This Week: Big Apple Baptisms; Here Comes the Judge; and more!

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**Big Apple Baptisms**

More than 150 people were baptized June 29 during the culminating meeting of NY13, an evangelistic series that kicked off a long-term world church Mission to Cities strategy to reach big city populations. Including other local church outreach events, nearly 2,000 had already been baptized before the June 29 meeting. Ted N.C. Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist world church president, key speaker for the four-week Revelation of Hope seminar, also participated in the event’s baptismal service. An estimated crowd of 12,000 packed into the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum for the combined camp meeting and NY13 special event. During succeeding years, other projects will be highlighted around the world as the Mission to Cities initiative continues. Read a full report at Adventist News Network.

**Here Comes the Judge**

George Fearing, Pasco (Wash.) Riverview Church member and former Walla Walla University Alumni Association president, was officially sworn in this week as the newest state Court of Appeals judge for Division III based in Spokane, Wash. Fearing has served as an attorney for Leavy, Schultz, Davis and Fearing for 31 years. His father, Richard Fearing, served as the North Pacific Union Conference president from 1980–1986, and was present to hold the Bible during the ceremony Monday, July 1, in Pasco, Wash. Read more from the Yakima Herald.

**Adventist Dentist Dies On Peru Mission Trip**

W. Curtis Mathisen, Adventist dentist from White Salmon, Wash., died last month while on a mission trip. Mathisen was on his way to Iquitos, Peru, along with his wife Elaina, when he suffered a heart attack in the Lima airport. While being transported from the airport to the hospital, he suffered a second heart attack and passed away. Mathisen was traveling to Peru to serve at the People of Peru Project dental clinic. "I am shocked and devastated," Mathisen's wife told a friend, "but Jesus has been my best
friend since I was about 11, and he has not left me now." Read the complete story at ASInministries.org.

Public Radio Interviews World Church Archives Director
David Trim, Adventist world church director of archive, statistics and research, was recently interviewed for public radio program Interfaith Voices. The program, hosted by Maureen Fiedler, is the nation's leading public radio program on faith and spirituality. In the program, Trim is interviewed with Rev. Mark Schaefer about the history of the Adventist denomination, how the church grew out of the Great Disappointment, what Adventists believe, and what the church has become. Listen to the complete program at InterFaithRadio.org.

Adventists Reluctant Missionaries?
Anyone looking at the Adventist church today would recognize that not only do we believe in the Word of God, but we also have a long history of sharing that belief through missions. However it has not always been that way. A recent article from Adventist News Network (ANN) highlights how, as the Adventist church began, we were reluctant to send or sponsor missionaries to other countries. The article highlights the work of Michael Czechowski, a native of Poland, who, after not receiving sponsorship from the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church to return to Europe, turned to an Adventist Sunday-keeping organization. But on arriving in Europe, he proceeded to teach the SDA message and raise up a congregation. Read the interesting history of missions in the church from ANN.

How Would You Answer the Question?
One day a man asked Jesus a question, and Jesus responded with another question: “What is written in the law?” He asked. If Jesus asked you that question, how would you answer? Watch this 60-second video from John Bradshaw of It Is Written and ponder a response.
July 4: Big Apple Baptisms

Looking Ahead

July

2–6: Lightbearers Convocation
2–7: AHA Cowboy Camp Meeting
11–13: Oregon Hispanic Camp Meeting
16–20: Oregon Gladstone Camp Meeting
23–27: Alaska Camp Meeting

More Events

In the last year, nearly 400 Hispanic students received scholarships to Northwest Adventist schools. This month's GLEANER focus is on Adventist Education in the Northwest and how those Hispanic scholarships are providing help to families. Read more about it in the July GLEANER!
Hundreds baptized as first NY13 phase wraps up at Nassau Coliseum

Jun 29, 2013 Uniondale, New York, United States

Mark A. Kellner, Adventist Review

Wearing a dark blue baptismal robe, Tomas Olivera of Peekskill, New York, stepped into the giant pool placed before the platform at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on this afternoon and knew only one thing: he was finally about to be baptized.

