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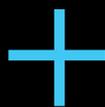
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**[The Song of the Vineyard] I will
sing for the one I love a song about his
vineyard: My loved one had a
vineyard on a fertile hillside.
Isaiah 5:1**

*“Mt. Hood Orchard”
in Hood River, Ore.,
by Christina G. Angquico,
of Vancouver, Wash.*



PASS THE BATON

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he very air in the stadium feels electric with anticipation. Fans, 100,000 of them, sit forward, awaiting the starting gun, as you and the other athletes prepare to run the race. Ahead of you, the track has been carefully leveled and compacted, the running lanes marked with chalk.

Although you've rehearsed this a thousand times, the reality hits home. It's time. You firmly set your feet in the starting blocks and place your fingers right on the line. There is a moment of intense focus, and then ... the crack of the starting gun.

Your mission is to sprint just one lap, for the key to the race is the baton in your hand. This is not just YOUR race. It's your TEAM'S race, a relay

AUTHOR

Max Torkelsen

in which each athlete must run

one lap with every ounce of his energy. And yet, to a large degree, the race will be won or lost at the point where the baton is passed from one runner to the other. A fumbled handoff will jeopardize any chance of victory.

As we look to the future of the church, how much attention have we given to the "baton"?

The baton we have is not just formed in words or

good intentions. We must have an action plan that helps us transfer the vision for our church to succeeding generations. Will our young adults be ready and willing to join the leadership of this team? Will they be passionate about and involved with the unique Adventist calling within the gospel commission? How can we be sure not to drop the baton?

Here are a few questions for which I hope we can define better answers here in the Northwest and in each of our local churches.

- » Do we have an intentional strategy to integrate young people into the life and ministry of the church?
- » Are youth appropriately represented in our boards and committees and constituency meetings?
- » Do we trust them to be loyal to the church while at the same time thinking creatively beyond the status quo?
- » Are we willing to risk failure when every new idea does not prove successful?
- » Are we delegating real responsibility or just tokenism?
- » Do we remember that the Adventist movement began with very young leaders?

Scripture points to a significant role for young adults in the final days. The book of Joel reminds us the

work will close when our "sons and our daughters prophesy" and "young men see visions" and the Spirit "is poured out upon the handmaids" (Joel 2:28, 29).

Ellen White had some good counsel in regard to the multigenerational thrust of the Advent message. "Let not the youth be ignored," she wrote. "Let them share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents" (*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 6, p. 435).

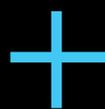
So we are truly in a relay race. The writer of Hebrews observes that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have given their lives for this race. Jesus is coming soon. There is work to be done. We need all hands on deck. We need the wisdom and experience that come with age but also the creativity and energy of youth and young adults.

Value them, encourage them, give them meaningful responsibilities.

Pass the baton.

Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president





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As churches around the Northwest turn an additional focus toward integrating young adults into church mission, consider these graphics.

The graphic below reveals the huge disparity between age groups in the average population and those represented by North American Adventists. Adventist congregations have significantly more elders and baby boomers and far fewer Gen Xers and millennials.¹⁷

The graphic to the right shows that Adventist millennials are significantly more likely than average Christian millennials to feel their church is doubtless, exclusive, antiscience, overprotective, shallow and repressive.

How should our church respond to these disparities? Read this issue's feature to find out how six Oregon Conference churches are seeking to remain true to the Adventist mission while integrating young adults into that mission.

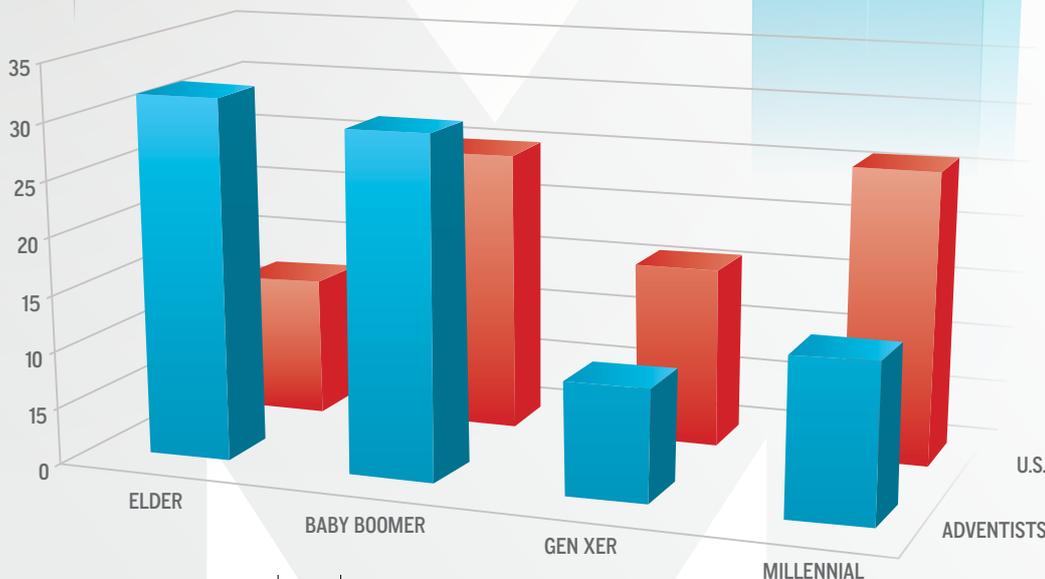
1. Data shared in both graphics from "Millennial Matrix" report by Benjamin Lundquist, North American Division young adult consultant.

* Millennials: those born from the early 1980s to early 2000s.

CHRISTIAN MILLENNIALS FEEL THEIR CHURCH IS ...



NAD ADVENTIST MEMBERS COMPARED TO AVERAGE U.S. POPULATION





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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

JONATHAN RUSSELL
SUNNYSIDE CHURCH ASSOCIATE PASTOR

“FOR A LONG TIME, WE’VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE NEED TO MINISTER BETTER TO YOUNG ADULTS. WE SEE OUR CHURCHES

AGING. We recognize that when the kids grew up, they quit coming to church. More than 60 percent of those who were in the church as kids have now disconnected in their 20s and 30s. We recognize the problem. We know we *should* do something. But we fear that becoming young-adult-friendly means changes to our worship service. We fear that accepting younger people means softening our standards or compromising our beliefs. But if we are going to reconnect with young people, we must move

beyond fear toward connection. Many of those who left still have a vibrant faith journey. But they didn't connect. They quit coming to church because there was nobody to journey with them when they were uncertain. There was nobody to process with them when they had deep questions about faith or science or social issues. So they left. The tragedy is that the gap between our church and those who left is widening. If we have hope for a strong Advent movement that will carry the message of Jesus into the coming decades, now is the time to reverse the trend. Today's young people are desperate to connect with

others who care about their journeys and are interested in their faith. They want to be part of something that matters. They want spiritual parents and grandparents who can process with them the complexities of a believing life. They want a *safe* place to be able to grow and develop their understanding of God and His kingdom. That's why it's time that we learn from our young people. It's time to listen without judgment. It's time to hear their stories and learn about their journeys. It's time to learn from the past so that we may have the opportunity to experience the future together.”

(From left) Alyna Mitchell, Scott LeMert (Sunnyside Church senior pastor), Gabe Pinto, Jonathan Russell (Sunnyside Church associate pastor), and Tasha O'Neill.

OREGON CHURCHES ON A MILLENNIAL MISSION

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oung adults are vital to the current and future mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But in many local church congregations, the millennial generation is increasingly absent. With the average age of church members hovering close to 60, the question seems obvious: In 10 more years, will the Adventist movement still be moving?

Six churches in the Oregon Conference are in the midst of taking active steps this year toward answering that question: Meadow Glade in Battle Ground, Washington; Sunnyside and City Center Sanctuary in Portland, Oregon; Beaverton in Beaverton, Oregon; Pleasant Valley in Happy Valley, Oregon; and Hood View in Boring, Oregon.

Some of the wisest, most experienced pastors in the Northwest are at these churches. They know something must be done. So they have joined together in a common focus called Millennial Matrix 2.0. Far from a traditional “conference program,” this is instead the beginning of a journey. Les Zollbrecht, Oregon Conference youth ministries associate director, says it’s “a shared narrative, a laboratory experience that we and others will learn from as we go.”

And even though millennials are integral to this journey, the impact hopefully will be positive for every age group in these churches. Rodney Payne, Beaverton Church senior pastor, observes, “This isn’t just directed toward young adults. It’s embracing the dynamics of every member, every age group in our church.”

A FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE

Thankfully, there is a framework that will help guide the experience and a model of what has already been debuted in churches within the Arizona Conference. Ben Lundquist, Arizona Conference youth director (and North American Division young adult coordinator), began this idea with seven Arizona churches during 2014. What he and they learned through that process is now part of the learning curve for these six Oregon churches.

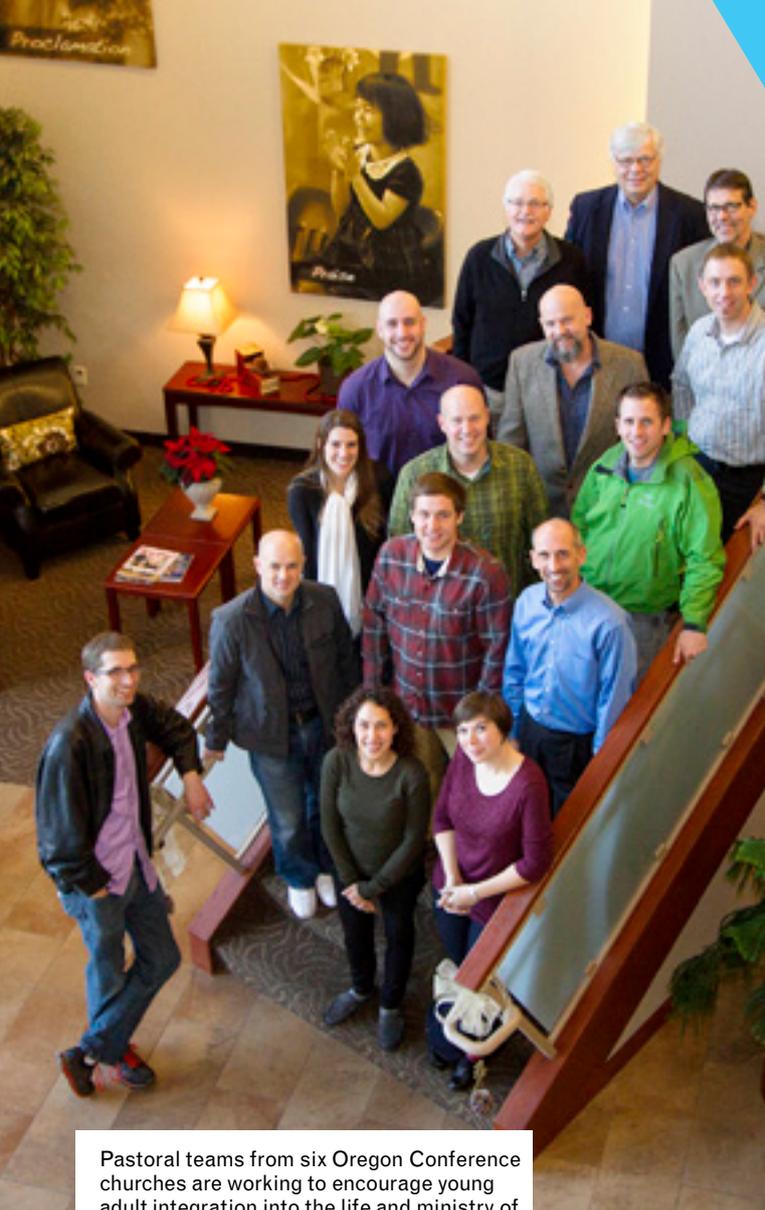
Each church, in its own way, is looking to:

- » Inspire members to recognize the need and unlimited potential in reaching and utilizing young adults in ministry;
- » Educate members about young adult culture and the current condition of our world;
- » Train local leaders in young adult ministry;
- » Provide local churches with tools to love young adults more genuinely;
- » Develop a customized long-term young adult ministry plan unique to their congregation and community.

A TEAM, NOT A TARGET

This is not intended to put a target on the back of each local young adult. “We can’t make young adults a cause for ‘rehabilitation,’” says Jonathan Russell, Sunnyside Church associate pastor. “We need them to know that this journey is for all of us and that their presence, their thoughts, are wanted and welcome.”

