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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

JOHN 8:12 (NIV)

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WORLD CHURCH DIVISIONS WEIGH IN ON ORDINATION

By the time you read this, a report from the Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC) at each of the 13 world church divisions will likely have been submitted to the General Conference TOSC as requested. As important steps are taken in this world church discussion, the *Gleaner* is committed to keeping Northwest members informed.

The divisions are forwarding reports that directly or indirectly address how they relate to a theology of ordination and whether or not that would allow for the inclusion of women. At press time for this *Gleaner*, the status of division reports was incomplete. Current information is posted at gleanernow.com. Select NW Roundtable from the main menu.

In brief summary, the essence of these TOSC reports is as follows:

- » East-Central Africa Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » Euro-Asia Division: “Does not support the practice of laying on of hands on women for eldership or pastoral ministry.”
- » Inter-America Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » Inter-European Division: “There is room for the church to ordain women to pastoral ministry.”
- » North American Division: “All people, men and women, may receive ordination as an affirmation of the call of God ... to gospel ministry.”

- » Northern Asia-Pacific Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » South Pacific Division: “Does not see any scriptural principle which would be an impediment to women being ordained.”
- » Southern Asia Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » Southern Asia-Pacific Division: Check gleanernow.com.
- » Trans-European Division: Executive Committee recommends inclusive ministry without gender distinctions.
- » West-Central Africa Division: Check gleanernow.com.

The North American Division (NAD) *NewsPoints* team recently talked with Dan Jackson, NAD president, and G. Alexander Bryant, NAD executive secretary, to discuss what the report from the NAD TOSC

means:

NewsPoints: What was the selection process for this committee?

Bryant: As we looked to staff this committee, we sought for balance and different perspectives that will represent all viewpoints of the division, both pro and con. It was our desire and hope that this group would sincerely and prayerfully give deep study from the Bible on the subject of ordination.

NewsPoints: What is the result of the report prepared by the NAD TOSC?

Jackson: The committee presentation contained two parts. The first was a minority report that was against the ordination of women and the second was a majority report that favors the ordination



The *Gleaner* encourages Northwest members to prayerfully support the efforts of this process to establish a clear understanding of biblical principles.

North American Division Theology of Ordination Committee presents its report at the 2013 NAD year-end meetings.



of both men and women equally. Each side was given an allotment of time to present their findings to the NAD Year-end Meeting. The time allotment for each presentation was determined based upon the proportion of the vote of each proposal made to the committee. The findings of the committee can be viewed at nadordination.com.

NewsPoints: So did the NAD Executive Committee vote to approve the ordination of women after the report was given?

Bryant: No. The NAD Executive Committee voted to accept the report and to affirm its findings. This report will then be sent on to the General Conference TOSC. We did not vote to start accepting the ordination of women. That would be

moving ahead of the process that has been put in place by the General Conference. What we did was to inform the General Conference of where we stand as a division on this issue. We are prayerful that the world church can come to a consensus on this issue, and we can then focus on continuing the mission of the North American Division.

NewsPoints: What is the next step in this process and what can the members of the North American Division expect to happen?

Jackson: The General Conference TOSC will receive the report prepared by the NAD TOSC and will then examine it with all of the other division reports over the next six to eight months. A final report will be given to the General Conference and will be discussed at the 2014 General Conference Annual Council. At that time a decision will be made as to whether or not to move a motion to the 2015 General Conference Session. We are praying that the Holy Spirit will be upon this final meeting as this important issue is discussed and considered, and as we move forward with the Mission of the Church.

The *Gleaner* here notes that of the early reports the most assertive votes toward inclusion of women in ordination have come from divisions that together represent a significant percentage of title income for the world church but a relatively small percentage of church membership.

The *Gleaner* encourages Northwest members to prayerfully support the efforts of this process to establish a clear understanding of biblical principles and a policy that will foster worldwide unity toward our common mission as a church.

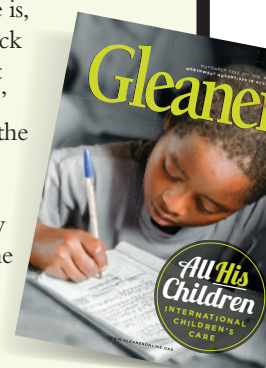
Further information, including a link to the extended NAD TOSC report, is available online at gleanernow.com. Select NW Roundtable from the main menu.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Correctness or Compassion?

I was saddened to read Lee Roy Holmes' letter [November 2013] regarding [the article "Beyond Belief Revisited," September 2013]. He states the church has "already gone too far in accommodating" those who might have arrived at different conclusions about "biblical correctness of the church's beliefs." With that prevailing attitude, is it a small wonder those who have left find little reason to return? What happened to love in this scenario? I'm not seeing it at all ... What I do see is, "If you want to come back to us, you need to accept our absolute correctness." How different might be the results if returnees were warmly welcomed, with whatever differences they might bring, to join in the worship of the Lord.

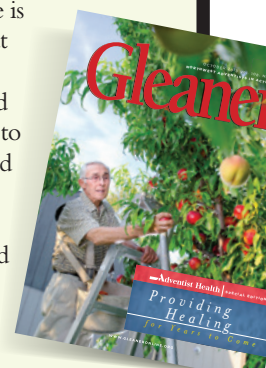
Charlene Knoop, Pateros, Wash.



Perfect Timing

I am considering writing a daunting book addressing a difficult topic. Your piece "Speechless" [Let's Talk, October 2013] impacted my process. [In fact, I had begun] to ask myself, "Who do you think you are to write on this topic, when your story of abuse is so pale compared to what so many have endured?" This morning I happened to turn to an old *Gleaner* to finish the articles I wanted to read and came across the "Speechless" piece. I believe it was an ordained moment, as it was just what I needed. I was reminded of Moses and Aaron all over again and about God's power to give us the words we need when we need them. And your words for me this morning arrived at just the right time.

Cheri Armstrong, Athena, Ore.



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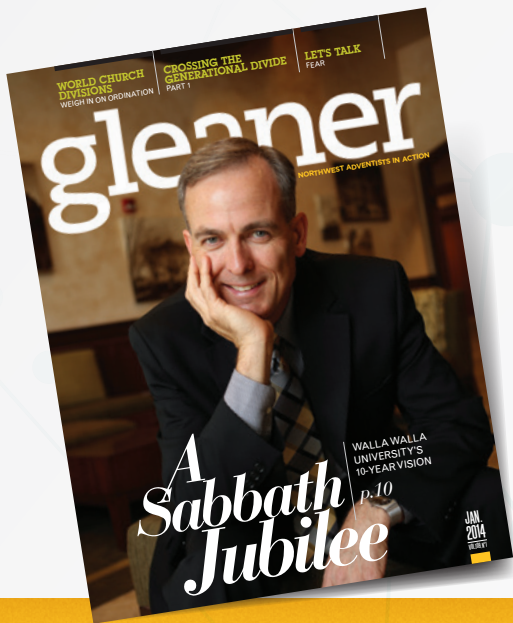
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The *GleanerNow* website at gleanernow.com posts news stories and information online soon after they are submitted. Your stories will no longer wait in line for a monthly print issue. Send us up-to-date stories, fresh from the event, with active, engaging photos.

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- » **PICTURE THIS** — Stories around the North Pacific Union are often best told in a picture. Even if you don't have a story to write, send us a fun and active photo that represents the most recent activity at your church, school or outreach event along with a short caption that describes the photo. Photos must be high resolution of 500KB file size or larger.
- » **INTERSECTIONS** — Here's where you'll find Northwest-wide news, reader letters, helpful bits of information and online links. Each month there'll be something unique and interesting.
- » **ENHANCED LOCAL NEWS** — Every other month your conference news section may include additional information for you and your local church, including messages from conference leaders, a calendar of upcoming events, special online links, etc.
- » **YOU SAID IT** — Do you have some personal perspectives to share on a spiritual topic? Would you like to share your personal testimony of God's love? Do you have a life-changing experience to relate? As space allows, we'll print selected submissions from our readers. Entries should be 500 to 800 words in length and include a high-res photo portrait of yourself.
- » **PERSPECTIVES** — Watch your 2014 *Gleaners* for added thought columns by regular authors. This month's issue features Seth Pierce, Puyallup (Wash.) Church pastor.

Your 2014 *Gleaner* will continue to grow as a connecting hub for Northwest Adventists. Watch for added features throughout the year,

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- » Dynamic advertising that allows advertisers to create their own advertisements and readers to access desired services through direct online connections — a sort of Northwest Adventist "Craigslist."
- » Submitted quotes/texts — Northwest members will be invited to send in their favorite quotes or texts each week for inclusion in *GleanerNow* and *GleanerWeekly*.
- » Northwest Adventist Mission photo/video contest — Enter to showcase what God is doing through your church or school.
- » Best Essay Contest — Send your thoughts on an assigned topic for an opportunity to be featured in our monthly You Said It section.
- » And the list of opportunities will continue to grow.

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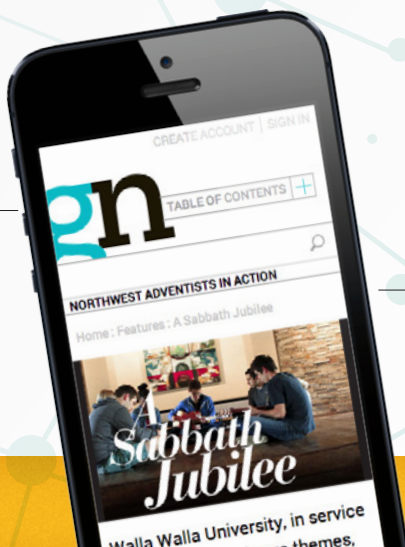


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Answering the Call of a Sabbath Jubilee

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he congregation uses a set of assigned Bible verses for each Sabbath service. So it is reverently that the assistant, the hazzan, places the correct scroll in the Guest's arms. With matching respect, the Guest unrolls the scroll, finds the correct place and reads the designated passage from the Pentateuch.

Next, the scroll of Isaiah is passed to the young, visiting Rabbi. This time He does not turn to the specified section. He selects His own passage:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18–19, ESV).

He rolls up the scroll of Isaiah the prophet, hands it to the hazzan, moves toward the center of the raised platform and sits down to expound the Scriptures.

To this point in Luke's story, all Jesus' words have been from Scripture. Now we are to hear directly from Him. He is poised to expound the Scriptures. And His words snap and sizzle in that little synagogue like a live and loose electric wire: "Today this Scripture stands fulfilled in your hearing" (verse 21).

The passage from Isaiah — with its words not from the prophet himself but from the Servant of Yahweh — is not just about Jesus. Jesus, as Servant of Yahweh and the Son of the Father, reissues the words on His own authority. In the ancient but renewed words, Jesus announces that His mission as "anointed One," as Christ, as Messiah, will be a transforming one for the poor, captives, the blind and the oppressed.

The culminating aspect of His mission is this: "... to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." All that is to happen in the Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25) is packaged up in Jesus as Messiah. Jesus draws on Isaiah's "jubiliary themes" of "release" and "the year of the Lord's favor." He announces the arrival of "the eschatological epoch of salvation, the time of God's gracious visitation, with ... Himself ... as its anointed herald."¹

We meet today at the beginning of a decade of Sabbath Jubilee — 2013–2023. We are called to understand Walla



John McVay, Walla Walla University president

Walla University as the theater of His grace, a place offering the rest of Sabbath and the release of the Year of Jubilee.

