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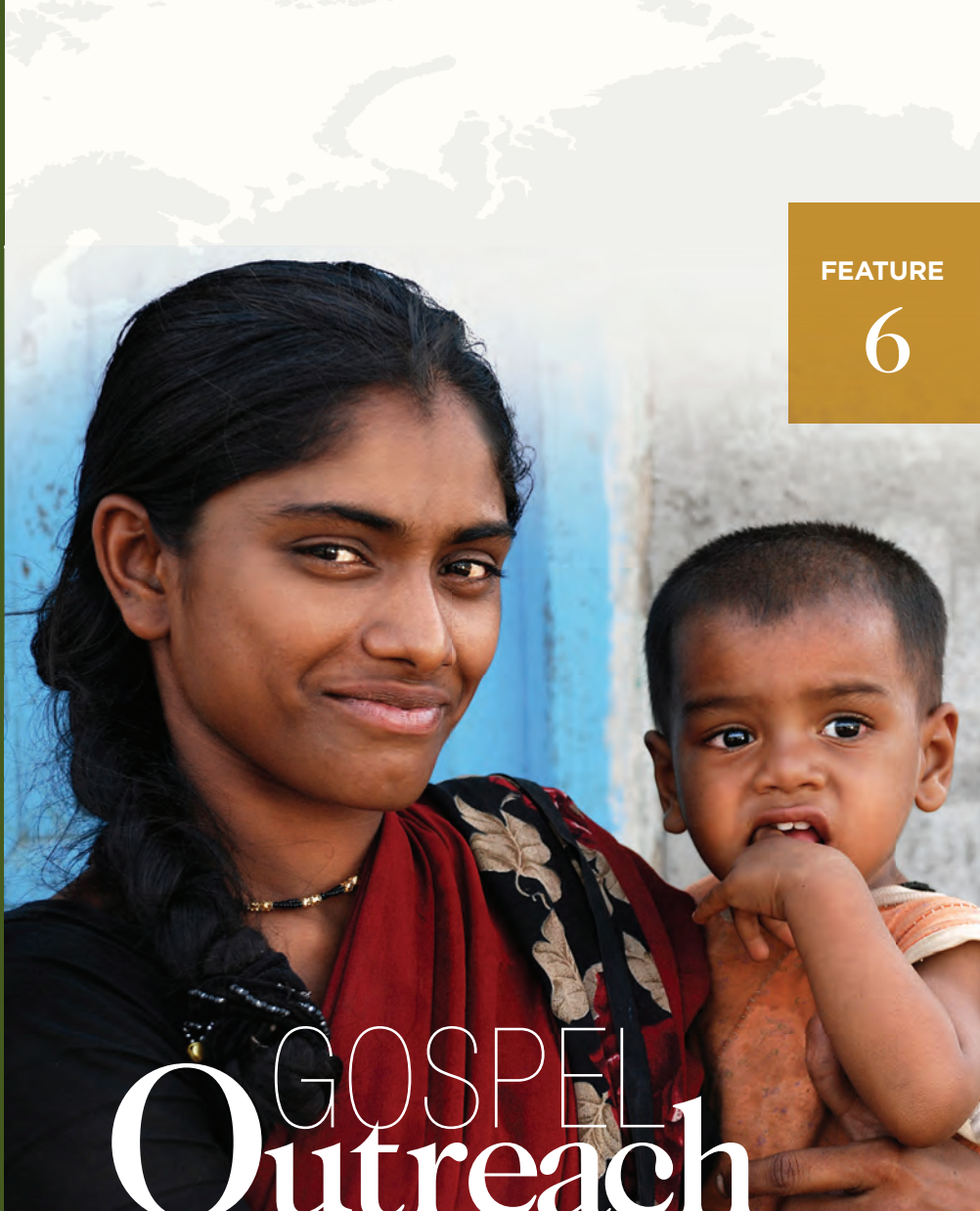
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*P*raise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
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Letters

Thoughts on Ordination

I have never understood our ordination policies. We ordain academy principals, yet they are not ministers nor are most trained in ministry. When I worked in a conference office I was a credentialed (or was it licensed?) minister, but because of my position I was not ordained. If I had been the superintendent of schools then I probably would have been considered. So, it is not our training or background, rather it seems to be our position of leadership that determines whether or not we ordain. Then, when it comes to women we are very inconsistent. We can ordain them as elders and deacons, but not as ministers. Yet, I find no justification for such ordination in the Bible. Why do we always seem to have to drag the church along to get our policies in line with sound practice? Anyone that expects the Bible to support the ordination of women directly will obviously not find justification for doing it. That, in my opinion, is because the culture of the time did not give the authority of leadership to women. I believe it was more cultural rather than God saying women should not be put in leadership roles in the church. As culture changes, so should our policies, as long as we keep the principles in place on which we base those policies. Therefore, it seems to me that the time has come for us to look at the whole application of ordination, including position, background and training, and, yes, gender. Ordination should be based on sound principles and policies that reflect those principles. And in this day and age and current culture, in at least the United States, I think it is time to treat men and women the same when it comes to ordination. If we can't ordain a woman who is the

leader of a congregation, then let's not put women in that role. But if she is qualified to lead a church congregation she should be treated accordingly.

Myron Whiting, College Place, Wash.

A Price to Pay

God created both male and female in His own image. Eve was created from Adam's rib, indicating equality. Yet there were differences in their physical and emotional natures. God designed them to be complementary in their roles, which was to create wholeness in the family with God at the center. Is there not a possible parallel to consider? Women in hugely increasing numbers in the past four decades have dismissed God's supremely valuable roles as homemaker and mother and have bought into what the culture values. A majority of women don't feel valued unless they are working in the marketplace. It doesn't

take a rocket scientist to see the disastrous results: fragmented families, children who feel little or no love because one or both of their parents don't have time for them because both are working. Instead of seeking to be elders and pastors, I would like to humbly ask, "Wouldn't the Lord be pleased if these women would choose to be more like Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy about Jesus Christ and probably how to live out that faith in Him?" There is evidence that women pressing forward into spiritual leadership roles, though some good may be coming of it, has weakened the male spiritual leadership as God designed it to be. I pray earnestly that all those on the North Pacific Union Conference committee as well as the General Conference executive committee will study God's Word, pray and think very seriously about this issue. If we don't come together under God's standard, there will be greater division rather than unity, which we must have to draw the lost to Him.

Tina Thomsen, Silverdale, Wash.

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The Harvest Is Great

Overseas mission outreach has always been of interest to me, particularly when my children went on short-term mission trips to Africa, Brazil and Russia.

Since my retirement from Adventist Health in 2011, I have had the privilege of being more closely connected to overseas mission work through my association with Gospel Outreach. It is amazing to personally experience God's miracles, His perfect timing and His blessings. So many are waiting to be shown God's love in countries rife with poverty, idolatry and spiritual starvation. In these bleak circumstance, where people have so little, they are eagerly receptive to the gospel.

The opportunities for evangelism are all around for those willing to step out in faith. It really is the time referred to in Scripture, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields" (Matthew 9:37–38, NLT).

We can each make a difference. There are so many ways today to be involved — directly through our world church efforts, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Maranatha, Gospel Outreach, Adventist Frontier Missions, or other supporting ministries in the Adventist family. Whether pooling our time, pooling our talents, pooling our resources or pooling our prayers, God will multiply even our humblest efforts and offerings. When we come together in a united effort, He will take our little and bring about huge results to His glory. We are seeing these results today, which I find continually inspiring.

Keeping our mission focus alive is critical for the future of our church. Getting our children and grandchildren involved as early as possible in a global mindset will not only bless them, but also expand God's work at home

and abroad. Through mission stories when they are little, raising mission project funds, getting involved in short-term mission trips and student missionary programs, or volunteering in support of mission outreach, we can keep that spirit growing until the Lord comes.

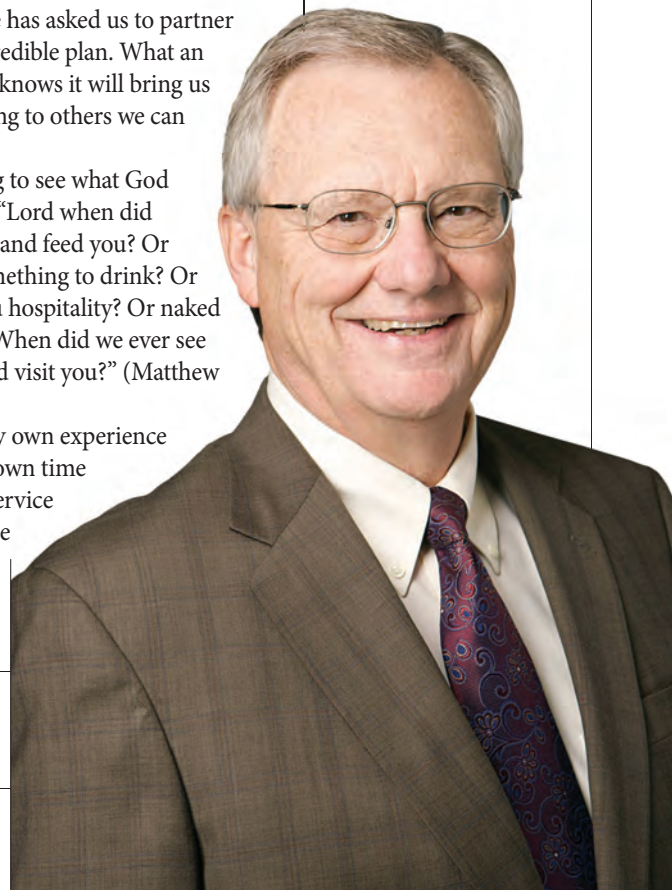
Our world is certainly not becoming a kinder, gentler place to live. The work of spreading God's love and plan of salvation will become increasingly difficult. It already is in many parts of the world. But we can all take encouragement in Ellen White's thoughts from *The Desire of Ages*, "It is true that Satan is a powerful being, but thank God we have a mighty Saviour who cast out the evil one from heaven. Satan is pleased when we magnify his power. Why not talk of Jesus? Why not magnify His power and His love?" (p. 493).

There is still time to make a difference in the lives of all God's children. He has asked us to partner with Him. What an incredible plan. What an incredible privilege. He knows it will bring us joy as well as be a blessing to others we can serve.

Won't it be interesting to see what God says when we ask Him, "Lord when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" (Matthew 25:37–40, NLT).

I can tell you from my own experience that when we offer our own time and effort in unselfish service for Him, He provides the time, He provides the resources, and He provides the blessings.

The opportunities for evangelism are all around for those willing to step out in faith.



LARRY DODDS

GOSPEL OUTREACH BOARD CHAIRMAN



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Ninety-seven percent of people who've never heard of Jesus live in an area of the world called the 10/40 Window, so named because it lies between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude.

This area:

- » Covers one-third of Earth's land mass.
- » Contains about two-thirds of the world's population.
- » Is home to Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.
- » Is marked by high levels of poverty and illiteracy.
- » Is difficult to reach with foreign missionaries.

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With the 10/40 Window

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North Africa • Middle East • India • China • Philippines

December 21, 2012. Doomsday — or so said people who feared the apocalypse on the final day of the Mayan calendar.

The end, predicted hundreds of times over thousands of years, has yet to arrive. We're still here. Perhaps we wonder why, especially these days when every week seems to bring more bad news. How unsettling do the headlines have to be before God notices what's happening on Earth and brings time to a close?

- » Former Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong recently confessed to doping, despite repeated denials throughout his career. Will it take more lying, dishonest and disgraced role models?

- » National and international economies are teetering on the edge of insolvency. Will it take worldwide bankruptcy?
- » Do we need more wars, toppled governments and Arab Springs?
- » More Deepwater Horizon oil spills and Hurricane Sandys?
- » More Sandy Hooks with the loss of innocent young lives?

Even with an Adventist view of world events, it sometimes may be difficult to understand why the Lord's return seems stuck in a holding pattern.



Gospel Outreach sponsors more than 2,000 Bible workers in the 10/40 Window.



REDEFINING THE FOCUS

However, in the midst of a world filled with turmoil and questions, the Bible answers when the end will come.¹ “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14).

The Great Commission elaborates on this theme. Our work — our purpose as individual believers and as a church — is to go to the whole world and preach, teach and baptize.



