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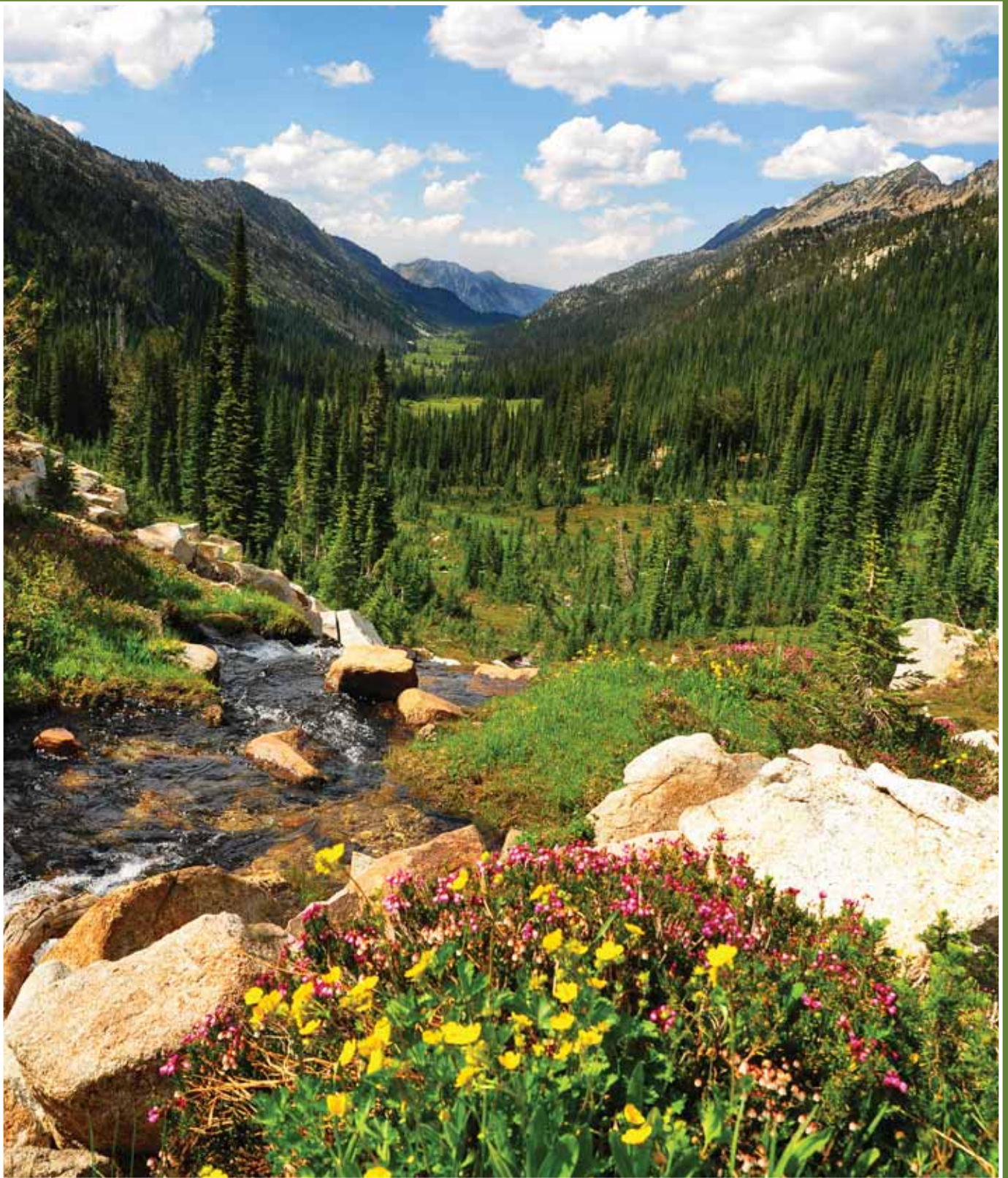
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IMAGES OF CREATION



*For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land — a land with brooks, streams,
and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills.*
DEUTERONOMY 8:7 (NIV)

'East Fork of Lostine Valley' in Wallowa County, Oregon, by Ken Rose of Enterprise, Oregon.

Love, Passion

35 Years of Regional Convocation

The history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is written with the lives of men and women filled with a love for God, courage to stand for right, and a compelling desire to see the Gospel go to “every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,” (Rev. 14:6). They possessed limited resources and, at times, had no support from the establishment. Yet, these pioneers forged ahead to fulfill a mission placed upon their hearts by the Holy Spirit.

A few years ago, I stood by the grave of Abraham La Rue in a little cemetery in Hong Kong. I wondered how this first missionary to Hong Kong felt when the church refused to send him to China because they felt he was not qualified. Undaunted, he raised his own money, bought a one-way ticket and boarded a ship in San Francisco heading to Hong Kong as a self-supporting missionary for Jesus.

H.M.S. Richards Sr. had the same pioneer spirit when he proposed using radio to spread the gospel, only to be told by church leaders it was a bad idea. Of course, years later, the success of *The Voice of Prophecy* was so overwhelming, even the doubters claimed they supported it from the beginning.

This year we are celebrating 35 years of the Regional Convocation. This milestone was made possible by a compelling drive of four men and two women who called themselves the Concerned Committee. Just what were they concerned about? They wanted to reach African-American communities in the Northwest with the Third Angel’s Message. And, in spite of determined opposition, they believed an African-American leader in the North Pacific Union Conference was crucial to the success of this cause.

Through much prayer, fasting and letter writing to the General Conference, the North American Divi-

sion, and the North Pacific Union Conference, they were able to persuade church leadership of the need for this appointment.

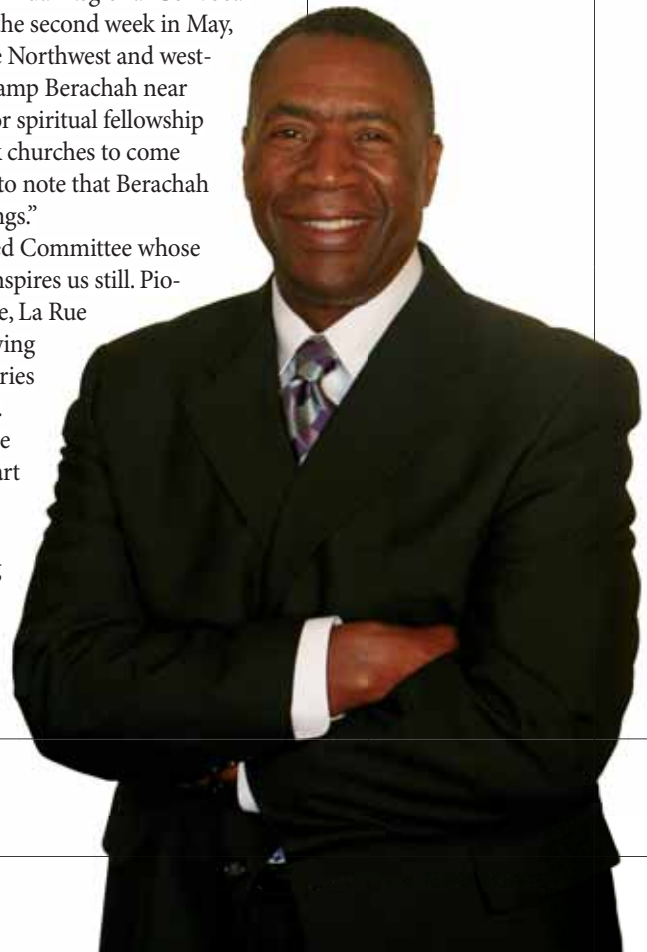
In 1977, an NPUC office for African leadership was established to serve the Northwest. One of the duties of the newly appointed regional affairs director was to create a venue to bring African-American churches together. Because of this, other ethnic leaders were brought on board in later years to support the rapidly growing multicultural work.

As the familiar song goes, “It only takes a spark to get a fire going ...” That initial spark from the Holy Spirit also birthed our annual Regional Convocation. Each year, during the second week in May, people from all over the Northwest and western Canada gather at Camp Berachah near Auburn, Washington, for spiritual fellowship and as a venue for black churches to come together. It’s significant to note that Berachah means “Valley of Blessings.”

I salute the Concerned Committee whose vision and dedication inspires us still. Pioneers like the committee, La Rue and Richards, are following Christ’s calling in countries around the world today.

Whatever burdens the Lord places on your heart for reaching men and women with the everlasting gospel, be strong and follow through with your convictions.

“Be strong and follow through with your convictions.”



ALPHONSO MCCARTHY
NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE
VICE PRESIDENT FOR REGIONAL AFFAIRS



New ASI-Northwest Officers Elected

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries Northwest chapter held its spring meeting April 28–May 1 on the beautiful shores of Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idaho. Those who attended were blessed and inspired with the prayer-breakfast message by Henry Martin and by featured weekend speakers Steve Wohlberg and Duane McKey. New officers are pictured here, from left: Rod Bartholomew, Barbara Black, Irwin Rogers, Carolyn McHan, Ron Oliver, Janet Evert and Nathanael Martin.

Whoops

I appreciate the good work you did on the article about the Orthodox priest who recently was baptized [May 2011, Orthodox Priest Baptized in Coeur d Alene Church]. I'd like to make a correction. I was identified as a Northwest evangelist. Actually, I am the evangelist with Life Discovery Series, which is associated with the It is Written ministry.

Thanks, Elder Jim Reinking Evangelist/Revivalist



New Idaho Vice President for Finance

John Rogers, most recently Oregon Conference undertreasurer, has accepted the invitation of the Idaho Conference Executive Committee to serve as vice president for finance. Rogers has spent the past 20 years in treasury work at the North Pacific Union Conference and Oregon Conference offices. Rogers, his wife Tonya, and their three children hope to make the transition to Idaho residency and work by the first of August.

New Blogs



Dear Counselor:

My husband and I have a niece at the local college. Since her parents are at a distant location, we have "adopted" her and often invite her to our home for meals or to come along with us on outings. More recently, we have found her rather distant and turning down our invitations. We have not changed our attitude at all, but it seems that she has. What should we do?

Read good advice from the staff at the Walla Walla University School of Education and Psychology this month on the *GLEANER* Blog.

Do You Have a Question?

Do you have an issue or question to send to "Dear Counselor?" Email it to talk@gleaneronline.org. Your identity will be kept anonymous but the content of your question will be shared with the WWU School of Education and Psychology so they can prepare an appropriate answer for you and other *GLEANER* readers.



Cheri Corder and the Surprise Message...

After a stressful week, Cheri was happily amazed to receive a huge bouquet of flowers. She was also amazed at the attached card. The sender had intended to say one thing — but the florist didn't get it quite right. What did the card say? Read about it in Cheri Corder's column on the *GLEANER* Blog.

Dying for a Good Relationship?

John Gottman, relationship guru, says 69 percent of all couples have relationship issues that are not resolvable.

"But the Masters of relationships do just fine despite their differences," Gottman says, "while the Disasters of relationships crash and burn."

Read Mike Jones' August column at the *GLEANER* Blog to discover five steps to become a Master at your relationship.



Add your comments to the *GLEANER* blog at www.GleanerOnline.org.



Adventists Supported Hitler?

You wrote [Let's Talk, June 2011] that some Adventists ... aligned with Hitler. Did I understand correctly? It's not going to change my love for my church because I am learning to be grounded on the Word of God. I just want to make sure in case someone from a different denomination brings it up. I am sure many others did the same. The way you put it is like the organization was behind Hitler. Please tell me who from our church was enthusiastic with this leader.

Teresa Hayden, Clayton, Washington

GLENER: In our research, it appears the world church did not subscribe to Hitler's agenda, yet some local leaders of that era did. A statement of apology published by Adventist church leaders from Austria and Germany in May 2005 acknowledges local Adventist congregations "excluded, separated and left [church members who

were] ... of Jewish origin to themselves so that they were delivered to imprisonment, exile or death." In addition, some Adventist congregations there expelled members of Jewish heritage. The statement goes on to make an important conclusion for us all: "The obedience we owe to the state authorities [should] not lead to giving up biblical convictions and values."

In spite of the intense pressures of those times, there were Adventists, such as John Weidner, who worked tirelessly to rescue many from the Nazi regime. For a fascinating read, check out the article from the *Adventist Review* available online at: <http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=92>.

Affirmation for Child-care Stance

As an Adventist working mom, I read Sue Patzer's interview [Free as Lambs, July 2011] with great interest. I really appreciated her compassionate, thoughtful views on child care in the 21st century. She's right! Child care is now an essential thread in the social fabric; it definitely is in our family. Our one-year-old is enrolled at Discoveryland in the Mt. Tabor (Portland, Oregon) Church, and my husband and I are so grateful that such a wonderful and obviously Christ-centered place exists.

Marianne Altman, Portland, Oregon

FROM THE GLEANER ARCHIVES

Can You Tell Us Where This Is?