We assemble in that little synagogue in Nazareth. We listen to the Guest read the passage of His choosing. We whisper our evaluation of His reading skills. We hear the snap and sizzle of His declaration, "Today this Scripture stands fulfilled in your hearing." We hear a haunting, winsome call to join in the ministry of Jesus. And by the grace of Jesus, Herald of eschatological salvation, we answer the call, participate in His mission and experience Sabbath Jubilee.

1. Joel B. Green, "The Gospel of Luke," *New International Commentary on the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1997), p. 212.

Walla Walla University's

10 YEAR VISION

Walla Walla University, in service of its mission and core themes, will pursue a Decade of Sabbath Jubilee — celebrating and sharpening the best of who we are and what God has called us to be: *a university offering unparalleled higher education in the context of wholistic, Christian community.*

The seventh-day Sabbath, with its call to weekly rest and the rhythms of grace, is rooted in the creation story (Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:8–11). In Old Testament times, the year of Jubilee was celebrated as a year of rest and release (Leviticus 25:1–17).¹ Jesus powerfully joins Sabbath and Jubilee in a synagogue reading, announcing the arrival of “the year of the Lord’s favor” with good news offered to the poor, liberty to captives and the oppressed, and sight to the blind (Luke 4:16–21).

Together, trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students

will tune our ears to hear this announcement of Sabbath Jubilee by Jesus, exploring and actualizing its meanings for Walla Walla University. Sabbath Jubilee will inform everything we do as we seek the margin, balance and rest it harbors.

Our attention to this theme will be evidenced in five bold commitments:

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT ONE: ECONOMIC JUBILEE²

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a Biblical vision of economic Sabbath



Sabbath Jubilee

Jubilee — a fresh, resource reality marked by the absence of financial debt, the presence of fiscal margin, and the generous investment of funds toward academic innovation and campus life excellence. This economic jubilee will consist of three major objectives:

PRIORITY ONE: Annual Budget Margin of 10 Percent

Walla Walla University will adopt a key-stone habit of achieving an annual budget margin of 10 percent by the 2022–2023 fiscal year.³ This margin will be used to foster institutional sustainability and academic innovation.

PRIORITY TWO: Comprehensive Campaign

Walla Walla University will raise \$30 million in a comprehensive campaign for the purpose of growing our endowment, renewing our physical campuses and investing in academic innovation. This fundraising goal shall be realized by the completion of the 2019–2020 school year.

PRIORITY THREE: Enrollment Management

Walla Walla University will determine an appropriate student population size and strategy. This proactive enrollment management will assist institutional economic predictability and year-to-year stability.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT TWO: EXCELLENCE IN THOUGHT⁴

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a biblical vision of *academic Sabbath Jubilee*. Our motivation for all intellectual inquiry is original, and unsurpassed in importance: the Creator made the whole of creation *very good*. Upon completion of His creation, God invited human beings to join him in an enduring admiration and celebration of His creative excellence: *Sabbath Jubilee*. In the next decade, in service of this commitment, we shall pursue the following four objectives. This means we will sharpen our identity as *a university offering unparalleled higher education in the context of wholistic, Christian community*.

PRIORITY ONE: Balance and Wellness

We will ensure that the values of balance and wellness mark our academic life.

PRIORITY TWO: Student Success

We will design and implement a more structured student success strategy that will feature an invigorated academic advising process and a personal success plan for each undergraduate student.

PRIORITY THREE: Faculty Excellence

We will develop clear markers of excellence for faculty in teaching, advising, professionalism and scholarship within a framework of heightened accountability and increased remuneration.

PRIORITY FOUR: Innovative Curricula

We will emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving and communication as essential skills by integrating them across



the curriculum and student life. Early in this decade, we will redesign all curricula to ensure: 1) scope of requirements encourages student success, 2) delivery meets sustainability goals, and 3) each curriculum is innovative and forward-looking.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT THREE: GENEROSITY IN SERVICE⁵

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a Biblical vision of *humanitarian Sabbath Jubilee*. This means all members of our academic community — the board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students will participate in service to our world. Walla Walla University will work to intentionally prepare our students for a



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lifetime of dedicated service to God, the church and the world. In the next decade, in service of this commitment, we shall pursue the following three objectives:

PRIORITY ONE: Department of Community Service and Mission

Walla Walla University will develop a department of community service and mission for the purposes of defining university-wide expectations for service and developing service opportunities and service learning in both local and global evangelistic and humanitarian work.

PRIORITY TWO: Signature Service Project

Walla Walla University will develop an institutional level, long-term service relationship — whereby Walla Walla University serves its community with a *signature project/relationship*. Walla Walla University will become “known” for this endeavor.

PRIORITY THREE: Low-debt and No-debt Trajectories

Walla Walla University will develop and implement low-debt and no-debt



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PRIORITY THREE: Sharing the Arts

Walla Walla University will infuse beauty into the Walla Walla Valley — deploying faculty, staff and students in an effort to bring the arts to under-served communities, with particular attention to children who enjoy little or no access to music and visual art.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT FIVE: FAITH IN GOD⁷

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a Biblical vision of *faith-focused Sabbath Jubilee*, in the tradition of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity. To this end, we commit ourselves to the following three objectives:

PRIORITY ONE: Center for Sabbath Celebration

Walla Walla University will form a Center for Sabbath Celebration. This new entity will promote — within Adventism and beyond — the way a Sabbath-keeping and a Sabbath lifestyle can bring glory to God, and health and beauty to human community.

convocations, Sabbath Schools, church services and other gatherings — to ensure each student has opportunity to consider Christian faith and practice in a thorough and systematic way and to reflect on philosophical, doctrinal and behavioral questions relevant to the contemporary world.

1. In the Year of Jubilee, captives were set free, land was returned to the original owners, and debts were forgiven. It was Sabbath extended: "The 50th year in a series of seven Sabbatical



trajectories to help students more easily live as post-graduates in productive service to God, church and the world.

SABBATH JUBILEE COMMITMENT FOUR: BEAUTY IN EXPRESSION⁶

Walla Walla University will pursue, and celebrate, a Biblical vision of *aesthetic Sabbath Jubilee*. We will, over the next decade, commit ourselves to these three objectives, three expressions of beauty:

PRIORITY ONE: Campus Beautification

Walla Walla University will beautify its physical campuses with the elimination of *all* deferred maintenance and the renovation and renewal of existing buildings.

PRIORITY TWO: Professionalism

Walla Walla University will develop a new professionalism program for all students, including academic and non-academic experiences, wherein men and women are taught to live, act and work — to express themselves, as leaders — with beauty, excellence and grace.



PRIORITY TWO: Partnering with Churches and Schools

Walla Walla University will strengthen its service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the formation of fresh partnerships with local congregations and elementary and secondary schools of the North Pacific Union Conference. We will form teams of *skilled* students who will provide support to these church and school communities.

PRIORITY THREE: Religious Instruction

Walla Walla University will consider carefully all major religious instruction on our campuses — theology courses,

Years. The Year of Jubilee (from Heb. *yobel*, 'ram's horn') is the last layer in the extension of the sabbath principle that begins with the day of rest every seventh day, extended in the Sabbatical Year fallow every seventh year, to the Jubilee." Robin J. DeWitt Knauth, "Jubilee, Year of" in *Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible* (2000), p. 743.

2. Sabbath Jubilee calls us to economic Jubilee, to live with fiscal margin and the absence of debt (Leviticus 25:1–17).
3. The concept of a "keystone habit" comes from the book *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do In Life and Business* by Charles Duhigg (Random House, 2012).
4. Sabbath Jubilee invites us to think on the excellence of God's creation (Genesis 1:31–2:3).
5. Sabbath Jubilee invites us to serve our fellow human beings (Deuteronomy 15:1–11; Luke 4:18–19, NIV).
6. Sabbath Jubilee gathers us to celebrate the beauty of God and to express ourselves with grace and beauty (Psalm 27:4; Mark 14:6).
7. Sabbath Jubilee grounds us in faithful worship of God and faithful following of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Exodus 20:8–11; Mark 2:27–28).

El Pastor José Rojas dirigiéndose a la audiencia en una de sus inspiradoras presentaciones.



YAKIMA REVIVE OFRECE UNA EXPERIENCIA DIGNA DE REPETIR

A tan sólo 60 millas al sur del Monte Rainier en el Estado de Washington, siendo la octava ciudad más grande del estado, se encuentra Yakima, ciudad que cuenta en la

Los líderes de las iglesias del área decidieron organizar un programa evangelístico multicultural llamado Yakima REVIVE. En donde líderes de las iglesias hispanas de Yakima Tres Ángeles y Yakima

Connections, localizada en el centro de la ciudad de Yakima.

La presencia adventista en esta ciudad comparada con el total de la población enfrenta un gran reto, por ello con el fin de difundir el mensaje de

Dios a través de la predicación durante Yakima REVIVE, el Pastor Rojas predicó la Palabra con poder en español y en inglés. Cada día, muchas personas salieron inspiradas a revivir su caminar con Dios; a la misma vez que muchas otras hicieron un pacto con Dios a través del bautismo. Todos los presentes experimentaron el gozo que se

encuentra al estar en la presencia de Dios.

En cada momento comprobamos la mano y bendición del Señor sobre este proyecto. Además hubo un programa especial dedicado a los niños, bajo la dirección

del Pastor Moisés Ramírez, quienes disfrutaron de un programa muy interactivo donde aprendieron que Jesús es nuestro súper héroe. Teniendo como fin no sólo dar a conocer el mensaje del cielo, a adultos sino también a jóvenes y niños.

Cabe resaltar que dentro de las actividades evangelísticas realizadas fue una bendición poder ver trabajar a todas las iglesias hermanas juntas bajo la bandera de Cristo. Sin duda Yakima requiere de la ayuda de Dios y la inspiración del Espíritu Santo para llevar a Cristo a sus habitantes. Agradecemos a Dios pues Yakima REVIVE no habría sido posible sin la colaboración del ministerio Hispano de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia y del Pastor Ramón Canals de la Unión del Pacífico Norte. Yakima REVIVE fue una experiencia poderosa e inspiradora para la comunidad del valle de Yakima.

Claudio Diaz, es el pastor del distrito hispano de Yakima en la Conferencia de Upper Columbia, Washington.



Un grupo juvenil de alabanzas fue parte importante al dirigir los momentos previos a los mensajes de cada noche.

actualidad con una población de mas de 93,000 habitantes de los cuales cerca del 41 por ciento son hispanos. Es en esta ciudad donde durante la semana del 20 al 26 de octubre recibimos la visita del Pastor José Rojas para una gran celebración.

Hispana, junto con las iglesias anglo Yakima y Yakima Connections, trabajaron juntas para traer a la comunidad al conocimiento de la esperanza encontrada en Cristo Jesús. Las reuniones se llevaron a cabo en la iglesia de Yakima



Ross and Geanna Brower are using their training in drug and alcohol rehabilitation to help the residents of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island.

ALASKA CALLING ALL MISSIONARIES

Why would Ross and Geanna Brower leave their comfortable home in Idaho to move to the village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island? This Eskimo village is located 35 miles off the coast of Siberia in western arctic Alaska. They had been under deep conviction for some time that they were to use their skills and training in alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and God called them to this area.

