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BE COURAGEOUS

Uber, a ride-share company based in San Francisco, Calif., made the headlines recently because of allegations of systemic sexual harassment and gender bias. A study revealed a company culture that accepted bad behavior as normal and regularly dismissed complaints from employees

uber of young adults who have left and are currently leaving our churches. Credible research now suggests many of these young adults will not likely return.

Friends, we are talking about our children and grandchildren. We desire better for them! God expects better from us.

I believe Jesus Christ is pointing this union, each of our conferences and all Northwest churches to be courageous in reengaging young adults — not just to occupy a pew, but to invest time, energy and passion in the mission of the everlasting gospel. Do we have the courage to face our failings and make the needed growth?

The biggest area of growth we must pursue is in relationships. Recent research reveals the lack of meaningful relationships with adults in the church, especially those who are leaders, is a major reason why young adults leave the church.

Wow! Could it be that something as simple as building relationships would help stem the tide of young adults leaving our churches? Yes! This is not the only issue needing to be addressed, but it's a big one.

Yet let me caution you that effective ministry to young adults will not be easy. We are what we repeatedly do. For too long many of our churches have

not productively responded to young adults. Over time, this behavior, where not corrected, has become the norm — “the way we’ve always done it.”

The good news is that behavior can be changed. When we focus on Christ and on our mission as His disciples, we can form new positive behavior under the tutelage of His Spirit. The apostle Paul understood this: “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit” (1 Cor. 3:18). It is possible, through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, for our churches to minister effectively to and with young adults.

It takes courage to face our failings. If we do, I believe it will not only make an eternal difference for our young adults, but for every generation. The Lord’s message to Joshua as he faced his greatest uncertainty is for us as well: “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Josh. 1:9).

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

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We have a generational crisis that is not adequately being addressed.

about those issues.

Since the allegations went public, more than 20 employees have been let go. Even the CEO has stepped down. They discovered too late the old adage, “We have found the enemy, and it is us.”

This story has implications for our church. We can no longer ignore statistics that show our Seventh-day Adventist denomination in North America is aging. Our older, wiser members are precious to our church and essential to our God-given mission. However, we have a generational crisis that is not adequately being addressed. We are failing to adequately incorporate young adults into church ministry and mission.

We should take a long and serious look at the large num-



AUTHOR

John Freedman



ECEC workshop participants enjoy a breakout session on Bible learning activities coordinated by Shirley Allen, Oregon Conference children's ministries director.

NORTHWEST EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS GATHER FOR WORKSHOP

More than 30 Northwest-wide educators who specialize in early childhood education and care (ECEC) met together June 25–26 for a workshop at the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) office in Ridgefield, Wash. The workshop was coordinated by Golda Pflugrad, NPUC ECEC director.

Participants gained knowledge from a wide variety of topics and continuing education options. Content included an overview of the CREATION Health and CREATIONkids programs and a summary of Bible learning activities. Breakout sessions were provided for pre-K and preschool teachers and early childhood directors. David Fournier, Adventist Risk Management vice president, provided information about maintaining safe and abuse-free environments.

Wendy Witas, children's ministry pastor at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., led session devotionals. Stan Hudson, NPUC Creation Study Center director, treated everyone to a tour of the center's display room.

This is an ongoing effort at the union level to provide growth opportunities and instruction in current ECEC research and best practices for all who care of young children in ECEC centers around the Northwest.

LETTERS

Veteran Worker Responds

I thought that the [June] issue of the *Gleaner* was outstanding. It seemed to cover the full range of church activities across the union and on to the world field. The story of Lucy in an article on relationships was far beyond touching. The columnists were excellent as always, especially Martin Weber's article on the full acceptance of grace, which is sometimes hard even for the committed Christian. I helped start Marty in the ministry nearly 45 years ago in the hills of West Virginia. The editorial was excellent. Word usage and phrasing was elite and showed a lot of hard work. The topic was realistic showing the "slowness but sureness" of a democratic church. Coinciding with the *Adventist World* feature of shades of the former rain in Romania and *It Is Written Impressions* report from Moldova, it brought a certain glow of happiness to a veteran worker to still be able to witness it all!

Richard Fearing, Mount Vernon, Wash.

Write for Dummies

[Regarding Just Like Jesus, May 2017] I hope you will ... produce the *Salvation for Dummies* book. We need to be reminded about that caring God in heaven who wants us with Him in the worst way. Yet, He waits patiently so that more will learn and accept His grace. Let me know when you get this book published!

Mary Rockwell, Coupeville, Wash.

Which Page?

[Regarding Just Like Jesus, April 2017] There are so many great stories in the Bible both Old and New Testaments. Giving Eduardo a book would be easier but a page? After reading your article, I got to thinking if I knew nothing about God and Jesus, what would I need to know about them first? My answer is not anything about the "28" church doctrines but how much they loved us and wanted to be with us. So I chose John 17. In my Bible it is almost all on one page, front and back. Here is a Man who doesn't know me personally but wants me to be with Him forever! ... This is a Man I want to know more about!

Sue Hunter, Salem, Ore.

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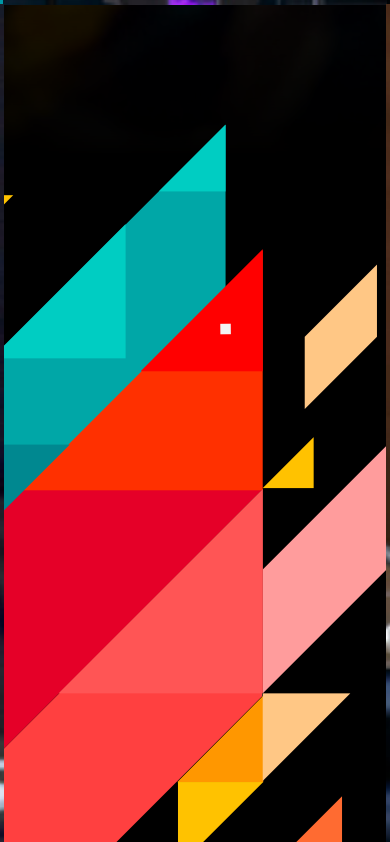
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A Pedrito Maynard-Reid gave a passionate Sabbath school lesson review.

B Sabbath school consisted of musical praise from various groups, including the Portland Oromo Church Choir in their native language.

C Sermons by Clifford Jones followed the theme of the convocation, Living Reconciled: To God, Family Church and the World.

D Patrick Graham led the youth program as the main speaker.

Hundreds of Northwest believers once again flocked to the 41st annual North Pacific Union Conference Regional Convocation, held May 18–21 at Black Diamond Camp near Auburn, Washington. This may indeed be the final convocation held at the camp, which is no longer able to effectively accommodate the event. Convocation organizers are actively looking for an appropriate 2018 location.



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This year's theme, "Living Reconciled to God, Family, Church and the World," was bolstered by powerful presentations from a number of guest speakers: Clifford Jones, Lake Region Conference president; Virgil Childs, Pacific Union Conference African American ministries director; Timothy Golden, Walla Walla University philosophy professor; Kim Bulgin, minister of music at Glenville Church in Cleveland, Ohio; Patrick Graham, Allegheny East Conference youth director; and musical guests Wayne Bucknor and Andrew Young.

Coordinated by Patric Parris, NPUC administrative assistant, and Byron Dulan, Washington Conference outreach ministries director, along with other regional team members, the main programs during the convocation were live-streamed via the NPUC website. The photos on these pages provide a pictorial summary of the event for those who missed attending in person.



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- E** The large Convocation Mass Choir offered musical praise and worship during the divine Sabbath service.
- F** Arielle Wood presents a reading and spoken word between songs during the Sabbath evening concert.
- G** Divine service special music was performed by True Identity.
- H** Doug Bing, Washington Conference president, welcomes and shares his conference's mission for continued regional work in the Washington Conference.

VIVIENDO COMO JESÚS: CON AMOR Y COMPASIÓN

“**C**reo que el Espíritu Santo me estaba llamando a la Iglesia Adventista.”

Así dijo la hermana Rosa Elena, mientras conversábamos acerca de su experiencia con Cristo; pero, en realidad su vida no siempre estuvo en orden y en paz como lo está actualmente. Ella nos relata que vino a los Estados Unidos varios años atrás; pero, su búsqueda de Dios no había terminado.

Crecí en un hogar donde seguíamos la tradición Católica; aunque luego me convertí en Pentecostal, mientras vivíamos en México. Cuando vinimos a los Estados Unidos, anhelaba encontrar una iglesia donde pudiera adorar a Dios, y sentir su presencia, pero, no la encontraba. Entonces visite a varias Iglesias, pero no me sentía bien en ellas. Así que decidí, por algún tiempo, no asistir a ninguna iglesia.

Cuando mi amiga María se movió al Estado de Washington, comenzó a visitarnos y a hablarme de Dios. Ella había entregado su vida al Señor en la iglesia Adventista, en Nebraska. Me invito varias veces a la iglesia, pero yo no estaba muy interesada. Fui a unas campañas evangelísticas, algunas noches, y ya no regrese más. Pero, luego de algún tiempo, empecé a tener problemas en mi familia, me



La Hermana Rosa Elena con su amiga, Maria Hernandez.

sentía muy desanimada, sin muchos motivos de existir y muy deprimida. Un día me pregunté: Que estoy haciendo con mi vida? Entonces, sentí un gran deseo de volver a visitar la iglesia los Sábados, y empecé a asistir a la Iglesia Adventista de Bellevue. Creo que el Espíritu de Dios me estaba llamando a la iglesia Adventista.

Aunque aprendí muchas verdades en el estudio de la Biblia, y especialmente la verdad del Sábado, lo que más me gusto fue el amor que los hermanos mostraban unos a otros, especialmente en momentos de necesidad. Cuando mi amiga María perdió a su esposo trágicamente, yo fui testigo de cómo la iglesia la trato, con mucho amor,

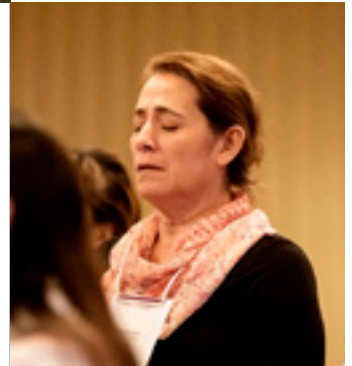
ternura, compasión y atención. Entonces pensé, este es un lugar donde yo quiero estar y pertenecer, yo también quiero eso para mí, una vida llena de Cristo, llena de paz y de amor.

Cuando el Pastor Rodríguez me hablo sobre el bautismo, acepte con gusto y gran alegría, aunque estaba un poco nerviosa. El día de mi bautismo, fue un día muy especial para mí, y recibí mucha paz en mi Corazón. Ese mismo día de regreso a la casa, mi hijo Josué, me dijo: yo nunca he sido bautizado. Puedo yo también ser bautizado? Le conteste: claro que sí. Tú también puedes tomar tu decisión por ti mismo, no como lo hacíamos antes. Así que el también decidió entregarse a Jesús y fue bautizado junto a

un grupo de jovencitos en la Iglesia Adventista de Bellevue. Estoy muy feliz de haberle entregado mi vida al Señor Jesús y pertenecer a la familia de Dios.”

Actualmente la Hermana Rosa Elena sirve en la iglesia como Diaconisa y colabora en el departamento de Escuela Sabática. Se siente feliz de haberle entregado su vida al Señor, y está siempre dispuesta a ayudar a otros, brindando el amor de Jesús.