Seven billion people live in the world today. An estimated 41 percent haven’t heard of Jesus, according to the Joshua Project, which tracks statistics about the Great Commission. Despite the evangelistic efforts of Christians from all denominations, very little apparent progress has been made at lowering this percentage. Taking a closer look may help explain why.

According to the U.S. Center for World Mission, 97 percent of the unreached live in the



10/40 Window.² This area of the world lies between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude. It includes North Africa, the Middle East, India, China and the Philippines.

Many Christians seem content to ignore the 10/40 Window. For example, less than 2 percent of Christian mission giving goes to spread the gospel in this area of the world.³ Instead of working to reach the unreached, nearly all evangelism resources focus on winning people who’ve already had a chance to hear about Jesus.

LAY MINISTRY CONCENTRATES ON THE 10/40 WINDOW

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known,” the apostle Paul wrote nearly 2,000 years ago.⁴ Twenty years ago, that philosophy led to the

founding of Gospel Outreach, an all-volunteer lay organization headquartered in College Place, Washington, right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Its mission is to make a difference by introducing people to Jesus in the 10/40 Window. You might think this means sending out missionary families from the United States, but that’s not how Gospel Outreach operates. Instead, the organization sponsors indigenous, or native, Bible workers who have a burning desire to share their love for the Lord — workers such as Robert Fendall in northern India.

Back in the 1960s people from nearby villages massacred several members of Robert’s family for becoming followers of Jesus. Remaining family members continued to live their faith, and over time the witness made an impression. Many



ADOPT A WORKER



A Bible worker in the 10/40 Window can be sponsored for \$150 per month through the Gospel Outreach Adopt-a-Worker program. As a sponsor you will receive periodic updates about your worker via email and the website. In this way you are connected in a very personal way with the mission work being done. To learn more, simply visit adoptaworker.org or call 509-525-2951.

people in the area now are asking for Bible studies, and Robert, along with his wife and two children, will answer the call.

Robert and other local evangelists — unlike foreign missionaries going to a new area — already understand the culture, language, religion and social environment of the people in the region. They have proven to be highly effective. In many areas, every \$6 invested in this type of evangelistic work leads to a decision for Jesus and baptism.⁵

Adventist mission offices in the 10/40 Window hire and train the Bible workers. Gospel Outreach simply provides the average monthly cost of \$150 per worker.

“I see Gospel Outreach as an extension of the church,” says Larry Dodds, Gospel Outreach board chairman. “The all-volunteer nature of the administrative structure means donor contributions are stretched to the maximum. Going into the office and seeing volunteers giving hundreds of hours of their time to support this ministry and then seeing and hearing the mira-



cles of God changing lives through the work of the Bible workers — it’s truly inspiring.”

Gospel Outreach sponsors more than 2,000 Bible workers in the

10/40 Window. Over the years, one million baptisms have resulted from the work being done, but the task remaining is enormous. Millions upon millions more are waiting to hear of Jesus for the first time. They need hope. They need the Savior. Jesus has asked each of us to be part of a God-ordained search-and-rescue mission with a global — not just local — focus.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW

Here’s what you can do today to help fulfill the Great Commission:

- » **Pray.** Be a daily prayer warrior on behalf of the 10/40 Window. Ask the Lord of the harvest for more workers.⁶
- » **Tell.** Be an ambassador and let others know of the needs in the 10/40 Window.
- » **Adopt.** You can be a missionary without leaving home by adopting a Bible worker. For more information, visit adoptaworker.org, or call 509-525-2951.

“The question we must ask ourselves is whether we truly want Jesus to come,” says Dan Preas, Gospel Outreach president. “If we do, our hearts will be changed. We will once again love the way He does, and this love will compel us to take the gospel to the whole world — to set the captives free from the prison of sin. Instead of wasting time trying to figure out dates, we will actually see Jesus coming in the clouds to take us home.”

Kevin Waite, Gospel Outreach correspondent

1. 2 Peter 3:9.
 2. <http://www.joshuaproject.net/great-commission-statistics.php>.
 3. *World Christian Trends* (William Carey Library Pub: 2003), 661.
 4. Romans 15:20, NIV.
 5. Gospel Outreach data.
 6. Matthew 9:38, Luke 10:2.

KIDS ON A MISSION



A group of creative kids in Walla Walla, Washington, acted out an original holiday play, titled *A Victorian Christmas*. Approximately 40 people attended the home production, which raised \$375 to help sponsor Bible workers in the 10/40 Window.

Among those in the play were Clara Scully and Jalie Rasmussen (front row), Jolan Rasmussen (middle), and Allie Scully and Breanna Scully (back row). Lauren Lofthouse, Claire Lofthouse and Josie Parks (not pictured) also participated.

“Christmas is not all about presents,” says Allie, 13, who wrote the script for the play. “It’s about Jesus and spreading His love.”

The children have also sold lemonade and held spa days to raise money for Gospel Outreach Bible workers.





The Green DREAM

Ellen White's Vision of Jesus

BY ALEX BRYAN, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR

EDITOR'S NOTE

Here is our second excerpt from a book that challenges Adventists to re-engage with an end-time message and mission. Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, brings these issues into focus in *The Green Cord Dream*, published by Pacific Press and excerpted here with permission. Part 3, the final excerpt, will be printed in next month's *GLEANER*.

We live in a world of words. The first act of a newborn baby is to take a deep breath and then to speak: I don't like it out here! It's cold. It's bright. I'm hungry. Do something about it! I want to go back inside where it's warm and comfy.

And we spend the rest of our lives talking and listening to other people talk. We tell stories. We give direction. We express opinions. We write. We type. We text. We Facebook.

But we long to hear another Voice. We need to hear from the One who made this masterpiece of a world — from the One

who allows it to be such a mess. We need to know if there is a present and a future. We need to hear from Someone above. We can't survive on the stories we tell one another. Weather forecasts, political speeches, and public service announcements aren't enough. We need more than gossip and prognostications. We need more than mere human voices. We need to hear the Word of God.

Seventh-day Adventists, historically, have been known as a "people of the Book." The founding Adventists poured themselves into the Bible and poured the Bible into themselves. In its first days, the

Cord A.M.M.

and His Church

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movement was marked by men and women who loved and respected Holy Scripture. We might say that the venue for the Advent vision was in thin pages bound by leather. The Adventist arena of activity was in the pages of the Bible. In the Sixty-Six.

There the pioneers found promises. Predictions. History. Future. Judgment. Truth. Authority. Explanation. And hope.

Adventism's sanctuary isn't a cathedral. Adventism's Holy Land, its Mecca, isn't found on a map. Adventism's mission statement isn't discovered on a plaque, in a work of systematic theology, or in an image, logo, or catch phrase.

Adventism's sanctuary is the Bible. Our geography, if you will, is the Bible. Our mission: to work and play in Scripture and then to work and play Scripture into life.

Adventism, at its best, loves the Word of God.

Adventists dig the Word, for God speaks and God cares. He is awake and alive and engaged. The Bible is God's sound wave, His music, His whisper, His

shout, His story. The Bible is supersweet like honey. It breaks the bland human-to-human conversation, which can only take us so far.

This movement's preachers and teachers have given me three gifts — three pieces of advice that have taught me how best to engage the Bible. I've learned that Adventists who are on their game embrace these gifts, these treasures. When they remember and apply them, the Bible is transformational. But when they neglect them, it loses its beauty and bite.

GIFT #1: DON'T OBSESS ABOUT THE FRYING PAN

The business leadership guru Tom Peters tells about a time when he was in his kitchen, washing a dirty frying pan. Hard work. Scrubbing out each grease stain takes a long time. Restoring the pan to its original pristine state is no quick and easy project — if, in fact, such perfection is even possible.

Peters finally concluded, This is a waste of time! I'm going to spend so much time scrubbing

this frying pan that I'll miss more important things.¹ Like eating. Like eating with friends.

The Bible can do wonderfully great work in our lives. It can cook up a rich spiritual meal that will leave us well nourished. But we have to eat it, to devour it, and we mustn't spend all our time trying to make it (and other people) perfectly clean.

The book *Seventh-day Adventists Believe ...* puts forth this good Adventist understanding: "Divine revelation was given by inspiration of God to 'holy men of God' who were 'moved by the Holy Spirit' (2 Peter 1:21). These revelations were embodied in human language with all its *limitations* and *imperfections*, yet they remained God's testimony. God inspired men — not words."²

God wasn't the copy editor; He was the Inspiration. He could have dictated every word, but He didn't choose to do this — and we can be glad He didn't.

Why?

We can spend so much time arguing about a word, a phrase,

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or a particular meaning that we miss the grand sweep of Scripture. The larger point. We can spend so much time with a problematic phrase or a difficult passage — trying to scrub every grease stain from the frying pan — that we miss the meal.

In my experience, Adventism's theological fistfights ("semantic skirmishes of sin?") generally don't involve big, clear, obvious, well-attested themes. They involve problematic passages, obscure meanings, wrestling over words, metaphors, suggestions — matters that the Bible leaves opaque. Theological friction within the Adventist Church often seems to sprout in the soil of lesser questions.

Adventism at its best isn't obsessed with small arguments. Adventism at its best isn't sidetracked by theological tangents. Adventism at its best is about grand themes — and there is no grander theme than Christ.

Amid a fierce debate over Sabbath theology and practice, Jesus said, "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are *the very Scriptures that testify about me*, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39, 40, NIV; emphasis added).

The point of the Bible is not the Bible. The point is Jesus. Adventism aright doesn't remove every stain from scriptural pans. Instead, we eat the rich meal of Jesus Christ, stirred in the pan of God's written revelation, warmed by the Holy Spirit's fire.

GIFT #2: SPEAK FOR YOURSELF

I like to tease my friend Dave Thomas, who is dean of the School of Theology at Walla Walla University, where we both work. Ordinarily, he's a good-natured person with a wide and wonderful sense of humor. But to his dismay, I've taken to calling him the Chief Theologi-

cal Officer on our campus. The Sheriff of Scripture. The Bible Boss.

My teasing makes him cringe. It bothers him because he's a good Adventist. Let me say that again. My teasing bothers him because he's a good Adventist.

The Adventist pioneers were deeply concerned about doctrinal patrols. Religious liberty — the freedom to engage religion, church, and the Bible — wasn't merely an external concern; it was an internal value as well. Religious freedom was about life outside the church and life inside the church.

John Loughborough, a prominent Adventist preacher who was called to ministry by Ellen White, famously wrote, "The first step of apostasy is to get up a creed, telling us what we shall believe. The second is to make that creed a test of fellowship. The third is to try members by that creed. The fourth is to denounce as heretics those who do not believe that creed. And, fifth, to commence persecution against such."³ Now, that's a strong statement! One quite representative of Adventists in the beginning — and of Adventists at their best in every era.

Pastor Loughborough wasn't saying that anything goes. He was warning against an authoritarian perspective within the church that kills the desire to study the Bible. Obsessive monitoring of biblical study and interpretation destroys love for God's Word.

I love what Ellen White says about the continuing value of Bible study:

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



truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation.”⁴

GIFT #3: LEARN FROM THE MUSICIAN

Finally, a word about Ellen White, a human being who models love for the Bible. She was a “person of the Book.”

Some Adventists deify Ellen White. Others demonize her. Some want to build a shrine in her honor, and others want to burn her books. I have grown to appreciate this woman as neither deity nor demon, but a delight.

Maybe we can think about Ellen White and her writings this way: God is the Inspiration behind a piece of music — say Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony*. (My favorite.) So, too, God is the Inspiration behind all hu-

man works that reveal Him, especially the canon of Scripture.

Like Beethoven, the Bible writers were composers. They took the spiritual truths with which God inspired them and put them down on paper. Through poems, histories, prayers, stories, parables, prophecies, arguments, songs, and metaphors, they brought to life the music that God put in their souls.

Ellen White did what great musicians always do: they play the Great Music. She took Beethoven’s “Ninth” (the Bible) and brought this great work to life. Through her sermons, her books, her example, she made

the type on the page sing. She loved Scripture’s symphonies, and she played them with excellence — full of rhythm, melody, and mood.

And then she becomes prophetic. She becomes evangelistic, which is the natural bent of great musicians. She extends an invitation to us. She doesn’t invite us to sit back in a pew and listen to her music. Instead, she challenges us to pick up an instrument ourselves! The point is that we’re not to listen passively as she plays the music of the Bible; we’re to be inspired by her love of the Written Word and join the orchestra! Reading Ellen White shouldn’t motivate us to read Ellen White, but to read and relish the Bible.

