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To the one who is victorious, I will
give the right to eat from the tree of
life, which is in the paradise of God.
Rev. 2:7

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JOY IN THE JOURNEY

O have the pleasure of working with church members who have discovered the joy of giving, and it never ceases to amaze me how joyful these folks are. While attending a recent seminar, I learned why that is. Do you know that God designed us to be cheerful givers? With the advances in science, we can now verify that we are physically affected when we think about giving. And it's no surprise to me.

As a professor at Texas

AUTHOR

Kimberley Schroeder

Tech University,

Russell James has conducted studies that center around human responses to giving, especially charitable giving. While his study participants are put in brain-scanning machines, they are asked various questions and are led through “giving simulations.” When the neural imaging was analyzed, it was discovered that the precentral gyrus was activated, which released oxytocin in the body. Oxytocin is a hormone that makes us feel good; in fact it's nicknamed “the hug hormone” because we feel the same way we do when we are hugged.

This is additional evidence to me God designed us in a miraculous fashion. Like every other direction He has given us, if we follow His command we are rewarded. Whether it is observing the Sabbath or honor-

ing our parents, each act creates positive rewards for us. Don't we serve an awesome God?

If you can imagine every time you give that God is giving you a hug, perhaps we would look at our giving in a new light. If we understand that we are being directed to “give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord ... which He has given you” (Deut. 16:17), we realize all we've been given is a gift. We're just passing it on to continue that blessing, which makes giving really fun.

Scripture is full of reminders of the Lord's benevolence to us. In 2 Chron. 9:7-8 we are reminded that “God loves a cheerful giver and God is able to make all grace abound toward you.” We have oppor-

feel good about our gifts. If we are giving out of a sense of duty or obligation, our gifts become transactions rather than gifts. For example, during the Christmas season we may feel obligated to give gifts because someone has given a gift to us. If the basis of the gift is obligation, it really is not a gift at that point.

The same is true for our gifts to ministry. If our gifts are given for reasons other than those that are a response to our love, dedication and commitment to ministry and our Lord, it might not be a gift. Our motivation in gift giving is an important component of the exchange.

If we want to receive the full reward that God intended from gift giving, I would

If we are giving out of a sense of duty or obligation, our gifts become transactions rather than gifts.

tunities each day to reap abundant blessing by finding ways to give. Whether it's sharing a smile and a kind word, donating garden produce to a food bank, or providing a sacrificial gift, each act will be a blessing to those who receive it, as well as a blessing to the giver.

When we realize how we should feel when we give, it is important to analyze what might be happening if we don't

recommend we evaluate, prior to the gift, why we're giving. Pray for God's guidance and see where He leads. Make this an experience that is as true and deep a blessing as God intended.

Kimberley Schroeder, North Pacific Union Conference planned giving and trust services director



NPUC PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE 2016

There's no question the 11 Northwest Pathfinder teams who qualified for the union-level Pathfinder Bible Experience on March 12 worked hard preparing for a Bible quiz on the book of Exodus and the related portion of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*. One team's story, though, stands out.

Six months ago, Jennifer Hubbard, Pathfinder Bible Experience coordinator for Washington's Chehalis Mountaineers club, had never heard of Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE). Once she found out

more details, she immediately involved seven 9- and 11-year-olds in her club.

The Mountaineers PBE team met twice a week on Wednesday nights and Sabbath afternoons to study, practice

and prepare. The team of six participants (plus an alternate) memorized passages of Scripture and took home individual homework assignments.

"This team memorized all 40 chapters," says Hubbard. "All seven members have committed to next year, and we have a second team signed up for next year as well."

Church members rallied around to support the young team and encourage them in their quest to memorize facts,

figures and details from Exodus. One young man on the team even recited a chapter of Exodus for a Chehalis worship service.

When the union-level Pathfinder Bible Experience results were announced after a round of 90 questions, the Chehalis Mountaineers were among eight teams who qualified for the division-level round. The division-level Pathfinder Bible Experience was held April 15-16 in Prescott, Ariz.



Union-Level Pathfinder Bible Experience Results

Eleven Northwest Pathfinder teams qualified to advance to the union-level Pathfinder Bible Experience held March 12 in Chehalis. Here are the results after teams answered 90 questions on the book of Exodus and the related portions of the *Bible Commentary*. First-place teams were qualified to advance to the North American Division-level Pathfinder Bible Experience held in Prescott.

FIRST PLACE:

- » Fort Vancouver — *Oregon club*
- » Cascade Eagles — *Washington club*
- » Pleasant Valley Sinai Summiters — *Oregon club*
- » Pend Orielle Valley Wildcats — *Upper Columbia club*
- » Chehalis Mountaineers — *Washington club*
- » Wind Valley Arrows — *Upper Columbia club*
- » Pleasant Valley Lightning Panthers — *Oregon Club*
- » Hayden Lake Ponderosa — *Upper Columbia club*

SECOND PLACE:

- » Walla Walla Sunrise — *Upper Columbia club*

THIRD PLACE:

- » Golden Eagles — *Idaho club*
- » Caldwell Flames — *Idaho club*

To view a lot more photos and to test if you are smarter than a Pathfinder (in English and Spanish), go to glnr.in/111-04-pathfinders

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



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All winners at Pathfinder Bible Experience.

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A mission to the community.

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A step back in time.

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The Pathfinder Law

Keep the morning watch
 Do my bestest part
 Carry out my duty
 Keep a level eye
 Be courteous and obedient
 Walk softly in the sanctuary
 Keep it quiet in all places
 Say no to drugs and alcohol

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Eight secrets
to health.

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SAGE is at it again.

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AN Eternal INVESTMENT

Paul and Jeanne Oss are close to Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho. From their living room window, they can look across Hayden Lake and see the camp just over 6 miles away. They are near enough that an ambitious and athletic granddaughter even swam across the lake from their home to the camp. But more than close proximity, Camp MiVoden is near and dear to their hearts because of the rich legacy left by Melvin Oss — Paul's father.

Shortly after 39-year-old Melvin Oss began serving as Upper Columbia Conference youth director, he joined conference leaders in April 1940 to view some landlocked property owned by the conference. "Where's the lake?" he asked. "We have to have a camp on the lake!" he insisted, urging the conference to purchase a nearby YWCA camp, pointing out that he could be ready to run a youth camp that very summer. And he did!

Over the ensuing nearly 75 years, Camp MiVoden and Oss' vision has blessed countless generations of young





PAUL AND JEANNE OSS' LIFETIME INTEREST IN CAMP MIVODEN IS NO SURPRISE, GIVEN THIS LEGACY AND THE COUNTLESS WEEKS THEY AND THEIR FAMILY AND GRANDCHILDREN HAVE SPENT OR WORKED AT MIVODEN.

people and provided places for church retreats, Pathfinder meetings, pastoral and teacher annual training events, and so much more.

Paul and Jeanne Oss' lifetime interest in Camp MiVoden is no surprise, given this legacy and the countless weeks they and their family and grandchildren have spent or worked at MiVoden. So it's always been natural to look for ways to assist MiVoden, something they're thrilled to do with a charitable gift annuity. Not only does it give them a welcome lifetime income stream, it gives a second time with a generous donation to

their beloved Camp MiVoden. They are excited to have one more way to continue

Melvin Oss' legacy, a legacy of discipling future generations through the ministry of MiVoden.

Cut to another lakeshore. It's been a long day, but the spiritual retreat has been amazing, leaving people hungry for more. Even growling stomachs haven't pulled people away from the riveting message, but the speaker is sensitive to such things and challenges His assistants to think big and feed the crowd, though they have nothing on hand.

Then Andrew steps forward and introduces a young boy with a small lunch, wondering how it could ever help

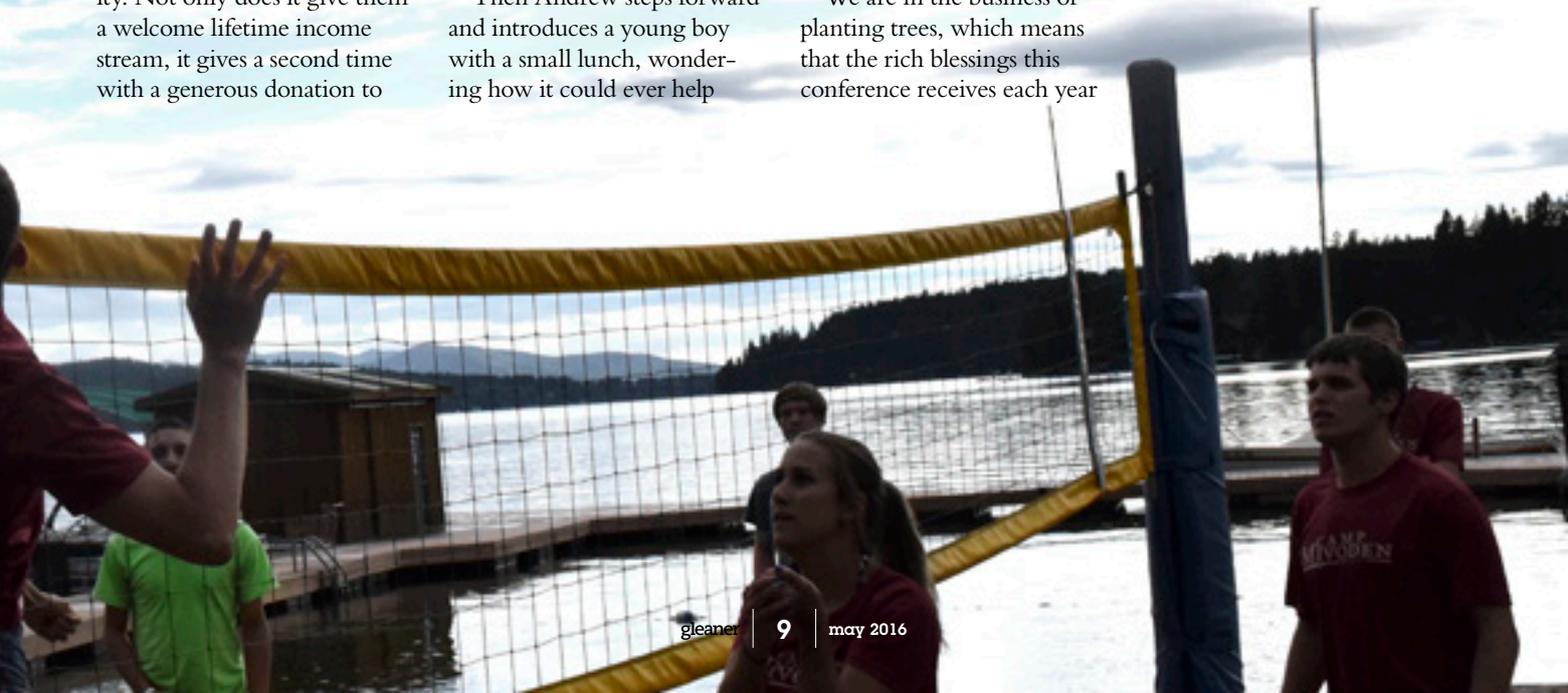
in addressing the needs of so many — whereupon everyone watches in amazement as the simple lunch makes an impact beyond anyone's imagination.