It’s also a chance for both young and old to experience the value of active integration. “We don’t want ‘siloeing’ — sending our young adults off to their own church experience,” says Greg Phillips,



Pastoral teams from six Oregon Conference churches are working to encourage young adult integration into the life and ministry of their congregations.

Pleasant Valley Church associate pastor. “We want all ages integrated in a Bible-centered mission. But to do that, our churches must be vibrant places where the Holy Spirit is at work and where young adults can explore, find and engage real faith.”

George Gainer, Pleasant Valley Church senior pastor, envisions multigenerational congregations that value genuine faith. “When it comes to church, the young adults I know want it to be real. They value authenticity especially when it comes to matters of faith. This is just one reason why we so desperately need

young adults to participate in the life of the church. They help us stay honest to God.”

In these six Oregon Conference churches, senior pastors and young adult pastors will be working closely together to prayerfully walk this journey with their church members. Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, says it will be important for leaders to have a firm but gentle hand. “We too often define the job description and expectations for our young adults,” he observes, “but even though we have a common goal, methods may differ. We need to avoid micromanaging

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— GREG PHILLIPS, PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH ASSOCIATE PASTOR

how they apply their methods to our mission.”

Les Zollbrecht, Oregon Conference associate youth director, who will be assisting all six churches in this effort, says, “It’s unrealistic to think that old methods of outreach will be effective for a new and emerging generation. Jesus cautions us about putting new wine into old wine skins. We have seen the devastating effects of this concept as young adults file out of our church. This is why we must invest in learning about each other.”

THE BARNA YOUNG ADULT STUDY

A 2013 study conducted by the Barna Group for the North American Division resulted in a 60-page report with key thoughts to consider. It acknowledges that Adventist churches have excelled in resources, activities and programs that engage children and youth with experiential spirituality. But young adults returning from college have no such connectors in place.

The study also reveals that many young adults tend to build their own “piecemeal” religious philosophy. Combining the natural young adult independence with the common perception among

them that the church is repressive of new or different ideas leads to an increasing sense of alienation. The study suggests “this is not to say that the church should abandon its core values and belief — but it should be able to differentiate between these fundamentals and mere traditions.”

IT’S NOT ABOUT STYLE

Some churches have mistakenly thought that change for the sake of change would appeal to young adults. They have offered worship and music styles they hoped would be attractive. Some have designed separate services for young adults. And while those may have seemed effective for a while, the attraction has been temporary. These methods have often only served to further divide ages and groups within the church.

IT’S ABOUT JESUS

The reality is that young adults care less about style than they do a worthy cause. They are looking for a mission. They are looking to be part of the body of Christ, with every member of every age centered on Jesus.

Justin Yang, Andrews University Center for Youth Evangelism ministries director,

says it this way: “Young adult retention, or, better yet, young adult commission, all goes back to the local church becoming the hands, feet and heart of Jesus. Creativity, innovation and relevance — as much as these are important, they aren’t the answer to retaining, empowering and transforming our young adults. The answer is and will always be Jesus.”

THE TASK OF THE CHURCH

Before his untimely death in the prison camps of World War II, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote eight theses on youth work. One seems especially instructive in this age of relativistic religiosity. “The future of the church,” he observed, “is not youth itself but rather the Lord

Jesus Christ alone. It is the task of the youth not to reshape the church, but rather to listen to the Word of God. It is the task of the church not to capture the youth, but to teach and proclaim the Word of God.”

Could it be that the answer to reviving the integration of all ages in our churches is as simple and yet challenging as a revival of primitive godliness centered in the scriptural call of the Savior?

Pray for these six churches as they move forward by faith on this journey during 2015. It’s a journey that others will learn from and join.

The body of Christ, after all, is not composed of spectators, but of legs and feet and eyes and ears all ready and willing to move toward the final victory lap — together.



Greg Phillips, Pleasant Valley Church associate pastor, leads a discussion with young adults during a recent church service.

EXCERPTS FROM THE BARNA STUDY ON ADVENTIST MILLENNIALS

While Adventists seem to place great importance on outward behavior, such behavior is a poor predictor of their relationship with Christ. ... In many cases (young adults) will become further committed to the lifestyle standards of Adventist doctrine, but only after internalizing them rather than conforming to them.

[Regarding church integration] there is a difficult transition from child to adult. Young adults have many fewer opportunities. As one person in our post-college discussion groups said, “If you aren’t a child and don’t have a child, there’s nothing for you.”

Today’s young adults are very comfortable with ambiguity and nuance. In many ways they do not feel the need to develop a comprehensive worldview or philosophy. When it comes to Adventist doctrine and standards, they are sifting through church teachings — even the ones who consider themselves strong members.

Intergeneration relationships are a big deal to both engaged and unengaged young adults — and not just in a good way. Those who felt welcome and nurtured referenced older adults, and those who felt judged and rejected also cited older adults.

It is their experiences and perceptions of their church as a child, rather than their behavioral engagement with the church, that predicts if they will be behaviorally engaged as young adults. This insight should not be underestimated.

**THE FULL STUDY
REPORT IS AVAILABLE
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EL CAMPESTRE HISPANO CONVOCA A SUS MIEMBROS

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Los miembros adventistas desde Omak, Washington, hasta Hermiston, Oregon, y de todas partes entre medio se reunieron en Pasco, Washington, el 10 de enero del 2015, en ocasión del campestre hispano de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia.

Esta reunión festiva anual que tradicionalmente tiene lugar en la primera parte del verano se movió este año a enero para acomodar las próximas sesiones administrativas de la Iglesia Adventista en San Antonio, Texas, en julio. A pesar del clima frío afuera, las sonrisas de bienvenida de los conquistadores alegraron a todos los que asistieron.

Los conquistadores fueron una novedad en el campestre este año. Durante los últimos años, se han organizado cuatro nuevos clubes hispanos de conquistadores incluyendo uno el año pasado, en la Conferencia de Upper Columbia. Los niños saludaron con orgullo a las visitas y marcharon en el santuario al comienzo del servicio. Tomaron el micrófono con confianza y compartieron lo significativo que es el club de conquistadores para ellos.

Como siempre es el caso, las predicaciones poderosas acompañaron la música elevadora y la alegre



JAY WINTERMEYER

Conquistadores valerosos, listos para dar la bienvenida.

camaradería. Este año, el campestre hispano presentó cuatro oradores principales: los pastores José Cortes Jr. de la División Norteamericana, Allan Machado de la Conferencia de Florida, José Rojas de Momentum y Eliseo Lozano de CPL.

Los miembros fueron profundamente bendecidos mientras los oradores tocaron brevemente las cuatro áreas del lema de este año: “Dotados para servir, compartir, sanar y discipular”. Los cuatro oradores alternaron entre las reuniones de los adultos y de los jóvenes, compartiendo mensajes apropiados para la edad que inspiraron y animaron a jóvenes y ancianos por igual.

Para no dejarlos afuera, los niños disfrutaron de un maravilloso grupo de programas que los

transportaron a la antigua Roma, completando la escena con visitas simuladas del apóstol Pablo. Además de las historias bíblicas, los niños participaron en juegos romanos, manualidades y meriendas. Rotaron ansiosamente de cuarto en cuarto para sumergirse como hubiera sido la vida de un cristiano primitivo.

Durante el evento, los pastores aprovecharon la oportunidad para lanzar la visión de los próximos cinco años. La visión, llamada Multi-G 20/20, desafía a los miembros a plantar cuatro iglesias nuevas y comenzar 40 grupos nuevos con al menos 400 miembros y además incrementar un 20 por ciento el número de estudiantes en nuestras instituciones educativas antes del año 2020.

La fecha del campestre pudo haber cambiado este año, pero no parece haber afectado la asistencia. Cerca de 2,000 personas llenaron el lugar en Pasco. El pastor Walter Pintos-Schmidt, coordinador del Ministerio Hispano de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia, comentó: “Los planes para el año que viene ya están en marcha. Con el número de asistentes que continúa creciendo, ya hicimos planes para el año que viene.”



JAY WINTERMEYER

Oportunidades de “Adoración” siempre presentes.

Es por eso que ya se ha hecho la reservación pertinente para el campestre del 2016 en un lugar con mayor capacidad para las actividades multi-generacionales en Kennewick, Washington.

Escribe Jay Wintermeyer, Director del Departamento de Comunicaciones de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia, traducido por Vania Schimpf

WRANGELL VBS SHARES THE 'ONE THING'

“**M**artha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her’” (Luke 10:41, 42).

Living in a small town has its advantages and its challenges. Perhaps especially those in small churches can appreciate this. The Wrangell Church held a Vacation Bible

School Jan. 1–3. The theme was God’s creation, and members put up posters, ads on the radio and a blurb on Facebook. The opening night was little nerve-wracking when only three girls showed up. The second night was the same, and finally Sabbath morning the same three girls appeared. The VBS team outnumbered them.

Many factors, including weather, lack of advertising and illness, contributed to the low turnout, and some other small

churches can relate to this scenario. What was most surprising is that not one person on the VBS team voiced any of the discouragement that might be expected in this situation. They looked at the story of Mary and Martha and noted that Mary was doing the one thing that Jesus was trying to get Martha understand.

The team found this encouraging. The numbers don’t matter when you are doing the “one thing,” which

is connecting with “The One.” So what if only three girls showed? As long as the team shared that “one thing,” they did the right thing. And that won’t be taken away from them or from those three girls who came to Wrangell Church VBS this year.

Brooke Reynolds, Wrangell Church member

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GOD-CENTERED LIVING

Often the first thing we think of when we hear the word “stewardship” is money. But stewardship is a much bigger concept than suggested percentages of income we give to the church. Stewardship is all about living a God-centered life.

Are we taking time each day to be in tune with God and know His will for us? Are we using the skills God has blessed us with to bring glory to Him? Are we using the resources with which God has blessed us to honor Him?

The Idaho Conference is emphasizing stewardship, God-centered living, as a way of encouraging all of us to ask the question, “Is God in control of all of my life?” Several members have taken North American Division stewardship director John Mathew’s challenge to become certified stewardship presenters. Dick Hanson, of Vital Truths Media, was recently the keynote speaker at our elder’s retreat as well as the last pastor’s retreat. He is one of our speakers at this year’s Camp Meeting, June 9–13. We have begun to work with Hanson to develop a plan to promote God-centered living throughout the conference on an ongoing basis.

The story is told of a missionary who presented the gospel to a wealthy native chief. In response, the chief tried to give the missionary cattle, land and other things the chief owned. The missionary said, “God doesn’t want your things. God wants you.”

The chief replied, “Your God is a very wise God. For God knows that once God has the chief, God has the cattle, the land and everything the chief owns.”

John Rogers, Idaho Conference vice president of finance and stewardship director



John Rogers



COOL RINGINGS HELD AT GSAA

Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) hosted the Cool Ringings handbell festival Jan 29–31. Phyllis Tincher, local handbell artist, worked with the visiting students, many of whom had not read music before. She was pleased with their progress on Sabbath morning, which was their last practice session before the concert that afternoon. GSAA SoundWave (handbell choir) provided support, helped the students count measures and learn ringing techniques, and filled in on some of the larger bells.

Students came from the following schools:

- » Home school group from Greenleaf;
- » Caldwell Adventist Elementary School;
- » Eagle Adventist Christian School;
- » Boise Valley Adventist School;
- » Baker Valley Adventist School;
- » Salmon Adventist School;
- » Treasure Valley Adventist School;
- » Immanuel Lutheran School.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY EVENTS

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APRIL 3–5 Alumni Weekend

APRIL 13 Academy Day

MAY 29–31 Graduation Weekend

PATHFINDER EVENTS

APRIL 26 Pathfinder Fair and Adventurer Fun Day

IDAHO CONFERENCE SESSION EVENTS

MAY 3 Nominating Committee

MAY 17 Constituency Session

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AUG. 29 Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership

SEPT. 11–13 Women’s Retreat

SEPT. 26 Ministries Training, La Grande

OCT. 3 Ministries Training, Caldwell

OCT. 24 Ministries Training, Pocatello

ENTERPRISE KIDS SERVE SENIORS' LUNCH

At 10:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month when school is in session, two or three students from the upper grades of the Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist School arrive at the Wallowa County Senior Center in Enterprise, Ore. The students set up, seat seniors, and serve beverages, lunch and dessert.



Alondra Pena serves dessert at the Wallowa County Senior Center.

Barb Hilde, an active member of the Enterprise Church, has organized this activity for many years to allow the young people of the church to serve the elders of the community.