LISTEN TO THE PROPHET ...

“We should not take the testimony of any man as to what the Scriptures teach, but should study the words of God for ourselves. If we allow others to do our thinking, we shall have crippled energies and contracted abilities. The noble powers of the mind may be so dwarfed by lack of exercise on themes worthy of their concentration

as to lose their ability to grasp the deep meaning of the Word of God. The mind will enlarge if it is employed in tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture and spiritual things with spiritual.

“There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God’s word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times . . .

“The words of inspiration, pondered in the heart, will be as streams flowing from the fountain of life.”⁵

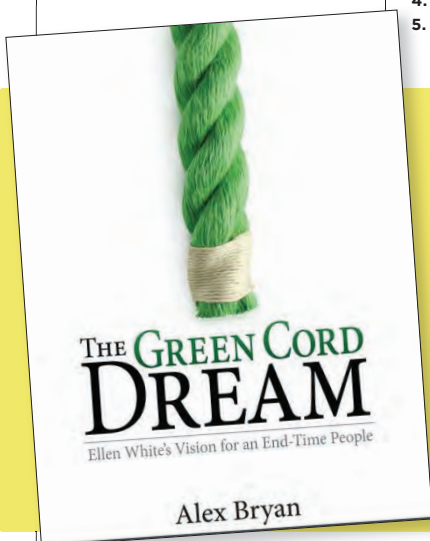
Adventists at their best are people of the Book — people who avoid scraping pans so they can enjoy the biblical feast; people who believe everyone should have the freedom to explore the Bible freely; people who themselves play the biblical music — melodic vibrations that sing of Jesus!

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4. Ellen G. White, *Counsels to Writers and Editors* (Nashville: Southern Publishing Association, 1946), 35.
5. Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1956), 89–91.

WANT TO READ MORE?

Interested readers may obtain the full edition of *The Green Cord Dream: Ellen White’s Vision for an End-Time People*, published by Pacific Press, from their local Adventist Book Center, online at adventistbookcenter.com or as an e-book at Adventist-ebooks.com.

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Dios Sigue Bendiciendo al Grupo de Mosaic

Hace algunos años, comenzamos a reunirnos como parte de un sueño de la Iglesia Hispana de Hillsboro, Ore. Al principio, era un ministerio que tenía el propósito de alcanzar a los jóvenes de segunda generación, pero al pasar el tiempo, se convirtió en un “grupo multicultural de habla inglés,” en el cual asisten personas de diferentes culturas y nacionalidades. Tenemos un promedio en asistencia de 125 personas y alrededor de 20 visitas cada sábado, y por ellos iniciamos una “iglesia para niños” con una asistencia de 30 pequeños. La mayoría de los que asisten son familias jóvenes y solteros adultos entre los 29 años de edad.

Cada sábado, es un gran día de evangelismo en Mosaic. Toda nuestra programación es muy especial y alegre. Parte de nuestra visión incluye ayudar

Helio Ferreira y su familia con el grupo Brasileño.



Harold Altamirano bautizando a Trinity Berry, uno de los 15 nuevos miembros.

a matrimonios, por lo cual comenzamos un ministerio para ellos, este ministerio cumplirá una gran función en ayudar a los matrimonios a estar saludables en diferentes áreas. Recientemente comenzamos otro ministerio, exclusivamente para solteros, y la idea es de ayudarles, entre otras cosas, en la búsqueda de

Jesús en sus vidas. En el 2012, para honra y gloria de Dios, 15 personas entregaron sus vidas al Señor mediante el bautismo.

Recientemente comenzamos otro nuevo ministerio para familias multiculturales, que específicamente incluye personas de origen Brasileño. Este ministerio es dirigido por el pastor Helio Ferreira, que también es de origen Brasileño. Este ministerio comenzó con eventos sociales y actividades recreativas para poder llegar a conocerse mejor. Muchas de estas personas no asistían a ninguna iglesia anteriormente, y por primera vez están conociendo de Jesús, gracias a Dios y a la dedicación de Ferreira, aproximadamente 15 personas de estas familias brasileñas se están congregando con nosotros cada sábado.

Tenemos un grupo de estudios bíblicos cada sábado y un grupo pequeño durante la semana. Muchos de ellos ya están estudiando la biblia.

Dios nos ha dado el privilegio y la oportunidad de comenzar un grupo en Salem, Ore., con la misma visión, de alcanzar a jóvenes adultos en esa área. Recientemente, en el mes de enero, comenzamos a reunirnos cada sábado en la Academia Adventista de Livingstone. Gracias a Dios, y con la ayuda y liderazgo de Albert Ríos y un grupo de líderes muy dedicados, trabajamos fuertemente para que este grupo siga creciendo.



Nuestro futuro en la iglesia de niños.

Por favor, toma unos minutitos cada día, y ayúdanos a orar por Mosaic y también por el grupo en Salem. Creemos firmemente que Dios tiene grandes planes para nosotros.

Harold Altamirano, pastor del grupo de Mosaic

Alaska Holds Community Service Conference

The Alaska Conference sponsored and held the Conference on Community Service and Outreach Nov. 16–18, 2012. The conference equipped pastors and local church and nonprofit leaders with strategies and skills to successfully lead.

The meetings focused on three major outcomes: leadership skills, improved knowledge, and changes in attitude that face the service dynamics of local community service leaders of Adventist churches in Alaska.

Rhonda Whitney, former Oregon Conference Adventist Community Services director and Portland (Ore.) Adventist Community Services (PACS) director, led the discussions on developing capacity of local churches' community services team-planning to organize

humanitarian and outreach ministries. The participants also learned of Spirit of Prophecy and the biblical basis to support service initiatives and ways to influence local church leadership on the value of investing in social capital among congregations.

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Adventist Community Services (ACS) director, emphasized that leadership can improve participants' abilities to effect individual, organization and community changes. It was also noted that organization management is influenced by both social and religious variables that can overwhelm an unprepared leader.

The Sabbath sessions focused on the social dimensions of evangelism by discussing biblical concepts of holistic ministries and how collabora-



Alaska Conference church and nonprofit leaders learn skills and strategies during the Conference on Community Service and Outreach.

tion and partnerships among community institutions can sustain evangelism.

"This conference is an eye opener for leaders of community outreach groups and how they can mobilize congregations to step out from their comfort and develop ministries around their churches," says Ruth deGraaff, Eagle River ACS coordinator.

Seventeen participants completed the ACS Disaster Response Preparedness Course led by Whitney on Sunday. The

course prepares local church community services leaders about effective management of donated goods from partner agencies and communities responding to disaster declarations.

The Alaska Conference is planning another leadership conference on community ministries for Oct. 11–13.

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Adventist Community Services director

Eagle River Valley Church Surpasses Project Goal

Twenty-three children and adults at the Eagle River Valley Church spent two hours on Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 10, 2012, packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The church had set rather small goals in the beginning with a plan to pack and ship 10 boxes. When the dust had settled and everything was cleaned up, they rejoiced to see that there were 53 boxes.

The boxes, along with funds for shipping, were dropped at



Eagle River Valley Church members pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse centers the following week. The agency collects boxes filled with toys, pens, pencils, crayons or art supplies, socks, hard candy, or other small things that children enjoy. They are given to disadvantaged children all over the world who have never had a present. Since 1993, 95 million shoebox gifts have been distributed in 130 countries around the world.

Ruth deGraaff, Eagle River Valley Church communication leader

Gem State Gains New Perspective on Mission

I felt a little trepidation as we arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, after traveling 24 hours to arrange for some students to bolster our lagging enrollment. In the cold world of the business side of education, more students equal more revenue, which in turn allows for more programs to be offered and facilities to be provided. Figuring out how best to present our school caused this anxiety — we really need the students — but not knowing the culture created some questions. Little did I know that my perspective on the solution was about to be profoundly changed.

At Brazil Adventist University (Universitario Adventista de Sao Paulo, or UNASP), my colleague Steve Bergherm and I were greeted by a young man from Albania. His main goal was to make us as welcome and comfortable as possible — he was very successful. We learned the day we arrived that there were 780 students who took a test to be admitted to 150 openings in ... theology.

The next day we were scheduled to meet with the president of the university, which has three campuses. I really wondered what we could offer to



(From left) Amilcar Groeschelle, UNASP international placement coordinator; Steve Bergherm, GSAA vice principal of finance; Aradne Alves da Costa, UNASP International Services director; Todd Driver, GSAA vice principal of academics; and Pastor Martini, UNASP president, meet to discuss plans to send students from Brazil to study at GSAA.

attract these students.

The president, Pastor Martini, put us at ease immediately. After getting to know each other briefly, he asked, “So, how many students can you take?”

We relaxed. They were envisioning sending academy students abroad to learn English and be exposed to other Adventist cultures. Amilcar Groeschelle, the international placements coordinator, proceeded to detail the vision of preparing

their young people for discipleship, giving them a global view of the Adventist Church. They are preparing them with culture, language and experiences that will give them the tools to spread the news of Christ’s soon return to the world.

Wow. Here we were trying to figure out how to convince some students to come to our school, and it dawned on us — they were trying to sell us on a vision of mission and

joining them in that quest. God reminded us that pursuing His plan for our schools would also address the challenges we could see, just as promised in Matt. 6:33, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Todd Driver, Gem State Adventist Academy vice principal of academics

Montana Brightens the Corner With New Initiative



Michelle Boothby is Montana's GLOW ministry trainer.

The Montana Conference has launched a new initiative of lay evangelism training by adding a conference position

for Michelle Boothby to coordinate GLOW ministry and take it to Montana churches.

"GLOW stands for 'Giving Light to Our World,'" Boothby explains, "so Montana is going to do just that through literature ministry, house-to-house efforts and inspiring spiritual growth in our own walks with God."

A concerted effort is desired, and the conference is enthusiastic about the results ahead and stories already coming in. "It's such a privilege to work with wonderful leaders like Merlin Knowles [Montana Conference president] and Barry Taylor [Montana Conference

church ministries director]," says Boothby. "We talk about Christ's method of winning people, we pray together, and we're committed to encouraging and training our church members. We've got a state to reach, so we're going for it."

Keep Montana in your prayers as members "brighten the corner" where they are. Because Jesus is coming soon,

Montana Conference wants to invite everyone to see what He has in store for them. For more information, visit montanaconference.org.

Michelle Boothby, Montana Conference GLOW ministry trainer



Missoula Hosts Pathfinder Pinewood Derby

Montana Pathfinders and Adventurers descended upon Mountain View Elementary School in Missoula, Mont., on Jan. 27 for the annual Pinewood Derby. About 150 people attended, including about 80 kids racing their own miniature wood cars. The day included 11 rounds with 16 races.

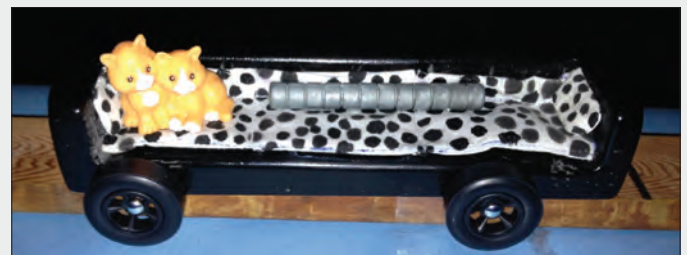
This was not a low-tech derby in any way. A computer-

Onlookers and racers alike enjoy the Montana Pinewood Derby.

ized program tracked racers' points, names and speeds. Race results and upcoming races were displayed by a projector.

Racers could win in categories such as finish, craftsmanship and originality, as well as speed.

The children waited anxiously for their turns to race while they snacked on food sold during the event. Baked beans, hot



Cars were judged on finish, craftsmanship and originality, as well as speed.

dogs and nachos were especially good on a cold Montana winter day. The ice cream sundaes went over well for those who were acclimatized to the near-negative temperatures.

Bystanders cheered for their family and friends as the racing continued. Finally, after about four hours, the racing was completed. The cars, which were judged during the lunch

break, were handed back to their owners.

Then came the award ceremony. Ribbons were distributed, congratulations were said, and pictures were taken, as yet another fun Montana Pathfinder event came to a close.

Lindsey Schumacher, Nemissoolatakoo Pathfinder



Grants Pass Pastor Retires



Marvin Clark is retiring as the Grants Pass Church senior pastor.

