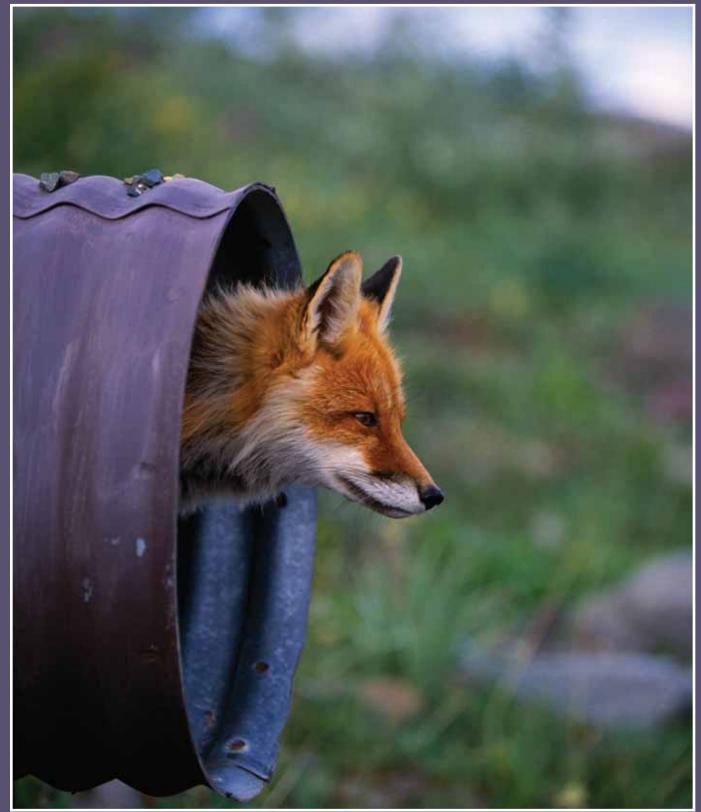
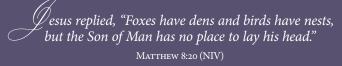




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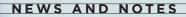
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Krueger Takes Up New Challenge

When God calls, the righteous respond. Kevin Krueger, longtime general manager for KGTS 91.3 FM and Positive Life Radio (PLR) Network based on the campus of Walla Walla University (WWU), has followed that call to begin a new opportunity for ministry at WGTS in Takoma Park, Md. WGTS broadcasts contemporary Christian music to more than 600,000 listeners each week.

"It's an honor to be invited to guide the team at an industry-leading station and ministry,"

says Krueger. "KGTS/PLR and WGTS have a long, rich 'sister station' history that I plan to continue."

Krueger had served as KGTS general manager since 1988. Under his leadership, the WWU station grew into a regional Christian radio network based in 15 cities, covering a majority of the Inland Empire. He initiated the Hands & Heart ministry at PLR to encourage listeners to participate in community service projects. In May of this year, the Cambodian government honored



Krueger and PLR for launching the Rice for Cambodia program, through which listeners have donated more than \$1.3 million. He is the incoming president of the Society of Adventist Communicators.

With KGTS and PLR under interim leadership, the station's executive board is seeking a permanent replacement to fill the general manager position.

Letters

Doctrine and Love Can Coexist

In reference to Andy Nash's article ("Beyond Belief," June 2013 *GLEANER*) about former members who have problems with Ellen White and doctrines: If they know enough about Ellen White and our doctrines to have problems with them, then what would be the attraction for them to come to our churches? Haystacks?

Has there ever been a prophet who was popular? And what is wrong with our doctrines? If these dear folks have been reading the popular books about grace and justification only, and then hear Seventhday Adventists teach about obedience and sanctification, that may seem harsh to them. But then again, sipping the wine of Babylon does cause confusion.

When was it that the disciples stopped arguing over who was the greatest? It was after 10 days of fasting, confessing their sins and praying for the Spirit of Jesus. Then they truly loved one another and could call each other brother and sister and mean it. Maybe then, when the Holy Spirit brings people to our churches, we could genuinely love them and treat them with patience and kindness like family. Isn't that what Jesus would do?

John Materne, Kettle Falls, Wash.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For another perspective on the survey mentioned in the "Beyond Belief" article, turn to page 14.

Unintended Irony

The July 2013 *GLEANER* was grand with unintended irony.

Under the heading "Images of Creation" is a picture from Palouse Falls clearly portraying geologic features understood as the product of multiple massive lava flows (millions of years) later carved by massive and repeated flooding (more than 12,000 years ago). Leaf imprints, petrified wood, vertebrate bones and insects are found at some of the deepest levels. The correlation of multiple dating methods make these observations a challenge to the most literal interpretation of the early chapters of Genesis. The 2015 General Conference has been tasked with replacing the simple words of Scripture in fundamental belief #6 with more precise formulations in English. The intent (at minimum) is to reduce some of the speculative interpretations currently available to SDAs who struggle to accommodate their knowledge of geology, biology [and] paleoanthropology with their faith in God's Word.

The same issue reports the North Pacific Union Conference in harmony with the North American Division expanding opportunities for women in ministerial leadership. These welcome actions accommodate a culture that has elevated the role of women in ways unknown to the writers of Scripture.

I suspect God must be amused as we willingly reinterpret the writings of those of a distant past to enable progress in a subjective cultural sphere while at the same time anchor ourselves to ancient understandings in objective scientific matters.

Richard Faiola, Olympia, Wash.



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Communicating Across Generations

live and breathe church communication. I've been an employee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church all my adult life, and I can still remember in 2004 when I was involved with Breath of Life's NET 2004 with Walter L. Pearson Jr. I witnessed firsthand using television ministry to broadcast the good news of Jesus' soon return.

Church communication has evolved over the years, and I believe now more than ever we are at a critical point as Web and mobile delivery play an ever-present role in reaching people of all ages. The days of tent meetings and evangelizing via satellite series are still relevant, but our audiences have changed. For the first time in American history four generations are sitting in the same church: traditionalists, baby boomers, Generation X and millennials.¹

Traditionalists (1925–1945): Loyalty is important to this generation. They have been members of the church for many years and have seen various changes. Consistent messaging is key to this generation. Books and the printing press played a major role for communicators in this generation. They care deeply about our core message and want to hear solid preaching on Jesus' Second Coming.

Baby Boomers (1946–1960): Optimism is a key factor with this generation. Television and radio ministry was introduced to this generation, and books still played a critical role. This generation wants assurance that information given is factual and Bible-based.

Generation X (1961-1980): Skepticism charac-



terizes my generation. Many of my friends grew up as latchkey kids and grew up in the MTV era. We adapted to technology quickly and had little need for authority. The Internet and instant communication play a meaningful role to us. To reach my generation one needs thoughts that will resonate and cause us to dig deeper.

Millennials or Generation Y (1981–2000): Much has been written about this generation, and, according to a 2010 report by the Pew Forum on Religion in Public Life, one in four persons of this generation are unaffiliated with any particular faith.² This generation is more connected via social networks than any other age group. We must continue to show them ways to connect and share Jesus using technology and social media. To be effective to this generation we need bite-sized information, which some pastors call their "tweetable quotes" during sermons.

Never before have there been so many opportunities, so many different tools for communicating our mission and message. We have the potential to reach all four generations by using communication channels familiar to them. We should not neglect one in favor of another. Our message should not be buried under a bushel. It needs to shine for all to see; it needs to be shared for all to hear.

In 1962 renowned Adventist composer Wayne Hooper wrote "We Have This Hope," a song still beloved by many around the world. There's never been a better time for each of us to share that hope, to prepare others to know a Savior who is coming back soon.

1 Cathy Trower, "Traditionalists, Boomers, Xers, and Millennials: Giving and Getting the Mentoring You Want," Brown University, http://www.brown.edu/ Administration/Provost/Advance/ Trower%20Generations%20and%20 Mentoring.pdf.

2 Pew Research, "Religion Among the Millennials," http://www.pewforum.org/Age/Religion-Amongthe-Millennials.aspx.

GEORGE JOHNSON North American Division communication director Never before have there been so many opportunities, so many different tools for communicating our mission and message.



NEW WINDOW

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY





Jason Satterlund, *The Record Keeper* filmmaker and director, reviews a script on the movie set with Dennis Hill, Adventist member and actor who portrays the angel Larus.



he Record Keeper is a new effort to present the grand themes of The Great Controversy to a unique audience. It is a General Conference-sponsored attempt to portray the celestial battle of obedience versus apostasy, good versus evil, in a viral video series for those who live and breathe through social media such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Since the series was largely produced in the Northwest, the GLEANER provides here an exclusive interview with Garrett Caldwell, General Conference associate communication director, and Jason Satterlund, Walla Walla University graduate and filmmaker, with an initial look at this first-of-its-kind Web-based project, expected online early in 2014.

NEW WINDOW INTO The Great Controversy



The two central angel characters struggle in a scene filmed in Arizona in sight of the Hoover Dam.

GLEANER: WHAT/WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL CATALYST FOR THIS PROJECT?

CALDWELL: The original spark came December 2010 during an evangelistic strategy meeting at world church headquarters. During a specific discussion on *The Great Hope* project, I remember thinking — "If someone gave me this book, what would make me want to read it?" That's when I first thought about the possibility of using a movie trailer, a short video promo, to create an interest. I knew Jason had done something like that for the Josh McDowell ministry a few years back. So I called him up.

SATTERLUND: When Garrett called I was excited but a bit overwhelmed with the scope of the project — just huge. How do you cram a narrative covering thousands of years into a video and do any of it justice? You run the risk of trying to tell too much of a story in too short a time. So we started talking about smaller episodes for a Web-based series.

GLEANER: HOW DID YOU SEE THIS FITTING INTO THE WORLD CHURCH OUTREACH STRATEGY?

CALDWELL: The overall strategy of *The Great Hope* project is to encourage each member to share *The Great Controversy* themes with his or her friends and neighbors. But there will always be a huge number of people outside those personal circles of influence. How do you get them to read it? So we thought this could

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become a great conversation-starter to engage those who know nothing about Adventists or Ellen White. It would have to be accessible, something the average person on the street could approach without a theological dictionary or code book.