Tomas Olivera of Peekskill, New York, was the first of several new Seventh-day Adventists to be baptized today by Adventist Church president, Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, at the NY13 event at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, New York. [photos by Mark A. Kellner/Adventist Review]

It quickly developed that the Seventh-day Adventist pastor who placed Olivera under the water was the president of the Adventist world church, Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, who had just completed a sermon about the role this religious movement would play at the end of time.

Olivera was all smiles, as was John MacKneil, a former resident of New York’s Greenwich Village, who returned to the Historic Seventh-day Adventist Church on West 11th Street to hear Wilson present a four-week “Revelation of Hope” seminar. MacKneil was also baptized by Wilson, and was a bit overcome at the experience.

“It’s an inspiration to be baptized by this man of God,” MacKneil said, standing next to Wilson, who briefly interned at that church when he first began his ministry. “I wanted to be baptized; I needed to be baptized. I feel good and I feel inspired.” Both MacKneil and Wilson said MacKneil’s brother would also soon join the church.

Inspiration was certainly the theme for this day of celebration and commitment, which was held under the banner of a joint campmeeting of the Greater New York and Northeastern Conferences, something local officials said was a first for the two groups. Adventists came from all over the region – joined by officials of the Adventist Church world headquarters and the denomination’s North American Division, as well as from even farther afield – to mark the completion of an initial phase of urban evangelism and the welcoming of hundreds of new believers. At least 150 were baptized at the Nassau Coliseum venue, evangelist Mark Finley told Adventist Review, with many more in area churches the same morning. Estimates point to nearly 2,000 baptisms in the NY13 campaign before today's event.

Hundreds more had been baptized before the event, as the New York City area hosted more than 400 evangelistic outreach events held by Adventist congregations. As Wilson said of the NY13 effort during his sermon, “This is not a spectator sport,” noting that several Adventist world church vice presidents and other world church leaders had conducted campaigns in the area as well.

An estimated crowd of 12,000 people met today at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, New York, for the combined campmeeting and NY13 special event.

At least one other division leader came to observe the results: Erton Köhler, president of the South American Division, and his wife Adriene were spotted among the worshippers Sabbath morning, no doubt happy that the “Arautos do Rei,” the Brazilian “King’s Heralds” quartet, were part of the morning’s worship music.

Music wasn’t the only cause for happiness that morning: several public officials came to publicly acknowledge the positive impact the Seventh-day Adventist Church had on the community. Mayor Wayne J. Hall, Sr., of neighboring Hempstead, New York, welcomed the Adventists, and Una S. T. Clarke, a former member of the New York City Council and mother of U.S. Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-Brooklyn)
was also recognized for her presence at the event.

But the greatest praise for Seventh-day Adventists came from Bill DeBlasio, who holds a citywide office as New York City Public Advocate, a job formerly known as president of the City Council.

“I represent all 8.4 million New Yorkers,” DeBlasio said. “And I come to bring greetings and appreciation” for the work Adventists are doing in the community, he added.

“I was moved by the work of your young people after Hurricane Sandy struck. Every day, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is doing good works in the City of New York,” De Blasio said. He lauded Adventist efforts in promoting healthy living and said the church’s schools comprise “one of the greatest educational systems on Earth.”

DeBlasio concluded saying, “Every day [Seventh-day Adventists] make us a better and a stronger city. I say, ‘God bless you.’”

Volunteers from 12 of the 13 world divisions on the platform at the capstone event of NY13, an evangelistic outreach in Greater New York. One volunteer, from the Greater Middle East and North Africa Union, had to return home before the event.

Following the comments of these public officials, Adventist evangelist Mark Finley prayed for Hall, Clarke, and DeBlasio, each of whom was also greeted by Wilson.