We need your help. Do you recognize any of these faces? Do you have an idea of where and when the photo was taken? Help us identify this photo in our archives. Add your comments to the August Archival Photo on the GLEANER Blog at www.gleaneronline.org or email us at talk@gleaneronline.org.





2011 REGIONAL CONVOCATION

This year marks the 35th anniversary for Adventist African-Americans Annual Convocation/camp meeting. The yearly tradition was marked by over 1,500 African-American Adventists from all over the North Pacific Union Conference (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington) and western Canada flooding to rural Camp Berachah, near Auburn, Washington, for fellowship and praise from May 12–15.

The convocation celebrated more than three-and-a-half decades for Northwest Regional leadership and included these highlights: Calvin Preston, speaker; Rebecca Davis, young adult speaker; Ronald Pollard, youth speaker; James Evans, youth presenter; and music by Trevoce, a professional trio from Washington, D.C. "Though the Vision Tarry" was this year's theme.

Cindy R. Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor



Music is a large part of Convocation.



TODD GESSELE





Convocation provides a chance for area choirs to display talent. Here the Mass Choir performs under the direction of Patric Parris, North Pacific Union Conference regional affairs administrative assistant. Parris attended the first Convocation and now brings her grandchildren.



“In 1977 when the first convocation was held, there were only three churches with less than 600 members, and now there are 3,000 members and 13 or 14 churches,” says Byron Dulan, local historian and Washington Conference Community services/personal ministries director. “Convocation has been a time where they come and get their soul fix,” he says of the yearly meetings for his black brothers and sisters. Pictured here is Bob Moore, Northwest pastor. Good preaching is an exciting part of Convocation.



TODD GESSELE



Pictured here (from left) are Ramón J. Canals, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for Hispanic Ministries and Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs. The regional affairs position now serves multiple cultures and has paved the way for ethnic groups wishing to have a voice in church ministries.

Calvin Preston, main speaker for the 2011 Regional Convocation, addresses a 1,500 crowd with charisma typical of the event. Preston is currently the senior pastor at the West End Church in Atlanta, Georgia.



TODD GESSELE



Two Cultures
One God

"If you don't know where you come from, you can't know who you are or where you're going!"

— Byron Dulan

a Journey from Concern to Celebration

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The fact that organizations are born doesn't mean they are born healthy. Much like the physical body's health, church health is obtained, maintained, learned, developed and relearned.

It would be beautiful narrative to say the Adventist Church provided oasis in an otherwise hard society. And it would be "smoother" to say our denomination demonstrated equality beyond its time. Alas, since biblical counsel demands truth and journalistic ethics don't support revisionist history, the account (much like growth) is instead difficult.

But if the account stands for anything, it demonstrates Adventist Christians over time were teachable. It shows one culture learned extensions of moving forward, granting forgiveness and seeing situations afresh as newer generations arrive not wearing "race" lenses.

It shows the other culture learned the beauty of diversity, allowance for doing things other ways and how to insert courage in place of history.

But more important, it shows there is but ONE vision, ONE God and ONE family.

This year marked the 35th anniversary of the Adventist African-American's Annual Regional Convocation and camp meeting from May 12–15 at Camp Berachah, near Auburn, Washington. In celebration of the 2011 gathering, tribute was paid to six individuals who were key to the formation of the Northwest Regional Conference and the promotion of church equality. The Concerned Committee, a band of laypersons, received awards for their leadership over three-and-a-half decades ago.



Much has changed since 1977. Pictured here is the Concerned Committee as they appear today. Original members are recognized by Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for regional affairs during Regional Convocation 2011. From left they are: Alphonso and wife Re'nee Small, Mattie Crosby, Lucien Loiseau, Nathaniel Crosby, Juanita Barnes and Armand Loiseau.

A ROCKY START

During the 1960s, Jim Crow laws still existed in America. Civil unrest was felt everywhere. Additionally, Adventist churches, schools, hospitals, institutions and even the General Conference operated by segregation and/or with strict racial quotas. In 1962, a rather dramatic GC Session unfolded, calling national media attention.

In the mid '70s, a black Northwest teacher was fired without explanation. Six individuals: Juanita Barnes; Mattie and Nathaniel Crosby; Lucien Loiseau; Carl Parker; and Alfonso Small, talked with the principal and various conference officials. It became clear the termination

was not open for redress, and these laypersons soon fell into place as the Concerned Committee turned to the General Conference for answers. "There were questions about minority representation within the Adventist school system and overall representation within the whole organization," says Nathaniel Crosby, an original member.

A TURNING POINT

The situation escalated division-wide, and the General Conference sent two representatives to the committee to hear concerns. Regional black conferences had been erected; however Regional unions had not. Some felt that creating



Pictured here is the first Regional Convocation in 1977 at Sunset Lake. The Convocation has become an annual event for uniting black churches in the Northwest and western Canada.

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separate unions might perpetuate segregation. Others felt this layer of leadership was needed. Administrators were listening. An equal, if not creative, solution was the creation of the GC position of Regional Affairs director, a leader who would answer directly to the Union president and provide representation for black constituents. Edward White, pastor and natural leader, stepped into the role.

The Regional Affairs director also helped black churches organize evangelistic meetings for growth while helping to provide congregations with cultural-familiar worship.

A key event to connect-



Alphonso McCarthy walks across the stage at an early Regional Affairs Convocation. McCarthy is the 4th and current North Pacific Union Conference vice president for regional affairs.

ing these minority churches has been the annual Regional Convocation, similar to camp meeting. Originally these were held at the campground in Gladstone, Oregon, but later they were moved to other Northwest locations. Regional Convocation is now held at Camp Berachah.

UNITED CELEBRATIONS

Convocations have become a central force behind the group's growth and unity through the years. Convocations are open to all cultures and feature speakers from around the world. They also serve as training grounds for black leaders and their local churches.

Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Walla Walla University assistant to the president for diversity, professor of Biblical studies and missiology, remembers when he first realized there was a yearly meeting in which he could revive with the energy of holistic worship. "It's a wonderful time to be engaged with God's people and to feel His spirit actually moving not just internally but you see it externally," he says. Maynard-

Reid teaches Sabbath School lessons and brings university students to convocation. "Our church is largely diverse and ethnic," he says. "I think it would be helpful for those who have never experienced that to at least come



The story has a redemptive ending. Pictured here is, Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for regional affairs, and Max Torkelsen II, NPUC president, address a large audience during this year's Regional Convocation. Moments like these symbolize the unity and diversity which hallmark modern convocations.

and see that God is working in other cultures and ways. It's good for the unity of the church."

Byron Dulan*, Washington Conference community services and personal ministries director, says, "These 35 years of yearly Convocations have been key in the development of the church and members look forward to them each year."

*We give special thanks to Byron Dulan, Washington Conference community services and personal ministries director for the historical material used in this feature.

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2 Dulan, Byron. *35 Years of the Regional Convocation in the Northwest*. Self Published, 2011. Print.

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The first convocation in 1977 is held at Sunset Lake.

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Northwest Adventist Schools

All Seventh-day Adventist schools in the North Pacific Union Conference, including Walla Walla University, admit students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Superintendent - Tom Maher (Interim)

| SCHOOL NAME | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE | PRINCIPAL | GR. |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| Amazing Grace Academy | PO Box 3229, Palmer, AK 99645 | (907) 745-2691 | Dane Bailey | K-9 |
| Anchorage Junior Academy | 5511 O'Malley Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507 | (907) 346-2164 | Aaron Woehler | K-8 |
| Dillingham Adventist School | PO Box 182, Dillingham, AK 99576 | (907) 842-2496 | Rod Rau | K-8 |
| Golden Heart Christian School | PO Box 82997, Fairbanks, AK 99708 | (907) 479-2904 | Barbara Quaille | K-8 |
| Juneau Adventist Christian School | 4890 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK 99801 | (907) 780-4336 | Nickie Romine | 1-8 |
| Sitka Adventist School | 1613 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka, AK 99835 | (907) 747-8855 | Holly Dysart | 1-8 |

IDAHO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Superintendent - To be determined

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| Gem State Adventist Academy | 16115 S Montana Ave, Caldwell, ID 83607 | (208) 459-1627 | Peter McPherson | 9-12 |
| Adventist Christian Academy | PO Box 50156, Idaho Falls, ID 83405 | (208) 528-8582 | Brendy Brehm | 1-8 |
| Baker Valley Adventist School | 42171 Chico Rd, Baker City, OR 97814 | (541) 523-4165 | Byron Schurch | 1-8 |
| Boise Valley Adventist School | 925 N Cloverdale Rd, Boise, ID 83713 | (208) 376-7141 | Don Driver | K-8 |
| Caldwell Adventist Elementary School | 2317 Wisconsin Ave, Caldwell, ID 83605 | (208) 459-4313 | Bonny Smith | K-8 |
| Desert View Christian School | PO Box 124, Mountain Home, ID 83647 | (208) 580-0512 | Carrie Tow | 1-8 |
| Eagle Adventist Christian School | 538 W State St, Eagle, ID 83616 | (208) 938-0093 | Jordan Lindsay | K-8 |
| Enterprise Adventist School | PO Box N, Enterprise, OR 97828 | (541) 426-8339 | Dan Webster | 1-8 |
| Hilltop Adventist School | 131 Grandview Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301 | (208) 733-0799 | Andy Roy | K-8 |
| Jessie Clark Adventist School | 1451 Jessie Clark Ln, Pocatello, ID 83202 | (208) 237-3338 | Pam Butherus | K-8 |
| La Grande Adventist School | PO Box 1025, La Grande, OR 97850 | (541) 963-6203 | Cheryl De La Rosa | 1-8 |
| McCall Adventist Christian School | 3592 Longview Rd, McCall, ID 83638 | (208) 634-0053 | Harold Appel | 1-8 |
| Salmon Adventist School | 400 Fairmont St, Salmon, ID 83467 | (208) 756-4439 | April Copley | 1-8 |
| Treasure Valley Adventist School | PO Box 396, Payette, ID 83661 | (208) 642-2410 | Valerie Iwasa | 1-8 |

MONTANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

175 Canyon View Rd · Bozeman, MT 59715 · (406) 587-3101
Superintendent - Archie Harris

| Mount Ellis Academy | 3641 Bozeman Trail Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715 | (406) 587-5178 | Darren Wilkins | 9-12 |
|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Blodgett View Christian School | 119 Westbridge Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840 | (406) 363-0575 | Janet Riley | 1-8 |
| Central Acres Christian School | 3204 Broadwater Ave, Billings, MT 59102 | (406) 652-1799 | Autumn Paskell | 1-8 |
| Five Falls Christian School | 2930 Flood Rd, Great Falls, MT 59404 | (406) 452-6883 | Pennie Wredberg | K-8 |
| Glacier View Adventist Christian School | 36332 Mud Creek Lane, Ronan, MT 59864 | (406) 676-5142 | Karen Sharpe | 1-8 |
| Helena Adventist Christian School | 2410 Belt View Dr, Helena, MT 59601 | (406) 465-6451 | Arlene Lambert | 1-8 |
| Highland View Christian School | 2500 Grand Ave, Butte, MT 59701 | (406) 221-7044 | Kathy Edwards | 1-8 |
| Libby Adventist Christian School | 206 Airfield Rd, Libby, MT 59923 | (406) 293-8613 | Cindy Patten | 1-8 |
| Mount Ellis Adventist Elementary | 3835 Bozeman Trail Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715 | (406) 587-5430 | Darren McDaniel | K-8 |
| Mountain View Adventist School | 1010 Clements Rd, Missoula, MT 59804 | (406) 543-6223 | Jared Meharry | 1-8 |
| Trout Creek Adventist School | 3020 MT Highway 200, Trout Creek, MT 59874 | (406) 827-3099 | Brian Iseminger | 1-8 |
| Valley Adventist Christian School | 1275 Helena Flats Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901 | (406) 752-0830 | Ben Pflugrad | 1-8 |