“Sólo el método de Cristo será el que dará éxito para



Rosa Elena adorando en la iglesia de Bellevue.

llegar a la gente. El Salvador trataba con los hombres como quien deseaba hacerles bien. Les mostraba simpatía, atendía a sus necesidades y se ganaba su confianza. Entonces les decía: Seguidme” (*Ministerio de Curación*, p. 102).

Pastor Victor Rodriguez, la iglesia de Washington Conference



Tobin Dodge introduces the Samoan Choir.

ALASKA YOUTH LEARN TO LEAD LIKE JESUS

Arnold Bennett, one of the most remarkable literary figures of his time, is credited with coining this statement: “The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance. The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.”

The Alaska Conference has turned in a new direction for its youth with leadership as the focus of this year’s convocation. “Lead Like Jesus” was the theme for the April Youth Conference held at Anchorage Junior Academy.

Randy Hill, Oregon Conference associate youth director for Pathfinders, was the keynote speaker. He inspired the record crowd with practical, inspirational stories of how God uses individuals to be a positive influence to their peers.

The Samoan Church blessed the event with their choir and an interactive event in the afternoon. It has been a challenge the last few years keeping the group for the whole day, but everyone stayed



(From left) Tobin Dodge, Alaska Conference youth director, and speaker Randy Hill prepare a presentation for the youth conference.

for the sundown vespers this year.

Fun, food and fellowship, along with stories of Hill’s journey in leadership, combined to give an excellent opportunity for the youth of this conference to mingle together from all the churches in Alaska.

It is the goal of the conference to keep its youth in the church and have them become active in preparing people for the soon coming of Jesus.

Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president secretariat

LAST-MINUTE EVANGELISTIC SERIES PROVES TO BE RIGHT ON TIME

What does a church do when they are between pastors and the head elder is on a trip out of the country? Plan an evangelistic series of course.

That’s what Alaska’s Anchorage Northside Church did when the Brian McMahon series in Juneau was canceled unexpectedly and the elders of Northside Church decided to invite him to their church. Despite only having three weeks before the series was to begin on Feb. 18, members were ready by opening night.

The church was full for each of McMahon’s well-planned messages. At the end of the series, 26 people accepted Christ and were welcomed into the church through baptism.

McMahon and Kevin Miller, Alaska Conference president, joined together in baptizing the candidates on March 18. Among those baptized was Charles Kent,

who recognized the world has become increasingly wicked. He had visited several churches looking for answers before attending the series.

Others baptized included three married couples, two sisters who surprised their father with their decision, two brothers and a sister newly arrived from Rwanda, and a family of nine. Shaun Sehl, an attorney, would go home and prove the information she had heard. After careful thought and study, she chose to join by profession of faith.

Each night before the meeting members shared a time of praise and prayer and rejoiced in how God had taken a recently planned seminar and blessed it. Northside Church members are looking forward to future baptisms that come from the “seed” planted through this series.

Nita Larson, Anchorage Northside Church elder



(Far left) Kevin Miller, Alaska Conference president, with his wife, Paula; (far right) Brian McMahon, evangelist, with his wife, Heidi; and the Anchorage Northside Church baptismal candidates.

BOISE HISPANIC GROUP BECOMES A COMPANY

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A new Hispanic company was organized on Sabbath, May 13, at the Boise Valley Adventist School. This church plant was intentional; members of the area Hispanic churches began planning for it in 2014.

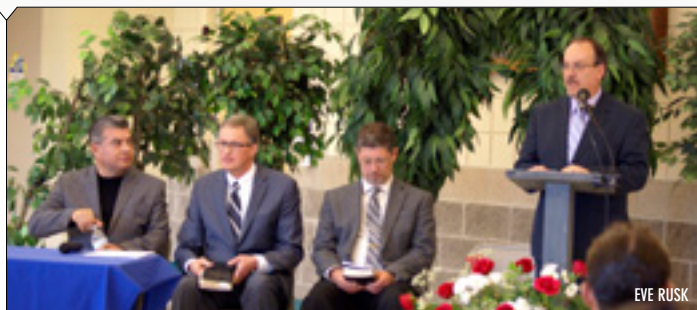
At the time, Alberto and Ceny Brenes, members at the Nampa Spanish Church, began finding people in the



Nineteen members signed as charter members. An additional six members were not able to be present but are recognized as charter members.

Boise area with whom to have Bible studies. The first fruits of their dedication resulted in two baptisms at the June 2015 Idaho Conference Camp Meeting. Although the Brenes family has since moved, a new leadership team of Amaury González and Victor Suástegui began working.

Francisco Altamirano, pastor of the Treasure Valley Hispanic District and Idaho Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, shared the “ABC Strategy” to planting this church in Boise:



Daniel Rodríguez (right) shares the history of the new company, while sharing the stage with (from left) Francisco Altamirano, pastor; David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president; and John Rogers, Idaho Conference vice president.

- » Affirming the faith of the current members of the group through an evangelistic series, weekly meetings in homes and the start of a regular Sabbath worship service for the group;
- » Building the church planting team through one-on-one coaching and training, to assist them in developing the new church’s values, vision and mission;
- » Consolidating the mission of the group, which included training the core group on how to give Bible studies, obtain decisions for Christ and get new interests.

In the city of Boise, the estimated 2013 population was just under 215,000. Hispanic population was just over

15,000. The nearest Hispanic Adventist church was in Nampa, about 30 miles away in Canyon County. This new company is targeting the Ada County area, with a focus on first-generation Spanish-speaking people.

On the Sabbath of the company organization, 19 of the 25 charter members were present. Daniel Rodríguez, lay pastor of the company, shared the history of its birth. Altamirano led the members in an affirmation of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, challenged the new company.

Nearly 60 people were present for the organization of the Boise Hispanic Adventist Company, including many supporters from the area Hispanic congregations.

Adrián Ávila presented the response of the new congregation. Troy Haagenson, pastor of the Cloverdale Church in Boise, which was the sponsor and host of the new congregation, ended the service with a prayer of dedication.

The new company already has aggressive evangelism plans for the remainder of 2017, including training for members and at least two evangelistic series. In mid-August, they will move to their new meeting site, the former Adventist Book Center at the Idaho Conference office. They are leasing the space from the conference. Work has been underway to prepare the space for its new occupants.

Please keep the new company in your prayers, as they continue on their journey to become a church. They are a lighthouse to the thousands of Hispanic people who need to know God loves them and has a plan for their lives, here and for eternity.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director



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MONTANA CONSTITUENTS APPROVE NEW DIRECTIONS

Nearly 250 Montana Conference delegates gathered June 18 at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman for the 62nd session of the conference constituency.

In the morning devotional, John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) president, added a

replace Merlin Knowles, who had not been renominated. The conference nominating committee instead brought forward the name of Ron Halvorsen Jr., a familiar name to many Montana members for his prior experience as Mount Ellis Academy pastor. Halvorsen, who currently serves as Ohio Conference president, was elected by a resounding majority of the delegates. This action at *Gleaner* press time was still pending his acceptance.

Knowles and his wife, Cheryl, graciously diffused any perceptions that might have been simmering below the surface among concerned

James Mason (second from right) is welcomed as the interim education director.

call to prayer to the session theme of “Loving God, Loving Others.” “We too often talk more than we pray,” he said. “And that opens us up to divisiveness. If Satan can turn us from fighting the fight of faith to fighting each other, he wins.”

Montana delegates indeed kept the fight of faith to the forefront, bolstered by periods of prayer.

One of the major items on the day’s to-do list was the election of a new president to

Barry and Judy Taylor are welcomed after Barry is re-elected as the director of planned giving and trust services, church ministry, and ministerial.

delegates wondering about the proposed change in leadership. He acknowledged they’d been wondering for about a year whether he should take an



Discussion takes place on the nominating report.

early retirement but decided the nominating committee choice would be their indicator of God’s will.

From the stage, they expressed their peace with the decision and heartfelt appreciation to the delegates and the entire Montana membership for allowing them the privilege of serving them since 2010. With early retirement they will remain in Montana with their extended family to be of service wherever possible.

To replace Sharon Staddon, vice president for administration and finance, who was retiring, and Phil Hudema, director for education, who had accepted another role in British Columbia, the nominating committee brought forward two interim selections. They believed a new president should be firmly in place before moving ahead on permanent selections for the

administration/finance and education roles.

Elaine Hagele, retired former vice president for finance in the Mid-America Union, was put forward as the interim vice president for administration and finance and elected resoundingly by the delegates.

James Mason, retired associate education superintendent for Upper Columbia Conference in Spokane, Wash., was nominated to serve as an interim education director. He was overwhelmingly elected by the delegates to that limited role — not including the other areas of communication and youth Hudema had also been covering.

Both Hagele and Mason have accepted these interim roles and begun their responsibilities.

Barry Taylor was nominated to continue as director of planned giving and trust





(Standing, from left) John Freedman, NPUC president; Melinda Freedman; Sharon Staddon, Montana Conference vice president for administration and finance; and John Loor, NPUC executive secretary, lay hands of prayer on Cheryl and Merlin Knowles, outgoing Montana Conference president.

services, church ministry, and ministerial and re-elected to the post with affirmation by the delegates.

Following her general financial report, which was voted and received by the delegates, Staddon took valuable time to explain several recent and difficult decisions by the conference board of directors. Even though the conference budget and operating capital has flourished in recent years, 2017 trends, including short-term tithe indicators, project some challenges that could grow if not dealt with proactively now.

One central factor has been the growing debt of Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) to the conference — totaling nearly \$300,000 by the end of 2016. Prior to the constituency session, the directors voted to address the MEA financial issues with the following steps:

- Forgive the \$300,000 debt by allocating \$100,000 from an unrestricted, matured trust and write off an additional \$40,000 per year over the next five years;
- Increase the 2017–18 MEA subsidy by \$40,000 and adjust future subsidies based on voted pay increases;
- Require the academy

to maintain a balanced budget;

- Request the academy to consider other income sources using assets on hand.

In order to make these financial adjustments on behalf of MEA and enable the continuation of the Hispanic Bible worker position, Staddon said the directors also voted to cut two full-time positions in the conference office and two in the field:

- Secular campus ministries coordinator;
- A pastor, via redistricting;
- Publishing director/outreach coordinator;
- Planned giving and trust services, ministerial, and church ministries director.

Staddon's report was informational, not an item requiring a delegate vote. But an appropriate way forward, considering these potential changes, is undoubtedly one of the first tasks of a new leadership team and board of directors.

Delegates spent a lot of time working through changes

proposed by the constitution and bylaws committee. Without becoming enmeshed in the details, know that this process is in good hands and the delegates did their job of asking questions, suggesting changes, and generally providing appropriate checks and balances to the good work coordinated by the bylaws committee.

After choosing a new board of directors and bylaws committee, delegates considered one of the biggest issues of the day toward the end — the current status and future of Mount Ellis Academy. Principal Michael Lee candidly highlighted some of the challenges.

Delegates pushed Lee to be proactive in ensuring core Adventist values are fostered at MEA but approved updated academy mission and vision statements, which have been in place for several years but never officially voted into the MEA constitution. Those statements are:

MISSION: Mount Ellis Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist High School, is open to students of all faiths. As a Christ-following community, we seek to help students:

- Discover the reality of their Creator;
- Develop their God-given gifts;
- Serve in His kingdom.