During their December

2014 visit, the students tended to the needs of the seniors, first seating them and then finding what they wanted to drink. While serving, the students exchanged conversation and smiles with the seniors gathered. A local pastor was also visiting the center and commented how wonderful it was that these students can come, get to know these wonderful folks from their community and serve them lunch.

The students were equally positive about the experience. Alondra Pena, whose parents own and operate a restaurant, was particularly adept at meeting the needs of the seniors. She commented that this service requires staying focused and being friendly and well-prepared for the lunch-hour rush.

Serving lunch to the seniors of Wallowa County enables the students to give back to their community and show Jesus' love in a practical way.

Alina Rice, Enterprise Adventist School home and school leader

LONG CREEK HOSTS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sixty people met at the fellowship hall of the Long Creek (Ore.) Church Dec. 10, 2014, for a communitywide Christmas dinner and fellowship.

Larry and Anita Griffith prepared the meal with help from Charity Morris. Tim Greenlaw, from the Walla Walla, Wash., area, led some Christmas carols, and Pearl Spencer provided most of the decorations. Sherry Schultz planned and coordinated the entire evening.

This is the second year the Long Creek Church has worked to provide this meal of community Christmas fellowship.

Organizers heard many good comments from those

attending. Some were thankful for a gathering in the warm fellowship hall, instead of riding cold hay wagons around caroling as they had done in the past. The food, entertainment, decorations and companionship received special praise from many of those attending. Door prizes were given out and contributed to the laughter and enjoyment of the occasion.

Christmastime proved an ideal occasion to get this small community together to praise the Lord and eat together.

Leland Spencer, Long Creek Church member



Church and community members gather for the second annual Christmas party.



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The Hamilton Pathfinder Club members collected more than 600 nonperishable food items in less than an hour.

HAMILTON PATHFINDERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Hamilton Pathfinders have usually collected can goods for charity from their own town. This year they decided to do something different and go to the nearby town of Corvallis, Mont. Hamilton has the population of 4,508 people and Corvallis has 976 people, but Hamilton members hoped and prayed for a productive turnout. They were not disappointed.

The club distributed bags and a note on Oct. 26, 2014, that indicated the Pathfinders would be back the following day to pick up nonperishable items.

Hamilton Church community services organized and set everything up for families in need. Some products supported the local food bank. Four Eager Beavers, seven Adventurers, three Pathfinders and staff collected the items. The kids were excited when they returned from a stop with a bag of food bigger than they were.

The club members had a good time collecting and sharing with their neighbors. People were excited to help out with food and even money. There was a note on a bag of



food that said, “Thank you for looking out for our community!” The neighbors were happy to see a group of young people doing a service like this in their community. The Pathfinders were able to collect more than 600 items of nonperishable food in one hour.

The Pathfinders went a step further. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, they got up early and went to the store to gather perishable items. After shopping, they proceeded to help make up boxes for 12 different families. The project created an experience the children will remember for a long time and made real for them Matt. 25:40: “Surely, what you have done to the least of these brothers of mine you have done to me.”

Mark Harris, Hamilton Pathfinder Club director



Guests enjoy a vegetarian harvest feast at the Stevensville Church.

STEVENSVILLE HOSTS THANKSGIVING FEAST

Stevensville Church members determined to do something special for their community. They decided to host a harvest and thanksgiving dinner. They put posters up all around town and personally distributed invitation letters. As a result, more than 50 members, neighbors and friends joined together to celebrate God’s blessings in the special dinner held at the church.

A festive mood, complete with candles and autumn leaves, filled the multipurpose room. The afternoon included craft activities for the youngsters. Rob Liss, Stevensville Church associate pastor, led out with prayer and Scripture readings. Guests were then treated to a lavish full-course feast. Gary Patchen added to

the atmosphere by playing guitar music softly in the background as guests dined.

Liss asked the question, “What are you thankful for?” Many guests replied with various comments. There was a warm feeling of peace and love throughout the entire afternoon, and many new friendships were made.

Virginia Davis, Stevensville Church communication leader

MILO OPENS NEW EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Milo Adventist Academy horses are no longer housed in greenhouses turned into makeshift barns in Days Creek. The new barn, created in the former Thunderbird wood factory, has 15 stalls, a classroom, an office, a tack room and a large indoor arena where students can work with their horses in all kinds of weather. An existing structure adjacent to the pasture has been expanded to provide an outdoor shelter for the horses.

Junior Hannah LaRiccia says her horse, Calypso, loves being at Milo. Calypso is one of 13 horses housed in the new equestrian facility. The old arena was just an empty field, and, according to LaRiccia, sometimes the mud would go up to the horses' knees. Now the horsemanship class can continue their work without weather-related disruptions.

Amanda Jones, Tori Obersinner and Katie Beth Miller canter amid nature while attending Milo Adventist Academy.



PETER HERNANDEZ



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Milo equestrian students enjoy their new indoor arena in the former Thunderbird factory.

Ten students are enrolled in the beginning and advanced classes. The courses teach participants how to properly care for their horses, including grooming, health care, feeding, cleaning of stalls, tacking up and how to communicate with the animals. LaRiccia believes taking horsemanship “gives students confidence, learning

to work with something instead of against it.”

Freshman Austin Spencer says, “I love spending time with horses and learning more about them, and especially riding.”

Students can also sign up for recreational riding. “It’s a complete de-stresser,” LaRiccia says. “Getting out there in nature on horseback, you can see how beautiful Milo really is.”

In addition to academic and recreational opportunities, the equestrian program provides jobs for six students, who take care of the horses as wranglers. Wranglers give one-on-one instruction under horsemanship director Danna Birth’s supervision and lead out in recreational riding. “I love working as a wrangler so that I can spend more time with the horses,” says Tori Oversinner, a freshman.

As a student at Milo in the mid 1990s, Birth and several classmates got permission to bring their horses to Milo and enjoyed riding in their spare time. Later she directed the horse program at Camp Heritage in Missouri for two summers. Junior Katie Beth Miller says Birth is “patient and willing to work with people’s different abilities.”

Milo’s equestrian staff dream of having an outdoor arena and a hot-water wash



PETER HERNANDEZ

Milo Academy’s new horse barn has 15 comfortable stalls next to the arena.

rack so they can bathe the horses in the winter. Their most urgent need is to obtain more floor mats to keep the horses from slipping on the concrete and sand to improve footing in the arena.

For more information on Milo Adventist Academy’s horse program, visit miloacademyhorses.org.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter



More photos online at glnr.in/110-03-or_equestrian

OASIS CHURCH FOCUSES ATTENTION ON LAVIDA MISSION

The Oasis Church in Vancouver, Wash., is helping the LaVida Mission in New Mexico. It began with an earnest prayer that led to multiple ways to help the



Oasis Church's Pathfinder Club, Son Seekers, sent 20 Christmas boxes to the LaVida Mission to earn a badge in Kindness.

LaVida.

Kim Sellberg, community services co-chair, explains, "When God has a plan, it catches on fire and becomes bigger than you can ever imagine." During the first week of May a small group will make a trip to New Mexico to run a Vacation Bible School and to work on a building project at the mission, which will include laying new flooring and installing new windows. There will be many more opportunities for anyone to help.

The children of Oasis are eagerly helping the cause.

Tomsi Logan has spearheaded an Adventurer Club for families of children in pre-school to fourth grade. This club, the Oasis Son Seekers, sent 20 Christmas boxes to the LaVida Mission to earn a badge in Kindness. The children's Sabbath School classes saved change in jars and bought board games to send.

Oasis' community services and men's ministry have contributed in several ways, including sending clothing and raising money. "We have been unbelievably blessed with funding and donations," Sellberg says. "God has been so gracious, and it is obviously His project."

Oasis has made Rom. 12:09 its prayer: "Don't just pretend that you love others: really love them" (The Living Bible). Oasis seeks to "grow with God, share with others, celebrate God's successes.

Emmi McLarty, Oasis Church member

Read more online at glnr.in/110-03-or_oasis

SUNNYSIDE HOSTS 33RD ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunnyside's 33rd annual Family Christmas Program was presented to a packed sanctuary on Dec. 19, 2014. Jonathan Russell, Sunnyside Church associate pastor, welcomed everyone, and Scott Lemert, Sunnyside Church pastor, closed with prayer. A wide variety of musicians shared their talents including vocal solos, instrumental solos, vocal groups, a piano/organ duet and more. The closing number was a rendition of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" by audience members accompanied by organ and directed by Karl Helton, Sunnyside Church choir director.



Wes Burden, who plays soprano sax, visits with his father, Harold Burden, at the annual Sunnyside Christmas program.

there was going to be a Christmas program on Christmas Eve, which fell on a Friday evening. The pastor said no, so Wescott replied, "Then I'll do one" — and he has for 33 years.

The program has built such a reputation that people volunteer to be a part of it, more than can be included. Wescott likes to include a mix of musical styles and formats and always finds a place for kids on the program.

Wescott also spearheads the Strawberry Vespers each June and is starting a spring musical as well. These events provide great music and great fellowship, all in praise to our great God.

Warren Rushold, Sunnyside Church communication team leader



The family-friendly program included North, a group composed of brothers Alex, Krystian, Kyrin, Charles and Ka'ena Larson.

This program is produced by Sunnyside Church member Lloyd Wescott, who has done this for 33 consecutive years. It all started at the former Sunnyside Church just after he and his wife, Lorrie, changed membership from Stone Tower Church. That first year Lloyd Wescott asked the pastor if

SAUSER WINS MGAES SCHOOL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Abbey Sauser, a sixth-grade student at Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School (MGAES) in Battle Ground, Wash., won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 9. The school bee, during which students answered questions on geography, was the first round of the 27th annual National Geographic Bee. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members attended the bee at MGAES to cheer on the contestants.

Madi Carlton, geography bee runner-up, says, "I was a little nervous at first, but then I got used to being up front."

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the U.S. territories are participating in the 2015 bee. The school champions, including Sauser, will take a written test to possibly qualify



Ric Peinado, Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School principal, congratulates Abby Sauser on her accomplishment.

for the state bee.

Of the experience, Sauser says, "I was very nervous, but I'm glad I did it."

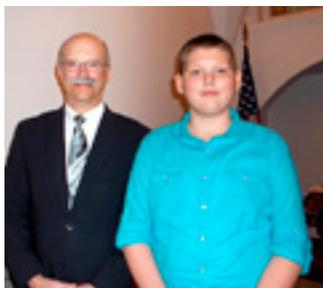
The bee is open to students across the nation in grades four to eight. At MGAES, all students in those grades participated in a grade-level competition. From that competition, the top two

scores participated in the school bee. The competitors at MGAES included fourth-graders Calahan Patchin and Micah Payne; fifth-graders Sarah Kimitsuka and Amanda Mathey; sixth-grader Ryan Mowrey; seventh-graders Madi Carlton and Alexandra Tyler; and eighth-graders Hope Bollin and Alyssa Mayhew.

"With nearly a third of American young adults not being able to identify the Amazon rain forest — or for that matter, half of this same age group surveyed couldn't locate New York and two-thirds could not locate Ohio on a map of the United States — I can say without reservation how proud I am of our boys and girls that participated in MGAES geography bee," says Ric Peinado, MGAES principal. "I think it is important in this day and age to raise awareness of geographic literacy and prepare our kids for the world in which we live in — we must understand our past to see how far we have all come. Understanding the relationships of continents, oceans and other countries helps our students grasp this concept."

Malaika Childers, Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School fifth- and sixth-grade teacher

FALLS CITY TEEN BAPTIZED



Cody L. Rushing, 13, was baptized on Sabbath, Jan. 10, by Larry Brown, Falls City Church pastor.

Thirteen-year-old Cody L. Rushing was baptized on Sabbath, Jan. 10, by Larry Brown, Falls City Church pastor.

Rushing began attending the Falls City Church with his grandmother, Vickie Beckley, after she was baptized on March 23, 2012. He enjoyed his Sabbath School teacher, Pat Biro, who is also employed as a Bible worker for the church. He became interested in studying the Bible and in 2014 asked Biro to study the Bible

with him. Rushing attended Big Lake Youth Camp last summer, which he enjoyed immensely. When asked why he wanted to be baptized, Rushing responded, "I want to follow the Lord."

Larry Scofield, Falls City Church communication leader

CAA LOVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

These things I command you, that you love one another. — John 15:17

Ellen White said, “In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, ‘other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ’” (*Education*, p. 30). With that quote as context and the Dovich family facing a crisis, students at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., rallied to help, just as Christ “dropped everything” to help those He encountered who needed assistance. And when students begin to realize what can happen when they use their skills and gifts for others, great things happen.