OREGON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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| Columbia Adventist Academy | 11100 NE 189th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604 | (360) 687-3161 | Matthew Butte | 9-12 |
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| Livingstone Adventist Academy | 5771 Fruitland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301 | (503) 363-9408 | Jon Dickerson | K-12 |
| Milo Adventist Academy | PO Box 278, Days Creek, OR 97429 | (541) 825-3200 | Randy Bovee | 9-12 |
| Portland Adventist Academy | 1500 SE 96th Ave, Portland, OR 97216 | (503) 255-8372 | Gale Crosby | 9-12 |
| Rogue Valley Adventist Academy | 3675 S Stage Rd, Medford, OR 97501 | (541) 773-2988 | Larry Aldred | K-12 |
| Canyonville Adventist Elementary School | PO Box 1155, Canyonville, OR 97417 | (541) 839-4053 | To be determined | 1-8 |
| Central Valley Christian School | 31630 Highway 34, Tangent, OR 97389 | (541) 928-7820 | Julia Dewey | K-9 |
| Countryside Christian School | 88401 Huston Rd, Veneta, OR 97487 | (541) 935-6446 | Darlene Armstrong | 1-8 |
| Emerald Christian Academy | 35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455 | (541) 746-1708 | Chris Tait | K-10 |
| Gold Coast Christian School | 2175 Newmark Ave, North Bend, OR 97420 | (541) 756-6307 | Peggy Fisher | 1-8 |
| Grants Pass Adventist School | 2250 NW Heidi Ln, Grants Pass, OR 97526 | (541) 479-2293 | Thomas Kennedy | K-10 |
| Hood View Junior Academy | PO Box 128, Boring, OR 97009 | (503) 663-4568 | Holley Bryant | K-8 |
| Kelso-Longview Adventist School | 96 Garden St, Kelso, WA 98626 | (360) 423-9250 | Tracy Lang | K-8 |
| Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School | 2499 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 | (541) 882-4151 | Roberta Crenshaw | 1-8 |
| Lincoln City Adventist School | 2126 NE Surf Ave, Lincoln City, OR 97367 | (541) 994-5181 | Edward Hollister | 1-12 |
| Madras Christian School | 66 SE H St, Madras, OR 97741 | (541) 475-7545 | To be determined | K-8 |
| Madrone Adventist School | 4300 Holland Loop Rd, Cave Junction, OR 97523 | (541) 592-3330 | Amy Whitchurch | 1-8 |
| McMinnville Adventist Christian School | 1349 NW Elm St, McMinnville, OR 97128 | (503) 472-3336 | Bruce Schmidt | K-8 |
| Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School | 18717 NE 109th Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604 | (360) 687-5121 | Brian Allison | K-8 |
| Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School | 1100 22nd St, Hood River, OR 97031 | (541) 386-3187 | Peter Hardy | K-10 |
| Milo Adventist Elementary School | PO Box 278, Days Creek, OR 97429 | (541) 825-3514 | To be determined | 1-8 |
| Portland Adventist Elementary | 3990 NW 1st St, Gresham, OR 97030 | (503) 665-4102 | Robert McDonald | K-8 |
| Rivergate Adventist Elementary School | 1505 Ohlson Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027 | (503) 656-0544 | Ann Campbell | K-8 |
| Riverside Adventist Christian School | PO Box 367, Washougal, WA 98671 | (360) 835-5600 | Dan Wister | K-8 |
| Roseburg Junior Academy | 1653 NW Troost St, Roseburg, OR 97471 | (541) 673-5278 | Dan Willbanks | K-10 |
| Scappoose Adventist School | PO Box 889, Scappoose, OR 97056 | (503) 543-6939 | Ricardo Peinado | K-8 |
| Shady Point Adventist School | PO Box 216, Eagle Point, OR 97524 | (541) 826-2255 | Connalyn Allred | 1-8 |
| Three Sisters Adventist Christian School | 21155 Tumalo Rd, Bend, OR 97701 | (541) 389-2091 | Mark Griffin | K-10 |
| Tillamook Adventist School | 4300 12th St, Tillamook, OR 97141 | (503) 842-6533 | Hector Alvarez Jr. | K-10 |
| Tualatin Valley Academy | 21975 SW Baseline Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123 | (503) 649-5518 | Dennis Kingma | K-10 |
| West Valley Christian School | PO Box 38, Willamina, OR 97396 | (503) 879-5812 | Rebecca Aylsworth | 1-8 |



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| Walla Walla Valley Academy | 300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324 | (509) 525-1050 | John Deming | 9-12 |
| BeaconChristian School | 615 Stewart Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501 | (208) 743-8361 | Richard Rasmussen | 1-8 |
| Brewster Adventist Christian School | 115 Valley Rd, Brewster, WA 98812 | (509) 689-3213 | Gordon Smith | 1-8 |
| Colville Valley Adventist School | 139 E Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114 | (509) 684-6830 | Lisa Cook | 1-8 |
| Cornerstone Christian School | PO Box 1877, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805 | (208) 267-1644 | Dennis Shelton | K-8 |
| Countryside Adventist Elementary School | 12109 W Seven Mile Rd, Spokane, WA 99224 | (509) 466-8982 | Phyllis Radu | 1-8 |
| Crestview Christian School | 1601 W Valley Rd, Moses Lake, WA 98837 | (509) 765-4632 | Melissia Wallen | K-9 |
| Farmington Christian School | PO Box 187, Farmington, WA 99128 | (509) 287-2601 | Jennifer Wintermeyer | 1-8 |
| Goldendale Adventist School | PO Box 241, Goldendale, WA 98620 | (509) 773-3120 | Robin Molina | 1-8 |
| Grandview Adventist School | 106 N Elm St, Grandview, WA 98930 | (509) 882-3817 | June Graham | K-8 |
| Harris Junior Academy | 3121 SW Hailey Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801 | (541) 276-0615 | Laurie Hosey | K-10 |
| Hermiston Junior Academy | 1300 NW Academy Ln, Hermiston, OR 97838 | (541) 567-8523 | Randy Foss | K-9 |
| Lake City Junior Academy | 111 E Locust Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 | (208) 667-0877 | Ron Jacaban | K-10 |
| Milton-Stateline Adventist School | 53565 W Crockett Rd, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 | (541) 938-7131 | Leslie Briggs | K-8 |
| Omak Adventist Christian School | PO Box 3294, Omak, WA 98841 | (509) 826-5341 | Jennifer Hoffpauir | 1-8 |
| Palisades Christian Academy | 1115 N Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224 | (509) 325-1985 | Stephanie Gates | K-10 |
| Palouse Hills Christian School | 3148 Tomer St, Moscow, ID 83843 | (208) 882-0350 | Daniel Tyler | K-8 |
| Peaceful Valley Christian School | PO Box 1062, Tonasket, WA 98855 | (509) 486-4345 | Jacqueline Jager | 1-8 |
| Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School | PO Box 1066, Newport, WA 99156 | (208) 437-2638 | Katie Rowe | 1-9 |
| Rogers Adventist School | 200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324 | (509) 529-1850 | Jim Weller | K-8 |
| Saint Maries Christian School | 216 N 9th St, Saint Maries, ID 83861 | (208) 245-2274 | Aleida Quick | 1-8 |
| Sandpoint Junior Academy | 2255 W Pine St, Sandpoint, ID 83864 | (208) 263-3584 | Charla Suppe | K-10 |
| Spokane Valley Adventist School | 1603 S Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037 | (509) 926-0955 | Terry Lee | K-9 |
| Tri-City Junior Academy | 4115 W Henry St, Pasco, WA 99301 | (509) 547-8092 | Anthony Oucharek | K-10 |
| Upper Columbia Academy Elementary | 3025 E Spangle-Waverly Rd, Spangle, WA 99031 | (509) 245-3629 | Christopher Duckett | 1-8 |
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ACCION

“Un Hogar Sano, Fragante y Feliz”

El día comenzó con mucha actividad: preparar la comida y decorar los salones para el programa. Así empezó el Evento de Un Día de la Mujer Hispana, en la Conferencia de Washington, el 1 de Mayo, 2011. El tema principal fue “Un Hogar Sano, Fragante y Feliz”. Tuvimos un programa lleno de actividades e ilustraciones,

principal y las actividades de desafío de grupo.

Pero eso no fue todo. Ramon Castelo y Alex Vera, ayudaron con la preparación de los alimentos. Ellos sirvieron un delicioso refrigerio que incluía una ensalada de frutas frescas. En total, tuvimos una asistencia de 60 damas quienes fuimos grandemente bendecidas.

infantiles y de capacitación de maestros al nivel de la División Norteamericana. Ellos demostraron nuevas herramientas para la enseñanza de los niños. Fuimos bendecidos con el material provisto y tuvimos buena representación de nuestras iglesias del área.

Otro evento que fue de gran éxito fue el entrenamiento para la Escuela Bíblica de Verano. Fue dirigido por el ABC local, la Academia Adventista de Auburn, y el Ministerio Infantil de la Conferencia de Washington. Tomó lugar el 17 de Abril 2011, en la Academia Adventista de Auburn. El tema fue, “Nazaret, Lugar Donde Jesús Creció”. La presentadora para las iglesias anglosajonas vino de la compañía “Group”, quienes son los productores de VBS, Nazaret y Pandamenia. Para las iglesias Hispánas el tema fue el mismo, pero la programación fue más interactiva. Tuvimos más de



Laboratorio de Escuela Bíblica de Verano - Alixa Ureta y Angela Ayala hacen una vasija de barro.

100 personas presentes. Fue un éxito para la honra y gloria de Dios y ya tenemos varias de nuestras iglesias Hispánas preparándose para presentar su Escuela Bíblica de Verano para el 2011.

Por Nesity V. Pittau
y Abigail Pozo



Evento de la Mujer Hispana - Abigail Pozo organiza las manualidades.

con mucha oración y alegría. Contamos con la ayuda indispensable de un grupo de hermanas muy talentosas y dispuestas a apoyar. La decoración fue diseñada por Abigail Pozo, Jeannette Castro y Nadine Grieve. Lourdes Padilla nos ayudó a organizar los grupos de oración donde las damas pudieron dedicar tiempo para orar por sus peticiones y compartir sus agradecimientos a Dios. Abigail Pozo llevó adelante los grupos de manualidades y cada dama pudo llevar de recuerdo a su casa un saché de potpurri. Jeannette Castro y Nesity Pittau se encargaron del tema

Lanzamiento de Actividades del Ministerio Infantil

“Instruye al niño en su camino, y aun cuando fuere viejo no se apartará de él.” (Proverbios 22:6)

Por la gracia de Dios en este año El nos ha permitido tener dos eventos extraordinarios en Washington. En Abril 1-3 tuvimos el Taller de Escuela Sabática Infantil a nivel de conferencia. Nuestros invitados, los profesores Margi y Humberto Lopez de la Conferencia de Florida, tienen más de 25 años de experiencia en el desarrollo de programas



Laboratorio de Escuela Bíblica de Verano - Francisca Domínguez enseña hacer aceite de oliva.

Alaska Pathfinders Warm Cold Camp Tuk!

Finally, after several years of waiting, Pathfinders are back at Camp Tuskoyka in Big Lake, Alaska,” says Tafi Toleafoa, Anchorage-Samoan Pathfinder Club leader to Ann Altaffer, the new Alaska Conference Pathfinder coordinator.

The chilly waters of Mosquito Point in Big Lake did not pose a challenge to 80 Pathfinders and staff who spent the weekend of May 27–29 camping for the Alaska Pathfinder Camporee. Strict cabin inspections, flag rising and fire-pit devotionals warmed the enthusiastic campers. Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president

and self-appointed camp boat captain, led spiritual emphasis beside the campfire.

Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference Pathfinder director, dwelling on the Camporee theme “Called to Shine,” led out in the Sabbath church service. Campers were delighted by Wood’s animated presentation of the calling of the young prophet Samuel.

A Denali Golden Eagle, presented by Mary Beth Wright, from the Bird Treatment and Learning Center, was the most popular matinee of the Camporee. Birding honors were awarded to all Pathfinders.

Sabbath afternoon marked the more intense showcase of diorama making, as miniature models of Creation week and the Sanctuary were conceptualized by each club.

“We are coming back next year!” said Toby Fuller, Delta Junction Pathfinder coordinator, as he led his team to first place in the Egg Drop contest.

Butch Palmero, Alaska Conference Pathfinder director, reminded Pathfinders as they left: “You are all called to shine, dear Pathfinders. You are our precious shining jewels — shine on forever in your communities, schools and churches.

God wants you to light your surroundings.”

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Conference Pathfinder director

Delta Junction Pathfinders attempt knot-tying skills in the Egg Drop contest.



Defining Moment

A defining moment came to the Palmer (Alaska) Church when nine Bible-study groups were organized to become “laboring laborers for the harvest.” Gayle Lasher, Washington Conference Bible worker, accepted an invitation from Aaron Payne, Palmer Church pastor, to conduct a retreat teaching members how to share faith. Participants read Philip Samaan’s *Christ’s Way of Reaching People*.

Prior to Lasher’s arrival, Payne presented sermons on the Holy Spirit and Luke 10:2. Their Christ-centered sermons emphasized a relationship with Jesus and understanding how He reached people. Lasher underscored an ongoing theme that ministering to the needs of others “as one who desired their

good,” needs to be intentional (selected from *The Ministry of Healing*).