Dec. 29, 2012, marked the last sermon Marvin Clark would perform as the Grants Pass Church senior pastor. His message was the same as it has been throughout his 15-year ministry in Grants Pass: “Jesus loves you and be prepared for His return.” In his final sermon, Clark spoke of Noah and his 120 years of ministering to people while preparing the ark. As Noah did, Clark urged the congregation to trust and obey God.

Baptisms. Child dedications. Funerals. Memorials. Ordination services. Evangelistic series. Bible studies. Television shows and special interviews at Better

Life Television. Over 15 years, Clark bonded with the congregation in Grants Pass through his work, love and selfless devotion to his church family. In recent years, his pastoral duties also took him to Cave Junction, 30 miles southwest of Grants Pass, where he was equally loved and well-received.

In a recent interview published in Better Life Broadcasting Network’s monthly magazine, Clark reflected on his career and life as a pastor. Two special moments stood out in his memory. The first was baptizing a woman on her 100th birthday. The other was baptizing a woman named Ra-

chel. Confined to a wheelchair or bed 24 hours a day, Rachel came to the Lord through the ministry of Better Life Television. It took three men to safely baptize Rachel, an event Clark cherishes in his memory.

A farewell social for Clark was held Jan. 5 at Grants Pass Adventist School (GPAS). The school gym accommodated the large crowd that wanted to honor Clark and his more than 30 years as a pastor. Tables were beautifully decorated. A scrapbook was presented, full of well wishes and praise by members. Gifts included a framed print of Nathan Greene’s *The Blessed Hope*. Memories and music

highlighted the evening, while laughter and tears were shared. Friendships forged over the years will not be broken.

It doesn’t appear that Clark’s schedule will slow down much with retirement. He will be a much-sought-after speaker in the Oregon Conference. He will continue to visit and help out at GPAS, where his wife, Judi, is principal and teaches grades three and four. The Clarks will live in Grants Pass, visiting family in Tillamook, Ore., and Chattanooga, Tenn., as often as possible.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader

GPAS Raises Funds

for Toddler's 'Perfect Broken Heart'

Kaleb Lahr entered this world on Aug. 1, 2010, fighting for his life. His heart was failing. Diagnosed with aortic stenosis, Kaleb also was suffering from mild mitral stenosis valve regurgitation and the rare condition endocardial fibroelastosis.

Despite enduring surgeries, hospital stays, and numerous visits to doctors and specialists, Kaleb may someday require a full heart transplant.

Kaleb's big brother, Allan, is a student in Sheryl Shewmake's first- and second-grade class at Grants Pass Adventist School (GPAS). The idea was spawned to assist the Lahr family with

Kaleb's medical bills, and a baked goods/toy sale was held in October.

Next, materials and labor were donated to create a fundraiser quilt for Kaleb and his family. Quilt squares were sold to families, although, as Christmas break approached, it was not looking like all squares would be sold.

But soon each square was sold and then some. Shewmake presented the Lahr family with the completed quilt, a tribute to "Kaleb's perfect broken heart," during the GPAS Christmas program. More than \$1,700 was raised through these fundraisers to offset Kaleb's medical bills.

Each heart on the quilt bears the name of the family who purchased the square. The names of the quilt's creators are stitched to it as well.

Lindsey Lahr, Kaleb's mother, has been working on having Kaleb's Law passed in Oregon. The law would require hospitals to have infant-size pulse oximeters available. In addition, all newborns would be required to be "pulse ox" tested to help identify congenital heart defects.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



The completed fundraiser quilt is displayed.

Drama and Music Mark Christmas

at Sharon Church

It has been said throughout the years that Jesus is the "reason for the season." Well, that sentiment is not lost at Sharon Church in Portland, Ore.

Sharon's upper and lower division Sabbath School classes put on a skit, "Birth of Christ," on Dec. 15, 2012. Christmas songs like "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" and "Away in the Manger" — all the way through "Joy to the World" — echoed in the sanctuary. The children rehearsed their lines for weeks, as they portrayed the lives of Joseph, Mary and the three wise men, as well as the angels who kept watch over them.



Sharon Church presents a drama on the birth of Jesus.

Later that evening, "The King of Glory" concert and drama of Christ's birth was presented by Sharon's music ministry, members and non-members alike.

The church choir performed music between each of four acts.

The following Sabbath, Dec. 22, Sharon Church held its

annual A Family CHRISTmas celebration. Many families participated in song, poetry, prayer and even testimonies — truly a worship experience.

Kevin Rhamie, pastor, kicked off a week of prayer on Dec. 30 that ran through Jan. 5, 2013. December concluded with a sundown service and agape feast, complete with music, prayer, testimonies and more prayer.

Sharon Church knows well that Jesus is the best reason for any season.

Donald Cobbs, Sharon Church member

Livingstone Mourns Beloved Volunteer



Livingstone Adventist Academy is mourning the loss of Lawrence Ashlyn, known to the students simply as "Pops."

For students at Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Ore., one thing has always been a constant. It didn't

matter if they were moving up to the next grade, if the school was switching principals or if the lunch menu was changing, one person was always there: Lawrence Ashlyn, known to the students simply as "Pops."

Pops was born on May 8, 1925, in McKeesport, Penn. He worked in Salem for a number of years. The last 25 years of his life were spent on the Livingstone campus, contributing tens of thousands of volunteer hours. Pops passed away on Sept. 26, 2012, and he is greatly missed.

Pops worked as a landscaper and grounds worker at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem. After retiring he spent almost all of his time volunteering at Livingstone. He was often

the first person at school each morning, going around the school to unlock buildings, and one of the last to leave.

"He did things people wouldn't expect, like being at the gate really early, even in the cold," explains one Livingstone fifth-grader. Pops greeted kids with a handshake or a hug as they were dropped off. He pushed children on swings and made sure to keep them all moving.

Every day during the school's three lunch periods, Pops was in the cafeteria taking care of milk and juice cards, loaning bowls for noodles to those who forgot their lunches, and giving out utensils to those who needed them. He also took care of a lot of maintenance

work around campus. He often refueled the school buses and seemed to enjoy taking them out for a spin.

Pops was also known for repairing chairs and desks. Most of the classroom chairs on campus have some welding he completed. He also showed his landscaping expertise by keeping school plants flourishing.

To many Livingstone students, he was known not just as a volunteer, but a grandfather as well. He is missed greatly, but his legacy will live on, as Pops' family asked that any gifts of appreciation be donated to Livingstone for new playground equipment.

Ruth Martinez, Livingstone Adventist Academy senior

Countryside Christian School Sees God at Work

What do a baptism and a bean auction have in common? They both illustrate how God is using Countryside Christian School in Veneta, Ore., for His glory.

Alanna Ortega, a fourth-grader, along with Zoe Walter, a homeschooler who participates in the Countryside music program and field trips, were baptized on Oct. 13, 2012, at the Veneta Church.

Countryside Christian School held its annual Bean Auction in October 2012. Now in its fourth year, the auction includes a meal made of



Family members surround Countryside Christian School students Zoe Walter (white robe, center left) and Alanna Ortega (white robe, center right) in celebration of their baptisms.

donated soups, crackers and bread. The meal is provided for a suggested donation. Attendees donate their own unneeded items in exchange for beans (pinto beans to be exact), which they can use to bid on items. There is also a table of items auctioned for cash.

The auction raises about \$300-\$400 each year for projects around the school. This year, the auction supported the music program and a new playground.

Sherleen Head, Veneta Church member

PAA Communications Respond to Changing Readership

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) launched digital communications to serve a changing audience while simultaneously celebrating 10 years of its *Headlines* paper newsletter.

Publishers worldwide are augmenting their digital communications, and the North Pacific Union Conference, Oregon Conference and area churches have responded similarly. PAA is responding to readership trends by offering an *e-Headlines* newsletter as well as actively communicating through Facebook and Twitter. Each offers an oppor-

tunity to reach an audience that rarely sees *Headlines*, which is distributed monthly to Adventist churches.

While digital communications offer new opportunities, PAA considers *Headlines* an asset and has no plans to halt publication. “Nowhere else do you have such a large and captive audience of readers,” says Gale Crosby, PAA principal.

“The mission of this bulletin was simply to spread good news,” explains Dan Patchin, who started the newsletter in 2003 while volunteering at PAA.

The growth of online read-

ers isn’t the only thing that has enhanced readership. Volunteer translators helped grow circulation by 25 percent in 2008 by creating a Spanish version of *Headlines*.

Both paper and online communications serve unique roles. *Headlines* is distributed to 45 congregations and is read by nearly 5,000 people. Almost 1,000 people read and share PAA news online, and that number grows daily.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



(From left) PAA student workers Jodi Waymire, Mareliza DeJesus and Dima Poperechny hold copies of the *Headlines* newsletter, which they help produce and distribute to earn tuition.

Lakeview Church Brings Christmas Behind Bars

The Lakeview Church received a request in January 2006 to hold religious services at the new state prison, Warner Creek Correctional Facility (WCCF), located in Lakeview. The Lakeview pastor at that time, George White, and several others started holding services

twice weekly, and since then five inmates have been baptized.

The prison ministries team heard about a project called Christmas Behind Bars in July 2011 and thought it would be a wonderful idea to try at WCCF. Many of the men there do not have families or friends who

keep in contact with them. This project could be a way to let these inmates know someone was thinking about them. The team applied for approval but was turned down at that time.

Undaunted, they tried again in September 2012 and, with the help of the chaplain, staff members and many prayers, received approval. The church body unanimously lent support through funding, signing cards and prayers.

Each of 430 lunch-size bags was filled with a copy of *Steps to Christ*, a hand-signed Christmas card and Christmas goodies, including candy canes and dark chocolate bars.

Sabbath evening, Dec. 8,

2012, church members stuffed the bags, and then the team personally distributed the bags and wished each man a merry Christmas on Dec. 13.

The church has received positive verbal and written responses from both prison staff and inmates. The dark chocolate bars were a big hit, and many are reading the books and asking questions.

The prison ministries team plans to continue this program next Christmas.

Rosemary Cress, Lakeview Church prison ministries leader, and Chris Mason, prison ministries team member

Lakeview members prepare to take gift bags to the nearby prison for Christmas Behind Bars.



WWVA Students Preach in Valley Venues



Enrique Vado, WWVA junior, prepares a sermon for his Bible class.

Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) students in College Place, Wash., are sharing God's love with people around the world by honing their public speaking skills and preaching in local churches, for WWVA and as far away as South America.

Daniel Perrin, WWVA religion teacher, encourages students to preach and supports them as they prepare. He assigns a project to one upper division class in which students practice being a church community. In addition, at least one student from the class is asked to preach in a local church. "I have a few students who are really interested in preaching," Perrin says. "I want to encourage their interest."

Anita Gomez, a junior, volunteered to preach for the Milton-Freewater (Ore.) Spanish Church. Her pastor, Kessle Hodgson Sr., scheduled a Sabbath to present her

sermon. With less than a week to prepare for it, Gomez and Perrin sat down and reviewed her ideas. "She already had some good ideas when we started working on it," Perrin says. "She preached during the summer, so she had an idea of what she wanted to say and did very well."

The day Gomez preached, a group of about 25 boys attended from a camp for struggling teens. Before Gomez spoke, her pastor made a point that someone the same age as the boys was preaching that day. It was an intimidating situation, but the message was clear: "God loves you."

Enrique Vado, a junior, is new to WWVA this year. Originally from Nicaragua, Vado came to Walla Walla, Wash., in hopes of becoming a pastor, like his father. He regularly preached in Nicaragua and has had the opportunity to give a sermon at both the Milton-Freewater and College Place Spanish churches. "When I

preach, I feel the power of God. It's amazing; it's different," Vado says. "It is my calling."

During the last week of January, eight students shared their thoughts on the theme "Behind the Closed Door" with 185 classmates during the student-led week of prayer. The theme explored what happens in our lives when we open the door to



Benji Rivero speaks on the Scripture "I know the the plans I have for you" to the student body.

Christ's knock. Students collaborated with their home church pastors as well as WWVA staff members to ensure that their presentations accurately reflected and explained what they have experienced.

"It takes courage to stand in front of your friends and talk," says Keith Wells, WWVA vice principal, "but the students at WWVA have a love for God and want to tell their world about it.