The Dovich family consists of Adam, CAA alumnus and teacher at Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School (MGAES); Holly; and their little 2-year-old boy, affectionately known as Russell the Muscle. Russell was scheduled to have heart surgery during Christmas vacation. Knowing the costs were going to be expensive for the family, even with good insurance coverage, Jeff Jackson, CAA principal, suggested that CAA find a way to reach out to the extended family at MGAES, and the



Russell “the Muscle” Dovich inspired the CAA family to come together and raise money to help fund his heart surgery.

idea for a “Hoop-a-Thon” was born.

Students became involved finding sponsors to fund each basketball free throw made and practicing free throws to ensure maximum potential for pledges obtained. The event was scheduled for a one-hour time period on a Friday afternoon and anyone who desired to help was encouraged to come to the gym and shoot free throws. It was a busy place as all six of the baskets were used. The MGAES girls’ basketball coach, Laurisa Pearson, even brought some of

her team to help. About an hour after shots began falling through the hoop, more than 2,700 free throws were tallied and more than \$3,000 was raised to help the Dovich family.

If you don’t love yourself, it’s hard to love someone else you know. And if you can’t love someone you know, it’s going to be almost impossible to love someone you don’t know. So the CAA family wants to realize they can love themselves because Christ places such great value on them, and because they are

loved they can be free to love others too. As they reach out to their constituent churches to help with the worship services and provide Christmas to 20 Head Start kids, they see the ripples of their love going out in ever-larger circles. That’s how you love people from the inside out. That’s a miracle.

And the surgery for Russell the Muscle? That was a miracle too.

Larry Hiday, CAA Gleaner correspondent

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HISPANIC CAMP MEETING BRINGS MEMBERS TOGETHER



Ramon Canals, North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, shares his thoughts with the camp meeting audience.

Adventist members from Omak, Wash., to Hermiston, Ore., and all parts in between gathered in Pasco, Wash., on Jan. 10, for the Upper Columbia Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting.

Traditionally held in early summer, this annual and festive gathering moved to January this year to accommodate the

sanctuary at the beginning of the church service. They confidently took the microphone and shared what made Pathfinders meaningful to them.

As is always the case, powerful preaching accompanied the music and fellowship. This year, Hispanic camp meeting featured four main speakers: José Cortez Jr. from the North American Division, Allan Machado from Florida Conference, José Rojas of Momentum and Eliseo Lozano from Changing People's Lives Ministries.

Members were deeply

blessed as the speakers touched on the four key areas of this year's theme, "Gifted to serve, share, heal and disciple." The four speakers alternated between the adult and youth meetings, sharing age-appropriate messages that inspired and encouraged young and old alike.

Not to be left out, the children enjoyed an amazing set of programs that transported them back to ancient Rome, complete with visits from the apostle Paul. In addition to the Bible stories, children participated in Roman games, crafts and

snacks. They eagerly rotated from room to room to immerse themselves in life as an early Christian.

During the event, pastors took the opportunity to cast a vision for the next five years. The vision, called Multi-G 20/20, challenges members to plant four new churches and start 40 new groups with at least 400 members before the year 2020.

The camp meeting dates may have been changed this year, but the change didn't appear to affect attendance. Nearly 2,000 people packed the Pasco venue. Walter Pintos, Upper Columbia Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, says, "Plans are already underway for next year. With our attendance numbers continuing to grow, we've already made arrangements for next year." Next year a larger facility with even more capacity for the multigenerational activities is booked in Kennewick, Wash.

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



Allan Machado, Florida Conference, shares from the Word.

upcoming Adventist church business meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in July. In spite of the chilly weather outside, smiling Pathfinders greeted and cheered all who attended.

The Pathfinders were a new addition to camp meeting this year. Over the past several years, four new Hispanic Pathfinder clubs were organized in Upper Columbia Conference, including one last year. The kids proudly greeted guests and marched into the



Pathfinders participate in the church service.

ACS SUPPORTS REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER

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A speaker defined a shocking reality: “Imagine a burn the size of the state of Connecticut — then you can begin to realize the loss from the Carlton Complex Fire in Okanogan County last July. This fire destroyed 256 primary homes, 55 percent uninsured.” And the speaker continued with more heart-rending facts:

- » More than 500 tons of scrap metal have been hauled truckload by truckload from burned-out homes.
- » Mudslides threaten.
- » Because of bitterbrush loss, two-thirds of the deer herd will be lost.
- » Hungry deer threaten apple orchards.
- » Recovery time is anticipated to take five to six years.
- » Millions of dollars are needed in the recovery.
- » FEMA has denied individual aid to people impacted.

This meeting¹ in January was attended by more than 50 participants, including three representing Adventist Disaster Response² (ADR) who listened in a chilly room as county leaders vividly described realities of this fiery holocaust caused by the worst fire event ever in the state of Washington. But how can

Adventists make a difference?

The most effective response especially in disasters is working together — churches and conferences, churches and other faith-based organizations, and churches in collaboration with government agencies.

A great example of this teamwork was seen in September in Alta Lake, where



Patty Marsh with Cindy Cook in the Pateros Distribution Center and Warehouse.

52 homes were lost. Brewster Adventist Community Services (ACS) leader, Lola Mae Worth, organized a plan to assist a local resident who lost not only his home but his business, a golf course. Ed Burns, local tree faller, began falling burned trees, and ACS volunteers from Oregon and Upper Columbia conferences removed the trees and brush. The Oregon team also taught an on-site safety class.

Byron Dulan, Washing-



UCC volunteers along with the Oregon chainsaw team under the leadership of Sam Pellecer (third from left).

ton Conference ADR director, sent leadership assistance in the Okanogan ADR Warehouse and is in regular communication with Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) concerning this recovery effort.

National Adventist Disaster Response is supporting the Pateros Distribution Center and Warehouse, which was set up November 2014 at the request of Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group. Local members have worked in various endeavors as well.

The Okanogan County leadership has been in conversation with UCC ADR, floating the idea of a large warehouse this spring as structures are rebuilt, but whether this will become a reality is too early to

tell. What is known is with so much to do and fewer dollars and less manpower, a combined and coordinated effort works powerfully.

1. WAVOAD, Washington Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, brings voluntary, nongovernmental organizations together within the State of Washington to foster effective service to people affected by disasters, through communication and collaboration.
2. Larry Mays, North Pacific Union Conference Adventist Disaster Response coordinator; Patty Marsh, UCC Adventist Disaster Response director; and Cindy Cook, Pateros Distribution Center and Warehouse director.

Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Sabbath School and community service director

NORTH VIEW HOSTS 'DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR'

The savory smells of a bountiful dinner greeted visitors seeking to return books at the North Spokane (Wash.) Library on Sunday, Jan. 25. While they might have been looking for another great read, they found something else instead.

Library visitors discovered a unique health event, Dinner With the Doctor. Members from Spokane's North View Church reserved the library's community room for the event, which served more than 50 people.

Guests attending Dinner With the Doctor enjoyed a light buffet-style supper while seated around many decorated tables. During the meal, which featured heart-healthy recipes, Doraleen Mallernee, a North View Church member, gave a cooking demonstration of one

of the menu items. Mallernee gave the audience a chance to ask questions about the preparation and where to find ingredients.

Following the meal, Kryalyn Swayze, a Loma Linda (Calif.) University medical student serving as an intern in Spokane, gave a short health lecture on how to take steps toward a more healthy lifestyle. John Torquato, a board-certified family practice doctor, answered questions at the close of the lecture.

Guests appeared to enjoy the meal, and there was lively interaction throughout.

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



Sheriff Dave Resser welcomes St. Maries Christian School students to his office.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE AT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 23 marked the 100th Centennial Celebration of Benewah County in Idaho. There was another celebration underway as well.

Caleb Nelson and Myles Nelson, students at the St. Maries (Idaho) Christian School, were awarded a "vacation from class." By completing all their assignments during the second quarter, their names were placed on the Completion Honor Roll, which qualified them to participate in a field trip. Instead of math class, the pair went to the sheriff's department at the courthouse (at Caleb's request).

Deputy Brandon Vannatter, their guide, answered questions as he showed them around. He explained that one of the subjects he had in school that helps him in his work now is English. "For every incident, an officer has to record what happened. There's a lot of writing to do," he explained. He also warned them that minors have to leave any party where alcohol shows up, or they could face charges.

The students and teachers appreciated the opportunity to



Caleb Nelson and Myles Nelson lean in to view the security camera images.

meet many of the employees who serve Benewah County.

Cathy Law, volunteer teacher's aide

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Wash., on Sunday, **May 31, 2015**, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department directors, and the

Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session. Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

*Paul Hoover, President
Doug R. Johnson, Vice President for Administration*

HAYDEN LAKE MEMBERS BECOME LOCAL MEDICAL MISSIONARIES

Deppy Maniscalco, a Hayden Lake (Idaho) Church member, had a “life-changing experience” as a local medical missionary last summer, despite not having a medical background. The church’s goal is for each member to be a medical missionary, and members have rallied behind the truth and effectiveness of Ellen G. White’s statement, “We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work” (*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 7, p. 62).

During the summer of 2014, this became clear as committed members along with two senior medical students from Loma Linda University, two young registered nurses and two other young professionals teamed up for seven weeks of blessing



MICHELLE MAIER

One focus of the medical missionary team is to help people learn about healthy meals. Medical student Debbie Beihl and nurse Michelle Maier join Heather Torquato, a Hayden Lake Church member, to make a meal in Beth Duffy's home.

others. They set out to follow the example of Jesus.

This group visited homes, encouraged the discouraged and helped individuals with exercising, grocery shopping, cooking and sharing meals together. The people helped were invited to the church for cooking classes,

health lectures, prayer meetings and Friday night services conducted by the students. Through this, seven new people are attending church regularly.

Toward the end of the summer, health evangelist Rico Hill, from Beehive Ministries, held meetings at the

Hayden Church emphasizing the importance of the physical law/moral law tie-in. Christine Parker was so overwhelmed with the warmth and love week after week that she decided to attend Hayden Lake’s evangelistic series, which began in September with Brian McMahan, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist.

Plans are in place to repeat this medical missionary model in the greater Spokane area after Hill, with a team of professional guest lecturers, conducts medical missionary training called CHAT (Community Health Advocate Training) at the Upper Columbia Conference office in Spokane, Wash. For more information or to register, go to uccsda.org/chat.

Lorraine Gabriel, Hayden Lake Church health ministry director



COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCATE TRAINING

Coming to Spokane April 3-May 24

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A TIME OF TRANSITION BY FAITH

We are looking forward to seeing how God will lead in the future of secondary education in our conference and beyond.

The Israelites were emerging on the other side of their 40-year journey to through the wilderness. They had strong times of trusting God and weak moments of ignoring God.

Through generations of journeying, God molded and shaped them. Sure, they still had their problems. We still do today. Yet, God took imperfect people and prepared them for their inheritance in the Promised Land.

On the cusp of the Promised Land, the Israelites lost their beloved leader, Moses. They were at a huge time of transition of journeying to conquering. When God commissioned Joshua to lead the Israelites, he felt a measure of uncertainty and doubt.

God had a specific message for Joshua and for us (see Joshua 1:1-9) that ends with this encouragement: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

OUR SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IS AT A TIME OF TRANSITION. We are getting ready to cross a metaphorical Jordan River. This will require us to step out in faith, to pray through plans and to anticipate what God will do.

For generations, Adventist culture favored sending young people off to boarding academies. Many church members lived in widespread, rural locations. Boarding academies provided common education centers for Adventist young people to learn reading, writing and arithmetic in a faith-based environment.

This picture has changed in recent decades. With society's growth and changing parental attitudes toward boarding school education, church communities have increasingly established local academic institutions, or day academies, for faith-based high school education. These day academies allow students to live at home during



John Freedman serves as president for Washington Conference.

high school years and still obtain an education with an Adventist biblical worldview. Still other families elect to pursue a home-school approach.

Adventist education's great strength through the years has been a willingness to respond to changing needs — not just as they were, but as they are and will be.

This is the challenge we face with Auburn Adventist Academy and all of our secondary education schools. How can we help it succeed, educationally, spiritually and financially, at a time when the demand for boarding student options has dramatically decreased?

THIS DISCUSSION ON SECONDARY EDUCATION IS JUST BEGINNING ON A NUMBER OF LEVELS. We hired a respected education consultant to work with our education leaders to rediscover our core mission and values as we create a vision for a new future. As this conversation unfolds, we are inviting our constituents to review and respond to materials posted at washingtonconference.org/reengineer.