Why would Tony and Irene Sherman, now in their fourth year, work in northern Alaska in the village of Shungnak? Why would they leave their nice home in Delta Junction, Alaska, to move into a little one-room cabin in order to restart the work in that village next to the Brooks Range — a village where the work of the church had been dormant for almost three decades? They had been under conviction for some time that they were to use their skills and training, and so God called them to this area of Alaska.

Perhaps you have sensed a calling from God. Perhaps He's bringing you under conviction that you are to leave your comfortable home and work for Him. We are looking for dedicated public school teachers, self-supporting lay pastors and tentmaking bi-vocational pastors, as well as missionaries willing to serve in remote areas of Alaska. Perhaps He's calling you.



Kids from the village of Shungnak are valued members of God's family.



Tony and Irene Sherman are in their fourth year of serving the village of Shungnak in northern Alaska.



Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



Visit our website at alaskaconference.org for more information.



WRANGELL HOSTS WINTER VBS

Wrangell Church recently hosted a mini Vacation Bible School, themed “Hay Day for Jesus” and

then their surprise at receiving four times as many back after his conversion.

Charleen Williams, who organized the event, says, “This was a tremendous team effort in outreach. Our youth and most of our adults participated in one way or another.”

The program’s timing was unique. “Here in Wrangell numerous churches conduct VBS programs during the summer,” says Wil-

liams. “We are trying something a little different by having a mini VBS during the winter on two nights, ending with the Sabbath services.” Organizers believe the program was successful, and they look forward to doing it again.

Everett, a 6-year-old attendee, said it best: “It was so cool!”

Howard and Charleen Williams, Petersburg and Wrangell churches pastoral team



Music and stories emphasize Jesus as our Friend during the mini VBS.

centered around harvest time. The church was transformed into a farm, complete with barn, pasture, vegetable stand, cows, and even a live rabbit and chicken. Excitement began to mount as kids got to sit on a real saddle and have their picture taken.

The theme emphasized Jesus as our friend and highlighted the Bible stories of Joseph, Zaccheus and Jesus’ resurrection. Imagine the children’s disappointment upon having to pay half of their chocolate-filled gold coins to Zaccheus and



Kids don farm-style hats during Wrangell’s harvest-themed Vacation Bible School.



Anchorage Community Church members have seen the Holy Spirit bring many to Christ during their ongoing series of meetings.

ANCHORAGE SERIES DRAWS PEOPLE TO CHRIST

The ongoing Christ Our Hope evangelistic series being held at the Anchorage Community Church has triggered a buzz of interest across Anchorage. Don West, who recently assumed leadership of the congregation, has led his listeners to a clearer view of Christ and the truths of the gospel.

The widespread interest in the series was vividly demonstrated on Sabbath evening, Nov. 22, when more than 100 attendees showed up to listen to West’s lecture on the entertainment industry, entitled “The Dark Side of the Screen.” A large number of young people responded to his appeal to do away with the distractions that divert attention from what matters most — namely, the cultivation of love for the Word of God and personal communion with God.

Sentiera Stricklin, a young woman who had been visiting Anchorage Community Church for some time, says the series answered many questions that have perplexed her. She is making plans to be baptized.

Alfred Anderson, Anchorage Community Church elder, also saw the benefit of this evangelism. “I’ve witnessed firsthand night after night the moving power of God speaking through the mouth of His servant,” Anderson says. “I’ve witnessed people coming forward nightly as appeals were made The truth has set them free, and they want to share [this experience] with their families and friends.”

The series has blessed both guests and members.

Tracia Howell-West, Anchorage Community Church member

IDAHO HOLDS FIRST ELDERS' RETREAT

The final song, "Side by Side," brought the group together, united in the purpose of sharing the good news in each community.

Fifty-two local church elders from almost half of the churches and companies in the Idaho Conference, plus many of their spouses,

Elders join in prayer after sharing their joys and challenges.



EVE RUSK



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met at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall for the inaugural Idaho Conference Elders' Retreat, Nov. 8–10, 2013.

By dinner on Friday evening, 92 people had arrived, enjoyed a delicious meal and started getting acquainted with other elders from across the conference. The atmosphere was relaxed, with an undercurrent of curiosity. Jerry Nickell, Baker City (Ore.) Church head elder, led music, and Carl Cosaert from Walla Walla University presented on 1 Timothy based on his study for the *New International Bible Commentary*. He brought clearer meaning to many passages, on topics relevant to local church elders today.

Patrick Frey, Idaho Conference school superintendent, shared the importance and challenges of Adventist Christian education. John Rogers, Idaho Conference vice president for finance, showed how God has blessed the conference through finances and shared some of the challenges some organizations are meeting.



EVE RUSK

Carl Cosaert, guest speaker, kept everyone engaged with his knowledge and down-to-earth style.

David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, closed the Sabbath with a vespers. He asked the elders and their spouses to gather into groups of six or eight, mixing with elders from other churches. He posed two questions: "What is the greatest joy in your church?" and "What is the greatest challenge in your church?"

Lively, sometimes intense, discussion followed, as members of each group shared from their hearts. Connections were made, as elders realized that they were not alone in the kinds of challenges and joys that each church encountered. After sharing, each group prayed together.

Douglas and Darla Roe, Camp Ida-Haven ranger and director, shared the blessings of the summer camp season

and expressed appreciation for the churches that sponsor their youth at summer camp.

The final event of the evening was a screening of *The Blueprint*, the third documentary of the Adventist Church by Martin Doblmeier. Those who saw it were treated to a view of Adventist Christian education through his eyes.

Part of the purpose of the free retreat was to show appreciation for the work of church elders. One person commented on the evaluation form, "It's wonderful to be appreciated for the effort we put into our church's ministries."

Another wrote, "The topic was so appropriate and useful. I enjoyed interacting and praying with others."

The retreat was energizing for Prest as well, and he has already begun planning for the 2014 retreat.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication assistant director

The Warren Walikonis Memorial Exercise Trail encompasses the campus at a total length of just under one mile.



KEVIN EMMERSON

MEA ALUM GIVES GIFT OF EXERCISE

Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman installed an exercise trail during the summer of 2013 that is making a lasting impact both on the campus and in the lives of students. Completed just prior to fall registration, the Warren Walikonis Memorial Exercise Trail encompasses the campus at a total length of just under 1 mile and represents the latest fulfillment of another component of the campus master plan.

The trail is a gift from the family of MEA alumnus Warren Walikonis, '74. Following Walikonis' sudden death in 2012, his widow, Dawn, began contemplating making a gift in his memory somewhere in Montana. "Warren was a homegrown Montana man," she explains. "Mount Ellis meant so much to Warren. He made so many friends during his years there. ... He kept crossing paths throughout his life with teachers and classmates from his years at MEA, and it meant a lot to have those connections."

Dawn contacted then-principal Darren Wilkins and began discussing a memorial gift to MEA. After considering a few options, Dawn felt drawn to the exercise trail. "Warren was so active," she explains.

"He liked sports, basketball, volleyball, etc., and the trail just seemed something unique that would fit his personality. If this trail can help enhance the physical component [of education] and continue to help future generations of students, so much the better."

The trail is now in daily use. Students run laps for fitness class, while others enjoy the trail for more casual strolls with therapeutic purposes. "It's a great way to wind down from the stress of classes," said one junior recently. The hope is that the lesson of those stress-relieving

benefits extends throughout the students' lives, making the Warren Walikonis Memorial Exercise Trail a gift with benefits that last long beyond the students' time at MEA.

Kevin Emmerson, MEA development director

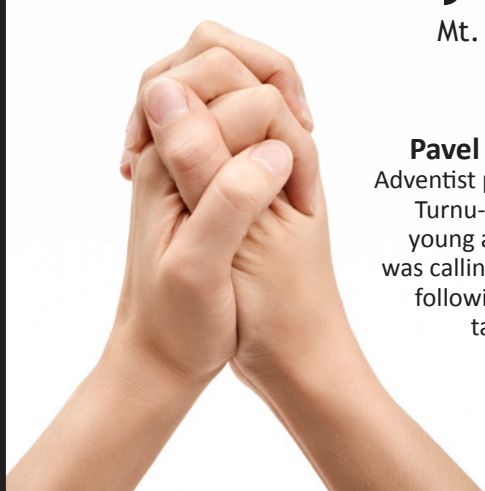


Constructing the Warren Walikonis Memorial Exercise Trail.

KEVIN EMMERSON

Montana Prayer Conference

Mt. Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2014



Pavel Goia, featured speaker, an Adventist pastor, was born in Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania. At a very young age, Pavel clearly knew God was calling him to ministry. However, following His calling is not an easy task in a communist country.



Be filled with wonder at God's love in action as Pavel shares miraculous stories of answered prayers.

OREGON WOMEN'S RETREAT STREAMED LIVE

This year's Oregon Conference women's ministries team wanted more women to have access to the blessings of the women's retreat — women who couldn't travel, who couldn't be away from home overnight or who couldn't afford to go. As good as watching a recording might be, the team wanted women to be able to see the retreat as it was happening.

A camera crew was put together by Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director, and groups were invited to join the retreat via live Internet streaming.

Elizabeth Talbot's visual aids included layers of trash bags — and a crown.



People had lots of questions and concerns, including if at least five sites would participate, if people would still attend the main retreat and if streaming would be cost-prohibitive.

In the end, the main retreat was full, and almost 15 sites participated remotely. The technology was free, and the camera crew's expenses were minimal. All that the churches needed was an Internet connection and projection system.

The planning team was determined for filming to be professionally done, of course, but they didn't want the retreat to become such a production that the feeling of authenticity was lost. "We just worked to put on a fabulous, Spirit-filled retreat," they explain, "and then to share that experience with as many groups around the conference as possible."

"I was impressed that the presentations were so effective on screen," says Mary McIntosh of the Riverside (Wash.) Church.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our women's retreat here in Grants Pass," says Heide Wilson. "Some of the women were even inviting their neighbors."

Seven sessions were streamed live, including four with keynote speaker Elizabeth Talbot, the breakout sessions by Ginny Allen and Lucille Ball,



Noah's wife, portrayed by Janice Nelson, gave a powerful personal testimony about following the Lord.

and the program portion of Sunday morning's prayer breakfast. Sabbath morning's main session included the personal testimony of Noah's wife, as portrayed by Janice Nelson.

Wanda Vaz and Timari Brower also presented breakouts at the Eagle Crest site, and Nita Yuros led out in the teens' program.

Sites had a great deal of flexibility in how they planned their event. A group in Baker City gathered on cozy living room couches and watched the retreat on a big TV. The

Lents Church in Portland had it projected on the wall in their gym — and added a Saturday night slumber party option. Some churches asked women to sign up in advance; others invited women to just show up.

The next retreat will be Oct. 17–19 at Eagle Crest Resort, with JoAnn Davidson. Will it be streamed live again? Yes. Meanwhile anyone can watch the 2013 retreat for free on the women's ministries page of OregonConference.org.

Cheri Corder, Oregon Conference women's ministries director



Teens enjoyed the retreat as well and presented part of Sunday morning's program.

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LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS RESULT IN FALLS CITY BAPTISM

All heaven, along with the Falls City Church and Darlene Strand's extended family, celebrated as she was baptized Oct. 26, 2013, by Steve Gilmore, her brother-in-law and pastor of the Elgin and Enterprise churches.

Strand grew up in a Christian home and was dedicated as a child in the Baptist Church.



Darlene Strand was baptized at the Falls City Church by her brother-in-law, Steve Gilmore, who pastors the Elgin and Enterprise churches.