GLEANER: DID YOU TEST THIS IDEA OUT ON A WIDER SCALE?

CALDWELL: Definitely. That was a key step to see if this would actually be an effective tool for our already active members in sharing with their friends and contacts. We tested the concept out all around the world and got an enthusiastic response. After we showed it at one meeting in Brazil, Twitter and Facebook response registered an amazing 9,000 "likes" in less than 24 hours.

GLEANER: WAS IT DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE WORLD LEADERSHIP TO TRY THIS NEW APPROACH?

CALDWELL: Well, when our leaders saw that members were excited about actually using this type of social media outreach in conjunction with *The Great Hope* project, they started looking for funds. When a major donor stepped up and said, "I believe in this. I'll cover half of the cost, if you'll find the rest," the General Conference committee decided, "We've got to do this." They saw it truly had the potential to speak to an unreached audience. The project kicked off in the fall of 2012, and we've been working hard on it ever since.

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SATTERLUND: To do this effectively, the budget was going to approach \$1 million. That's pretty small, actually, for projects of this sort, but we knew it would be a pretty big chunk for our church. Even then, it would be like trying to buy a Cadillac with a Yugo budget. This was a big step for our church leaders, and I'm grateful they had the courage to give the okay.

GLEANER: SO, WITH THE "GREEN LIGHT" TO MOVE AHEAD, WHAT SORT OF VIDEO STORYTELLING DID YOU DECIDE WOULD BEST REACH THE "UNREACHED" WITH *THE GREAT HOPE*?

SATTERLUND: We wanted to do something entirely different from what might otherwise be expected. All of us are captivated by stories that make us care about the characters, that make us want to keep reading or watching to see how things turn out. I thought — what about using a bit of imagination to let angels tell the stories that are at the core of *The Great Hope*? They look at the brightest light and the darkest evil every day. Their perspective would be phenomenal. We decided the war in heaven, the fall of humanity, the plan of redemption — all the thematic lines of divine/human interaction could be told through their eyes.

Filmmaker Jason Satterlund and Garrett Caldwell, General Conference associate director of communication, reflect on *The Record Keeper* project on the set created at the Wapato Jail facility in Portland, Oregon. Levy Moroshan

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NEW WINDOW INTO THE GREAT CONTROVERSY



Junesoo Ham portrays the angel Caden in a scene shot in Arizona with Lindsay Frame, who plays Raina the Record Keeper. CALDWELL: In our experience sharing some the preliminary segments around the world, we have found that once people see the whole picture, they get it. It is still closely tied to the content and insight that comes from the Bible and the original themes of *The Great Controversy*. Rajeev Sigamoney, who is assistant professor of film and television production at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, teamed with us to come up with the scripts.

GLEANER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF *THE RECORD KEEPER* SEGMENTS WERE SHOT IN THE NORTHWEST.

SATTERLUND: It made sense to do a major amount of the production in Portland, Oregon, where I live. I already have a number of film talent and production people in the

Northwest who I am used to collaborating with on projects. So we decided to do most of the production right here. The challenge was to find a place where we could create a film set and leave it in place for a couple months. What we found was a pretty cool and ironic spot to film: the Wapato Jail facility in Northwest Portland, which has been empty since it was built in 2003. It's pretty ironic and perhaps fitting that stories of darkness and redemption should be filmed in a jail.

GLEANER: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE UNIQUE LOOK FOR THE SET AND ACTORS? WHY WAS THAT IMPORTANT TO THE STORY?

SATTERLUND: We sort of stumbled upon this as we thought of how to present this in an imaginative but timeless manner. Our set designer, Josh Kinsey, is not only a devout Christian believer but also quite a collector of the so-called "steampunk" genre. It's sort of a Jules Verne look — classic and futuristic all at the same time with knurled knobs, gears and mechanical devices. As we looked at the content of our scripts, we thought it would be the perfect atmosphere for *The Great Hope/Great Controversy* story, which looks both back into the past and forward to the future.

CALDWELL: People, even if they're not essentially Christian, seem to identify with the angel theme. Telling this story through the eyes of angels allowed us to be fluid in time. We felt the steampunk genre would initially engage the

* The Great Control For an Adventist is a Book — It's a wor



imagination of curious viewers in what seems to be a fantasy world but ultimately lead them to the underlying truths of the past, present and future.

GLEANER: HOW DID THE ACTORS AND CREW RESPOND TO FILMING THIS UNIQUE WORLD VIEW OF THE BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL?

SATTERLUND: Only one of our main actors, Dennis Hill, was a Seventh-day Adventist member. The rest of our 60-plus cast and crew members represented various states of belief or unbelief. But the further we got into the project, the more I could see them engaging, becoming interested with the core of this message. The whole atmosphere of team building toward a common theme set a different tone than many of them had ever experienced. I like to think that they will associate that with the spiritual tone and truth of this amazing story. And I can hope and pray that those who view the end result online will also find the theme to be life-changing.

GLEANER: YOU PLAN TO MAKE THE RECORD KEEPER WEB SERIES PUBLIC BY EARLY 2014. HOW SHOULD THE AVERAGE CHURCH MEMBER VIEW THIS SERIES AS COMPARED TO THE FAMILIAR GREAT CONTROVERSY NARRATIVE?

CALDWELL: *The Great Controversy* for an Adventist, and as shared in *The Great Hope*, is more than a book — it's a world view. We want to give people in our sphere of influence

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a glimpse so we can have a conversation with them, leading to an evangelistic outcome. Conversation includes both speaking and listening, so we don't view it as a short-term process from initial viewing to baptism. It will take patience and persistence. I hope members around the world will find The Record Keeper series to be an effective way to begin a discussion of eternal consequence. Evangelism is not just for "specialists" — it's for all of us. We'll be able to see metrics via social media networking. We'll be able to see how many of our young people get really excited about not just viewing it but sharing it. When we showed the pilot to a group at Johns Hopkins University, they said they are eager to use this as the core for a weekly study group. Overall, if our church collectively says, "This was a very valuable thing; we need to do it again and do it more," then I'll feel the project time and expense was worthwhile.

Actress Lindsay Frame, who plays Raina the Record Keeper in the Web series, surveys a portion of the set used to shoot the original trailer for the movie at The Governor Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

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Raina, the Record Keeper, seeks truth within the spreading conflict most Adventists understand as the Great Controversy.

GLEANER: WILL THERE BE A "SEASON TWO" OR ADDITIONAL RELEASES VIA BROADCAST OR DVD?

CALDWELL: The Web version fits our plan well for now. You're not restricted by time or audience — anyone can share it virally. You don't feel embarrassed if you don't have a \$100 million budget. I think this stands right at the top of the heap, though, compared with other Web series I've seen. There is definitely a "season two" in the minds and hearts of the creators. The church this time around supported it, but individual lay people did too. Who will step forward the next time around? What blessed soul will be in the unique position to fund the next step in creative evangelism? I have no idea who will come forward or what the next stage will be. Will we branch beyond the Web to produce a feature film? We'll see what spiritual serendipity the Holy Spirit brings together.

GLEANER: IS IT LIKELY THAT SOME CHURCH MEMBERS WILL BE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS? DOES THIS TAKE TOO MANY LIBERTIES WITH THE GREAT CONTROVERSY THEMES?

CALDWELL: Of course. I can understand how some will conclude this is not for them — and they are right. The General Conference decided to support this project for the express purpose of reaching people beyond the borders of the church. The world at large has been desensitized to what is at stake in the battle between good and evil. This series seeks to pull back the curtain on what is behind what people see with their eyes every day. And, while this is drama, we have carefully consulted the Biblical Research Institute and the Ellen G. White Estate throughout the process to be sure the series is consistent with what we know from prophetic writings.

GLEANER: AS YOU LOOK BACK ON THE ENTIRE PROJECT, WHAT EXCITES YOU THE MOST?

SATTERLUND: I feel we as a church have sometimes set our sights too low in using media to attract the public to our message. It's like we feel it's impossible to compete with the world, so we settle for something of lesser value. But we represent the Creator, and we ought to produce creations that are equal to or better than what the world holds up as good. I'm proud that our church allowed this effort to really soar. I hope this will be the start of more projects that connect our unique view of God's plan with those our Lord came to seek and save.

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COMPANION RESOURCES

New tools will include smallgroup discussion guides, Bible study materials and prerecorded sermon series all designed as companion resources to *The Record Keeper* to lead interested viewers into a deeper understanding of God's plan. A growing body of follow-up material will be available soon. Members can follow the latest developments on *The Record Keeper* Facebook page.

VISIT THE FACEBOOK PAGE AT http://glnr.in/ theRecordKeeper OR BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE APP.



While much of the filming was completed in Portland, Oregon, several scenes required taking the complex equipment and several team <u>mem</u>bers to Arizona record keeper

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reason why Adventists quit coming to church. His article, first published in the *Adventist Review* (March 21, 2013) and reprinted in the North Pacific Union Conference *GLEANER* (June 2013), is in large part predicated on a study conducted by Southern Adventist University's School of Business and directed by Lisa Goolsby.

While the responses of those surveyed in their study are forthright and heartfelt

about how they relate to Adventist theology, based on how this study was conducted,* it does not establish a new leading reason for why people leave the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Relational and personal issues are still the primary reasons why people leave the church according to every other North American Division (NAD) retention study conducted across Bermuda, Canada, Guam/Micronesia and the United States.

Through the years, leaving because of doctrinal reasons has hovered around 9 percent. Recent data shows an uptick to 14 percent. This is data we can rely on that represents the trends over more than three decades collected from stratified random samples of people identified by third parties (pastors, church clerks, etc.) as former or nonattending members.