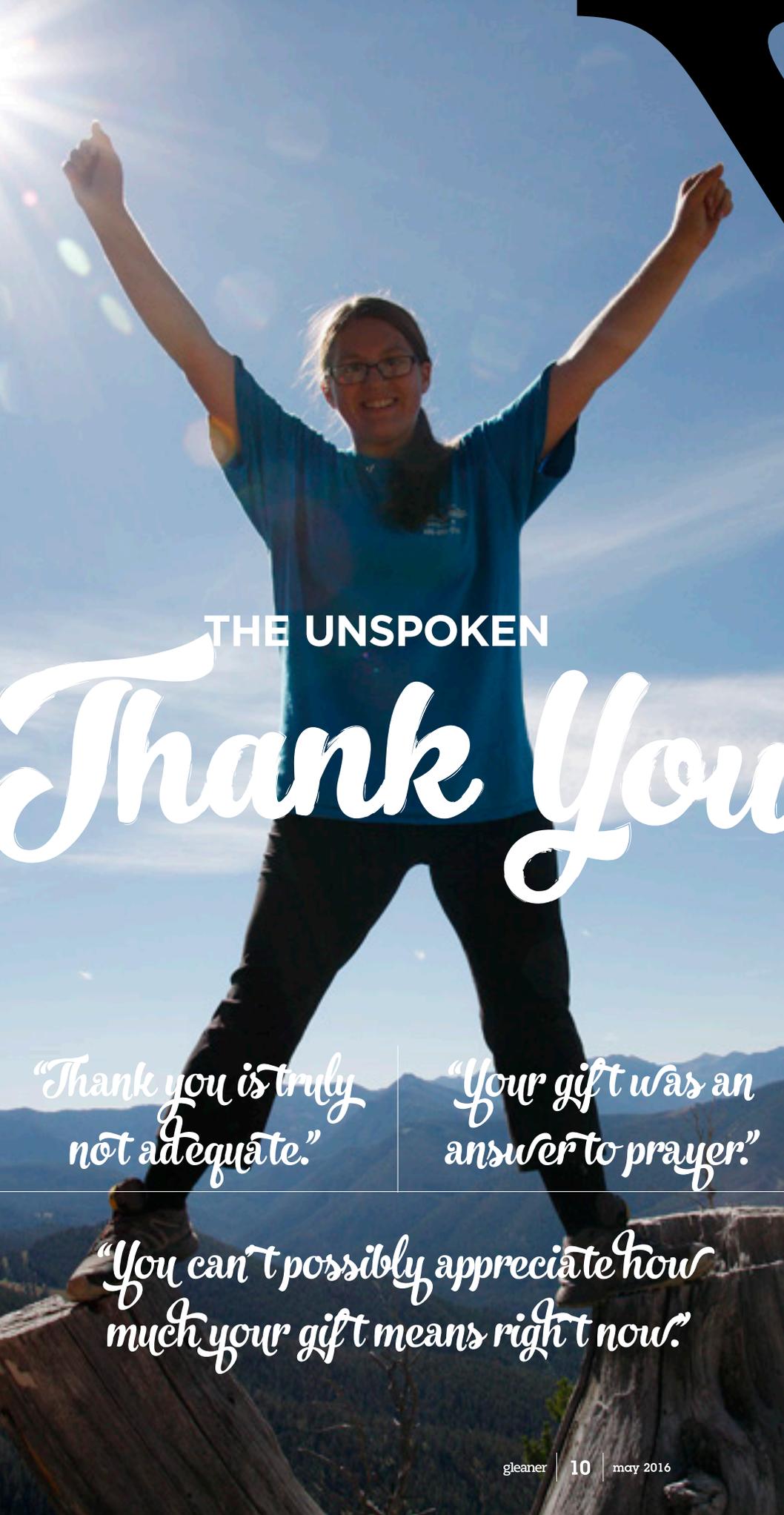
Your Upper Columbia Conference trust department functions much like Andrew, connecting people passionate about making an eternal difference in this conference with ways to do that. It is our privilege to work with some of the greatest and most generous people who, while caring for family, also want to be a part of building disciples in their communities and conference, whether the amount given seems large or small.

We are in the business of planting trees, which means that the rich blessings this conference receives each year

reflect faithful planning, often decades ago by passionate dreamers of the past. At the same time, we are partnering with individuals today to plant seedlings that will bless, nurture and disciple future generations. Our thanks to the many generous members of this conference who are part of that planting — and therefore reaping — process.

Andrew McCrary, Upper Columbia Conference trust services director





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THE UNSPOKEN

Thank You

“Thank you is truly not adequate.”

“Your gift was an answer to prayer.”

“You can’t possibly appreciate how much your gift means right now.”

You’ve likely sent cards at some point, thanking friends for their graciousness. Perhaps they allowed you to stay with their family for a few days as you traveled through town. Or maybe in your younger years they influenced your life’s direction for the better through perceptive wisdom. Showing gratitude by saying thank you completes the cycle of graciousness. Those simple words carry a powerful impact, allowing the recipient to participate in the giving through their appreciation.

In my position as director of development at Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman, Mont., I see many gifts come to our school. On occasion, a gift is received that has been given anonymously through either the Montana Conference or the planned giving department of North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC). They’ve named the school as a benefactor in their trust and want the funds distributed for either a specific project on campus or for a scholarship. Gifts like these make a tremendous impact.

Recently the NPUC planned giving department forwarded three

Reaching the top of the Mount Ellis Academy namesake peak gives a rush of adrenaline antics.

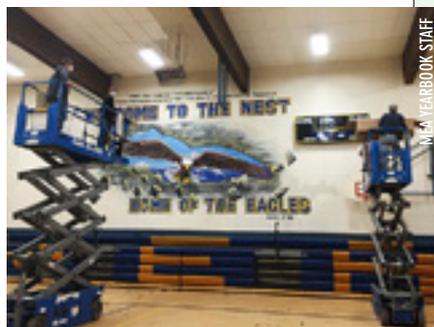
AT MOUNT ELLIS, 39 PERCENT OF STUDENTS WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO ATTEND ACADEMY WERE IT NOT FOR THE POTENTIAL OF STUDENT AID.

different gifts to MEA. One \$10,000 gift was designated for an acoustic issue in our gymnasium. Thanks to that gift, combined with funds that had previously been raised, the aged and damaged ceiling tiles were completely replaced prior to the 2015 camp meeting.

As a result, attendees were able to more clearly hear and understand the messages presented. Additional programs held in the gym continue to be positively impacted by the improvements, and sporting events are still lively without being earsplitting.

The two other gifts brought a

the financial. Indeed a long-lasting impact is made in kids' lives. Not only are students afforded a quality education with the benefit of personalized attention, but they're



A focused effort and the right equipment make installing the new ceiling tiles an easy, if long, day's work.

encouraged along their life's spiritual journey.

Gifts like these are vital and transformative. But they do not allow for a thank you. There is no way to communicate our gratitude and appreciation with an anonymous donor. We cannot directly thank the trustor whose matured trust we have benefited from.

So how do we show our thanks to that gracious person? By exercising the "unspoken thank you" and putting forth our best effort each and every day. We say thanks by ensuring our students not only understand the academic principles being taught but also personally know the Giver of all good things.

And how might we show our appreciation when we finally meet in eternity? We will let the students whose lives were directly changed meet them and say, "Thank you! I'm only here because of you and God's grace."

Kevin Emmerson, Mount Ellis Academy development director

THE BENEFITS OF GETTING OLDER

For those of you more than 70 and a half years old, you have been given an opportunity to pay tithe, offerings or other types of charitable gifts with pretax dollars. During our working lives, we are encouraged to save pretax dollars in retirement accounts like individual retirement accounts (IRAs). The accounts have grown tax-free, and once we reach 70 and a half, we must take withdrawals called required minimum distributions (RMD). Each withdrawal dollar is taxable income to you.

In years past, individuals 70 and a half years old and older could bypass receiving the withdrawal themselves and have the IRA custodian make the payment directly to charity. This method of gift giving was called the IRA charitable rollover.

Each year Congress had to approve this method of gifting. In December 2015, Congress passed and President Obama signed a tax bill making the IRA charitable rollover permanent.

The IRA charitable rollover is a convenient way for donors who are 70 and a half and older to make gifts to support their favorite churches and schools. Some of the details include:

- » Transfers of up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to charity are allowed each year for donors age 70 and a half or older;
- » An IRA rollover can be used to meet all or part of IRA-required minimum distributions;
- » A charitable IRA rollover is a tax-exempt distribution because the distribution goes directly to charity; though the IRA donor does not receive a charitable deduction for the gift, they do not have to pay income tax on the distribution.

If you are interested in exploring this gifting option, please contact the NPUC or your local conference for details on how to accomplish your goals. We will be happy to share a few pieces of information you will need to provide to your IRA plan administrator to start your gift distribution. It is always exciting to create gifts for the ministries we are passionate about. It's even more exciting to know we can do so in a more cost-effective way.



A group of students take the requisite selfie.

combined \$50,000 boost to our student aid fund for the current school year. At Mount Ellis, 39 percent of students would be less likely to attend academy were it not for the potential of student aid. Education costs and restrictive labor laws have joined forces to create seemingly unbridgeable gaps in students' financial plans. Combining church aid, NPUC support and private sponsors provides valuable assistance for many, but there is often still a financial need.

The \$50,000 gift directly addresses this need, but its impact goes beyond

LA VERDADERA MISIÓN DE LA IGLESIA

Una de las épocas más emocionantes de la biblia que me gustan es el periodo después del pentecostés, donde el trabajo intenso no era en la iglesia sino en la comunidad, en el barrio y en los pueblos.

Creo cien por ciento que hay que salir de las cuatro paredes de la iglesia y publicar las buenas nuevas a los afligidos, vendar a los quebrantado de corazón y libertad los cautivos. No nos toca esperar que la gente llegue a la iglesia, la iglesia debe

comunidad, radio-seculares, ferias de salud con instituciones privadas y gubernamentales. Además, desde hace más de 8 meses todos los miércoles ofrecemos seminarios de psicología por la radio que cubre los territorios de Mount Vernon, Bellingham y Everett, Wash. Todo esto ha dado como resultado un impacto positivo de la iglesia frente a diferentes agencias de gobierno.

En una ocasión, saliendo con mi hijo de la radio, al llegar al estacionamiento una señora me preguntó: “¿Usted es el profesor Andino?” Yo le dije “Si, ¿en qué le puedo ayudar?”

Me respondió: “Solo quiero que sepa que hay un grupo de personas que esperan con ansia que llegue el miércoles para escuchar sus temas. Y para mí en especial ha sido de mucha bendición. ¿Cuál es su denominación?” – “Soy pastor de la iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día” fue mi respuesta. La realidad es que, al involucrarse la iglesia

Programa de radio secular Felipe Andino.

llegar a la gente. Como pastor en el distrito del norte de la Conferencia de Washington, tengo claro la misión y el propósito que Dios nos ha encomendado. No solo ofrecer buenos programas de iglesia sino atender las necesidades de la comunidad.

Hace un año como iglesia nos hemos involucrado en actividades de ayuda a la



Trabajadora social de actividades comunitarias.



con la gente, va creando una cadena de oportunidades para presentar el evangelio de Dios, lo cual es motivo de gran gozo.

En otra ocasión, Doris Ortiz trabajadora social de uno de los centros de la comunidad hispana de Head Start, nos hizo la invitación de ofrecer un seminario para todos los padres hispanos. La petición era que no habláramos de Dios cuando ofreciéramos el tema, sino que solo fuera un tema psicológico. Sin embargo, en una forma cortes le hice saber lo agradecido que estaba por la invitación pero que para mí era imposible no hablar de la persona más especial en mi vida. Ella accedió y pudimos ofrecer el seminario. Al final del tema se les pregunto a los padres que estaban allí cuantos quisieran volver a recibir más

temas y en forma automática todos levantaron las manos en aceptación. Por la gracia de Dios, continuaremos los meses de marzo y abril ministrando a una población que necesita de un Dios poderoso.

Estas oportunidades han dado como resultado que varias personas ya han visitado nuestra iglesia. Se han acercado ya sea por haber recibido consejería, por algún contacto amistoso, por escuchar algún tema de la radio o recibir ayuda de alguna de las actividades seculares en que la iglesia adventista ha estado involucrada. A Dios sea la gloria.

