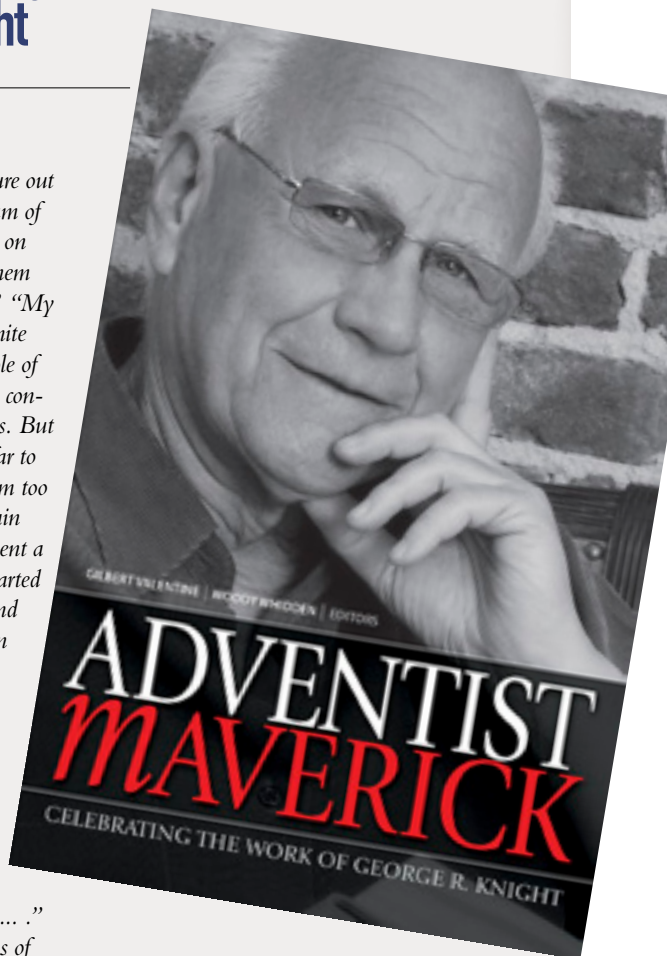
Edited by Gilbert Valentine and Woodrow Whidden II, *Adventist Maverick* was written by 19 Adventist scholars. Topics covered include the issues for understanding and applying Ellen White's writings, last-generation perfectionism, and Ellen White's counsels on lifestyle. *Adventist Maverick* is a highly readable account of the outstanding contribution made to the Adventist Church by the cutting-edge thought-leader George R. Knight.

### HERE'S AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK:

*People have been trying to figure out where Knight belongs on the spectrum of Adventist thought. While he writes on many conservative topics, he gives them titles such as “If I Were the Devil,” “My Gripe With God,” and “The Infinite Hitler.” His obvious relish for the role of intellectual provocateur has led some conservatives to question his motivations. But for everyone who finds George too far to the left, there are others who find him too far to the right. For example, a certain Adventist college invited him to present a Week of Spiritual Emphasis. He started off with the prophecy of Daniel 2 and announced his intention to preach on Daniel 7, 8, 9, and Revelation 12 and 13 during the rest of the week. Some of the faculty took him aside after the first sermon. “You can't preach that here,” they urged. “We don't believe that anymore.” He retorted, “You should have thought of that before you invited me. I believe it and I'm going to preach it ... .”*

*But George can weather storms of criticism more easily than he could stand being irrelevant. Perhaps that is one reason he feels such a strong attachment for Ellen White, whom he has spent so much of his life studying. She once began a controversial speech by saying, “I know that which I now speak will bring me into conflict. This I do not covet, for the conflict has seemed to be continuous of late years; but I do not mean to live a coward or die a coward, leaving my work undone.” Knight has this in common with Ellen White: he, too, refuses to live or die a “coward,” and in his “retirement” he still works twelve-hour days determined not to leave his “work undone.”*

— *Adventist Maverick*, pp. 59, 60.



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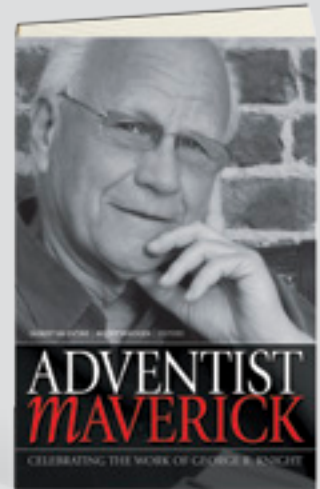
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