VISION: To follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

As a way to reach out to additional prospective students, MEA is opening its outdoor school experience, held Aug. 21–25 in Glacier National Park, to all ninth- through 12th-graders, even if they are not enrolled as full-time MEA students. Read more about this opportunity at mtellis.org/outdoor-school.

At the end of the day, it all came down to an attitude John Freedman had called everyone to remember at the beginning of the day: trusting God through prayer, and then trusting each other, even with differing perspectives, to be honest and faithful to the Seventh-day Adventist mission and calling. That common bond should bring members together for the common cause.

And on Father's Day 2017, for a representative group of dedicated Montana members, it did indeed.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor



MILES CITY HOSTS AMAZING FACTS CENTER OF EVANGELISM

The Miles City Adventist Church hosted Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) on the weekend of April 21–22. More than 80 people attended the program as Chuck Holtry, AFCOE director, presented such topics as cycle of evangelism, reclaiming missing members, friendship evangelism and our divine commission as Seventh-day Adventists.

Members from North Dakota, Idaho, eastern Montana and Billings, young and old, came away from the weekend committed

to being more intentional about witnessing in their communities and becoming more involved in the mission of their local church. The presentations focused on viewing evangelism not as an event but a lifestyle every Christian should live.

Miles City Church members are intentional about reclaiming members who have not attended the church in years. Members have also organized events to connect with the community in preparation for public evangelism in 2018.

In January, the church

hosted a showing of the documentary *The Conscientious Objector*. In April, an artisan bread class was conducted for community members. In May, a CREATION Health seminar will be given. On Wednesdays and Fridays small-group Bible studies are taking place at the church, and members are encouraged to invite friends and family from the community.

Meanwhile, church members have become active in making friends for Jesus in their own spheres of influence.

Diego Silva, Miles City Church pastor



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MILO TEAMS WITH BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

Randy Thornton, principal of Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore., was faced with a challenge. Students needed summer jobs in order to be able to return to school in the fall, but there was a smaller budget with which to pay them.

Thornton and his administrative team responded as usual when faced with challenges. They prayed for guidance and started thinking “outside the box.” He talked with summer staff to determine how many students were necessary to care for the campus and summer guests while school was not in session. Then he checked with the finance manager to see how many students required summer work



Sophomore Makayla Frost cares for chickens during the summer work program at Milo Academy.

as part of their financial plans.

After encouraging as many students as possible to apply for positions at Big Lake Youth Camp, Oregon Youth Rush and companies near their homes, Thornton still had many students who needed summer work, so he started connecting with his contacts around the state.

While attending a community function, Thornton

reconnected with friends and former colleagues from Laurelwood Academy in Jasper, Ore., who identified a need at Laurelwood for additional student workers to maintain their extensive agriculture program for the summer. He arranged for a group of Milo students to work there during the week, then going home or returning to Milo for the weekends.

An Adventist family with a lengthy history of supporting Adventist education is sponsoring other landscaping and housekeeping jobs for Milo students at a resort on the McKenzie River.



Freshman Moriah Scarbrough assembles sensors.

On-campus summer jobs at Milo include agriculture, food service, animal care, assembly and packaging, secretarial, hospitality, custodial, landscaping, and maintenance.

Junior Alex Miller says, “The summer work program has created great opportunities to form memories and develop and improve work skills that will last a lifetime.”

Having students on three campuses for the summer means a lot of extra work for Thornton and many hours on the road driving back and forth, but he feels it’s worth it. “Support of this work program from friends and family has shown me that Milo is truly a ministry of the Oregon Conference community. We couldn’t do it without this kind of team effort.”

For more information about Milo, email kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter

HOCKINSON HEIGHTS COOKS UP HEALTH LIVING CLASS

The Hockinson Heights Church kitchen and fellowship hall in Brush Prairie, Wash., were bustling with activity for the first three Fridays in May as Sharon Harlan and Debbie Morauske led out in sharing “The Eight Laws of Health” and cooking demonstrations with eager participants.

Fun and healthy vegetarian/vegan recipes were demonstrated followed with

breakout sessions for hands-on experience. After a final cooking demonstration participants were able to enjoy the foods along with fellowship. Attendees felt God blessed their time together. They look forward to implementing what was learned and living a healthier lifestyle.

Marty Jackson, Hockinson Heights Church pastor



Sharon Harlan and Debbie Morauske share “The Eight Laws of Health” and cooking demonstrations at Hockinson Heights Church.

SUNNYSIDE CHURCH WELCOMES NEW YOUTH, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PASTOR

Juan Fresse was introduced June 10 as Sunnyside Church's new associate pastor in Portland. Fresse joins lead pastor Jonathan Russell and assistant pastor Kara Johnsson. He will assume leadership of Sunnyside's youth and children's ministries, being actively involved in mentoring, organizing and leading out in the activities of the young people of Sunnyside Church.

Sunnyside encourages youth involvement in church services (adult and children's church), Sabbath School, Pathfinders, Adventurers and much more. Accordingly, Fresse's position is a valued ministry of the church.

Fresse comes from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, where he served as pastor



Juan and Elizabeth Fresse with their family are fully involved with youth ministry at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore.

of the Springdale Adventist Fellowship for the last four years. He has a wide range of experience serving as pastor in Arkansas and Canada, working in Micronesia in mission service, and serving as boys' dean

and residential counselor at a program for at-risk youth.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in counseling psychology at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. He went on to earn a master's degree in youth ministry at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

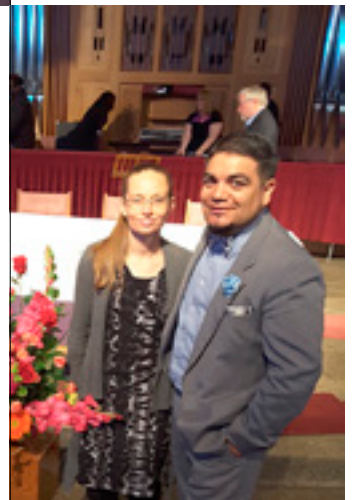
Fresse and his wife, Elizabeth, have five children. Alyssa, their oldest daughter, just graduated from eighth grade. Juan II is going into seventh grade, while Michael and Azariah are both going into fifth grade. The youngest, Joshua, is going into third grade.

In Arkansas, Elizabeth taught elementary grades and served as principal of the Bentonville Seventh-day Adventist School. The family enjoys an

active lifestyle, which includes biking and hiking.

Fresse is enthusiastic about the work he is setting out to do at Sunnyside. He says he wants to help empower and equip parents as well as children's ministry and youth leaders to help turn Sunnyside's children and youth into fully devoted disciples of Christ.

Virlys Moller, Sunnyside Church communication team



Elizabeth and Juan Fresse are enthusiastic about the work ahead at Sunnyside.



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MEADOW GLADE STUDENT INVITED TO NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Noah Schmalenberger, a seventh-grade student at Meadow

Glade Adventist Elementary School (MGAES) in Battle Ground, Wash., was invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) Explore STEM this summer. The NYLF Explore STEM program is designed to give high-achieving middle school students an introduction to careers in the innovative and highly competitive fields of medicine, technology and engineering.

The forum provides students with a broad range of academic and career insights through interactive simulations, hands-on projects and educational site visits all focused on the theme of planning a successful “Mission to Mars.”

Students invited to the NYLF are nominated by current or former teachers across the nation for academic excellence, potential and interest in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math, also known as the STEM fields. If the nomination is accepted, students are then invited to attend the event.

Schmalenberger will have the opportunity to participate in planning a mission to Mars

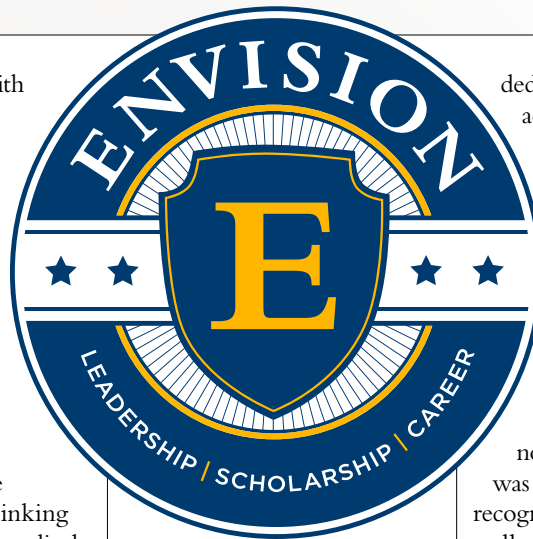
through interaction with a variety of STEM professionals. He and fellow students will participate in a coding simulation, which will allow him to create his own mobile app and to construct a Mars rover. He will also attend a class entitled “When Care Is Hours Away.” In this class, he will develop critical thinking skills while practicing medical techniques during a realistic simulation.

In addition, Schmalenberger will examine



Noah Schmalenberger

the ethical frontiers of 21st-century science and get hands-on experience using cutting-edge technology



through an interactive team project. Finally, before he leaves, he will create his own personalized success plan to help him prepare for the academic challenges and career opportunities that lie ahead.

This year, there are eight weeklong sessions being held across the country. A nominee may choose which of the eight to attend. Schmalenberger has chosen to attend the NYLF at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill.

“We are so proud and excited for Noah. This is such an amazing experience for him to attend this conference and see where the future of technology is headed. He’s earned this opportunity through hours of self-education and his teachers at MGAES noticing his

dedication to technological advancement. His future will definitely be technology-based, and this will give him some ideas of what that can look like for careers,” say his parents, Peter and Heidi Schmalenberger.

Whether or not to nominate Schmalenberger was never a question. He’s recognized as an amazing, well-rounded student and a high-level thinker who will benefit from the opportunity to meet up with like-minded peers from across the nation.

Like with most things in his life, Schmalenberger is pretty low-key about this opportunity. He tries to hide a smile when asked how he feels about going, but he can’t stop himself.

Following the conference Schmalenberger plans to return to school and share what he has learned with his classmates and teachers.

Malaika Childers, MGAES fifth- and sixth-grade teacher

OREGON PATHFINDERS FOCUS ON 'TRUSTING GOD'

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A beautiful spring day outside — an exciting fun-filled celebration of Pathfinder ministry inside.

The Oregon Conference Pathfinder Fair was held May 21 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Ore. Thirty Pathfinder clubs from around the conference arrived in time to set up their booths displaying the “Trusting God” theme and honors they had worked on throughout the Pathfinder year.

Opening ceremonies began with the official Pathfinder parade led by the Pleasant Valley Panthers color guard from Happy Valley. Nearly 600 Pathfinders in dress uniform followed the Panthers. Randy Hill, Oregon Pathfinder director, welcomed all the attendees.

After Oregon youth director Les Zollbrecht opened with prayer, the Pathfinders recited Phil. 4:11–13, the theme text for the year. Pastors from around the conference pinned

the Pathfinder baptismal pin on Pathfinders who have been baptized over this past year.

The day continued with march and drill routines, honor activities at club booths and event relays. Big Lake Youth Camp staff brought their climbing wall for the Pathfinders to practice their skills. Seven clubs brought delicious food, and it was willingly consumed throughout the day.

The closing ceremonies wound down the fair as many clubs and individuals received awards. Milo Academy presented Pathfinder scholarships, and Big Lake Youth Camp gave a week of summer camp to one Pathfinder boy and girl. The day closed as the color guard retrieved the colors, and the closing prayer of thanks was offered. It was a Pathfinder-style day of celebrating ministry.

