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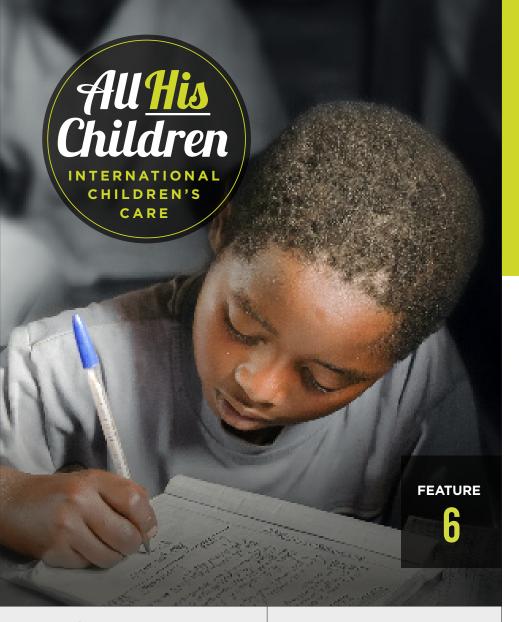
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he Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

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Compassion Without Compromise

The "Beyond Belief" discussion in the Adventist Review and GLEANER is very timely and certainly sobering. I am much perplexed, however, by Paul Richardson's statement 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" (emphasis mine). I wish he would give some examples of those unwarranted expectations.

It seems to me that the majority of Earth's inhabitants would, if given the opportunity, conclude that most of the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are "unbelievably unreasonable." So why

wouldn't former members still attached to the world come to the same conclusion?

We should treat our missing members with the utmost kindness and always be ready to warmly welcome their return, but I believe the church in general has already gone too far in accommodating those who have changed their minds regarding the biblical correctness of the church's beliefs. Compassion without compromise is the answer.

Lee Roy Holmes, College Place, Wash.

It's All About Attitudes

I appreciate Andy Nash's look at why Adventists leave the church ("It's Beyond Belief," June 2013). Because of my experience ... I'm inclined to disagree with Nash's assessment. ... I think the issue often has to do more with the people rather than the church's theology. I'm inclined to think that it is about how doctrine has been taught or practiced rather than the actual doctrine itself. It is warped personal theology that will strictly tithe but ignore an attendee in need; that will sing "love thy neighbor as thyself" but glare at the parent with a rowdy toddler; that is more concerned with the color of the carpet than the very people who will walk on it. It's people who bring members into the church and people who push them out. ... As Nash hints at in his conclusion. I believe that if we treated each other with love and respect and honesty, perhaps we wouldn't be losing all these brothers and sisters out the back door.

R. Gabrielle Kiele, Fairbanks, Alaska

Watch for it! It's coming soon.

Beginning **January 2014**, watch for the newly enhanced *GLEANER* magazine and website. Along with your favorites, you'll find a fresh design, additional thought columns, a photo gallery and opportunities for you to tell your own story.



A Decalogue of Don'ts?

n 1895 there were only two cars in the whole state of Ohio. Guess what happened? You're right. They collided!

It's the natural order of things. Anytime you have two cars, each free to go its own way without regard for the other, you can count on a collision. Most accidents this year will happen because someone breaks a law. Goes through a stop sign. Has "one for the road." Straddles the center line. Doesn't give full attention to driving. Tailgates. Goes 75 in a 50 mph zone.

Likewise, most collisions between neighbors and nations, and between God and man, occur because someone breaks a law — God's law. When you've got a whole universe to keep running, you've got to have law. Law to keep suns from going out. Law to keep planets from colliding. And law to keep the people on those planets living in peace and happiness. A man does not break the law of gravitation by jumping out a 10th-story window. He just illustrates it. In Herbert H. Farmer's unforgettable simile, we can't run our fingers against the grain of the universe without getting splinters in them.*

Without the Decalogue the murdered would be no less dead. Stolen goods no less missing. And unwed mothers no less abandoned. The Ten Commandments don't create sin; they simply identify it for our benefit so that we can live in harmony with these principles of the universe for our own good and happiness.

Here's how David described the law of God: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise

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the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psalm 19:7, 8).

Now contrast those words with the cultural inertia we feel today to make lawlessness seem normal or even respectable. The more time we spend absorbing the world's values, the more we will react against what seems to be all those negatives, all the don'ts in the Decalogue.

But consider this: Is "don't" negative or positive? If your wife or mother should insist that you "leave by the front door" (a positive command), your freedom is far more restricted than if she should say, "Don't leave by the front door." The former command leaves you no choice — you must exit the specified door. The latter leaves you the choice of leaving by the back door, the side door, even by the window or crawling up the chimney if you want.

Perhaps God deliberately used "don't" phrases in His law to make it, as James says, "the law of liberty." So few things we can't do — so many more things we can do. When God came down on Mount Sinai, He gave to sinful man a blueprint for living that, if you and I had understood earlier, would have saved us from many mistakes and sorrows. It would not have been necessary for us to blunder as we have through life because on that occasion God came to tell us how to live.

The Ten Commandments are an integral part of a love agreement. God wanted His children to be a "treasure unto me above all people" (Exod. 19:5). He hoped they would share His plan with their world.

He still does.

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*Herbert H. Farmer, *God & Men* (New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1947), accessed Oct. 2, 2013, http://www.luc.edu/faculty/pmoser/idolanon/FarmerLoveofGod.html.

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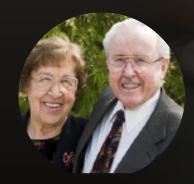
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In 1976, a devastating earthquake in Guatemala killed thousands and left many children without homes or parents. Robert Folkenberg, then president of the Adventist work in Central America, wondered if an orphanage could be established to meet some of the desperate need. To evaluate this potential, he turned to an Oregon pastor, Kenneth Fleck, and Kenneth's wife, Alcyon. The Flecks, who had previously spent many years of service in Central America, visited the area, saw the need and determined that this would be their next mission field. Kenneth was granted an early retirement, and, from that point on, he and Alcyon dedicated themselves to helping orphaned and abandoned children on a voluntary basis.

International Children's Care (ICC) was founded in 1978 to provide a link between the volunteers in America and the orphans in Guatemala. The ICC board asked the Flecks to administer the charity. Alcyon was determined to avoid placing the children into a large dormitory setting. Instead, she planned that each child would grow up in a home with the individual attention and security of a family.

When the first ICC orphanage was started in Guatemala, each home was designed as a family unit with 10-12 children cared for by a married couple from the children's home country. It was the foundational philosophy of what would become a worldwide outreach.

Read more at forhiskids.org.





INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CARE

ou can talk to anyone at the International Children's Care (ICC) headquarters in Vancouver, Washington, and you'll find a similar response. Once they start talking about "their" children, their eyes can just as easily sparkle with enthusiasm or brim with tears. It's personal and emotional, this nonprofit undertaking that has grown into a presence on six of the seven world continents.

The stories they tell, the experiences they recount, are all based on a philosophy that originated with the efforts of Ken and Alcyon Fleck. When confronted with the enormous challenge of homeless Guatemalan children in 1977, they developed a vision that still flourishes today. That vision goes far beyond typical dormitory-type orphanage models to instead build "Children's Villages" where children:

- belong to a family for life,
- play as normal children do,
- blossom in the warm, loving atmosphere of a Christian home,
- develop trust and healthy relationships, and
- become caring people who want to make a difference in their own country.

The original village out in the Guatemalan countryside was developed as a circle of individual homes with enough land surrounding each to provide space for both privacy and garden plots. The ideal village in this model adds an elementary school, a church, administrative home and a shop.

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Lost and Found

During a large Pathfinder gathering in Mexico, I was sitting in one of the meetings next to a little girl from our International Children's Care (ICC) village. I suddenly sensed a growing wetness on my sleeve. The little girl was crying, her tears dropping there on my arm.

I immediately drew her outside and asked what was wrong. It seemed that she had grown up in an abusive home. One day a government worker came and took her and her siblings away to protect them. She and her sister were brought to the nearby ICC village, safe but heartbroken, for their brother had been sent somewhere else.

With tears running down her cheeks, she said, "Please help me find my brother." I knelt with her, and together we asked Jesus to help. I didn't sleep very well that night. In such a large territory, finding her brother would be like the proverbial needle in a haystack.

The next day, our administrator went into Tijuana to pick up two more girls to bring to the village. When we saw the car coming back from town, we all went out to greet the new arrivals. Our pastor got out of the car and said, "Well, they didn't have the two girls ready for me, but they gave me one of the other children."

Out of the car stepped a little boy. You might be able to guess what happened next. The little girl screamed out, "Miguel! My brother!" And there was a joyous and amazing reunion.

More tears were shed, but they were very different tears. God had provided a miracle far beyond our own resources — an everyday occurrence at ICC.

As I sat there looking on, I couldn't help but think of what heaven will be like: a vast reunion party, with Jesus looking on with joyful tears, saying, "Welcome home, children!"

Doug Congleton, ICC executive director



Thank You for the Bread

Ramon was a very quiet kid who lived in the International Children's Care village where I was administrator. When his house-mother discovered he had been taking extra food and hiding it under his bed, I decided to have a talk with Ramon. He didn't try to deny or justify anything. He would only tell me he was sorry.

When we talked later, he began to open up about his life before coming to the ICC children's village. He told me how he had learned to fend for himself at a very young age. He ate whatever he could find and learned to save and make provisions for tomorrow because in the streets he never knew what the next day would bring. After he was done, I hugged him very tightly and told him, "Ramon, you no longer need to worry about food. You are now our son, and it is now our job to make sure you have food to eat every day. This is your home, and you will always have all the food you need. I make that promise to you today."

I left his room that evening and went to one of my favorite places on campus. I didn't want anybody to see me as I let my emotions drain.

I thought about all the street children in dark alleys, looking for a spot to prepare a "bed" for the night, hungry and sick. I felt so small and insignificant.

But as I made my way back into campus I saw lights in one of the houses. Then I heard the typical song the children sang when they sat at the table for a meal. "Thank you, Lord, for the day, for the sun and for the bread; thank you for your love and for providing for our table today" I stopped and listened until they were done then looked up at the heaven and said, "Thank you, Lord, for providing for these ones, and thank you for allowing me to be part of their lives."