Members viewed tools for friendship and exercising hospitality with deeper insight and appreciation. Accepting the challenge in Luke 10:2, mem-

bers volunteered to host Bible-study groups. The host families chosen were: Kenn and Amy Albertsen, Monte and Jerilyn Burtch, Rob and Cora Carleson, Erik and Angela Carlson, Matthew and Bonnie Olson, Wayne and Wanda Parker, Aaron and

Peggy Payne, Brian and Dee Tapley, and Paul and Carol Woodward. Study topics include: The True Vine (John 15), Christ’s Way of Reaching People, The Crucified Walk, Just like Jesus, Job and Christ’s Object Lessons. Two of the other studies already in place include the mid-week Manna held at the church and a women’s group study. Following the retreat, Payne preached to a diverse audience an using eight-sermon reaping series on *The Radical Teachings of Jesus* by Derek Morris. A few weeks later, Shawn Brinkman presented 17 nights of Share-Him lectures, inspiring and encouraging members and non-members alike.

Mary LaVarnway, Palmer Church communication leader



Boise Pathfinder Icon

Celebrates 50 Years of Service

Boise (Idaho) Ponderosa Pathfinder icon, Walker Roles, was honored for 50 years of Pathfinder service at the Cloverdale (Idaho) Church on Sabbath, June 4.

Roles started working with the Boise Ponderosa Pathfinder Club around 1958, under the direction of Gordon Harris, “Mr. Pathfinder.” Harris started the first Idaho Pathfinder Club in Nampa, Idaho, in 1952.

Then, Pathfinders was a new organization, having just been adopted by the General Conference in 1950. Harris started the Boise Club in 1955; at times it had nearly 100 members.

When Harris stepped down as leader, he suggested Roles take over as the director. Roles did and has served as director



EVE RUSK

David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, talks with Walker Roles and Myrna Ferguson at the shamburger and french fry meal after the celebration.

and in other capacities off and on throughout the years. Most recently, he has cooked shamburgers and french fries for the club’s fundraisers at Idaho Conference club events.

Roles has taken a few breaks from Pathfinders for health

reasons. Because of this, he was unable to attend the first International Pathfinder Camporee in Vail, Colo.; however, he has not missed one since. He attended Dare to Care in Colorado, as well as the three camporees in Oshkosh, Wis.:

Discover the Power, Faith on Fire and Courage to Stand. He has already purchased his ticket for Forever Faithful in 2014.

The Pathfinder Club commemorated the day with the presentation of a 50-year service star; a framed series of photos of Roles, which will be prominently displayed in the club trophy case; and a video/slide presentation featuring his various Pathfinder activities.

Roles feels Pathfinders is a means of keeping young people involved in the church — not only in Idaho, but all over the world.

Myrna Ferguson, Eagle Church member

Caldwell Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

Special weekend services were held May 13–14 to celebrate the Caldwell Church’s 50th anniversary of worshipping in the current church facility.

The weekend’s celebration began Friday evening with an ice-cream social followed by a music and praise vespers service moderated by Dwayne Kluchesky, former associate pastor.

Scott LeMert, former pastor, spoke at the Sabbath worship service, entreating everyone to continue trusting in Jesus, especially during trials and tribulations.

During the afternoon meeting Lloyd Looney, a long-time church member, and Betty Jo Bishop Vercio gave a special tribute to Clare Bishop, the pastor during the construction and occupancy of the church. It is noteworthy that it took just 10 months from groundbreaking until the church was occupied and dedicated, debt-free in May 1961. Music and memories by several long-time members were also shared during the afternoon meeting. The weekend celebration concluded with a rededication of both the church facility and members’ lives to

God’s service.

Those who attended celebrated God’s wonderful love and care through the past 50 years, recognizing that He is living presently in the temple of His

people and that He has promised to come again and take His children to live with Him.

Mary Kelley, Caldwell Church communication leader

James Berglund, current pastor, interviews Johnny Portenier, long-time church member, during the afternoon rededication service.



DEBBIE WOOD



Belgrade/ Livingston/Big Timber Welcome New Pastoral Couple

The Belgrade/Livingston/Big Timber (Mont.) District is very pleased to have Rollin Hixson and his wife, Kathleen, as the new pastoral couple. Rollin is not a stranger to the Montana Conference, having pastored in the Havre/Shelby District. He has also served in the Alaska and Washington conferences. Rollin replaced Bill Smith, pastor, who has moved to the Hot Springs/Ronan (Mont.) district. The Hixsons have two grown children and are also proud grandparents. We welcome them back to Montana.

Ruth Stanton, Belgrade Church member

Newest Member of the Montana Conference Office Staff

Barry L. Taylor has joined the Montana Conference office staff after being selected by the Board of Trustees in May 2011. He will serve as the new Planned Giving and Trust Services director. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology at Union College and later a Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University Theological Seminary. Currently, Taylor is in the leadership cohort of the doctor of ministry program through Andrews University. He has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a pastor in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the Mid America Union as well as the Oregon



Pictured here is Barry L. Taylor, the newest member of the Montana Conference office staff, and his family.

Conference in the North Pacific Union. He has a rich experience in serving a wide variety of churches with leadership opportunities. These churches have ranged from rural, multi-church districts to city churches and, most recently, the Champion Academy Church in Loveland, Colo., where he has served for the past 10 years. Taylor and his wife, Judy, were both raised in Canada. He is an accomplished trumpet player and a collector of early Adventist books. She is a registered dental hygienist. They have one daughter, Ashley, who is enrolled in the nursing program at Southern Adventist University.

Battle Ground HealthCare Opens to the Public

On May 22, Battle Ground HealthCare officially opened its doors to the community. Vickie Marsh's vision was key to seeing this clinic become a reality. From the visioning process to the planning committee and her service on the board, Marsh has helped make this dream possible.

Jens Metzger, an internal medicine doctor, has worked with a free clinic in southwest Washington for 10 years. Metzger has a passion for helping patients with chronic needs, and has accepted the responsibility of medical director for the clinic.

Empowering Church Health-care Outreach provides consultants to clinics providing free health care. ECHO consultant



Picture here are, from left: Jeff Fry, Battle Ground HealthCare board director; Ruthie Gohl, executive director; and Michael Ciraulo, Battle Ground mayor, at the grand opening ceremony.

Jane Jones has been an integral part of advising throughout the clinic's start-up process.

The grand opening was attended by Battle Ground City Council members and planning commission, local firemen, and many Christians from a variety of denominations. Michael Ciraulo, Battle Ground mayor, cut the ribbon and presented a cer-

tificate to the clinic, recognizing their efforts to serve and their investment in the community's future.

Initially, Battle Ground HealthCare will be open Tuesdays from 6–9 p.m. The clinic will be helping those with chronic health conditions who are 18–65 years old, uninsured and with an income below the

federal poverty line. Every visit is by appointment.

Learn more about Battle Ground HealthCare at www.battlegroundhealthcare.org.

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director

Eugene Church Experiences a 'Memorable' Sermon



Recently, Keith Zaugg took the worship service at the Eugene (Ore.) Church to recite (in character) the entire book of James. As he did, it was with the passion Zaugg imagined the author would have expressed. Many followed along with their Bibles to see how closely he followed biblical text. They expressed: "He didn't miss a word!"

Zaugg attended Laurelwood Academy and remembers hearing Bob King, a student from Auburn Academy, recite a chapter from the book *Desire of Ages*. This inspired Zaugg to memorize the last chapter of the book *The Great Controversy*. Over the past 20 years Zaugg has applied himself to the

task of memorizing scripture. To date he has logged the Sermon on the Mount, the book of James, Revelation 20–22, Romans 12–13, Matthew 24, and the last chapter of *The Great Controversy*.

The hardest part of memorizing, Zaugg says, is finding time. It's something he has found he must make time for each day. "There are benefits for memorizing scripture," Zaugg says. "It keeps the brain sharp; it brings a blessing from being able to share with others. When persecution comes, we have the words of life to help us stay true."

Greg Middlestetter, Eugene Church pastor

Families Serve Navajo Families in Monument Valley

In March, the Ohana Christian Fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church sent 30 members on a mission trip to Monument Valley, Utah, to serve the Navajo people. Ohana, meaning “family” and “nobody left behind,” was appropriate since the team included many families with ages ranging from 1 to 72 years old.

In the remote location, most Navajo people have no electricity or running water. The Monument Valley Adventist Mission School expressed a desire for a new well. Ohana was able to raise money for the project.

Mark Miner, Ohana member, led a construction team in building a shade structure high atop a mesa. The structure will be used for worship

and outreach during summer youth camps.

The team also held a Vacation Bible School and revival meetings. The children loved the stories, music and crafts, and attendance grew as they brought friends and family members. Church members enjoyed health talks by Ron

Franzke and a Jesus video series presented in the Navajo language.

Team members gave in-home Bible studies to several Navajo families. Several team members also volunteered at the mission school. Children on the team helped plant seeds for the school’s organic

garden and enjoyed making friends with the Navajo children.

The Ohana group learned mission opportunities can be right in one’s backyard.

Traci Lovell and Kim Franzke, OHANA Church members



The ‘Serve’ in Service Week

Students Blessed by Helping Others

Service week at Klamath Falls (Ore.) Adventist Christian School gave the students several opportunities to share the love of Christ with friends and neighbors. Through service projects they learned the value of serving God while serving others. It also gave them an opportunity to learn ways to care for the planet.

One group of students helped several older church members prepare their yards for planting flowers by clearing away debris. Filling trash bags and taking them to the dumpster turned

what would have been a chore at home into a time of fun while learning to work as a team.

Another day all the students picked up litter at Moore Park.

After a picnic lunch and a story read by Bobi Crenshaw, teacher, everyone returned to the school feeling happy to have helped.

Other activities that week

included making cards for shut-ins, cleaning the church fellowship hall and learning about the work of missionaries, including those working for ADRA.

Prior to their week of activities, the students presented the Sabbath church service at Klamath Falls Church. A main feature of the program included the students answering questions about their faith with verses of scripture.

Marcia Mollenkopf, Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School communication leader



Students help prepare a flowerbed for planting.

School + Church = A Friend in Jesus

Susan Kim, a vibrant South Korean woman, arrived in Portland, Ore., last fall with her two children as exchange students. She was hoping her children could attend a Catholic or public

school known for academic excellence. When she learned her children were accepted into Tualatin Valley Academy in Hillsboro, Ore., an Adventist school, she was dismayed.

However, she proceeded to enroll her children and soon found the academics, character building and value systems in line with what she wanted.

Kim observed the school children learning about Jesus and she began to participate daily in the third-grade class. One day she asked the other parents where they attended church. She began attending Sunset Christian Fellowship weekly, joining one of the Sabbath School classes, and asking difficult and challenging questions.

On Easter Sabbath she attended what is called the “Flowering Cross Service.” An old rugged, ratty-looking cross is set up and everyone brings a handful of fresh flowers. The cross is transformed into something of beauty — a representation of Jesus Christ’s grace in our lives. As Kim participated in the service and the communion following, she made a decision for Christ.

Kim continued going to church, asking questions, and learning as she helped in Mrs. Harwood’s classroom. In June, she made a public stand for God and was baptized. The school and church nurtured Kim and her children, not only in the customs of a new country,

but also in the love of Jesus Christ.

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director



Jonathan Leach, pastor, prays with Susan Kim before her baptism.



Pictured here from left are: Rebecca Harwood, Tualatin Valley Academy third-grade teacher, and Susan Kim.

The Full Plate Diet Comes to Riverside

Riverside Church members, in Washougal, Wash., have embarked on a health adventure: the Full Plate Diet. The adventure began with a Taste and See Health Seminar on March 14, which introduced the principles for healthful living that Adventists are known for.

With the Full Plate Diet, weight loss for each participant averages 1–4 pounds in the first two weeks. After that, weight loss is more gradual. Combined with an exercise program, weight loss is greater and tends to

be more permanent. One participant reports she lost one pound per week for a total of seven pounds just by substituting brown rice for white rice, sweet potatoes for white potatoes, and oatmeal “powered up” with nuts for shredded wheat.

The class at Riverside Church was conducted by Jack McIntosh, health educator, and Linda Schrader, health instructor. The session began each Monday night at 6:30 with cooking demonstrations and food samples, plus a health lecture

by McIntosh. Recipes made maximum use of fiber food power — from “Powered-up Salad” and “Powered-up Potato Soup” to delectable desserts like fresh strawberry pie with a rich nut crust.

The first Full Plate Diet class was held at the Riverside Church last fall. More than 30 participants have completed the class. Half of the participants in the spring class were not church members. Two will be baptized soon. The class runs for eight weeks. Each participant receives the *N.Y. Times* bestselling

textbook, *The Full Plate Diet*, and workbook. Go to www.fullplatediet.org for more information.

Mary McIntosh, Riverside Church communication leader



Oregon Members Build 27 Churches in Malawi

The idea of building One-Day Churches is a fantastic plan, and our trip to Malawi was based on that idea,” says Randy Meyer, International Caring Hands executive director and Fall Creek (Ore.) Church member. The mission of International Caring Hands is to provide dental care in Oregon and Africa.

The One-Day Church is designed and supported by Maranatha Volunteers International for short-term missionaries to construct around the world. Maranatha supplies a prefabricated kit containing all of the steel for the structure and roof along with the necessary fasteners. The church can be built in a day. Local members build the walls out of native material, such as red clay brick. The One-Day Church can seat nearly 125 people.