In her early 20s, her older sister, Merrilou, was baptized into the Adventist Church. Strand was intrigued by her sister's decision but was told by her local pastor that Adventism is a cult.

Over the years, Merrilou continued to share. Merrilou's husband, Steve, was baptized into the Adventist Church though he had always been against religion. Strand and her husband divorced.

As Merrilou shared, Strand's interest in the Adventist Church grew. She became convinced of the true Sabbath and began studying with an Adventist neighbor, Cheryl Androes.

When Strand moved away, Androes asked Pat Biro, the local Bible worker, to connect with her. Studies began, and this time Strand was willing to commit each step of the way.

Just before Strand was baptized, she gave a beautiful testimony of having

found complete freedom in Jesus.

Larry Scofield, Falls City Church communication leader



Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference member ministries and evangelism director, speaks during Cowboy Church.

PRINEVILLE ANSWERS CALL TO COWBOY CHURCH

“Come over to Macedonia and help us.” Doesn't this sound familiar? The Prineville Church received a similar request from Phil and Lavern Moerschell, owners of the Post Ranch, in May 2012, when Lavern transferred her membership to the Prineville Church.

The Moerschells' ranch had previously hosted a team of singers who held Cowboy Church once or twice a month for the ranchers in the area, about 35 miles east of Prineville. The group missed the service and asked Prineville Church members to restart the program.

In answer, a small group led by Miles and Marilyn Matthews has been holding a monthly service in Post, Ore., since July 2012 with Nate Hellman as the main preacher. Attendance ranges between 15 and 20 plus the group from the Prineville Church, and a hearty potluck dinner follows the service.

Chuck Burkeen, Oregon Conference member ministries and evangelism director, preached at the Cowboy

Nathan Hellman, Madras and Prineville churches pastor, is the main preacher for Cowboy Church.

Church on Oct. 20, 2013. “I had a great time worshipping with the cowboy congregation in Post, Ore.,” he says. “Missionary service doesn't always have to be done at some far-off outpost across the world. There are communities in our own backyard that are yearning for the gospel message. The Cowboy Church service in Post is a good example of the Christian warmth, fellowship and joyful response that results when we take time to share the good news right at home, just like the members of the Prineville Church are doing. And it was great worshipping in a sanctuary that featured tractors, quads and farming implements.”

Yolanda Jahn, Prineville Church communication leader



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PAA JOINS COMMUNITY TO MOURN FALLEN HERO



ZACH WHITE

More than 700 cars comprised the procession to honor Robert Libke, an Oregon City Police reserve officer killed in the line of duty.

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) staff and students joined the greater Portland community to mourn a local hero. “It was a sobering sight,” says Linda Neel, PAA teacher. “Flashing lights for as far as you could see, and the procession lasted for at least 30 minutes. There was sadness for the family and pride in seeing the Portland community come together in such an amazing way.”

The memorial procession, including more than 700 vehicles and hundreds of police officers from Oregon, Idaho and Washington, honored Oregon City Police Reserve Officer Robert Libke, a husband, father and friend shot and killed in the line of duty while performing a heroic act.

While traveling 20 miles from Oregon City to the memorial site in Portland, the procession passed PAA. Students and teachers stretched a banner across the overpass so Libke’s mourners could see. It read, “Portland Adventist Academy Thanks Officer Libke for His Services.”

“Many of the officers waved, honked, sounded their sirens and took pictures as they drove by,” says Neel. “The kids seemed impressed by the magnitude of the procession and sobered by the moment.”

PAA alumnus Alan Kaiser, reserve officer and a member of one the first-responding SWAT teams, was riding in the procession with his wife and teammate. “We had been silent with tears running down our faces,”

says Kaiser. “But when I saw you guys, I just had to break the silence and tell my teammate that was my school. I was so proud of my PAA family.”

As local television journalists reported the event live, thousands of Portlanders living or working near the procession route made their way to overpasses or roadsides to wave flags, salute and simply watch in reverence for the servants who keep their communities safe.

“Tears come to my eyes any time I dwell on the possibility of my family losing me,” explains Kaiser. “But just as strong is my belief that I’m where I’m supposed to be. God gave me strong desires to fill these roles and then brought

me to this place by opening many doors and giving me many blessings.”

“As teachers, we need to find ways to show our students the importance of participating in community events,” concludes Neel. “But even more important is to give them opportunities to show compassion and appreciation for others. Often times the most important life lessons happen outside of the classroom. Certainly, this was something none of us will ever forget.”

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



PAA students line an overpass to show respect for a community hero and learn more about sacrifice as a hero’s memorial procession drove past.

MILO STUDENT CHAPLAINS IGNITE PASSION FOR JESUS

At Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, student chaplains are charged with igniting a passion for Jesus on campus, which is no small task.

“Being a student chaplain has been an eye-opening adventure for me,” says Christine Lomeland, senior student chaplain. “It’s exciting when you step outside of your comfort zone to watch what God can do.”

Student chaplains work alongside the pastor to develop programming that is meaningful, engaging and relevant to the student body. One such program is a student-led prayer meeting on Tuesday nights, called ReCharge. “ReCharge gives students a chance to relax, take a break from their busy schedules and spend some time with God in prayer,” explains Jared Sexton, sophomore student chaplain.

Though the programming is important, the interpersonal

relationships student chaplains develop with other students lead to some of the most spiritual moments on campus. “My absolute favorite part of this job are the talks and prayers I’ve had with fellow students and staff, listening to the challenges they face every day and the ways that God is working in their lives,” Lomeland says.

Of course, these student chaplains often meet resistance. “The Great Controversy is very real and is taking place all around us,” Sexton relays. “But if I have learned anything at all through being a student chaplain, it is this: No matter how hard Satan is working, God is with us, and He is stronger.”

Milo staff members pray God blesses as these teens demonstrate the love of Christ to others.

Chad Reisig, Milo Academy Church pastor



Milo Academy’s campus ministries team includes (from left) Jared Sexton and Christine Lomeland, student chaplains, as well as their pastor, Chad Reisig.



The Grants Pass Adventist School worship and praise team lead song service during Education Sabbath.

GRANTS PASS ADVENTIST SCHOOL ENJOYS ACTIVE AUTUMN

From chapel time to coursework and after-school activities, students and staff at the Grants Pass Adventist School are focused on the theme of love this year — loving one another as Jesus expects.

Holding to that theme, the school held its annual Harvest Festival on Nov. 2, 2013. The evening began with opening remarks from Phil Ermshar, principal, followed by an inspirational song service. Kids were anxious to get to the various games set up in the gym. The line to purchase tickets for games and veggie burgers stretched all the way down the hall.

The event included a ping pong tournament, silent auction and the Adventist Book Center available for browsing. The eighth grade sold enough veggie burgers and smoothies to raise about \$1,300 for an end-of-the-year trip, and home and school raised \$2,000. Volunteers, staff and students worked together in the spirit of love to make the event a success.

The school held the first of several Education Sabbaths on Nov. 9, 2013, at Gateway

Church, one of the school’s five constituent churches. Following the principal’s opening remarks, the praise team led worship and song, followed by special music from the kindergarten class. Grades one through three led the reading of 1 Cor. 13:4–6. The drama class presented *The Heavenly Express*. Two eighth-graders presented a sermonette.



Heidi Martin, with her kids Moriah and Elijah, enjoy the Harvest Festival.

All around God’s love is reflected by the staff and students of the Grants Pass Adventist School.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

RVAA WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Rogue Valley Adventist Academy (RVAA) in Medford has welcomed two new staff members to the RVAA campus this year.

With a business marketing degree and experience in small-business accounting, Paul Meulemans is well-equipped to ensure that RVAA's finances run smoothly as he serves as its business manager. Meulemans' background also includes experience in construction, maintenance and auto mechanics, enabling him to oversee campus maintenance as part of his

Ann Campbell, the new Rogue Valley Adventist Academy principal, visits with students.



position. His goals for RVAA include bolstering admissions by creating a marketing coalition and, above all, taking every opportunity to show the awesome love of Jesus Christ to the young people.

The school's new principal, Ann Campbell, is no stranger to southern Oregon, having attended RVAA (then Rogue Valley Junior Academy) for most of her elementary and academy years before obtain-

ing her bachelor's degree from Walla Walla University and master's degree from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. "I wanted to come home to my roots, to be near my family," Campbell says. "Through my career, I have felt



Paul Meulemans and his wife, Shelli, came to Medford so Paul could serve as the Rogue Valley Adventist Academy business manager.

the Lord's call to serve Him. I believe God called me back to Medford."

Campbell clearly loves being with the students and feeling their love for Jesus. RVAA students and staff alike sense her passion for education and appreciate the positive, Christ-like leadership she demonstrates.

"I believe in building relationships with students, parents and staff," Campbell explains. "It is an important part of building up a positive program. Most importantly, I want to help students build a lasting relationship with Jesus."

Michelle Wachter, RVAA Gleaner correspondent

GRANTS PASS HOSTS CHIP PROGRAM

The first Sunday of most months, the Grants Pass CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) hosts an educational program. Classes have included everything from breadmaking to the basics of gardening and holiday recipes. November's program, held on a Monday, Nov. 5, 2013, welcomed speaker Urs Bryner.

Born and raised in Switzerland, Bryner, a general and vascular surgeon, completed his medical training in the United States under the sponsorship of American doctors. In return he has helped others complete their medical training. He is dedicated to teaching healthful living, inside and out of his practice in Yreka, Calif.

The event began with prayer and a healthy Thai buffet prepared by Thai BBQ restaurant staff. About 50 guests sampled multiple dishes, including salad rolls and curry with brown rice.

During the evening's lecture, Bryner presented

A backpack provides a visual demonstration during the CHIP education event.



Grants Pass Church hosted a CHIP educational lecture with Urs Bryner, a surgeon, as the presenter.

statistics regarding obesity in America. For example, being overweight accounts for about 18 percent of U.S. deaths each year for people 40–85 years old. The average American is now at least 23 pounds overweight. As many as 18 percent of our children are obese.

According to Bryner the only answer to obesity is a lifestyle change that includes a plant-based diet, drinking lots of water, getting plenty of exercise and praying daily. The crowd left with bellies full of healthy food and a reminder of a more healthful lifestyle.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

MY 2014 DREAMS FOR UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

NEW DINING COMMONS OPENS

Upper Columbia Academy seniors pitch in with the heavy lifting as campus opens new cafeteria. Read more at glnr.in/ucc-ucacafe.



THOUSANDS JOURNEY TO MANGER

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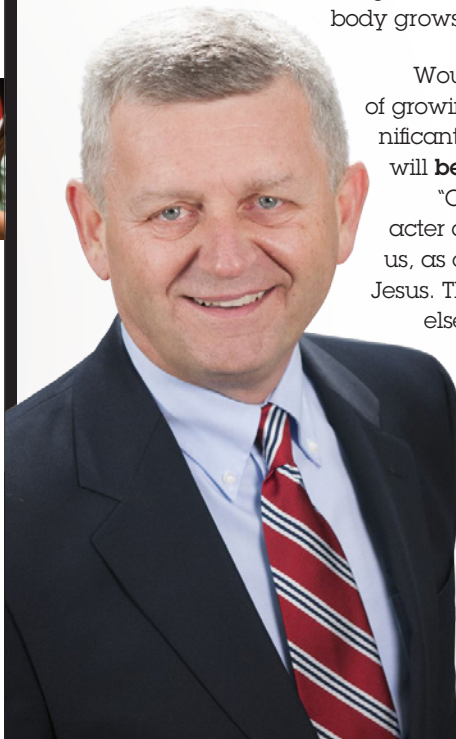
- » Living a life worthy of Christ's calling: to be humble, gentle, patient, tolerant in love, eager to maintain unity.
- » Believing that we are one church with one Spirit — just as we were called to one hope in the Seventh-day Adventist Church — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.
- » Acknowledging that grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers ...
- » Equipping us for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, in order to become mature, to the measure of the fullness of Christ (**to become like Jesus**). Then we will no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.
- » Speaking the truth in love, to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and held together. When each part is working properly the body grows so that it builds itself up in love.