Joel Reyes, ICC public relations director



Where possible, each home in an ICC village maintains a plot of ground where the children can learn practical, sustainable lessons in providing for the family's needs.

When a parcel is developed into a village, one home at a time is built as funds become available.

Currently there are 18 ICC projects and villages around the world. And each geographical region comes with its own unique challenges. The ICC village in the Congo, for example, is on an island, separated from territorial tribal war by a few miles of water. Food is scarce, safety off the island is marginal, but so far God has provided for growing needs. Recently the local government asked the project to take on another 14 starving children. That may seem like an obvious and affirmative answer. But the additional cost to provide for each child runs around \$300 per month. Multiply that by 14, and you'll understand why ICC leaders step prayerfully on a daily walk of faith.

Partnerships provide the lifeblood for this important outreach. Ver-

sacare, an Adventist-administered corporation, has through the years provided support for ICC projects in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. But by far the most influential partners for ICC are the individual families and lay members who have decided to sponsor an actual child. Each sponsor gets a packet with the child's information and photo and regular progress reports. Sponsors write letters, and the children write back.

ICC leaders are fond of quoting an important principle: "The price of sponsorship is nothing compared to the results of the harvest." Rick Fleck, ICC president and chief executive officer, is often somewhere around the world, encouraging, listening, helping at one of the current or potential project sites. The time and effort is worth it, well worth it, when you consider the harvest of children whose lives have been



offered a whole new future. The prostitute mother who takes her two children to market, leaves them with a vendor to watch "for just a few minutes" and never returns may not hear those little ones ask, "Why would my mother not want me?" But the ICC village home-parents hear those questions and welcome the opportunity to provide a warm, nurturing and stable future.

So you might not be surprised that often children who grow up in these villages consider them their true home. Girls come back there to get married; others revisit regularly for vacations.



Children raised in an ICC village are encouraged and supported in their educational experience, often achieving graduation and future success.

couples who make a long-term commitment to parent these children through childhood, adolescence and on toward adulthood. This, for them, is an evangelistic opportunity to save a child's life twice — physically and eternally.

It's our opportunity too, as you'll find if you check out the ICC website, forhiskids. org. James 1:27 reminds us that a significant part of true religion is to "visit orphans and widows in their trouble." Those who look on, who pray and who contribute to support this Northwest-based outreach are partners with those house-parents in the lifesaving ministry of Jesus for all His children.

The International Children's Care philosophy around the world is based on providing children with the warmth, security and long-term nurturing of a family unit.

These villages are villages are real cities

Academy students from the Northwest have often visited ICC villages on short-term mission trips,

"These villages are real cities of refuge," says Joel Reyes, ICC public relations director. "Once the children feel safe there, the good spreads out to the larger community. In the Nicaraugua village, the children are involved in ministry to the local prison. Instead of taking, they are learning to give back to society."

viewing firsthand the bond that comes from truly caring.

"Considering where they come from, it's a miracle that any do well," says Doug Congleton, ICC executive director. "And, we see miracles on a daily basis."

The heroes of this family-structured system are the house-parents — local married



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La Oracion Eficaz del Justo ... Tiene Poder

ada vez que escuchamos frases como "la oración" tiene poder," "confiemos en la oración" o "sigamos orando, Dios puede obrar un milagro ..." no tengo la menor duda, que sinceramente, creemos en estas palabras y nos llevan a pensar que existe un poder maravilloso que está a nuestro alcance. Sin embargo, es posible, que muy dentro de nuestro pensamiento, exista aun el escepticismo sobre el verdadero poder de la oración. Cientos de "Cristianos" hoy, es probable que en su experiencia espiritual, escuchen de la oración, hablen de la oración, pero estamos muy lejos de haber vivido una manifestación poderosa de parte de Dios en nuestras vidas, producto de una respuesta que puede, incluso cambiarnos la vida por completo.

En Vancouver, Wash., al norte de la Conferencia de Oregon, se escribió una historia de fe, que trajo como consecuencia, una lección de vida, esperanza y confianza para toda una congregación Hispana, y más allá de nuestras





fronteras, pues la vida de Dakota Díaz, simplemente es un milagro.

El pasado sábado 28 de septiembre, fue dedicada al Señor la pequeña Dakota. Usted, apreciable lector, podrá preguntarse, "¿Qué tiene de relevante la dedicación de una niña?" Justamente, este es el propósito del presente mensaje.

Jennifer Díaz Madrid, joven hispana procedente de Perú, radica actualmente al lado de su esposo Néstor en Vancouver. Su relación dio como resultado un embarazo que a todas luces significó un regalo de Dios. Su vida eclesiástica activa y dedicada al Señor, logro que ambos padres estuvieran más cerca de Dios en el momento donde más lo necesitaron.

Fue el 1 de mayo, con apenas 24 semanas de embarazo, donde de tarde, Jenny, se sintió muy mal. Fue de inmediato al hospital y dramáticamente dio a luz de manera imprevista. La pequeña Dakota llego a este mundo con un pronóstico reservado de vida, sin embargo, ahí comenzó una historia de fe y esperanza.

La pequeña Dakota se aferró a la vida de una manera impresionante y se convirtió en un motivo de oración, no solo en la Conferencia de Oregon de manera permanente, sino también, en otras latitudes, como en Argentina, Perú, México y hasta en Nueva Zelanda.

El 26 de septiembre del presente año los médicos del Oregon Health and Science University, en Portland, Ore., dieron finalmente la autorización para que la niña fuese entregada a la pareja que jamás dudó del poder de la oración, pues aunque la pequeña Dakota, a su corta edad, vivió tres cirugías en el intestino y dos en la visión, hoy es un ejemplo de vida, un testimonio.

Fueron semanas muy intensas. Mucho dinero y tiempo de por medio que la familia tuvo que invertir. Incluso hubo momentos donde todo se complicaba, y el personal del hospital insinuaba la necesaria resignación pues venia lo peor. A pesar de ello, los padres nunca dudaron. Creyeron firmemente en las promesas de nuestro Dios y sabían que en cualquier momento se manifestaría un milagro.

El pasado 28 de Septiembre, la pequeña Dakota fue dedicada al Señor en la Iglesia Hispana de Vancouver, por los pastores, Julio Chazarreta, Enoc Márquez y Samuel Castro, siendo testigos la gran familia Adventista.

Jennifer y Néstor, con lágrimas en sus ojos en señal de gratitud y con la niña en sus brazos dieron fe del registro bíblico, "La oración eficaz del justo puede mucho" (Santiago 5:16).

Atrévete a confiar. Si crees que te falta fe o confianza para algún asunto en particular de la vida, demándalo al Señor. Su poder es real.

> Samuel Castro, el pastor asociado en la Iglesia de Vancouver Spanish de la Conferencia de Oregon



La familia Díaz-Madrid, el día de la presentación, agradeciendo a Dios por tantos milagros manifestados para con Dakota.

Alaska Campers Learn Trust



Three Alaska summer camps featured ropes challenge courses that provided opportunities for campers to learn teamwork and trust in each other and in God.

amps Tukuskoya, Polaris and Lorraine each sported a brand-new low ropes course this year. With 10 individual challenges, the course provided opportunities for building teamwork, communication, leadership, listening and many other skills necessary in life.

These challenges supported the goal of teaching kids how to make it through this life and on to the next by pointing them to Jesus. This year's theme of "One Way! Jesus!" expressed this aim.

Reaching kids where they are on their journey with Christ is a priority as staff portray Jesus' love through as many avenues as possible. Encouraging kids through their mistakes and low moments teaches them to press forward.

In one instance, the life skills

class members were on the course for a trust fall challenge. The children took turns falling from a 3-foot platform into the arms of their classmates. Some were more hesitant than others, but after encouragement and reassurance every child was able to fall — except for one girl who stayed quietly at the edge of the group. I got her to stand up on the platform, but she stood with her back against the wall and refused to step toward the edge. She was glued.

"Lord, what do I do?" I silently prayed. Only once we were all lined up with our hands out ready to catch her did she take one step forward. "It's okay." I said, "I'm right here. See my hands? I'm ready to catch you."

She reached the edge. "Thank you, Lord!" I thought. "Help her feel safe." She turned to face the wall, but the thought of not seeing our arms terrified her. As if testing the water, she made a half turn then quickly turned



fully to be sure our hands were still in place.

By this time, some of the kids were growing impatient. Their arms were tired, and patient encouragement turned into, "Come on already. Just do it!" I reminded them to be patient and only encourage.

At this point my arms were starting to hurt. "Not by my strength but by yours, Lord," I prayed. Then, as if realizing it was now or never, in one swift movement this frightened little camper turned, closed her eyes and fell backward into our waiting arms. We cheered.

It was a great lesson in trust for her and a wonderful reminder of Someone who waits for us to trust Him too.

Cheryl B. Simpson, Alaska Conference camps communication leader



Read Heather's Testimony Online

Heather began as a camper at Alaska's Camp Tukuskoya, but this summer she graduated to become staff. Read her thoughts about how the camp has impacted her life and how she now has a part in reaching other children for Jesus. Go online to http://glnr.in/alaskadiary.



Nampa Church Grows Produce

for Community Services



It takes lots of willing hands and hearts to make a garden grow, like those of (standing, from left) Herb and Sue Duncan, Jeff and Cherie Hansen, Tim Martell, (kneeling, from left) Tina Sanders and Traci Bock.

herie Hansen, Nampa Church women's ministries leader, attended a master gardening program offered through the University of Idaho extension office in Caldwell this February. She was inspired by seminar speaker Dale Anderson to plant a garden at the Nampa Church that community services could use for their clients. Anderson and his wife, Sheila, once homeless themselves, founded Trinity

Gardens in Nampa and have been raising quality fruit and vegetables for local shelters for 10 years.