Wilson, in his morning message, emphasized that the June 29 event, though historic, isn’t the end of outreach here: “NY13 continues until Jesus comes!” he declared.

Speaking about the “little scroll” that would be sweet to taste but “bitter in the belly” (Revelation 10:8-9), Wilson linked the disappointment of the early disciples, who thought Jesus would establish the Kingdom of God during His time on Earth but instead was crucified, buried, and resurrected, with that of the early Millerites. The 1840s Millerites, out of whom the Seventh-day Adventist Church eventually emerged, initially thought that the 2,300-day prophecy of Daniel 8 pointed to the return of Christ to Earth in October of 1844.

Instead, the first-century disciples began preaching the gospel and, as Acts 17:6 records, “turned the world upside down.” So too, Wilson said, Seventh-day Adventists – the spiritual descendants of the disappointed Millerites – have reached out around the world bringing the three angels’ messages and the hope that Jesus is coming soon.

“This is not another church,” Wilson said. “The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a movement of God.”

Noting the church’s presence in over 200 nations and territories around the globe, Wilson added praise for the church’s media outreach, noting “Adventist World Radio is making a major impact around the world,” and praising church-owned Hope Channel and supporting television ministry 3ABN for their part in the media outreach.

Wilson again emphasized that the day’s event was not the “end” of outreach in the region. He told the thousands gathered for worship and celebration, “We came to New York to highlight ‘Mission to the Cities.’ This is not a culmination today in New York City: the work is continuing.”

Speaking with Adventist Review while waiting to baptize Olivera, Wilson said his own campaign was “an amazing experience in Greenwich Village. The audience stayed with us the whole time.”

Members of the congregation were impressed. Duane Cady, interim president of Atlantic Union College, a church-owned institution in South Lancaster, Mass., was visiting from his home in Syracuse, New York.

Cady, also a former board chairman of the American Medical Association, choked back tears as he contemplated the number of new
Adventists being baptized.

“It’s amazing. We’re going forward, and I’m very happy, even thrilled,” he said.

As the baptisms continued, and an afternoon of music and testimony loomed, the Joyfulness promised to remain for quite some time.

**North America**

Membership of about 1.1 million among a population of about 345 million.

**Countries**

Bermuda, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, the French possession of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Guam, Johnston Island, Marshall Islands, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the United States of America.

**Recent Photos**
Attorney Fearing sworn in as state’s newest appellate judge

George Fearing

PASCO — Judge George Fearing couldn’t make it through his speech Monday.

The newest state Court of Appeals judge for the Spokane-based Division III choked up as he talked about his law partners and his family during his swearing-in ceremony in Pasco.

So Fearing brought law partner Beau Ruff up to read the rest of his prepared remarks.

Ruff read Fearing’s praise for his 17-year-old son, George, who helped present his father with his robe. He also thanked his dad, Richard, a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

“The law has been and will continue to be my ministry,” Ruff read for Fearing.

After the hourlong ceremony, Fearing told the Tri-City Herald, “I’ve been very close to my law partners. It’s tough to leave. I’m very close to my family.”

Fearing ran unsuccessfully for the 4th Congressional District in 2008 against Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Pasco, moving for a short time from his home in Pasco to Yakima to campaign.

He has been active in Yakima County Democratic politics and was briefly involved in an unsuccessful 2009 recall effort against Yakima City Council member Rick Ensey. More recently, he served as chairman of 4th Congressional District Democrats.

Last month, he represented a group of Lower Yakima Valley residents seeking to prevent dairies from spraying crop fields with manure during burn bans.

He’s been with the law firm of Leavy, Schultz, Davis and Fearing in Kennewick for 31 years.
Nearly 30 current and retired judges in their black robes attended Monday’s event in the historic courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse, where Fearing, 55, chose to have his ceremony. The other four judges from Division III, which covers all of Eastern Washington, also spoke.

And state Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen called the Appeals Court a “workhorse court,” making 80 decisions a year. That compares to 15 for the state Supreme Court.