Fully 80 percent of the former and inactive members interviewed in recent NAD research stated that in the 12 months prior to their decision to stop attending church, major stressors occurred in their lives, such as their marriage breaking up, the death of a loved one, a serious illness, etc. All prior research has shown this same strong correlation with stressful life events as the strongest explanation of why people drop out of the Adventist Church.

What the "Former Seventh-day Adventist Perceptions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" study, as reported in the "Beyond Belief" article, gives us is a much better idea of what those who leave for doctrinal reasons (the 14 percent) are thinking. It prompts us to not ignore their legitimate questions but accelerate our responses to them in reasoned and redemptive ways.

Adventism is hemorrhaging members (especially in North America) at an alarming rate. Members are not leaving in large groups, for if they were we would take notice and pour significant resources into reversing that trend. Unfortunately, Adventists are slipping away one, two, three at a time, and we don't realize they are gone until months or years later. The majority of those who have left say that "no one contacted me when I left" or that the contact came from an Adventist relative or friend some distance away, not from their local church. We can do better.

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If it were true that there had been a fundamental shift in the primary reason why people leave the church, we already have a good idea how active members would respond. Adventists have a long history of "present the message, and if they don't agree to it, wipe the dust off your feet and move on," and this practice not only applies to potential converts but also gets applied to members who leave. When members start making their faith their own (not Mom/Dad's faith, not the pastor's or teacher's or spouse's faith, etc.), we tend to be pretty hard on those who ask questions and prioritize theological beliefs differently than is commonly held by the denomination. Again, we can do better.

If however we take seriously the primary reason still why people leave, which is trauma and transitions in their lives that often active members have failed to respond to in a caring way, then we are the ones who need to take responsibility for bridging the divide between active and inactive members if we are to follow Matthew 18 as ministers of reconciliation.

What We Can Do

The five takeaways listed in the "Beyond Belief" article offer excellent questions and proposed solutions for addressing a growing trend of questioning, prioritizing or rejecting Adventist theology. I would urge every administrator, pastor and church member to read them carefully and then gather with others and seek to address each point prayerfully and proactively with great urgency.

What is also winsome about the applications in "Beyond Belief" is its emphasis on continuing in the tradition of Adventist founders who relentlessly pursued present truth. One of those inspiring founders, Ellen White, reminds us of this high value:

"There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation.

"[A]s real spiritual life declines, it has ever been the tendency to cease to advance in the knowledge of the truth. Men [and women] rest satisfied with the light already received from God's word, and discourage any further investigation of the Scriptures. They become conservative, and seek to avoid discussion.

"When God's people are at ease, and satisfied with their present enlightenment, we may be sure that God will not favor them. It is God's will that they should be ever moving forward, to receive the increased and ever-increasing light which is shining for them" (*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 35, 38–41).

It's still true today, as has been reported by NAD reconnecting ministries for two decades, that Adventism has more nonattending members willing to try the Adventist Church again than we have congregations willing to receive them back without unbelievably unreasonable expectations. God help us to make reconnecting ministries a priority in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, starting today and continuing without growing weary until Jesus comes back to reconnect with us in person.

Paul Richardson, North American Division reconnecting ministries coordinator

*The "Former Seventh-day Adventist Perceptions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" study used a nonprobability sampling method, which means one cannot scientifically make generalizations about the total NAD population from this sample because it would not be representative enough. We are the ones who need to take responsibility for bridging the divide between active and inactive members.

ACCION La Obra en la Iglesia de Remix

Con la mirada conmovida de una madre, me dijo, "Pastor, estaba desesperada sin saber qué hacer. No podía seguir obligando a mi hija a asistir a la Iglesia después de que ella había cumplido su mayoría de edad. Pero ahora mi hija nos levanta temprano para que la familia vaya a la iglesia. Estoy tan agradecida a Dios por esta iglesia"

Al visitar a un joven adulto me contó, "Pastor yo he pasado gran parte de mi vida en la pandillas y en la cárcel. Yo pensaba que el adorar a Dios era algo de tontos, pero cada vez que llego a la iglesia me convenzo más de querer adorar a Dios con mi vida. Quiero ayudar. Quiero hacer



Esta joven encontró su lugar en la iglesia gozando de las bendiciones de adorar al Señor.

algo, pastor. ¡Dios me ha ayudado tanto!"

¿Cómo puedo servir en esta iglesia? Una joven adulta recién graduada de la universidad me decía, "Pastor, hacía tiempo que estaba buscando mi lugar dentro de la iglesia, y sé que ya lo encontré. Quiero bautizarme."

En el culto de adoracion en la Iglesia de Remix, un lugar donde todos se pueden encontrar con Jesús.



historias de lo que Dios está haciendo a través de nuestra Iglesia de Remix. Vez tras vez vemos como la historia se repite con jóvenes que nacieron o se criaron aquí en Estados Unidos. Su primer idioma es el inglés. Su cultura no es la misma de sus padres y luchan con encontrar un lugar donde pertenecer y poder expresar su fe en su contexto.

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Estos jóvenes adultos están formando familias y lazos de amistades y de influencia que trascienden a su herencia hispana. Nuestra Iglesia de Remix esta intencionalmente tratando de proveerle ese lugar a la juventud no solamente de descendencia hispana sino de cualquier etnicidad. Un lugar en donde todos se puedan encontrar con Jesús donde y como están. Hasta ahora el resultado ha sido asombroso. Alrededor de cien jóvenes adultos están llegando cada Sábado para estudiar la Biblia y adorar a Dios. Hemos sido bendecidos con 10 bautismos y otras 24 personas están estudiando la Biblia. En la Iglesia de Remix hemos sido llamados a hacerle más fácil a la juventud el encontrarse con su Señor Jesucristo, rompiendo las barreras del idioma



Edwin Vargas, el pastor de la Iglesia de Remix, celebrando un bautismo bendecido.

y utilizando expresiones relevantes de la cultura de hoy para poder predicar el evangelio a esta nueva generación.

Edwin G. Vargas, pastor de la Iglesia de Remix

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Barbara Fowler (left), new North Pole Church member, is baptized by Bill Kasper (right), Fairbanks and North Pole churches pastor.

God Blesses in Alaska's Interior

here is nothing more rewarding than to share God's love with our neighbors, family and friends. Over the past few months the Fairbanks and North Pole churches had the opportunity to share Jesus with the community. During February, the churches held a prophecy seminar in Fairbanks during which Bill Kasper, Fairbanks and North Pole churches pastor, shared amazing discoveries in prophecy. About 20 visitors attended every night, and at

the end some of these new friends gave their lives to Jesus through baptism.

In April, this time in North Pole, Kasper once more shared the beautiful message of Biblical prophecy. Again, the seminar reached an average of 20 visitors nightly. During the last two weeks, several of these guests also gave their lives to Christ through baptism or profession of faith. Members were also happy to see old friends return and become, once again, an active part of the church family.

During these past few months these congregations were blessed with making friends for here and for eternity and were able to join heaven in celebrating hearts transformed by Christ. Their church family has grown, and they rejoice as they continue together in this journey towards our heavenly home.

Vania Kasper, Fairbanks Church member

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Idaho Rethinks Camp Meeting Back to Our Roots

n what many would consider a bold move, Idaho Conference pastors and administration returned camp meeting to its evangelistic roots and intentionally reoriented the annual gathering as an outreach event.

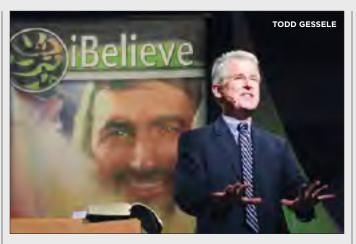
"The time for self-entertainment and preaching to the choir is over," said one of the pastors who participated in the Evangelistic Camp Meeting subcommittee. "Our vision was to take camp meeting outward instead of inward so we can hasten Christ's coming and go upward."

Speaker Dwight K. Nelson helped generate excitement by making a promotional DVD



Jason Worf (right), SOULS Northwest director, interviews a student about the important training work of the institute, which is operated by the North Pacific Union Conference.

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Dwight Nelson, featured speaker for the Idaho Conference camp meeting, shares with the evening camp meeting crowd.

for use in the churches during the weeks leading up to his "iPerceive"-themed meetings. In that promotional message, Nelson said, "This is the first time I've ever seen a camp meeting team clear the decks, throw the front door wide open, and invite all our friends and neighbors in the surrounding community to join us." Churches invited their Bible study students, and Tim Roosenberg presented a five-day series, Islam and Christianity in Bible Prophecy, just before camp meeting.

Daytime seminars and children's programming remained unchanged, but the nightly meetings took on the look and feel of a full-scale evangelistic meeting. Greeters met worshippers at the Gem State Adventist Academy gym doors and distributed study guides and Bibles. Contemporary décor set the stage as The Journey Praise, the Caldwell Church worship team, led the singing.

Adjacent the gym, a special

"Parentopia" tent complete with toys and a video screen gave parents a place to relax with their children while watching as Nelson presented the distinctive Adventist beliefs of Sabbath, the state of the dead, baptism and the Second Coming.

Three individuals were baptized on the last night. Attendance, ranging from 600 to more than 1,000 on Sabbath, was well above average. Many non-Adventists indicated their decisions for Christ on commitment cards.

"I really like the fact that this camp meeting was an outreach event instead of just feedin' the sheep," one responder wrote on the camp meeting survey form.

Why go to the trouble of restructuring something as traditional as camp meeting to make it an outreach event? As David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, explains, "I was excited when our pastors wanted to take camp meeting back to its roots." Plans for an evangelistic camp meeting in 2014 are already underway.

This is not a new idea but rather an old one restored. We need to continue to rethink camp meeting because it's time to get serious about going home.

Randy Maxwell, Kuna Church pastor



Campers Learn About Christ at Camp Paxson

ifty-five eager, energized children made their way to Camp Paxson for a week of camp this summer on the shores of Seeley Lake. This Boy Scout camp has been the site of many amazing experiences for the young people of Montana, and this year was no exception.

The campers had some incredible choices of classes both indoor and out, from

outdoor activities.