*Randy Hill, Oregon Conference
Pathfinder director*



Lizzie poses with part of the Terracotta Warriors exhibit.

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MEADOW GLADE FIFTH- AND SIXTH- GRADERS AUTHOR WORSHIP BOOK, SERVE COMMUNITY

The fifth- and sixth-graders at Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School (MGAES) in Battle Ground, Wash., were busy this past school year, reaching out to their community in several ways.

One of the first things they did was create Family Groups to come up with ways they wanted to help their community.

Group outreach included gathering the lunch lists for Gail Roberts, the school secretary, each morning; creating blessing bags, which they gave to the homeless; purchasing chickens, rabbits and a flock of ducks for poor people in Sierra Leone; creating care packages for military service members; making baskets for grieving families; collecting shoes to help pay to buy a therapy dog for a local child; and helping assist classroom teachers in various ways like vacuuming Krista Patchin’s classroom.

Students were able to see the impact they had when they

helped within their own community and took ownership of what they did.

As a result of a Don Keele Grant given to the fifth- and sixth-graders of MGAES, the students were able to write and publish a hardbound worship book. Students were involved in writing, editing and formatting the book.

Another highlight of the year was when the students went up to see the Terracotta Warriors exhibit in Seattle, Wash. After an early departure for the long trip, students were able to see firsthand some of the terracotta statues, chariots and other artifacts on loan from China. They also had a chance to watch the IMAX movie *Mysteries of China*. This trip made their study of ancient China come alive.

*Rachel Swanston, MGAES
student, with Malaika Childers,
MGAES teacher*



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PAA STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE THROUGH WISDOM JOURNALS

This week has been stressful,” said Ally Anunciado just before she graduated from Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) this spring. “I have a test that is really worrying me. But I’ve been planning a hike with friends and thinking about it reminds me that soon I’ll get to be in God’s creation. That’s why I drew this.” She shows a simple but beautiful drawing featuring a quote from John Muir about retreating to the mountains.

Every Wednesday in every PAA Bible class, pens, pencils, paints and brushes are made available to students along with their very own “wisdom journals.” Some students doodle aimlessly, some replicate a picture found online, some take notes or write, and others sit quietly, all while listening to selected passages of the Bible playing over the classroom stereo.

While visual creation is the face of wisdom journaling, listening to God’s Word is its heart.

“Listening is a lost art,” says PAA Bible teacher Stephen Lundquist, reflecting on why PAA Bible teachers developed the curriculum. “We wanted all of our students to hear God’s Word. We calculat-

ed that if we spent one class period per week listening to Scripture over their four years of high school, they would hear nearly the entire Bible.”

To emphasize quality over quantity, the teachers also built in question-and-answer time. “Students have appreciated the time to grapple with passages



Ally Anunciado finds stress relief through wisdom journal time, part of her PAA Bible class.

that are difficult to understand,” says Lundquist.

“When I read the Bible, I sometimes have trouble understanding it,” says Anunciado. “But I’ve noticed that by listening to the Bible I hear



Through “wisdom journaling,” PAA Bible classes give students a visual, kinesthetic and auditory experience with Scripture.

things I haven’t heard before. We get to actually talk about those things.”

Recent research has confirmed that doodling can improve attention and memory. “Art actually helps students connect and express what they perceive and what they learn,” says Mark Kooy, PAA art teacher. “It teaches visual language skills. And beyond that, it helps them see themselves as children created in the image of their Creator.”

“I love that our wisdom journals are just between us and God,” says Samantha Torgersen, PAA junior. “It gives us a little freedom in the day. It lets me completely be myself with God.”

Lundquist says wisdom journals also help the teachers to understand their students. “Several times each school

year, I look through their journals,” he says. “This gives me valuable insights into their spiritual journeys. It is our hope that students will keep these journals forever as a lasting record of their spiritual journey during their high school years.”

“Wisdom journals give me relief from the stress of my week,” says Anunciado. “I get to listen and reflect and then let out my thoughts and feelings to God. That’s what I love about this.”

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Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



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POST FALLS OFFERS HEALTH, WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS

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Post Falls Church members wanted to serve their north Idaho community by providing a series of health events.

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FALL CREEK PASTOR HELPS CHURCH CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY



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PRIEST RIVER PREPAREDNESS EXPO PROVES A DIFFERENT TYPE OF EVANGELISM

The Newport (Wash.) Church hosted its second Preparedness Expo in Priest River, Idaho, on Sunday, March 19. This free community outreach event teamed the Newport Church with 20 community vendors, eight of whom were Adventist. It was held at the Priest River Junior High School, utilizing the gymnasium, library and 500-seat auditorium.

The emphasis of this expo was on education. Twelve seminars were presented throughout the day on topics such as gardening, food preservation, wild edibles, off-grid living, emergency communications, disaster preparedness, natural remedies and spiritual preparation. There were also classes on emergency suturing, with more than 40 participants.

The vendors had items relevant to the preparedness lifestyle: books and DVDs on preparedness topics, multiple methods of natural remedies, essential pantry items, medical emergency kits, water pumps and purification, raised garden beds, contracting, real estate, freeze dried food, and more.

It was evident providing a community service of this type was appreciated in this area, with more than 900 people in attendance. Nearly half of these people filled out registration cards with their contact



Randy Bierwagen explains how solar panels work.

information and a survey of topics they would be interested in learning more about.

The most popular responses (more than 200 each) were for emergency preparation, wilderness survival, alternative energy, gardening, food preservation and natural remedies. Also indicated were CPR/first aid, hydrotherapy, diabetes reversal, depression recovery and child training.

Especially encouraging were those who indicated interests in Bible prophecy (40), Bible studies in the home (23) and Bible studies online (17). In addition, the literature table staff handed out more than 300 free items, including Bible study guides, *The Great Controversy* and a book about the faith of Desmond Doss, among many others.

This was a great opportunity to connect with the local community in practical ways,

on topics they are interested in, and to find out what future outreach events they would be likely to come to. Over the past year the church offered classes at a community event center on gardening, natural remedies, food preservation, Dinner With a Doctor, and more. Each of these events have had more than 100 attendees. Their goal is to make friends with and meet the needs of the people in their area, opening the way for more spiritual topics and discussions.

Members of the Newport Church believe they have met a need within their community, made friends along the way and also generated multiple Bible study interests. They ask for prayers that the Lord will continue to bless their efforts. They want to keep an open mind to new methods for reaching the community and to present opportunities for the Holy Spirit to work.

Ellen White recognized the value of this type of evangelism: “With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation, for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in whole-hearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God’s love” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 297).

Jennifer Munson, Newport Church member



Gina Raynow of Forager’s Fork presents a “Springtime Edibles” seminar in the library.

SPRING BRINGS WEEK OF PRAYER TO CASCADE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Each spring the students at Cascade Christian Academy in Wenatchee, Wash., look forward to week of prayer, especially because the high school class and student association chaplains choose the theme and are the speakers. This year's theme, "God Is Our Lives," used the first part of John 15:4 ("Live in Me, and I will live in you") as the theme Scripture and Rend Collective's "More Than Conquerors" as the theme song.

This year's speakers included McKenzie Tall, a senior; Ally Stonas, a junior; Alberto Ornelas, a junior; Kasey Bais, a junior; and Trista Bais, a freshman. Springboarding off the main theme, the students developed sermons about how they have experienced God's presence and



Kindergarten through fifth-grade students form the tribes of Israel during their week of prayer.

guidance and have witnessed how He works behind the scenes in their everyday lives.

The students also added skits and special music to the chapel services to support their theme. The chaplains' efforts during the week were well-received and were a real blessing, making a perfect segue into the weekend's spiritual retreat at Camp Zanika on Lake Wenatchee.

This year 28 high school students and sponsors enjoyed a weekend of worship, reflection and bonding as a culmination of the week of prayer.

During the same week, the kindergarten through fifth-grade students and teachers also enjoyed their week of prayer each morning with the theme "The Battle

Belongs to the Lord." Each class carried a banner of a tribe of Israel as they marched down to the church to sing and listen to Your Story Hour's Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue versions of Old Testament stories regarding God's involvement in the lives of His people then and now. The lesson learned: As spiritual Israel we too can obey God's commands and allow Him to lead us to the Promised Land, the kingdom of heaven.

What a blessing to be able to teach our young people to depend on God and to be leaders for Christ in these times.

Julie Savino, Cascade Christian Academy chaplain



Week of prayer speakers are Cascade Christian Academy's high school chaplains (from left) Colyn Hill, Trista Bais, Kasey Bais, McKenzie Tall, Ally Stonas and Alberto Ornelas.



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30-HOUR 'FAMINE' RAISES MONEY AND AWARENESS

Living in the Pacific Northwest is a special treat. We're surrounded by beautiful countryside, have a strong economic environment and enjoy a relatively peaceful political climate. But for 30 hours on April 28–29, teenagers at Summit Northwest Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho, experienced a little bit of the challenges many people face in other parts of the world.

Post Falls members teamed up with World Vision to raise money to help families in developing countries survive hunger and poverty-related challenges. Here are just a few statistics they learned:

- Almost 800 million people worldwide are chronically hungry and suffer from a lack of adequate food;
- About 291 children die every hour from hunger-related causes;
- In the past 30 years, efforts like Post Falls' have served to cut preventable deaths of children in half, from more than 30,000 a day to fewer than 16,000 a day.

For the Post Falls "famine," participants went without food from noon Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday. Everyone got one large bottle of fruit juice, and they could drink as much water as they wanted.

They also made *Sadsa* balls for backup snacks if kids started to feel too wobbly. These are not very exciting, but are similar to what many people eat on

a daily basis. Think of a pale glob of cornmeal paste, and you get the picture.

They did a variety of activities to better understand

how millions of people in poverty are forced to live. These ranged from building a cardboard shantytown to sleep in to trying to barter in order to gain the right balance of resources (vegetables, grains, dairy, clothes, etc.) to take care of a family.

Participants followed the life of Bakhita in an interactive process that required them to make difficult decisions and then live with the consequences. For example, after a storm destroys her crops, should she sell her livestock for money or move into the city and hope to find a job?

In addition to raising more than \$2,000 for World Vision, members continued their church's partnership with the local food bank to assist families in their own community. They were able to collect more than 500 pounds of food to donate to the Post Falls Food Bank, which serves an average of 100 families every day.

Saturday evening the famine participants felt very fortunate to end the event with a hearty meal of haystacks, cookies and leftover *Sadsa* balls. After experiencing hunger firsthand, they now look at the world, and their nearby community, with a different perspective.

Terry McLeod, Summit Northwest Ministries youth leader



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CAMP MEETING PROMOTES LIVING GENEROUSLY

Just 10 minutes before the Rise Against Hunger and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) service project at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting, only 25 volunteers had shown up and signed in.

“We ended up having 175 people here helping us pack 20,000 meals,” says Jodi Iwanikiw, local project coordinator.

The volunteers at stations placed scoops of soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, rice and a vitamin packet in bags that other volunteers then weighed for consistency, sealed, labeled and boxed up to ship to a developing country.

“I got to work with my mom, my daughter and some



Volunteers of all ages work together at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting to live generously through packaging meals to help feed children and families in developing countries.

While service projects are not new for youth and earliteen volunteers, this is the first time for all generations to work together and actively illustrate the “Living Generously” camp meeting theme. The joint service project was such a success, volunteers asked for the Rise Against Hunger service project to return to camp meeting. Additional volunteers are already planning how they can bring a similar project to their church or school community.