“Indeed George, you have a big job in front of you,” Madsen said. “I think that speaks highly of why (Gov. Jay Inslee) chose you.”

Inslee planned to be at the ceremony, but his plane had mechanical problems, Madsen said.

Appeals Court Chief Judge Kevin M. Korsmo, who presided over the swearing-in, said the fact that the governor planned to come showed the high regard he holds for Fearing.

After taking the bench, Korsmo also poked fun at Monday’s heat.

“I remember now why I don’t live here anymore,” he said, as many of the 160 people in the courtroom fanned themselves with their programs.

While Fearing had his ceremonial swearing-in Monday, he’s been serving since June 24. He heard cases in Tacoma because the Appeals Court there has a backlog.

“Despite the three divisions, we are one court,” Korsmo said. “We trade cases back and forth and actually trade judges back and forth.”

Inslee announced Fearing’s appointment in May, making him the sixth member of the University of Washington’s class of 22 people in 1982 to reach the Appeals Court level.

Fearing replaced retiring Judge Dennis Sweeney, also from The Tri-Cities, who had offered Fearing an internship in 1981.

Fearing went on to take a position with the firm after graduating from law school. He specializes in litigation, consumer law, personal injury cases, wrongful termination and business law.

Fearing said he was grateful for the people who showed up to support him Monday.

“It’s humbling, and it will reinvigorate me to use my talents to perform as an exemplary judge with integrity and justice for all,” he told the Herald.

His son, George Dahl Fearing, said it’s nice to see his dad’s years as a lawyer rewarded.

“He’s a very humble person,” he said. “He’s also taught me his studiousness and his love of knowledge.”

The court in Spokane has no appellate arguments scheduled until September.

In November, Fearing must run for re-election. He has one challenger, Gary Metro, a Tri-City defense attorney.

• Information from Yakima Herald-Republic archives is included in this report.
Adventist dentist dies en route to Peru mission post

W. Curtis Mathisen, DDS, a long-time ASI member and family dentist from White Salmon, Washington, died Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Lima, Peru, on his way to Iquitos. According to People of Peru Project director Paul Opp, Mathisen and his wife, Elaina, were on a mission trip with plans to serve in that organization's dental clinic.

Mathisen apparently experienced a heart attack in the Lima airport and was attended by airport medics. Opp—who was booked on the same flight to Iquitos as Mathisen—arrived at the Lima airport shortly after Mathisen's heart attack.

"By the time I arrived, Curt was sitting in a wheelchair with no pain or discomfort, but the airline was requiring a document from the hospital to give him clearance to fly," Opp says. "The airport medical staff accompanied [Curt and Elaina] out of the airport and assisted them in acquiring a cab to the Adventist hospital in Lima. En route, Curt had a second attack in front of another hospital on the way, and after 30 minutes of CPR administered by Elaina and hospital personnel, it was determined that he was gone."

Perhaps the most amazing part of the story is the fact that, after remaining in Lima for a few days to make arrangements and complete paperwork, Elaina continued on to Iquitos to complete the mission.

"I want to know what the Lord had for us to do in Iquitos," she told Opp, "so why wait in Lima doing nothing?"

Elaina arrived in Iquitos yesterday, June 18, and today she accompanied students from Union College into the Amazon Jungle to hold a medical clinic. Opp is especially amazed and encouraged by Elaina's bravery in the face of personal loss. Upon learning that Mathisen had died, he had scrambled to find an English speaker to assist Elaina in Lima, as she didn't speak any Spanish. She stayed for five days with the non-Christian family who helped her, and ended up ministering to them in a significant way.

"She said she was blessed and has a bond with them that may never be broken," Opp says in wonder. "Can we see God's hand in this?"

"I am shocked and devastated," Elaina told a friend, "but Jesus has been my best friend since I was about 11, and he has not left me now."