Felipe Andino, Conferencia de Washington pastor del Distrito Norte

NOME HOSTS ARCTIC CAMP MEETING

The Nome Arctic Camp Meeting began Thursday, Feb. 25, with the whole community invited to join in. In preparation, “Uncle Dan” (Chet Damron) from *Your Story Hour*, with his wife, Carolyn, visited KICY radio station, Nome public schools and youth centers, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Head Start, and the Nome Home School Association.

At each, Uncle Dan told stories and did his special impersonation of President Abraham Lincoln. Visiting with the community and inviting them to come resulted in a successful camp meeting.

After visiting KICY, the station advertised the meetings and decided to add *Your Story Hour* in the English version each Sunday. (The station has been broadcasting the Russian version for many years.) The station’s signal reaches more than 3,000 miles into Russia every night after 11 p.m. KICY also asked Uncle Dan to come in for two interviews, one in English and a second in Russian.

The Nome schools and youth centers were delighted to hear Uncle Dan’s stories and to have “Abraham Lincoln” visit and tell about Abe’s life. Uncle Dan also did a live interview on the local Adventist radio station, KQQN-FM 89.3, which features *Your Story Hour* every day.

As a result of his personal appearances in Nome, Uncle Dan was also invited to tell the children’s sermons at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and the Covenant Church, both in Nome.

Monte Church from the North Pacific Union Conference Native ministries department, and his assistant, Steve Huey, gave the opening presentation then traveled to the villages of Gambell and Savoonga for additional camp meetings.

Uncle Dan told stories to the children while the adults were blessed by featured speaker Jerry Joubert, from McMinnville (Ore.) Church. Each evening Ben and Julie Bacon from the Orlando, Fla.,



Your Story Hour’s “Uncle Dan” speaks to the Covenant Church in Nome.

area led an inspiring praise music time.

Church members worked together to have community involvement. Members from Kotzebue, Selawik and Shungnak joined them this year as well.

Members are now laying plans for the next session in

Nome, scheduled for Feb. 23–26, 2017. Even so, Alaska members would be thrilled to hold the next Arctic Camp Meeting in the New Jerusalem instead of Nome.

Leon Ringering, Nome, Gambell and Savoonga church pastor

ALASKA CONFERENCE LEGAL NOTICE 17TH REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 17th Regular Constituency Session of the Alaska Conference will be held in the main auditorium of the Pioneer Peak campgrounds, located at 16970 E. Maud Road, Palmer Alaska, on July 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Constituency Session is to receive reports of conference activities for the quadrennial ending July 24, 2016, to elect Officers, Departmental Directors, Conference Executive Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committees, conduct strategic planning and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Ken Crawford, President

Quentin Purvis, Vice President-Administration

CHANGE COMES TO IDAHO CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING!



Jose Rojas

For the first time, at least in recent history, the evening speaker for both the Anglo and Hispanic camp meetings is the same person. The catch — both camp meetings are held at the same time, on the same campus. Jose Vicente Rojas will move from one meeting to another each evening and Sabbath morning. To make this possible, the following schedule changes have been made.

TUESDAY THROUGH SABBATH EVENING

- » Mini Concerts (Tuesday through Friday) will be from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.
- » Hispanic meeting will begin 30 minutes earlier in the Academy Chapel, at 7 p.m.
- » Anglo meeting will begin 15 minutes later in the Main Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.
- » The expected ending time is 9 p.m.

SABBATH MORNING

- » Anglo Sabbath School Concert of Prayer, Main Auditorium, begins at 9:30 a.m.
- » Hispanic Worship Service in the Academy Chapel, with guest Jose Rojas, begins at 9:30 a.m.
- » Anglo Worship Service in the Main Auditorium, also with Rojas, begins at 11 a.m.
- » Hispanic Sabbath School for adults, Academy Chapel, begins at 11 a.m.

Like the Idaho Camp Meeting Facebook page ([Facebook.com/idahocampmeeting](https://www.facebook.com/idahocampmeeting)) to keep up to date on what's happening at Idaho Conference Camp Meeting 2016: An Evangelism Summit, coming June 14–18 to Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell.

Another change will be in the emphasis for the GROW

(Go Reach Our World) offering that kicks off at each camp meeting. For the past several years, GROW has provided funds for the YouthRush/Magabook program. This year, the offering will cover a broader spectrum of funding evangelism in the Idaho Conference. The goal will likely be larger as well. With a camp meeting theme of “The Time Has Come,” we must be bold in our outreach, our witness.

When a child is born, parents invest a lot of money, time and love into helping that child become a successful adult. In GROWing our churches, our conference, our schools and ultimately God's kingdom, we need to invest a lot of money, time and love. God is able to provide for all of our needs. Trust Him and watch what He will do.

IDAHO PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS CHALLENGED TO LEARN TEN COMMANDMENTS

How many of you know the Ten Commandments word for word as it is written in the New King James version of the Bible?

To get Idaho Conference Pathfinders and Adventurers to study their Bibles more, youth leaders gave them a challenge to memorize the Ten Commandments word for word by

the Pathfinder Fair on May 1. Those who did received a Ten Commandments pin for their sashes.

Sarah Connell, a second-grade Adventurer from Pocatello, was the first person to take up the challenge. In February, she became the first person, Pathfinder or Adventurer, to not only try

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but to successfully say the Ten Commandments from memory.

Idaho Conference Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders also challenge you to relearn the Ten Commandments and recite them to someone else.

Kathy Knuth, Idaho Conference Adventurer director



Sarah Connell (left) and Kathy Knuth, Idaho Conference Adventurer director, celebrate Connell's recitation of the Ten Commandments from memory.

IMPACT '16 CALLS YOUTH TO BE THE SERMON

More online at
glnr.in/111-05-id_impact

On Friday evening, March 4, 2016, more than 40 Hispanic young people and adult sponsors met in the chapel of the south dorm at Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell. The reason? To learn why and how to participate in evangelism as youth.

doing something revolutionary — talking with people. This was something fun, something less intimidating, to show that it's not hard to talk to people.

Altamirano said that most of the youth who attended are second-generation Hispanic Adventists; they have grown up Adventist. They are ready to serve their church.

A few of the youth shared their thoughts about the weekend. "I think this evangelistic meeting that was held for the youth was a great thing, and that it's going to help motivate us to go out and spread the Word of God," explained one youth.

"Encourage everyone to not be afraid to tell others that Jesus loves them, that He died for them," said another. "It's hard. You're scared what



The youth who attended Impact '16 are ready to go and share Jesus.

they are going to think of you, they'll make fun of you, embarrass you. Jesus was not embarrassed to die for you. We can tell them about His love."

Yet another attendee added, "This weekend inspired me to find out what I'm here for, what God wants me to do."

Gerald Margil, Southeastern Idaho Hispanic District pastor, shared this message: "This is not finished. It is just

beginning — the beginning of a beautiful journey that these kids have started. Now we have in front of us is a time when they're going to put their knowledge and skill and, most of all, their personal experience with Jesus to work and share with all the youth like them, to let them know how much Jesus loves them."

Margil adds, "At least 16 of these youth are going to work in March and April having evangelistic series on the weekends. It will be an amazing experience for them and for those that attend. Here's my most important request for you: Thank you for your support. We need your prayers. Our fight is not against flesh. It is a fight for goodness and truth. Only God can make us winners."

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director



Juan Miguel Pacheco demonstrates that it is easy to share Jesus, that He is as necessary as water to us.

Juan Francisco Altamirano, Treasure Valley Hispanic District pastor and Idaho Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, wants to get the youth of the Hispanic churches involved in evangelism. He invited Juan Miguel Pacheco to share with them.

One of the first things he did was to have each attendee take off one shoe and throw it at him. The youth really got into that. Then, he asked them to come, get a shoe and find out who it belonged to by



The youth and their adult sponsors get into small discussion groups.

EUREKA BAPTISMS



Eureka Church members welcomed 11 people into their congregation through baptism on Sabbath, March 5.

The Eureka Church held an evangelistic series on Sept. 11, 2015, hosted by David Steward and entitled "Cracking the Prophetic Code." His clear and deliberate presentation made the Bible truths presented indisputable and forceful.

All but one of the baptismal candidates attended these

meetings and said being part of them helped in making their decisions to join this church movement. One candidate shared that she had a dream of a door from which a great light shined. As she approached the light, the door began closing by an unseen hand. She knew that now was the time to make her decision to join the church and confess her faith in Jesus Christ.

Prior to the evangelistic meetings, the Eureka Church held a healthful living seminar

that also aided in drawing some of these people to the church. Following the meetings, the church held a verse-by-verse study of the book of Revelation during prayer meetings. All of the baptismal candidates came to these meetings.

This follow-up gave members the time and opportunity to develop friendships with all of the candidates. These friendships proved to be vital in the development of these interests and developed

the support needed to overcome addictions and many other issues that the Lord took away. It has been a blessing to witness how powerfully the Lord had been working with all these people to demonstrate His love for them and to make them aware of their calling.

Danny Velez, Eureka Church pastor

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WIDOWS, WOMEN ALONE CELEBRATED ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Nearly 60 women attended the fourth annual Widows and Women Alone event on Sunday, Feb. 14, organized by Take Heart Ministry and held at the Albany Golf and Event Center banquet hall.

More than four years ago, Tawny Sportsman created Take Heart Ministry with other women who saw and felt a great need among women

within churches and communities for support during the difficult challenge of loss.

The theme this year was “You’ve Got Mail.” Every guest was surprised to receive a paper envelope with a handwritten card of encouragement, comfort and appreciation inside. Every card was hand-delivered by a mail carrier played by an energetic and creatively costumed Heather Wright.

The tables were layered with pink and red linens, floral and mailbox décor centerpieces, shiny glassware, and a fun quiz to share and laugh over while enjoying a delicious sandwich and soup lunch. It was easy to meet women from several tables away during the get-acquainted activities,

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which included finding the other half of a paper heart and even a group singing contest.

Keynote speaker Corleen Johnson shared her personal story of loss, grief and God’s restoration in her family and her life. After sharing, she joined Lanett Merrills to sing Laura Story’s “Blessings.”

An unexpected guest and trumpet player, Ron Iverson, popped in just long enough to play Billy Preston’s “You Are So Beautiful.” Iverson revealed a little-known fact: The inspired lyrics were written about God.

Spending a couple afternoon hours with such warm and lovely women was a blessing indeed.



Cami Oetman, an international evangelist at No Fear Revelation, and Mendy Corwin, speaker for Take Heart Ministry, visit during the event.

To learn more about the Take Heart Ministry, go to takeheartministry.info, email take-heart@outlook.com or find it on Facebook at facebook.com/takeheartthereishope.

Mendy Corwin, East Salem Church member



The “mail lady,” Heather Wright, delivers a love letter.

SHARON CHURCH LIFTS EVERY VOICE IN MUSIC

“**T**ake me back to where I first received you.” Those were the words of the late Andrae Crouch, who some describe as the father of modern gospel music. Many individuals at the Sharon Church in Portland, had that memory reignited Saturday, March 5.

The 16th annual Lift Every Voice Concert brought members of the greater Portland area together to lift up

the name of Jesus. Under the leadership of Linda Foxworth, Sharon Church minister of music, this event has become more than just a social gathering; it’s a worship experience.

To welcome with love and minister to our family,

church and community is the mission statement of Sharon. This yearly event is doing just that — ministering. People from many faiths, including Baptist, Pentecostal, non-denominational and Lutheran, join in song to create one

sound. About eight to 10 songs are learned in one week and sung for an audience ready for their hearts to be moved.

Mark your calendars because this event will be taking place again in February 2017. If you have thought about joining, participating or being part of the audience, don’t let that moment pass you by. Let it become the moment that “takes you back.”