One of the highlights of camp was the time spent in worship. The singing and the counselors' skits kept the kids engaged in the spiritual side of camp. Having worship in the cabins with the counselors really emphasized the importance of Christ's love, while Phillip Neuharth, Havre Church pastor, captivated the campers every eve-



The Camp Paxson staff's expertise is vital to continuing this quality camp program for Montana kids.

swimming, wakeboarding and waterskiing to kayaking, archery and videography. Some chose Frisbee golf, hiking or orienteering, while others pursued gymnastics, crafts, photography or even crocheting. About 20 campers presented a demonstration of their gymnastic skills to their fellow campers.

The kids also really enjoyed the group games like kickball, capture the flag and "lightning." The weather mostly cooperated and only interrupted one afternoon of ning with his worship talks. On Sabbath morning the counselors did an amazing portrayal of Christ's last moments on Earth as the campers went to each of four stations and took part in special services. At the end of the week, 15 campers indicated they were interested in baptism.

Campers and staff alike enjoyed mealtime as well. Longtime camp chef Sandy Jenkins made sure that all 80 staff and campers were wellfed at all times.



About 80 campers and staff enjoyed a week to remember at Camp Paxson this summer, and 15 of the campers indicated an interest in baptism.

Jim Jenkins, Bozeman Church pastor and acting camp director, did an excellent job acquiring dedicated staff to minister to these young people as they learned more about God while enjoying His creation. Without all the volunteers and the expertise of the staff, it would be difficult to maintain this quality camp program.

Now Montana young people can look forward to another adventure during Camp Paxson 2014.

Phil Hudema, Montana Conference youth director



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Gladstone Camp Meeting

Through the Eyes of Others

e could tell you that Gladstone Camp Meeting 2013 went off without a hitch, that the weather was beautiful, that the food was good, that the Pathfinders made a lot of money for their trips to Oshkosh, Wis., next summer, and that there were no major injuries. And that would mostly be true — a good time was had by all. But instead, we want to share a few thoughts from some of those who attended the meetings, experienced the music and were encouraged by this year's theme, "Come Unto Me."

"Enjoyed Dr. McVay — especially moving were the excerpts of Elder Morris Venden, who was my pastor at Pacific Union College when in college during 1969–1973. Seeing friends from college here — taste of heaven."

"Sermons are wonderful — speakers delightful."

"The worship in music from special choirs, musicians and song leaders was very special. Especially beneficial was the



Elsie Payne (left), 96, has been attending Gladstone Camp Meeting since 1951, together with her sister Elva Payne, 98. Bill Williams, 99, began attending in 1949. Taken together, they've been attending Gladstone Camp Meeting for 191 years.

Zull Hall seminar You Lost Me, addressing a desire to discover reasons our young adults are leaving the church — and learning each person's journey is between them and God and must not be judged."

"Most impressed by Richie and Timari's [Brower] testimony and their willingness to share what they've learned and connected with Jesus."

"Every day a blessing — spent time with more friends." "Watching the 5K Fun Run/ Walk was inspiring. 'Press toward the mark' — looking forward to more 'bread from heaven."

"I've so enjoyed Gordon Pifher and Russell Burrill's meetings. Also, Karen Hamilton. What blessings to us!"

"Bernie was excellent. Have known him since high school. Thanks for sharing his Godgiven talents with Oregon young adults. We need more Bernies in our church." "A great memory for me is being with my friends, hanging out really early in the morning with cereal and other snacks.... Jesus is my lifeline, and I honestly can't see my life without Him."

"I'm so thankful God has blessed so many who are presenting with the gift of discernment and understanding the depth in Bible study and relationships. Thank you, Oregon Conference personnel, for all the time, effort and prayer to find people to present — and all the work to get everything ready. ... I've been blessed."

Note: These quotes were taken from a book made available during this year's camp meeting at Gladstone for sharing thoughts and experiences. We thank each person who shared with us this year.

Oregon Conference communication team



John McVay, Walla Walla University president, pictured here, spoke Tuesday through Thursday evenings in the Plaza Pavilion. John Bradshaw spoke Friday and Sabbath evenings.



The campground in Gladstone rang with music this year, as many excellent groups performed throughout the week. Here is the Russian Choir of Living Word Church performing on Wednesday evening.

Kestrel Krew Enjoys Birding 'Big Day'



Tualatin Valley Academy students (from left) Zack Fritzler, Nels Nelson and Albert Roman join birding editor Dave Irons to enjoy a Big Day of bird-watching.

A n enthusiastic group of eighth-grade students from Tualatin Valley Academy (TVA) in Hillsboro began a quest May 5 to find out how many bird species could be identified in a day.

The Kestrel Krew began as an idea planted by John Gatchet, then Oregon Conference vice president for education, as he led TVA students on bird-watching ventures and told of his birding "Big Days," which the American Birding Association defines as "a single-team effort ... to identify as many bird species as possible during a single calendar day."

The group was born and a plan created for a 17-hour day

of bird-watching. Dave Irons, BirdFellow.com content editor, scouted habitats and mapped a detailed itinerary for the day.

The TVA team arrived at Nobel Woods Park in Hillsboro by 3:30 a.m. Almost immediately a pair of western screech owls answered Irons' calls and became the first species of the Big Day. In the predawn darkness at Killin Wetlands, the Kestrel Krew identified birds by songs alone. They had identified more than 50 species by 9 a.m. as they headed to the Oregon Coast, where they spied shorebirds, loons, cackling geese and a bald eagle.

The Kestrel Krew counted their last bird, a Eurasian wigeon, at 8:30 p.m. in Jackson Bottom Wetlands. Overall, the group covered more than 200 miles and identified 139 bird species in a single day. "This trip was a real adventure," says Mark Janta, one of the students.

Phil Kahler, Tualatin Valley Academy science teacher

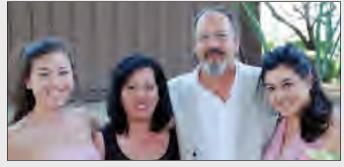
PAA Introduces New Staff

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) begins the school year with three new staff members.

After a prayerful search, PAA selected Dan Nicola as principal. Nicola has a passion for education and leading young people to Jesus. He spent the last 16 years at Escondido Adventist Academy in Southern California while he and his wife,

Cindy Goh, PAA alumna, is excited to teach science classes in the same classroom and lab she learned in years ago.





Principal Dan Nicola (center) and his wife, Jane, raised two daughters who are students at Walla Walla University and Loma Linda University.

Jane, raised their two daughters on their family ranch. "I always thought it would take something pretty special to tear me away from my ancestral home," said Nicola. "Well, PAA is just that special, and I am thrilled to become a part of such a fantastic school."

Cindy Goh is joining the science department. Goh graduated from PAA in 2007 and majored in chemistry at Walla Walla University (WWU) in College Place, Wash. She recently taught English in South Korea and says she's excited to join the PAA staff because she embraces the adventures God has planned for her.

Monte Torkelsen is PAA's school chaplain. Many PAA students are familiar with Torkelsen from his previous roles as the Oregon Conference youth ministries director and Big Lake Youth Camp (BLYC) director. His knowledge and experience of fundraising for BLYC will be an asset as he also serves as PAA development director.

Torkelsen, a PAA graduate, attended WWU and Andrews University (Berrien Springs, Mich.). He and his wife, Darla, have three sons; two are PAA graduates attending WWU, and the youngest is a PAA student.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER *correspondent*



Monte Torkelsen and his wife, Darla (center), have three sons attending WWU and PAA.

Ohanacf.org Streams Services Worldwide

hana Christian Fellowship in West Linn is featuring a new outreach ministry that streams Sabbath worship services live over the Internet in high definition.

This ministry began in January when, while planning for a



spring evangelistic series with Marc Fox, one member suggested streaming the series to the whole world. Plans proceeded. but less than five minutes before the first meeting the live feed could not be established. When at last the team threw up their hands, the feed miraculously started. People from 114 different cities and seven countries tuned in during the series.

That led to thoughts of broadcasting the Sabbath worship service on a regular basis. Ohana already periodically broadcasted the sermon to their sister church in Canby. Why not broadcast the entire service to the whole world at the same time?

The video team got the needed equipment, and the ministry of streaming Ohana Christian Fellowship services began. Several families have visited in person after first viewing services online. One gentleman joined the church.

Another group in southern Oregon watches weekly and follows along with the music, playing their instruments in tandem with the broadcast.

The viewership is growing each week as Ohana's members distribute business cards with the church's website and service times so people can tune in.

Ohana broadcasts Sabbath services each Sabbath at 11 a.m. (Pacific Time). Anyone can tune in at ohanacf.org. Live streaming can be viewed from iPads, iPods or iPhones using Photon, available in the app store for a small fee.

Sue Washinger, Ohana Christian Fellowship communication leader

Asscherick Shares Message

he message from a powerful four-part series by David Asscherick remains with the Grants Pass Church. Asscherick's unique, well-known speaking was on full display for the congregation on May 31 and June 1. The former extreme-sports enthusiast, skateboarder and punk rocker spoke about a time exactly 17 years earlier when he gave his heart to Jesus.

He fondly recalled memories when he and Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, were both studying and serving God in Michigan. Now, both pastors and their families call Oregon their home. Asscherick lives in Jasper, where he is co-director of Light Bearers Ministry. Martin recently assumed the senior pastor position in Grants Pass.





David Asscherick offers a simple but essential message to Grants Pass Church: God is love.

Each of Asscherick's talks built upon the next. His idea was simple but essential: God is love. He asked each person in

the audience to consider their faith like a table. Upon that "table" are our beliefs. Is our table perhaps a bit cluttered? He

urged us to consider what the most important item on that table should be. As Adventists, we cannot begin to set our table of beliefs without having Jesus as the center of everything. Without complete faith in Jesus, as well as accepting how much we are loved, nothing else upon our table matters.