In March, 24 people from western Oregon, including 11 students and two Laurelwood



Students from Laurelwood Academy, the church pastor and two Maranatha workers proudly stand in front of the first completed One-Day Church.

Academy staff members, traveled to Malawi, Africa, to build 36 churches. The plan was to divide into three groups, with each group tasked with building a dozen churches.

Arriving on Wednesday after several long flights from Portland, Ore., they began building Thursday afternoon under the direction of Maranatha workers. By Friday evening, the first

three churches were completed and it was time to celebrate.

“The members of the congregation fixed us a wonderful meal, which featured the best soy gluten you will ever taste,” Meyer says. “After eating, we talked about how we all, members and volunteers, hope and pray each completed church will last until Jesus comes. Then the women began to sing with a power and spirit that brought tears to my eyes.”

The “seasoned” builders built six churches on Monday and Tuesday. Rain began to fall on Tuesday night and lasted for several days. The red clay roads formed into a slippery mess, so the group built two churches within walking distance. “We learned to work together under difficult situations and overcame through the strength given us from God,” Meyer says.

The next week was dry, and the group completed 27 of the 36 churches they hoped

to build. Nine other churches were completed by Maranatha workers and local members.

Maranatha is responding to the request of Malawi Church leaders to build 1,300 One-Day Churches, and three One-Day School campuses are already underway.

International Caring Hands will return to Malawi in 2012 with their mobile dental clinic and will build additional One-Day Churches and perhaps a One-Day School campus.

Why go to Malawi? Meyer says, “Malawi is safe; English is spoken; the Adventist Church is the largest denomination in the country. Whenever you do something in Africa, you can’t do it quietly. The entire community comes out wanting to know what is going on. Building a structure is a witness to the community.”

To volunteer in Oregon or Malawi, contact Meyer at randym@hfdg.com.

Richard Dower, retired GLEANER editor



Adding a finishing touch, Colton Hayden and Logan Saterdal fasten the steeple to the newly completed Chilunguni Church in Malawi.



Marta Prato (left) from Pilot Rock, Ore., and Ronna Hayden from Fall Creek, Ore., hold precious little Malawi babies.

A Grand Opening Indeed

New UCC Office Ready for Action

The landscape wasn't complete, but the joy wrapped up in the Grand Opening celebration for the newly rebuilt Upper Columbia Conference office in Spokane, Wash., was unmistakable. Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, welcomed representatives from local and state government and several hundred other people who came Monday, June 20, to tour the facility.

Bob Kyte, Adventist Risk Management president, reflected on the miraculous providence that provided adequate insurance coverage to replace the original building destroyed by fire in December 2008. "This currently represents the largest single payment in the history of our organization," he remarked. Then he quipped, "It's a record we hope will stand for a long, long time."



State and local dignitaries join with conference personnel in readiness to officially cut the ribbon to begin the grand opening.

Folkenberg paid special tribute to Bill Skidmore, UCC human resources director, who served as conference liaison for the project. He also noted the resiliency of the office staff for exhibiting "a tremendous spirit and constant commitment to the mission of the church" throughout.

The new one-story office is 4,000 square feet smaller than

the facility it replaced. Natural light from skylights and large windows wash through nearly every workspace. Signage with the three angel's motif is used inside and outside the building.

Testimonies of God's hand throughout the project are numerous. "The initial loss was devastating," Folkenberg says, "but the end result is an added

blessing to our church. And," he adds, "insurance monies funded the replacement. No church money was required." That didn't come without careful and sometimes seemingly small decisions: Metal instead of wood door frames; and hydro-seeding outside grass instead of laying sod. "A lot of little choices," says Folkenberg, "added up to big savings and a project that came in under budget."

Doug Johnson, vice president for administration, recalls initial questions. "Even while the building was burning, we found ourselves asking 'Where do we go from here?'" he says. "But every step of the way, God more than met our needs and astounded us with answers we'd never dreamed of."

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication



Dan Jackson (left), North American Division president, explores the new Upper Columbia Conference office with Audrey and Bob Folkenberg, UCC president and his wife.



Herman Schreven, Adventist Book Store manager, is excited about the new space. Before, supplies had to be hauled from a distant warehouse. Now they are in the next room.

UCC Camp Meeting Packs the House



Dave Livermore, Upper Columbia Conference personal evangelism director, shares about evangelism outreach from the platform in the Upper Columbia Academy gymnasium during the UCC camp meeting.

“Consumed with Christ” was the theme of Upper Columbia Conference’s first extended camp meeting held June 15–18 on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy, near Spangle, Wash. From the youngest children’s divisions to the adult seminars and speakers, the call was heard and answered.

Shirley James arrived on Wednesday, stayed in the UCA girls’ dorm, and didn’t miss a single meeting from the 6:30 a.m. prayer room to the closing service in the evening.

“I’ve just taken it all in and it’s been such a blessing,” says James. “It’s been a renewing experience spiritually for me.”

Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, says he heard the same from many people. “People sense that God’s presence has been here and they are leaving more consumed with Christ,” he says.

Folkenberg says he feels this first camp meeting on UCA’s campus went wonderfully. More than 2,000 children and adults attended Sabbath services. Both the boys’ and girls’ dorms were packed, and there were 45 tent sites and 71 RV sites, according

to Jay Wintermeyer, camp-meeting director.

“We are really excited about camp meeting ... turnout was better than we expected this year,” says Wintermeyer.

Mark Etchell, Walla Walla (Wash.) City Church senior

pastor, says he hopes to see camp meeting continue and expand on the UCA campus.

“There’s a sense of camaraderie, there’s a sense of community that we have not gotten before,” says Etchell. “I’ve got a blessing just from seeing the excitement of my members who have been here who have been blessed.”

If you missed out on the blessing this year, make sure to be a part of the 2012 UCC camp meeting. Next year’s theme is “Consumed with His Cause” and will feature speakers John Bradshaw, Bob Folkenberg Sr., Dwight Nelson and Mike Ryan.

A video slide show of this year’s camp meeting is available online at www.uccsda.org/campmeeting. Lodging registration for the 2012 camp meeting opens Feb. 1, 2012.

Ken Wetmore, UCA pastor



The 2011 Upper Columbia Conference camp meeting is bathed in prayer, putting the prayer room to good use.

Upper Columbia Delegates Re-Elect Officers

Delegates to the 76th Constituency Session of the Upper Columbia Conference re-elected officers Robert Folkenberg Jr., president; Doug R. Johnson, vice president for administration; and Randall Terry, vice president for finance.

More than 460 delegates attended the meeting, held Sunday, June 19, on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash. Among other business items, they voted in three new congregations to the conference fellowship of churches and approved the merger of two churches: Blue Mountain Valley and Mission



More than 460 delegates pack into the Upper Columbia Academy gymnasium in Spangle, Wash., to represent constituent members throughout the conference.



Bob Folkenberg Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, shares his hopes and dreams for the conference during his president's report.

Native American. They also re-elected 13 departmental directors: Larry Marsh, education; Jay Wintermeyer, communication; Gerald Haeger, ministerial; Wayne Hicks, family life/Pathfinders; Art Lenz, information and technology services; Dave Livermore, personal evangelism, discipleship and adult

Sabbath School; Patty Marsh, community services, children's and women's ministries; Richard Parker, youth; Wayne Searson, trust; Bill Skidmore, human resources; Jay Sloop, health; and Herman Schreven, Adventist Book Center.

Terry noted that despite recent tithe downturns, the conference is still creatively finding ways to move forward with an energetic mission. More than \$3.2 million has been raised toward the \$4 million goal for the Kids Educational Endowment/Scholarship Program, and more than \$660,000 has come in toward a \$1 million goal for new Camp MiVoden cabins.

Folkenberg reminded delegates of the Share the Life initiative that seeks to embed a spirit of mission in every church and member. He called each member to

be part of God's reclamation army — standing between the devil and the discouraged. He pointed to the new vision statement taken from Ellen White's Testimonies to the Church, volume 9, page 126, which begins with the words, "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people." "This

should be our desire," said Folkenberg.

This constituency session came on the heels of the Upper Columbia Conference camp meeting also held, for the first time in years, on the UCA campus.

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication



Richard Parker (right), Upper Columbia Conference youth director, interviews Tye Davis about the ministry of Camp MiVoden.

Teens Organize Mini-Maker Faire

Inspired by the Maker Faire in California, the Poulsbo (Wash.) Church's teen class set out to create an event drawing more than 1,000 attendees to their church and school on June 5, the sunniest day of the year.

The teens' enthusiasm spread to their church and community, drawing participants from as far away as Seattle, Wash., and Port Angeles, Wash., for the Kitsap Mini-Maker Faire.

The festival was designed as an inclusive, family-friendly, hands-on community event



ROBERT VANRADEN

More than 60 exhibitors are on-site for the inaugural Kitsap Mini-Maker Faire in Poulsbo, Wash., with more than 1,000 people in attendance.



ANDY HUMBERT

Hosting the Kitsap Mini-Maker Faire allows the Poulsbo (Wash.) Adventist School to invite the community to their church and school campus.

to celebrate makers. Makers invent, create and modify things. Their materials range from copper and aluminum to wool and wood, and their processes utilize water, solder, a microwave, fire or anything else that works.

Some of the 58 makers who demonstrated their craft were robotics builders, origami folders, 3-D printers and a stained glass artist. Attendees made spool racers, periscopes and mosaic tiles, and had a chance to ride a Segway, pet a goat or



ANDY HUMBERT

The Mini-Maker Faire in Poulsbo, Wash., also provides plenty of hands-on opportunities for fair-goers to also be "makers" and "builders."

build a computer to take home.

"The Kitsap Mini-Maker Faire was a lot of fun, and we had a chance to talk to a lot of interesting people," says Jon Chandler, a maker who demonstrated low-temperature, long-cooking methods and other food-related technologies.

"We talked to many like-minded people and found that some people in the area share related interests."

Support for the teens' vision came from many quarters. TJ McCue, teen

class teacher, set up a website and Facebook page. Church members gave countless hours of work before, during and after the event. Community members came as makers, musicians, food vendors and volunteers, and local newspapers and businesses gave their support through publicity and financial donations.

"I am encouraged by the teamwork from our church and community," says Murry Rexin, co-organizer. "We couldn't have done this without them."

To learn more about the Kitsap Mini-Maker Faire, visit kitsapmaker.com or facebook.com/kitsapmaker.

Wendy Rexin, Poulsbo Church member

BIG PICTURE of ministry

"Reflecting the Image of Christ" includes listening to God, living with humility, praying for others, worshipping with sincerity and sharing our faith.

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New Ways to Share Healthy Messages

A healthy flow of ideas is streaming through western Washington as volunteers and Washington Conference staff work to spread the benefits of vegetarian and vegan lifestyles.

Nessy Pittau, Washington Conference health director, teamed up with church members Anita Jepson and Edel Amundson to organize a health event for sharing the vegan and vegetarian health message. They launched Smart Cooking for Life in 2010 to teach fresh starts for improving physical, mental and spiritual health.

On May 15, the enthusiasm for health was evident. With more than 85 attendees at this

year's Smart Cooking for Life. Many in attendance were non-Adventists. Spreading the word about the event was an easy feat because volunteers used the opportunity of having church booths at VegFest to hand out invitations.

Volunteers also took advantage to share the message at the premiere of Forks Over Knives at the Varsity Theater in Seattle, Wash. They handed out Vibrant Life magazines, including an article on the film and the advantages of vegetarian and vegan lifestyles.

They found that many people were interested in the importance of a vegetarian diet. They wanted to see the movie and



Smart Cooking for Life features cooking demonstrations, talks by medical professionals and display booths on health, nutrition, wellness and exercise.

read the magazine. Some were even asking about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its involvement with teaching about healthier lifestyles, Pittau says.

"The program was refreshing. I learned so much," says an

attendee of the Smart Cooking event. "I'm interested in learning more about Seventh-day Adventists."

Raschelle Casebier, Washington Conference communication apprentice

Women Learn to 'Come to the Quiet'



Shelley Quinn, guest speaker, shares with Washington women about praying with PRAISE (Praise, Repentance, Affirmation, Intercession, Supplication, and Enter and be still).

Nearly 360 women from western Washington were greeted with warm smiles and spring touches adorning each place setting as they entered the 2011 Women's Spring Day, event in Auburn, Wash.

Eileen States, Washington Conference women's ministry director, invited women to "Come to the Quiet" during Spring Day and speaker Shelley Quinn from 3ABN shared practical pointers for women to spend more time in scripture and prayer.

The day's theme continued into worship as women were invited to "come into the garden" for praise songs. The women also enjoyed Buena Vista

Elementary School's fifth- and sixth-grade drama group who mimed Francesca Battistelli's "This Is the Stuff."