Just as the children of Israel set up memorial stones (see Joshua 4) after stepping out in faith into the Jordan River, we are looking forward to seeing how God will lead in the future of secondary education in our conference and beyond. Let's partner step by step with God to educate the greatest number of young people for life and eternity!

John Freedman, Washington Conference president

YOUTH MOVE ONWARD IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS



TIMMY KOSAKA

Students from the Auburn area lead out in worship at the 2015 Washington Conference Youth Rally held at Sunset Lake in Wilkeson on Jan. 17. More than 300 youth from across the conference came to worship, be inspired from God's Word and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun.



TIMMY KOSAKA

Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, unpacked the theme "Onward" with a story from the life of Daniel. The Christian journey begins with a central question, "What are you doing today?"



TIMMY KOSAKA

The afternoon was spent in family groups discussing the dreams God had placed in their lives and the barriers that stood in the way. Each person committed to the next step in their journey with Jesus and then spent time praying for each other.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN FINALIZES INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Northwest Christian School (NCS) in Puyallup finalized in January an international sister-school relationship with Wonju Sahmyook Middle School in an agreement that began a year ago.

School representatives Craig Mattson, NCS principal, and Chrystal Clemens, NCS office manager, along with Washington Conference education representatives traveled to Korea about a year ago to meet with Wonju administrators and begin the sister-school partnership.

"Part of this agreement was an American cultural immersion experience for Wonju students every January hosted by Northwest Christian School," explains Mattson.

"Our NCS students spent quality time with our friends from Korea learning firsthand about the Korean language, Korean culture and customs."

Twenty students and two administrators from Korea arrived in mid-January and were welcomed into host family homes. During their stay, the students experienced a range of local attractions including the Boeing factory, Microsoft campus, Space Needle, the Pacific Science Center, Pike Place, Safeco Field, Olympia's capital building and Crystal



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Northwest Christian School principal Craig Mattson gives an all-school photo to Kwang-Soo Chang, Wonju Sahmyook Middle School principal, to take back to students in Korea.

Mountain ski area. Host families also took students on several independent outings.

During the three-week stay, contract teacher Stacy Tejel provided English learner classroom training. Duane Shabo, from the Puyallup Church community, conducted a model-rocket building workshop.

"When it was time to say goodbye, tears flowed as students from both schools embraced," Mattson says. "The impact of this program on our students and on the students from the Wonju Adventist Middle School cannot be overstated. It was an experience none of us shall soon forget."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

AUBURN STUDENTS EXPERIENCE JOY OF GIVING

What would you do if someone gave you \$20 with instructions to invest in a cause that enhances someone's life?

Victor Moore sat in Bible class at Auburn Adventist Academy and heard Jeff Carlson, chaplain, explain about a new generosity challenge for up to 25 participants. The class watched a video from the I Like Giving website to learn more about investing in someone else's life. Moore, a senior student from Snoqualmie, was one of the students who agreed to participate in this challenge.

The I Like Giving \$20 generosity challenge originated after Washington Conference's stewardship department read a book, *I Like Giving* by Brad Formsma. It shares a series of stories about people who are changing the world by being generous in their personal interactions.

After class, Moore talked with his classmates Adrienne Reiswig and Alicia Carlton, both seniors from Chehalis, about what cause they could invest in.

"We had a hard time deciding on what we should do with the \$20," says Moore. "All we knew was that we simply wanted to make someone's day better. The world can be a very cynical place, so we felt like we should just bring a little optimism and happiness into someone's life."



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Auburn Adventist Academy students respond to a generosity challenge and find creative ways to make a difference in someone else's life.

They joined their funds together to purchase gloves and beanie hats for the homeless. With the remaining money, they purchased a couple burrito meals for people.

"We know it's not much, but with it being the middle of winter we figured it would do them some good," Moore says. "It was nice to see the look of surprised gladness on the people's faces. We hope to continue to bring happiness to others, even in small ways, whenever we can."

Jillian Hightower, a senior from Puyallup, had a similar approach in giving. She

partnered with classmates Stephanie Martinez, a senior from Lynnwood, and Jealeah Settlemier, a senior from Richland, to purchase three 6-inch sub sandwiches and 14 chicken sandwiches to give to homeless people near the Auburn library. They also bought balloons and get-well cards to distribute to patients at the local hospital.

"This experience was so much fun, and I loved seeing the faces on the people when we gave it to them," says Hightower, who said the experience changed her perspective on giving.

"We send our students to our schools not only for a good education, but also so that they will catch the joy of being with Jesus and living a life of service," says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference stewardship director. "When students learn about service and sharing, they become contributors to the needs of the community. These academy students caught this spirit of generosity in this activity."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

AUBURN ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER SEEKS NEW OWNER

The Adventist Book Center (ABC) based in Auburn is moving into a new chapter of its business history as it seeks a new owner.

Its current owner, Washington Conference, regained ownership of the store on Feb. 14, 2014, after Pacific Press Publishing Association (PPPA) ceased their management of 17 bookstores across the United States in an effort to refocus the PPPA mission. Pacific Press had managed Auburn ABC for Washington Conference for eight years.

Throughout 2014, an Auburn ABC management committee researched and examined a number of management models and opportunities for the future of an ABC in western Washington. At a key transition point, the options were presented to the Washington Conference executive committee.

The executive committee reviewed the management options, financial trends and the historic connection with Washington Conference members before voting in January 2015 to place Auburn ABC on the market to be an independently operated store. If a new owner is not found, the storefront, as it is currently known, will phase out of business in the near future, and the building will be repurposed for ministry.



Even with a pending change in ownership, Washington Conference is still committed to the distribution of Adventist literature.

“We’ll do our best to find ways to still provide for the literature needs of our conference,” reassures Dennis Carlson, interim Auburn Adventist Book Center manager. “When a long-standing door closes, we believe God will open new opportunities as we continue to pray and seek God’s direction.”

This significant change is largely due to the changing purchase habits of Adventist members and the general population. No longer dependent on brick-and-mortar stores, an increasing percentage of people are buying their books online. The AdventistBookCenter.com website has made Adventist books and materials easily accessible to all members throughout North America and beyond.

In spite of this pending change, Washington Conference members will still find many of their favorite Adventist products available at special events such as camp meeting,

Niche health foods, including Loma Linda and Worthington brands owned by Atlantic Natural Foods, will soon be available in a large national grocery retailer.

The history of Adventist Book Centers traces back to the fall of 1868 when a small group of women began a prayer circle to petition God to work in the lives of their children, neighbors and friends. They formed the Vigilant Missionary Society in 1869 to share Adventist literature. This venture branched into the Tract and Missionary Society with global reach. In 1924, Book and Bible Houses offered the first Adventist literature storefronts and grew into Adventist Book Centers by 1972, with a wider range of books and soy-bean-based health food products. Before the recent decrease in customer demand, these centers were initially successful in meeting not only the needs of Adventist members

but also many community members.

This new change does not diminish the Washington Conference commitment to the distribution of Adventist materials. “There are still opportunities for literature ministry distribution, and we are here to embrace the future,” says John Freedman, Washing-



The Adventist Book Center in Auburn is on the market for parties interested in independently owning a religious bookstore.

ton Conference president. “The need to share our faith doesn’t change even if our way of managing this process adapts to meet the needs of our current marketplace. There could still be a place for a physical bookstore; we’re just not the ones to properly manage it.”

Parties interested in a bookstore business venture may email abcstore@waconference.org.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

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AEROSPACE ENGINEERS HELP LAUNCH SENIOR PROJECTS

The Walla Walla University School of Engineering is collaborating with local and national

companies to create opportunities for internships, senior projects and career paths for engineering students. Brian Roth, associate professor of engineering, and Ralph Stirling, project engineer, are two of the catalysts.

Roth and Stirling launched a partnership in 2012 with Leo Wilson, Jason Douglas and Michael Allen, aerospace engineers who volunteered to guide WWU engineering students on projects. Wilson is founder and president of Solution Engineering Inc., which develops vision-based navigation products for autonomous systems. Douglas is the founder and president of Latitude Engineering, the company that developed the Hybrid Quadrotor technology used by the students for their projects. Allen is a senior software engineer for CloudCap Technology, which specializes in state-of-the-art autopilot systems and gimbals.

During the 2012–2013 academic year, one project focused on aerial mapping for agriculture. Nathan Curry and Michael Kudla, 2013 mechanical engineering graduates, and Jonathan Anderson, 2013 computer engineering graduate, designed, built and flew a 1-foot wingspan autonomous airplane that photographed the



(Clockwise, from left) Michael Slusser, Bryce Hill, Dane Purkeypile, Victor Wang, Ian Cooke, Ashley Wragg, Travis Crumley, Garrett Wilson and Jeremy Gaines (front) form this year's engineering project team.

land and created one giant picture from the images. This project was featured at the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International 2013 trade show. Today, Kudla is a practicing mechanical engineer, Curry designs UAVs as part of his graduate work at the University of Colorado Boulder, and Anderson is a software developer for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems.

During the 2013–2014 academic year, Andrew Bylard, a 2014 mechanical and electrical engineering graduate, worked with Brian Clark, a 2014 electrical engineering graduate, on quadcopter autopilot augmentation. Bylard investigated an adaptive control algorithm, while Clark developed an optical position hold. Clark now works on aerospace projects as a graduate student at University of

California, Riverside. Bylard is pursuing a doctorate in aeronautical engineering from Stanford University. Two mechanical engineering juniors, Bryce Hill and Michael Slusser, also joined the project. Hill used the experience to obtain a 2014 summer internship with NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

in Huntsville, Ala.

Hill and Slusser now lead the 2014–2015 team. They are joined by Travis Crumley and Dane Purkeypile, two computer engineering seniors. The team's objective is to develop a long-endurance hybrid quadcopter. The team has actively recruited underclassmen, and each senior is responsible for mentoring two. The team includes juniors Ashley Wragg, Garrett Wilson, Ian Cooke, Zachary Arnott, and Jeremy Gaines; sophomores Jeremy Rood and Victor Wang; and freshman Korollos Abdelmalak. The expanded team gives the more junior students an opportunity to apply their coursework, and it gives the seniors great experience in mentoring more junior teammates.

Rachel Wood, Walla Walla University Office of University Relations writer

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EMPLOYEES SET EXAMPLE FOR LIVINGWELL

The mission of Adventist Health is to share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing, which influences the way team members care for their communities as well as themselves.

LivingWell is Adventist Health's whole-person wellness program. The program embraces Adventist Health's wellness heritage, founded on the belief that taking an active role in one's own wellbeing helps people get healthy, stay healthy and enjoy their lives to the fullest.

Wellness becomes a team effort throughout the Northwest Region of Adventist Health as departments, co-workers and friends team up for various diet and exercise challenges throughout the year. From team-based exercise contests throughout the summer and weight management challenges through the holidays to lunch-hour and evening education events, there's something for every health goal and fitness level. The supportive and encouraging team of co-workers contributes to an increasing culture of wellness throughout the region.

The culture helped transform Debra Achziger, mail clerk at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., and her family. "My husband and I

joined the Holiday Hold'em Challenge in 2013," says Achziger. "The goal was to maintain or improve our weight between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day. The extra incentive and accountability from the challenge helped us each improve our weight and helped us incorporate



Ron Benfield and Jim Moor are LivingWell as they summit Mt. Rainier.

long-term diet and exercise changes into our lifestyle. Over the last 14 months, I've lost more than 80 pounds and feel better than I have in years."

Community Outreach

Promoting wellness also provides an opportunity for ministering to local communities. Education events, lectures and support groups help team members, as well as patients and community members, make positive changes in diet, exercise and stress management. Through partnerships with local churches, Adventist Health can provide access to the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP).



Debra Achziger, mail clerk, joined a wellness challenge with her Adventist Health co-workers. Not only did she win a prize drawing, she developed habits for real and lasting health improvements.

CHIP is thriving at Tillamook Regional Medical Center in Tillamook, Ore., where more than 500 community members have graduated from the program. This represents more than 10 percent of the population of

Tillamook, a city of 4,900 residents. CHIP is making significant inroads in improving the health of community members where dairy farming is the primary industry. Physicians are actively referring their patients to CHIP for treatment of chronic conditions such as Type 2 diabetes and high cholesterol, with great results.