Asscherick's message of hope is more relevant than ever for the Grants Pass Church, as the search for an associate pastor continues, several church families have moved to work elsewhere, and illness and loss remind that we are indeed in the final days.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

Grants Pass School Celebrates Comings and Goings

Staff, students and families of Grants Pass Adventist School recently said goodbye to longtime principal/teacher Judi Clark and welcomed their new leader, Philip A. Ermshar.

Grants Pass Adventist School says goodbye to longtime principal/teacher Judi Clark.



Dozens of friends gathered June 2 to bid farewell to Clark and celebrate her 13 years of service. They celebrated a woman who was the first to show up at school in the morning and often the last to leave. She always had positive words, even in challenging situations.

Clark's decision to accept a teaching position in Tillamook was difficult due to strong bonds she had formed in Grants Pass. The evening event created an opportunity to share good memories with her and her husband, Marvin, who retired as the Grants Pass Church senior pastor in January.

Ermshar and his wife, Cheri, along with their children, Seth and Loryn, come to Grants Pass from Arroyo Grande, Calif., where he served as Valley View Junior Academy principal for the past five years. Cheri divides her time between managing the family activities and her work as a certified massage practitioner.

Ermshar graduated from Pacific Union College in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and has since earned a master's in education. He has been working in Adventist schools for 15 years in Michigan and California and has enjoyed guiding them toward successful capital projects, outdoor education adventures and innovative academic activities. He is passionate about Adventist education and believes that God has given the Seventhday Adventist Church a unique mission to train students for service. Outdoor education has become a specialty, as well as the proper use of technology in the classroom.

Ermshar is excited to become part of the Grants Pass team. He asks that you pray for a positive transition and start to the 2013–14 school year.

Jennifer Burkes and Alta Austin, Grants Pass Church communication team members

Philip Ermshar is the new leader of Grants Pass Adventist School.



Madrone Adventist Elementary Holds International Fair

The Madrone Adventist Elementary School in Cave Junction invited the community to its International Fair. During the fair, each student showcased a display featuring a map, important historical facts, places of interest to visit and a delicious recipe from one particular country. A famous dessert from each country was also displayed, and additional food was available for purchase as a fundraiser.

The event brought a local newspaper editor to take photos since the school has attracted a lot of interest in the community.

Patty Hyland, Cave Junction Church communication leader



Garrett Whitchurch, a third-grader at Madrone Adventist Elementary School in Cave Junction, proudly shows off his display about Ukraine.

New Technology Enhances Rogers Reading Experience



Rogers Adventist School middle school students try out the new Kindle technology, thanks to a generous educational grant.

A long with using the standard library resources of books, magazines and videos, Rogers Adventist School (College Place, Wash.) students, with the aid of librarian and media center director Audrey Campbell, have the opportunity to employ new technologies.

With a grant from the Don R. Keele Excellence in Education fund, the school has purchased 12 Kindle Fires for students to check out and use.

"The Kindle was ideal," says Campbell. "It has the text-tospeech option plus color for the picture books, and it is easy to use. The text-to-speech capability is for those who enjoy listening to an audiobook or need to follow text while listening."

Each of the Kindles comes loaded with the same books, which include titles such as *Little Women, The Secret Garden, Heidi, Pride and Prejudice* and the Bible. To start with, each Kindle has 42 books.

The Kindles are available for individual students to check out, and plans are developing to use them in the classrooms too.

Students also made use of another technology — Skype. Following the study of the books *Dahveed* and *Ruth and Boaz*, the seventh- and eighthgrade honors reading group conducted a Skype visit with the author, Terri Fivash.

Asking her questions and listening to her share her perspective on the books helped students understand why she wrote what she did, students said.

"As a teacher librarian, I'm thankful for the technology that allows an author to visit a school of any size," says Campbell.

Lisa Krueger, Rogers Adventist School parent

Members Provide Pay Back Time in West Plains

est Plains Community Adventist Church (Airway Heights, Wash.) members showed up at Carol Matlock's house on July 14 with ladders, tools, gloves and a passel of energy to show support for her tireless work in her church since it was planted in 2005.

Despite a limited income, Matlock, a widow, has been generous to her church, both in offerings and in giving her time. But this summer, her home and property needed repairs, including a new roof, painting and furnace repair. She could no longer receive KHBA, the local Adventist television station. Her car needed tires, and a dead tree threatened to fall on her house.

Church members provided manpower, while Joe Stanfill, KHBA station manager, remedied her TV problem. Others gave tires, paint and tree removal, as well as a promise to repair the furnace.

This opportunity provided a sense of togetherness as the church showed thankfulness for one member's phenomenal contributions.

Merlene Olmsted, West Plains Community Adventist Church member

Zillah Church Celebrates City's Founding



ach year on the second Saturday in May, the city of Zillah, Wash., celebrates its founding. This year Orville Hartwig, Zillah Church head elder, secured the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response unit to be part of the parade. Young people riding on and walking with the unit

and members stationed at the church, which is located at the end of the parade route, distributed bottles of water. A label on each bottle read, "Yes ... It's really free! Just as God's love is free, our gift of water is too."

Elaine Huey, Zillah Church communication leader

Door-Knocking Changes Lives



Melina Maniscalco (left) and Cassie Dhole (right) enjoy their time in the field.

don't even know what's in this book, but I know I agree with it," remarked Roy as he flipped through a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Roy lives in Kennewick, Wash., and is one of thousands of people the Upper Columbia Conference Youth Rush team visited this summer.

This year, 20 young people participated in the annual Youth Rush student literature evangelism program, knocking on more than 100,000 doors throughout the conference territory. "Everybody in my church just believes in whatever they want to believe," Roy said in frustration. He ended up donating, selecting a copy of *The Great Controversy* and signing up for Bible studies.

"Roy's basically already an Adventist," said Ron Kelly, Kennewick Church outreach coordinator, who made a followup visit to Roy. Roy is evidence of what *Acts of the Apostles* says, that "many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in" (p. 109).

Youth Rush students distributed more than 12,500 books this summer and received more than \$110,000 in donations, providing more than \$70,000 in matching scholarship funds for Adventist education. Beyond money, these books represent a deep sense of mission found at Youth Rush.

"I was praying and praying that God would show me why He called me here," said Cassie Mason, a student at Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place, Wash. "I was getting books into people's homes, but I wanted to experience a divine appointment."

After a hot day on the streets and at one of the last doors, Mason met a woman who abruptly said that she wasn't interested because she had had a bad day at work. Mason handed her a devotional book anyway. The lady again said she didn't have time due to her bad day. Mason showed her two more devotional books and talked about how they could help her with what she really needed.

"She started crying and crying," says Mason. "She told me, 'I'm so glad you came here right now. I really need these materials." Youth Rush members look forward to divine appointments like this. Just as these students have experienced this summer, God has powerful experiences awaiting as you reach out to those around you.

For more great stories and statistics of how God worked this summer through Upper Columbia Conference's Youth Rush team, visit uccsda.org/ YouthRush/2013report. Next year's Youth Rush program runs June 8 to Aug. 14 and is open to students ages 16 and up.

Robert Koorenny, Upper Columbia Conference Youth Rush coordinator



Youth Rush students carefully plan their routes and neighborhoods for each day's outreach.

HJA Hosts MOPS in the Shop

ocal MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) enjoyed an evening of woodworking and instruction at Harris Junior Academy (HJA) in Pendleton, Ore., on March 7. Guided by Alton Olson, HJA shop teacher, the MOPS ladies cut, sanded, stapled, drilled, burned and tied materials to create wooden flower baskets.

The Pendleton Church has hosted and led monthly MOPS



meetings since 2011. The program has expanded to include an additional ladies' night out. These events connect church members with the community, and now some community families are attending Sabbath services.

Marilynn Colcord, MOPS mentor mom

Roku Gives Feet to He's Alive TV

e's Alive Television (KHBA UHF Channel 39) is now on Roku, an Internet streaming service. He's Alive Television, which originates from Spokane, Wash., and operates four channels for a local viewing audience, now travels to every corner of North America and beyond through this compact device that costs a one-time fee of \$50 to \$100.

He's Alive TV partnered with the BrightStar Channel in Southern California and TelVue in New Jersey to make this possible. For more detailed

Roku has more than 750 channels, one of which is BrightStar. This is where He's Alive Television resides. directions on getting He's Alive TV once hooked up on Roku, visit khbatv.com.

At the Upper Columbia Conference camp meeting booth area, Joe Stanfill, KHBA station manager, discovered that many people outside the Spokane viewing area have no access to local Christian television and are interested in connecting to Roku to watch He's Alive Television.

He's Alive TV serves the largest population base between Seattle and Minneapolis, Minn., and with this exciting new tech-



He's Alive Television's Channel 39.1 broadcasts on the BrightStar Channel on Roku.

nology they are able to reach into nearly 6 million homes. "We are excited to move into this new arena of broadcasting," says Stanfill. "He's Alive Television is taking advantage of a tremendous opportunity." This service provides a budgetconscious way to expand and reach new viewers.

He's Alive Television began 21 years ago by Marlo Fralick,



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then pastor of the Spokane Central Adventist Church. Since its inception He's Alive TV has grown from one to four digital channels. It offers programs that are powerful and committed to teaching people of all ages about the love of Jesus, including the only Adventist Russian "Open Book Channel" 24/7 in the country and programs like "Echoes of Encouragement," Dare to Love" and "Gospel Outreach." A new children's show is also in process.

Through the Roku service, anyone can share the good news with people anywhere who want the option of viewing Christian programming and hearing biblically accurate messages. For additional information, contact the station at 509-622-4780 or go to khbatv.com.

He's Alive TV operates through the efforts, prayers and donations of nine churches in the Spokane area.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

Keynote Speaker: Manny Cruz

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." —3 JOHN 4

Camp Meeting Celebrates God's Victories

The gun didn't fire. The road rage ended. Sleepless nights ceased. These were some life turning-points that were shared through evangelism stories at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting in June.