As is their tradition, the youth division spent a day vol-

unteering at the World Vision warehouse. While volunteers last year helped assemble supply-filled backpacks for students, this year’s volunteers helped sort donations, removed branded stitching from donated clothes and moved donation boxes among other activities, reports Andreas Beccai, youth division leader. Earliteen volunteers also participated in community service projects.

“I didn’t want to go (at first), but once I went, I enjoyed myself and felt a lot better about it,” says Jake Smith, a

youth volunteer.

Noah Wenberg thought the volunteering time was really good: “I just like doing stuff like that. I had good friends so we got it done quickly. I wish we would have had time to stay longer.”

Camp meeting attendees had both hands-on and intellectual experience with the



These leaders represent a joint service partnership between Washington Conference, Rise Against Hunger and ADRA Connections to help change lives.

“Living Generously” theme between the service activities and keynote messages highlighting the generosity of God.

“You don’t have to live generously just one time a year,” says Doug Bing, Washington Conference president. “We live in a land of plenty. We have a social responsibility and a spiritual responsibility to live like Jesus would want us to live. I encourage you to get involved in ministry, not just today, but every day.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, and Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



Volunteers celebrate how they worked together to do their part in helping to feed children and families in developing countries.

kids from Puyallup,” says Lavonne Long, a second-time Rise Against Hunger volunteer. “Our station went so fast. The kids at first said, ‘My parents made me come here.’ They ended up having so much fun.”



Washington Adventist Camp Meeting volunteers show up to Rise Against Hunger by packaging 20,000 meals for a developing country.

SKAGIT VALLEY LAUNCHES RADIO MINISTRY

North Cascade Church in Burlington dedicated its church service

on April 29 to celebrating the grand opening of the new “Radio of Life” church ministry: Skagit Valley Family Radio, KTFJ (Keep The Faith of Jesus), broadcasting at 104.7 FM.



Donn Leiske serves as program manager for Skagit Valley Family Radio.

Skagit Valley Family Radio began in early 2013 as a Sabbath School class project facilitated by Jonathan Fish. Class member Brian Wilson had learned about the availability of new low-power FM frequencies from the Federal Communication

Commission (FCC) and felt convicted of the local need to reach the city of Burlington via radio.

Radio of Hope (91.1 FM), another regional radio station many had come to appreciate, did not effectively reach the Burlington area. A new radio station would fill this void. The application was submitted and accepted, but various delays kept the station from moving forward until early 2016.

At that time, there was only a nine-month window before broadcasting was required to begin per FCC regulations, and an extension had already been granted. The operating board was expanded, IRS 501(c)3 status applied for and granted, and fundraising begun in earnest following a visit from Lilya Wagner, a fundraising professional associated with the North American Division.

The dedication church service shared the history of the station’s development, highlighted the listening area, expressed appreciation from audience members and honored the Radio of Hope sister station.

Skagit Valley Family Radio recognized Joe Mann, Radio of Hope station



Joe Mann from Radio of Hope is recognized by Radio of Life representatives.

manager, for his tireless work in creating a program feed for Radio of Life and for his technical advice. The station also recognized the family of Bob Price in memory of his dedication to the project and service as a board member before his recent passing.

The sermon time featured three presenters. Visionary Brian Wilson shared how his wife converted to Christianity after listening to radio programs in Thailand as a young girl. Donn Leiske, program manager, shared the larger-than-predicted broadcast listening area and how God was expanding the worldwide audience listenership through radiooflife.org. Maureen Parker shared her conversion story, which was influenced by radio and television and led to

her commitment to the project as a founding board member.

Skagit Valley Family Radio was inspired by the desire to spread the gospel and the Three Angels’ Messages to the local community and beyond. The church family praises God for His leadership and protection of the project.

Fittingly, the church service opened with “Lift Up the Trumpet,” the opening song for decades for Voice of Prophecy, the first coast-to-coast religious radio broadcast. The service closed with “Nearer My God to Thee,” the traditional closing of the Voice of Prophecy broadcast.

Andrew Rice, North Cascade Church member

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WELCOMES NEW LEADERS

Washington Conference introduced two new vice presidents during camp meeting this year. Craig Carr will serve as vice president for administration, and Craig Mattson will serve as vice president for education.

“Camp meeting time is a good ministry boot camp,” says Carr. “I heard many great stories of how God is working in and through the ministries of western Washington.”

Carr is filling the vice president role left vacant when Doug Bing was elected conference president in December 2016. His selection came after months of prayer and a nationwide search to find leaders who would be a good fit with the conference’s team and mission.

Prior to coming to Washington, Carr served as ministerial director for Rocky Mountain Conference. He has a degree in business management and human resources, which served him well while working in the business world. He returned to seminary to complete a Master of Divinity degree and also earned a doctoral degree from Denver Seminary. He pastored several churches including in Boulder, Colo.



Craig Carr (center), Washington Conference's new vice president for administration, and his wife, Carisa, greet the Washington Adventist Camp Meeting audience after being introduced by conference president Doug Bing.

“Carisa and I are excited about coming to the Northwest to join the leadership team,” Carr said in a brief interview during camp meeting. “We felt called to come and join the mission.”

Washington Conference also introduced Mattson as the new vice president for education. Mattson is replacing Archie Harris, who is re-entering the classroom.

Mattson is no stranger to Washington Conference. He most recently served as principal of Northwest Christian School in Puyallup and is a graduate of Auburn Adventist Academy. Prior to leading Northwest Christian School for five years, Mattson served as a principal, grade-level teacher, recruiter and a graduate assistant at various academic institutions.

Mattson recently finished

his term as board chair for the Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS), an official liaison for private schools. He also served a two-year term on the North Pacific Union Conference board of education.

In addition to two new vice presidents, Washington Conference is also pleased to introduce David Salazar as the new youth, Pathfinder

and Adventurer director. He’s been involved with youth and club ministries his entire life and has been heavily involved in these ministries as a pastor in Central California. He and his wife, Nitza, and their young daughter will join the Washington Conference team in August. David Yeagley will continue as Washington Conference’s young adult and Sunset Lake Camp director.

Washington Conference’s leadership appreciates all who have been praying for God’s leading in this process and are looking forward to having the Carr, Mattson and Salazar families join them in ministering here in western Washington.

Doug Bing, Washington Conference president



Craig Mattson, Washington Conference's new vice president for education, shares a vision for growing education scholarship support with camp meeting attendees and his wife, Lizzette.

BELLINGHAM GROWS A CHURCH

When the Bellingham Church family sold its facility last year to move onto the same property as Baker View Adventist Christian School, they knew one thing for sure: The members wanted to be actively involved in the building process.

Church members along with Maranatha volunteers have done 90 percent of the work so far on the 16,000-square-foot facility, report church leaders.

Contractor Dale Mundy says the support of the Bellingham Church community has been extraordinary.

"Maranatha did a super job coming in to help with the majority of the framing," Mundy says. "This is going to be a really nice church and a good asset for the community."

In addition to volunteering with construction tasks, members also raised money for the new church by hosting

a benefit concert with violinist Jaime Jorge, among other fundraising activities.

Many times during a building project and the transition between old and new structures, church membership will fluctuate down. That isn't the case in Bellingham.

"Our church is growing like crazy," says Cynthia Jones, Bellingham Church member. "Our membership is growing in both the number of adults and children. We've added 16 new members to our church already."

God is continuing to bless the Bellingham Church as members look to finish the new building project (with a return visit from Maranatha volunteers) and as the members bring the community closer to Christ.

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



CYNTHIA JONES

Bellingham Church is grateful for a group of Maranatha volunteers and looking forward to a return visit for help with finishing the new church facility.



Rose Garnick and Emilynda Quinones work together to provide free dental care in Ferndale.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC SERVES FERNDALE

Ferndale Church partnered with Mercy Missions of the Northwest to offer a two-day Mobile Dental Clinic in May. The church also used the fellowship hall for a triage and simple medical services area.

Once registered, each patient had their blood pressure checked and had the opportunity to have their blood sugar tested as well. They were then escorted to the triage area and then on to the dental van where dentists Michael Sacro and Emilynda Quinones cared for various dental needs.

"Volunteers came together as a team working to accomplish the common goal of making a difference in the church and community," says Sacro.

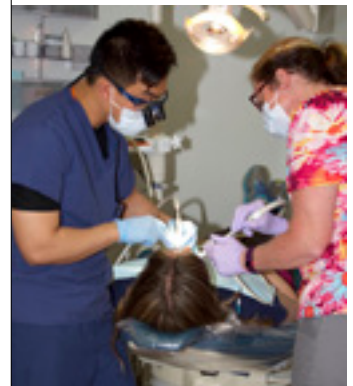
The last stop was the prayer area where patients were given the chance to have prayer and receive literature. "It's a blessing to pray for the things going on in their lives and know that God will answer the prayer," says Jesse Sacdalan, Ferndale Church pastor.

A total of 58 guests received free care over the two

days the van was at the church. "I felt the compassion of the dental team," says one patient.

The dental van is maintained by Rick and Delray Luce in association with Mercy Missions and scheduled through Washington Conference health ministries department.

Rose Garnick, Ferndale Church member



Michael Sacro and Janice Belding aid a patient needing free dental care.

More photos online at glnr.in/112-08-wa_ferndale

COSTS MATTER

90%

of WWU students qualified for financial aid last year, when the average annual award was **\$22,958**.¹

Don't just focus on tuition; also look at out-of-pocket costs. WWU's average is **\$11,322**.¹



TYPES OF AID MATTER



Some types of aid don't have to be paid back.

Apply for as many grants and scholarships as you can to keep debt lower.



Not all loans are equal. WWU recently ranked #36 out of thousands of private universities in the U.S. for the lowest average private student loan debt.

YOUR CHOICES MATTER

Stand out in high school. Students with good grades and leadership experience are more likely to win scholarships, including up to \$50,000 or more over four years from WWU.

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That's how many years college takes for most programs. Taking an extra year or two can add significantly to the cost.

¹2015–2016

Reducing debt and increasing possibilities

Student debt can weigh on your mind when you're considering college, but the truth is you have more control over it than you might think. The key is to understand how to reduce your debt—that's one of the ways we can help.

At Walla Walla University, our financial aid program helps make Christian education affordable. But we also want students to graduate with a manageable debt load—or better yet, none at all. So we're proactive about teaching students and parents how to keep future debt low by making sound financial decisions now.

And it's working. As of 2016, nearly a third of seniors (32%) graduate with no loan debt. And those who do take loans have an average of 7.5% less debt than the national average. Maybe most important is that WWU graduates are equipped to handle their loans once they enter the workforce. As a result, default rates for WWU graduates are far below the national average for both Perkins and Federal Direct loans.

These statistics are the fruits of our heart—to foster the unique gifts of our students and prepare them for a lifetime of success.

Cassie Ragenovich
WWU Director of Student Financial Services

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WWU HOSTS NAD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Between June 5 and 7, more than 35 representatives from Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher education, the North American Division (NAD) ministerial department and the North Pacific Union Conference met by invitation at the Walla Walla University (WWU) campus for the North American Division Ministerial Conference.

The conference was formed for the purpose of coordinating theological education throughout the NAD and has met twice previous to the event at WWU. This year, the group's discussions focused on composing a standard set of student learning outcomes to be incorporated into all NAD theological programs. The group also discussed seminary education and the prospect of continuing education for ministers after ordination.