In addition, women had opportunities to contribute to missions at home through food and clothing donations for the homeless and missions worldwide. The group raised \$10,034 at Spring Day to ship food to Murwira Children's Home in Zimbabwe, which they have supported for many years.

"You have saved more lives than you know," says Paula Leen, missionary, as she thanked everyone for their donations. Leen is a lifeline for her community in Zimbabwe where she provides medical care;

safe housing; access to education, food and employment for adults; and more.

Quinn concluded Spring Day with an application exercise where women learned how to take Bible verses and turn them into promises to pray.

"God wants you to have an abundant life," Quinn says. "Claim God's promises. Digest them. Make the Word part of your prayer time."

Raschelle Casebier, Washington Conference communication apprentice, with Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Bible Conference Ignites Spiritual Growth

Academy-age students participated in a Youth Bible Conference at Auburn Adventist Academy in May.

The morning began with music from Auburn students followed by a prayer time where students tried new-to-them prayer techniques. David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director and event planner, introduced silence — a method where prompts of prayer are used to encourage in-depth devotion with God. Students were surprised how quickly time passed and how easy it was to talk with God.

LeClare Litchfield, former

Collegedale Academy chaplain, explained to students that to have successful lives, they must listen to God and, most importantly, “don’t get ready, but live ready.”

After lunch, teens branched off to student-led Bible studies to talk openly about God with peers. The small-group setting allowed for students to take down masks and walls, and openly talk about how God helps people.

The afternoon session taught how much God loves us and the importance of not being spiritual anorexics. Litchfield encouraged students to “soak

in the Word everyday [because] we can’t survive without communication from God.”

Students enjoyed the variety of worship forms and learning about new Bible study, prayer, and witnessing techniques.

“The whole day had so much energy!” says Grace Hunt, an AAA sophomore.

Students were encouraged to make an impact in their world and express God in an upbeat manner because their personal witness may be the flicker that starts a flame.

Alexis Carnduff, AAA student



LeClare Litchfield, former academy chaplain, shares with high-school students during the Bible Conference at Auburn Adventist Academy.

PSAA Students Involved in Ministry

Puget Sound Adventist Academy students in Kirkland, Wash., are discovering new ways to reach out to their fellow students, their community and the world. Many of these ministries are established directly by the students.

Natalie Dorland, next year’s senior class president, created two ministries, including an on-campus bulletin board where anyone can leave encouraging notes for weekly featured students and a Facebook page where Dorland posts Bible verses, both dedicated to and encouraging her peers.

Students also conducted Weeks of Prayer at nearby schools in addition to the three Student Weeks of Prayer at their own school. In the



Representatives from Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, Wash., share how students and faculty are involved in ministry during a Washington Adventist Camp Meeting in June.

community, the students prepare and serve meals for the homeless.

The outreach continues with the band and choir groups performing their musical ministries at different

churches. The Impact group, the select singing group, performs in Pacific Northwest churches year-round in addition to touring and performing in Europe this summer.

The students also brought

their ministries worldwide with the Belize mission trip, where nearly 45 students went to Bullettree, Belize, last winter.

“We built a school with three rooms, conducted a Vacation Bible School and took kids each night to conduct a radio show,” says Howard Munson, PSAA teacher.

Munson and PSAA students, faculty and alumni also joined a trip to Haiti this summer to build orphanages and schools, distribute food, build water supply systems, and provide medical care. Trip reports are available at psaa.org.

Raschelle Casebier, Washington Conference communication apprentice

Old Books, New Resources

Rare collection moves to WWU

Thanks to Gregory Dodds, Walla Walla University professor of European history, the Hutto-Patterson Research Library in the history department now boasts a collection of rare books from the 16th- and 17th-centuries. The collection contains nearly 100 editions of the writings of Erasmus, a Dutch theologian who is considered one of the first modern biblical scholars. Along with the early books came a library of recent books dealing with Erasmus and the Reformation. When the previous caretaker of the collection retired, Dodds agreed to house the collection at WWU.

Dodds serves as an executive officer of the Erasmus of Rotterdam Society, an international organization

formed to encourage research on Erasmus, his contemporaries and their intellectual contributions.

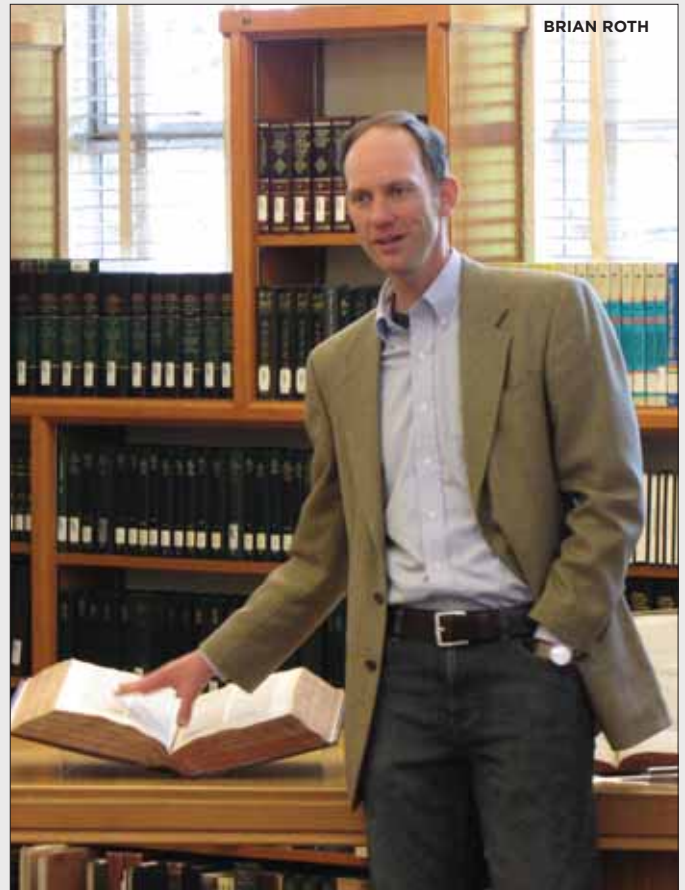
“Erasmus wrote that ‘peace and unity is the essence of Christianity’ and argued for religious tolerance,” says Dodds. “He was appalled by the theological warfare that led to so many executions and wars and wanted everyone to return their focus to the Bible and the Christian message of love.”

While Erasmus wrote against Luther’s doctrine of predestination and never joined the Protestant Reformation, his biblical scholarship became the basis for the Bibles produced by Luther, Tyndale, Calvin and others.

“His groundbreaking Greek New Testament and, even more importantly for biblical scholarship, his ‘Annotations on the New Testament’ fundamentally changed how the Bible was studied,” explains Dodds.

Erasmus also produced a paraphrase of the New Testament so that readers who lacked theological training could read and understand the Bible.

“When I discovered while researching in England that these paraphrases were placed by law in every parish church, I became curious about Erasmus’ influence on the development of English Protestantism,” says Dodds. The result



BRIAN ROTH

Gregory Dodds, Walla Walla University history professor, presents the rare collection of 16th- and 17th-century books in the Peterson Memorial Library at WWU.

was Dodds’ book, published by the University of Toronto Press in 2009, *Exploiting Erasmus: The Erasmian Legacy and Religious Change in Early Modern England*.

Several WWU students have written papers using the Erasmus collection, and Dodds notes that it is remarkable for the university to have a resource like this at its disposal. Resources for Reformation study at WWU extend beyond this collection.

“Electronic resources are opening up exciting new

possibilities for students with collections such as Early English Books Online,” says Dodds, “which are available through WWU’s Peterson Memorial Library.”

The combination of rare book collections and cutting-edge electronic resources is redefining the type of high-level scholarship in which students and faculty can participate at WWU.

Becky St. Clair, WWU
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Employee Wellness Top Priority at Adventist Medical Center

Many of us work all day (or night) and come home too tired to hit the gym or exercise some other way. We wonder why we feel sluggish, unhealthy and maybe even depressed.

Adventist Medical Center, in Portland, Ore., and its Wellness Services team knows to have a happy, healthy workforce, employees need to exercise. That is why the medical center rejuvenated its wellness program, LivingWell, to motivate and educate their employees about fitness and nutrition.

According to Ed Hoover, Wellness Services manager at the 311-bed medical center, LivingWell is the hospital's expression of its ongoing commitment to its employees. The program is intended to build a healthy workforce — in body, mind and spirit.

“Our employees are so valuable,” says Hoover. “We wanted to invest more energy in them, and apparently there was a need for this program, because we have close to 90 percent participation.”

LivingWell offers employees free biometric health screenings, online wellness assessments and resources, practical workshops, and a variety of interactive activities to keep them moving. The program also offers incentives to get employees motivated — the most notable being a \$360 yearly discount off personal contribution to their health coverage.

To stay enrolled in the program and keep receiving the discount, employees must earn points for doing or participating in certain activities. These include attending seminars hosted by the hospital, reading books about wellness, participating in a CHIP program and any form of physical activity. Regardless of the exercise or learning activity, LivingWell has been generating excitement and results.

Jean Riquelme, Adventist Health/Medical Group-Gresham Station clinic physician, has been working at AMC since December 2010. In less than a year, she has drastically changed her lifestyle and



Adventist Medical Center employees, inspired by LivingWell, have taken healthy habits to heart.

claims she probably wouldn't have done so if it were not for LivingWell.

“I was inspired on day one — the day they took my employee ID photo by the healthy cafeteria,” says Riquelme. “I knew this organization would support my efforts to be healthy.”

Riquelme has seen amazing results. After doing a 21-day vegan kick-start program recommended by LivingWell, she is practicing a vegan lifestyle. That's not all, when Riquelme started on her weight loss, she realized she needed to be active during the day at work, too. She bought a treadmill desk and walks four to five miles a day in her office. So far she has lost 62 pounds and counting.

When asked if she would go back to her former lifestyle, Riquelme says, “I hope not. Sustaining change is always hard.

But now that I have lost the weight, life is so much more fun and I have so much more energy!”

*Brittany Russell Dobbs,
Adventist Health GLEANER
correspondent*

AMC EXCELS IN INFECTION PREVENTION

In a report released by the Oregon Health Authority Annual Health Care Acquired Infection Reporting Program, Adventist Medical Center is ranked higher than the state average for preventing central line-associated bloodstream infections. The hospital decreased these infections by 50 percent in 2010. Many factors play a role in decreasing infections, and AMC has implemented many steps to prevent them.



Employees use pedometers to track their steps while at work.

MILESTONES

Ames 90th

Church family, relatives and friends gathered to celebrate Roy Ames' 90th birthday. His children prepared an Italian dinner with all the trimmings.

Roy has accomplished much in his first 90 years of life. As a child he was a charter member of the Chewelah (Wash.) Church with his parents and eight siblings. He attended high school in Chewelah before joining the Army. While stationed near Fort Worth, Texas, he met his bride-to-be, Rubye Mozelle Kinman. They married and eventually returned to the Colville/Chewelah, Wash., area to raise their five children.

Roy was a farmer as well as a supervisor at a rock crushing plant in Valley, Wash., and a millwright at a lumber mill in Springdale, Wash. He has always been mission-minded, volunteering for numerous church duties and leading a construction crew in building a church in the jungles of Borneo.

Roy recently sold the remaining cattle from his farm, stating that it's time to retire. He and Rubye enjoy their farm and life with their family: Stan and Cheryl Ames of Beaverton, Ore.; Merita and Del Dysart of Banning, Calif.; Wes Ames of Escondido, Calif.; Arlita and Ken Parr of Mead, Wash.; Randy and Darleen Ames of Valley, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Crosby 50th

Nathaniel and Mattie Crosby celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary over the Nov. 12, 2010, weekend in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay, Calif., area. The weekend included attending the Philadelphia Church, where they were married 50 years earlier, visiting friends

and relatives, sightseeing, with a luncheon party at His Lordships restaurant on the Marina in Berkley, Calif., with family and close friends.

Nathaniel met Mattie Jones in San Francisco, when she was a secretary at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and he was a longshoreman and member of the U.S. Army Reserves. They dated for a time. Mattie invited him to attend church with her on Saturday, knowing of his Baptist background. Nathaniel consented.

They kept in contact after Nathaniel was called to active duty. Then a proposal was made and accepted. They were married in November, the same month Nathaniel was deployed to Korea. Letters and packages from home made the time apart pass much faster. The next tour was Germany, and Sgt. Crosby was joined by Mattie two months later. The Crosbys enjoyed 36 months in Germany. Their two children were born there, and they traveled to some of the historic cities, towns and resorts, such as Berchesgarten and Garmisch (the Neuschwanstein Castle which was the inspiration for Disney.)

After he left the service two years later, they settled in Portland, Ore. Mattie returned to work as a federal worker, retiring from the National Marine Fisheries after nearly 40 years. Nathaniel, was employed by Tektronix for more than 22 years. Later he accepted a job in San Francisco with the General Service Administration as an Elec. Tech., and retired after 10 years.