Evangelism is a core value of the camp meeting experience in western Washington. Keynote presentations this year focused on the theme "Revived to Serve" and unpacked how "reaching up to God revives us to reach out and share Jesus with our communities." Three sets of weekday training classes equipped members and guests to grow in ing different religions. His wife, Dawn, received a flyer in the mail for a Bible prophecy seminar. Jason Bolenske had some concerns and told his wife to pray, follow God and "make sure these people are following the Bible."

In a sequence of events, Bolenske was only able to attend the last three nights of the prophecy meeting in person with his wife. He requested the 17-set DVD series and watched an eight-hour marathon of Bible prophecy presentations with six Bible translations open before him.



From hearing stories about transformed lives to learning how to partner with God to grow spiritually strong, Washington Adventist Camp Meeting attendees discover how to be "Revived to Serve" to share Jesus with our communities.

sharing their faith, to strengthen their family unit and to pursue healthy lifestyles.

Throughout the week, evangelism stories celebrated God's victories in an individual's life like Jason Bolenske. He planned to commit suicide. His life growing up and into adulthood was anything but pristine. When he pulled the trigger, the gun did not fire. God had other plans. Bolenske started research"God has changed me from the inside out," Bolenske says. "I used to be very violent and used colorful language. This is the first time in my life to have peace, joy and love."

The stories of changed lives continued throughout the week. Jeff Gladney shared how his life was transformed from a life of rage to a life of blessing. "My whole household was saved," he says.



The Bolenske family joins Bob Henricksen, Morton Church pastor, and Jac Colon, evangelist, along with the Washington Adventist Camp Meeting audience in watching video footage of their baptisms. God worked miracles in this family's life in the last year.

A gentleman from Sequim, Wash., attended Bible prophecy meetings, where he heard about the biblical Sabbath. Prior to this, he had many sleepless nights. "As soon as he made the decision to keep the Bible Sabbath, God gave him peace," says Eric Williams, Sequim Church pastor. "He was able to sleep peacefully night after night." These stories — and many more — are the essence of Washington Adventist Camp Meeting. Read a collection of life turning-point stories at washingtonconference.org.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



Scott Tyman, Tacoma Central Church pastor, interviews Primotivo Ortiz during Washington Adventist Camp Meeting. Ortiz found peace of mind when he started attending church, and his problems were solved one by one. In his matter-of-fact way, Ortiz has since shared his faith with family and friends and invited them to follow Jesus too.

Spanish Camp Meeting Marks Transitions

Campestre Hispano — Spanish Camp Meeting — in western Washington marked a time period of three transitions: an ordination, a farewell and a welcome.

Spanish camp meeting opened with the ordination of Pedro Pozo, a church planter who pastors the Bellevue, Bothell, Renton and Seattle Spanish churches.

"When a pastor reaches a new point in ministry, the church grows too," says Pedro Santiago, Bellevue Spanish elder.

Omar Grieve and his wife, Nessy Pittau, were the keynote speakers of the weekend and represented their new ministry, La Voz de la Esperanza. The camp meeting experience included a farewell supper for the Grieves as they transition from ministry in Washington Conference to media ministry.

Washington Conference's Hispanic ministries department is now being led by Wagner Cilio, who is splitting his ministry responsibilities between ministry administration and pastoring the Federal Way and Kent Spanish churches. Elida Jerez assists in the office.

Spanish camp meeting concluded with a Bible Bowl during which the participants tested their knowledge of minor prophets.

"My personal vision for our next Spanish Camp Meeting," says Cilio, "is to create a meeting where our

La Reunión del Campestre Hispano Marca Transiciónes

I Campestre Hispano en el oeste de Washington marcó un período de tres transiciones: una ordenación, una despedida y una bienvenida.

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Seventh-day Adventist brothers and sisters come together in a spiritual and family atmosphere that causes us to preach the message of the Three Angels in the joy of unity and with the great power of the Holy Spirit."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director El Campestre Hispano abre con la ordenación de Pedro Pozo, un plantador de iglesia que pastorea las iglesias hispanas de Bellevue, Bothell, Renton y Seattle.

"Cuando un pastor llega a una nueva experiencia en su ministerio, la iglesia crece también," dijo Pedro Santiago, primer anciano de la iglesia hispana de Bellevue.

Omar Grieve y su esposa, Nessy Pittau, fueron los oradores principales del fin de semana y representaban su nuevo ministerio, La Voz de la Esperanza. El campestre incluyo una cena de despedida para los esposos Grieve en su transición del ministerio de la Conferencia de Washington al ministeno de medios a comunicación.

El departamento del ministerio Hispano es dirigido ahora por el nuevo coordinador pastor Wagner Cilio, que administra sus responsabilidades entre el ministerio de la obra hispana de todas las iglesias, y pastorear las iglesias hispanas de Federal Way y Kent. Su asistente en la oficina es Elida Jerez.

El campestre hispano concluyó con un tazón de preguntas Bíblicas poniendo en prueba a los participantes en el conocimiento de los profetas menores.

"Mi visión personal para nuestro próximo campestre [hispano]," dijo Cilio, "es crear un encuentro de hermanos y hermanas Adventistas del Séptimo Día en un ambiente muy espiritual y familiar que nos provoque decididamente a predicar el mensaje de los Tres Ángeles en el gozo de la unidad y con el gran poder del Espíritu."

Heidi Baumgartner, directora de comunicación en la Conferencia de Washington, y traducido por Elida Jerez, asistente del ministerio Hispano en la Conferencia de Washington

Enumclaw Conducts Healthy Cooking Class



A group of women in Enumclaw combine their plant-based health knowledge and experience to present a healthy cooking class for the community.

group of women at Enumclaw Church thoroughly enjoy plant-based cooking as a hobby and as lifestyle medicine. As their skills and creations improved over time, they began experiencing better health.

This experience led to Enumclaw's first cooking class for the community in July. Prayer and fasting started off months of planning, meeting and testing recipes for the first class.

The women's ministry team, led by Christy Sheppard and Kelly Janneck, decided to feature healthy alternatives for a full day's menu for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert and beverage. Each guest received a recipe booklet.

In addition to the demonstrations, the program

included a health lecture by Marilyn Thomas, team member, on the eight laws of health: nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest and trust in divine power. Four kitchen assistants made the class run seamlessly.

"Some 38 eager learners enthusiastically watched ... and ate tasty samples," says Terry Cassingham, Enumclaw Church elder. "Nearly one third of the class was from the community. Everybody was enthusiastically engaged and also excited about the follow-up class scheduled for this fall."

The highest compliment of the afternoon came from

a guest who said the samples tasted great and added, "This is coming from a meat-eater."

Team members say teaching the community about the biblical health message was a blessing for the church. "We shared God's beautiful message of health and plantbased cooking with our church members and our community," the leaders say. "The diet truths show just how awesome God is because they are edible truths."

Find the recipes online at healthonthevine.wix.com/ newsletter.

Kelly Janneck, Enumclaw Church cooking school leader

Gig Harbor Members Live the Mission

Gig Harbor Adventist Fellowship (GHAF) is intentional about acting on its mission statement, "Living God's Grace by Knowing Him, Building Community and Sharing His Love."

Since its formation in June 2009, GHAF's members continue to serve communities locally and around the globe.

Internationally, GHAF has helped finish a church in Kissimu, Kenya, and helped fund mission trips to Mexico, Zimbabwe, India and Cambodia, with GHAF members participating in two of the trips.

Locally, GHAF is actively involved with several initiatives for underprivileged local



Gig Harbor members are intentional about living out their mission at home and abroad. The church, for example, volunteers at the Maritime Festival to help with setup and take down of equipment, supervision of the children's play area, and work on the sanitation and trash crew.

families. Members have donated food and money to the FISH Food Bank in Gig Harbor, become involved in the local Peninsula Communities of Faith humanitarian program, donated backpacks with school supplies for children in need, provided hygiene kits for a United Way project, and helped families at Peninsula High School with Christmas donations, gifts and food.

Additionally, GHAF serves the larger Gig Harbor community by volunteering at the city's Maritime Festival.

GHAF believes that serving others helps one grow spiritually. Retired pastor Clarence Schilt, who speaks at GHAF a couple times a month, says, "I am mightily blessed as part of Gig Harbor Adventist Fellowship. About a half dozen times in my life God has given me unusual spiritual insight and growth. One of those times has been being part of this fellowship. I am so grateful."

Visit this congregation online at gigharboradventist fellowship.org.

Kathy Comfort, GHAF administrative and operations ministry group leader

Ellen White Volume to Be Published by Oxford University Press

Oxford University Press announced in early July that it would publish a new biography of Ellen Gould Harmon White (1827–1915), co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 18 chapters prepared by 20 authors, *Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet* examines her ideas and the impact she has made on the Seventh-day Adventist Church and American religion generally.

The new book will introduce the Adventist prophet to general readers as well as to history students and teachers. "Scholars have identified Ellen White with Anne Hutchinson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mary Baker Eddy and Aimee Semple McPherson as one of the most prominent women in American religious history," says co-editor Terrie Dopp Aamodt, Walla Walla University history professor, "yet she is one of the least studied and understood."

The volume began to take shape at an October 2009 conference in Portland, Maine, the site of White's early upbringing. Chapter authors and respondents sought to examine the breadth of Ellen White's 70-year public career while avoiding extremes of outright rejection or treating her like a saint. Two scholars, one familiar with Adventist studies and the other a specialist in an area of the chap-

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In 2009, participants in the book and study project met in Portland, Maine, the site of Ellen White's early upbringing.

ter's historical context, reviewed each chapter in detail.

All of the 67 conference participants also read the chapters and applied a rubric to identify gaps and potential biases in the material. "Collaborative research, writing and editing shaped the book," says co-editor Gary Land, Andrews University (Berrien Springs, Mich.) history professor emeritus. "This project's scholarly exchange between Ellen White specialists and students of her broader contexts would take decades to achieve in occasional meetings at professional conferences."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the largest of four innovative denominations founded in the United States in the 19th century, along with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the Church of Christ, Scientist; and the Jehovah's Witnesses. "Scholars have extensively examined the Mormon and Christian Science faiths," says Ronald L. Numbers, Hilldale history of science and medicine professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin, "but the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Adventists are not as well understood. Wider scholarly discussions on Ellen White are long overdue."

Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet invites further conversation about White's place in history. "Taken together, these chapters show how White was both a product and a producer of her age," said Grant Wacker, Duke University (Durham, N.C.) Christian history professor, in the book's foreword. "They also show that however one judges the role of supernatural inspiration, White ranked as one of the most gifted and influential religious leaders in American history, male or female. Ellen Harmon White: *American Prophet* tells her story in a new and remarkably informative way."

Rosa Jimenez, Walla Walla University GLEANER correspondent

News Notes

ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER EXPANDS SERVICES WITH MEDICAL CLINICS

A women's center was recently opened in Happy Valley, Ore. This new Adventist Health Medical Group (AHMG) clinic ensures that the community has access to the highest quality services close to home.

Adventist Medical Center also had a groundbreaking ceremony for Parkrose Medical Plaza, a 23,027-square-foot complex in east Portland, Ore. The medical plaza will include urgent care, physical therapy clinics, laboratory services, digital imaging, primary care providers and occupational medicine.

The Oregon Health Authority recently added four AHMG clinics to its list of Tier-3 Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes. The clinics were recognized for commitment to quality and coordinated care



The new Adventist Health Medical Clinic in Prosser, Wash., is based on collaboration between Walla Walla General Hospital, Kadlec Health System and PMH Medical Center.

that fosters strong relationships with patients and their families. In keeping with the mission of Adventist Health, clinics improve care by catching problems earlier and focusing on prevention, wellness and management of chronic conditions.

TILLAMOOK REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IMPROVES PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Planned with a high level of staff involvement, the refreshed

Tom Russell, Adventist Medical Center president and CEO (third from left), and Steve Kinzer, Adventist Health Medical Group CEO (right), along with elected local officials, formally open construction during the groundbreaking ceremony for Parkrose Medical Plaza in Portland, Ore. patient rooms are the first of several steps the hospital plans in coming years to enhance the healing environment for patients. A special "blessing" event was held when the patient rooms were reopened, and the rooms now feature relaxing colors, wood tones, improved lighting and more.

The hospital also began offering inpatient room service-style meals. Anytime between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., patients may call and order a meal or snacks from the room service menu given to them when they are admitted. Nutritional care service staff deliver the order to the patient's room, calling first to coordinate with the patient's nurse when the food is ready.

WALLA WALLA GENERAL HOSPITAL OPENS NEW PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL CLINIC

Residents from Prosser and Zillah, Wash., now have a new option for medical care with the opening of the Adventist Health Medical Clinic in Prosser. The clinic offers primary care to patients of all ages — children through adults — and is based on a collaborative approach on the part of Walla Walla General Hospital, Kadlec Health System and PMH Medical Center working together to bring quality, primary care to residents in the area.

Rita Waterman, Adventist Health assistant vice president for corporate communication

Tillamook (Ore.) Regional Medical Center's patient rooms have been newly renovated.





MILESTONES

Cook 90th

William "Bill" Cook Jr., Ketchikan Church head deacon, celebrated his 90th birthday. He was born Jan. 9, 1923, in Collinsville, Okla.

Bill joined CCC Camp in 1940 in Arkansas and the U.S. Marine Corp in 1941, where he served in World War II until 1945. He moved to Alaska in 1946, where he worked at the Ward Cove Pulp Mill in the paint shop.

Bill joined the Ketchikan Church in 1949, moved to California in 1957 for three years and returned to Ketchikan in 1960. He says he left the church from 1957–2007 (50 years), but he returned through an invitation from a church member and by listening to 3ABN. Bill was rebaptized into the Ketchikan Church on April 19, 2008, along with his wife, Marie.

Bill has been serving as head deacon for four years, and Marie has been serving as head deaconess and church clerk. They both are dedicated to serving the Lord and are very active in the Ketchikan Church.

His children include a son, William Cook of Oregon; three daughters, Roseanne Wickman of Alaska, Varonika Nichuals of Oregon, and Debra Brown of Oregon; and 6 grandchildren.

Palmer 60th

Don and Helen Palmer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this June. Don met Helen Thrush at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, and they were married June 25, 1953, in Reith, Ore.

Don worked mostly in vocational training work, and Helen provided child care in their home, touching the lives



Don and Helen Palmer

of many. They were charter member of the East Salem (Ore.) Church and involved in church activities. They worked many years with the Pathfinder clubs.

They enjoyed camping, photography, hiking and traveling to all 50 U.S. states. They especially enjoy their children, grandchildren and greatgrandchild.

Their family includes Connie and James Heinrich of Tolstroy, S.D.; Karen and Jan Eric Kiele of Anchorage, Alaska; Don Palmer Jr. of Salem; 9 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Pfeiffer 50th

Dallas and Gloria Prenier Pfeiffer celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 21. To celebrate this landmark anniversary, Gloria and Dallas took a cruise to Alaska.

The Pfeiffers met when she, a freshman student nurse at Paradise Valley School of Nursing, attended a beach party. She had seen his picture three years before when her then-roommate was writing to Dallas, but Gloria had never met him.

Dallas was working as a mortician and was later drafted into the Army, where he served as a test subject in the White Coats Project. These noncombatant volunteers were exposed to organisms that it was believed could be used in germ warfare, and various treatment modalities were tested on them.

During his time in the Army, Dallas had lots of "down time" and used it to write to Gloria. and a relationship blossomed. When he came home on leave they became engaged, and, at Christmas, Dallas was introduced to Gloria's family. The day after Gloria graduated from her nursing program, they were married. For the remaining month, until Dallas' separation from the Army, they lived in Takoma Park, Md., then took a two-week honevmoon trip on their way back to the West Coast.

Dallas worked for two years as a mortician then found employment with Loma Linda Foods, living first in Phoenix, Ariz., and then in Denver, Colo. Later the pair moved to Angwin, Calif., where Dallas was an assistant supervisor of the custodial department at Pacific Union College (PUC) and Gloria worked as a registered nurse at St. Helena Hospital.

After more than 20 years at PUC the Pfeiffers retired to Round Mountain, Calif., to be near his parents, who were retired there. The need to be near their children and grandchildren caused the Pfeiffers to sell their ranch and move to Tillamook, Ore., seven years later.

The Pfeiffers have a son, Tim, who lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife and three sons. The Pfeiffers' daughter, Cynthia, lives in Tillamook, Ore., with her husband, Scott Walker. They have two sons and a stepdaughter.

BIRTHS

ROGERS — Faith Elizabeth was born to Sept. 10, 2012, to Maurice and Ruth (Nelson) Rogers, Eugene, Ore.

SALSMAN — Wyatt Preston was born July 20, 2013, to Matt and Sasha (Watters) Salsman, Snohomish, Wash.

SAMPLE — Kyla May was born July 8, 2013, to Ray and Crystal (Benson) Sample, College Place, Wash.

SPOO — Alaina Elizabeth Ann was born May 31, 2013, to Ethan and Katie (Torkelsen) Spoo, Lynnwood, Wash.

WEDDINGS

BETANCOURT-CONNER

— Katalina Betancourt and Jordan "J.C." Conner were married May 26, 2013, in Wenatchee, Wash., where they are making their home. Katalina is the daughter of Alex and Nancy Betancourt. Jordan is the son of William and Tammy Conner.

PAULSEN-WEBBERLEY

— Michelle Paulsen and Michael Webberley were married Sept. 10, 2012, in Port Canaveral, Fla. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Michelle is the daughter of Harold and Sandra (Veldman) Paulsen. Michael is the son of Doug and Jennifer (Pond) Webberley and Teri Webberley.

CHOSKE-ROSE -

Merle (Peterson), 100; born Sept. 28, 1912, Spokane, Wash.; died April 14, 2013, Collegedale, Tenn. Surviving: daughters, Rayola (Choske) Hanna, Salem, Ore.; Loranne (Choske) Grace, Collegedale; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DUNN — Vadah Eleanor (Payne), 86; born Feb. 15, 1927, Fergus Falls, Minn.; died April 17, 2013, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: sons, Robert and Daniel, both of Oregon City; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

EISEMAN — Paul F., 96; born June 5, 1916, Benge, Wash.; died April 21, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joanne (Peterson); sons, Lon, Oakland, Calif.; Bud, Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughters, Lavonne Eiseman, Stockton, Calif.; Cheryl Jackson, Lexington, Ky.; Janice Daffern, Frederick, Md.; brother, Jim, Walla Walla; sister, Barbara Eiseman Unterseher, College Place, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

HOEHN — Olive F. (Fisher), 92; born July 18, 1920, Hazelton, Manitoba, Canada; died June 6, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, John, Walla Walla; Theodore, Fair Oaks, Calif.; Scott, Los Angeles, Calif.; daughters, Patricia Minola, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; Trudy Bohr, La Habra Heights, Calif.; Heidi Hoehn, Sierra Madra, Calif.; Tammie Singer, Denver, Colo.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

KEELE — Lucille (Humphrey), 90; born Nov. 1, 1921, Cedar Grove, Tenn.; died Sept. 23, 2012, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Rusell, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Travis, Des Moines, N.M.; Dennis, Pendleton; daughters, Sandra Dietz, Pendleton; Marcia Rasmussen, Richland, Wash.; Doris Reimann, Pendleton; 10 grandchildren and 17 greatgrandchildren.

KELLEY — Betty (Colson), 85; born May 28, 1927, Orchard, Idaho; died Sept. 16, 2012, Cambridge, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Brian, Tulare, Calif.; Jim, Rosemead, Calif.; twin brother, Ben Colson, Weiser, Idaho; sister, June Pullen, Medford, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 2 stepgrandchildren.