After board approval, plans were made and wood purchased. The Hansen family, including Cherie, Jeff and Jeremy, built five 4-by-12 raised boxes. Tina Larson, Tim Martell, and Kurt and Traci Brock helped fill the boxes with compost and soil. Columbus Candies, Nampa Church head elder,

put in the water system, and Herb and Sue Duncan donated tomato and pole bean plants. A huge pile of bark was donated by His Resources, a local treetrimming company.

One afternoon some of the children from the apartments next door came over and helped with weeding. They asked a lot of questions about growing a garden. It was a fun opportunity to talk about God's love and how He makes the seeds grow.

The garden includes varieties of lettuce, kale, beets, tomatoes, pole beans, cucumbers, and summer and winter squash. Next year members plan to add several more raised beds to the project. God is blessing their efforts to serve their community by ministering to people's needs.

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader

John Day Billboard Promotes 3ABN

om Sutton decided more people needed to discover the local radio and television stations broadcasting Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). Sutton, Valley View Broadcasting Inc./KSPL-LP FM general manager and John Day (Ore.) Church member, thought a billboard could be the answer. When his wife, Sandra, presented the plan at the next church board meeting, the members agreed. With additional suggestions from Tom and Acynthia Sanford and Gary Davidson, Sutton's idea can now be seen in living color between John Day and Canyon City, Ore., on U.S. Highway 395, with design courtesy of Meadow Outdoor Advertising.

Acynthia Sanford, John Day Church communication leader





Montana Holds Christian Women's Retreat

ou Are a Child of Mine" was the theme for the 2013 Montana Christian Women's Retreat, held Sept. 13–15 at the Rock Creek Resort outside of Red Lodge. Eighty women from throughout the state of Montana and beyond gathered for this special time

Women from all over Montana listen and are inspired during the annual Montana Christian Women's Retreat.



of connection, relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation.

Sabbath School inspired the attendees as they studied about different women of the Bible and how their lives can give us insight into how to live our lives today. Plenty of time was given for prayer, walks and sharing with other women.

The inspirational speaker for the weekend was Cheri Gatton, Idaho Conference women's ministries leader. Gatton, an enthusiastic, high-energy woman, uses authenticity and humor as she passionately shares her personal experience of God's amazing grace and love. Her vision for her ministry is simple: help people know Jesus and then inspire them to use their God-given gifts, personality and talents passionately for His glory.

"I thought the retreat had an uplifting message for us as women," says Cynthia, a retreat participant. "[Gatton's] message was also sympathetic toward those most of us would consider taboo."

Another attendee, Stacey, volunteered, "I just wanted to say I had a great time this year at the retreat."

The Montana Christian Women's Retreat planners will continue ministering to ladies as they plan next year's event, which is slated to take place at the Yogo Inn and Convention Center in Lewistown, Mont., Sept. 12–14, 2014. This is



Cheri Gatton shares her personal experience with Christ as she seeks to inspire her listeners.

perfectly located near the center of the Montana Conference. But be assured, Jesus will continue to be the center of this event as He was at the 2013 event.

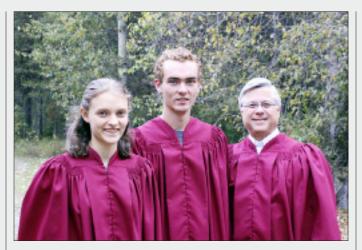
Joan Bryson, Montana Conference women's ministries coordinator

Baptism Creates Time for Rejoicing

Glacier View Company (Ronan) and Eureka Church members met near Polebridge to celebrate the baptism of siblings Kendall and Valerie Pettey in the North Fork River on Sept. 21.

More than 60 guests crowded into the Petteys' pole barn for church held "Glacier View style." Jerry Wernick led Sabbath School, and Joseph Olstad challenged the baptismal candidates and attendees to take seriously "FDA" — failures, doubts and apathy — turning them into spiritual growth opportunities.

Local Tamarack Springs Academy hosted the afternoon



baptism program. Kendall, 18, and Valerie, 16, gave their personal testimonies of growth in Christ. Hymns of commitment filled the solarium, and their

parents, Vernon and Karina Pettey, shared special thoughts and gifts with their children.

A brief walk to the banks of the river followed, and the

siblings were baptized by their uncle, Mike Edge, a pastor from Wisconsin Conference. Many appreciated the joyful, spiritual celebration and commented they had not participated in a baptism experience like this before.

Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, brought into focus Christ's relationship with the Father during evening vespers with the group. A bonfire and supper on the hilltop above Tamarack Springs Academy concluded a memorable Sabbath.

Karina Pettey, Eureka Church member

Oregon Members Are Called by God to Go

hile you were home watering the garden or in front of the television cheering your favorite football team, nearly 500 hardy souls instead spent several hours bonding with hard, metal folding chairs. They were your carefully chosen delegates to the Oregon Conference Constituency session held Sunday, Sept. 15, in Portland Adventist Academy's gymnasium.

The most prominent business of electing conference officers was completed quickly, efficiently and with little dissent. Using wireless handheld voting from company to full church status, including Cascade Church in Bend, Ohana Christian Fellowship in West Linn, Samoan Church in White City and Turning Point Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in Roseburg. Changing demographics necessitated a vote to reduce the Newport Church to company status. And delegates approved a rare action that merged Columbia Gorge, Open Arms and Gresham churches into the Healing Hope Seventhday Adventist Fellowship.

Allen acknowledged the challenging nature of membership and attendance in Oregon



Oregon delegates elected (from left) Dave Allen, vice president for administration; Al Reimche, president; David Freedman, vice president for finance; and Gale Crosby, vice president for education.

slight but definite gains with determined conference effort to positively respond to town hall meeting mandates for a balanced budget. In addition, the conference is committed to increasing evangelism, student scholarship and depreciation funding.

Reimche encouraged delegates to embrace the session's theme, Called by God to Go, Members in Ministry. "We are an organic church," he said. "We're not just a collection of facilities; we are a movement." He shared short videos that stressed this theme and the ongoing emphasis within the conference of "members in ministry." The videos portrayed an attorney who sends a personal letter and Bible study to his clients each Friday evening, a mother who is the catalyst for a community service outreach through her local church, and a physician who connects interested patients with the local pastor and his wife. You can see

and share those stories, plus six more, on YouTube by visiting http://bit.ly/18DX9NU.

"These are all miracles," said Reimche, "reminding us that God is working in our midst and that we are all called to go, to represent Him to our neighbors and within our communities."

Come to think about it, that's a message good enough not just for delegates on metal folding chairs, but for us at home.

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC GLEANER editor



Nearly 500 active delegates fill Portland Adventist Academy's gymnasium for the Oregon Conference constituency session.

devices, the delegates approved the nominating committee's recommended list of the following officers for another four-year term: Al Reimche, president; David Allen, vice president for administration; David Freedman, vice president for finance; and Gale Crosby, vice president for education.

Four congregations were officially voted and transitioned

Conference, which mirrors trends seen throughout North America, with attendance averaging less than 50 percent of membership during the past several years. He encouraged delegates to work within their local churches to increase member connections to each other and to the collective mission.

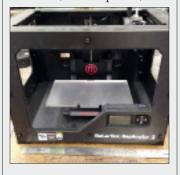
Freedman showed an encouraging financial picture of



3-D Technology Comes to PAA

he Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Committee of 100 made it possible for the school to purchase the MakerBot, a 3-D printer, giving students the opportunity to create 3-D objects they've designed.

PAA art students use Rhino, a 3-D design program, and MakerBot, the 3-D printer, to



create objects like mugs, figurines, bolts and even flashlights.

Mark Kooy, PAA art teacher, says sometimes it can be surprising to wrap your mind around the possibilities. "We'll be creating a small percussion drum with the 3-D printer," he says, "but then [top] it with leather just as cavemen did. It's a marriage of ancient, timeless art and modern art in one piece. It's like the Jetsons meets the Flintstones."

The ability to print 3-D objects is one of the most compelling technological advances in recent years. The addition of the 3-D printer enhances the already cutting-edge visual arts program at PAA, which gives



These parts were created with PAA's new 3-D printer, the MakerBot. Art students get a rare opportunity to create three-dimensional objects with 3-D design software Rhino and then print their designs on the MakerBot.

students an advantage if they choose pursue careers in visual and industrial design.

To see a visual demonstration of 3-D printing, see the Portland Adventist Academy YouTube channel and search "3-D printer in action," or go to http://glnr.in/paa-3d-printer.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Grants Pass CelebratesLet's Move Day

Sunday, Sept. 22, was Let's Move Day at the Grants Pass Adventist School. Sponsored by Grants Pass Church health ministries, the event's atmosphere of excitement and activity was created by all who attended and participated.

Let's Move Day was set up in conjunction with the North American Division to motivate and encourage all participants to adopt a healthier lifestyle and fitness goals. Some walked their dogs or pushed strollers with their children; others ran or jumped rope. There was a soccer game outside and hula hoops for use inside the gym. Some participants rode bicycles.

People who could not participate in those activities enjoyed chair aerobics and stretching.

Participants logged miles based on how long they were active; the goal was to log a combined 500 miles. That goal was exceeded, and 1,048 miles were logged by 142 registered participants.

The eighth-grade class sold veggie burgers, smoothies and

corn on the cob as a fundraiser for their end-of-year trip. Hungry partakers were happy to support the students and enjoy healthier food. Free water was provided by health ministries to keep everyone hydrated throughout the day.

The event officially ended at 3 p.m., but folks were still logging miles and participating in activities more than 30 minutes

later. Many described the day as fun.

First lady Michelle Obama launched Let's Move in February 2010, in hopes of tackling the epidemic of obesity in this country. The North American Division has joined some 50 other faith and community organizations in supporting this national initiative, launching Adventists InStep for Life. The goal for Let's Move Day was 1 million miles; the Grants Pass Church managed to log some of those miles to meet this goal.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



Hood River Church Marks Centennial

he doors were opened extra wide at the Hood River Church on Sabbath, July 27. The day former and current members had planned had finally come: the church's 100th anniversary.

Ralph Staley, Fay Ziegele and Dale Ziegele planned and worked out every detail. All former pastors and members had been contacted and invited to participate in the day's events. With each response, enthusiasm and excitement grew. Old-time members from Washington, California, Utah, Tennessee, Idaho and even New Zealand arrived.