The Crosby family includes Duane Crosby of Houston, Texas; Natalie Crosby of San Diego, Calif.; and 2 grandchildren.

McDowell 90th

Alvin McDowell celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 29 in Battle Ground, Wash., with a party. He also took a trip to Pearl Harbor in April.

Alvin was born Feb. 2, 1921, in Centralia, Wash. He was in the U.S. Navy during WWII at Pearl Harbor from 1940-1946. He worked as a civil engineer with the Navy and then with NASA for 32 years. After retirement, Alvin was an Oregon Conference evangelist for two years and on Adventist World Radio for 21 years. He still speaks every Sabbath.

The McDowell family includes Judy and Lloyd Shaner of Caldwell, Idaho; 2 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

Parker 90th

Betty Parker celebrated her 90th birthday in Oregon City, Ore., surrounded by family and friends.

She was born Elizabeth Stenberg on Dec. 15, 1920, in Newcastle, Wyo. She grew up with her younger sister, Anna, and three older cousins, Edith, Greta and Signe, who were like sisters. She graduated from Campion Academy in Loveland, Colo., and then attended La Sierra College in Riverside, Calif., where she met Melvin Parker. They were married on July 21, 1941, and moved to Grants Pass, Ore., where they operated a wholesale gladiola business. After 62 years of marriage, Melvin died in December of 2003.

Betty has been a lifelong member of the Adventist Church. She and Melvin were members of the Grants Pass Church for many years. More recently, she has been a member of the Valley View Church in

Medford, Ore.

Her family includes Verlene and Orville Hartwig of Zillah, Wash.; Nadine and Lynden Proctor of Sonora, Calif.; Charlotte and John Marriott of Mulino, Ore.; Sherman and Donna Parker of Ruch, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Shawn 60th

The 60th wedding anniversary of Richard and Millie Shawn was celebrated with a family dinner at The Tap Rock restaurant. It was followed with a PowerPoint presentation of memorable photos put together by their children and grandchildren.

Richard Shawn married Mildred Nations on Feb. 5, 1951, in Grants Pass, Ore. Millie was baptized in 1949 by Elder J. H. Apigian in Slate Creek, Wonder, Ore. Richard was baptized in Slate Creek in 1951 by Frank Steunenberg. They have been members of the Grants Pass (Ore.) Church since 1956.

Richard worked in the woods logging for many years before retirement in 1999. Millie was church librarian for many years and retired from nursing in 1998.

The Shawn family includes three daughters, who all live in Grants Pass: Kathy VanIersel; Rhonda and Richard Pelham; Karen and Jim Frick; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



Richard and Millie Shawn

BIRTHS

BARDELL — Abigail Jean was born May 13, 2011, to Nathaniel and Gretchyn (Courser) Bardell, Kalispell, Mont.

BUCK — Danika Jewel was born June 1, 2011, to Eric and Sara (Avery) Buck, Sagle, Idaho.

CIELOHA — Maximus L. was born May 30, 2011, to Joe and Carissa (Parker) Cieloha, Portland, Ore.

DEJESUS MORENO — Joshua Gabriel was born June 14, 2011, to Humberto and Erika (Moreno) DeJesus, Tillamook, Ore.

FLECK — Tanner Edward was born May 18, 2011, to Ricky and Kelly (Savage) Fleck, Vancouver, Wash.

HEINRICH — Brady William was born May 28, 2011, to Roger and Marla (Severance) Heinrich, Albany, Ore.

LANGI — Maiko was born June 12, 2011, to Ofahelotu and Jacqueline (Page) Langi, Berrien Springs, Mich.

MYERS — Oliver Reuben was born June 3, 2011, to Robbie and Sonya (Pellecer) Myers, Boring, Ore.

NELSON — Judah Michael was born June 10, 2011, to Chris and Aubrey (Oliver) Nelson, Tigard, Ore.

SATERDAL — Danner Gavin was born May 19, 2011, to Adam Lowe and Dallas Saterdal, Morton, Wash.

WARD — Samuel Charles was born Jan. 24, 2011, to Matthew and Lisa (Mendoza) Ward, Santa Barbara, Calif.

WILLIAMS — Sabelle Ma-leah Antoinette was born on Jan. 31, 2011, to Marcus and Tamara (Volley) Williams, Seattle, Wash.

WEDDINGS

ARELLANO-ARTHUR — Karla Patricia Arellano and Sydney Dean Arthur were married March 27, 2011, in Fort Worth, Texas. They are making their home in Dallas, Texas. Karla is the daughter of Maria Chaidez. Sydney is the son of Dan and Marcia Arthur.

MCNEIL-HARDWICK — Cecilia McNeil and Matthew Hardwick were married Feb. 27, 2011, in Vancouver, Wash., where they are making their home. Cecilia is the daughter of Jim and Lianne (Manley) McNeil. Matthew is the son of David and Lynda (Cook) Hardwick.

MOTZEVA-GUTIERREZ — Katia Motzeva and Alejandro Gutierrez were married May 29, 2011, in Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Katia is the daughter of Mihail and Rumiana (Zografova) Motzeva. Alejandro is the son of Jose and Emma (Ortiz) Gutierrez.

SEVISON-WILL — Ruth Sevison and Nicholas Will were married July 3, 2011, in Boise, Idaho. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Ruth is the daughter of Les and Linda Sevison. Nicholas is the son of Brian and Carlene Will.

WALDE-MCVAY — Natasha Walde and Marshall McVay were married June 19, 2011, in College Place, Wash., where they are making their home. Natasha is the daughter of Keith and Karri Walde. Marshall is the son of John and Pam McVay.

AT REST

ARMSTRONG — Meryl J. (Long), 94; born July 30, 1916, Seattle, Wash.; died April 4, 2011, Quincy, Wash. Surviving: stepsons, Paul Armstrong, Longview, Wash.; David Armstrong, Fairfield, Calif.; daughters, Mary Hellbusch, Lynnwood, Wash.; Judi Kanoff, Ephrata, Wash.; stepdaughters, Sharon (Armstrong) Slinger, Kelso, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

ATKINS — Anna Rose (Ogden) Heller Stoddard, 91; born April 20, 1919, Prosser, Wash.; died March 1, 2011, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: son, Don Heller, Brownsville, Ore.; brother, Ray Ogden, Dallas, Ore.; sisters, Bernice Chaffee, Lebanon, Ore.; Helen Irish, Grandview, Wash.; Hazel Smith, Livermore, Calif.; Esther Thompson, Cheney, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

BAKER — Arleta June (Teal), 84; born June 20, 1926, Dallas, Ore.; died March 16, 2011, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: husband, Louis; son, Michael, College Place, Wash.; daughter, Cheri Woods, Auburn; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BLOM — Gwen R. (Phelps), 92; born Aug. 4, 1918, Canby, Ore.; died Jan. 26, 2011, Silverton, Ore. Surviving: son, Randy, Silverton; sister, Elaine Wiley, Las Vegas, Nev.; 6 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

BOUCHER — V. Alice (Bernard), 93; born July 26, 1917, Holly, Mich.; died March 20, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, Keith, Grants Pass; Carl, Nehalem, Ore.; daughters, Connie McHutchison, Boise, Idaho; Kathy Boucher, Grants Pass; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-

grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

BREWER — Emma Kathy (McBride), 87; born Aug. 2, 1923, Welch, W.V.; died April 14, 2011, Talent, Ore. Surviving: brother, John Meadows, Talent; and 10 grandchildren.

BROTHERS — Deloris J. (Shook), 78; born Nov. 26, 1932, Sioux City, Iowa; died April 23, 2011, Everett, Wash. Surviving: husband, James D., Camano Island, Wash.; sons, Steven L., Ridgefield, Wash.; Loren R., Friday Harbor, Wash.; Theodore A., Everett; daughter, Julie A. Keeler, Holly Springs, N.C.; sister, Janice Streeter, Virginia Beach, Va.; and 5 grandchildren.

CLARKSON — Patricia Ann (Stevens), 79; born June 28, 1931, Dodge City, Kan.; died Feb. 26, 2011, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: son, David, Forest Grove, Ore.; daughters, Karen Frost, Lebanon; Carol Holm, Sherwood, Ore.; brother, Ted Stevens, of New Mexico; and 4 grandchildren.

CLEVELAND — Altha May (McFarland), 79; born Sept. 24, 1931, Mooreland, Okla.; died March 21, 2011, Kirkland, Wash. Surviving: husband, Thomas J. Warchol; sons, Mark E. Cleveland, Redmond, Wash.; Stacey S. Cleveland, Dallas, Texas; brother, Billy Ben McFarland, Mooreland; sister, Darlene Rittenhouse, Midland, Texas; and a grandchild.

DALE — Berta (Beck) Dubose, 80; born Oct. 24, 1930, Paden, Okla.; died Nov. 20, 2010, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Wilbert K., Winston, Ore.; sons, Robert Debose; Neil Dubose, of Hawaii; and Fred Dubose, of Washington.

DUNCAN — Martha Irene (Peterson), 98; born April 7, 1913, Forest Grove, Ore.; died April 17, 2011, Ephrata, Wash.

AT REST

Surviving: son, Donald, Lake-wood, Wash.; daughter, Ruth Anne Gruber, Soap Lake, Wash.; sister, Huldah Fritz, Ephrata; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

GIEGL — Karl F., 85; born Sept. 26, 1925, Liesing, Vienna, Austria; died Feb. 26, 2011, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Annelie Hugli and Christine Valentini, both of Ontario, Canada; Kymberly Giegl, Sweet Home; brother, Friederich Giegl, Breitenfurt, Austria; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

GIEGL — O. June (Whittenberg) Duff Burgett, 96; born July 17, 1914, La Grande, Ore.; died Nov. 23, 2010, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Mary June Jones, Ocean Shores, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

HAWLEY — Edna (Keisecker), 92; born Nov. 28, 1918, Firwood, Ore.; died April 3, 2011, Milwaukie, Ore. Surviving: son, Bob Jr., Mt. Angel, Ore.; and daughter, Kathryn Anderson, Clackamas, Ore.

HODGE — Wallace E., 84; born Oct. 24, 1926, Puyallup, Wash.; died March 26, 2011, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: wife, Carrie (Hagey); sons, Robert U., Cle Elum, Wash.; Ronald E., Woodinville, Wash.; Paul A., Portland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LILIENTHAL — Richard L., 71; born July 27, 1939, Tacoma, Wash.; died Oct. 27, 2010, Everett, Wash. Surviving: wife, Durene (Wise), Arlington, Wash.; daughters, Wendy Davis, Gleneden Beach, Ore.; Karen Conley, Marysville, Wash.; Laurie Lindsay, Gold Bar, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MCCOY — Richard Clayton,

84; born June 24, 1926, Tacoma, Wash.; April 13, 2011, Port Angeles, Wash. Surviving: wife, Thelma (Johnson); daughters, Nancy Nedderman, Gig Harbor, Wash.; Colette Sharer, Bellevue, Wash.; a grandchild and 3 great-grandchildren.

MCDONALD — Rudy H. (Primrose), 94; born Feb. 14, 1916, Lemoore, Calif.; died Sept. 19, 2010, Sutherlin, Ore. Surviving: sons, Allen, Pasadena, Calif.; Rodger, La Crescenta, Calif.; daughter, Mickey Clifton, Sutherlin; brother, Bill Primrose, Kelso, Wash.; sisters, Jo Primrose, Auburn, Calif.; Beth Anderson, Loomis, Calif.; Grace Primrose, Portland, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

MOMB — Neil Walter, 76; born Sept. 18, 1934, Chewelah, Wash.; March 12, 2011, Graham, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joan (Schlemlein); daughters, Wendy Thompson, Buckley, Wash.; Judy Momb, Shoreline, Wash.; Mary Marien, Carlton, Ore.; Amy Deen, North Bend, Wash.; brothers, Lyle Momb, David Momb and Amund Momb, all of Spokane, Wash.; Gaylord Momb, Liberty Lake, Wash.; sisters, Donna Cleveland and Darlene Hall, both of Spokane; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MOOR — Harry F., 84; born in Redondo Beach, Calif.; died Feb. 15, 2011, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Violet, Loon Lake, Wash.; daughters, Sheila Jordan and Cyndi Jones, both of Loon Lake; Laurel Esselbach, Eatonville, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

NAPOLES — Mercedes (Bariantos), 88; born April 10, 1922, Hilo, Hawaii; died Jan. 30, 2011, Deer Park, Wash.

Surviving: sons, Jeff, Independence, Calif.; Abe, Deer Park; daughter, Jocelyn Stiles, Missoula, Mont.; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

NICKEL — Irma Lurene, 81; born July 18, 1929, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada; died March 21, 2011, Napa, Calif. Surviving: sister-in-law, Virginia Nickel, Stockton, Calif.