Dave Thomas, WWU School of Theology chair, observed that the conference members were "highly impressed" with the hospitality they received on campus. The group appreciated the campus and its amenities and were especially struck by the friendliness of the students. They were impressed too by the humanitarian interest demonstrated by students through initiatives like Hope for the Hills, Engineers Without Borders and the student missions program.

The North American Division Ministerial Conference is expected to meet annually for the next few years to continue its collaborative work in standardizing the division's theological education.

Emily Huso, WWU university relations student writer



Claudia Santellano is the new WWU alumni and parent relations director.

SANTELLANO TO LEAD ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS

Claudia Santellano, the new Walla Walla University (WWU) alumni and parent relations director, is no stranger to the WWU campus. Santellano completed a bachelor's degree in business administration at WWU in 2014 and was executive assistant to the vice president for academic administration from 2007 to 2017. She previously worked as a paralegal in Silicon Valley.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with alumni — people who made this their home during a critical point in their lives when they were transitioning into becoming responsible adults," says Santellano. "I enjoy listening to their stories

and being a resource for them and for interactions with parents of current students.

"I want alumni to feel connected to the university, to continue to feel proud that they attended here, to feel like they continue to belong to this family, and that together we are working to advance God's mission and His work," she says.

Santellano is married and has two children. She and her family enjoy the close-knit community they have found in the Walla Walla Valley and the opportunities for outdoor activities and family life.

Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor



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MORE THAN MARATHONS FOR ONE ADVENTIST HEALTH OPERATOR

Vicki Classen, telephone operator for Adventist Health in Portland, Ore., just completed her 100th marathon. This 30-year quest has transformed her health and influenced her family, friends and co-workers.

Classen began running with her husband, Gary, in 1987. “We were inspired by watching the Portland Marathon and decided we wanted to do it for ourselves,” she explains. Starting with just 1-mile runs, they worked their way up to marathon distance.

Gary completed 72 marathons before he passed away in 2012. Classen has carried on Gary’s goal of completing 100 marathons, joined by her daughter, Emillie Niblack, customer care associate.

As the goal got closer this mother-daughter duo stepped up their efforts. Since March Classen and Niblack have completed a marathon every two weeks. Classen’s 99th race was the Foot Traffic Flat Marathon on July 4. Then she logged her 100th race on July

15 at the Olympia Lakefair Marathon.

Training for marathons takes time, discipline and desire. For Classen and Niblack, that time is a precious gift. Their weekly runs and workouts are spent talking and praying together.

A CULTURE OF WELLNESS AT WORK

Both Classen and Niblack say the classes and resources offered through Adventist Health’s LivingWell program have helped them understand the value of healthier food choices. Applying this knowledge has helped the already-fit

pair achieve personal wellness goals.

“The LivingWell program has helped me improve my health by changing how I eat,” says Classen. “Because of classes and challenges that have been offered at work I’ve moved to a diet with more whole, plant-based foods. I used to be on medication for my blood pressure, but by eating differently I no longer need it.”

She adds, “Being part of an organization that emphasizes wellness means so much to me.”

“It’s a lot of small things,” Niblack

observes. “From signs encouraging us to take the stairs to wellness challenges that give us the opportunity to explore different aspects of our health. A fruit and veggie challenge jump-started improvements to the way I was eating and helped me lower my cholesterol by 22 points.”

Classen and Niblack were featured on Adventist Health’s LivingWell Podcast in 2015. Visit LivingWellPDX.org to check out a rerelease of this episode.

C.J. Anderson, Adventist Health in Portland marketing specialist



Mother and daughter Vicki Classen and Emillie Niblack run marathons together, helping Classen reach her goal of 100 races.

FAMILY MILESTONES

Andregg 60th

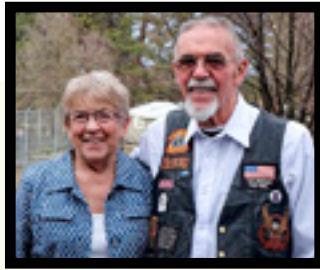
Karen Cox from Cove, Ore., and Gary Andregg from Eagle, Idaho, met at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. On March 9, 1957, they said “I do” and began their married life in Boise, Idaho, farming, ranching, logging and working in the potato fields. Later that same year, they moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where they both continued their educations — Karen in cosmetology and Gary in nursing — while living in a 27-foot mobile home.

The Andreggs then moved to Portland, Ore., where Gary completed his clinical rotations. During their two years in Oregon, their first two children, Bruce and Donovan, were born.

Returning to Walla Walla, Gary graduated from Walla Walla College in 1961, and then they relocated to Spokane, Wash. Gary worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in the critical care unit, while Karen took in ironing and did child care to make ends meet.

Gary completed his anesthesia training in 1963, and the family headed to Aberdeen, Wash. For eight years, Gary worked at Grays Harbor Community Hospital, where their first daughter, Lynda, was born. While living in Aberdeen, they purchased their first home that did not have wheels, on 5 acres with horses, chickens and room to roam. Their second daughter, Michelle, was added to the family in 1968.

Leaving the rainy west coast of Washington, the family moved to the arid region of Lewiston, Idaho. Gary accepted a job at St. Joseph Hospital, and Karen took care of the family and provided babysitting. In



Karen and Gary Andregg

1974, they all moved farther east, to the “Hi-Line” of northern Montana, where they lived in Shelby.

Gary provided anesthesia services in five small hospitals, seemingly always on call. He enjoyed utilizing his Bonanza airplane to “commute” as much as possible by flying. They moved to Browning, Mont., in 1990 and lived on the edge of Glacier National Park, where Gary worked at Blackfeet Community Hospital for five years.

From 1995 to 2004, Karen and Gary lived in Hope, Idaho, where Gary worked for Bonner County General Hospital. They designed and constructed their dream log home on a hillside overlooking the beautiful Lake Pend Oreille, where all manner of wildlife would pass by, including bear, deer and moose. This home also was the gathering place for all of the six grandchildren, for visits, sleepovers and celebrations.

As their children left home, Karen and Gary became more involved with a variety of organizations. They traveled to China and Russia as part of a medical team, conducting health talks and observing teaching hospitals. Christian Motorcycle Association has been a large part of their lives for many years. They’ve motorcycled to Alaska and many places in the Lower 48.

Since 2009 Karen and Gary have lived in the Spokane Valley, near Mica, Wash. Once again living on a hillside, they now enjoy retirement, tending

flowers, watching the deer and quail, and visiting with family and friends. Their 60th anniversary celebration was on March 11, 2017. All four of their children, their children’s spouses, six grandchildren, other family and many friends attended.

The Andregg family includes Bruce and Carole Andregg of Spokane, Wash.; Donovan and Wendi Andregg of Dillingham, Alaska; Lynda Fulbright of Spokane, Wash.; Michelle and Karl Andregg of Federal Way, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren: Jessica, Karlin, Alexi, Grayson, Megan and Elliott.

Bunker 90th

Mazie Ellen Bunker of Willow, Alaska, and Longview, Wash., celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house at her Longview home on March 12, 2017.

Mazie was born in Jackson, Mich., on March 13, 1927. She celebrated her birthday with all five of her children, their spouses, some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, plus many of her friends and neighbors.

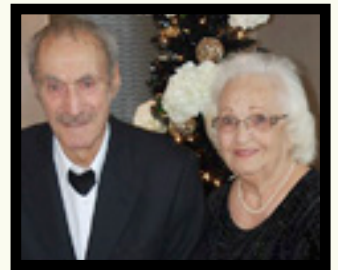
Hieb 70th

Archie and Lyndel Hieb celebrated 70 years of marriage on Dec. 22, 2016, quietly with family in Walla Walla, Wash.

Archie met Lyndel Peterson from Minneapolis, when she began teaching at a small country school, north of Cleveland, N.D., and close to his father’s homestead. Archie wanted to check out this new teacher, so he drove his Jeep to school one day and asked her if she wanted a ride. That started a whirlwind romance that quickly led to their wedding only two and a half months later on Dec. 22, 1946.

After a few years, Archie took over his father’s homestead and farmed for the next 27 years, raising eight children. In 1974, Archie and Lyndel moved to Walla Walla, where Archie started working for a landscaping company installing irrigation systems. A few years later he became self-employed in real estate and property management until his full retirement in 2007.

Lyndel was always busy as a homemaker and raising eight



Archie and Lyndel Hieb

children and helping on the farm. After moving to Walla Walla, she worked at Fabricland until her retirement in 1980.

Both Archie, 92, and Lyndel, 90, still reside in their home of 43 years and are members of the Village Church in College Place, Wash.

The Hieb family includes sons Bruce and Patti (Albrecht) Hieb of Loveland, Colo.; Randy and Susan (Elliott) Hieb of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Brian Hieb of North Carolina; daughters, Kris and John Christensen of College Place, Wash.; Kandyce and Keith Hallam of Waynesboro, Va.; Kenda Cleveland of Vancouver, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Two of their sons, Jon and Michael, are deceased.

Jensen 100th

Mildred Matterand was born in Stanwood, Wash., on Jan. 4, 1917. She was the second

of four daughters born to Haakon and Sophie Matterand. She grew up on the banks of the Stillaguamish River where her dad built boats. Mildred and her sisters swam in the river and took boat trips around the San Juan Islands and Canadian waters.

Mildred graduated from Stanwood High School in 1935 after having been a part of two operettas and assistant editor of the yearbook. She attended Walla Walla College, graduating in 1939 with a major in English and minor in home economics.

After graduation Mildred became the dean of women at Yakima Valley Academy (now Upper Columbia Academy) in central Washington. She left this role to marry her Stanwood childhood friend and sweetheart, Lyle Jensen, in 1940.

They lived in Chicago, Ill., while Lyle worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II; Berrien Springs, Mich., while Lyle taught at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University); Columbus, Ohio, where Lyle did research at Ohio State University; and then Seattle, where Lyle taught and did research at the University of Washington.

Lyle passed away in 2008. Often when Mildred is asked the secret to her long life, she will say it's because of her very happy marriage.

Mildred and Lyle's family includes Ann White of Everett, Wash.; Paul and Cheris (Parker) Jensen of Orange, Calif.; Mary K. and Steve Campbell of Salem, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She and Lyle were charter members of Greenlake Church



Mildred Jensen

in Seattle. She was a pillar at Greenlake, holding many offices and becoming their first female head elder and one of the first in Adventist Church history. After living for 65 years in the Seattle home that Lyle built, she moved to live with her daughter Mary in Salem. The Greenlake Church purchased Lyle and Mildred's Seattle home and are carrying on their legacy of hospitality. All of Mildred's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their spouses (34 family members) gathered together for four days Dec. 27–31, 2016, to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Rice 50th

LaVern and Linda (Wagner) Rice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2017, with a reception in Enterprise, Ore. They were married on June 18, 1967, in Union Spring, N.Y.

LaVern and Linda Rice were longtime residence of Berrien Springs, Mich., where LaVern served as an instructor in the Andrews University agriculture department, managed the University Dairy and served on the grounds department. Linda is a registered nurse and served for many years as the student health nurse at Andrews University.

LaVern and Linda were active members of the Pioneer Memorial Church near Andrews until they relocated to Enterprise, Ore., in 2008, where they continue to play an active role in the local church family.

The Rice family includes Andrew and Becky (Leavelle) Rice of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Jereld and Alina (Arnold) Rice of Enterprise; and 4 grandchildren.