Carolyn Green, WWVA marketing and development intern



Seniors Ashley Serle, Anthony Woods, Chanel Scotson, Zack Brenes and Emily Field open a worship service with praise.

Hoover Accepts Presidential Call

Paul Hoover, Georgia-Cumberland Conference vice president for administration, has accepted the invitation to become Upper Columbia Conference president, replacing Bob Folkenberg Jr., who now serves as president of the China Union Mission. Hoover and his wife, Patti, hope to make the transition to Spokane, Wash., by March 31.

A 1980 theology graduate of Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn., Hoover holds Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Hoover served as a pastor in



Paul and Patti Hoover have accepted the call for Paul to be the Upper Columbia Conference president.

the Kentucky-Tennessee, Oklahoma and Georgia-Cumberland conferences. He has been an administrator for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference since

2010. He has advanced training and experience in reconciliation services and has been responsible for coaching leadership development of conference

administrators, pastors and educators.

The Hoovers have two grown sons, Paul Jr. and Philip, and two granddaughters. The Hoovers are excited about this new challenge.

“On behalf of Patti and myself, we want you to know we are deeply honored and humbled to accept the opportunity to serve with so many dedicated, wonderful people,” Paul Hoover says. “We look forward to following God’s leading and becoming a part of the Upper Columbia Conference family.”

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

Rogers Students Witness With Daniel Drama

First- and second-graders in Tonya Wessman’s class at Rogers Adventist School in College Place, Wash., learn lines, Scripture and songs every year in preparation for performing Bible stories at area churches. In November 2012, her 21 students went to the Walla

Walla University and Eastgate churches in Washington’s Walla Walla Valley to share the story about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who braved the fiery furnace during Daniel’s time.

Besides acting out the story, they memorized and recited Mark 8:34–36 and sang “Dare

to Be a Daniel.”

“When we practice and perform these plays, the students internalize the lesson so much more than if we just read it,” says Wessman. “They also love sharing what they have learned about God with others.”

Wessman’s students will perform *The Ten Bridesmaids* this spring.

In addition to performing Bible dramas, Rogers students at all grade levels share their talents by going to area retirement homes to sing and play piano and strings. Other mission-oriented activities include raising money through bake sales for victims of Hurricane Isaac

and Hurricane Sandy, putting together Christmas gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child and collecting cans of food to help local food banks.

“We encourage our students to share their talents whenever and wherever they can,” says Clare Thompson, Rogers School principal. “Through these opportunities, our students can further develop their speaking and musical abilities, as well as learn empathy for people in other situations and how they can play an important role in spreading God’s love.”

Lisa Krueger, Walla Walla Valley Academy parent

Rogers Adventist School students are involved in a number of outreach projects, including performing Bible dramas like *The Three Friends and the Fiery Furnace*.



Sunnyside Food Bank Volunteer

Shows Heart for Others

Jay Carman and his wife, Bernadine, reluctantly left their farm home in Sunnyside, Wash., last summer, when Bernadine fell and was injured. Bernadine recovered at a separate rehabilitation facility, and then, in an effort to live under the same roof, they moved into nearby Sun Terrace Retirement and Assisted Living Community.

Jay retired from many years as a plumber and was always busy — with others in mind. He volunteered for more than 20 years with the Adventist Community Services (ACS) Food Bank at the Sunnyside Adventist Church, faithfully picking up food weekly and helping to sort and bag the food for hundreds of families each week.

A Sun Terrace activities director, Linda Duim, noticed that Jay had a heart for others but wasn't able to help at the food bank as he had. So she approached him about helping the food bank from his new home at the retirement home.

Jay's health deteriorated suddenly, and he was given a difficult diagnosis. Despite the gloomy outlook, with his thoughts still first on others, Jay approached the residents at the facility and soon had more than 500 pounds of



When Jay and Bernadine Carman moved into an assisted living facility, Jay still found a way to help the nearby food bank where he had volunteered for decades.

canned and packaged foods, as well as cash, for the ACS Food Bank. One lady pulled money out of safekeeping in her Bible, feeling the need to help the community.

Sunnyside Church and the food bank were saddened that Jay Carman passed away right before Christmas this last year. His fellow workers remember his stoic yet caring attitude and his putting others' welfare ahead of his own comfort. They look forward to reuniting with him in heaven.

Jeanne Barrett-Usher, Sunnyside Church communication leader

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New Life Shares Hope With Community

New Life Adventist Ministry, a new church plant in Fife, Wash., is finding ways to share hope with the community.

“Our church is motivated by God’s love to serve the community,” says Gayle Lasher, New Life pastor. “We are living and working this priority to reach out and share hope for a new life in Christ.”

The congregation set up community outreach labs to put into action the theories and concepts taught in Sabbath School about how to reach people for Christ. Lab groups included raking leaves on residential streets while talking with neighbors and hosting a booth at the Fife Harvest Festival to distribute religious tracts and water bottles.

New Life is offering community-focused ministries such

as leading 30 teens and adults through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, distributing holiday food and toy baskets to 35 needy families, hosting a community Vacation Bible School, offering a job-hunting skills workshop, and addressing health issues through a stop smoking class, CPR/AED and First Aid certification classes, and a blood drive.

The church plant found unity in a springtime spiritual growth church retreat, a summertime “church in the woods” experience near Mount Rainier, and two sets of 40 Days of Prayer, including a daily morning teleconference.

“Already the Lord has honored our commitment to prayer with many victories,” says Lasher. “Two people have been released from jail, cancer has

been healed, several have made a commitment to Christ, homes and jobs have been provided, and so much more.”

New Life plans to continue reaching their community this year through disaster preparedness training, financial empowerment workshops, Bible studies and personal ministries.

“God has graciously blessed our efforts as this body of believers continues to seek and serve Him and reach the community of Fife,” says Lasher.

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Gayle Lasher, New Life Ministry pastor, with Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



New Life Adventist Ministry set up community outreach labs to put ministry lessons learned in Sabbath School into action.

New Life Adventist Ministry, a new church plant in Fife, Wash., is finding creative ways to interact with the community, from blood drives and financial empowerment to Vacation Bible School and more.



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Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus

Invites Students to Sing

More than 200 men from the Pacific Northwest and beyond sang with the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus (OAMC) on Jan. 19 at two concerts in the Seattle, Wash., area.

Academy and college students from Auburn Adventist Academy, Milo Adventist Academy (Days Creek, Ore.), Thunderbird Adventist Academy (Scottsdale, Ariz.), Walla Walla Valley Academy (College Place, Wash.) and Walla Walla University joined community and OAMC members to share their musical gifts at Green Lake Church in Seattle and the Auburn Adventist Academy Church.

"Singing with the group was an unforgettable experience



Pacific Northwest men of all ages joined their voices in January for church and afternoon concerts in the greater Seattle area.

because what I learned from the practices and performances will help me improve my singing," says Flynn Chae, an Auburn Adventist Academy junior from Korea. "It was an experience that helped

me grow musically as well as spiritually."

Chae and other students enjoyed the powerful anthem of "Rise Up O Men of God" and a South African song with choreography. "It was so much

fun to get the congregation involved," Chae says.

Lou Wildman, OAMC conductor, feels a deep sense of responsibility to encourage students to grow in their faith and become leaders in their churches. He took a few minutes at the end of the Auburn concert to acknowledge the student participants.

The concert came to a close with four hymns of the Second Coming as voices joined the Auburn Adventist Academy Orchestra in proclaiming the hope that Seventh-day Adventists share around the world.

Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Three Generations Work Together

on Bellevue Face-lift



Three generations of the Nordby family — George, Nick and Davis — are adding to a legacy of service at Bellevue Church.

Three generations of a family are continuing to change the face of Bellevue Church.

Longtime member George Nordby is a key leader for the church's current capital improvement project, and this experience is bringing back a lot of good memories.

Nordby and his wife, Nona, joined in 1966 when the first phase of the church was under construction. They both volunteered and continued to help during the second phase when the sanctuary was added in 1977.

"I remember a lot of the founding church members showing up every Sunday, ready to work," says Nordby. "It was something we always did as a family, including our two young sons, Nick and Marc, who were 9 and 11 at the time. They loved swinging at nails as we worked on the flooring and the walls."

Fast forward to today, and you'll still find the Nordby family working on the latest renovations at Bellevue, including a third-generation Nordby, Nick's 12-year-old son. The three generations of

Nordby men recently tore out carpet together and helped dismantle the old platform.

"None of us even noticed that three generations were working side by side until Pastor Maylan Schurch pointed it out," says Nick Nordby. "The best thing you can do as a parent is be a good role model. I hope Davis learns this is how you serve your church and community."

Teresa Joy, Bellevue Church member

Kirkland Students Show Heart for Service

Students in kindergarten through second grade at Kirkland Adventist School are finding joy in helping others.

Early in the school year, students made stuffed animals at Build-A-Bear Workshop to give to a nearby children's hospital.

Gabi Mantle, kindergarten student, visits a resident at Madison House Retirement Home.



They made the bears, prayed as they placed the "hearts" in them and cheerfully gave them to children who needed the comfort.

The children performed both Veterans Day and Christmas programs at a local retirement home. Through songs and skits, the children shared their love of Jesus with the residents.

The classrooms also planned a garage and bake sale to help orphans. The sale raised \$800 through sales and donations to purchase Sabbath clothes for orphans in Thailand and to provide monthly support for an orphan in Sri Lanka.

One student who had just arrived from Russia decided to contribute her own very special toy to the sale. An older student saw what happened and bought



Kirkland Adventist School kindergarten through second-grade students visit Build-A-Bear Workshop to make bears for patients at a nearby children's hospital.

the special toy to give back to the little girl.

Other projects have included participating in Children of the Nations, making holiday place mats for a local community Thanksgiving dinner, and adopting a family at Christmas by providing toys, clothing, personal items and gift cards.

The students are excited about giving of themselves to help others, and it is a blessing to see the joy they express in being willing to serve all of Jesus' children.

Lucille Nelson, Kirkland Adventist School kindergarten teacher

Goats Change Lives *in Auburn and Africa*

Story time recently took on a whole new meaning for 18 first-grade students at Buena Vista Adventist School in Auburn.

When Ruthie McPherson read the true story of *Beatrice's Goat* to her class, the first-grade students at Buena Vista decided they could purchase a goat to help a needy family.



While reading *Beatrice's Goat*, a true story about one goat that changed the life of a family in Africa, the first-grade students decided to purchase a

goat for a needy family.

Ruthie McPherson, teacher, researched goat-giving options and found an opportunity through Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). The cost of a goat for Tunisia, North Africa, was \$140.

Students sent word out to friends and families of Buena Vista, and their special bank started to fill. McPherson developed a fundraising puzzle, and another piece was added for every \$10 collected.

"We figured it would take us until the end of the [school] year to collect enough to

purchase one ADRA goat," says McPherson, "but after only three days of collecting, we discovered we already had \$80."

Three weeks after the fundraiser started, students had raised enough for not just one, but three goats.

"God has really blessed the efforts of my first-graders," says McPherson, who adds with a laugh that the class may have a whole herd of goats by the end of the school year.

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Adventist School GLEANER correspondent

WWU Students Practice 'Abiding Service'

Walla Walla University's winter week of worship, which began Jan. 14, also marked the beginning of the 40 Days Challenge, an annual initiative for students to incorporate spiritual growth in their

lives. Matt Randall, Associated Students of Walla Walla University (ASWWU) spiritual vice president, chose the theme of service this year in organizing the challenge. The initiative's theme, "Abiding Service," was also the

theme of January's week of worship.

"There's so much energy at Walla Walla University, but I felt that there could be so much more done with the energy that I see," Randall says. "The goal was to help students make service a part of their lifestyles rather than just events that occur once or twice a year."

During the 40 days, students could be involved in a number of service projects organized by ASWWU and other campus departments, including a downtown Walla Walla, Wash., ministry outreach; a community blanket drive; a Portland, Ore., out-

reach to homeless people; and a fundraising campaign for Mission Mozambique, an ASWWU service project with a goal to drill 10 freshwater wells in that African country.