Through hospital and community-based programs, Adventist Health is helping individuals meet and maintain their wellness goals. Beyond treating diseases, these efforts empower employees, patients and local communities to experience life more abundantly.

C.J. Anderson, Adventist Medical Center—Portland marketing

Karey Romanowski, Amy Lampe and Sharri Jones enjoy being part of a team that supports achieving personal wellness goals, like completing a local race.



Brockman 50th

Earl and Ginger (Johnson) Brockman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2014. Their children, other family members and church friends had a special gathering together in honor of their milestone at the Brockman's Diamond Lake, Wash., residence.

Earl Andrew Brockman and Ginger Kay Johnson were married in the Granger (Wash.) Church on Aug. 23, 1964. The evening outdoor reception was held on the adjacent lawn. Dorothy Wiss was Ginger's matron of honor, and Ken Ogden was Earl's best man. They were married by Richard Litke, professor of biblical languages at Walla Walla College. Their honeymoon was to Lake Chelan.

Earl was a teacher/principal for 42 years, and Ginger spent 28 years teaching elementary grades and music, all in four schools in the Upper Columbia Conference.

In retirement, Earl keeps busy with making furniture, gardening, reading, writing, helping at NACS (Newport Adventist Community Services), and assisting Ginger stock and manage a small health food store located in NACS. Ginger continues with her music interests and sewing. She recently finishing 70 baby blankets for the Richland (Wash.) Church's diaper bank. Earl and Ginger enjoy selling haystacks and sharing Christian literature through their mobile food concession booth, The Haystack Palace.

The Brockman family includes Joe and Renee Young of Yakima, Wash.; Craig and Daphne Brockman of Concordia, Kan.; Tim and Sarah Brockman of

Bellingham, Wash.; and 7 grandchildren.

McCoy 90th

Thelma McCoy was born Nov. 3, 1924, to Alfred and Jennie Johnson in College Place, Wash. She joined two older brothers, Arden and Melvin.

In 1926, the family moved to a farm in Minatare, Neb., where she grew up. Her father taught the rural school and his three children. When she was 15 and attending Scottsbluff High School, she received a first rating in the National Music Competition. During her senior year, the family moved to College Place again, and she graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1942.

Thelma graduated in 1946 from Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) with a Bachelor of Arts in piano performance. She then joined their faculty teaching a large piano class that included WWII veterans. She married a veteran, Richard McCoy, in 1947. She taught several years at the college.

After Richard graduated from WWC, he and Thelma taught in Oregon at Laurelwood Academy; at Lynwood Academy in Los Angeles, Calif.; at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho; and in New York. Thelma also attended the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

The last move was to Sequim and Port Angeles, Wash. Thelma always taught a large class of piano students everywhere they lived. Richard taught band, orchestra and chorus at Stevens Junior High School, and he and Thelma played in Port Angeles Symphony for more than 25 years.



Thelma McCoy

After Richard retired, he team-taught piano with Thelma. They taught on the Olympic Peninsula for 50 years. She retired at 86 years of age. Richard passed away in 2011. They have two daughters, Nancy Nedderman and Colette Sharer; a granddaughter; and 3 great-grandsons.

Thelma was awarded membership in the Washington State Music Teachers Hall of Fame in 2010 and received the Clallam County Service Award in 2013.

She plays the church organ and plays piano dinner music for the Christian Women's Connection. She holds an office in Monday Musicale, an organization she established in 1968 for scholarships to students going to college to study music.

Smith 50th

Ron and Kathy Smith celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family picnic at Wildwood Recreation Area near Mount Hood, Ore., on Aug. 9, 2014, and a family banquet on Aug. 10, followed by a vacation on San Juan Island in Puget Sound in September.

Ron Smith met Kathy Detamore while they both attended Takoma Park Academy in Maryland. They were married by Kathy's father, Fordyce Detamore, in Florida on Aug. 9, 1964, just before their senior year of college.

After the couple graduated, Ron attended the Adventist seminary and pastored in the Florida Conference for 10 years until the family headed to Oregon



Ron and Kathy Smith

Conference. Ron pastored the Hood View Church in Boring for many years before moving into the conference's trust services department, and Kathy worked as a registered nurse.

Another coast-to-coast move brought them to Maryland, where Ron was the Chesapeake Conference trust services director. They returned to the Northwest a couple years later when Ron became Oregon Conference trust services director and then risk management director until his retirement. Kathy continued to work in nursing and then finished her career in the North Pacific Union treasury department.

Still members of Hood View Church, Ron and Kathy enjoy gardening and working on their coastal vacation property.

The Smith family includes Daryl Smith of Clackamas, Ore.; Darlene Wease; Laurel and Tony Rogers of Milwaukie, Ore.; Lauren and Christine Smith of

Milwaukie; and 11 grandchildren.

Wendell 90th

Phil Wendell celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 5, 2014, with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Phil was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Oct. 5, 1924. He married his wife, Betty, in 1978, and they have one son, two daughters, 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He worked as a mechanic for United Airlines before retiring. Phil and Betty moved from San Francisco, Calif., to Port Angeles, Wash., in 1988.

FAMILY BIRTHS

CHENEY — Aaron James was born Oct. 1, 2014, to Greg and Mari (Ferguson) Cheney, Battle Ground, Wash.

JELLISON — Alexa Paloma Burotto was born Oct. 6, 2014, to Forrest and Karina (Burotto) Jellison, San Antonio, Texas.

MACKIN — Austynn Madison was born Sept. 22, 2014, to Ryan and Lyndsey (Rood) Mackin, Ridgefield, Wash.

PERSON — Benjamin Milo was born Oct. 7, 2014, to Jessy Milo and Kimberly Michelle (Brown) Person, Apopka, Fla.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

MCCLOSKEY-LOEWENSTEIN Karen McCloskey and David Loewenstein were married Sept. 7, 2014, in Boise, Idaho. They are making their home in Meridian, Idaho.

FAMILY AT REST

ALEKEL — Theodore Jr., 80; born May 31, 1934, Amesbury, Mass.; died Dec. 29, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Theresa (Shrubb); sons, Theodore Alekel III and Greg Alekel, both of Portland, Ore.; daughter, Susan Coberly, Vancouver, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

ANDERSON — Howard Boyce, 89; born Dec. 16, 1924, Buckeye, Ariz.; died Nov. 15, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lorraine (Forsyth); sons, Phil, Vancouver, Wash.; Donald, Bend, Ore.; daughter, Jeanene Uribe, Orangevale, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

ANSPACH — Van Benjamin, 89; born Aug. 22, 1925, Paradise Valley, Calif.; died Sept. 17, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Kathryn E. (Colburn); son, Terry V., College Place; daughter, Christine L. Reynolds,

Wenatchee, Wash.; sister, Ruth Kuester, Lodi, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

BAKER — Doris A. (Philpott) Bond, 90; born March 26, 1924, Brownsville, Ore.; died Nov. 6, 2014, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bob; son, Richard Bond, Salem; daughters, Barbara (Bond) Steiner, Corona, Calif.; Lanni (Bond) Aasen, Lincoln, Calif.; Renee (Bond) Sinclair, Seattle, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

BOUNDS — Winifred “Freddie” Jane (Hanson), 93; born Aug. 26, 1921, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 8, 2014, Depoe Bay, Ore. Surviving: son, Jeffrey, Redlands, Calif.; daughter, Judith Lund, Depoe Bay; 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

CHRISTOPHER — Helen Clemence (Beamer), 95; born Jan. 28, 1919, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; died Dec. 17, 2014, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Nadine Holt, Hood River; Brenda Dederer, Bend, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DAILY — Vivian Mae (Willis) Manuel, 99; born Jan. 20, 1915, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Nov. 29, 2014, Soldonta, Alaska. Surviving: sons, John E. Manuel, Sandy, Ore.; James L. Manuel, Upper Lake, Calif.; daughter, Cheryl A. (Manuel) Toppa, Lake City, Fla.; 9 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DICK — Janet L., 79; born Sept. 25, 1935, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 16, 2014, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: brother, Warren H. Dick; and sister, Florence Crumley.

DRAKE — Joyce A. (Johnson), 67; born Sept. 22, 1947, Salem, Ore.; died Nov. 26, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Jim; son,

Christopher, College Place; Jim, Dixie, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

DUNCAN — Mabel Jeannette “Jean” (Fleck), 94; born Aug. 31, 1920, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 15, 2014, Portland. Surviving: son, James E., Bend, Ore.; daughter, Gloria Bascetta, Battle Ground, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

EDGE — Elma Gertrude (Foland), 95; born Oct. 10, 1919, Berkeley, Calif.; died Nov. 15, 2014, Richland, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dan; sons, Dan E., Rochester, Wash.; Robert B., Crowley, La.; Michael G., Fall River, Wis.; daughters, Carol Louise Benton, El Cajon, Calif.; Kathy Joy Edge, West Richland, Wash.; and 8 grandchildren.

ELLIS — Harvey Loyed, 84; born Feb. 28, 1930, Cedar Lane, Texas; died Sept. 29, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: wife, Juanita (Stewart), Gaston, Ore.; daughters, Suzette (Ellis) Polley, Baker City, Ore.; Malinda (Ellis) Larson, LaPine, Ore.; Rhonda (Ellis) Gore, Ontario, Ore.; Vicki (Ellis) Ellis-Kennedy, Parma, Idaho.; stepson, Ed Tucker, Seaside, Ore.; stepdaughters, Kathleen (Tucker) Salzman, Bishop, Calif.; Karen (Tucker) Vandehy, Keizer, Ore.; Konnie (Tucker) Johnson, LaPine; 4 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

GETTLE — Michael Norman, 71; born Nov. 19, 1942, Montebello, Calif.; died Oct. 5, 2014, Weiser, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Jeanne (Port); son, David, Weiser; daughters, Susan Ixta, Weiser; Ruth Gabbert, Hermosa, S.D.; brothers, John Gettle, New Plymouth, Idaho; James Gettle, Mansfield, Mo.; sisters, Patricia Sturm, Middle-

ton, Idaho; Christine Taylor, Wilder, Idaho; Dorothy Brown, Caldwell, Idaho; and 2 grandchildren.

HAAS — Edna Agnes, 87; born Nov. 11, 1926, Jamestown, N.D.; died Sept. 19, 2014, Happy Valley, Ore. Surviving: brothers, Ben, Beaverton, Ore.; Tim, Lodi, Calif.; and sister, Clara Dagostino, West St. Paul, Minn.

HUETT — Dorothea (Douglas) Admyers, 92; born Feb. 8, 1922, Roswell, Idaho; died Dec. 25, 2014, Homedale, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Joe Admyers Sr., Jackson Huett, Ronald Huett, Dale Huett, Dennis Huett; daughter, Linda Martin; sisters, Esther Luce, Helen Bohne, Jean Douglas; 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

HUGHES — J. Fred, 83; born June 1, 1931, Youngstown, Ohio; died Sept. 9, 2014, Lincoln City, Ore. Surviving: wife, Joann (Goncz); son, Jay, Yucaipa, Calif.; daughters, Valerie Sitgreaves, Lincoln City; Becky Schmidt, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; Joyce Hughes, Portland, Ore.; and 9 grandchildren.

JACOBSEN — Thelma May (Leffel) Trude Hackett, 94; born Feb. 25, 1920, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada; died Dec. 14, 2014, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Linda (Trude) Mayer and Debbie Trude, both of Roseburg; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

KABLANOW — Raynold Irvin I, 90; born May 11, 1924, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Nov. 6, 2014, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Maxine (Peek); sons, Raynold I. II, Modesto, Calif.; Wayne E., Spokane; daughter, Judy Ruminson, Damascus, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

OUR FAMILY

FAMILY AT REST

KARLOW — Marilyn Edna (Cross), 73; born Jan. 6, 1941, New York City, N.Y.; died Dec. 7, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Edwin; sons, Marvin, Plano, Texas; Norman, Tehachapei, Calif.; brother, Carlton Cross, College Place, Wash.; and a grandchild.

KING — Lauretta Ella (Johnson), 94; born April 14, 1920, Wiboux, Mont.; died Dec. 8, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Frank; sons, Ray, Bend, Ore.; Alan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Art, College Place; Larry, Bozeman, Mont.; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

KOENIG — Edward Wesley, 99; born Oct. 7, 1915, Pettibone, N.D.; died Nov. 20, 2014, Rockville, Md. Surviving: son, Harry, Forest Ranch, Calif.; daughter, Karen Perez, Chevy Chase, Md.; brothers, William, Walla Walla, Wash.; Ferdinand, Sultan, Wash.; sisters, Ruth Peterson, Medford, Ore.; Vanice Kostenko, Lenore, Idaho; and 4 grandchildren.