Drechelle McCray, Sharon Church member

PAA STUDENTS EXPLORE PROFESSIONAL CADAVER LAB

Portland Adventist Academy teacher Linda Johnson recently took her honors anatomy and physiology class to learn in a cadaver lab at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Sheryl Sanders, who has taught at the professional program at Pacific University for 18 years and whose work has been highlighted in medical journals, helped the students explore the human body hands-on.



Besides the exciting visit to a Cadaver lab, A and P students, like Lydia Kreuger Blehm, also get the chance to view God's creations up close in PAA's science lab. "Reading a textbook about a heart doesn't even compare to holding it and looking inside," says Blehm.

"It was exciting for me to see my students interacting with Sanders," says Johnson. "She mentioned more than once that she was impressed with their knowledge."

It's no wonder why. PAA's

More online at glnr.in/111-05-or_paa honors anatomy and physiology students are learning college-level material and earning dual credit. For the students interested in a medical degree, this advances their studies in college.

"A and P is a very advanced class," says Blair Roesel, PAA senior. "After taking the class, I know that I want to go into nursing."

Johnson takes her students to visit medical experts in their environment each year. Previous students have viewed a joint replacement surgery as well as heart and brain surgeries by top surgeons in their fields.

These opportunities have earned PAA students the respect and trust of professionals. "As they were exploring the cadaver, they were inquisitive, respectful and appreciative," says Johnson. "They represented PAA in a very positive light."

Johnson's Christ-centered and character-driven approach in the classroom is seen through her excitement about teaching. "Albert Einstein said, 'I never teach my pupils, I only provide the conditions in which they can learn,'" says Johnson. "Well, our visit with Sanders was one of those amazing opportunities."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



Milo Ringers perform "Lenten Meditations in Music," directed by Leonard Hild.

MILO SHARES MUSIC IN ROSEBURG

Milo Adventist Academy's music department performed "Lenten Meditations in Music" on Feb. 19 during a special lunchtime concert at First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg, Ore., to help prepare its members spiritually for Easter.

Milo's music director, Leonard Hild, told his students after the concert that he "had many wonderful comments from our Presbyterian friends, ranging from 'mesmerizing' to 'stunning' to 'moving' to 'unbelievable repertoire.' A few said they could see that you love good music and you love God."

Hild believes in reaching out to the community. The invitation to First Presbyterian came as a result of his students' interaction last fall. He took a small group of students each Tuesday to rehearse Handel's

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Messiah with an interdenominational group of musicians at the Roseburg Methodist Church. They performed at the Roseburg Adventist Church and with a full orchestra at the Myrtle Creek Church of God.

Sophomore Noahna Fullmer was one of the *Messiah* participants. She says, "It was great to be a part of a choir that big and that skilled."

Junior Vanessa Valenzuela says she "enjoyed the practices because we were all in sections the first hour practicing the parts that we didn't know that well. The second hour was all the choir together, and it sounded majestic."

To find out more about Milo, visit miloacademy.net.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter

Milo Adventist Academy's choir performs at First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg, accompanied by Abby Alcantara on piano.





CAA SPORTS FANTASTIC COACHES AND PLAYERS

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(From left) Columbia Adventist Academy girls' coach Laurisa Pearson celebrates with CAA senior Destinee Saenz and Saenz's mom.

BIG LAKE HOLDS SNOW SCHOOL

Snow School is a fun, educational field trip opportunity operated by the Oregon Conference through its Big Lake Youth Camp in central Oregon. This program gives children a snowy outdoor educational experience. As a home-schooled sixth-grader, I recently went to experience it for myself.

Andrew Ordelleide, Big Lake assistant director, taught

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+ us to thrive in the snow. We studied what kinds of food are efficient and calorie-dense for carrying on snow excursions. We learned how to use a map and compass to create a safe route to our destination, which included a fun scavenger hunt using our compass. We discussed what clothes to wear while hiking in snowy conditions and that adventures in the snow are safer if you have a friend.

We learned about several kinds of snow shelters. Each group built a snow cave. Unfortunately, we didn't get to spend the night in our cave — maybe next year.

Snow School activities are aimed at third through eighth grade. Big Lake offers four different programs/themes: snow skills, high mountain physical science, animals in the snow and mountain education.

Ordelleide says Big Lake will offer Snow School next year, January through March. If your school or home-school group would like to join the fun, registration for the 2016–2017 school year has already begun.

Adin Neufeld, Snow School attendee



Often the only factor used to determine the success of a team is the number in the “wins” column. At Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA), however, other factors loom larger than wins.

The first one is how well the mission of the team is carried out — “to instill honesty, integrity and respect, but above all to teach our students that they can take Jesus Christ into all aspects of their lives.”

The second factor is showing other teams what a Christian athlete looks and acts like.

The Friendship Tournament at Walla Walla University was an opportunity to test the importance of the mission. Team members were honored to earn the Sportsmanship Award for modeling Christian behavior both on and off the court.



League MVP Matthew Rodriguez (left), a CAA senior, stands with his coach, Jay Pierce.

Then CAA won their division this year in basketball and went to the playoffs — another tournament, another chance to live the mission and model Christianity, and another Sportsmanship Award.

CAA coaches were also recognized by the league. CAA's athletic director and coach, Jay Pierce, and the girls' coach, Laurisa Pearson, were named Coaches of the Year.

The league's Most Valuable Player of the Year went to Matthew Rodriguez, class of 2016. “Our team is so young this year that I didn't expect to go this far,” Rodriguez says. “I'm really proud of the dedication they've shown to exceed everyone's expectations.”

The CAA staff and students are glad God can be glorified in their spiritual and social activities as well as their community service and academics, as that's their mission.

Larry Hiday, CAA Gleaner correspondent



Sarah Kimitsuka stands with her teacher, Adam Dovich (left), and Ric Peinado (right), Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School principal, following the announcement that she advanced to the state competition.

MEADOW GLADE STUDENT EXCELS IN GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Sarah Kimitsuka, 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. 8 and qualified for the state competition held on April 1.

The National Geographic Bee is open to students across the nation in grades four through eight. At MGAES, all eligible students participated in a grade-level competition. From that competition, the top

two scores at each grade level participated in the school bee.

The competitors at MGAES included fourth-graders McKinley Ermshar and Calvin Hubbard; fifth-graders Uziel Marquez and Evan Young; sixth-grader Josué Mendez; seventh-graders Delaney Ermshar and Christina McCoy; and eighth-graders Madi Carlton and Eddie Coberly. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members attended the bee at MGAES to cheer on the contestants.

Following the school competition, the MGAES champions, including Kimitsuka, took a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state were then judged eligible to compete in their state bee.

Although Kimitsuka did not advance beyond the state level, her accomplishments made MGAES staff and students proud.

“As a former social studies teacher, I can’t emphasize enough how important

geography is in learning the lessons of history,” says Ric Peinado, MGAES principal. “I was pleased to see the hard work and effort each student put in. I’m very proud of all the students who participated. Sarah Kimitsuka joins an esteemed group of former students who have won a deserved spot at the state competition.”

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

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JOURNEY TO THE CROSS IMPACTS CAST, CREW

What brings a cast together each year to dramatically tell the story of Jesus at Washington's Spokane Valley Church?



Master of the wedding Mark Shut and the groom, Reece Dobson, sample the miracle wine.

Meet Reece Dobson, who played the groom in the wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle. Dobson's girlfriend, Stephanie Syverson, had been active as the props coordinator for Journey to the Cross for several years, and this year they were asked to play bride and groom.

"Stephanie is always doing stuff for me, and we do a lot together, so I was willing to help her out," says Dobson. "I really enjoyed getting into the biblical time period." He traveled from Newport, Wash., to the Spokane Valley every day to participate.

Neighbors of the Spokane Valley Church, Chena and Jeremy Zimmerman, have

participated for four years. When their bishop came to the church one Sabbath and learned of the need for cast members for Journey to the Cross, he shared this with his local Mormon ward. The Zimmermans volunteered that year and enjoyed it so much they brought their thespian children the next year. Now they make this a family tradition.

This year, seven Zimmermans participated. "We do this because we love being part of something big," says Jeremy Zimmerman.

Chena Zimmerman found it interesting to share beliefs and "the things we have in common."

"I have learned so much about Jesus," says Jeremy Zimmerman.

Real-life couple Reece Dobson and Stephanie Syverson play the bride and groom at Cana.



GREG HUSTED

erman. "The spirit of this event changes your life."

Spokane Valley's new associate pastor, Jake Wilkinson, who served as a roving Jesus, found Pilot's court the most pivotal moment. "How could people choose so poorly?" he wonders. "The sorrow Jesus must have felt when they chose Barabbas and began to yell 'crucify Him!'"

The new Spokane Valley senior pastor, Teddy Shupe, greeted guests at the end of the Journey. "This was an amazing event, especially as I saw and heard the impact that it had on people afterwards," he says. "And it was so impressive to see the willingness and enthusiasm of Jesus-followers from our [Adventist] churches and from different denomina-

tions come together to show and tell the story of Jesus to the community in a wonderful, winsome way for all ages."

Journey to the Cross allows each cast member to have a clearer picture of Jesus and a wider circle of friends. The cast becomes family and closer to God as a result of immersing themselves in His story.

This ninth annual Journey



GREG HUSTED

Jake Wilkinson, Spokane Valley Church's associate pastor, portrays Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

to the Cross brought more than 3,200 to Spokane Valley Church, March 25-27.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

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TEEN PATHFINDERS MINISTER DURING SPRING BREAK

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“Why are you here?” This was the question asked of 77 teen Pathfinders and their staff members on the night of their arrival at Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure (TPMA) 2016, this year held at Camp MiVoden on Hayden Lake,



Idaho. The teens and staff give up their spring break to attend a week of service for others. Why do they come?

“I wanted to see friends again and serve God doing mission work,” says Joshua Streit, who is a member of the Missoula Nemissoolatakoo Pathfinder Club, a second-year attendee. “My favorite part of the day is morning worship. We sing songs, and I like music,” he adds. “Singing is a way to worship God.”

The Pathfinders are divided into groups along with several staff members. Each group is assigned to a specific project every morning. This year, some teams remained at Camp MiVoden, assisting

in various projects such as cleaning up wind damage from November’s windstorm, building a new shed to house an emergency generator and clearing an area for Pathfinder club camping sites.

Other groups went into the community and to Farragut State Park, fixing up around the homes of some community members and cleaning up storm damage at both sites. Monday, a team visited a homeless outreach center in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, where they painted and prepared a gravel parking area.

Each day one team is assigned to work in the kitchen, preparing meals and cleaning the cafeteria between meals. One kitchen team member, Megan McCormick from the Deer Park Mountaineer Pathfinder Club, was attending for the first time. When questioned about why she chose to



attend this year, she said, “I’ve always wanted to do mission service, and I was excited to help people. I wanted to meet new friends, too.”

This is the 20th year for Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure. Steve Meharry of the Walla Walla (Wash.) Waiilatpu Club, organized the first TPMA in 1997 in Ritter, Ore. He noted that many teens couldn’t get the mission

trip experience because of the cost of travel, visas and other expensive requirements and commitments such as schooling or jobs.

Meharry envisioned a program that teen Pathfinders could attend that would give them the mission trip experience without the high cost and loss of time. He has organized TPMA events all over Washington, north Idaho and into Oregon.

Looking back over 20 years of service, Meharry finds it hard to pinpoint one or even a few favorite memories. “My favorite memories of all are teen Pathfinders taking a stand to follow Jesus and being baptized,” he says. This is the ultimate goal of the mission-focused adventure.

Luke Torquato, teen Pathfinder from Hayden Lake, Idaho

MEN'S SUMMIT CONNECTS TO GOD

The Upper Columbia Conference Men's Summit, held March 4–6 at Camp MiVoden in Hayden Lake, Idaho, brought Christian men together from across the Northwest.

The event, which has been bringing men annually to the shores of Hayden Lake for more than 20 years, focused on connecting men to God and facilitating human connections as well.