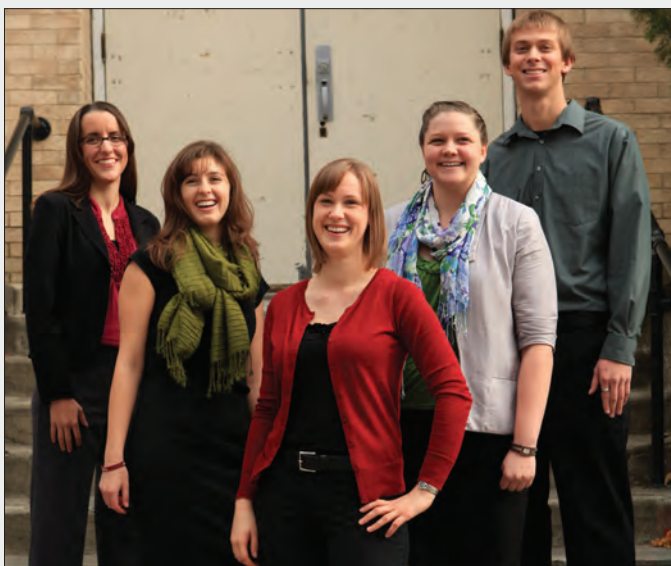
A major service campaign has become an annual effort by WWU students. In past years, students have organized efforts to combat illiteracy and sex trafficking. Last year, they sponsored a campaign to give funds to College Place, Wash., public schools.

Rosa Jimenez, university relations writer



WWU students pray with people living on Portland, Ore., streets.

Senior Class Officers Represent Graduating Class



Class officers from the College Place campus include (from left): Stephanie Bailey, Sara Mayne, Amy Alderman, Kelsi Williams and Brett Schultz.

Walla Walla University's graduating students will receive their diplomas at the June 16 commencement ceremony. Representing graduate candidates at this event and others throughout the year are senior class officers of the Class of 2013.

Amy Alderman, a communications major, was elected as the class president in November. The position of executive vice president went to accounting major Kelsi Williams. Sara Mayne, music major, was chosen to be class chaplain. Business student Stephanie Bailey was elected

class secretary, and Brett Schultz, engineering major, was elected treasurer.

Class members elected both Josefer Montes, business professor, and Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, as class sponsors.

At the Portland School of Nursing campus, Mindy Thornton and Jeff Simafranca were elected as co-presidents. Nursing students elected Karen Tetz, nursing professor, as class sponsor.

Camlynn Waring, university relations writer

News Notes

ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

At the annual Gresham (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards luncheon, Adventist Medical Center (AMC), in Portland, Ore., was presented with the chamber's Business Excellence Award. This recognition is given for excellent business practices and the contributions that AMC makes to the community.

At the same event, Ed Hoover, manager of the medical center's LivingWell/Community Wellness programs, was named the Golden Note Volunteer of the Year. Hoover, described as "an inspiring coach and mentor to others and an advocate for those in need," has more than 1,700 volunteer hours to his name. A member of the Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley, Ore., he has also reached more than 2,300 people through health education classes, health fairs and other events.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL HOLDS FREE DENTAL CARE CLINIC

To help local residents with urgent dental care needs who have no insurance or financial resources to pay for services, Tillamook (Ore.) County General Hospital partnered with Medical Teams International (MTI) to host a two-day mobile dental clinic. MTI furnished the dental van and supplies along with a manager to coordinate the clinical care, while local dental professionals volunteered

their time. "It was rewarding to see patients relieved of their pain and so grateful to the caring dental staff," says Linda Heyne, the hospital's dental van project coordinator.

Thanks to this team effort, more than \$17,000 in free dental care was provided to 28 Tillamook residents.

SPIRITUAL CARE SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY WALLA WALLA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Recently the third annual Spiritual Care Symposium was held at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH), sponsored by the hospital and the Walla Walla University School of Social Work and Sociology. Guest speaker Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president of mission and spiritual care, focused on the topic Emotional Intelligence: The Key to Spirituality in the Workplace. Mario DeLise, WWGH chaplain, says, "We created the Spiritual Care Symposium to provide fellowship, education and skill-building for those in ministry, health care and mental health professions on topics related to spirituality and health care. The topic this year was particularly interesting as it explored the link between the spiritual climate and emotional intelligence in inspiring the best of each of us as individuals and organizations."

Rita Waterman, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



C.J. ANDERSON

Ed Hoover volunteers at the Portland VegFest, an annual expo for the vegetarian/vegan community.



BRYAN SABIN

Local volunteers Chris Opdahl, dentist, and Tanya Wehinger, dental assistant, provide dental services in Tillamook, Ore., using the Medical Teams International mobile dental van.



KRISTI SPURGEON JOHNSON

More than 70 professionals attend the Spiritual Care Symposium at Walla Walla General Hospital.

MILESTONES

Depner 90th

Reuben Robert Depner celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends on May 6, 2012, at Parkview Assisted Living in Colville, Wash. Reuben and his twin sister, Ruby Roberta, were born May 14, 1922, in Rocklyn, Wash. When the twins were six, the family moved to Farmington, Mont. They farmed, and Reuben's father had a rural mail route. The four kids attended a nearby country school.

Reuben joined the Marines in 1943. After basic training, he went to Clearwater, Fla., to learn the mechanics of amphibian tractors. Reuben and his team designed new armor plating to help the tractors resist bullets.

He was on ship guard duty when the kamikaze pilots bombed Pearl Harbor a second time. He also went to Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima, where he was when the American flag was famously raised over Mount Suribachi.

Reuben was crew chief on an amphibian tractor transporting men and supplies ship to shore. When they shipped out while loading the amphibian tractors, Reuben and his buddy Joe somehow got missed and were left in the ocean. They took turns bailing and being sick until they finally were spotted and rescued.

When Reuben got home, he and his brother-in-law Jack operated an Oval E service station in Choteau, Mont. From there he moved to Spokane, Wash., and farmed with his brother Delmer.

Reuben and Joyce were married July 2, 1948, and farmed until their lease ran out when Reuben was 79. He also did mechanic and carpentry work.

Then they bought 20 acres in Rice, Wash., and celebrated Reuben's 80th birthday and a housewarming in 2002. After suffering a stroke in March 2012, Reuben moved with his wife to Parkview Assisted Living.

The Depners have been married 64 years and have been blessed with five children: Rae Nadeen, David Robert, Wayne Stacey, Viola Maria and Mona Lisa; 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

Gibbons 70th

Keith and Elizabeth Gibbons celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Oct. 24, 2012, in College Place, Wash. They were treated to a reception with a music program.

Keith Gibbons and Elizabeth Barlow became friends in Selma, Ind., during their senior year of high school. They graduated in April 1941 and became engaged. They were



Keith and Elizabeth Gibbons

married on Oct. 11, 1942. Keith joined the service in February 1943 and spent time in training, education and overseas service.

Keith returned from his European tour of duty to his wife and two daughters in 1945. A son was added to the family

and later two foster daughters. After working various jobs both Keith and Elizabeth settled into teaching.

They taught 40 years in Adventist education, from elementary through college levels, in Washington, Mississippi, Georgia, Wyoming and Montana. After retiring from teaching, they pastored in Montana for a few years before settling in College Place. They have spent their retirement working for Walla Walla University, carrying church and civic positions, and volunteering at Walla Walla General Hospital.

Their family includes Yvonne and Jack Jackson of Prescott, Wash.; Kay and Arland Sanborn of Redmond, Ore.; Ed and Diane Gibbons of Madras, Ore.; Sally (Puntney) and Bill Alexander of Everett, Wash.; Sandy (Sisson) Masterjohn of Auburn, Wash.; 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Saxby 65th

Doyle and Lorelei (Pierce) Saxby celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with 20 friends at a July luncheon in McGregor Lake Lodge near Kalispell, Mont. A few days later, family members gathered on their actual anniversary at their lake cabin.

Doyle and Lorelei met in 1945 when he was on a World War II Army furlough from England in College Place, Wash., and Lorelei was attending Walla Walla College (WWC, now Walla Walla University). After his discharge, Doyle also attended WWC, where they became reacquainted. They were married on July 27, 1947, in the College Place Village Church.

After they finished college in 1949, Doyle attended the



Lorelei and Doyle Saxby

University of Oregon in Eugene, while Lorelei managed a real estate office. They worked several years in public accounting in The Dalles, Ore., and Visalia, Calif. After receiving his CPA, Doyle was a state legislature auditor in Sacramento, Calif., and set up auditing systems in Thailand and Alaska during leaves of absence. He also chaired the building committee for the new Carmichael (Calif.) Church, as he had also done in The Dalles.

The Saxbys then spent 11 years in Helena, Mont., where Doyle served on the governor's cabinet as state controller and directed the Department of Administration and Lorelei taught in public and church schools.

They returned to California before retiring. Doyle worked 12 years as the Marin Municipal Water District auditor controller, and Lorelei managed a physician's office. They have lived in College Place since 1992 and have volunteered for several Maranatha International building projects.

Their family includes Kent and Vicki Saxby of Kalispell, Mont.; Monte and June of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Gayle Saxby (deceased); and 4 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

BROWN — Joshua Daniel was born Nov. 19, 2012, to Daniel and Stacy (Page) Brown, Priest River, Idaho.

DAY — Morgan Jameson was born Dec. 31, 2012, to Sean and Jennifer (Nelson) Day, Florence, Ala.

DIAMOND — Miles Jarreth was born Jan. 2, 2013, to Lance and Elizabeth (Mendenhall) Diamond, Astoria, Ore.

ISPIRESCU — Marc Oliver was born Dec. 12, 2012, to Sorin and Alyce (Ciovica) Ispirescu, Sandpoint, Idaho.

PERRIN — Josiah David was born Nov. 15, 2012, to David and Bambi (Butler) Perrin, Vancouver, Wash.

REED — Jasen S. was born Dec. 15, 2012, to Tyler and Morgan (Davis) Reed, Oldtown, Idaho.

SKELLEY — Nicole was born May 8, 2012, to Joseph S. and Shannon (Davis) Skelley, Priest River, Idaho.

WEDDINGS

BULLOCK-WESSLEN — Greta Bullock and Kipp Wesslen were married Dec. 23, 2012, in Ashland, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Greta is the daughter of Dan and Pam (Beddoe) Bullock. Kipp is the son of John and Karen (Seibold) Wesslen.

HANING-GRAHAM — Carmen Haning and Larry Graham were married Aug. 12, 2012, in Goldendale, Wash., where they are making their home. Carmen is the daughter of David and Francelia Pahlka (both deceased). Larry is the son of Wilo and Oma Graham (both deceased).

STARR-SWEITZER

— Linda Starr and Eric Sweitzer were married Sept. 8, 2012, Tualatin, Ore. They are making their home in Tigard, Ore.

WALTERS-DAVIS

— Wendy Walters and Todd Davis were married Oct. 28, 2012, in Redlands, Calif. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Wendy is the daughter of James and Priscilla (Philips) Walters. Todd is the son of Ronald and Nancy (Jensen) Davis.

AT REST

BEAULIEU — Franklin C., 87; born Oct. 5, 1925, Bend, Ore.; died Oct. 17, 2012, Bend, Ore. Surviving: wife, Vida, Oregon City, Ore.; daughters, Mona Stewart, Bakersfield, Calif.; Francis Beaulieu, Salem, Ore.; Cindy Tessler, Gresham, Ore.; Renee Vaughn-Beaulieu, Oregon City; stepson, Samuel T. Vaughn III, Calton, Calif.; stepdaughter, Sherron (Vaughn) Jones, Bend, Ore.; half brothers, Dale Beaulieu, Clackamas, Ore.; Paul Beaulieu, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; Leon Beaulieu, Fossil, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

BIEBER — F. William “Bill,” 96; born April 13, 1916; died Oct. 29, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Sherene Bieber, Vallejo, Calif.