Would you resolve with me to embrace this life of growing to become like Jesus? As we spend significant time each day in the Bible with Jesus, we will **become more like Him**.

"Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Others will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to us a power that nothing else can give. ... We must live a twofold life — a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work" (paraphrased from *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 512).

By God's grace I invite you to join me in this resolution for 2014.

Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president



DERBY POINTS KIDS TO ETERNAL RACE



Columbia Basin Pathfinders wait for another race to begin.

Three, two, one ... go! Kid-carved, 5-ounce pine cars take off down a long wooden track. Speed is determined by the volume of the spectators' cheers, it seems. Kids are fully engaged and having a blast.



Hand-carved cars line up and prepare ready to race.



Terminal cancer couldn't keep Frosty Cross (left), Columbia Basin Pathfinder district coordinator, away from the 2013 Pinewood Derby. Cross, along with Carl Kostoff, Kennewick (Wash.) Nighthawk's staff member, radiate with the joy of working with God's kids.

What kind of event could this be? It's Columbia Basin Pathfinder's annual Pinewood Derby.

"We have participated in the Pinewood Derby for at least

15 years, and it has never lost its spark to energize our Pathfinders," says Larry Mays, Sunnyside (Wash.) Church pastor and SonRays Pathfinders director. This year's derby hosted 114 registered cars. Each car raced four times, and each Pathfinder received ribbons for "show" as well as for racing.

Right at the center of all the action were Columbia Basin area coordinators Frosty and June Cross. Coordinators for 17 years, the Crosses have hosted derbies for 20 successive years. For them, Pathfinders is about something much more profound than blue ribbons; Pathfinders is about reaching kids for Jesus.

Every year the Crosses devote countless hours to derbies, teen mission adventures, honors days, jamborees, investitures, Bible bowls and, Frosty's per-

sonal favorite, attending Pathfinder baptisms. Even a recent diagnosis of advanced cancer couldn't keep Frosty away from "his" kids this fall.

In return, the Pathfinders couldn't be more enthusiastic about their love for Frosty. Alex Parkhurst, a 14-year-old Wind Valley Arrows (Cle Elum, Wash.) Pathfinder, writes, "He [Frosty] is on fire for God. Even though he was in pain and sick, I'm very appreciative that Frosty had the will to drive to our church and give us four guys our baptismal pins."

Marlee Montgomery, also a teen Pathfinder from Wind Valley, adds, "When we need him, Frosty is there. I love how he is always smiling, even when anyone else would think that he has every right to stay home and mope around, but instead he is hanging out with us."

"Pathfinders is truly his mission. He loves the kids," says Cindy Johnson, Othello (Wash.) Outreachers director. "He has such a rapport with them and truly wants them all to find Jesus."

For Mays, "Frosty is the epitome of Pathfinding."

David Parkhurst, Wind Valley Arrows director, agrees with many others when he says, "I am blessed to have him as a mentor." Indeed Frosty has challenged Columbia Basin Pathfinders to participate in another race where every participant can also be a winner — a race where the prize is eternal life.

Jennifer Mundall, Ellensburg Church communication leader

Editor's Note: Frosty Cross died Dec. 5, 2013. "I will never be able to express how much I will miss him," says Wayne Hicks, UCC Pathfinder director. "He brought to me, to you, this world and especially to his family, an understanding of what it meant to be a 'servant of God and a friend to man.'"

SUMMIT NORTHWEST OPENS IN POST FALLS

Summit Northwest Ministries recently transitioned from its rented church in Newman Lake, Wash., to its own facility in Post Falls, Idaho. The congregation's opening service on Nov. 9, 2013, was held just two days after they had received their occupancy permit.

More than 350 people — double normal attendance — came for the worship time, even with no advertising. Two young people, cousins Thomas Tiffany and Angel Pugh, were baptized, and Jimmy Johnson, Upper Columbia Conference trust services treasurer, presented the church with \$50,000.

The journey from Newman Lake to Post Falls was a successful but long journey made through the blessing of God. Ron Hessel, Summit Northwest Ministries pastor, reminded the congregation, "We built and remodeled this building to be a solitary place where we can connect with God so that we can take His love into our community, not to just stay and enjoy the new facility." He compared their plans to how

Jesus withdrew to a solitary place to connect with God in order to go out and love the people.

This ministry began in the summer of 2004 and met in the Post Falls Outlet Mall. Then the group moved to the Newman Lake site in 2007. As they outgrew that building, they looked for a larger facility.



Don Roper
Ron Hessel preaches the first sermon in the new church.

When members discovered the Post Falls Theater was up for sale, they made an offer in January 2010. This was rejected. A year and a half later they were asked to make another offer. After several negotiations an offer was accepted for less than their initial offer, and they finalized the purchase in January 2012.



RON HESSEL

Inna Zaharie, Nancy Billington and Patti Anast paint a wall mural in the first- to third-grade Sabbath School classroom.

Construction and demolition began in April 2012. The theater consisted of six theaters and an upstairs projection hall. Two of the theaters will eventually become the worship center. The opening Sabbath utilized just one of the rooms. Members plan to tear down a dividing wall and expand the worship center to hold 400 as funds are available.

Remodeling has been a huge undertaking, with 500,000 pounds of gravel and concrete needed to level four of the theaters to make a fellowship hall and classroom space. In spite of this, a financial analysis shows that after the remodel is complete, the group will have spent about half of what it would cost to build a structure of this size.

Future construction will include a kitchen, roof repair, multimedia development and the worship center expansion.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication department administrative assistant



DON ROPER

The new Summit Northwest Church's exterior welcomes the Post Falls, Idaho, community as well as neighboring areas.



UCA student Mike Evans demonstrates some welding techniques for visiting students.

OTHELLO PATHFINDERS FILL FOOD BASKETS

The Othello (Wash.) Pathfinders began their annual food outreach program for the holiday season well in advance. The last Wednesday of October they walked through the neighborhood surrounding the local Adventist church handing out notes and empty grocery bags. The notes explained the annual food drive for needy families and invited households to leave filled bags on their porches the next week or expect a knock on their doors.

The next Wednesday, the Pathfinders returned to those houses and picked up filled grocery bags. Overall, 688 items

were collected for food baskets. Jose Monzon, Othello pastor, worked with the assistant principal from the local public middle school to get the names of families who needed food baskets.

The church's goal is to connect church families with the needy families, to befriend them and to reach out to them during 2014.

The holidays are a busy time of the year for the Othello Outreachers Pathfinders as they help those in need.

Denise Colley, Othello Church communication leader

STUDENTS FLOCK TO UCA TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) welcomed more than 160 students to its annual Technology Fair. The Technology Fair is a chance for young students to experience elective classes offered by UCA and perk the interest of future students. Junior academies and elementary schools from around the Upper Columbia Conference brought their seventh-through 10th-graders to get their hands dirty.

Students in the quilting class made small quilts to take home with them and learned some sewing machine skills in the process.



Students had the opportunity to choose from two of the following courses offered: woodworking, welding, computer-aided drafting (CAD), simple machines, stained glass, painting, embroidery, quilting, digital design, computer assembly and photography. The visiting students learned from UCA teachers and volunteers with assistance from UCA students. "It is great to be able to highlight the different opportunities students can have if they come to UCA," says William Garrett, UCA industrial arts teacher.

The classes offered during the Technology Fair are elective classes that UCA students have the opportunity to take. "We are pleased to have strong academics at Upper Columbia Academy," says John Winslow, UCA principal. "We are thankful for elective offerings such as industrial arts and art that help to create our well-rounded program."

Joe Hess, UCA Gleaner correspondent



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FILIPINO CHURCH CELEBRATES STORIES OF FAITH

Walter Dietz picked up the mail one day and found a flyer for an interesting Bible prophecy meeting. He came to every meeting at Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church, took comprehensive notes and filled a big binder with his notes and seminar materials.

Dietz, you see, is a pastor/trainer for Christian pastors in the United States and abroad.

Before he retired and entered ministry, Dietz worked at Boeing and helped other Christians found a lunchtime Bible study group. After the Bible prophecy seminar at the Filipino church, Dietz asked to be rebaptized because of the impact of the biblical truth he learned from the seminar.



Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church members celebrate the stories of faith that emerged from their Bible prophecy seminar.

The stories continue from this seminar site, one of 135 Bible prophecy seminar locations in western Washington during October and November 2013. These meetings were offered in English, Spanish, Korean, Russian and Indonesian.

When your 6-year-old nephew invites you to go to his church's Amazing Prophecies meeting, it's hard to refuse. This is what happened to Rex Simbre.

Simbre, a seaman working on cargo ships with international destinations, stays with his Adventist family members in Renton during his time off.

One week after the series began, Simbre was scheduled to leave for work in Hawaii, but severe pain from a kidney stone grounded him and kept him longer in Seattle. He attended the rest of the seminar series and felt convicted by God on the last Friday night to be baptized. God showed him blessings in disguise.

A couple named Nick and Susan Nuezca came to the Filipino-American Bible prophecy meeting because of a last-minute invitation from Eddie General, Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church pastor, who felt impressed to distribute his last 200 handbills at SeaFood Center in

Tukwila to people sitting outside at round tables.

The couple later told General that they had come because of the invitation outside of SeaFood Center. Nick Nuezca explained how he and his wife were praying to find someone or a group where they could study the Bible. The couple attended every meeting and decided to follow the Holy

Spirit's prompting to be baptized.

"These are just three of the stories about how God was at work at our meetings," says General.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, with Eddie General, Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church pastor

THE BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY

PRAYER RALLY TOUR

A tour of prayer rallies is beginning in western Washington with the first session at Auburn City Church. Prayer Rally coordinator Kevin Wilfley invites additional churches in western Washington to be host sites.



OUTREACH RALLY

Adventists in Pierce County joined together for a pre-Thanksgiving outreach rally in Tacoma. Participants collected canned foods for Thanksgiving baskets and then attended two training sessions about choosing a ministry and disaster preparedness.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Family life educator Nancy Van Pelt taught 106 leaders at Pathfinder Leadership Retreat how to help children feel like somebody, talking so children will listen, and other techniques for communicating with children and teens.



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SMALL CHURCH, MIGHTY BLESSINGS

BELFAIR BUILDS NEW CHURCH FACILITY

You need a church building,” he said. It was a nice thought for Belfair Church, which rented from the local Lutheran church for 20 years and then from a community center. The church, with 30 active members, proudly had \$10,000 in their building fund.

Belfair Church members attended the first Impact Your World retreat (and subsequent retreats), prayed that God would give them a church someday and had no idea what would happen next.