"I've been coming to men's retreat for over 20 years," said one attendee. "I love coming here. I always leave encouraged."

This year was no different as Glenn Russell, Andrews



A military gun salute and flag ceremony honor Craig Houston, who died in 2015.

University religion professor, shared about connecting with God's radical love.

In addition to the "Connect" theme, which connected men for worship and fellowship, the event also featured a special tribute to a fellow brother in Christ, Craig Houston, who died in 2015. A

military gun salute and ceremony honored Houston, who was active in his local church and men's ministry in Upper Columbia Conference.

Jeff Wines, Upper Columbia Conference family ministries director, says, "Multiple men came up to me as the retreat was finishing and shared

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how much they enjoyed the music, the speaker and connecting with each other. Many guys expressed to me that they were very happy that they had been at the retreat because they grew closer to Christ and each other."

Jay Wintermeyer



Glenn Russell, Andrews University religion professor, shares about connecting with God's radical love.

UCC MAKES CHILDREN A PRIORITY

Upper Columbia Conference hosted a children's leadership workshop on Sunday, March 6, in Spokane, Wash. The one-day event highlighted what members can do to engage children and their families.



Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference's children's ministries director, shares with attendees the importance of child evangelism.

During the event, participants learned about Vacation Bible School programs, Sabbath School activities and other child-focused ministry ideas that not only engage church and community children but bring entire families to church as well.

Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference children's ministries director, challenged each attendee to make child evangelism a key part of every church budget. "Children make lifelong decisions for Christ by the age of 13," says Marsh. "We need to make every effort to help our kids choose Jesus early in life."

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Attendees check in for a day full of inspiration and hands-on learning about child evangelism.

Workshop attendees listened to presentations by six different presenters and had opportunity to get hands-on experience with several of the activities and programs shared.

"In an age when our kids are leaving the church, it's refreshing to see Upper Columbia Conference making our kids a priority," said one attendee.

Upper Columbia Conference children's ministries department holds workshops to train and equip members in child discipleship. If you missed the March 2016 workshop, contact Marsh for details on the next training event.

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

UCA TEACHES COMPLETE PACKAGE

Reading, writing and arithmetic are staples at most schools, but for Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., the most important core ingredient is a spiritual one. “It is the basis of our mission statement,” says John Winslow, UCA principal.

There are many ways UCA incorporates spiritual elements in its program. One is the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) ministry, which started more than 20 years ago to provide students an opportunity to be like

Jesus by helping others in the community. Currently, there are four designated HOPE days during the week where students sign up for various service projects. In addition, there are other outreach opportunities, including two Sundays when freshmen volunteer in the community.

During the fall HOPE day, UCA students were dismissed an hour early from the SpokAnimal’s project due to an incoming windstorm in the Spokane area. If they hadn’t left early, the students would have been there when the high winds tore part of the roof off the SpokAnimal’s building.

“That would have been pretty scary for our students,” says Joe Hess, vice principal of student life, who was helping with transportation. “We are thankful for God’s protection.”

Ashley Samuel, a junior, shared a story in the *Echoes* school newsletter that happened during the HOPE day in February, when students made 30–40 sack lunches to share with the homeless in downtown Spokane.

“While handing out food, the group met a man with a van that was missing a tire,” Samuel shares. “He was thankful for the food, but he needed a spare tire. Obviously, the group did not have one. But while they continued to pass out meals, the group passed by a tire shop. Mrs. C [Judy



Student week of prayer speakers, (back row, from left) Tyler Dalrymple, Amber Lee, Kristi Rose, Kate Ruud, Summer Davis, Jenny Bovey, Elliott Wickward, (middle row, from left) Niko Pintos, Sidney Allison, (front, from left) Parker Bailey, Polly Officer and Charlie Buursma prayerfully wrote their talks to share with students.

Castrejón, science teacher] was leading out the group, and she stopped and asked the shop if they had a spare tire to give to the man. Miraculously, the tire shop was able to provide a tire.” This directly showed students how they were impacting their community.

Student week of prayer (SWOP) is another area of spiritual emphasis. Sidney Allison, a senior, was one of the student speakers attending the SWOP retreat. When he returned, he felt impressed to start a Facebook page, UCA Prayer Warriors, with the goal of “keeping our students and staff at Upper Columbia Academy in prayer.”

There are so many other areas to mention, including

Sabbath activities, church visitations, small group studies, a Revelation Bible study, praise teams, Bible studies and more. In addition, several students are having personal Bible studies with staff members.

“We are striving to teach the complete package,” says Winslow. “We want to educate our students to be caring Christ-like individuals who will contribute to their community in a positive way.”

You can read more stories by students in the *Echoes* school newsletter on the UCA website, uccaa.org/life-at-uca/news.

*Tamara Michalenko Terry,
Upper Columbia Academy
communication coordinator*



Alex Paago, UCA sophomore, was part of the Meal and a Smile HOPE project, sharing meals with people in downtown Spokane.

LEADERS LEARN TO BE GENERATIONAL TRANSLATORS

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rom the platform at the Youth and Young Adult Conference, a baby boomer proclaimed how every church needed a roster of youth and young adults. Several graying heads in the audience nodded in agreement while scrawling notes of actions to take.

But at a round table in the back of the room, three up-and-coming Gen Z teenage leaders weren't so sure. "We don't want to have adults contacting us because they are obligated to find out why we missed a week or didn't participate in an activity," explained one of them.

In 10 minutes, the generational preferences were clear: Older generations like processes and lists, while younger generations want authentic interactions (among other qualities).

"The conversation on generational transfer has been happening for thousands of years," says Brad Lomenick, one of seven keynote speakers. "We don't have many translators between generations. We need to help the next generation navigate their world."

KEY WORDS

In the terminology of youth and young adult ministry experts, five antidotes are needed to address the digital Babylon faced by savvy, hyper-linked, skeptical millennials:

- » Nurturing meaningful relationships;
- » Providing cultural discernment;
- » Offering mentoring and accepting reverse mentoring;
- » Explaining vocational discipleship (sharing your faith regardless of your career);
- » Being tuned to God's voice.

"We're finding that what keeps young adults in the church are intergenerational relationships, stories of renewal and transformation, and a church environment of forgiveness and acceptance," explains Ben Lundquist, incoming Oregon Conference young adult ministries leader.

After 170 Pacific Northwest (and beyond) leaders learned more about how the millennial you-only-live-once (YOLO) generation is searching for deep meaning and purpose in life, the balance of the training time March



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Dan Jackson, North American Division president, opens the Youth and Young Adult Leadership Conference by talking about "Four Rules of Engagement" based off the story of Deborah in Judges 4 and 5.

6-8 at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wash., focused on practical ministry applications.

"We need to start praying and talking about how we can love young adults better," says Bill Roberts, Washington Conference ministerial director. "Our churches need to be a place where young people feel affirmed, welcomed and valued."

THREE WAYS TO LOVE YOUNG PEOPLE BETTER

- » **Nurture:** Pray for God to help you listen, learn and

love young people. Be interested in their lives, listen to concerns and wrestle with questions.

- » **Empower:** Brainstorm ministry ideas with young people, identify resources, provide coaching and release young people to do the ministry God has called them to do.
- » **Include:** Involve young people in the intergenerational life of the church. Let them see how they are important members in the body of Christ.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

A panel of pastors and leaders in youth and young adult ministries help colleagues work through the next steps in engaging youth and young adults in their church.

The North American Division, North Pacific Union Conference and Washington Conference teamed up to present a first-time Youth and Young Adult Leadership training conference for pastors and leaders in the Pacific Northwest (and a few colleagues beyond). The first day focused on local church leaders and providing them a millennial ministry framework for learning, listening, loving and living. The remaining two days focused on pastoral resources, ideas, action plans and cutting-edge research.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

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STUDENTS WORK + IN CONCERT AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY

Faith Jordan remembers two times as an elementary student when she attended the Washington Conference Music Festival at Auburn Adventist Academy. Now, however, she is an academy freshman.

“It is an entirely different perspective seeing students come to the music festival, sometimes for the very first

stay on campus at the academy and participate in intense all-day rehearsals in preparation for a weekend concert.

Jordan remembers staying in the dorm with a senior her first year. “She was very polite and helped me to make myself at home,” Jordan says. “I will never forget her kindness to me. She helped me let go of the fear I had that I was not

going to enjoy the music festival at all.”

Students who attend music festival typically are in grades six through 10 and represent Adventist elementary and home schools in western Washington and beyond. The young musicians participate in five music disciplines: band, orchestra, bell choir, piano and vocal choir.

This year, the music

festival theme of “Living Water” featured a repertoire of water-related music — ranging from Handel’s *Water Music* to the traditional spiritual song “Down to the River to

Pray” and the cheerful tune of “Singin’ in the Rain” — at the Saturday night concert.

Right after music festival, Washington Conference Office of Education received a collection of 22 thank-you notes from students.

“We loved reading all the letters; they overflowed with gratitude,” says Becky Meharry, Washington Conference associate superintendent. “It was heartwarming to see the students’ responses and to find out their different experiences. For some, it was all about the food, fun and living with their friends in the dorm. For others, it was a spiritual experience with the music and mentorship from adults.”

The multidisciplinary music festival is held the last weekend of each February. Young musicians are welcome to join the festival and may make arrangements by contacting Auburn’s music department.

As for Jordan, she says, “I only hope that I was able to give that same loving example and comfort that was given to me during my first stay.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



ART CLEMENCIA

Journey to the Cross, an Easter musical by Auburn Adventist Academy Church and its ministry partners, shared the story of the redemptive life of Jesus and the Great Controversy (from the war in heaven to the Second Coming) with community guests in March.



BOB WOHLERS

Vision for Growth Congress brought together education leaders to discuss best practices in growing recruiting efforts and increasing enrollment in Adventist Christian education.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

A new Brazilian Portuguese church plant is getting established in Kirkland to share the gospel and offer outreach projects to the underserved community of Brazilians in the Seattle area. Already 30–35 people participate in biweekly programs, and the ministry’s online presence is connected with 2,118 people and counting.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

At music festival, 301 young musicians learn 29 music selections to perform at two concerts.

time,” Jordan says. “I can relate to them in a very personal way because I have been in their shoes.”

During the music festival, 301 students plus their sponsors

SCHOOLS PARTNER FOR ETERNITY

Nathan Murcia, a student at Kirkland Seventh-day Adventist School (KSDA), couldn't make his appointment one day to meet with his senior citizen partner. He told his mother (and the school vice principal), Karen Murcia, what she needed to do in his place.

"You're going to go and read all her Facebook messages, right? And make sure you show her all of the cat videos; she really likes those," Nathan instructed. Clearly the bond between students and seniors is a special and entertaining one.

Connecting with the community simultaneous to taking care of the everyday business of student life can sometimes seem difficult to synchronize. There's a program, though, that is making this easier.

The Partnering for Eternity grant program from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., is fostering service-focused, intergenerational relationships between senior community members and students. This grant offers a local, service-oriented student labor program for academies and a scholarship program for elementary students that pairs participating students with elderly adults in their community.

The local school program is limited to 20 percent of the school's enrollment, and the

school must have a trained program coordinator. Students fill out and submit reflection sheets after their service activities.

Currently, 111 elementary schools and 40 academies from every union in the North American Division are participating, with recent expansion efforts in Washington and Oregon. KSDA and nearby Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) are among the first schools in the Seattle area to join Partnering for Eternity. They have already been blessed by the initial implementation and are looking forward to expanding the program.

Eight students are in Kirkland and Puget Sound's Partnering for Eternity group. These students visit their senior partners at Kirkland's Brookdale Retirement Center on a weekly basis for an hour to

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Kirkland student Andy and his senior partner enjoy games and puzzles together.

assist with daily housekeeping tasks. They also troubleshoot and teach technology use. This area of need for seniors is often overlooked, and Brookdale's residents have been so appreciative of the assistance they have received, enabling them to set up their cellphones and join Facebook to keep in touch with family and friends.