Fay Ziegele and Joyce Gallentine greeted attendees at the door, where they signed the guest book and were presented with a commemorative bookmark.

Sabbath School began with Donna Shelman and Steve



Former pastors Gwynne Richardson, Eldon Stratton, Tom Sanford, Kevin Wilfrey and Steve McHan join Ron Hart, current pastor (center), and Orlen Mclean during Hood River Church's centennial celebration.

McHan, Hood River Church pastor from 1994 to 2000, leading out with the song service. Dale Ziegele gave opening prayer, and Shirley Esslinger had special music. Gwynne Richardson, pastor from 1974 to 1975, concluded Sabbath School with the week's lesson study.

Each former pastor took part in church service, along with current pastor Ron Hart, who welcomed everyone who had come. Eldon Stratton, 1952–1955, offered the invocation. McHan delighted the children with a story. Tom Sanford, 1979–1984, led the congregational prayer. The McHan family sang for special music, and Richardson read Scripture. The spoken word was delivered by Kevin Wilfley, 1984–1988, using Rev. 2:5 as the basis for his sermon, Obediah Assignment. He encouraged everyone to learn from Obediah's mistakes, turn to Jesus and prepare for His coming.

All were then invited to the special potluck lunch in the Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School's gym, planned and organized by Julie Mosser and her team. The tables were beautifully displayed with all kinds of fruits, vegetables and casseroles. A special table provided many different desserts.

To conclude the day, Staley and the Ziegeles planned a more relaxed afternoon hour for "This I Remember," a time to share past memories and catch up on newer stories.

Fay Ziegele spent many hours preparing a church history from its beginning to the present, which she read to the group. There were lots of smiles and laughter as different pastors retold their memories of funny anecdotes that had happened during their service in Hood River

Attendees felt the day was special. Seeing former pastors and members and sharing significant memories will not be quickly forgotten.

Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader

Didn't hear the latest?



Rivergate Adventist Elementary Blessed With Baptisms

hristian education is doing wonderful things in the lives of today's children, including at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School in Gladstone. The school is blessed with a dedicated teaching staff continuing the school's "Excellence in Teaching for Over 100 Years" premise and promise as they look to the potential of each student.

During the 2012–2013 school year, Doug Franzke, Ohana Christian Fellowship (West Linn) pastor, continued teaching Bible study classes at the school during the school day. One classroom had 10 children — almost half the

class — taking Bible studies. Other students attended Bible studies at their home churches. Of 109 students in grades three through eight, 42 have made the decision to follow Christ and been baptized during their school careers.

This summer 17 students were baptized. Three students were baptized at Big Lake Youth Camp during the Junior II camp, with 23 other Rivergate students witnessing as they publicly gave their lives to Christ. Three more students were baptized at Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley. Six more from Ohana Christian Fellowship were baptized at a

church member's pool, while two were baptized at the Scappoose Church. All over the Portland area, Rivergate students are saying yes to Christ.

The school family is proud of these students who have taken the initiative to make their stand for Christ. The positive influences of the teaching staff, the Bible classes and Sabbath School provide the perfect balance for students to choose Christ.

Debbie Stanton, Rivergate Adventist Elementary School assistant



Doug Franzke baptizes Ava Hervig during the service for Rivergate students.

Members Staff Oregon State Fair Booth

ore than 50 volunteers staffed a booth at the Oregon State Fair, held Aug. 23 through Sept. 2, that connected fair attendees with the Adventist Church's mission.

The volunteers distributed more than 12,000 pieces of literature to the nearly 1,600 people who visited the booth. The literature included Ellen White's books, Better Life material, vegetarian cookbooks, various magazines, Little Friend, Primary Treasure, Spanish material, many leaflets, and coloring sheets and stickers for the children, as well as bookmarks, pens and other items. Eight hardcover books served as prizes for a drawing.

Almost 60 gallons of water gave cups of refreshment to thirsty fair-goers as they walked past the booth. As the temperature soared above 90 degrees one afternoon, almost 10 gallons were distributed.

Volunteers also provided many blood pressure checks. After having his blood pressure taken, a member of a band performing at the fair talked for

More than 12,000 pieces of literature were distributed at the Oregon State Fair through a booth sponsored by local churches.



almost an hour with the doctor about what is really important in life. They talked about the man's life and how Jesus could change it if he would accept Him. The doctor told the man he could call him anytime to talk more.

Some former Adventists said they look for the Adventist booth each year. Organizers hope ideas planted at the fair will spring up and bring these people back as they see the signs they heard of long ago being fulfilled.

Charlene Bennett, Salem Central Church communication leader

Band-Aids for Jesus

Knocking on Doors Brings Decisions for Christ



Where possible, Robert covered his tattoos with bandages so he wouldn't be a stumbling block for someone.

ris Atkenberger, Goldendale (Wash.) Church outreach coordinator, uses a simple survey tool to find people who want to study the Bible. Not long ago, he was knocking on doors and found an earnest seeker.

"I was knocking on doors in a residential area," says Atkenberger. "A man answered the door of one home and quickly told me I had called on a business, an elder-care facility he and his wife operate." Atkenberger introduced himself to the man, who said his name was Robert. "Even though I had called on their business, Robert made time for me and the short survey," says Atkenberger. Upon completing the survey, Robert requested Bible studies.

Now they study the Bible together every week, and Robert never misses. "I enjoy spending time with Robert and his family very much," says Atkenberger. "His wife, Ladonna, is always laughing,

and it is wonderful to be in their home."

Studying with Robert is a unique experience. He is dyslexic, which makes reading nearly impossible for him. Without a friend to help, Robert could never have picked up the Bible and read it for himself.

"It has been one of the great privileges of my life to open the truths of Scripture to a man hungering and thirsting for righteousness," says Atkenberger.

The Three Angels' Message has had a powerful impact on Robert's life. When he and Atkenberger studied the 2,300-day prophecy together, Robert saw how the Bible predicted the future. He was eager to learn all the details in the life of Christ. predicted hundreds of years before they happened. The major events in history also predicted right down to the beginning of the end of time further validated the Bible for Robert.

"During that study the Holy Spirit was there in a powerful way," Atkenberger says. "Robert reached out and grabbed my arm demanding I pray for him."

One of the joys of studying with people is that you really get to know them. Atkenberger says, "Robert is one of the smartest men I know. If it's broken, Robert can fix it; if it is lost, he can find it; if it runs, he can hunt it; and if it swims, he can catch it."

One day, Atkenberger's Jeep broke down, and the shop in town wanted more to fix it than he could afford to pay. Robert found out and loaned Atkenberger his truck so he would not miss any studies. Robert then spent an entire Sunday helping Atkenberger fix the Jeep so he would have a vehicle to drive to his other Bible studies.

"Friends like that are very rare in this world," says Atkenberger.

Late this summer, the Goldendale Church held their annual church campout, and Robert attended. The interesting thing, says Atkenberger, was that Robert did not just come to have a good time. He came to have a spiritual experience.

Robert struggles with tobacco, and he came to the campout specifically because he wanted to put an end to his addiction — three days with God in the mountains, never to smoke again.

Sabbath morning, as he and Atkenberger were eating breakfast at the foot of Mount Adams, Robert seemed upset. "I asked him what was wrong," says Atkenberger. He discovered Robert was worried about his tattoos. Atkenberger told Robert if people judged him for those tattoos it was their problem and not his. That wasn't good enough for Robert. He got out his Band-Aids and covered them so no one would be offended.

"It's rare to see a man with such an earnest desire for holiness and purity," says Atkenberger. "I thank God for him."

The church campout weekend was packed with activities exploring God's creation. The campers visited ice caves, waterfalls and high mountain prairies. On Sunday, Robert and Atkenberger caught their limit of brook trout.

Every Sabbath, Robert attends church and has been asking about baptism. Ladonna, Robert's wife, told Atkenberger not long ago that they are Adventists already.



Robert enjoyed getting into nature and worshipping with Goldendale Church members during the church campout.

"You never know who you will find when you knock on doors," says Atkenberger. "Jesus is knocking on hearts' doors, and so should we."

If you'd like to learn how to use a simple door survey to reach people for Jesus, call the Upper Columbia Conference personal evangelism department at 509-838-2761.

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

Don't be the last to hear!



Entire Family Takes Stand for Christ

Sabbath, July 6, was a happy day for the Fleck family as they were baptized in the Pend Oreille River near Oldtown, Idaho. Jim, Angela and their children, Kesslyn, 13, Ethan, 10, and Emerson, 7, were baptized by Jim's brother, Ron Fleck.

The family had read the Bible with the Ron Fleck family and

studied Amazing Facts study guides, Maxwell's *My Bible Stories*, *My Bible Friends* and a variety of other lessons. They spent more than a year of Sabbaths with the Newport (Wash.) and Edgemere (Priest River, Idaho) churches.

Jim and Angela had always loved the Lord but had not

wholeheartedly dedicated their lives to serving Him. For years, Jim had stressed the importance and seriousness of baptism and the commitment needed to truly live a life for God, but he wasn't ready, so Angela waited also. The family faced some health issues in January 2012 related to the environment, causing them to realize this world is temporary and not their eternal home. They decided to live their lives for God and commit to sharing His love and truth with their children and all whom they would encounter.

Kesslyn accepted the Lord into her heart at age 4, when Angela explained to her about the Holy Spirit coming into our hearts. Angela said Kesslyn might feel goose bumps the moment He did. A couple of days later, Kesslyn said, "Mommy, the Holy Spirit came into my heart. See my chicken bumps!" She continues to be the spiritual leader of the family. She asked if she could be baptized a few years ago and spends much time in prayer, worshipping

through music and sharing the Word with her friends.

While attending Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, this summer, Ethan decided he wanted to be baptized. He knew that his mom, dad and sister were being baptized the next week, so he called from camp and asked to join them. His experience at Camp MiVoden led him closer to a real relationship with God and led him to say, "It is cool to be a Christian, isn't it, Mom?"