Unbelievably, thieves broke in and stole $5,000 worth of dental equipment from the People of Peru Project dental clinic the night Mathisen died—the same equipment he would have used to provide much-needed dental care to local Iquitos residents. Taken was "all our expensive stuff that we have been collecting for the last four years," says Opp. "[But] God is good. His timing is always perfect even when we don't have a clue why!...Keep us in your prayers also. We need to rebuild our dental clinic. There are impoverished people that are in great need. Tell my ASI family that we send our greetings and I will see them in a few weeks in Florida [at the ASI International Convention]."

On June 21, Elaina will travel with the group to Cusco where she will stay for several days before returning with her husband's remains to Portland, Oregon, on June 26. Please pray for her safety and comfort as she completes what she started.

Dr. Mathisen graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1975, and had been practicing in White Salmon since 1979. He and Elaina raised two sons there, and he was very involved in church and community activities. He also received the Business Person of the Year Award from the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce. He will be sorely missed by friends and family, but he leaves behind a legacy of selfless service that Elaina clearly will carry on in his absence until Christ's soon return.
Ironically, early Adventists were reluctant missionaries

Jun 27, 2013 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Ansel Oliver and George R. Knight/ANN

Editor’s note: This story is part of a series of historical articles published this year marking the 150th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Though John Nevins Andrews is rightfully credited as the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s first foreign missionary, the preaching of the Adventist message in Europe actually preceded his 1874 arrival in Switzerland by a decade.

Though the Adventist Church didn't endorse him, Michael Czechowski was the first person to take the Adventist message outside of the United States. He actually arrived in Switzerland a decade before John Nevins Andrews, who is widely known as the denomination's first official missionary.

Michael Czechowski, a former Roman Catholic priest originally from Poland, had requested to be sent to his native continent to spread his newfound faith that heralded the soon Second Coming of Jesus. Adventist Church leaders, uncertain of his reliability and honesty, declined his request. He would, however, go on to become the fledgling denomination’s first overseas missionary, oddly enough, by validating their suspicions.

Czechowski, who had deserted his wife and children, later gained missionary sponsorship from the Advent Christian denomination – the main group of Sunday-keeping Adventists. Having his way paid, he ignored the teachings of his sponsors upon arrival in Europe in 1864 and proceeded to teach the Seventh-day Adventist message, gaining converts throughout the continent, including in Switzerland, Hungary, Italy, and Romania.

With a church structure having recently been created, thus began the expansion of the Adventist message outside of the United States. But it would be many years before the Adventist Church would commit wholeheartedly to foreign mission.

Within the church at home – based in the U.S. state of Michigan – debate flared over the meaning of Jesus’ call in the Gospel of Mark to “Go into all the world.” Most of the 3,500-member church in 1863 thought reaching diverse immigrant populations within America was sufficient, some suggesting those immigrants would convert their friends and relatives in their mother country.

John Nevins Andrews, a former president of the Adventist Church, became the denomination’s first official foreign missionary in 1874.

The 1871 General Conference Session passed a resolution to send “Bro[ther] Matteson as a missionary to the Danes and Norwegians”… in the nearby state of Wisconsin.

“It wasn’t our church’s finest hour,” says Adventist historian David Trim, who serves as director of the world church’s Office of Archives, Statistics and Research.

Meanwhile, in Europe, some of Czechowski’s followers accidentally discovered an Adventist magazine among his papers informing them that, to their surprise, they weren’t the world’s only Adventists. Adventists in the U.S., still arguing over the feasibility of taking their teachings beyond national borders, were similarly taken aback.

“Adventists in America were actually sort of embarrassed to learn that there were already Adventist believers in Europe,” Trim says.
The mutual discovery led to American Adventists inviting a Swiss representative to the 1869 General Conference Session. He arrived too late, but spent the next year in the U.S. learning Adventist beliefs more thoroughly before returning home as an ordained minister.

For nearly 30 years, Fernando and Ana Stahl shared their medical and educational skills with the Indians of the Andes and Amazon of Peru. Working among the oppressed indigenous people, they founded chapels, clinics, markets, and the first indigenous and first coeducational school system in the highlands.