PRUSIA — Clayton, 94; born Feb. 25, 1917, Tekamah, Neb.; died March 17, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Darlene (Gerking), College Place, Wash.; son, Charles C., Walla Walla; daughter, Joanne D. Mohr, Otis, Kan.; brother, Merle Prusia, Monroe, Wash.; sister, Elaine Smith, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

RICHARDSON — Muriel "Tula" Elaine (Qualley) Dick, 90; born Feb. 15, 1921, Seattle, Wash.; died April 22, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Duane Dick, Molalla, Ore.; daughters, Raylene (Dick) Phillips, Redlands, Calif.; Sheila (Dick) Henry, Sunny Valley, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

ROBERTS — Charlotte C., 88; born July 28, 1922, Appleton, Wis.; died April 26, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, David; daughter, Margaret "Meg" Jackson; sister, Marguerite Barger; 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

SCHULTZ — Carl Edward, 85; born Dec. 17, 1925, Oakesdale, Wash.; died March 11, 2011, Sunnyside, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lucille (Graham); sons, Edward M., Boise, Idaho; Howard C., Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Carmin L. Reese, Port Trevorton, Penn.; brother, David, Pasco, Wash.; sisters, Erma "Aggie" Leiske, Walla Walla, Wash.; Clara Tall,

Medford, Ore.; Esther Davie, Brush Prairie, Wash.; May Blasdel, Pasco; and 4 grandchildren.

SMITH — Heather Elizabeth (Smith) Bowen, 33; born May 10, 1977, Sunnyside, Wash.; died Feb. 23, 2011, Sunnyside. Surviving: daughter, Madison "Maddie" E. Bowen, Sunnyside; parents, Greg and Carolyn (Hazzard) Smith, Sunnyside; brother, Grant E., Sunnyside; grandmother, Kathryn (Knecht) Smith, Sunnyside; uncles, Jim Hazzard, Mike Hazzard and Larry Hazzard, all of Sunnyside; and aunt, Nancy Hazzard, Grandview, Wash.

SPOO — Arthur Willard "Bud," 92; born Oct. 24, 1918, Corning, Calif.; died April 19, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lilly S. (Caviness); daughters, Susanna Danielson, Vancouver; Cynthia Wiggins, Lewiston, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

STRUTHERS — Agnes Marie (Long), 94; born May 27, 1916, Bushnell, Neb.; died Feb. 1, 2011, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: sons, Daryl, Bellingham; Ron, Stanwood, Wash.; daughters, Veda Anderson, Boise, Idaho; Vera Herms, Ferndale, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

VANDEBOGART — Donald E. J., 78; born June 22, 1932, Greenville, Mich.; died April 3, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lynda J. (Hendricks); daughter, Suzanne Schotte, Freiburg, Germany; and 4 grandchildren.

WADE — Louis J., 85; born Dec. 1, 1924, Seattle, Wash.; died Nov. 23, 2010, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Kauffman); son, Jeff, Nampa; daughters, Terri Whitton and Sandra Williams, both of Kansas City, Mo.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

Aug. 6 — Local Church Budget;

Aug. 13 — World Budget: Andrews, Loma Linda and Oakwood universities;

Aug. 20 — Local Church Budget;

Aug. 27 — Local Conference Advance.

NPUC and WWU Constituency Sessions

Official notice is hereby given that the twenty-seventh regular constituency meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) of Seventh-day Adventists and Walla Walla University will be held at the Walla Walla University Church, 212 S.W. 4th St., College Place, WA, Sept. 11, 2011, at 9 a.m. The purpose of the constituency meeting is to present reports covering the five-year period ending Dec. 31, 2010; to elect officers, board, and committees for the ensuing quinquennial period; to consider and act upon recommended changes to the constitution; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the constituents.

The present constitution provides that the voters of this meeting shall be the duly appointed delegates from the local conferences within the Union and certain ex officio and other delegates. Registration of delegates is scheduled to take place at the Walla Walla University Seventh-day Adventist Church from 8-9 a.m., Sept. 11, 2011. All duly accredited delegates are urged to be in attendance at this constituency session.

Max Torkelsen II, NPUC president, WWU chairman

John Loor Jr., NPUC executive secretary

NPUC Association

Official notice is hereby given that a regular membership meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association (NPUCA) is called for 3:45 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2011, and will be held at the Walla Walla University Church, 212 S.W. 4th St., College Place, WA.

The membership is comprised of the Board of Trustees of the NPUCA, the appointed ex officio members and other delegates to the Sept. 11, 2011 NPUC constituency meeting.

The purpose of this regular meeting is to receive reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Max Torkelsen II, NPUCA president

Kimberley Schroeder, NPUCA secretary

Walla Walla University

Aug. 12 — eight-week Summer Session ends;

Aug. 12 — Boise Alumni Night at the Spaghetti Factory, 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 8 by emailing alumni@wallawalla.edu or calling 800-377-2586;

Aug. 14 — Billings Hooding Ceremony;

Aug. 26 — 10-week Summer Session ends;

Aug. 27 — Alumni Rosario Sabbath. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit wallawalla.edu/rosario-sabbath.

Oregon

Gospel Concert at Pleasant Valley Church

Aug. 13 — Marlynn Bishop is hosting a Gospel concert featuring local artists and musicians at 7 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Church, 11125 S.E. 172nd Ave., Happy Valley, OR. Special guest artists include Keith and Kyle Zimmerman, the Your Bible Speaks Choir under the direction of Patric Parris, and Patty Geppert. The program will be emceed by Robert Hunter, and the Bishop family will present a tribute to their mother, Justine Bishop. A love offering will be taken during the concert. Join us as we enjoy an evening of good Gospel music and praising the Lord!

Homosexuality — Feelings, Facts and Fiction

Aug 19-20 — The Grants Pass Church will host a two-day series dealing with the issues of homosexuality and the church. Wayne Blakely will share his personal testimony of redemption and healing. He will also address the perspectives and facts to consider when reaching out to gays. To learn more about meeting times and directions, please call 541-476-6313 or visit www.gpsdachurch.com.

CHIP Program

The 2011 CHIP program at Mt. Tabor Church begins in September. These free information/registration sessions will be Sept. 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. Those wishing to participate in the program will need to attend one of these sessions prior to the starting date of Sept. 11. These will be held at Mt. Tabor Church Community Life Center, 1001 S.E. 60th Ave., Portland, OR. For more information, call 971-275-3163 or email mttaborchip@yahoo.com. Brochures are available on request.

Orion Chorale of Washington State in Concert

Sept. 10 — Orion Chorale of Washington State, directed by Connie Barrow, will be in concert at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR, at 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by Carl Parker and People to People Ministries. A free-will offering will be taken for this nonprofit urban ministry. For information, call 503-893-9022 or go to www.peopletopeopleministries.com.

Brenda Walsh at Albany Church

Sept. 16-17 — Inspirational author, speaker and musician Brenda Walsh, known for her work on *Kid's Time* and other 3ABN programming, will be speaking at the Albany Church Friday evening and three times on Sabbath. Her topic will be "Getting to know Jesus as a personal friend and letting Him lead you in witnessing to others." For more information, call 503-991-3758.

Rivergate's 100-Year Celebration

Sept. 23-24 — Plan on attending Rivergate Adventist Elementary School's 100-year Celebration. Reconnect with friends and family during Alumni Weekend. All attending and graduating students along with family and friends are welcome. Friday evening the family vespers will begin at 6:45, in the school gym. The Sabbath church service will be held at the Gladstone Park Church, followed with a potluck at the school gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missing Members

The Gaston Church needs information about any of the following missing members: Michael Boldman, Terasida Chow, Francisca Cortez, Ahren Kretlow, Danny R. Morris, José H. Sanchez, Michael V. Schell, Arturo A. Silva, Diane Stepp and Christopher W. Yunge. Please contact Gaston Church if you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members: 503-985-7585 or email paty5@juno.com.

Washington

Car and Bike Show

Aug. 21 — Car and bike enthusiasts are invited to the 7th-annual Shelton Valley Christian Show N' Shine held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., on the Shelton Valley Christian School Campus, 201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA. This is a family event with kids' jumper, door prizes, great food, a raffle and trophies. To register or for more information, call 360-426-2776 or 360-426-8741. See our website, www.sheltonshowandshine.com.

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| August DST | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
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| Alaska Conference | | | | |
| Anchorage | 10:27 | 10:07 | 9:46 | 9:25 |
| Fairbanks | 10:47 | 10:22 | 9:57 | 9:31 |
| Juneau | 9:08 | 8:51 | 8:33 | 8:14 |
| Ketchikan | 8:43 | 8:28 | 8:12 | 7:55 |
| Idaho Conference | | | | |
| Boise | 9:03 | 8:53 | 8:42 | 8:31 |
| La Grande | 8:15 | 8:04 | 7:53 | 7:41 |
| Pocatello | 8:46 | 8:36 | 8:26 | 8:15 |
| Montana Conference | | | | |
| Billings | 8:38 | 8:27 | 8:16 | 8:04 |
| Havre | 8:50 | 8:39 | 8:26 | 8:13 |
| Helena | 8:54 | 8:43 | 8:31 | 8:19 |
| Miles City | 8:27 | 8:18 | 8:06 | 7:54 |
| Missoula | 9:03 | 8:52 | 8:40 | 8:27 |
| Oregon Conference | | | | |
| Coos Bay | 8:34 | 8:25 | 8:14 | 8:03 |
| Medford | 8:26 | 8:17 | 8:07 | 7:56 |
| Portland | 8:33 | 8:23 | 8:12 | 8:00 |
| Upper Columbia Conference | | | | |
| Pendleton | 8:18 | 8:08 | 7:57 | 7:44 |
| Spokane | 8:19 | 8:07 | 7:55 | 7:42 |
| Walla Walla | 8:18 | 8:07 | 7:55 | 7:43 |
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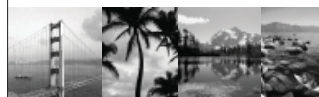
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I do not speak of mental or physical challenges brought through birth or illness. What I describe here is often perpetrated by those with the highest measurable IQs. I need only dip into my distant collegiate past to illustrate how dumbness can be cultivated in the very crucible of academia.

It could be the fire pole which swiftly transported tardy young men from the upper floors of the dorm to the worship hall — at least until an enterprising young profligate smeared a wide band of honey around the shaft about 6 feet from the bottom. The braking effect on bodies hurtling downward was breathtaking.

Or it might be the sophomore theology student with too much time on his hands who drilled a hole through to the dorm room next door and connected his own stereo amp to his neighbor’s loudspeakers.

Then there was the physics major, working clandestinely in the dark to install a remote volume control inside the church organ. His surreptitious ministrations from the balcony a few days later caused inexplicable things to happen during chapel, to the chagrin of the horrified organist. The inscription “Physics Dept” etched into the handle of a screwdriver inadvertently left inside the organ led to his eventual demise.

Sure they’re dumb, and perhaps juvenile. We chuckle, though,

because some of us have similar shenanigans under our belts.

But there is dumb and there is dummer. Paul’s admonishment is key: “When I was a child, I spake as a child ... but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Some continue to struggle with that transition. The ubiquitous social media so many of us use highlighted this recently. Rep. Weiner’s misuse of “key texts” is a clear reminder that increased age and a vast store of knowledge, do not always add up to an advanced degree in wisdom.

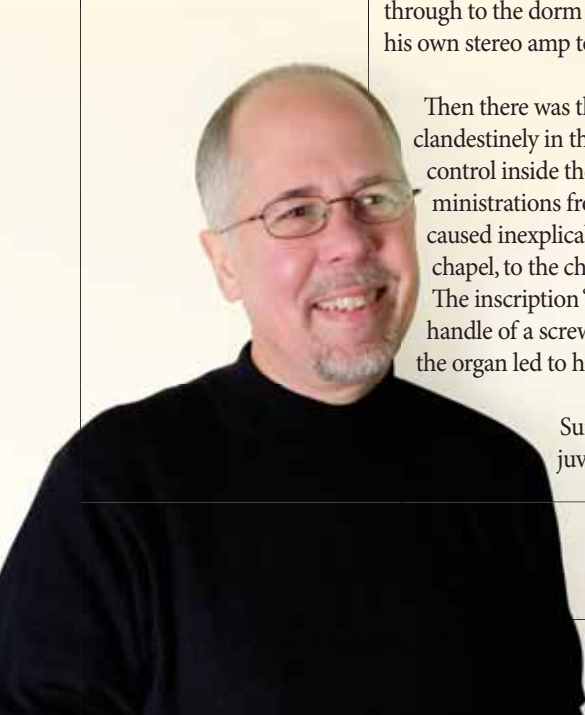
But think twice before you pile on the minister, professor or politician who lays bare his or her human frailties. Those who slip from dumb to dummer, sometimes in the most public ways, reap their reward without us even casting the first stone.

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