The reflections students fill out after their sessions show how the program's efforts to

build empathy, responsibility and openness are working and a blessing to everyone involved.

Southern Adventist University has had the unique opportunity since 2006 to manage this one-of-a-kind grant that creates a local, service-oriented student labor program for academies and a scholarship program for elementary students that pairs participating students with elderly adults in their community.

Karen Murcia is excited to continue nurturing the Partnering for Eternity group in a meaningful combination of community service, intergenerational relationships and student tuition assistance. Based on the initial experience, this program is one that will positively impact many for eternity.

Anika Zebon, Puget Sound Adventist Academy teacher

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Kirkland student Nathan shows his senior partner how to use technology to stay in touch with family and friends.

More photos online at
glnr.in/111-05-wa_sage

SAGE BUILDS BLESSINGS IN BRAZIL

I've been praying for a church for four years every morning at 4 o'clock," declared Otimar da Silva with a radiant smile on her face as she hugged and kissed the SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) construction workers who had just erected the frame and installed the roof for a new Adventist church in the town of Moju near Belem, Brazil.

As the only church member, da Silva has been holding Bible studies and church services in her home while praying for a church in which to worship God. She is confident she will have 30 church members within a year and 100 members within three years. After SAGE members completed their work, they left a donation so walls and floor may be constructed ahead of evangelistic meetings in two months.

Bete at the Mario Couto Church had been waiting for 14 years to get children's Sabbath School rooms finished. She told Bob Grady, SAGE leader, that the sanctuary gets painted and refurbished, but "few care about the children's Sabbath School classrooms." SAGE helped finish and paint three Sabbath School room walls as well as complete the flooring.

While painting the Santa Clara Church near Benevides, Grady Stephens and other

SAGE volunteers noticed the muddy front path and saw that water from torrential downpours of daily pelting rain had seeped under the church doors, rotting them.

In addition to funding the project, SAGE replaced the concrete walkway, directed drainage away from the building and replaced the double doors. When SAGE prayed to dedicate the doors, the request included that the doors will always be open and all who enter will be blessed.

Before leaving Belem, SAGE missionaries visited the local Adventist hospital, a large 2,000-member church, a large school and a natural foods store. Tour guide Schyla explained how she lived right behind the new church in Belem and had been listening to the music from the church.

BEVERLY RITER



Otimar da Silva's radiant smile is a result of seeing God answer her four-year prayer for a church.



BEVERLY RITER

SAGE seniors enter into the lives of their new friends in Brazil to help them with mission and ministry projects.

On Marajo Island, the SAGE group visited Eva Marie's ranch, the Boh Jesus Farm, to walk the fields and wetlands and see many birds and animals. The highlight? The church next door. While inside, Al Griffone led the group in singing "The Doxology."

Eva Marie was so touched by the music that tears flowed down her cheeks.

These are just some of the stories of how the SAGE group's volunteer work was an answer to prayer and touched the lives of many people.

Elmer Barbosa, Maranhath director for Brazil, thanked SAGE for the work of constructing three churches and painting six other churches during the two-week assignment in February.

"Your example of volunteerism is the most important thing you're leaving for the people of Brazil," Barbosa told the SAGE volunteers as he explained that people in Brazil rarely volunteer. His goal is to encourage people there to get involved with volunteering.

Beverly Riter, SAGE volunteer

A LOOK INTO THE MINISTRY OF KATIE PALUMBO

Dorm elevators are not typically seen as ideal locales for ministry. However, for the Walla Walla University assistant chaplain intern, the Foreman Hall elevator is one of many locations where the love of God can be shared.

Katie Palumbo graduated from WWU in 2015 with a major in religion and a minor in psychology. She is the first to fill the new assistant chaplain intern position.

“The position is designed to give me, or whoever occupies it, a well-rounded experience in all aspects of ministry,” Palumbo says. “My week

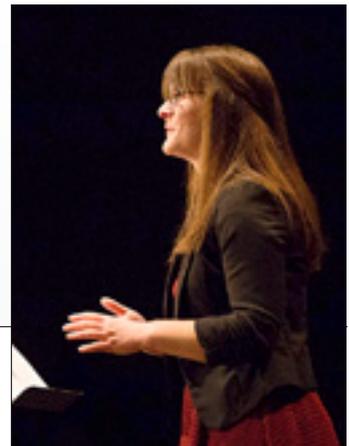
typically reflects that — a mix between working closely with campus ministries leaders, the chaplain’s office in general, the girls’ dorms, student missions and the University Church.”

Palumbo also mentors freshmen, oversees small group and prayer ministries, leads her own small group for women, makes time to pray and connect with staff and faculty, and coordinates Breaking Bread, a program designed to connect students and church members for food and fellowship.

“If I’ve been able to make a person smile, give someone hope or meet a need, that’s a good day,” Palumbo says. One

of the ways she does this is by getting out into the thick of the student body. Once a week, Palumbo and women’s dorm chaplain Shintell Izquierdo ride the Foreman Hall elevator and wander Conard Hall. An emphasis of Palumbo’s ministry on campus is to reach out “more intentionally to the women of WWU.”

Once a week, Palumbo teams up with Paddy McCoy, campus chaplain, and Tommy Poole, chaplain for missions and discipleship, as “mobile chaplains.” “We try and hit one highly trafficked area two hours a week to talk to students, hand out candy



Katie Palumbo

and baked goods, and pray,” Palumbo explains.

“I had always ruled out being a pastor or a chaplain,” Palumbo says. “What changed my mind was serving as a student missionary in Kenya during my junior year, where I worked as an elementary teacher. After spending a year at a first- through 12th-grade school, I realized that I loved working with people on an individual basis and ministering in a campus setting. It’s a total God thing that I’m where I am today.”

When Palumbo returned from Kenya, she changed her major and began working for the chaplain’s office and the student association spiritual team. “I fell in love with the theology department, the content of my classes and the professors who fully supported me as a woman in ministry,” Palumbo says.

“I’m learning to dream and think big picture, see past immediate challenges, and envision possibilities,” says Palumbo. “I think I’m learning that learning is okay. Lucky for me, I get to learn here.”

Zachary White, WWU university relations student writer

Katie Palumbo on mobile chaplain patrol.



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PRAYERWORKS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Each week, a group of Adventist Health chaplains and volunteers in Portland comes together to pray aloud for community prayer requests, one by one. It's all part of Adventist Health's commitment to demonstrating the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

"My dream is that people begin to know Adventist Health not only for the quality of our care or the kindness of our providers, but as the hospital that prays for them," says Terry Johnsson, executive director of mission integration at Adventist Health in Portland, Ore. "In the competitive health care market, people mistakenly think hospitals are all about the money. Prayer is a gift we're giving to the community — a gift of spiritual and emotional support — just because we care about them."

That vision inspired Adventist Health to launch a

new program that makes the power of community prayer available to all, wherever their needs and wherever they are.

Adventist Health's PrayerWorks is a virtual prayer community, accessible from any computer or smartphone. On the PrayerWorks website, visitors post requests, concerns or struggles. They can read other people's requests and stories as well as acknowledge praying for them or share a message of encouragement. There is even an ongoing tally that lets the person who made the request know how many times it has been prayed for — providing a tangible reminder that a community of faith is invested in these concerns.

According to a 2014 Pew Research Center survey, more than half of Americans say they pray every day. While the majority of Americans may be praying, it's a solitary act for most of us.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BEING A PRAYERWORKS VOLUNTEER, CONTACT THE SPIRITUAL CARE OFFICE AT 503-257-6105.

If we only pray alone, we're missing out on a powerful component of worship. PrayerWorks brings the power of community to people who might not know where to find it in their daily life.

Adventist Health's mission is to provide physical, spiritual and mental healing. With PrayerWorks, patients can stay supported spiritually and emotionally long after they leave an Adventist Health facility.

"When I visit churches throughout the Northwest, prayer is one thing that all churches can get behind. They appreciate that Adventist Health is developing a robust prayer network that will support our communities," says Johnsson. "Ultimately, they know that PrayerWorks may be the first step on a journey that ends as part of a physical spiritual community."

To put your prayers into the hands and hearts of people who care, visit Adventist

Health's PrayerWorks.

- » Go to AHPrayerWorks.org.
- » Click the Submit a Prayer button in the top right corner of the page.
- » Type your prayer and click the Add Prayer Request at the bottom.

Or, if you want to support this growing prayer community, visit the website to read requests and let people know you've prayed for them. Watch the video at bit.ly/AMCprayerworks to learn more.

Adventist Health in Portland is looking for volunteers to support this prayer ministry. If you're interested in learning more about being a PrayerWorks volunteer, contact the spiritual care office at 503-257-6105.

Kristi Spurgeon, Adventist Medical Center marketing director

FAMILY MILESTONES

Mortz 90th

Family and friends of Harold Mortz joined in a surprise birthday party on Nov. 1, 2015, at the Adventist Community Services Center in Salem, Ore., to honor his 90th birthday. Family members came from Illinois, California and Washington. His daughters and grandson from Salem, Ore., and his son from California were there too.

He was born Oct. 31, 1925. Harold served in the U.S. Army during World War II, after which he lived in southern California, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pacific Bible Seminary and later a master's degree in education from Cal State in Los Angeles. He pastored several churches and taught middle school. He retired in 1991 from Firestone Tire Company in South Gate, Calif., after 32 years.

He and his second wife moved to Grants Pass, Ore. He became a member of the Rogue River (Ore.) Church in 1998 while living in Grants Pass. He was active in the church and became an elder in 2000. He volunteered tutoring students in the GED program at Rogue Community College.

After his wife died, he moved to Salem in 2006 to live with Sylvia Vogel and Linda Mortz, his daughters. He joined the Salem Central Church by transfer of membership. He was elected an elder in 2007 and taught a Sabbath School class for several years. He also tutored students at Livingston Adventist Academy.

Harold has endeared



Harold Mortz

himself to the Salem Central Church family by his friendliness and his ready smile. He attends church services regularly and other church activities when transportation is available.

Tucker 60th

Dick and Ruthie Tucker celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family camping trip to Priest Lake, Idaho, in the summer. The

celebration continued with a Holiday Light Show cruise with the family on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, followed by a family dinner at the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

Richard "Dick" Tucker and Ruth "Ruthie" Sleeter first met while attending Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash. After graduating in 1953, they both continued their education at Walla Walla College. While at college, Ruthie heard that Dick was going to ask her for a date. She worked at the college dairy store and watched him drive around the block several times before he got the courage to come in and ask her out.

They were married in Walla Walla, Wash., on Dec. 4, 1954. Ruthie worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers while Dick was completing his education. Dick worked summers logging in Sandpoint, Idaho, with his father. Dick graduated with a civil

engineering degree from Walla Walla College in 1958.

After graduation, the Tuckers moved to Newport, Idaho, where Dick worked for an engineering firm. A few years later they moved to Littleton, Colo., and Dick worked for an international engineering firm for a couple years. He had a chance to travel and went to Jamaica for part of a year to work on an engineering project.

When they moved to Sandpoint in 1968, Dick started his own engineering business and a logging company.

During these busy years, Ruthie managed the bookkeeping and office duties for their businesses while juggling the demands of their family. After semiretiring, they have spent more time with their children and their families, enjoyed camping and gardening, and also traveling to southwestern states to visit family and friends.

Dick still does some small-scale logging on his property.

They have always been actively involved in their local church and school. Ruthie

played the organ, and Richard has been a Sabbath School teacher, elder and school board chairman for many years.