Russ Roberts, a gentleman in his late 50s from Port Orchard, came to the little church in Belfair and said, “I want to help you build a church.”

The church’s new vision-casting friend started sending in a series of large checks for the building fund, and others at the church joined him in generosity. The building fund quickly grew to \$150,000, and church leaders began looking for property.

The church got better acquainted with Roberts and found out he was a cancer patient. He had a dream of

building a church and a school in Belfair. Two years after casting the vision, Roberts passed away.

The congregation had \$319,000 in their building fund by this time and found a local Christian contractor. The bid to build the church: \$319,000.



Belfair's new church facility provides a permanent home base for their ministry activities.

“Rich Moore asked his sub-contractors to make estimates and they stuck by the estimates for three years,” says Charlie Meigs, Belfair Church pastoral assistant. “They were all Christian sub-contractors. I came down to the church and would pray with them and answer their questions about Adventists.”

Church and community partners made contributions including an upright piano for the sanctuary, a baptismal tank, a breezeway entrance, and additional gifts of a riding lawn mower, church stage decor,



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Belfair Church, with 30 active members, is involved in prison ministry and offers a community Bible study. Their guitar band provides music for their ministries.

kitchen appliances and musical books.

“Looking back at this, everything moved quickly,” says Meigs. “This project energized our church. We saw the Holy Spirit move and lead us in this faith journey. Even now, we have people come visit our church from other denominations, and they sense the Holy Spirit’s presence in our congregation.”

In addition to their active prison ministry and community Bible study groups, the con-

gregation plans to launch more outreach programs in 2014 focused on healthy living and spiritual growth.

“The mission God gave us is filled with love, compassion and care,” said John Freedman, Washington Conference president, during Belfair Church’s grand opening service on Nov. 23, 2013. “May this church be a light in this community that lifts up Christ.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

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CYPRESS SERVES THE COMMUNITY

Service to others is an integral part of growth and learning. Service projects at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood are planned both school-wide and within each classroom. The projects are scheduled throughout the year.

The first community service project of the school year was for Northwest Harvest. For the past 17 years, Cypress has partnered with Northwest Harvest to collect food for Washington's hungry. Northwest Harvest provides food for all of the food banks in the state.

This year students invited the local neighborhood to

join them in the school's fall food drive. Students in grades six through eight distributed collection bags to homes in the neighborhood to request donations. These donations were picked up by Cypress students at the end of October 2013. Collection bags were also sent home with each student to encourage Cypress families to participate.

In all, Cypress students collected more than 700 pounds of food while learning about serving the community.

Eileen Richmond, Cypress School office manager



Cypress students collect more than 700 pounds of food during a service project in their community of Lynnwood.



JASON ERICKSON

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, presents a sermon to the Lynnwood Church congregation, one of the newest churches in Washington Conference.

LYNNWOOD LIVES GOD'S MISSION

Lynnwood Church is a young, growing, vibrant church with a love for Jesus and a burden for service. Lynnwood is also the one of the newest churches in western Washington.

"This church is dedicated to sharing the everlasting gospel and preparing for our Savior's soon return in a loving, caring church environment," says Cody Francis, a founding leader.

The church began when several families desired to share the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 with their neighbors. These families met weekly for prayer and Bible study. They held their first prophecy seminar in the fall of 2006 and discovered a love for evangelism.

The small group soon began renting a church facility and continued their strong evangelistic thrust. Each year the family-filled church hosts multiple seminars on

Bible prophecy, health and discipleship to successfully grow their church. In 2013, members distributed 22,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* to two zip codes in their community.

"The Gospel Commission is followed when people actively live God's mission in their lives and in their community," says John Freedman, Washington Conference president.

Cody and Mandy Francis provided initial leadership for this congregation along with a dedicated team of church leaders and coaching from Wayne and Holly Gayton. As the church grows into its new future, they welcome pastoral couple Bob and Joyce Moore to the Shoreline-Lynnwood district. More than 65 people signed the charter on Nov. 16, 2013, to officially join the Lynnwood congregation.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

ADVENTIST HEALTH HONORS PHYSICIANS FOR COMMENDABLE WORK

Changes in health care policy and increasing medical needs of individuals have the potential to make health care a more impersonal experience. However, Adventist Health physicians are working daily to preserve warm, personalized patient care. Adventist Health honored 17 such physicians, who have gone beyond expectations to provide compassionate care. These physicians were recipients of the 2013 Physician of the Year Mission Awards, given at Adventist Health's fifth annual Physician Leadership Symposium in Sacramento, Calif.

The honorees, selected by their hospitals, were chosen for embodying the organization's mission and focus on whole-person care. A characteristic that the physicians emphasize in their care is to make sure that patients are treated as individuals and not as medical charts. Examples of how these physicians make their patients feel special is by offering a quiet prayer, developing a personal relationship or simplifying medical terminology. "There is no question that people's lives are better because of these physicians," says Paul Crampton, assistant vice president of mission and spiritual care.

The honorees of the Physician of the Year Mission Awards 2013 in the North Pacific Union Conference are:



Daniel Crawford, primary care with Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

DANIEL CRAWFORD

Adventist Medical Center, Portland, Ore.

Daniel Crawford has been serving at the Adventist Medical Center in Portland for the past 24 years. He is known for being a soft-spoken physician who prioritizes demonstrating Christian love in his medical care. His peers often remark that he has a direct line to God.

Prior to establishing his practice in Portland, Crawford devoted 10 years of his life providing medical care to the underserved people of Indonesia. There he developed a passion for patient care rooted in Christian love. Today, his mission is to bring quality health care services to the lives of individuals so they can experience God's healing presence and love.

To read full-length bios of all 17 physicians, go to glnr.in/1bSkull.



Ben Douglas, family medicine, clinic and hospital neonates/pediatrics with Oregon's Tillamook Regional Medical Center.

BEN DOUGLAS

Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Tillamook, Ore.

Ben Douglas is board-certified in family medicine, has a family practice with the Tillamook Medical Group and is the hospice physician. His patients span from infants to people receiving end-of-life-care.

Douglas emphasizes forming relationships with his patients and partnering with

Bradley Titus, medical director of Cardiology Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular, coronary and peripheral artery disease, and interventional cardiology with Walla Walla General Hospital in Washington.

them in their health. It is imperative for him that complex medical terminology is made accessible and understandable to his patients. He makes sure that they feel open and comfortable to discuss anything. This is deeply appreciated by his patients.

BRADLEY TITUS

Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash.

Bradley Titus is board-certified in interventional cardiology, cardiovascular disease and internal medicine. He is the founder and managing partner of Northwest Cardiovascular Institute, a 17-physician group based in Portland, Ore. He is also a fellow with the American College of Cardiology and principal investigator or co-investigator on nearly 40 scientific research studies. Despite his evident technical expertise, patients prefer him for his kind nature and his ability to be comforting to patients and providers.

Titus also has a passion to share God's love through medical services to developing nations. During a 10-year period, he helped grow a mission program in South America. He currently is eager to help Africa and regularly works with Africa New Life Ministries.

Divya Joseph, Adventist Health Gleaner correspondent



FAMILY MILESTONES

Ellison 50th

Bill and Janice Ellison celebrated their 50th anniversary on Feb. 10, 2013. Their children and spouses gave a party in their honor in the fellowship hall of the Bonney Lake (Wash.) Church, where they attend church.

Bill met Janice Reiswig at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) during Janice's sister's graduation in May 1962. Bill proposed to Janice in August, and they were married in Tacoma, Wash., on Feb. 10, 1963. Both Bill and Janice graduated from AAA in 1957 and 1959, respectively.

After their honeymoon along the coasts of Washington and Oregon, they moved into their home in Sumner, Wash., where Janice became a lifelong homemaker and Bill continued working at his profession as an auto technician in Tacoma. They welcomed two sons, Dewitte and Jim.

During their years of marriage they worked as Pathfinder counselors, leaders and area coordinators in the Washington and Upper Columbia conferences. Bill spent 50 years and Janice 40 years with Pathfinders before retiring in 2001.

The pair served the church in many ways besides Pathfinders. Bill served as deacon, elder and head elder, greeter, social committee member, and many other offices, while Janice served as cradle roll leader, church clerk, newsletter editor, deaconess, Sabbath School secretary, greeter, social committee member, head deaconess and other offices over the years.

After Bill's retirement from work in 2002 they traveled by motor home to many places in the U.S. including Alaska. They love to travel in their motor home and be in God's nature.

Their family includes Dewitte and Debra (deceased)



Wayne and Lorraine Jackson with their great-grandson Kayden Curtis Jackson.

Ellison of Walla Walla, Wash.; Jim and Tammy Ellison of Spanaway, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

Jackson 60th

Wayne and Lorraine Jackson of Port Orchard, Wash., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family on Sept. 6, 2013, at The Olive Garden in Silverdale, Wash. They were also honored during the Port Orchard Church's September potluck celebrating members' birthdays and anniversaries.

Wayne and Lorraine met while attending public school together from seventh grade through high school, graduating in 1952. They got engaged Christmas 1952 and married Sept. 6, 1953, at the Colton (Calif.) American Baptist Church. Wayne worked for several different grocery stores, and Lorraine worked as a secretary for the General Telephone Co., both in the San Bernardino, Calif., area.

When their children, Curtis and Karen, were 8 and 5, they became members of the San Bernardino Adventist Church.

Wayne worked for Loma Linda Foods in several states and locations. Lorraine worked as a secretary in conference education and Pathfinder departments, at Redwood Junior Academy in Santa Rosa, Calif., and at Loma Linda (Calif.) Academy. They both spent years working with Pathfinder clubs.

They moved to Washington to be nearer to their children. They ran a house-

cleaning business together for 21 years before retiring.

The Jackson family includes Curtis and Robyn Jackson of Port Orchard, Wash.; Karen and Ken Coppemoll of Carlton, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Wolkwitz 50th

David and Gaylene Kaasa Wolkwitz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4, 2013, with family and friends at the Village Church in College Place, Wash. The couple met during their freshman year at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. Two years later they were married in Lincoln on Aug. 4, 1963.

After their graduation in 1965, they moved to Iowa, where David started his denominational career in the Iowa Conference as a pastor and singing evangelist.

The couple and their two small children spent a short time as missionaries in Brazil. They spent more than 40 years in denominational work in pastoring, public evangelism, conference administration, and planned giving and trust services before retiring in 2010. They reside near Walla Walla, Wash.

The Wolkwitz family includes Jacinda Garner of Lincoln, Neb.; Jonathan Wolkwitz of Roswell, N.M.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

From experience, the couple knows God is in the business of saving marriages and keeping couples in love, as He has done and is doing for them.

FAMILY BIRTHS

BONSON — Dustin Lee was born Sept. 17, 2013, to Adam and Brittany (Stebbeds) Bonson, Caldwell, Idaho.

BRUNDULA — Alyssa Grace Anne was born on Nov. 2, 2013, to Steven and Melanie (Leiske) Brundula, Chandler, Ariz.

BRUNDULA — Kyla Leigh Julia was born on Nov. 2, 2013, to Steven and Melanie (Leiske) Brundula, Chandler, Ariz.

KLEVEN — Dane Andersen was born May 8, 2013, to Brian and Analisa (Torkelsen) Kleven, Beaverton, Ore.

RAE — Haley Anne was born Oct. 25, 2013, to David and Melissa (Tessier) Rae, Everett, Wash.