LEACH — John Erwin, 93; born Aug. 31, 1921, Columbus, Ohio; died Dec. 23, 2014, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, Jack, Vancouver; daughter, Wendy Flint, Sherwood, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

LOVE — Jack L. Sr., 77; born Oct. 2, 1936, Tulsa, Okla.; died Aug. 5, 2014, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: sons, Jack Jr., Livingstone, N.Y.; Michael J., Burbank, Wash.; daughter, Teresa L. Baxter, Bend, Ore.; brother, Phillip, Kennewick, Wash.; sister, Barbara Bauder, Spokane, Wash.; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

MAILAND — Robert W., 75; born May 29, 1939, Bellflower, Calif.; died Nov. 25, 2014,

Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jeri; sons, Robert Jr., Angwin, Calif.; Frederick, Medford; sister, Henda Boswick, Calistoga, Calif.; and 6 grandchildren.

MATTISON — Lucille A. (Blackman) Miller, 84; born June 2, 1930, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 17, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: sons, Marvin Wayne Miller, Grass Valley, Calif.; Floyd Steven Miller, Cottage Grove, Ore.; Carl Lynn Miller, Rochester, Wash.; daughters, Fonda Lawson, Columbia City, Ore.; Cyndi Jensen, El Dorado, Calif.; Sherry Reafsnyder, Grass Valley; Christie Odell, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

MITCHELL — Mary L. (Schnurr), 81; born April 13, 1933, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; died Nov. 17, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Elroy, Gresham, Ore.; sons, Kenneth, Gresham; Duane, Portland; daughter, Linda Hudson, Kirkland, Wash.; sister, Alma Hatch, Pender Harbour, British Columbia, Canada; 3 grandchildren and a grandchild.

MITTLEIDER — Henry Christian, 98; born Aug. 27, 1916, Blackfoot, Idaho; died Sept. 23, 2014, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: wife, Wilma (Gates); son, Joe, Exeter, Calif.; daughter, Lorraine Mittleider, Bradenton, Fla.; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MUNSEY — Jay Paul, 90; born Jan. 21, 1924, Huston, Idaho; died Jan. 4, 2015, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Nadine (Gish); daughters, Jaydine Munsey and Rebecca Nadine Munsey, both of Boise; and a grandchild.

MYERS — Loretta "Pat" (Liddle), 97; born April 9, 1917, Oakland, Calif.; died

Dec. 18, 2014, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Dianne Schippers, Gresham; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

OLTMAN — Donald Henry, 89; born April 19, 1925, Tribune, Kan.; died Aug. 26, 2014, Umatilla, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jeanne (Friedly) Puntney; sons, Leo Oltman, Ellensburg, Wash.; Guy Oltman, Hermiston, Ore.; Bob Puntney, Grants Pass, Ore.; Marlin Oltman, Ontario, Ore.; Gary Puntney, Veradale, Wash.; Darrell Oltman, Meridian, Idaho; daughters, Chamalene (Puntney) Johnson, Santa Paula, Calif.; Terri (Puntney) Snapp, Winchester, Va.; Ronya (Puntney) Taylor, Meridian, Idaho; Tonya (Puntney) Townsend, Spokane, Wash.; 25 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

PELKEY — Linda Sue (Henderson), 65; born Oct. 25, 1948, Gadsden, Ala.; died Oct. 10, 2014, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Michelle Pelkey, Springfield, Ore.; mother, Sue Henderson, Springfield; brothers, William Henderson, Bandon, Ore.; Bobby Henderson, Springfield; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

PUTMAN — Jane Marie (Christen), 86; born Oct. 15, 1928, Tacoma, Wash.; died Oct. 17, 2014, Burien, Wash. Surviving: husband, Chet R.; sons, Terry, Burien; Gary, Star, Idaho; David, Enumclaw, Wash.; daughter, Beverly Mullbock, Olympia, Wash.; brothers, Ivan Christen, Loma Linda, Calif.; Bob Christen, Kent, Wash.; Tom Christen, Portland, Ore.; 25 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

RAEDER — Evelyn Isabel (Bossley), 101; born April 12, 1913, Elmsford, N.Y.; died Dec. 9, 2014, Sun Lakes, Ariz. Surviving: daughter, Charlotte Reese Tourville, Medford,

Ore.; sister, Alma Chadwick, White City, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

RALEY — Gordon E., 89; born May 10, 1925, Kent, Wash.; died July 31, 2014, Ridgefield, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary, Enumclaw, Wash.; daughter, Linda Dietrich, Ridgefield; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

RAYL — Betty Anne (Moore), 78; born July 7, 1936, Fox Valley, Ore.; died Oct. 24, 2014, Stanfield, Ore. Surviving: husband, John; daughters, Valerie Tachenko, Baker City, Ore.; Carmine Walker, Stanfield; Brenda Johnson, Vancouver, Wash.; Jonell Jepson, Medford, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

RHYNARD — S. Frank, 88; born Dec. 20, 1925, Selah, Wash.; died May 30, 2014, Tonasket, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jean E. (Munroe); son, David, Arlee, Mont.; daughter, Linda Bruce, Tonasket; sister, Betty Fowler, Tonasket; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

ROOSMA — Chloe Eleanor (McEvers), 94; born Jan. 21, 1920, Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Aug. 25, 2014, Hot Springs, Mont. Surviving: sons, Sam and Dirk, both of Hot Springs; Lou, Walla Walla, Wash.; Tom, Eastsound, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SCHULTZ — Eugene, 84; born April 30, 1930, Grandview, Wash.; died Jan. 1, 2015, Priest River, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Donna (Gauthier); daughters, Arlene Hunt, Troy, Idaho; Lauri McNey, Fairwood, Kan.; sister, Rosemary Fleming, Spokane, Wash.; and a grandchild.

SCHWARTZ — Waleeta T. (Wredberg), 76; born April 6, 1938, Bellingham, Wash.; died Aug. 29, 2014, Ellensburg, Wash. Surviving: husband,

Dean; daughters, June Cross, Cheri Redberg and Carissa Schwartz, all of Ellensburg; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

SMITH — Donald A., 98; born Sept. 9, 1916, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada; died Nov. 29, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Beverly Daniels, Walla Walla; Carole Leonhardt, Portland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Marjorie Ellen (Watkins), 64; born Dec. 19, 1949, Arlington, Mass.; died Oct. 22, 2014, Malo, Wash. Surviving: husband, Richard; brothers, Steven Watkins, Palo Alto, Calif.; and Allen Watkins, Yucca Valley, Calif.

VAUGHN — Tony M., 57; born May 15, 1957, Aberdeen, Wash.; died Aug. 11, 2014, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Toby, Olympia; Travis, Richland, Wash.; sisters, Teresa Upward and Tena Golder, both of McCleary, Wash.; brother, Tracy, Thorne Bay, Alaska; and 6 grandchildren.

WALLACE — Ruth A. (Jennings) Dale Shoecraft, 79; born Nov. 19, 1934, Hood River, Ore.; died Nov. 5, 2014, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Fred; brother, Vick Jennings, Portland, Ore.; sisters, June Walter, Warrenton, Ore.; Kathy Garven, Lyle, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

WAY — Claris Frederick, 91; born July 6, 1923, Salem, Ore.; died Dec. 6, 2014, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: sons, Douglas Eugene Way, Tillamook; Charles Frances Way, Sunland, Calif.; Gary Michael Way, Bismarck, N.D.; stepsons, Casey Baker, Caldwell, Idaho; Donald Baker, Phoenix, Ariz.; stepdaughters, Lucille Baker, Spokane, Wash.; Luella Myers, Glen Carbon, Ill.; sister, Mary Hadacheck, Sunny Valley, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren,

4 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

WEST — Pearl (Hodgson), 92; born May 31, 1922, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Oct. 25, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Rhonda Erbenich and Carmel Bechtel, both of Walla Walla; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS — David Philip, 71; born Sept. 6, 1942, Seattle, Wash.; died July 11, 2014, Dillingham, Alaska. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Coleman); daughters, Cynthia Snyder, Dillingham; Tamara Dahill, Shadow Hills, Calif.; sisters, Judy deChantal, Port Angeles, Wash.; Jill Bruns, Walla Walla, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

WISEMAN — Anne Adriana (Martynse), 90; born Feb. 10, 1924, Kethel, Netherlands; died Dec. 9, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ralph, Touchet, Wash.; daughters, Anita Logan, Touchet; Susan Root, Sedro Wooley, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

WOODBURY — Carol Lynn (Pester), 73; born April 20, 1941, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Nov. 16, 2014, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, M. John; sons, Michael, Riverside, Calif.; S. Scott, Enumclaw, Wash.; daughter, Michelle “Shelly” Jones, Milpitas, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

March 7 — Local Church Budget;

March 14 — Adventist World Radio;

March 21 — Local Church Budget;

March 28 — Local Conference Advance.

More events listed at GleanerNow.com/events.

39th Annual NPUC Regional Convocation

May 14-17 — You're invited to attend the 39th annual North Pacific Union Conference Regional Convocation at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Wash. Incredible speakers and workshops, including programming for young adults and children. For more information, call 360-857-7033 or email patric.parris@nw.npuc.org.

ASI Northwest Chapter Convention

April 30-May 3 — Join us for the ASI Northwest Chapter Convention with Jeffery Rosario from Light Bearers. The convention will be at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. For more details and to register online, go to asinorthwest.org.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Walla Walla University Alumni Homecoming

April 23-26 — Join us for WWU Homecoming Weekend 2015, “Welcome Home.” We will honor past and current residence hall deans and will commemorate the 35th year of the Egg Drop. Honor classes are 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2005. For a complete list of weekend events, hotel discount information and registration, go to wallawalla.edu/homecoming or call 800-377-2586.

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Sunnyside's Spring Musical Program

March 14 — The Sunnyside Church will present its annual Spring Musical program at 6 p.m. Invite your friends to come hear some of Portland's finest musicians sharing their talents in praise to God. Refreshments will be served after the program. Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216. Mark your calendars for Sunnyside's 34th annual Strawberry Vespers on June 13.

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Native Ministries Northwest is looking for a retired couple with good health who would like to do stipend Bible work for one or two years on the Queets Indian Reservation in Queets, Wash.

If interested, contact Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference native ministries director, at 503-880-5111.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hood View Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 29–30 — All former pastors, members and friends, come help us celebrate at 26775 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009. For more information, call 503-663-5611 or email hoodviewchurch@gmail.com.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Alumni Weekend

April 17–18 — Wenatchee Adventist Church and School, Wenatchee Valley Junior Academy, and Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) will be hosting their alumni weekend. Come Friday, 7 p.m., for vespers at the Wenatchee Church. Sabbath includes 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School and 10:45 a.m. worship service with guest speaker Mark Wittas, former pastor and CCA principal. Lunch provided following service. Celebration contemporary service will be at 4 p.m. at the Wenatchee Church. Saturday night, enjoy basketball in the CCA gym. For more information, contact Julie Savino, CCA chaplain, at 509-662-2723, ext. 23.

Save the Date

May 1–3 — Spokane Junior Academy/Palisades Christian Academy invites our alumni and friends to celebrate 75 years of excellence in Christian education with alumni speaker Walt Meske. Keep visiting pcasda.org for weekend information and events to participate in, and join up with old friends on the alumni Facebook page.

Upper Columbia Conference Constituency Session

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Wash., on Sunday, **May 31, 2015**, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department directors, and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session. Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

Paul Hoover, President

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WASHINGTON

Ministry to the City: An Urban Ministries Conference

March 20–22 — Ministry to the City: An Urban Ministries Conference will be at Auburn Adventist Academy, 5000 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98092. Four out of five Americans live in urban areas, creating one of the greatest evangelistic challenges facing the Adventist church in America. How do you effectively share the gospel of Christ in an urbanized world? The Urban Ministries Conference will highlight proven principles and practices that impact the holistic needs of diverse people groups in cities. It will

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Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program Session

March 23–26 — Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program Session will be at the Washington Conference Office, 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way, Federal Way, WA 98001. The Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NPLCP) is a unique educational opportunity that will give you the foundation you need to lead a nonprofit ministry program. The seminars will sharpen your leadership skills as well as give you practical tools that improve your ability to choose and manage volunteers, evaluate what you’re accomplishing, and decide what policies are necessary to keep your program, staff and clients safe. Pastors and ministry leaders, if you want to take your ministry to the next level, you’re urged to participate. For more information and to registration, go to glnr.in/1yLUCmi.