The Tucker family includes Don and Carol (Tucker) Nord of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Gilbert and Lynda (Tucker) Bailey of Sandpoint, Idaho; Kendall and Lori (Tucker) Kyle of College Place, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



Ruthie and Dick Tucker

FAMILY BIRTHS

BORK — Annika Michelle was born Nov. 30, 2015, to Michael V. and Breanna L. (Mayne) Bork, Walla Walla, Wash.

HAYWOOD — Elise Claire was born Dec. 19, 2015, to Joel and Nicole (Morgan) Haywood, Clayton, Wash.

HESGARD — Josephine Capri was born Jan. 13, 2016, to Joel and Amber (Shaughnessy) Hesgard, Portland, Ore.

PADEN — Noah was born Jan. 9, 2016, to David and Heather (Phelps) Paden, Tacoma, Wash.

TREMBLAY — Liam Luigi was born Feb. 6, 2016, to Mark Luigi and Davelyn Joy (Patrick) Tremblay, Everett, Wash.

FAMILY AT REST

ABBOTT — James Lewis, 77; born July 16, 1938, McMinnville, Ore.; died Sept. 19, 2015, Dayton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Margie (Zinsli) Phipps; sons, Aaron Abbott and Jeff Abbott; stepsons, Robert Phipps, Dayton; John Phipps, Salem, Ore.; Steven Phipps, Dayton; daughter, LaVonna Gulli, Victor, Mont.; 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

ALLEN — Arthur Marlin, 87; born Oct. 31, 1928, Craig, Colo.; died Nov. 23, 2015, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Udene; sons, Loyd Allen, Portland, Ore.; Lorin Allen, Salem; daughters, Lark Russell, Damascus, Ore.; Linda Thomas, Fresno, Calif.; stepdaughters, Jolene Sofich, Clackamas, Ore.; Penny Johnson, La Pine, Ore.; Lisa Halvorsen, Aumsville, Ore.; and 14 grandchildren.

OUR FAMILY

FAMILY AT REST

BAHR — Karl-Heinz, 85; born April 18, 1930, Soonana, Korea; died Jan. 13, 2016, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Betty (McEachern), Nampa, Idaho; sons, Edward, Nampa; Fredrick, Norcross, Ga.; daughter, Karyl Krieger, Montrose, Colo.; and 4 grandchildren.

BAKER — Robert “Bob” A., 95; born March 29, 1920, Spokane, Wash.; died Dec. 1, 2015, Libby, Mont. Surviving: daughters, Donna Rae, Libby; Jeannie Scharbach, Quincy, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

BARNES — Joseph Norman, 88; born July 7, 1927; died Oct. 22, 2015, Anacortes, Wash. Surviving: wife, Agnes Lou (Nichols); son, Joseph Dale Barnes, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Sherilyn Walford, The Dalles, Ore.; Lorinda Snow, Troutdale, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BARRETT — Floyd Albert, 91; born Nov. 14, 1924, Denver, Colo.; died Jan. 30, 2016, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lois (Nielsen); daughters, Donna Runyan, Happy Valley, Ore.; Patti Kluchesky, Twin Falls, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

BERTLESON — Leta (Haigh) Daniels, 95; born, June 12, 1920, Gooding, Idaho; died Nov. 26, 2015, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Joe Daniels, Nampa; Robert Daniels, Graham, Wash.; daughters, Mary Kelley, Caldwell, Idaho; June Gardner, Hillsboro, Ore.; Ann Munroe, Eugene, Ore.; brother, LaVerne Haigh, Citrus

Heights, Calif.; sister, Marie McAfee, Puyallup, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

CRAWFORD — Carl E., 80; born Dec. 6, 1934, Escondido, Calif.; died June 4, 2015, Mount Vernon, Wash. Surviving: wife, Donnajean (Calder) Dickson; son, Gary Crawford, Caldwell, Idaho; daughters, Cindy (Crawford) Greene, Morehead, Ky.; Lisa (Crawford) Nolen, Cordova, Tenn.; stepson, Paul Dickson, Auburn, Calif.; stepdaughters, Trish (Dickson) Low, Glendale, Calif.; Jill (Dickson) Boudreau, Mount Vernon; 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

DORSEY — Donna (Cole), 80; born March 19, 1935, Heyburn, Idaho; died Jan. 12, 2016, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Surviving: husband, Gene, Nampa, Idaho, and Lake Havasu City; son, Dennis, Nampa; daughters, Cynthia Bowie, Portland, Ore.; Teresa Rue, Nampa; brother, Virgil Cole; sisters, Arlene Dockstadter, Linda Grundman and Darl Torgerson; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

DORY-MCGEE — Mary Ann (Stevens) Dory, 72; born April 16, 1943, Farragut, Idaho; died Dec. 21, 2015, Everett, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ron, Darrel, Tim and Peter; daughter, Sheila; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HOFFMAN — Ilda Mae, 89; born Feb. 5, 1926, Edgily, N.D.; died Nov. 14, 2015, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Surviving: brothers, Darrell Hoffman, Coeur d’Alene; and

Marlyn Hoffman, John Day, Ore.

HOLT — Jack J., 89; born Jan. 21, 1926, in West Virginia; died Nov. 21, 2015, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: wife, Thelma (Michaels), Centralia, Wash.; daughters, Bonnie Krause, Bellingham; Patricia Turpin, Dunedin, Fla.; stepson, Michael Hettrick, Lithonia, Ga.; stepdaughter, Clydean Waters, Centralia; and 21 grandchildren.

MYERS — Gerald B., born June 4, 1935, Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Jan. 31, 2016, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: wife, Deborah (Wazdatskey) Aeschlimann, Bonney Lake, Wash.; sons, Jeff Myers, Bruce Myka; stepsons, Stephen Henkes, C. Nicholas Aeschlimann; daughters, Jenny Myers, Teresa Leach; stepdaughters, Tara Dewar, Kimberly Aeschlimann, Kathleen Aeschlimann; brother, Leroi Myers, Lake Tapps, Wash.; sister, Darlene McMillan, Colton, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

NULL — Betty B. (Watson) Burton, 93; born June 27, 1922; died Nov. 10, 2015, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: son, John A. Burton, Callahan, Fla.; and daughter, Jeanne Eggers, Roseburg, Ore.

PARKS — David Merrill, 77; born Dec. 1, 1938, Lewiston, Idaho; died Jan. 23, 2016, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: wife, Reitha (Hutson); son, Tim Parks, Placentia, Calif.; daughter, Heidi Edberg, Brea, Calif.; foster son, Dhay Htoo Sein, Yangon, Myanmar (Burma); brother, Tom, Walla Walla, Wash.; sisters, Patsy

Gomes, Walla Walla; Ruth Massey, College Place, Wash.; Lois Pryor, Vancouver, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

VICKROY — James Francis, 94; born Sept. 3, 1921, La Junta, Colo.; died Dec. 6, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, James L., Gresham, Ore.; Thomas, Walla Walla; William, Sheridan, Ore.; daughters, Juanita Schwartz, Battle Ground, Wash.; Bonnie Ward, Touchet, Wash.; stepdaughter, Susan Beeler, Barnsdall, Okla.; brothers, Virgil, Oroville, Calif.; Don, La Junta, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WATERHOUSE — Gary S., 68; born Nov. 29, 1946, Minneapolis, Minn.; died July 14, 2015, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: wife, Arna (Dyresen); son, Mark, Caldwell, Idaho; daughter, Mindy Thygeson, West Linn, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

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- May 21** — Local Church Budget;
- May 28** — Local Conference Advance.

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WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

- May 2-7** — InTents meetings;
- May 6-8** — AGA Mother's Day Weekend;
- May 14** — WWU Cycling to Coeur d'Alene ride;
- May 21** — Spring Choral Concert, University Church, 5 p.m.;
- May 14, 15, 19, 21, 22** — wwudrama Spring Show, *Merchant of Venice*.

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Hands On Gardening Workshop

May 15 — Save the date for the Hands On Gardening Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Adventist Community Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd, Vancouver, WA 98665. Learn from Lynn Hoag of SunCountryGardens.com, via DVD, how to grow even better than the best organic healthy, tasty fruits and veggies, using Ellen G. White's methods and more. Bring lunch, a garden rake and shovel. Cost is \$25 per person/couple. Free to previous attendees. If you bring someone new, get \$5 credit. For more information, contact Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com or call 360-609-1461. Early registration recommended.

Safe in the Arms of Jesus Seminar

May 15 — You are invited to attend the Safe in the Arms of Jesus seminar by Melody Radde on Sunday at 3 p.m. Not only is Radde a certified first responder for those who are in abuse or domestic violence situations, but she has personally experienced the chaos. Whether you are in an unhealthy relationship or not, this seminar is for you. You likely know someone who is struggling in this area. Get educated so you

can help them. This event is free, but an offering will be taken for the Community Services Center. Free babysitting by screened providers. Journey Church, 1185 Westside Highway, Kelso, WA 98626. RSVP to the church office at 360-423-7344.

Alumni Weekend Event

May 20-21 — Rogue Valley Adventist Academy (formerly Rogue River Academy, Rogue River Junior Academy and Rogue Valley Adventist School) is hosting an alumni weekend event. Beginning with a Friday evening vespers at 7 p.m., Sabbath church service at 11 a.m. with a potluck to follow, and a Saturday night program. We invite all students who graduated from or attend our school to come and enjoy some great fellowship. All events will be held in the gym at 3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, Ore. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 541-773-2988.

Better Life Broadcasting Camp Meeting

June 10-11 — Better Life Broadcasting Camp Meeting at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore. The keynote speaker will be Stephen Bohr. There will be special musical guests and more. For additional information or to register, visit BLBN.org or call 541-474-3089.

Volunteers Needed

Aug. 26-28 — Impact Your Health is coming to Portland, Ore. Volunteers for the general events, as well as people in the medical, dental, vision and children's ministries fields, are needed. Register to volunteer at AmenSDA.org/mission/info/Portland-OR. Anyone interested in helping out with coordinating and planning for this event, contact Jenny Jin at jenny@JinFamily.com or 408-805-5864 or Carl Parker at peopleministries@gmail.com or 971-803-2337.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Northern Idaho Regional Camp Meeting

June 8-11 — Northern Idaho Regional Camp Meeting at the Cornerstone School, 513357 Highway 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805. Speakers include Lyle Albrecht, Eric Flickinger, Andrew DePaula, Elizabeth Talbot and Joshua Shelton. More information and reservations at <http://campmeeting.bfsda.org>.

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Employment

UNION COLLEGE seeks committed Adventist social work program director effective January 2017. Essential qualifications include an MSW (relevant doctorate preferred) and two years' professional social work experience. Successful teaching also valued. Email letter of interest and CV to Dr. Denise White, Chair of Human Development, dewhite@ucollege.edu.

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LITTLE SPARROWS



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Those two weeks of turbulent emotions that ended in unspeakable grief also produced profound inspiration. The family began a Facebook page entitled “#prayforNoah.” As the family shared updates online, the page grew to well over 3,500 followers — and those followers began sharing testimonies. Some told of praying for the first time in years, while others told stories of praying for the first time. His story brought people to their knees.

Noah called upon the church to become the body of Christ, as people opened their hearts and lent their hands and the contents of their purse to provide assistance of every imaginable kind. The outpouring of love and gifts was so great, Noah’s family was able to share out of their abundance with other people in the hospital. Instead of sitting alone, worried, grieving and anxious souls found comfort in new friends and the kindness of faith communities operating in

the spirit of those early believers in Acts 2.

Churches connected to the story experienced a greater depth of experience during Passion Week. Just as Christ experienced darkness and apparent silence from God as He suffered on the cross, believers had to work through their own dark nights of the soul. Many had their shallow faith shaken. They moved beyond insipid platitudes and clichés to work through deeper themes of theodicy, justice, suffering and what it means to wrestle with God ... and even disappointment with God and a world of sin. Those close to Noah’s story didn’t just attend church as usual — they wept, they felt, they stayed home and agonized, they cried out for something more than the horrific realities of a world many are often too comfortable in.