WILLIAMS — Ellie Brynn was born Sept. 5, 2013, to Brian and Jenny (Stewart) Williams, Walla Walla, Wash.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

CORTES-MAYFIELD

Candace Cortes and Alan Mayfield were married June 26, 2013, in Newport, Wash., where they are making their home. Candace is the daughter of Michael and Donna Bausch. Alan is the son of Matt and Bev Mayfield.

HAUGEN-CAUTHRON

Krystle Diandra Haugen and Mitchell Slade Cauthron were married June 23, 2013, in Medford, Ore. They are making their home in Tillamook, Ore. Krystle is the daughter of Kenneth and Thresia (Tambunan) Haugen. Mitchell is the son of William and Christine (Abbott) Cauthron.

MILLER-ERICKSON

Tara Kay Miller and Timothy Deane Erickson were married March 24, 2012, in St. Helens, Ore. They are making their home in Beaverton, Ore. Tara is the daughter of Terry and Kim (Sexton) Miller. Timothy is the son of Alvin K. and Shannon (Black) Erickson.

“WAITING FOR OUR BLESSED HOPE, THE APPEARING OF THE GLORY OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.” TITUS 2:13

ANLIKER — Manford E., 73; born April 27, 1940, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 28, 2013, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: wife, Joyce; sons, Gregory, Walla Walla, Wash.; Jeffrey, Milton-Freewater; daughter, Heidi Brenes, College Place, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

BARROWS — W. Frank, 91; born April 14, 1922, Westfield, Maine; died Sept. 18, 2013, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Winifred (Smith); daughter, Cleo D. Allen, Grants Pass; and 2 grandchildren.

COLLVER — Ed H., 80; born July 18, 1933, Coos Bay, Ore.; died Oct. 13, 2013, Bend, Ore. Surviving: wife, Anita (Feaster), Otis, Ore.; sons, Jerry, Walton, Ore.; Larry, Sheridan, Ore.; daughters, Debbie Hanson, College Place, Wash.; Rebecca Morris, Salem, Ore.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

CRAIK — Edna Emma (Jensen), 92; born Dec. 24, 1920, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 10, 2013, Thompson Falls, Mont. Surviving: sons, Larry, Trout Creek, Mont.; James, Kotzebue, Alaska; daughters, Patricia Fackenthall, Walla Walla, Wash.; Suzanne Kack, Thompson Falls; Elizabeth Hardy, White Salmon, Wash.; 24 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

DAY — Eileen R. (Pearson), 66; born June 25, 1947, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 21, 2013, Medford, Ore. Surviving: son, Jerry, Medford; daughter, Kristy Day, Billings, Mont.; and brother, Bill Pearson, Waona, USA.

DOWNER — Delores Besie (Edwards), 85; born Dec. 27, 1927, Sparta, Wis.; died Oct. 20, 2013, League City, Texas. Surviving: sons, Glenn Jr., Billings, Mont.; Eldon, Woodburn, Ore.; daughter, Carol Ostermeyer, League City; sister, Evelyn Hill, San Francisco, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

FELLOWS — Mae (Hunt), 93; born March 4, 1920, United States; died Sept. 6, 2013, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: son, Michael “Mike,” Eugene; daughters, Marcia Roberts, Eugene; MariLyn Fellows, Puyallup, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

FORD — Laban Harold, 91; born Jan. 18, 1922, Stilwell, Okla.; died Oct. 19, 2013, Albany, Ore. Surviving: sons, Harold LeRoy, of Oregon; Randy, Wichita, Kan.; brothers, Calvin Haskell Ford, Fullerton, Calif.; Jesse Clarence, Lawrence, Kan.; sister, Wilma Waleah Jackson, Oakland City, Okla.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GRABLE — Peggy-Joyce (Sorenson), 78; born Aug. 22, 1935, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Nov. 9, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Albert; sons, Mark, Medical Lake, Wash.; Paul, Santa Ana, Calif.; daughter, Maribeth Dexter, Bellingham, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

HANNA — Ray, 86; born June 23, 1926, Republican City, Neb.; died May 13, 2013, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Rae; son, Maynard, Independence, Ore.; and

daughter, Rita Hartman, Cape Coral, Fla.

JARDIN — Stanley, 69; born July 1, 1944, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii; died Aug. 22, 2013, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, Linda (Knatt); sons, David, Battle Ground; Richard, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; brothers, Mariano, Paradise, Calif.; Rolando, Lihue; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

KENDALL — Mildred G. (Cotte), 90; born Jan. 3, 1923, Shelby, Iowa; died Oct. 19, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, David John, College Place; Jimmy Robert, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Karen Sue Coble, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

KNAPP — Phyllis Joyce (Lane), 79; born Sept. 3, 1934, Hood River, Ore.; died Oct. 7, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sister, Barbara Gruenewald, Kelseyville, Calif.

KNAPP — Roger Henry, 83; born July 22, 1930, Spokane, Wash.; died Oct. 16, 2013, Clarkston, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Pam Braum, Spokane; brothers, Daniel, Ione, Wash.; Jasper, Spangle, Wash.; Kevin, Colville, Wash.; sister, Barda Bedingfield, Colville; 4 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

LAMB — Kathryn A. (Middaugh) Holderbaum, 74; born Aug. 31, 1938, Takoma Park, Md.; died Oct. 17, 2012, Enumclaw, Wash. Surviving: sons, Russell Lamb, Enumclaw; Robert Lamb, Eatonville, Wash.; daughters,

Kathryn (Holderbaum) Olom, Auburn, Wash.; Elizabeth (Lamb) Curran, Enumclaw; stepson, Michael Lamb, Wakefield, Kan.; stepdaughter, Deborah Lamb, Eatonville; brother, Charles Middaugh, Shawnee, Kan.; sisters, Anita Reed, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Patricia Kasproski, Chehalis, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

LEISKE — Elswerth H., 94; born May 31, 1919, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; died Sept. 3, 2013, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: sons, Donn, Lacey, Wash.; Ken, Evans, Wash.; daughter, Dot Rasmusen, Cheney, Wash.; sister, Dolores Proud, Lacombe; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

MAJOR — Alton, 92; born June 27, 1921, New Plymouth, Idaho; died Aug. 5, 2013, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Jeanne Gorham, Pendleton, Ore.; Nelwynn Holland, Caldwell, Idaho; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

MATHISON — Tami Rae (Hoffman) Cox, 41; born March 13, 1972, Spokane, Wash.; died July 25, 2013, Sunnyside, Wash. Surviving: husband, Marty; sons, Alex Cox, Nathan Mathison, Christian Mathison and Sydney Mathison, all of Sunnyside; daughter, Addy Mathison, Sunnyside; parents, Ray and Gloria (Blanck) Hoffman, Pomeroy, Wash.; and sister, Traci Pope, Dixie, Wash.

MATTERAND — Hazel (Allison), 92; born Dec. 22, 1920, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Aug. 7, 2013, Arlington, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Nina Molstad, Arlington; Cheryl Wagner, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; sister, Norma Rogers, Langley, British Columbia, Canada; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MEIDINGER — Donald Ray, 65; born Jan. 17, 1948, Hot Springs, Ark.; died June 16, 2013, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, Catherine (Rettig); son, Michael L., Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Dennis, Enumclaw, Wash.; Dan, Sunnyvale, Calif.; and Duane, College Place, Wash.

MELL — Judith Kay (Buis), 69; born Feb. 17, 1944, Brawley, Calif.; died Oct. 27, 2013, Snowflake, Ariz. Surviving: husband, Ray, St. Johns, Ariz.; son, Raymond, Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter, Lori Mell, Chandler, Ariz.; stepmother, Margaret Buis; brother, Jeff Buis; stepbrother, Matthew Newell; and stepsister, Kathleen Owen.

OELLRICH — Lois Lenore (Smith), 91; born Sept. 14, 1922, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 12, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Don, Lake Tapps, Wash.; daughters, Lori Fargo, Pasco, Wash.; Karen Claridge, Denver, Colo.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

OLSON — Wayne E., 73; born Dec. 27, 1939, Belle Fouché, S.D.; died Oct. 7, 2013, Grandview, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sandra (Weinmann); son, Shaun, Grandview; daughters, Rhonda Olson, Kennewick, Wash.; Janel Olson, Dallas, Texas; sister, Dorene Lassiter, of North

Carolina; a grandchild and 2 step-grandchildren.

PETRIE — Christina Carol, 60; born Feb. 17, 1953, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Oct. 23, 2013, Walla Walla. Surviving: father, Gene M. Petrie, College Place, Wash.; mother, Betty J. Petrie, College Place; brothers, Steve C. Petrie, Walla Walla; Gene M. Petrie, Spokane, Wash.; and brother, Tim W. Petrie, Auburn, Wash.

POWELL — Donald “Don” Leon, 62; born May 18, 1951, Puyallup, Wash.; died May 25, 2013, Phoenix, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Donna (Shaw); son, Shane, Puyallup; daughter, Becky Engle, Puyallup; father, Leon Powell, Yuma, Ariz.; brothers, Doug, Austin, Texas; Dean, Grandview, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

ROWLAND — Charles Grant, 77; born Aug. 30, 1936, Baker City, Ore.; died Sept. 25, 2013, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Ineva (West); son, Craig G., Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Crystal G. Vorous, Clarkston, Wash.; Christina G. Moody, Yakima; Cindee G. Cavazos, Las Vegas, Nev.; and many grandchildren.

SCHAFFER — LeRoy Glen, 79; born Feb. 5, 1934, Fruita, Colo.; died Sept. 9, 2013, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Linda; son, James, Warden, Wash.; daughters, Vicky Strandberg, Spokane, Wash.; Donna Strand, Snohomish, Wash.; brother, Ben, Warden; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SCHNELL — L. Joyce (Stephens), 81; April 16, 1932, Angelica, N.Y.; died Oct. 22, 2013, Sandy, Ore. Surviving: husband, Arnold; son, Timothy, Madras, Ore.; daughters,

Carol Graff, Gresham, Ore.; Jeanie Pond, Aurora, Ore.; Sherri Tyler, Uniontown, Wash.; brothers, Clarence, Wellsville, N.Y.; Ted, Bell Brook, Ohio; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

STELZIG — Gerald “Jerry” Hugo, 86; born, March 21, 1927, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 2, 2013, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ruth (Gruber); sons, Randy Stelzig, Garibaldi, Ore.; Rick Stelzig, Tillamook; stepson, Donald Faber, Tillamook; daughters, Teresa (Stelzig) Davis, Homosassa, Fla.; Patricia (Stelzig) Minaker, Lakewood, Wash.; Kathy Stelzig, Warrenton, Ore.; stepdaughters, Dianne Dick, Astoria, Ore.; June Moores, Scappoose, Ore.; Debi Faber, Astoria, Ore.; many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

STONE — Edward F., 95; born May 9, 1918, Turin, Iowa; died Oct. 7, 2013, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: sons, Mike, Wenatchee, Wash.; Philip, Lebanon, Ore.; Jack, Lake Tapps, Wash.; daughter, Marla Myers, Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

TAYLOR — Orville Daniel “Chuck,” 92; born Oct. 27, 1920, Pawhuska, Okla.; died Oct. 14, 2013, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sherrill (Young) Croman Riley Taylor; daughters, Patti Paul, Vancouver; Debbie Lund, Camas, Wash.; Susie Taylor, Vancouver; Cindy Declements, Sandpoint, Idaho; Kimi Matthews, Salisbury, N.C.; stepsons, Chip Riley, John Riley Jr., Michael Riley and Jimmy Riley, all of Vancouver; stepdaughters, Debbie

Smith, Tacoma, Wash.; Wanda Wright, Vancouver; 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

TOMLINSON — Frances C. (Cooper) Pope, 90; born March 29, 1922, Santa Barbara, Calif.; died Dec. 2, 2012, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: son, James Pope, Newport, Wash.; daughters, Judith (Pope) White, North Plaines, Ore.; and Betty (Pope) Davis, Rainier, Ore.