KNAPP — Lucile (Harper), 87; born Sept. 25, 1925, Roundup, Mont.; died April 30, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ray, Medford, Ore.; Terry and Linden, both of Walla Walla; Randy, Medford; daughters, Carol Lorentzen, Eureka, Calif.; Suzanne Knapp, Bismarck, N.D.; brother, Howard Harper; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

NELSON — Frank Sr., 75; born Dec. 30, 1937, Seattle, Wash.; died May 11, 2013, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ruth (Olson); sons, Frank Jr., Lake Stevens, Wash.; Donald Zacharias, Ellensburg, Wash.; Christopher Zacharias, MiltonFreewater, Ore.; Steven Zacharias, Hermiston, Ore.; Stanley Zacharias, Pendleton, Ore.; daughter, Teresa Nelson, Arlington, Wash.; sister, Carolyn Canaday, Woodland, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren.

O'NEIL — Bruce Hollister, 76; born Nov. 27, 1936, Oakland, Calif.; died May 18, 2013, Fresno, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Sherilynne O'Neil-Blanchet, Fresno; Shelley O'Neil, Greeley, Colo.; brother, Doug O'Neil, Coarsegold, Calif.; and sister, Pat Smith, Redding, Calif.

PICK — Mary Ella Eugenia (Oliver), 93; born Aug. 15, 1919, Dallas, Ore.; died June 4, 2013, Hayden, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Bonnie Pick, Sandpoint, Idaho; stepdaughters, Karen (Pick) Miles, Citrus Heights, Calif.; Linda (Pick) Valenzuela, Sandpoint; Donna (Pick) Frome, Redding, Calif.; Carolie Pick, Fairbanks, Alaska; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

REDBERG — Bonita Diane (Yount), 79; born March 29, 1934, Longview, Wash.; died May 11, 2013, Ellensburg, Wash. Surviving: sons, Lloyd, Dixie, Wash.; Terry, Ephrata, Wash.; Norman, Ellensburg; Corey, Battle Ground, Wash.; Troy, Ellensburg; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

REISWIG — Merle L. (Springer), 94; born Feb. 1, 1918, Naper, Neb.; died Nov. 11, 2012, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: sons, Glen, Wenatchee, Wash.; Donn, Burley, Idaho; brothers, Vernon Springer, Gaston, Ore.; Walter Springer, Eugene, Ore.; sister, June Hunter, Hillsboro, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

SCHMIDT — Charles J., 38; born Sept. 30, 1974, Orange, Calif.; died Feb. 24, 2013, Tualatin, Ore. Surviving: wife, Krystyna Schmidt; son, Noah, Tualatin; daughter, Paige Schmidt, Tualatin; parents, John and Deborah Schmidt, Troutdale, Ore.

SPRY — Marnie Delores (Hauser), 100; born Feb. 28, 1912, Manfred, N.D.; died Jan. 29, 2013, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Karen Hull, Roseburg; and 2 grandchildren.

TAMIYASU — Jean (Kiyomura), 88; born Jan. 14, 1925, Portland, Ore.; died May 5, 2013, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Cindy Honma, Teresa Tamiyasu and Ramona Garofalo; brother, Kazuo Kiyomura; sister, Mitsy Takeoka; and 3 grandchildren.

WASMER — John F., 92; born Dec. 17, 1920, El Paso, Texas; died May 3, 2013, Glendale, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Marjorie (Dorcas); sons, Robert, Auburn, Wash.; Gerald, McDonald, Tenn.; Paul, Allentown, Penn.; daughter, Kathryn Wood, Glendale; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

Sept. 7 — Local Church Budget;

Sept. 14 – Fall Mission Appeal;

Sept. 21 — Local Church Budget;

Sept. 28 — Local Conference Advance.

NPUC's Great Controversy Reformation Study Tour

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North Pacific Union Conference Association

Official notice is hereby given that a **Regular Membership Meeting** of the **North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists** is called for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee. The purpose of the Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

> Max Torkelsen II, president Kimberley Schroeder, secretary

More upcoming events listed at gleaneronline.org/events.

Walla Walla University

Sept. 1 — Financial clearance for fall quarter opens. See enrollment checklist at wallawalla.edu/newsteps. Call 800-656-2815 or email stufin@wallawalla.edu;

Sept. 6-7 — University Church Camp Meeting;

Sept. 21 — Hispanic Heritage Month begins;

- Sept. 22-27 JumpStart university orientation;
- Sept. 30 Fall quarter classes begin.

Idaho

The Jesus Dialogue Series

Sept. 20-28 — The La Grande Church is hosting Jesus Dialogue, a series of presentations by author and speaker Herb Montgomery, at the La Grande Senior Center, 1504 Albany St., La Grande, Ore. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I like your Christ, but why are your Christians so unlike your Christ?" In the fourth century, Christianity, in significant ways, laid aside the ethics of Jesus, its founder. Much good but also much abuse has been done in Jesus' name since. The ethical teachings of Jesus are still calling to us. Jesus gave us a way to heal our world. The question that still haunts us, Christian and non-Christian alike, is whether those teachings can be found relevant to us today. For more information, check out Jesus4skeptics.com.

Oregon

Vesper Concert

Sept. 7 — A vesper concert will feature soprano Allison Cheng at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St. Portland, Ore., at 7 p.m. An offering will be taken to benefit People to People Ministries in their support of the Weekend BackPack Lunch Program. CDs will also be available for purchase after concert.

Depression: The Way Out DVD Series

Sept. 19 — *Depression: The Way Out* DVD series with Neil Nedley, M.D., is once again coming to Castle Rock Church. Over the last three years, people have really been helped with their depression and anxiety through this program. The free introduction DVD will be shown on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N., Castle Rock, Wash. The class is an eight-part DVD series featuring Dr. Nedley, followed by breakout sessions. The class begins Oct. 1 and continues each Tuesday evening through Nov. 19. The registration fee covers the books used during the class. For further information, contact Wanda at 360-967-2165 or Ruth at 360-274-7814.

Oops!

Due to a miscommunication, we incorrectly did not include the following school in the Northwest Adventist Schools list printed in the August 2013 *GLEANER*: West Valley Christian School, PO Box 38, Willamina, OR 97396, 503-879-5812. Grades 1-8.

Upper Columbia

Coronary Health Presentation

Sept. 15 — Caldwell Esselstyn, one of the doctors featured in the documentary *Forks Over Knives*, along with his wife, Ann, will be speaking in Walla Walla, Wash., on the Whitman College campus at Cordiner Hall. The presentation, Making Yourself Heart Attack Proof: Ending the Coronary Disease Epidemic, will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by a questionand-answer session. Come and learn, free of charge, from the co-authors of *Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease*, which was on the *New York Times* bestsellers list. More information available at villageadventist.org.

Tri-City Junior Academy 50th Homecoming

Sept. 27-28 — A grand 50th Homecoming weekend is planned. All former students, staff and friends are invited to celebrate with us. Please meet at the school, 4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301. For more information, check our Facebook page "Tri-City Jr. Academy Alumni" or email Suzanne Shephard Swisher at swisherinteriors@juno.com.

2014 Bible Study Tour to Israel

March 19-30, 2014 — Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to follow in the steps of Jesus during the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) Bible Study Tour to Israel and Jordan. This tour will be hosted by Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University biblical studies professor, and organized by Sharon Searson, UCC special projects director. Participants

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will tour Caesarea, residence of Pilate and site of Paul's imprisonment, Mount Carmel and historic Nazareth Village. They will sail on the Sea of Galilee and see the house of Peter in Capernaum. While in Jordan participants will tour Jerash, Madaba Church and Mount Nebo, the site where Moses died. They will experience the grandeur and mystery of Petra, the spectacular capital city carved in stone. Participants can be baptized in the Jordan River and much more. For a complete itinerary and registration form, email Sharon at sharons@uccsda.org.

SAGE Italian Lake and Mountains 2014 Tour

May 18-28, 2014 — Once again the Upper Columbia Conference SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) group is sponsoring an exciting tour. You do not need to be a SAGE member, a senior or a member of the Upper Columbia Conference to participate. The only requirement is that you enjoy travel. Gerald and Kathleen Martin, retired Adventist educators, will lead the tour, which begins in Milan, Italy. From there, participants will take a spectacular loop along some legendary lakes of Italy, then north through the edge of Switzerland and up into the dramatic Italian Dolomites. For a complete itinerary, registration form and additional information, contact Sharon Searson at sharons@uccsda.org.

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Washington

Missing Members

The Auburn City Church is looking for information about the following missing members: Ron Bruns, Tammy Gaines, Barbara Gordon, Daniel Hansen, Audrey Horan, David MacKay, Donald Milligan, Betty Reier, Sandy Sawyer and John Shepherd. If you have any information, please contact Carla at the church office, 253-833-2560 or auburncity7@ hotmail.com.

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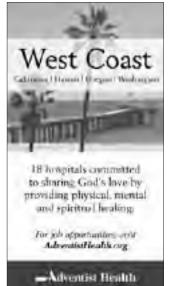
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Boise	8:13	8:00	7:47	7:34	
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Helena	7:59	7:45	7:31	7:17	
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Coos Bay	7:45	7:32	7:19	7:07	
Medford	7:38	7:26	7:14	7:01	
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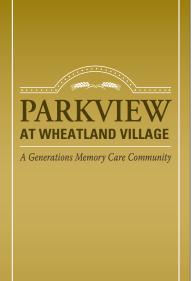


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There in the awkward ambiance of the restaurant, he delayed the inevitable, struggling to frame what honesty required. And so it was that she spoke first, with tears that burst forth suddenly as from a deep well. Preoccupied with his own demons, he was slow to comprehend. But her words coupled with such a rush of emotion, stunned him to the core ... a growing pain, a visit to her physician, a biopsy, a terminal diagnosis.

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Yet in the midst of grief and loss there had been a miracle. Just months before he would easily have left an inconvenient marriage for the promise of fool's gold. But instead a miracle had been birthed in the midst of the impossible. A remarkable stroke of fate, or providence, had rekindled their love with an eternal flame that purged the past. The miracle had changed his heart.

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