Emerson, although young, wants to be a preacher like his Uncle Ronnie. He has presented a couple of church services on Sabbaths when family members were ill and had to stay home. He loves Jesus and wanted to be baptized with the rest of the family.

Their church family is rejoicing with this family who together made decisions for Jesus.

Earl Brockman, Newport Church communication leader



Newport Hosts Ladies' Tea

ewport (Wash.) Church recently hosted a ladies' tea, one of two ladies' events the church holds each year to bring women from around the community together for fellowship. More than 20 women from the Newport and Edgemere (Priest River, Idaho) churches gathered for a salad luncheon with rhubarb pie for dessert.

A special version of "Edelweiss" became the opening prayer, then

Junie Lawson, part of White Horse Media Ministry in Priest River, Idaho, talked about the Biblical character Abigail.

The community guests regularly express how much they enjoy these times of extra fellowship.

Earl Brockman





First Adventist Church Built

on Coeur d'Alene Reservation



The first wall of the new Plummer Church going up is a milestone and a time to celebrate.

hat do you get when you combine a cement slab, giant logs and construction volunteers? In Plummer, Idaho, all these elements came together, and the result is the new Living Hope Adventist Church.

The church building project has been in the planning and fundraising stages for a long time. That all changed this summer when everything finally culminated in a Maranatha project during mid-August. Volunteers convened from across the U.S. and as far away as Mongolia to work on building the church.

The new church building is one of a kind. It's the only Adventist church on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation and has created quite a stir among local residents.

Church clerk Judi Heickson was at the fairgrounds with

her grandchildren during the construction. "A man stopped me in the exhibit hall," she says. "He had read about the new church project and asked what denomination was behind it." The resulting conversation turned into a brief witnessing opportunity.

The building project also provided church members with an opportunity for greater outreach. The heightened interest allowed Judy Leeper and six other women to put on a whirlwind Vacation Bible School featuring stories, songs and crafts.

In all, 13 children attended the VBS and went home with a prize they earned by answering questions about the stories they heard. They each also received a bag containing a coloring book about Jesus' life, crayons, a bar of soap, markers and their crafts. Each child seemed to have a good time and asked if there were going to be more days like it. Because of the children's interest, the church members plan to put on similar short events for the community children to augment their annual VBS program each summer.

As the last log truss was set in place, the Maranatha team members admired their handiwork. They love the design of the church, which is created to look like a Native American structure. Each design element was carefully planned to have meaning and point people toward Jesus Christ.

From builders and errandrunners to cooks and food preparers, it took a group effort to complete the new church. Even though the volunteers were tired, in the end they were happy to have been part of the project.

"God is totally awesome," says Diana Pierce. "We're praising Him and giving Him all the honor and glory, for He alone is worthy."

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

The church's unique design features massive logs that provide structural support and natural beauty inside.



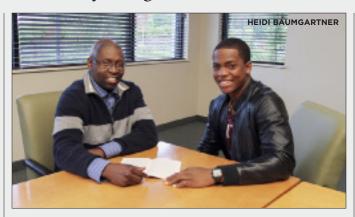
God Opens Seattle Doors

for Regional Revival

our of us from Oakwood University were in West Seattle on a hot, sunny day. The first couple of weeks were amazing as we spoke to many people and found 40 Bible study interests. The third week, though, was not too friendly. The Pacific Northwest is definitely a different place from the Bible Belt.

We started off with a group prayer as always, before doing the work of God. On this day, people spoke through windows, shut doors in our faces and did not show any kind of interest.

Ephraim Duronville and I stopped to pray for God to show Himself before we knocked at a particular door. A man opened the door, and we



EuGene Lewis, Washington Conference regional affairs director and Emerald City pastor, meets regularly with Lift Him Up team members — including Hanz Jouissance — to provide evangelism coaching and instruction ahead of a series of revival meetings in Seattle.

told him what we are doing for the community. The man was exultant, praising God that we came at his door. He said, "I've been going through a lot, and I am glad to see young black men doing the work of the Lord." After that door, God started opening other doors. That day we contacted 10 more people for Bible studies.

EuGene Lewis, Washington Conference regional ministries director, brought the four of us — Abel Duronville, Ephraim Duronville, Nathaniel Augustave and me — to Seattle to help prepare the community for a Christ-centered revival in Seattle. The regional churches worked hard all summer to prepare for the Lift Him Up revival. Through this whole experience, we saw God show up and show out His glory.

Hanz Jouissance, Oakwood University student

Bellevue Celebrates 50 Years

giant "family reunion" gathered Sept. 13–15 as the Bellevue Church celebrated 50 years as a church family. More than 400 people were present, including 130 former and charter members who hugged, laughed and cried as they reunited.

"This is so wonderful. I think my mouth is going to wear out from so much smiling," says Shelley Schurch, wife of the current Bellevue pastor. The Schurchs have served the Bellevue congregation since 1991. Maylan Schurch was among 10 of the church's pastors who took part in the anniversary celebration.

Bellevue member and musician Michael Momohara, a sophomore at Andrews University, wrote the anniversary theme song, "He'll Bring Us Home."

Ernie Furness, who pastored Bellevue for five years in the mid-1970s, preached the Sabbath morning sermon. "Praise God for His presence in this church," Furness says, "and for our church's presence in this community."

A small Spanish congregation — the first in the conference — started meeting at the Bellevue Church in the early 1980s. From that tiny beginning, the Hispanic work has grown to include 17 congregations

and more than 2,000 members. Founders Fanny Ulsch and Elvira Betanzos expressed their gratitude with flowers and a commemorative plaque.

Longtime member Alice Hansen says, "This anniversary reminds me to not only believe in God, but to believe in His Word and His promises because I can see how He's led this church."

Maylan Schurch, Bellevue Church pastor, and Teresa Joy, Bellevue Church communication leader

All living Bellevue Church pastors gather to celebrate the church's 50-year history.



Forest Park, Shoreline Members Help Neighbor Conquer a Mountain

dventists from Forest Park and Shoreline churches helped a local wheelchair and disability accessibility advocate realize a 30-year dream this summer.

Teresa Baird, who has multiple sclerosis and relies on help for everyday living, always wanted to summit

Mount Pilchuck in the Cascade Mountains.

Local Adventist and avid hiker John Anholm made safety and reinforcement adjustments to a custom-engineered carrying device he built 11 years ago for a similar assisted hiking trip.

The team gathered at the end of August for the well-planned

With the help of her Adventist friends, Teresa Baird reaches the summit of Mount Pilchuck and realizes a 30-year dream.



hike. Teams of two strong men carried the apparatus with a padded yoked on their shoulders and switched out every 10 minutes with the next team.

The hiking entourage trekked the 7-mile trail's many switchbacks and 2,200 feet of elevation gain while carrying the 12-foot apparatus. The team met other hikers along the fivehour round-trip hike who were inspired by the story, and some even volunteered to help.

The team transferred Baird to a backpack chair to ascend the last few boulders and the ladder to the lookout, Marcus Marier carried Baird to the summit. where she and the hiking group enjoyed an hour and a half reflecting on God's blessings. Seth Moffit carried Baird to descend the steep pitch.

"This was a gesture of friendship," says Anholm. "This gave



The 12-foot carrying device — designed and built by Adventist and avid hiker John Anholm - allows teams of strong men to transport a person for an assisted hiking trip.

us something to do in common for the benefit of someone else. This was a great project for making friends with our neighbors."

Kathy Marier, Forest Park Church member, with Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Shelton Shares God

Through Show n' Shine Event

ine years ago Gene Bresee and Keith Steffansen prayed about an outreach idea for the Shelton Church and Shelton Valley Christian School, which share a 25-acre campus just off the beaten track. "How can we reach the general community of 7,000?" they both wondered.

Bresee and Steffansen each have nice hot rods. The Lord gave them the idea to have a hot rod show on the school's athletic field. The planning began,

the ideas grew, and they talked it up all over. Their first show had about 40-50 cars and a few motorcycles. They dubbed the event "Show n' Shine."

Members became involved and sold veggie burgers, T-shirts, and other food and drinks. After a few years the show grew, and hot rods started to show up from far off places like Auburn, Tenino and Hoodsport. Visitors came from all over to share in the fun.

The most recent show was

held Sunday, Aug. 18, with 95 beautiful hot rods and vintage cars. The car show allows the church, school and child care center to get to know people and share beliefs. As questions are asked and with God's leading, members get to share Him with others. They believe that the Show n' Shine car show is another way to share our Lord in Shelton.

Allen K. Radke, Shelton Church member



Gene Bresee and Keith Steffansen organize the annual Show n' Shine car show in Shelton to share their faith with the community.

Schools Get Moving for Let's Move Day

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY

(AAA) involved students in eight different activities around campus and the community for Let's Move Day. AAA staff members facilitated activities such as a softball game, a trip to Trampoline Nation, a flag football game, a neighborhood cleanup and a hike to Deep Lake.

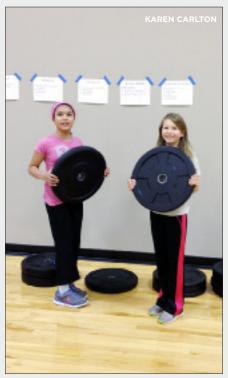
"We had a lot of fun and got some really good exercise at Trampoline Nation," says Jade Turner, sophomore student from Burien. "I wish I could do that every Sunday."

AAA joins churches, schools and community groups in a commitment to making movement fun and enjoyable. Exercise is an important part of the denomination's health message and an important part of Auburn's curriculum.

Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent



Auburn Adventist Academy students select from eight activities for Let's Move Day.



Lewis County Adventist School in Chehalis involves students in indoor and outdoor activities during a rainy Let's Move Dav.

LEWIS COUNTY ADVENTIST

SCHOOL (LCAS) in Chehalis celebrated Let's Move Day by having a Jog-a-Thon. A group of about 40 students, parents, grandparents and friends showed up on a rainy Sunday to log more than 175 miles of activities in just over three hours.

The school offered both indoor and outdoor activities for walking, jogging, and weight and strength training. The movement and activity will continue throughout the year with the school's new playground equipment.