BUNGARD — Stanley C., 91; born March 19, 1921, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; died Nov. 15, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Karen Bungard, San Diego, Calif.; Marcia Anspach, College Place, Wash.; Janet Wallenkampf, Bayside, Calif.; Susan Bungard, College Place; brother, Raymond, Boise, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

CLOUSE — Barbara Jean (Koberstine), 78; born Jan. 26,

1934, Spokane, Wash.; died Oct. 28, 2012, Spokane. Surviving: sons, Rod Clouse and Delbert Clouse, both of Spokane; stepsons, Jim Clouse, Bob Clouse, Phil Clouse and Dave Clouse, all of Spokane; stepdaughter, Edie Sims, Spokane; brother, Duke Koberstine, Spokane; 46 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

DANIEL — Louise A., 90; born Dec. 22, 1921, Springfield, Ill.; died Aug. 1, 2012, Springfield, Mo. Surviving: sons, Jim and Charlie; daughter, Janis Hall; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DICKERSON — Everett, 86; born April 3, 1926, Bowerswell, Okla.; died Oct. 11, 2012, Clarkston, Wash. Surviving: wife, Yvonne (Meier) Potter; sons, Dennis, Arlington, Texas; Charles, Loughborough, England; stepsons, Randall Potter, San Diego, Calif.; Merl Potter, Fort Smith, Ark.; daughter, Michelle Witthaus, Clarkston; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DIRKSEN — Shirley F. (Hysler), 79; born July 25, 1933, Colon, Panama; died March 8, 2012, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, Daniel, Grants Pass; Lawrence, Hayward, Calif.; daughter, Janette Dirksen, Grants Pass; sisters, Arlene Tiffin, Olympia, Wash; Midge Wilson, Federal Way, Wash.; Anna Stultz, St. Peters, Mo.; half brothers, Ray Hysler, Bolt Hill, Maine; Craig Hysler, York, Maine; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

FARMER — Dorothea R. (Fiedler), 92; born Nov. 20, 1919, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 29, 2012, Portland. Surviving: daughters, Judy Smith and Evadelle Beard, both of Portland; 3 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

FERGUSON — Raymond E.,

93; born Feb. 22, 1919, Hufsmith, Texas; died Nov. 6, 2012, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ruby (Bankhead); son, Stanley R., Battle Ground, Wash.; daughter, Sandra Johnson, Spokane; brothers, Harold and Wesley; sisters, Estelle Hopkins and Charlene Avants; 4 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

GARCIA — Karen Marie (Ness), 47; born March 31, 1965, Seattle, Wash.; died Oct. 17, 2012, Everett, Wash. Surviving: husband, Emil, Marysville, Wash.; son, Andrew, Marysville; daughter, Karalee Garcia, Marysville; parents, Iver and Nancy Ness, Marysville; and brother, Bryan Ness, Angwin, Calif.

GORDON — Donna Rae, 80; born Oct. 2, 1932, Council Bluffs, Iowa; died Nov. 29, 2012, Altamonte Springs, Fla. Surviving: sons, Douglas, Portsmouth, Va.; Marc, Keedysville, Md.; daughters, Kathleen Hile, New Paris, Ind.; Karen Lawhorn, Altamonte Springs; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

HALEY — Clara B., 87; born April 23, 1925; died Aug. 11, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Robert Jr., Portland; Jerry, Troutdale, Ore.; daughters, Elaine Hoffman, Napa, Calif.; Jayne Spence, Portland; sisters, Mary Comer, Tacoma, Wash.; Patt Bauer, Madras, Ore.; Maxine Harrah, Castle Rock, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

HEWETT — Eugene Weldon, 96; born March 11, 1916, Eugene, Ore.; died Nov. 14, 2012, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lucille (Nelson), Umatilla, Ore.; daughter, Carol Joyce Sutton, Carlton, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

HUBER — Harold “Doc” Sam, 89; born Aug. 17, 1923, Rexburg, Idaho; died Oct. 16,

AT REST

2012, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: wife, Delta (Hurley); sons, David, Portland, Ore.; Gary, Kellogg, Idaho; daughters, Marianne Brams and Lucy Huber-Dawes; sister, Helen Roloff, Portland; and 3 grandchildren.

JAMES — Robert, 87; born April 24, 1925, Lebanon, Ore.; died Nov. 29, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Maxine; sons, Albert, Portland; and Larry, Lebanon.

JENNINGS — Florence Glyde (Wilson), 93; born Sept. 3, 1919, Dolph, Ore.; died Sept. 29, 2012, Sioux Falls, S.D. Surviving: daughter, Lorraine Smith, Rochester, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JENNINGS — Nicholas “Nick” Steven, 60; born Jan. 19, 1952, Myrtle Point, Ore.; died Oct. 3, 2012, Williams, Ore. Surviving: son, Shawn K. Haning, Sacramento, Calif.; daughter, Tamara N. Jennings, Sebastopol, Calif.; stepchildren, Joe and Milina; father, Victor Alan Jennings, Portland, Ore.; mother, Edith May Rowell, Grants Pass, Ore.; brothers, Victor A. Jennings, Grants Pass; Dahnn D. Haning, Williams; Tom W. Jennings, Keaau, Hawaii; and Flip F. Jennings, Puyallup, Wash.

JENSEN — Gwendolyn “Gwen” Ruth (McEwen), 88; born Sept. 7, 1923, Tompkins, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Sept. 5, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Surviving: son, William Brown-Jensen, Redlands; daughter, Carolyn Bohlman, Cheney, Wash.; Dianne Frost, Salinas, Calif.; Melinda Blake and Carmen Rima, both of Bullhead City, Ariz.; brother, Lawrence McEwen, Loma Linda, Calif.; sister, Audrey Lunsford, Calimesa, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

JENSON — Nichole C. (Threadgill), 34; born Dec. 7,

1977, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; died Oct. 1, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Elijah; daughter, Sophia Jenson, Portland; parents, Danny and Shelley Threadgill, Coeur d’Alene; sisters, Michelle Threadgill, St. Louis, Mo.; Danelle Clark, Damascus, Ore.; and grandmother, Elinor King, Monroe, Wash.

LINDSAY — Ida Mae (Mittleider), 90; born Sept. 28, 1922, Blackfoot, Idaho; died Nov. 4, 2012, Payette, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Ed Lindsay, Sacramento, Calif.; Clare Lindsay, Eatonville, Wash.; Ben Lindsay, New Plymouth, Idaho; daughter, Donna Chase, New Plymouth; brothers, Henry Mittleider, Bellingham, Wash.; Kenneth Mittleider, Adairsville, Ga.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MARTZ — Dowell Edward, 88; born Sept. 29, 1923, Livonia, Mo.; died Feb. 9, 2012, Bakersfield, Calif. Surviving: wife, Mabel (Hunter); son, Martin, Bakersfield; Marc, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; daughters, Marjorie MartzEmerson, Joseph, Ore.; Merri Martz, Carlsborg, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

MCCARTNEY — Hazel Irene, 98; born June 25, 1914, Armstrong, British Columbia, Canada; died Oct. 21, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Maylene Russell, College Place, Wash.; Heather Leno, Walla Walla; Nancy Teale, Washougal, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

MCCUNE — Melvin “Mike” D., 91; born April 29, 1921, Drumright, Okla.; died Oct. 30, 2012, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gloria (Hardege); son, Mike, Spokane; daughters, Deborah Lange, Caldwell, Idaho; Cheryl Sturgis, Portland, Ore.; Kelley McElroy, Auburn, Wash.;

8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MITCHELL — Maurice Edward, 78; born Nov. 6, 1932, Yakima, Wash.; died July 26, 2011, Walnut Creek, Calif. Surviving: wife, Anna B. (Fletcher), Concord, Calif.; son, Michael, Concord; daughter, Catherine Mitchell, Everett, Wash.; sister, Bev Oleson, Clayton, Calif.; and 2 grandchildren.

MORRIS — Wilson Taylor, 92; born July 21, 1920, Vian, Okla.; died Sept. 23, 2012, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Dorothy F. (Hogan); daughters, Faye McSweeney, Doranna Peterson, Tana Schroeder and Mindy Struble; sisters, Lu Boggs, Ruth Young, Ada June Leaf and Monta Ann Drew; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

NORTON — Emma Frances (Cowan), 96; born June 4, 1916, Bassano, Alberta, Canada; died Nov. 1, 2012, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, Robert, Echo, Ore.; daughter, Rosalie Briggs; sister, Faye Polly; 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

PARMELE — Delma Mourine (Carrick), 94; born May 29, 1918, Counsel, Idaho; died Oct. 1, 2012, Liberty, N.C. Surviving: husband, James C.; daughters, Donna Gottfried, Liberty; Beverly Smith, Eagle River, Alaska; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

PATCHEN — Glenn A., 77; born July 27, 1935, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; died Nov. 5, 2012, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, Valerie (Davy), Kent, Wash.; sons, Greg, Chandler, Ariz.; Garth, of South Carolina; daughter, Genelle Pepple, East Wenatchee, Wash.; brother, Gary, of Montana; sister, Gloria Kupferman, Wenatchee; and 7 grandchildren.

PERRY — Daryl C., 75, born Nov. 4, 1936, Benton Harbor, Mich.; died Oct. 4, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Loreta C. (Helms); sons, Steve and Stan; daughter, Dorita Tessier; brother, Morian Perepelitza; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SCYPHERS — Inita “Peggy” M. (Fallang), 91; born Sept. 28, 1920, Big Timber, Mont.; May 4, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Joe, East Helena, Mont.; daughters, Patricia Winn, College Place; Ruth Bebee, Richland, Wash.; Charlene Scharf, Polaris, Mont.; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

SONNENTAG — Jacob A., 91; born July 23, 1921, Neillsville, Wis.; died Oct. 7, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Peter, Fernwood, Idaho; daughter, Pamela Chatley, College Place, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

VICKROY — Paula Marie (Hines Simper), 63; born Aug. 25, 1948, Tacoma Park, Md.; died June 13, 2012, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: husband, James L., McMinnville; son, Russell Wayne James, Portland, Ore.; daughters, Stephanie Lynn Shelton, West Linn, Ore.; Michelle Susan Bona-duce, Portland; mother, Marybel Hines Simper Palmer, Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Gerald Wayne Hines, Olympia, Wash.; Kenneth Edward Hines, Washougal, Wash.; half sister, Lynette Carol (Simper) Kovalik, Alamo, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

WALKER — Keith H., 93; born April 28, 1919, Garland, Kan.; died Oct. 6, 2012, Boring, Ore. Surviving: wife, Christine M. (Phillips); son, Keith L., Beaverton, Ore.; daughter, Carole A. Walker, Arcadia, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

March 2 — Local Church Budget;

March 9 — Adventist World Radio;

March 16 — Local Church Budget;

March 23 — Local Conference Advance;

March 30 — Walla Walla University.

ASI Northwest Chapter Convention

May 2-5 — The ASI NW Convention will be in beautiful Seaside, Ore., at the Civic Convention Center. Special ASI room rates have been negotiated with the Rivertide Suites Hotel and the Inn at Seaside. Ask for ASI rate when making reservations. For more information and to register, go to asinw.netasi.org or contact Marella at the NPUC office at 360-857-7000. The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus will be performing on May 4.

Walla Walla University

March 2 — Evensong, organ and spoken word at the University Church;

March 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 — The Festival of One Acts, student-directed drama performances. More details at drama.wallawalla.edu;

March 7-9 — March U-Days. For details and reservations, call 800-541-8900;

March 9 — Orchestra Performance at the University Church;

March 21-31 — Spring Break.

Idaho

Save the Date!

April 5-7 — Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) Alumni Weekend, "Roads Diverged: Together Again." Come to celebrate our school and various paths that bring us together again. Featured speakers will include: Aubrey and Jan Fautheree (staff '88-'04) for vespers; Merlin Knowles ('72 and Montana Conference president) and Cheryl Knowles for Sabbath School; Dan Matthews ('53) for church; current GSAA students in concert; and girls volleyball and boys basketball games, starring current GSAA varsity vs. alumni, Benji Mellish ('01).

Oregon

Keepers of the Faith Quartet Concert

March 9 — The Vancouver Community Adventist Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, WA 98665, is hosting the Keepers of the Faith Quartet in concert at 7 p.m. Keepers of the Faith Quartet is based in Puyallup, Wash., and is an Adventist southern gospel quartet in full-time ministry.

Spring Family Musical Program

March 23 — Sunnyside Church is hosting its second annual Spring Family Musical Program on Sabbath at 5 p.m. Invite your friends and family to come and enjoy an evening of inspiring music with a variety of talented musicians. Refreshments to follow the program. Note: Our annual Strawberry Vespers program is slated for June 22.

PAA Alumni Weekend

May 4 — If you ever attended, graduated from or taught at Portland Adventist Academy, we want you at Alumni Weekend. It is happening Sabbath, May 4 and our honor classes are 2003, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1973, 1963, 1953 and 1943. Lunch will be provided by the class of 2013. Lunch tickets may be purchased before Sabbath or a donation can be given the day of. For more information, contact Heidi Woodworth at 503-255-8372. (Please note there is no program planned for Friday evening.)