Wilkens 65th

John and Edith Wilkens, together with family and friends, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 27, 2017, at their home in Spokane, Wash.

John and Edith met while at Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Md. After getting married, they lived at John's family's dairy farm in Dover, Del. The young family then moved back to Takoma Park, where John finished a degree in business and where their family would grow, adding three boys to the mix.

Their 40 years of work with the Seventh-day Adventist Church took them across the country and around the world serving in treasury positions in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Upper Columbia Conference and even to the Trans-African Division.

Edith, on top of managing a rambunctious household of boys, worked as an administrative secretary in those locations. Upon their return to the United States, John oversaw the treasury for General Conference and served as president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. This was a sort of "coming full circle," as he had worked in the Review and Herald's boiler room back in college.

In 1991, they formally retired and moved to Spokane, Wash., to be close to family but continued to be active in

volunteer activities such as international aid and church roofing projects, which again took them to far-flung corners of the globe.

John and Edith now enjoy time with their large extended



Edith and John Wilkens

family, which includes Barry and Terry Wilkens of Phoenix, Ariz.; Keith and Joyce Wilkens of Spokane; and Carl and Teresa Wilkens of Spokane. They keep up with 9 grandchildren as well as 6 great-grandchildren.

John and Edith are active in their local church. Their children honor them for their years of teamwork together, as well as their commitment and service to their family and church.

FAMILY BIRTHS

CARTER — Garrett William was born May 15, 2017, to Dustin and Heidi (Evans) Carter, Plains, Mont.

CRAIG — Ian Thomas was born April 28, 2017, to Allyn and Cecilia (Lopez Caballero) Craig, Hillsboro, Ore.

CRAIG — Zoe Joanna was born April 28, 2017, to Allyn and Cecilia (Lopez Caballero) Craig, Hillsboro, Ore.

WHITAKER — Annabel Grace was born April 22, 2017, to Jeremy and Mollie (Tachenko) Whitaker, Culver, Ore.

FAMILY AT REST

BLACK — Vivian Rose (Haskell), 90; born Jan. 8, 1927, Aberdeen, Wash.; died April 11, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: stepdaughters, Cindy (Black) Jones, Newport, Wash.; Christy (Black) Franklin, Peoria, Ill.; and 4 step-grandchildren.

CORNFORTH — Lyle Wilson, 90; born June 25, 1927, Aberdeen, Idaho; died April 4, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Renée Buell and Pamela Greenlaw, both of Oregon City, Ore.; Tara Sprague and Carla Ringering, both of Troutdale, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

FARR — William “Max,” 87; born May 24, 1929, Stockton, Kan.; died Dec. 16, 2016, Sultan, Wash. Surviving: wife, Patsye (Ruythe), Phoenix, Ariz.; son, Skip, Phoenix; daughter, Linda Skau, Ridgefield, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

GERGOVICH — Sherrie Lea (Gergovich), 69; born Aug. 3, 1947, Seattle, Wash.; died March 18, 2017, Edmonds, Wash. Surviving: sister, Nancy Rae Grant.

GREENE — David Walter, 89; born June 17, 1927, Santa Monica, Calif.; died March 27, 2017, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lois L. (Watson), Rogue River, Ore.; son, David A., Grants Pass, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

GREENLEY — William Matthew, 87; born Jan. 28, 1929, Rocky Ford, Colo.; died Jan. 19, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Carmenter); sons, Russell Patrick Greenley, Anchorage, Alaska; Thomas William Greenley, Petersburg, Alaska; stepsons, Brent Leiske,

Albany, Ore.; Tedrick Atwood, Boulder, Colo.; stepdaughters, Pam (Leiske) Feigner, Albany; Twyla (Leiske) Bechtel, College Place, Wash.; Carmen (Atwood) Walters, Oxnard, Calif.; Diana (Atwood) Hanson, College Place; Jolynn (Atwood) Gugliotto, Walla Walla; Becky Atwood, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada; 4 grandchildren, numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

GUDERIAN — Natella (Chapman), 92; born Sept. 24, 1924, Puyallup, Wash.; died April 1, 2017, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Stephanie Morehead

and Robin Guderian, both of Klamath Falls; 6 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

HANSON — Geneva Rose (Jones), 94; Sept. 13, 1922, Cornelius, Ore.; April 20, 2017, Calistoga, Calif. Surviving: daughter, JuDee Hanson, Calistoga; and a grandchild.

HARRIS — Nan (Thoroddsen), 94; born March 13, 1922, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada; died Feb. 13, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Bryan G., Redmond, Wash.; daughter, Patricia N. Vietz, College Place; sister, Thorna (Thoroddsen) Soloniuk, Loma Linda,

Calif.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PATTERSON — Elmer Charles, 86; born Nov. 23, 1930, Rifle, Colo.; died Jan. 23, 2017, Portland, Ore.

PFLUGRAD — Richard D., 83; born March 27, 1934, Milton, Ore.; died April 10, 2017, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Harriet (Sabo); daughters, Pamela Blackburn, Beaverton, Ore.; Cynthia Lowe, Hamilton, Mont.; Kathryn Pflugrad, Medford; brother, Arnold Pflugrad, Portland, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Woodrow Dean, 96; born Feb. 6, 1921, Portland, Ore.; died May 3, 2017, Payette, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Deena L. McDaniel, Payette; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

WARREN — Irene “Avis” (Benson), 86; born Nov. 1, 1930, Glendive, Mont.; died Feb. 25, 2017, Newberg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Walter; sons, Grant, Yamhill, Ore.; David, Newberg; Gregory, Fairfield, Calif.; daughter, Rachel Mason, Lake Tapps, Wash.; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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1957 – 2017

BRETT H. LONG

Born March 21, 1957, in Portland, Ore. Died at age 60 on May 2, 2017, in Bandon, Ore.

Brett is survived by his wife, Gail (Heinrich) Lindsay; son, Zeke Lindsay, Lake Oswego, Ore.; mother, Marilyn (Blenkinsop) Long, Bandon; brothers, Brad Long, Bandon; Brian Long, Bend, Ore.; 2 grandchildren; a nephew; two nieces; and adopted son, Jason Williams and family of Lincoln, Neb.

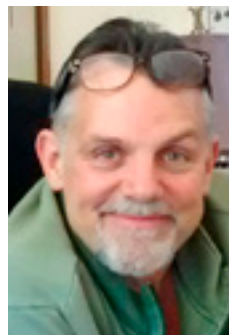
Brett read newspapers, periodicals and always obituaries. So here is HIS!

Fan of Oakland Raiders, Portland Winterhawks and NBA Golden State Warriors. The quick-witted “Heckler,” sporting a high IQ, who remembered conversations, numbers, dates, events and trivia at length. Truly one of a kind!

Brett, a student of Bible prophecy, grounded in the Sabbath and settled in Truth. With a renewed heart in 2004, Brett shared the everlasting gospel through prison ministry, personal Bible studies, and handing out books and DVDs until his end. His joy was witnessing to numerous souls, many choosing to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

During Brett’s final week of his life, his family recorded his laughter, singing, words of comfort, love and hope. While watching it with loved ones, Brett called it his death video. When asked what gave him the most hope, Brett replied, “I know God loves me.”

Without pain or medication he died at home peacefully in his sleep. God is merciful!



NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

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- Aug. 5** — Local Church Budget;
- Aug. 12** — World Budget: emphasis Oakwood, Andrews and Loma Linda universities;
- Aug. 19** — Local Church Budget;
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OREGON CONFERENCE

“Columbia Classics” Annual Fall Reunion

Sept. 8–9 — The “Columbia Classics” Annual Fall Reunion will be on the Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) campus (in the cafeteria building), 11100 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, Wash. Friday, 6 p.m.: welcome and light supper. Sabbath, 9 a.m.: registration and continental breakfast followed by Sabbath program, group photo and potluck dinner. Luncheon will be served in the evening. Come renew friendships and share the latest happenings in your lives. RV parking is available on the campus, and motels are available locally. For more lodging or additional information, contact Larry Hiday, CAA alumni and development director, at 360-687-3161.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Missing Members

The Port Orchard Church is looking for the following missing members: Sheena Acosta, Erik Anderson, Larry Anderson, Marjorie Bowie, Diana Brooks, Barbara Browning, Marian Christian Jr., Linda Cook, Richard Cook, Helen Davis, Irene Friedrich, Genevieve Gillard, Susan Gillard, Connie Grieger, Marylane Grieger, Patricia Grimes, Sharla Hicks, Brian Hurley, Jenifer Hurley, Ester Iverson, Virginia Krueger, Annette Lester, John “J.B.” Moreland, Daniel Nueske, Ricky Nueske, Sherrie Nueske, Cynthia Olson, Patricia Olson, Jan Page, Yvonne Pitre, Margaret Ringo, Cheryl Rodgers, Sherry Simonis, David Stanley, Ruthi Stanley, Taya Vargas, James Venske and Warren Wharton. If you have any information about these members, please contact Barb Dietrich at barbdietrich@hotmail.com.

WORLD CHURCH

Health Share Weekend

Sept. 21–24 — British Columbia Conference health ministries presents a health share weekend. Learn easy, practical solutions for common health problems such as sinusitis, indigestion, insomnia, stress and more. Plan now to attend and network with like-minded people at Camp Hope in British Columbia. Space is limited so please register now at CampHope@bcadventist.ca or by calling 604-869-2615.

Alumni Weekend

Oct. 6–7 — Sheyenne River Academy, Plainview Academy and Dakota Adventist Academy Alumni weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, N.D. Come and renew your friendships. Honor classes end in 3 and 8. For more information, contact 701-751-6177 ext. 212 or visit our website at dakotaadventistacademy.org.

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he All Saints Church, in the perfectly named English village of Aldwinckle, dates back to the 1300s and was the site of countless weddings, funeral, baptisms and baby dedications. By the 20th century, however, the local parish could no longer sustain the beautiful structure, due to shrinking population and the presence of another church building. After 100 years of “disuse” it was declared “redundant” in 1976. It was then taken over by the Churches Conservation Trust, and a couple days ago I spent the night in it all by myself.

Through an activity known as “champing” (“church” plus “camping”), medieval churches can be rented for a reasonable fee for the evening. Bedding and breakfast are provided, and groups or individuals can spend the night. Having completed a week of touring around England and Scotland I figured this would be a great way to end my travel adventure — especially since it would be a Friday evening and seemed like an appropriate place to stay to welcome the Sabbath.

Some people would find sleeping in an ancient church creepy, and I did promise to myself that if the old organ in the corner started playing on its own I would seek different accommodation immediately. Thankfully, I did not feel scared at all. The setting was beautiful,

contemplative and peaceful.

However, that doesn’t mean I wasn’t haunted. There were ghosts in that place, but not the kind people talk about around campfires or show in movies.

Before bed, I walked silently barefoot across the old stone floor, taking in the atmosphere. I was drawn to the plaques on the wall. Many of them were in Latin, worn indecipherable by age. There was a great mural of the Ten Commandments at the end of the nave (strangely, the first four were marred) and giant rock slabs with various epitaphs on them dating from the 1600s. In one corner a modern sign from the Churches Conservation Trust asked for money as though one was feeding starving children. *It costs 50 dollars a day to keep an old church open. Won't you consider a gift?*

On a dusty old desk by the lectionary a brass plaque read, “Violet Hodgson 6 Jan 1949 In grateful memory of her life and work in the Sunday school of this parish from her many scholars past and present.” I wondered if any of her students remembered her more than 50 years in the



AUTHOR

Seth Pierce



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future. Were they teaching Sunday School somewhere else?