WALKER — Bette Joyce (Ritter), 84; born May 28, 1928, Emmett, Idaho; died Dec. 22, 2012, Renton, Wash. Surviving: son, Rand, McCall, Idaho; daughter, Debra English, Renton; sisters, Frances Egbert, College Place, Wash.; Verla Tarter, Twin Falls, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WEISS — David H., 69; born Dec. 16, 1944, Snohomish, Wash.; died May 17, 2013, Bothell, Wash. Surviving: wife, Carmen (Morejon), Startup, Wash.; daughters, Heidi Krumm, Riverside, Calif.; Katrina Evankovich, Startup; Julie Anderson, Santa Monica, Calif.; brothers, John W. and Mark; sisters, Cathie Weiss, Mary Thompson and Jan Martin.

WHEELER — Robert C., 94; born Oct. 31, 1919, Fresno, Calif.; died Nov. 1, 2013, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Areleen Stevenson, Sandpoint; 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

ZIEBARTH — Lovel James “Jim,” 94; born Oct. 8, 1919, Iron River, Mich.; died Oct. 16, 2013, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, James, Grants Pass; daughter, Janet Hackleman, Grand Terrace, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

Jan. 4 — Local Church Budget;
 Jan. 11 — Local Conference Advance;
 Jan. 18 — Local Church Budget;
 Jan. 25 — Religious Liberty.

More upcoming events listed at gleanernow.com/events.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Jan. 13–18 — ASWWU Week of Worship;
 Jan. 18 — Evensong, spoken word and organ music;
 Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, speaker Bill Knott, *Adventist Review* editor, University Church at 11 a.m.;
 Jan. 25 — Honor Band Concert, featuring musicians from the North Pacific Union Conference academies, University Church at 4 p.m.

IDAHO

Cool Ringings Handbell Workshop

Jan. 16–18 — Cool Ringings Handbell Workshop for elementary students at Gem State Adventist Academy. Contact Sam Derting at 208-459-1627.

GSAA Senior Recognition

Jan. 31–Feb. 2 — Senior Recognition at Gem State Adventist Academy. For more information, contact GSAA at 208-459-1627.

Financial Aid Workshop

Feb. 2 — Financial Aid Workshop presented by Walla Walla University on Sunday at Gem State Adventist Academy. For more information, contact GSAA at 208-459-1627.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Training

Jan. 11 — Pathfinder/Adventurer leadership training in the afternoon at Treasure Valley. Contact Jodi Giem at idahopathfinders@gmail.com.

OREGON

CBFM Seminar at Sunnyside

Jan. 31–Feb. 1 — The Center for Bible, Faith and Mission (CBFM), the outreach branch of the Walla Walla University (WVU) School of Theology, presents a seminar at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216, entitled, "Conscience, Creed and Covenant: The Boundaries of Adventism." Presenters include Alden Thompson and David Thomas from WVU and selected young adults. Times are Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m., and Sabbath, Feb. 1 at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., followed by a church potluck and afternoon session from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The seminar addresses a crucial question: How far can we expand our statement of beliefs to allow for individual needs and perceptions?

WASHINGTON

Washington Conference Youth Rally

Jan. 11 — A youth rally is designed to help high school aged youth discover their place in the church. The day will feature powerful worship music, testimonies, drama, breakout sessions and engaging preaching, including featured speaker Dan Jackson, North American Division president. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Sunset Lake Camp, 30811 Quinnon Rd., Wilkeson, WA 98396. More information is available at gleanernow.com/event/2013/12/washington-conference-youth-rally.

SAGE Reunion Sabbath

Feb. 1 — Storyteller Dick Duerksen will be the featured presenter for the SAGE Reunion Sabbath from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors 55 and better will enjoy a day of worship, mission stories, fellowship, food, singing and reminiscing at Washington Conference office auditorium in Federal Way. Find more SAGE Reunion Sabbath details at washingtonconference.org/sage.

Sunset Schedule

January	3	10	17	24	31
ALASKA CONFERENCE					
Anchorage	3:55	4:08	4:25	4:43	5:02
Fairbanks	2:58	3:16	3:38	4:02	4:27
Juneau	3:17	3:29	3:43	3:58	4:15
Ketchikan	3:29	3:39	3:51	4:04	4:19
IDAHO CONFERENCE					
Boise	5:20	5:27	5:35	5:44	5:54
La Grande	4:21	4:29	4:37	4:47	4:57
Pocatello	5:07	5:14	5:22	5:31	5:40
MONTANA CONFERENCE					
Billings	4:41	4:49	4:58	5:07	5:17
Havre	4:35	4:43	4:53	5:03	5:14
Helena	4:52	5:00	5:09	5:19	5:29
Miles City	4:28	4:36	4:45	4:55	5:05
Missoula	4:59	5:07	5:16	5:26	5:36
OREGON CONFERENCE					
Coos Bay	4:53	5:00	5:08	5:17	5:26
Medford	4:51	4:58	5:05	5:14	5:23
Portland	4:39	4:46	4:55	5:04	5:14
UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE					
Pendleton	4:23	4:30	4:39	4:49	4:59
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Walla Walla	4:20	4:27	4:36	4:46	4:56
Wenatchee	4:22	4:30	4:39	4:49	5:00
Yakima	4:26	4:34	4:43	4:53	5:03
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE					
Bellingham	4:26	4:34	4:43	4:54	5:05
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t the end of each week I enjoy tormenting my type-A, goal-oriented personality with the question: What did you accomplish? What makes this sick practice worse is when I can vouch for myself that I was busy — but cannot remember specifically what I did. It's not like I wasn't there — of course I was. I remember feeling stress, paperwork, writing, people and a lack of sleep — so what do I have to verify my productivity?

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lists, top 10 lists, honey-do lists and Craigslist.

Matter of fact, when someone is unproductive and purposeless, we say they are “listless.”

Our culture prizes productivity so we have fast food, Jiffy Lube, expressways, express checkout, automatic bill pay deduction, convenience stores, high-speed Internet, instant coffee, instant oatmeal, speed dating — we even wear clothes with names like “shorts,” “briefs” and “Speedo.”

We feel guilty for not working when we are sick; we will push our cars despite the gas/oil light coming on — better to risk having it run out than risk running late, right? Thankfully, most of the time we can blame our unproductiveness on other people — and when it comes to being inconvenienced there is one demographic that slows us down more than any other: the elderly.

The Inconvenience of the Elderly

When we are cruising along the highway and we find ourselves in agony behind a putzy driver, we start looking for the white/blue hair that barely reaches over the dashboard as we pass by. Especially galling are the Corvettes being driven by a geriatric at 45 mph. When we have sore muscles we say we are “getting old,” and when our memory slips away we experience a “senior moment,” and when someone moves slowly we label them “grandpa” or “grandma.”

In a church setting the young becoming flustered as they have to explain technology to the gray hairs, or wait for the cautious ancients to fork over the money so updates to the aesthetics can be made, or simply listen to the old stories they keep repeating while we could be out creating new ones.



While assisted living and medication might be necessary in some cases — abandonment isn't.

Separation

Outside of church we create separate communities for them, remove their driver's licenses, medicate them, isolate them and hire people besides us to look after them. They become the victims of scams, abuse and loneliness. Each year 2.1 million elderly are abused, and 90 percent of institutions are understaffed. And while assisted living and medication might be necessary in some cases — abandonment isn't.

God's View

In Exodus 20 we find the list of Ten Commandments. The Decalogue comes right after the fleeing of Egypt. It comes in the midst of a people on the move. The exodus from slavery was swift and decisive once the Pharaoh's firstborn died. They were chased by chariots through the Red Sea followed by a great battle against the Amalekites — not an activity for the slow or the weak. In Exodus 19:5-6 God speaks of the covenant He will establish with Israel then He gives them their rules of conduct.

The fifth commandment is the first dealing with human

relationships: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12, ESV). This is a text typically used to compel obedience in small children — however we have to be careful not to project a 21st-century nuclear American family, with its minivans and daycare onto the ancient world.

The normative family was patriarchal and extended. The older fathers would release authority to the younger father to make decisions and exercise authority on behalf of the family to relate to the larger community and care for the elderly. The primary application of the fifth commandment is to young adults and how they lead the older generations. After all what were they when God delivered them? Helpless slaves.

God brought them out of that oppressive place, led them to a promised land, and He tells them, "I did not remember you so that you could forget each other."

The fifth commandment was given to all generations to learn how to share leadership in one community — not kids



leaving the old folks in a retirement community or the elderly leaving the young in their on-line community. This commandment calls for mentoring, discipleship and trust between generations — multiple generations moving as one.

God cares more about community than convenience.

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LET'S TALK

FEAR

The future is not something we can conveniently avoid by tapping the brakes.



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Deep in the recesses of my memories I can recall serious conversations about “The End.” Bits and pieces of adult talk would float out to me as I and other children played in an adjacent room — comments about persecution and trouble, hunger and death. What I heard made me afraid. At a very young age, I knew fear. Fear of the future. Fear of the unknown, that no promise of an eventual heaven could erase.

Some of us still carry that fear. It blights the challenging and apocalyptic future in our spiritual DNA, branded in the very essence of our name as Adventists.

Our God-created human spirit values life and recoils from death. We do everything we can to avoid the possibility of pain, suffering and a dark demise. If I spot a deer about to cross the road ahead, I slow down, sparing both the animal and the hood of my car. When Bible prophecy predicts trouble

around the bend, we’re tempted to skip the excitement, die in our sleep and snore blissfully through the carnage until Gabriel’s trumpet sounds the

“all clear.” Yet the future is not something we can conveniently avoid by tapping the brakes.

Indeed the very nature of our God-given life proves otherwise. Even the recalcitrant humorist Mark Twain once remarked, “The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.” The Bible amplifies this, reminding us that “perfect love casts out fear.” It’s not a call to become foolhardy risk-takers, without regard for life or limb. But a life focused on the perfect Lover is no longer focused on fear, no longer limited by fear. It is energized by the unpredictable opportunities of the Spirit.

Fear can not only hamper your hope of the future, it can narrow your view of the present. It can shrivel your soul into a compulsion with preservation — not only for yourself, but for your church or country. It seeks to prevent any essence of change, any promise of growth, any possibility of risk. This is not a new dilemma. It let Peter down when he looked away from Jesus. It blinded Jewish leaders to the promise of their

Messiah. Caught between the apparent safety of what was and the fear of what could be, they nailed their future to a cross.

A life-changing choice comes to us daily — stay put, or step forward. Those who loosen their grip on self reap the rich rewards of grace, the awesome assurances of a fearless future. The irony is painted clearly in Scripture: “Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it” (Luke 9:24).

The amazing thing is — when you step forward, you leave fear behind. That’s why I’ll try to watch my words when children are near. I want them to learn the joyful expectancy of a journey with God, leaving fear where it belongs, in the dust.

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