Upper Columbia

Sunnyside Church 80th Anniversary and Open House

April 6 — Join us for the 80th anniversary celebration of Sunnyside Church. There will be a 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School, 11 a.m. church service and a potluck lunch following the service. Conference speakers will be there to commemorate the 80 years of Sunnyside Church existing and thriving in the community. It should be a memorable occasion and a good time to connect with friends in the area. For directions or lodging arrangements, call Chuck Rouse at 509-840-1738 or Larry Mays, pastor, at 509-840-1932. Sunnyside Church is located at 1875 Lincoln Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944.

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World Church

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One in Christ

If I understand my Bible correctly it says we are all one in Christ. Therefore there should be no discrimination between the sexes, and not ordaining women is discriminating in my viewpoint. I realize in some countries it would not work, but certainly here in the United States there should not be a problem, and I do not understand why it is taking so long for the powers that be to study this issue. It seems so clear and simple to me. Is it a male ego thing? God used women as well as men as prophets.

Dorothy Solomon, Caldwell, Idaho

Church Unity in Danger

I personally have no problem with the concept of ordaining women to the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I do not believe that there is a "thus saith the Lord ..." statement in either the Bible or in the writings of Ellen White either for or against such ordination. I believe that it is strictly a cultural issue. However, I do have a serious concern when church entities, such as union conferences, act in defiance of the policies of the world church. To me it opens a "Pandora's box." My question is, where will this stop? I believe that such actions will lead to the fragmenting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The denomination will deteriorate into a situation where each person will do whatever "seemeth right."

Richard A. Wright, Vancouver, Wash.

There's No Excuse

Not only has our church failed to speak up for women but has in its own way maintained practices that put women down by keeping them out of roles of leadership. Ellen White, prophetess, spiritual leader and church founder, certainly lends credence to gender balance in our church. The way women are still viewed and treated in some Third World countries is no excuse for not setting an example and making a bold statement for gender equality in the church. How long will the church fathers wait to make a decision on this issue?

Betty Fike, Seattle, Wash.

All or None

I favor either ordaining all qualified candidates or none at all. Either we offer recognition through ordination of the gift of ministry God bestows on individual men and women, or we should cease the practice altogether. Preferring men over women as ministers/pastors appears to be without Biblical support.

Edwin A. Karlow, Walla Walla, Wash.

Base It on the Bible

I read the research document posted to start the discussion. Since when do we need to review our position based on the words of men instead of the clear example from the Bible? The bottom line is what biblical example [do] we have to allow women to be ordained as elders or pastors? The answer is clear. None. Women can participate in

leadership positions but not ordination or have the role of elders or pastors. There is no biblical example for it, and it should be good enough for the Bible believer (if he/she is going to use the Word of God as his/her rule of faith) to accept that.

Carlos Antuna, Oroville, Wash.

Roman vs. Biblical View

It has always seemed to me very Roman (unbiblical) to have new converts exclusively baptized by "ordained ministers." In the Great Commission, Christ is not just giving his orders to ordained ministers, but to all of his disciples. Part of the joy Christ intended for those sharing his good news and seeing results is for new converts to be baptized by those same people that planted the seed. Of course, Rome would never see it that way and actually, for this practice and many others, the Protestant Reformation was and is a mere tweaking of Catholicism, not any meaningful repudiation of extra-biblical teachings. Everyone knows that change comes slowly and what they were saying was quite radical and put their lives at risk. Where is that courage today? It is just such a shame that the Protestant movement has stayed, pretty much, right where it was 500 years ago.

Don Larson, Medford, Ore.

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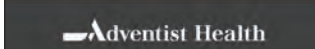
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Fairbanks	6:05	6:27	7:49	8:11	8:32
Juneau	5:25	5:42	6:58	7:14	7:30
Ketchikan	5:21	5:35	6:49	7:03	7:17

Idaho Conference

Boise	6:33	6:42	7:50	7:59	8:07
La Grande	5:39	5:48	6:57	7:07	7:16
Pocatello	6:18	6:27	7:35	7:44	7:52

Montana Conference

Billings	6:00	6:10	7:19	7:28	7:38
Havre	6:01	6:12	7:23	7:34	7:44
Helena	6:13	6:23	7:33	7:43	7:52
Miles City	5:48	5:58	7:08	7:18	7:27
Missoula	6:21	6:31	7:41	7:50	8:00

Oregon Conference

Coos Bay	6:05	6:14	7:22	7:31	7:39
Medford	6:00	6:09	7:17	7:25	7:33
Portland	5:57	6:06	7:16	7:25	7:34

Upper Columbia Conference

Pendleton	5:41	5:51	7:00	7:10	7:19
Spokane	5:33	5:44	6:54	7:04	7:14
Walla Walla	5:39	5:49	6:58	7:08	7:17
Wenatchee	5:45	5:56	7:06	7:16	7:26
Yakima	5:47	5:57	7:07	7:17	7:26

Washington Conference

Bellingham	5:52	6:03	7:14	7:25	7:35
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Randomly spaced throughout the field were tangible clues that cows had recently performed their duties. Slipping and falling in the wrong spot reaped an immediate and odious reward.

If you've ever played football in a cow pasture, you know the meaning of "watch your step."

My memories of this are quite keen, even though they harken back many moons — yea, decades — past. Summertime would find my childhood family on its annual vacation to the Northwest. In God's country, our parched California complexions basked in the fragrant evergreen air; our eyes drank in the verdant scenery. But the highlight of the trip was often a sojourn in Estacada, Oregon, at my uncle and aunt's farm. And hence, football in a cow pasture.

Long before the dawn of video games, we had to concoct our own fun. In Estacada this was usually outdoors — hay bales in the barn, tin-can target practice or ball tag in the gigantic maple tree out front. But the idea for a football game with all the cousins was a new twist. The pasture was the only flat area large enough for such activity, and so, without analyzing the impending consequences, we spread out and began the game with gusto.

But as play became more intense, a serious wrinkle in our plan developed. Randomly spaced throughout the field were tangible clues that cows had recently performed their duties. Slipping and falling in the wrong spot reaped an immediate and odious reward. Look the wrong way and your final step would be a memorable one. Tackling the ball carrier was not a decision of when but where. Once a poor choice was made — the bovine evidence and odor remained.

So, you can imagine the unmitigated joy with which we were received when we all trooped into the house at the call of the dinner bell. There was no mistaking

from whence we had come. The age-old principle of "by beholding we become changed" was clearly meant for a time such as this. Our parents beheld ... and we changed!

It's a principle we often forget. The environment we frequent, the literature we read, the friends we enjoy, the media we absorb, all make indelible marks on us. We may not notice, but others do.

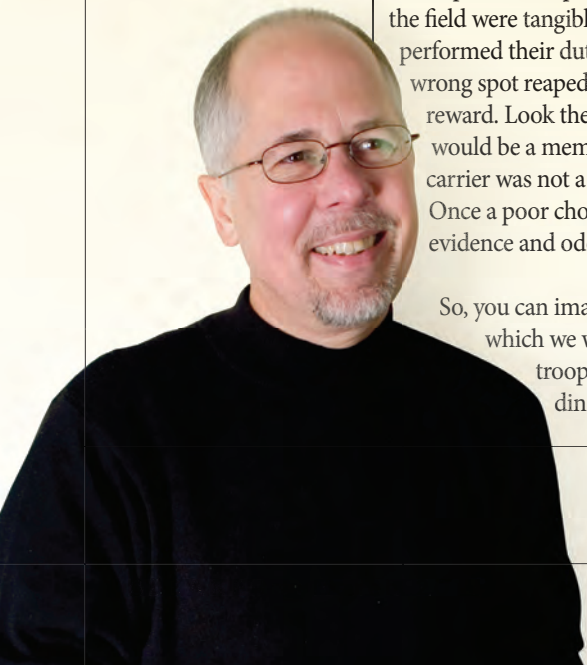
This evidence may not be at all what you're thinking. It may not be the gradual lowering of standards that some in our church fear. On the contrary, many have become so opinionated in their view of truth, so focused on finding faults within themselves and others, so persnickety about prognostications or politics, that they have lost sight of the simple graces of God's kingdom.

Like Peter, they have desired to walk with Jesus but are instead caught up in the waves. Their eyes have fallen from His eyes. And by beholding the problem they have become the problem.

You can't walk a straight line while looking down. What we focus on leaves its imprint on us and others for better or worse.

Paul's familiar counsel from Philippians 4:8 in *The Message* version lifts our eyes back up from the dark waves, to light and life: "You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious — the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse."

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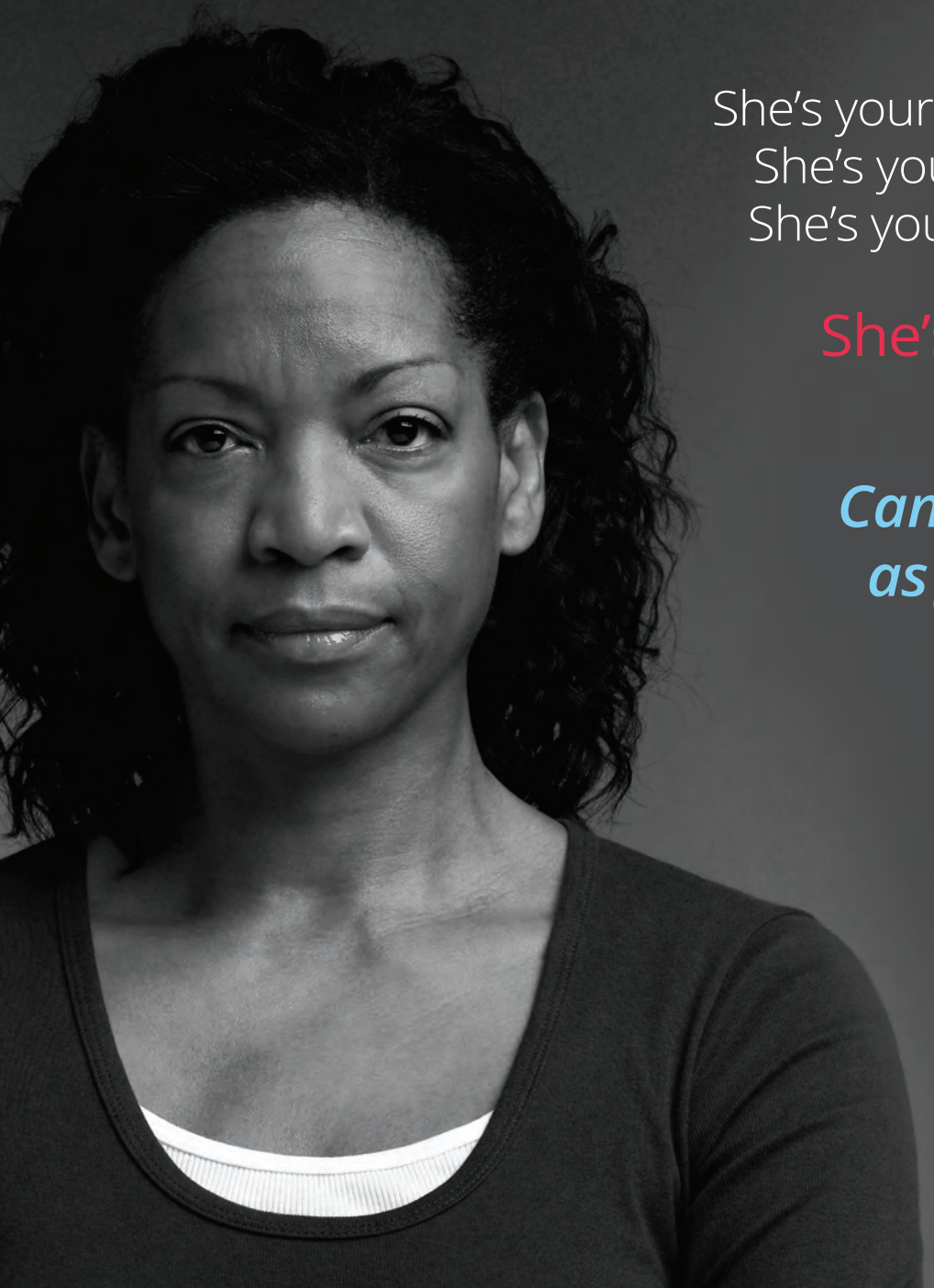
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