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Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend

April 25–26 — All alumni of Broadview Academy are encouraged to attend the Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend. Mark your calendars, call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now. Friday night vespers, then Sabbath School and church on Sabbath. Honor classes are 1945, 1954, 1955, 1975, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2005. North Aurora Church, North Aurora, Ill. All ideas and information welcome. For communication purposes, we need your email address. Postage is too expensive. Send it to Ed Gutierrez at edjulie1@att.net or call 630-232-9034. More information to come. Don't miss it!

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Missoula	627	737	747	757
OREGON CONFERENCE				
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Medford	606	714	722	730
Portland	603	712	722	731
UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE				
Pendleton	547	657	706	715
Spokane	540	651	701	711
Walla Walla	545	655	704	714
Wenatchee	552	702	712	722
Yakima	553	703	713	723
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
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STORYKILL

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he ghosts of dead stories haunt everyone.

I write this after the devastating loss of Super Bowl XLIX. Seattle is reeling from what every major news source calls “the worst play-call in Super Bowl history.”¹ Making it especially painful is the series of unlikely “wins” that brought Seattle to the 1-yard line, with three downs to go and certain Super Bowl victory.

Rallying after an iffy start to the season, winning a playoff game against the Packers in a mixture of the bizarre and epic, and then, in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl, making one of the unlikeliest catches of all time (in any sport ever) to bring the

Hawks 3 feet from a glorious ending, they ... lose?

Instead of handing the ball off — at least once — to our all-star running back, they threw an interception and lost in front of a gajillion people. I was among the gajillion watching that day with incredulous shock. *We threw an interception? We lost? How is that possible?*

As a Vikings fan, I should be used to this level of disappointment. I remember Gary Anderson missing the field goal that would have defeated the Falcons and sent the Vikes to the Super Bowl in 1999 ... their first championship since the 70s. His field goals had been flawless all year, except for that stinker he kicked wide. It haunts everyone 15 years later.

Then there was Minnesota’s

fail with Favre against the Saints in 2009. The storybook season, playing using our rival’s former quarterback, collapsed in the playoffs with nonsensical fumbles and interceptions. Again, haunting.

Every team, and every fan of every team, has these stories. Places where their dream team stalls, sputters and lets the ball slip from their hands — creating ghosts that mercilessly haunt them for the rest of their lives. But why care so much? It is, ultimately, just a game, right?

Yes, it is — you may need to repeat this to yourself a few times — but, yes, it’s just a game.

Only it isn’t.

Something deeper affects us beyond a dead ball — it’s a dead story, and the ghosts of dead stories are difficult to bury. The feeling that “it wasn’t supposed to end like this.” It’s the same feeling you get when a really good film kills your favorite character and the bad guys win, or when the page-turner that consumed your life concludes with 500 loose ends and you can’t find a sequel, or even an epilogue, to bring closure.

It happens in real life too: stories starting with fairytale weddings and ending with nightmare divorces; churches planted with faith, hope and love withering under splits, criticism and hate; children born with bright futures that dim with drug addiction; and passing your final test to get the degree no one respects enough to hire you.

I call it storykill. Similar to



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buzzkill or killjoy, storykill is the residual feeling that haunts you when choices alter the course of your narrative — propelling you to a haunting, not-so-happily-ever-after that defines your story as a tragedy. It's those public fails our parents, our friends and our exes remind us of. How do we deal with our storykills without bring driven mad with grief?

Most people are familiar with the story of Noah's ark — but fewer know the sequel, "Noah's Vineyard." Most of us have read the account in Genesis 6 of how Noah was the only one "blameless" in his generation, and so God purposed to use him to save humanity. Ark, animals, rain — yeah, you remember.

However, after the whole saving humanity thing, Noah plants a vineyard, drinks himself naked and passes out in full view of his children, resulting in some quality family dysfunction (Gen. 9:18–29). That's a front-page-worthy scandal for *Faith Weekly*. That epic fail should define Noah's leadership for the rest of history — except it doesn't.

The Bible doesn't mention much about Noah beyond Genesis — the only time really occurs in Heb. 11:17 and 2

Peter 2:5, where Noah is held up as a shining example for people. *What?! How is that possible?* Grace.

In Jeremiah God makes a promise to His people: "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (31:34). While Noah's public humiliation is recorded, and no doubt remembered by his family, God forgets about it. God's grace doesn't define us by our failures.

Jesus is a master storyteller who specializes in casting out the personal demons that torment us, burying the ghosts of the past and resurrecting dead stories — no matter how hard we tried to kill them. He, Himself, came back from what appeared to be a dead story to remind us the grand tale He tells ultimately ends with life (1 Thess. 4:13–18).

Meaning that for followers of Jesus, there is always a "next season."

1. *Washington Post*, NPR, ESPN, *The New York Times* ... well, you get the idea.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

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INTERACTING WITH AN ATHEIST



AUTHOR

Martin Weber

"W

ould you mind if we had a little fun at your expense?" Paul, a Christian, teased his atheist brother, Ron.

"As long as you know I'll counterattack," Ron replied, relishing one of their frequent friendly arguments. "What is it this time?"

"Okay, you asked for it. Would you believe I can show that your origin as a human being is rooted in the life of Jesus Christ? And I'll use your own words to prove it — your answer to one simple question."

"That's ridiculous," Ron scoffed.

"We'll see," Paul smiled. "Now, if I do use your own

testimony to establish your origins and identity in Jesus, would you promise to read through the New Testament?"

"You'll never prove anything like that, so sure; you have a deal. Now, what's your stupid question?"

"All right: What year were you born?"

"1970. Of course. So what?"

"Here's what: You say you were born in 1970. ... That would be A.D. 1970. And A.D. is the Latin abbreviation for 'year of our Lord,' as you know. So there we have it. You just defined your own origins in relation to the year of our Lord — Jesus Christ!"

"That's cute — and clever too, I'll admit," Ron said.

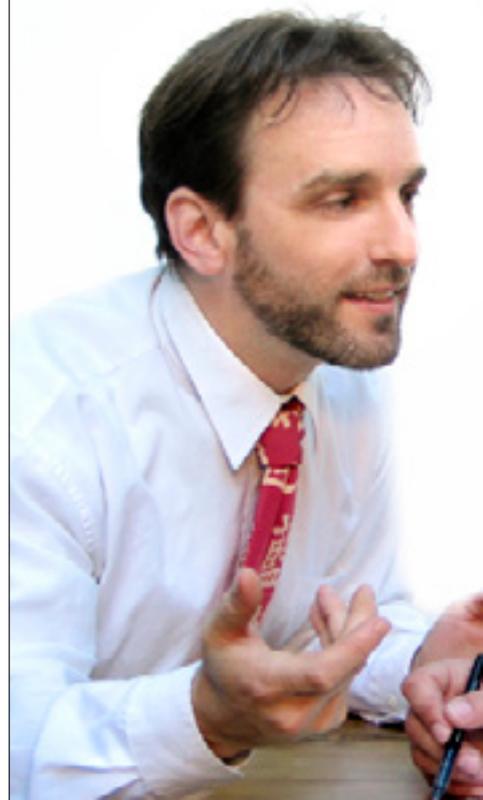
"But it means nothing because

enlightened scholars don't go by A.D. or B.C. anymore. That's just medieval religious chronology. I was born in 1970 C.E., which means 'common era.'"

Paul grinned, undeterred.

"Fair enough, but tell me how your so-called 'common era' got started. Something pretty important must have happened to divide the history of the world into two parts, before and after. So what in the world was that time-splitting event?"

Ron hesitated, looking pained as Paul gleefully pressed his advantage. "Tell me! This time-defining event in which you derive your own existence — was it 1,970 years since the birth of Charles Darwin? Sigmund Freud? Dow Jones? How about Mozart or Buddha or Plato?"



Ron winced awhile before finally speaking. “I know you’re trying to get me to say ‘Jesus Christ.’ But historians say he was actually born somewhere around 4 B.C.E.”

Paul said, “Well, thank you for acknowledging that Jesus actually existed, as attested by serious historical sources. And whatever exact year He was born makes no difference. The fact is, you and your atheist buddies anchor your own stories in the context of His story. Even the secular United Nations chronicles world affairs in relation to the birth of Jesus. And since His birth has such universal significance, we can assume

that His death is important as well. So when Jesus died on the cross, He must have been more than a very good man having a very bad day.”

“Well, that remains to be seen,” Ron shot back.

“And I hope you do see Jesus in a new way as you read this New Testament.” Paul pulled the small paperback out of his pocket and earnestly offered it to his brother.

Conversations like that are increasingly common in this age of growing atheism — a sign of end times, Jesus predicted: “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8, ESV). Tragically, a prominent former Adventist pastor is now an

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“agnostic atheist.” His loss of faith gained international fame.

Ryan Bell, ex-pastor of our church in Hollywood, Calif., designated a year to evaluating whether there was a God. Unfortunately, he decided he wouldn’t pray or read the Bible during his year of supposedly unbiased evaluation. The outcome was predictable: ex-Pastor Bell decided that the evidence available does not support belief in God.

As his year of self-imposed probation was coming to a close, many people who had known Ryan reached out to him. I Facebooked him:

“Ryan, I’m with you in your valley of decision. Doesn’t it all come down to Jesus? Imagine how different the world would be if we all experienced and expressed the authenticity and compassion of Jesus. Not some institutionalized perversion of Him but the real Jesus. ... He can warm your heart again!”

Ryan never answered, and a few days later he made his sad announcement.

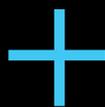
It’s difficult for anyone who experiences Jesus every day to understand how people can forsake their faith. But when we evaluate Jesus from the limited perspective of pure logic, Christianity demands an irrational leap of faith.

Specifically, we must believe that the life and death of this homeless Hebrew carpenter gives meaning for life 2,000 years later in the 21st century — plus saving our souls for eternity. This presents a seemingly unsurmountable challenge in our increasingly skeptical world.

The solution is simple, but not simplistic. Our continuous focus in life must be “looking unto Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:2).

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





LET'S TALK

COMMUNITY



remember it all so well: the smells, the sounds, the anticipation.

Once upon a time, hard though it may be for some to imagine, salt-of-the-earth Adventists occasionally gathered in dark, cavernous rooms to watch movies. In those halcyon days, we took Ellen White's cautions about theaters to heart. Instead of sneaking downtown, we organized our own entertain-

machine labored mightily under the burden of a two-hour marathon. The audio wavered constantly between sharps and flats. Viewers weathered invariable interruptions when the film slipped its cog, chattering away on the screen while the harried operator rushed to reset the loop, an excuse for some to slip out for another 10-cent bag of popcorn.

These same folks would gather on crisp December evenings for the annual ingathering forays into the community, and at other times throughout the year for service and ministry. These people were my extended church family.

I have a certain fondness for these recollections, yet in today's world, they seem rather quaint and parochial. Most people, most homes, have multiple sources through which entertainment flows — in far better consistency than yesteryear. In this country, there is no need to gather in dim, drafty buildings for movies or ministry. It all comes directly to us, for better or worse whenever and wherever we want. On Sabbath, you can select live-streaming video from the best Adventist preachers right in the comfort of your recliner.

Yet, with the slickest technology and the finest content, there is something missing for those not infirm or housebound. It affects how we

worship and how we serve. Those old-fashioned gym nights and balky projectors, the cold nights of ingathering, and Sabbath afternoons of literature distribution were part of a bigger reality. We gathered together as part of a community of faith and friends on a common mission. And, in today's technologically efficient world, that's what often gets left out — community connected to mission and mission connected to community.

The body of Christ is strengthened when we work together in His name. The social bonds of honest interaction help prevent fanaticism and "selfie" messiahs. Worshiping and ministering with multigenerational groups broadens our understanding. It deepens our respect for those with the same mission but different methods.

The writer of Hebrews exhorts us to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:24, 25).

Near as I can tell, as that day draws closer, so should we.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

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ment in a sanitized if not sanctified location — the local church school gymnasium.

Those of more mature years will instantly remember and resonate to the titles of *Pollyanna*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Old Yeller* and *So Dear to My Heart*.

Of course, we kept our Saturday evening excitement in proper perspective. Entertainment was indelibly coupled with overtones of hard-ship — the patience of the saints tested by the cold metal bite of folding chairs.

The wild card for the evening was the film projector conscripted for the occasion from the school's audio-visual closet. Designed for 30-minute educational films, the venerable



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