A beloved rector was buried just outside the east windows, but the large slab marking his grave had been

brought inside. It said, “Lyeth the body of Henry Pickering rector of this parish for the space of forty years who departed this life September 1637.” It goes on to describe his loving Christian character. Forty years dedicated to a place that no longer exists.

Toward the back of the church a white marble circle contained the sad inscription for little Henrietta Jane, who died March, 1807, “aged nearly 8 years.” The heart-twisting epitaph cries, “Farewell! How deep our sorrows who can tell. Delight and Solace of our hearts farewell! But oh, her end. Let that our Grief sustain. And lend a hope that we shall meet again: Meet where life’s painful weary toil is o’er. And where the Parent’s heart shall throb no more.” I hope her parents’ hearts experienced healing.

I heard that someone isn’t truly dead until people stop saying their name — I wonder how long it has been since people have seen or spoken

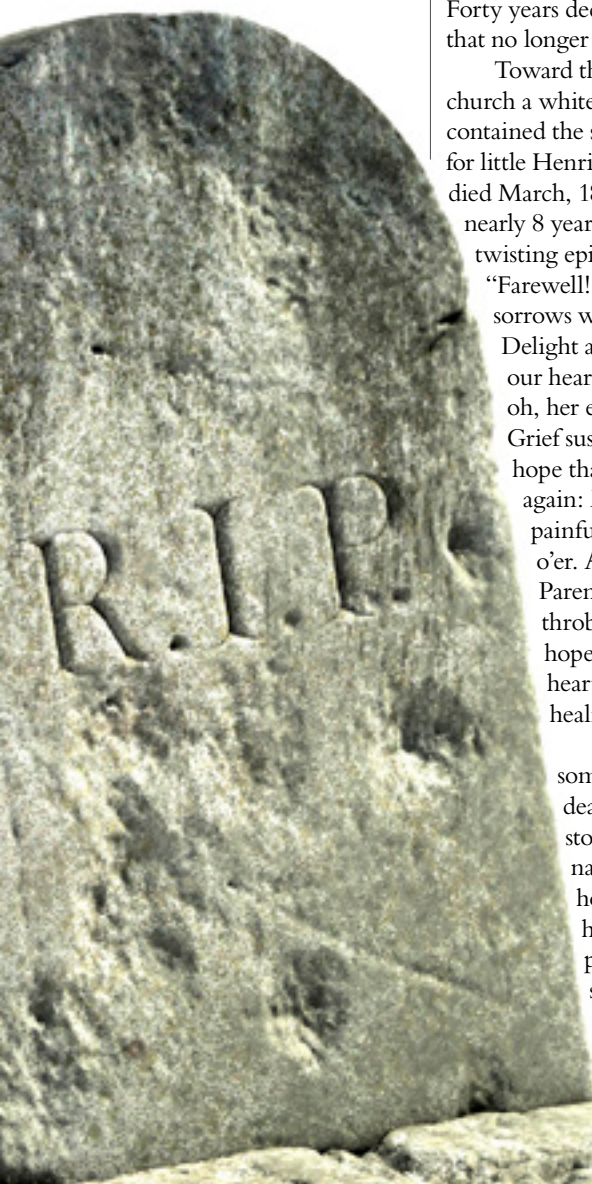
the names of these people. I thought I would write them here to give them a little more life. What haunted me was not only the sadness of these lives long gone but the whole symbolic nature of the church. All Saints in Aldwinckle is a church where visitors still attend but members don’t. The church building is still alive, but the congregation is dead, buried underneath.

Jesus talks about the church as a “house of prayer” (Matt. 21:13); often we make it a house of programs and a house of contention. As I lay there, electronic candles flickering light around the pillars and the wind whistling through the old beams in the roof, I considered declining religious trends in the U.S. and churches I know that are struggling. The reasons for church death are legion, but I wondered if the dead saints in Aldwinckle could tell me specifics what would they say? Would they look back and wish they had spoken out more on certain issues and stayed silent on others? Would the church fights that occurred matter now?

As my eyes grew heavy that night in the dark sanctuary, Jesus’ words drifted through my mind: “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8). The text doesn’t indicate He wants to find apologetic arguments, programs, buildings or potlucks (as important as they may be).

The “ghosts” of All Saints raised a lot of questions for me to wrestle with (such as “What makes a church ‘redundant?’” and “Should we invest millions of dollars to keep buildings going even when people stop going?”). But the most haunting question was whether or not the faith I have is building up other people of faith because ultimately that’s the only legacy that lasts and what Jesus hopes to find.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor



A CHURCH BULLY TRANSFORMED

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merica is at war — not just with ISIS but with itself. Civility vaporized during last year’s presidential campaign, and since then our nation has become even nastier. Campuses are convulsed with hate disguised as tolerance. Politics is polarizing friends and even families. What an opportunity for the church to shine the light of Jesus throughout this dark world.

Instead, Adventists themselves are divided, as never before in our lifetime. Sensing the need for unity, global church leaders are earnestly seeking compliance over important issues. It’s not working. Policies designed to bring us all together are in some cases driving us further apart.

Amid the turmoil, your local church can be a haven of “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3). Indeed, many Northwest Adventist congregations are like that. You feel the love the moment you walk into the foyer. Unfortunately, other churches are like the Christians in first-century Corinth, riven with disunity and dysfunction. Back then it was circumcision and ceremonies; today it’s women’s ordination and the role of Ellen White.

In this perilous hour, faithful pastors and elders courageously minister grace and healing to God’s flock. They don’t flee from

bullying wolves in sheep’s clothing who resist God’s purpose: “Let all be fully convinced in their own minds” (Rom. 14:5). Terrorists of the *Testimonies* aspire to become your conscience — and if they can’t control you, they condemn you.

What to do with them? The New Testament prescribes congregational discipline (e.g., 1 Tim. 5:19–20). This seldom happens, since leaders often flinch before well-funded bullies.

Every veteran pastor has stories about cruel and unusual ministry. I recall an epic event as a young pastor in 1978 — the “Battle of Millie.”

Millie was a committed Christian who aspired to become an Adventist. But Blanche, her neighbor and our longtime member, decided Millie wasn’t ready. Although Millie had studied for months, Blanche insisted she must first read through Ellen White’s *Testimonies for the Church*.

Now, Millie already believed in Ellen White’s gift of prophecy, but that wasn’t enough for Blanche. Every day she phoned to quiz her about church standards (and traditions). Blanche’s relentless inquisition became too much for Millie. Discouraged, she doubted her own fitness for baptism.

As pastor, I couldn’t stand by while Satan “the accuser” (Rev. 12:10) destroyed Millie through Blanche. The church’s



AUTHOR Martin Weber



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jihadist must be silenced, not just for Millie’s baptism but for the sake of the whole congregation — even for Blanche’s own salvation. After much prayer, I decided to employ a radical tactic not found in the *Church Manual*.

Dropping by unannounced at Blanche’s

house, I found her eating a bowl of ice cream. She wiped her mouth and launched into a screed on why Millie couldn’t be baptized.

“Wait a minute,” I interrupted. “We’ve talked enough about Millie. Let’s talk about you. So you’re eating ice cream! Don’t you know

the *Testimonies* condemn the combination of milk and sugar?”

Blanche flinched. I had only just begun.

“Not only that, I’m sure you’ve read in the *Testimonies* about overeating. How then have you gotten so overweight?”

Blanche’s jaw dropped in shock. How dare this young pastor expose her inconsistencies! I pressed on with my desperate intervention.

“Now, you’ve been an Adventist 50 years. How faithfully do *you* obey the ‘straight testimony’? I see your TV turned on over there. Do you spend your days watching the soaps and game shows? How long has it been since *you* read through the *Testimonies*?”

“It’s been awhile,” she grudgingly admitted.

“Well, bless your heart,” I concluded. “We all have much room to grow. So I guess you can stop condemning Millie and let God lead her in His own time and way.”

Well, Blanche was so angry it seemed she wanted to spit nails at me. But for the first time, she was speechless, with nothing more to say to Millie — just as I had hoped would happen. I took advantage of her ceasefire to

rescue Millie for baptism.

The next Sabbath, as Millie dressed for baptism, Blanche sat in the back row, arms crossed. When I smiled at her she looked away. So I went over and gave her a big hug.

“I love you, Blanche. You’re not going to stay mad at me, are you?” I winked and saw the hint of a smile.

From that day forward, Blanche was a kinder and gentler Seventh-day Adventist. She became best friends with Millie. They rode together to church every week until Blanche finally died, resting in the grace of God.

What God did for Blanche, He can do for Adventist members, leaders and congregations around the world. So “let the peace of God rule” in our hearts (Col 3:15).

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eally?” I responded in starving amazement.

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we’re making some more.”

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“What other soft drinks do you have?”

“Pepsi.”

I ordered a float with lots of vanilla ice cream.

Too many minutes later, after watching him push and pull every button and lever on the

ice cream machine, I asked if he was out of vanilla.

“Yes, we have no vanilla,” he smiled, hoping I would go away.

I settled for strawberry ice cream with a few squirts of something carbonated.

“Enjoy!” he encouraged.

It was cold, and that was good.

All the way home I thought about “Bad Advertising.” About a Taco Bell without beans. About an A&W without root beer. About churches without love. About church boards without compassion. About potlucks without friendship. About Christians without joy.

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How could Taco Bell run out of beans?

Alone in my car with Siri, I checked for another Taco Bell. “Seventy-five miles behind you,” she said kindly.

What made the experience even more frustrating was that a few days earlier, with my entire body overheated from driving in the desert without air conditioning, an A&W sign showing an iceberg of vanilla ice cream floating in a mug of root beer lured me to stop. “Perfect.” I yielded.

An employee took my order, with assistance from the manager on duty. Five minutes later I returned to the counter and inquired about my root beer float.

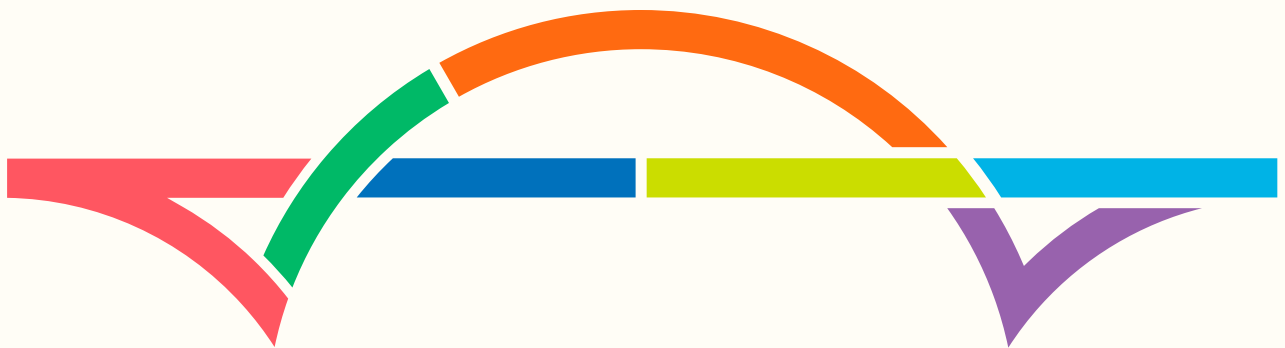
“Sorry,” the employee said. “We’re out of root beer. But if you wait about an hour,



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