Karen Carlton, LCAS principal

SKY VALLEY ADVENTIST

SCHOOL staff and students joined with the local Monroe Church's CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) group for their first Let's Move Day on Sept. 22. The goal was to promote fitness and health, while creating awareness of childhood obesity.

Even with the rain and chilly weather, participants of all ages met in the school gymnasium for a morning of family fun and fitness. Beginning with a devotional thought and prayer, everyone participated in fun activities including a mile run/walk, jumping rope, hula-hooping and, finally, a few rounds of capture the flag. Tracy Gaver, Monroe CHIP leader, prepared a delicious vegan/vegetarian brunch for all the participants to enjoy following the activities.

Sky Valley Adventist School is excited to be starting the school year off with 11 students in pre-K through eighth grade and adding a new teacher, Crystal Wallace, teaching grades one through eight. Wallace recently graduated from Walla Walla University.

Angie Stroud, Sky Valley principal



Sky Valley Adventist School in Monroe is on the move for Let's Move Day and a new school year. The school reopened with 11 students in pre-K to grade eight after a one-year hiatus.

Project Makes Drinking Water More Accessible



A digital counter on each bottle-filling station tracks how many disposable water bottles are saved by filling reusable bottles instead.

The Walla Walla University (WWU) student government, the Associated Students of Walla Walla University (ASWWU), has just completed a project to implement Elkay EZH2O bottle-filling stations on many campus drinking fountains. These devices automatically detect bottles and use vertical pouring mechanisms to fill containers more easily and efficiently than conventional means.

Jono Pratt, ASWWU president, says that the bottle-filling stations cut down on waste and make drinking water more convenient. The stations also encourage the use of reusable bottles as a way to address an environmental problem. *National Geographic* reported that 9.1 billion gallons of bottled water were sold in 2011, and according to the *Chicago Sun-Times* only one in five disposable bottles are recycled.

To provide even more incentive to use refillable containers on campus, ASWWU has provided free Nalgene water bottles to students.

The first bottle-filling station, installed in the WWU fitness center about a year ago, has already filled 36,540 bottles. Students and faculty appreciate the convenience that the stations provide and are looking

forward to receiving new units throughout the year. Pratt states, "We're hoping that this sets a trend on campus, that everyone starts installing them in their facilities."

Pratt first envisioned this project during his previous term in the student government, and Tyler Sherwin sponsored the bill in ASWWU senate, the student body's group of elected representatives. The speed at which this project was realized shows that the bond between WWU management and ASWWU is better than ever, Pratt says. He also believes that this is the start of a new era of cooperation between WWU students and administration.

This project was completed with the assistance of WWU staff and students. Casey Fant, campus plumbing foreman, was an indispensable member of the team, assisting with everything from logistics to installation. In his eyes, this project was a joy because of all the plastic bottles that are being kept out of landfills. Fant and two student athletes, Michael Martinez and Jordan Collins, worked over the summer to install new stations, bringing the total to 15.

In view of health, Pratt explains, "water is an essential part of wellness and healthful living, so we wanted to provide that to the campus."

The stations are one of many health-oriented projects students have initiated in recent years. The newest is the ASWWU outdoors program, which encourages physical activities such as hiking, biking and camping.

Taylor Sarrafian, Walla Walla University relations writer



A new project to encourage physical activity is one of the latest student government initiatives.

WWGH Completes \$16 Million Renovation Project

After two years of remodeling and construction, the Walla Walla (Wash.) General Hospital (WWGH) \$16 million capital campaign renovation project is complete. To mark the special occasion, WWGH hosted an open house event in September during which nearly 600 community members, board members, medical staff,

tural roots of the Walla Walla Valley. "The WWGH mission — restoring peace, hope and health — was our number one priority with this project. We accomplished our mission through the design, colors and open spaces created in the hospital," says Linda Givens, WWGH critical care services director.



The new no-wait emergency and chest pain center features a large, comfortable reception area and modern exam rooms with the latest technology.

volunteers and employees gathered to celebrate. The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hors d'oeuvres served by Creekside Café (cafeteria) and employee-led tours of the renovated areas.

The new front entrance to the hospital features a spacious lobby that reflects the agriculA centralized registration pavilion, located in the main lobby, consolidates all services and allows for a single check-in area for hospital guests, with the exception of emergency care. The hospital's emergency and chest pain center was also developed with patient care and comfort in mind. The "no

"The renovations are an outward manifestation of the quality care we have always provided." — Monty Knittel



Monty Knittel, WWGH president and CEO, cuts the ribbon during the open house event accompanied by church and community members, in addition to hospital and structural leaders with the project: (from left) Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president and WWGH board vice chairman; Jim Barrow, Walla Walla mayor; Larnie Opp, Opp & Seibold General Construction; Monty Knittel; David Woolson, Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce president; Tom Underhill, WWGH medical staff president; and Steve Kolberg, PKA Architects chief architect.

wait" facility has doubled in size and features the latest lifesaving technology with private triage areas and modern exam rooms in addition to areas for advanced specialty care.

Creekside Café has been transformed into a restaurant-style facility, designed to focus on nutrition and healthy living. Hallways leading to other hospital services have been made more accessible, such as to Walla Walla's only accredited chest pain center, complete with a state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization lab. Patient rooms in the medical/surgical unit have been enlarged, birth center rooms have been remodeled

and updated with centralized monitoring, and a new gift shop has been opened.

Structural design of the renovated hospital was a combined effort between PKA Architects, based in Portland, Ore., and Walla Walla contractors Opp & Seibold General Construction.

Patient satisfaction at WWGH continued to grow over the past year, climbing well above national averages. Monty Knittel, WWGH president and CEO, says, "In a way, the renovations are an outward manifestation of the quality care we have always provided."

Amy Alderman, Adventist Health corporate marketing and communication

Walla Walla General
Hospital's new front entrance
and lobby create a warm,
inviting and light-filled space,
reflecting the agricultural
roots of the Walla Walla
Valley in southeastern
Washington.



Bechthold 50th

Wayne Bechthold met Donna Blize at Canadian Union College (now Canadian University College) in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, in the summer of 1962. Wayne had just completed his first year of college, and Donna was working over the summer as she prepared to enroll in her junior year of academy that fall. She had visited the college campus several times the previous school year while attending public school.

However, shortly after the beginning of the school year, she had to withdraw and return home to care for her ailing mother, so she enrolled in the local public school. Wayne learned of this and began visiting. He would play the piano for Donna's mother until Donna arrived to see him. He also would provide transportation and escort Donna to various functions at CUC.

When Wayne decided to further his education in Tennessee, he asked Donna to come with him, and a summer wedding was planned; they married in the College Church on Aug. 4, 1963.

They were living in Portland Ore., in 1965 and working at United Medical Labs. Six years later Wayne enrolled in Walla Walla College's nursing program, and he and Donna arranged their schedules so that they required very little outside child care. Donna worked as a secretary at the school and later as the church secretary/treasurer during the Hood View Church building program.

Nine years after arriving at Portland, the family moved to Madison, Tenn., where Wayne worked as a critical care nurse/ supervisor, later joining the faculty of Southern Missionary College (now Southern University) for three years before accepting a teaching position at Orlando's Florida Hospital. Donna earned her associate degree in nursing at the University of Tennessee, graduating just before her eldest daughter started academy. She worked first in obstetrics and then gained wider clinical experience in other areas.

They moved to West Texas in 1981 and worked for a small hospital for six years before returning to Oregon. Wayne worked as an ICU nurse in Forest Grove, Ore., and Donna spent the next 24 years in nursing administration at Tillamook County General Hospital. She also enrolled in Graceland University and earned a double baccalaureate degree. She retired in 2011.

The Bechtholds are the proud parents of three daughters, grandparents to seven and great-grandparents to six precious children. They enjoy traveling and gardening. Both of them are gifted musically — Donna sings in the church choir and leads praise singing and worship services, and Wayne often plays the piano for church services. Both are active in both church and school activities. Donna leads out in the beginners Sabbath School and serves as church board secretary and church school board chairman. Wayne volunteers in maintaining the school with painting and selling veggie foods.

They had planned to take a trip to commemorate their 50th anniversary but chose instead to donate the funds to the Tillamook Adventist School.



Edward and Sandra Haynes

Haynes 50th

Edward and Sandra (Elliott) Haynes celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 18 with a large group of family and friends in Roseburg, Ore., at the church's Better Living Center. Ed and Sandra were introduced by one of Sandra's students at Orangewood Academy in California during Sandra's first year of teaching. After two years in California, the couple moved to Oregon, where Sandra taught at Milo Academy and Ed worked as an electrician. They were blessed with two children: Kimberley, now a physician in Nebraska, and Kevin, an electrician working in Hermiston, Ore.

Ed went on to become a supervising electrician and opened his own business in Roseburg after traveling with a rest home construction company as its master electrician. Sandra taught at a local junior high school and later at a local high school and spent a year as a principal of a 10-grade school. She has spent the last 22 years in the teaching of English and writing at the local college in Roseburg while Ed continued with his electrical

business of Haynes Electric, which at one time had nine employees.

Ed and Sandra have recently retired, although Ed is still called upon to do occasional electrical jobs for the public as well as for the church. Ed and Sandra are active church members, team-teaching a Sabbath School class, working with the smoking cessation program at the local jail and helping at the local community service center. Ed serves as a church elder, while Sandra is a worship leader, social director and Sabbath School superintendent. Ed and Sandra have three granddaughters: Delaney, Danielle and Mackenzie of Omaha, Neb.

In harmony with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the North Pacific Union Conference *GLEANER* accepts birth, wedding, milestone and at rest listings as a service to members of Adventist churches throughout the Northwest. While these listings are not intended as an official endorsement of any facts or relationships represented, the *GLEANER* does not knowingly print family section content contrary to the biblical beliefs of the church.

BIRTHS

BARCLAY — Brayden Anderson was born Aug. 26, 2013, to Andrew and Brooke (Carriker) Barclay, Hoquiam, Wash.

HOOVER — Rowan Alexander was born April 7, 2013, to Loren and Laura (Chambers) Hoover, Portland, Ore.