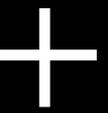
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In his last moments, Noah was able to make donations to help other children live — demonstrating the words of Jesus, “Greater



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sparrow falls to the ground without God’s noticing, so we should have hope because we are worth more than sparrows (Matt. 10:29). For this reason passages like 1 Thessalonians 4 encourage not to grieve like others do, but to have hope because those who have “fallen asleep” will rise again when Jesus comes — especially inspirational little sparrows like Noah.

When that day comes, the heaven and earth that awaits will be new, and the God who notes every hair on our head, and each little bird that falls to the ground, will remember Noah and countless other beautiful children like him. Revelation 21 promises that God will wipe away every tear. Pain and death

will no longer interrupt our lives — and nothing will separate us from our Savior or each other.

With such love in Noah’s heart, such a testimony on his lips and such an impact on so many who continue to “#rememberNoah,” we can have assurance of seeing Noah again on that bright morning, when all little sparrows will soar like eagles into the arms of Jesus.

Noah’s family has been inspired to raise awareness for pediatric stroke in order to prevent misdiagnosis that can lead to loss of life. Please take time to explore <http://chasa.org>.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

love has no one than this; to lay down one’s life for another” (John 15:13). While his illness and death were not voluntary, we know from his own testimony that he had the love of Jesus dwelling in his heart.

Just before his stroke, Noah had been involved with the passion play at Auburn Adventist Academy. During practice, while he watched people put Jesus on the cross, Noah began to talk about how Jesus was coming back and how everyone that had fallen asleep would be raised from the ground. Noah elaborated on how everyone who dies just

sleeps until Jesus wakes them up. The 6-year-old theologian knew where to place his hope and reminded us where to put ours.

The Hebrew Scriptures tell us that “God remembered Noah . . .” (Gen. 8:1) after the catastrophic death toll and the chaos of the deluge. God remembered His servant, even the animals, and led them to a restored world. Jesus tells us that not even the smallest



EIGHT 'SECRETS' TO HEALTH

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uring my first West Coast pastorate, my son came down with a stubborn rash. Perplexed, our family physician referred us to Sang Lee as “the best allergist in Orange County.”

Lee’s tests identified the irritant: a eucalyptus bush in our yard. He suggested a particular diet for optimal health. I surveyed his list of recommended foods and smiled. “We already eat this way,” I told him. “Seventh-day Adventists have been doing so for more than a century.”

Lee was amazed. “How did Seventh-day Adventists get such advanced information?” he asked. “Is there something you have that I can read?”

His sudden request startled me. I hesitated, silently praying about what to give him. Well, what else? Ellen White’s *Ministry of Healing*.

I told him, “Back in 1905, an Adventist woman wrote a book that says everything you are telling your patients today.” I brought him a copy.

The following Sabbath, his white Mercedes ventured into our church parking lot. The Korean Adventists in Anaheim, California, studied the Bible with Lee and soon baptized him. He went on to become a world-renown advocate of Adventist living.

The zeal of a new convert! I wonder whether longtime Sev-

enth-day Adventists really appreciate our truth about theology and our truth about health. And do we value the role of Ellen White?

I admit that many Adventists have unwittingly abused her gift by trying to turn God’s messenger into the message. People often ask, “Do you believe in Ellen White?” Actually, it’s Jesus we believe in. Focusing faith on anyone else amounts to idolatry. Some Adventists go to the other extreme and reject Ellen White’s writings.

Not that everything she taught was original. Sister White warned that theology is rooted in



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“Nothing tends more to promote health of body and of soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise.” Ellen White

Scripture rather than in her writings. As for health, she didn't claim to invent good nutrition. But she did reveal divine discernment in selecting the best of what others were saying and rejecting the rest. *How did she know what to take and what to leave?*

Long after her death, the books of Ellen White still ride the crest of medical research. We hear warnings about saturated fat and cholesterol, when way back in 1868 she cautioned about the effects of animal fat in the bloodstream.

America is getting over its infatuation with the high-fat, low-carb Atkins diet. Now we hear about smart carbs — a diet rich in whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Well, that's exactly what Ellen White was recommending a century ago. She counseled against refined foods, particularly white flour and sugar, long before scientists even suspected that things such as vitamins get destroyed in the refining process.

For Ellen White, healthful living was not chasing after the top 10 tabloid diet fads.

She viewed health as a holistic lifestyle that meets the needs of body, mind and soul. At the core of her teaching on health are the eight natural remedies: “Pure air, sunlight, abstinence [that means a good strong “no!” when you need it], rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power — these are the true remedies.”¹ This old-fashioned Adventist wisdom represents the best of contemporary medical and nutritional science.

I'm fascinated that Ellen White recommended sunlight for good health. Until recently, medical science was scaring us about sunshine. Yes, overexposure to the sun increases the risk of skin cancer, but the latest research says that sunshine is good after all — in moderation, as with anything else. Now we hear that vitamin D in the body, stimulated by sunlight, destroys more life-threatening and hard-to-detect types of cancer than that which usually grows on the skin. One of many such scholarly articles, “Does sunlight have a beneficial influence on certain cancers?” suggests that

greater exposure to the sun in the southern United States explains why cancer deaths are fewer there than in the north.²

Another benefit of sunshine is that it boosts the spirit. Ellen White even recognized the health benefits of a good attitude: “Nothing tends more to promote health of body and of soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise.”³ “Gratitude and trust open the heart to the healing power of God, the energies of the whole being are vitalized, and the life forces triumph.”⁴

So let's be grateful for life and the lifestyle we have from Jesus, both now and for eternity.

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STEPPING OVER THE BARBED WIRE

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e came upon an empty house, broken and chipping, sitting behind a barbed-wire fence.

The sign on the fence read “Posted: No Trespassing,” resting at the top of a hill in the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. Strong, bending, reaching pines stood surrounding the house as the property sloped down to the valley.

There’s something curious about an abandoned old house where the window frames have shards of glass stuck in them and the broken wooden panes lie on the ground and the door is still locked. The wilderness is once again claiming the earth the house sits on.

Lately, I’ve been wondering if the church I grew up in will soon be an abandoned house with a wire fence around it with only a sign left on the gate saying “keep out” for my children to drive by and wonder why the owners have left and why the wilderness is taking back the earth the house sits on. It’s hard to look at a house that is old and broken and look in the window reflection to see my own brokenness staring back.

Church doesn’t start with a religion, denomination or a list of doctrines or a like-minded community. Church grows first in our hearts when Jesus becomes “the main thing,” as William G. Johnsson, former editor of the *Adventist Review*, put it.

Two weeks ago, I attended the Create Conference, which is

associated with The One Project. In attendance, there were 150 people of mixed professions — members committed to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its future. The Create Conference focused on the importance of the local church and the surrounding community.

During the Create Conference, Lisa Clark Diller, a history professor at Southern Adventist University, described her own experience of being a part of a church plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. To place heavy emphasis on the purpose of our local church congregations, Diller says, is to be physically local. “Church is part of the ecosystem,” Diller explained. She encouraged us to ask our local communities how the church can be a good neighbor because church involvement in the surrounding community should be a normal thing we do. “It’s easier to bear false witness when we don’t know our neighbors,” noted Diller, but “we try, we fail, we fail again, and maybe we’ll fail better.”

It’s not about keeping what we have inside our fence; it’s about growing where we have built our house and walking down the dirt driveway to where our neighbors live and breathe. When we commit to church, we commit to not only the people within our house, but the fathers, mothers, children, businesses, schools and community programs taking place physically in our backyard.



My dream is that the Seventh-day Adventist Church I grew up in won't be an abandoned house surrounded by barbed wire and a "No Trespassing" sign.

And I'm not talking about just the Adventist families, businesses or schools. No, it's *everyone*: the businessmen, the bartenders, the waitresses, the agnostics, the LGBTQs, the divorced, the unemployed ... all, including us, fall under grace! Extending grace isn't meant to be comfortable; it's meant to heal. Because the earth you grow a church on is a garden for everyone to reap the harvest of within the immediate surrounding blocks of the church community.

Building a healthy Jesus-centered church community isn't easy, and it's *going* to be messy. It requires us to be honest with ourselves and our own dirt. We as individuals and a community have to take the humbling step of looking in the mirror and asking ourselves, "Is Jesus the main thing?" And if our answer wavers (as it does because we're human), we get on our knees and ask for more of Him, less of us. Then we stand up and walk out the door of this house we've built and embrace the broken beings of our community — acknowledging that we are broken too — and extend the grace we keep receiving daily from the One who heals us all.

My dream is that the Seventh-day Adventist Church I grew up in won't be an abandoned house surrounded

by barbed wire and a "No Trespassing" sign on the gate for my children to drive by and wonder about. No, my dream is that the church I am a part of will not be labeled as a church building on the block, but as a group of people living in community together, reaping the harvest of grace and healing from the One we proclaim as our Savior. Jesus. All.

I wrote this article in response to my experience attending The One Project in Seattle in February and, specifically, the Create Conference, which was associated with The One Project. The Create Conference was a focused presentation and open discussion about the importance of the local church congregation and its surrounding community.

Mackenzie Thompson (pictured), Walla Walla University senior religion major

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TERROR

"The fearful are caught as often as the bold." Helen Keller

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he dim shape hunched threateningly near the closet door. Across the darkened bedroom, I waited under tightly pulled covers, terrified to move, lest the shadowy creature sense my presence. The light of

a significant increase in global acts of terrorism and terror-related fatalities.

The sordid work done by fanatical extremists is indeed evil. But I pause here for a bit of statistically ambiguous editorializing. We're far more

likely to bite the dust after getting tangled up with a deer, home appliance, bathtub, bed, ladder or, as someone once observed, a toddler,

than a terrorist. You can add in all sorts of other things we should be more intentional about solving — alcohol, diabetes, obesity, cancer.

But, aside from toddlers, none of those inspire the kind of fear we see every day on television news and forwarded on Facebook. Media moguls and, yes, even evangelists have found that terror sells a number of topics. According to online headlines I have read recently, we should be quaking in our boots over a litany of candidates. Take your pick: stock market declines, vaccination irregularities, ISIS atrocities, immigrant terrorists, homegrown militia extremists, local gang activities, climate change, the Zika virus, and on and on. This week's crisis will be so "yesterday" — just wait until Monday, and you'll really freak out.

I don't intend to be cavalier. These issues and

related tragedies require thoughtful response, to be sure. But they are also "click-bait." Click on an online link, and find yourself sucked into a subjective universe where facts are few and fear is abundant.

Terrorism's real strength is not among the dead and wounded. It relies on the fear it instills in those who look on. Why do we fall for this? Why do we buy into the rising cultural anxiety around us? Because we have allowed it to grab and hold our attention. What we behold, we become.

So let's turn the tables. In a world of bad news, let's fix our prime focus on the Good News. And, instead of wrapping ourselves in darkness or ignoring it altogether, let's run toward it as lightbearers. "Walk in the light, as He is in the light," says the apostle John. In today's world this must be an intentional, daily choice. And as we absorb the character of Jesus through valuable time with Him, we are equipped, day by day, to step forward with light to diminish the darkness.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

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day would reveal it as an amorphous pile of clothes draped over a chair. But my 4-year-old eyes couldn't imagine that. Not in the dead of night.

With intuitive wisdom, my mother slipped in to sit at the bedside and rub my back until sleep overtook unfounded fears. With morning light, beasts were banished and all was well. Yet no amount of parental explanation seemed to calm an early tendency toward these night terrors and my overactive imagination.

Today we could wish for unfounded fears. We could long for a bright new morning with a sweet voice assuring us that the fright was all just a bad dream. We could pray for no new suicide bombings or terrorists run amok. But truth is, recent years have seen

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