LINGSCHEIT — Cory Ray was born Aug. 29, 2013, to Roger and Debbie (Tow) Lingscheit, Kennewick, Wash.

OSEKO — Seth Ombasa was born June 20, 2013, to Richard Oseko and Veronicah Ombasa, Lacey, Wash.

QUADE — Annalisa Cherith was born Aug. 24, 2013, to John and Lisa (Panasuk) Quade, Kettle Falls, Wash.

SELF — Micah Howard was born July 18, 2013, to Luke and Keri (Newell) Self, Olathe, Kan.

WHITCHURCH — Tiberius "Ty" Devlin was born Aug. 9, 2013, to Eric and Lori (Robinson) Whitchurch, Vancouver, Wash.

WEDDINGS

HARRIS-BINDER — Angela Harris and Randy Binder were married Aug. 11, 2013, in Hamilton, Mont. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Angela is the daughter of E. Mark and Tammy Harris. Randy is the son of Daniel and Julie Binder.

JOHNSON-BANNISTER-

PETTY — Shannon Johnson-Bannister and Cory Petty were married Oct. 18, 2013, in Sparks, Nev., where they are making their home. Shannon is the daughter of Tim and Delores Johnson. Cory is the son of Terry Petty and Temple Fletcher.

KOKINOS-PATTON — Johné Daniell and Brandon Patton were married Sept. 13, 2013, in Hillsboro, Ore. They are making their home in Cornelius, Ore. Johné is the daughter of John and Linnea (Johnson) Kokinos. Brandon is the son of Gabrielle Patton.

WHITMAN-ELLIS — Aanna Whitman and Jarrod Ellis were married Aug. 11, 2013, in Pendleton Ore., where they are making their home. Aanna is the daughter of Rocky and Lisa (Biegler) Whitman. Jarrod is son of Michael and Gale Ellis.

AT REST

BAKER — Louis O., 88; born Aug. 2, 1924, Trent, Texas; died July 1, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Mike, Walla Walla; daughter, Cheri Woods, Auburn, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BARTOLOMEI — Yolanda Katherine (Sei), 93; born Oct. 16, 1919, Scotia, Calif.; died July 9, 2013, Medford, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Janet Blank, Medford; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BREEDLOVE — Shirley (Wilson) Moore, 85; born Aug. 17, 1927, Portland, Ore.; died July 28, 2013, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: son, Jeff Moore, Sonoma, Calif.; daughters, Joie Moore, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Jerri (Moore) Humphrey, Springfield; sisters, Eileen Beller, Sweet Home, Ore.; Edith Loveall, Junction City, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

CHANEY — Marlene Louise (Layton), 80; born Oct. 7, 1932, Olympia, Wash.; died May 31, 2013, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, James M., Cypress, Calif.; daughter, Linda Olson, Pendleton; 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 3 greatgrandchildren and 2 step-greatgrandchildren.

COMER — Orel (Cooper) Sears, 97; born June 5, 1916, Thorp, Wis.; died Aug. 8, 2013, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Lajetta (Sears) Atwood, Burien, Wash.; Mildred (Sears) Forbes, Spokane, Wash.; Belva (Sears) Moses, Aurora, Ill.; 3 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.

DAVIDSON — John Emerson, 91; born Nov. 1, 1921, The Plains, Ohio; died July 14, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, John Davidson III, Walla Walla; daughters, Jackie Ridge and Judy Fetroe, both of College Place, Wash.; brothers, William, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Jim, Avon Park, Fla.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DAVIS — Sandra I. (Barham), 75; born June 2, 1928, Biggs, Calif.; died June 25, 2013, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Bob; son, Troy E., Leavenworth, Wash.; daughters, Kim Spry, Cashmere, Wash.; Kori Davis, East Wenatchee, Wash.; sisters, Joyce Mendall, Seattle, Wash.; Gaylene Wardel, of Arizona; Sue Snelson, Snohomish, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DOWNS — William "Harold" Jr., 88; born Oct. 14, 1924, Advent Gulch, Idaho; died July 17, 2013, College Place, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Alta (Riffle), Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Deanna Riffle, Walla Walla; Brenda Kell, Hillsboro, Ore.; sister, Jacque Goodhew, Walla Walla; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

ELLIOTT — Ruby Lee (Middlebrooks), 90; born March 13, 1922, Eagletown, Okla.; died Jan. 25, 2013, Orofino, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Don; sons, John and Ron, both of Orofino; daughters, Gina Eyer, Rutherford, Calif.; Theresa Genovese-Elliott, Santa Fe, N.M.; Barbara Elliott, College Place, Wash.; Susan Elliott, Asotin, Wash.;

8 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren.

ENGLERT — David James, 57; born Aug. 2, 1955, Puyallup, Wash.; died July 2, 2013, Arlington, Wash. Surviving: wife, Teresa (Sandbank); son, Kennedy, Arlington; daughter, Taylor, Mulford, Texas; and mother, Rose Matier, Arlington.

HAM — Beatrice Dorothy (Carlson) Brath, 94; born Oct. 30, 1917, Elmira, N.Y.; died Sept. 22, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Bill Brath, Malibu, Calif.; Bob Brath, Lahaina, Hawaii; Brad Brath, Anaheim, Calif.; stepsons, Les Ham, Vancouver, Wash.; Bruce Ham, Sherwood, Ore.; John Ham, Las Vegas, Nev.; Jerry Ham, Vancouver; stepdaughters, Linda Leamer, Lopez Island, Wash.; Marcia Ham, Superior, Colo.; Jani Hardcastle, Angwin, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

HARMS — Thelma Ruth (Ireland), 85; born Jan. 28, 1928, Naches, Wash.; died June 17, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Edward C.; son, Steven, Citrus Heights, Calif.; daughters, Kathryn Harms, Vancouver, Wash.; Annette Hottal, College Place; sisters, Bonnie Brown, Federal Way, Wash.; Rachel Patterson, Luray, Va.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

HAYES — Evelyn Rose Ellen (Dodds), 98; born May 15, 1914, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; died May 12, 2013, Lacey, Wash. Surviving: son, Fred, Olympia, Wash.; daughters, Shirley Marie Wayland and Laurel Janice, both of Thurston County; 9 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

HEISSLER — Maria (Berndt), 86; born Dec. 24, 1926, Schlesien, Germany; died July 28, 2013, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert;

son, Ed, Gresham; daughter, Christina Heissler, Albany, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 4 greatgrandchildren.

HEISSLER — Robert, 87; born Dec. 13, 1925, Mannheim, Germany; died July 29, 2013, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Ed, Gresham; daughter, Christina Heissler, Albany, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 4 greatgrandchildren.

HINDS — Jack L., 82; born Feb. 2, 1931, Dalhart, Texas; died April 24, 2013, Richland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joy M. (Jones), Hermiston, Ore.; sons, Michael, Salt Lake City, Utah; Neal, Hermiston; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

LEPIANE — Ruth Esther (May), 91; born May 6, 1922, Monroe, S.D.; died July 14, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, John, College Place, Wash.; sons, Dennis, College Place; Darrel, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; daughter, Annette Jeske, Walla Walla; brother, Harold May, Salt Lake City, Utah; sisters, Edna Brandt, Weimar, Calif.; Erma Torretta, College Place; 5 grandchildren and a grandchild.

NELSON — Carol Rose (Wyman), 85; born Sept. 20, 1927, Maymyo, Burma; died June 23, 2013, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: sons, John, Tacoma, Wash.; Stanley, Caldwell, Idaho; brother, C. Lloyd Wyman, Paradise, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

PALMER — LaVina June (Hinton), 82; born June 30, 1930, Heppner, Ore.; died April 5, 2013, John Day, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bill; and sister, Lorelai Hinton, John Day.

PARMELE — Doris E. (Willis), 94; born Feb. 6, 1919, Chicago, Ill.; died Aug. 4, 2013, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ronald, Applegate, Ore.;

Randle, Bend, Ore.; daughters, Shirley James, Woodland; Jeannie Norris, Mesquite, Nev.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-greatgrandchildren.

PAYNE — Dorothy A. (Iverson), 91; born Jan. 24, 1922, Great Falls, Mont.; died July 30, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Allan, Hermiston, Ore.; Darral, Walla Walla, Wash.; Gary, Hemet, Calif.; daughter, Valerie Serns, Auburn, Wash.; brothers, Kenneth Iverson, Portland, Ore.; Jim Iverson, Great Falls; Floyd Iverson, Riverside, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

PELLHAM — Millie May (Clark), 95; born Aug. 6, 1918, Wagoner, Okla.; died Aug. 19, 2013, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: son, Edward Pellham, Kalama, Wash.; daughters, Virginia Sager, Aloha, Ore.; Janice Henderson, Vancouver, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 17 great-grandgrandchildren.

REDMER — Gordon H., 89; born Nov. 2, 1923, Burke County, N.D.; died May 19, 2013, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Audrey (Cramer), Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Carmen Hoofard Hadley, Spokane; Laurie Minner, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SCHLUND — Paul F., 87; born Jan. 12, 1923, Sioux County, Iowa; died Jan. 9, 2011, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Wilma; son, Daniel, Laton, Calif.; daughters, Janus Reaves, Williamston, S.C.; Trinda Allen, Auburn; Anita Benson, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SCHOEPFLIN — Raymond, 87; born Sept. 5, 1925, Grandview, Wash.; died May 8, 2013, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving:

wife, Ruth; son, Rennie, Cedarpines Park, Calif.; daughter, Peggy Corbett, Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada; and 3 grandchildren.

SCIRE — Ruth J. (Moulton), 84; born April 5, 1929, Medford, Ore.; died July 23, 2013, Albany, Ore. Surviving: sons, Joe Jr., Portland, Ore.; Kip, Jackson, Calif.; and 6 grandchildren.

SKIDGEL — Minnie Emma, 87; born Jan. 1, 1926, Taylor, Texas; died June 22, 2013, Prairie City, Ore. Surviving: stepdaughters, Gloria Skidgel and Ruth Ann Kompin, both of Bend, Ore.; brother, Leonard Reiter, Arlington, Texas; sisters, Doris Sadau, Keene, Texas; Mildred Willis, Mary Ann Brown and Lillie Irwin, all of Cleburne, Texas.

STEIN — Donald "Don" L., 89; born Dec. 4, 1923, Bemidji, Minn.; died April 30, 2013, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Janet (Woodruff), Cave Junction, Ore.; son, Nathan J., Jonesboro, Tenn.; brother, Jim, Bemidji; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

STEVENS — Clarence V., 98; born March 4, 1915, Oklahoma City, Okla.; died July 24, 2013, Palisades, Wash. Surviving: wife, Eileen (Williams); sons, Dal, Palisades; Monte Stevens, Brewster, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

THURMAN — Thomas J., 85; born July 8, 1928, Commerce, Okla.; died July 29, 2013, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: wife, Doris (Metcalf); son, Michael, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Lanette McGowan, Portland; 3 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren.

TORLAND — Arthur Norris, 95; born Nov. 30, 1917, Bowdon, N.D.; died July 3, 2013, Milwaukie, Ore. Surviving: son, Ron, Battle Ground, Wash.; stepson, Craig Montgomery, Damascus, Ore.; daughters, Mary Lou Ham, Sherwood, Ore.; Joanne Johnson, Tualatin, Ore.; stepdaughter, Marcia Drake, Ridgefield, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 8 greatgrandchildren.

WAGNER — Kara L. (Todorovich), 71; born March 19, 1942, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 19, 2013, Walla Walla. Surviving: husband, Jim; sons, Todd and Jeff, both of Walla Walla; daughter, Karalee Canfield, College Place, Wash.; brothers, Rod Todorovich, Honolulu, Hawaii; Terry Todorovich, Walla Walla; sisters, Pam Meidinger, Enumclaw, Wash.; Linda Blaser, Auburn, Wash.; and 7 grand-children.

WISER — Gwendolyn Elaine (Detamore), 83; born Sept. 19, 1929, Detroit, Mich.; died Aug. 13, 2013, Cloverdale, Ore. Surviving: husband, Charles, Cloverdale; daughters, Myrna Sorrels, Grand Terrace, Calif.; Lois Peifer, Corinth, Texas; sister, Kathy Smith, Damascus, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

YORK — William G., 92; born March 3, 1921, Selfridge, N.D.; died June 27, 2013, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Osgood), Stanfield, Ore.; son, Gary, Thief River Falls, Minn.; daughter, Gayla Schmidtbauer, Alexandria, Minn.; 6 grandchildren, 14 step-grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

YOST — George R., 93; born Oct. 15, 1919, Trout Lake, Wash.; died July 12, 2013, Medford, Ore. Surviving: son, Rick, Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughters, Jewel Brassington, El Cajon, Calif.; Laurel Ritz, Healdsburg, Calif.; sister, Mildred Mathews, Sacramento, Calif.; and 6 grand-children.

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Nov. 2 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 9 — Annual Sacrifice:

Nov. 16 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 23 — Local Conference Advance:

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Nov. 1-2 — OPS Weekend, men's residence hall club, presents Amateur Hour, Saturday night at 8 p.m.;

Nov. 16 — Wind Symphony Concert, University Church at 4 p.m.;

Nov. 24-Dec. 1 — Thanksgiving Vacation.

Oregon

CBFM Presents

Nov. 1-2 — Center for Bible, Faith and Mission (CBFM) presents Uniting Our Voices: Conservatives and Liberals, Living and Working Together for a Common Mission. Presented by Dave Thomas, Alden Thompson and Adventist Young Adults in Response at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore., on Friday night, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., Sabbath, Nov. 2, at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch, then finally at 2-4:30 p.m.

Frontier Missions Speaker at Stone Tower Church

Nov. 8-9 — Laurence Burn of Frontier Missions will speak

at the Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232. Presentations include: Invitation to the Discipleship Adventure, Friday at 7 p.m.; Lessons Learned From the Frontier, Sabbath at 10 a.m.; The Great Commission, Sabbath at 11 a.m.; Implementing a Discipleship Ministry and Cross-Cultural Ministries, Sabbath at 2:30 p.m., followed by a closing discussion titled "Now What? Strategies for Implementation." For more information, contact the Stone Tower Church at 503-232-6018.

Upper Columbia

Missing Members

The Northside Church is looking for information regarding the following missing members: Cathy Cochran, David Dodge, Lucille Dodge, Shannon Hoori, Rebecca Hoori, Joseph Johnston, Cate Kristy and Tyler Martinez. If you have any information about these missing members, please call Donna Justinen, church clerk, at 509-529-4437 or email wiustinen4437@charter.net.

Washington

Kirkland Concert Series

Dec. 14 — Second-annual concert presented at the Kirkland Church, Kirkland, Wash., at 4 p.m. A Christmas theme will feature an all men's chorus, Impact Ladies of Puget Sound Adventist Academy and full orchestra under the direction of Estyn Goss. A full choral Easter concert and finally a guest concert in the summer will finalize our concert series with the third and fourth concerts. For more information, call 425-828-7888.

World Church

Urbandale Church 40th Anniversary

May 2-3, 2014 — Urbandale Church in Battle Creek, Mich., is celebrating its 40th anniversary at its present location. We invite former members and friends to help us commemorate. Salad and sandwich fellowship luncheon is planned. For more details, go to urbandalesda.org.

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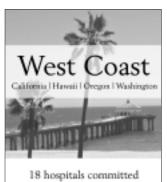
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November Alaska Conference	1	8	15	22	29
Anchorage	6:00	4:41	4:23	4:08	3:55
Fairbanks	5:31	4:08	3:45	3:25	3:06
Juneau	5:09	3:52	3:38	3:25	3:15
Ketchikan	5:09	3:55	3:43	3:32	3:24
Idaho Conference					
Boise	6:37	5:28	5:20	5:15	5:10
La Grande	5:41	4:31	4:23	4:17	4:12
Pocatello	6:23	5:14	5:07	5:02	4:58
Montana Conferenc	e				
Billings	6:02	4:52	4:44	4:37	4:33
Havre	6:00	4:49	4:40	4:33	4:27
Helena	6:14	5:04	4:55	4:49	4:44
Miles City	5:50	4:40	4:31	4:24	4:20
Missoula	6:21	5:11	5:03	4:56	4:51
Oregon Conference					
Coos Bay	6:09	5:00	4:53	4:47	4:43
Medford	6:06	4:57	4:50	4:45	4:41
Portland	5:59	4:49	4:41	4:34	4:30
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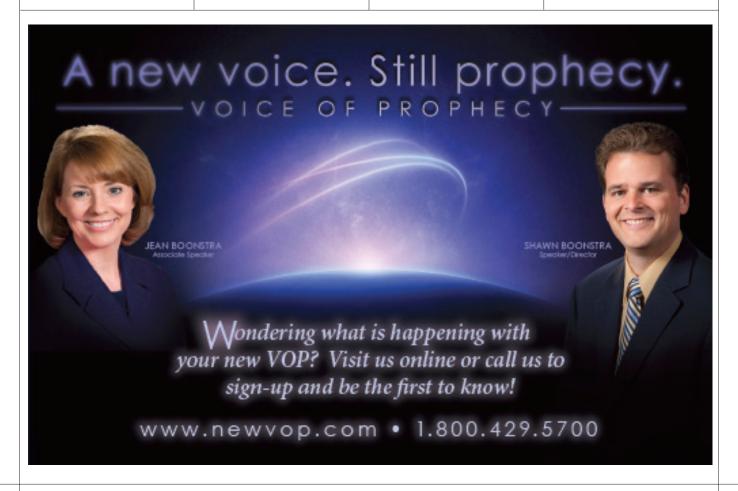
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nce again we approach the holiday season, which, for my purposes of reckoning, does not include Halloween. Decades past my parents convinced me that if the devil didn't get me with the witches and goblins, he'd snare me just as surely by copious amounts of candy.

That factoid is of course no concern to my neighborhood stores, which promote Halloween from Labor Day on with a presumptuous dose of Christmas thrown in for good measure. Thanksgiving is the clear loser in this holiday hullabaloo. Other than 50 million feathered fowl, Thanksgiving apparently doesn't sell. There are no Black Friday stampedes to buy pumpkin pie filling; no lines around the block to be the first to snag a Tofurky loaf from the local ABC.

For some, Thanksgiving has devolved into Turkey Day with mealtime squeezed in between football games. Erma Bombeck once remarked that Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare and 12 minutes to eat.

This was likely true the year my long-suffering mother decided to fully embrace our newfound vegetarian lifestyle. What materialized on the Thanksgiving table is still burned into my retinas.

The forlorn, dissipated FriChik faux fowl was but a shadow of the real thing. Type met antitype

but a shadow of the real thing. Type met antitype on our table. Two wooden pegs, surrounded by soy protein, struck a sadly impudent pose masquerading as drumsticks. Pavlov's dogs would have run from this experiment. We

filled up on sweet potatoes and corn.

A real turkey truly has little to fear from our table. But I have determined not to let my local retailers spoil the season. In my estimation, by neglecting an appropriate pause for Thanksgiving, our commercial culture is short-circuiting the very thing that properly prepares us for Christmas. Their neglect could be by design. If we are rushed into the Christmas frenzy without the tempering influence of Thanksgiving, we are susceptible to being swept up in the monetary mob. That's good news for their bottom lines, not ours.

Instead, I propose Thanksgiving as an opportunity for historical reflection and a course correction, a chance to ask ourselves, "What matters most? For what am I truly grateful?" Are those questions too self-centered? What if, instead, we were to ask, "For what purpose have you blessed me, Lord? Where or how can I be a channel of your blessings to someone else?"

Would answers to these Thanksgiving questions alter our Christmas choices, our cultural attitudes for the better? Would we thus be somehow inoculated against the retail addiction that masks the deeper principles at hand?

I do recall another Thanksgiving Day early on, when my parents invited a couple struggling families in for a meal of boiled sweet potatoes, peas and homemade bread. It was simple, even humble. Yet not only was it better than that fake turkey, in my estimation, it carried an important truth.

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