At that 1869 session, however, the establishment of a missionary society was a key step in triggering a two-decade process of reversing the church’s mindset toward mission. The transformation was aided by a boldness of the small group of believers who thought they in fact could reach the world, and more importantly, leadership was becoming increasingly comprised of former missionaries.

The church’s prophet and co-founder, Ellen White, later penned her strongest calls for oversees mission after spending time herself in Europe in the 1880s and Australia in the 1890s.

In 1901, she declared at the General Conference Session, “The vineyard includes the whole word, and every part of it is to be worked.”

That same year, Arthur G. Daniells became the first missionary elected as the Adventist Church’s president, having served in New Zealand and Australia for 15 years.

“It’s a remarkable story of how our pioneers changed their mindset because they were such a small group,” Trim says. “The confidence of this tiny group to think they could reach the whole world is astonishing.”

The pattern for oversees mission can be traced back to when the church expanded to the west coast of the U.S. It was in 1868, one year before the landmark mission focus of the 1869 General Conference Session, that church leaders responded to a request for a minister in the far-off state of California. John N. Loughborough and D. T. Bordeau accepted the call and worked to build what would become a recipe for entering new areas – gain a sufficient following and then establish a printing press, a magazine and a medical facility.

William A. Spicer was president of the Adventist Church after serving as a missionary to India. He and Arthur G. Daniells, who also served as the church's president, led the denomination in a strong mission emphasis.

The year 1874 was another key year for mission – widower Andrews, a former Adventist Church president, took his two children to Europe as the church’s first official missionary, and the denomination established its first mission periodical, “True Mission.” Also, Battle Creek College in Michigan was established to train ministers to work both in the U.S. and abroad.

By 1910 a steady stream of missionaries was heading out – the mission fields prior to the 1880s were joining the U.S. as the new Adventist homelands. The Germans took responsibility for Egypt, the Ottoman Empire and Russia, the Swedes for Ethiopia, the British for East and West Africa, and the Australians for Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Jamaica, too, sent missionaries; one of them, C. E. F. Thompson, went to Ghana.

A new publication, “Mission Quarterly,” was established in 1912, telling the stories of missionary families, including the Stahls in South America, Gustav Perk in Russia, the Robinsons in South Africa, and others who had left the U.S. knowing they might never come back.
William A. Spicer, who was appointed church president following Daniells and had served as a missionary in India, published his thoughts on mission in the 1921 book, “Our story of Missions for Colleges and academies”:

Mission “is not something in addition to the regular work of the church. The work of God is one work, the wide world over…. To carry the one message of salvation to all peoples … is the aim of every conference, every church, every believer.”
Upcoming Events | GleanerOnline.org

August 2013

Distraction Dilemma-Exposing Distractions & Dangers in Music Seminar

Christian Berdahl, Shepherd’s Call Ministry director, will be featured in a free 6-week video presentation at the Castle Rock Church each Tuesday starting Aug. 6 through Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. The series title is “Distraction Dilemma-Exposing Distractions & Dangers in Music.” To conclude the series, Christian Berdahl will speak in person Sept. 27 & 28. Following the last presentation on the 28th, there will be a fellowship dinner and a sacred concert by Christian Berdahl. To register or for…

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Eugene Junior Academy Reunion

Eugene Jr. Academy in Eugene, Ore., is having a reunion at the Rose Garden in Eugene. Everyone is invited to the church service. Dick Allison (husband of Betty McDougal) will be the speaker. We will meet at the Rose Garden at Second and Jefferson at 1:30 p.m. Potluck and snacks would be appreciated. Organizers are from the 1950s, but all others are welcome — call your friends. Bring a lawn chair, if possible. Questions? Call Anna at 541-998-8689 or Wally…

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Car and Bike Show

Car and bike enthusiasts are invited to the ninth annual Shelton Valley Christian Show N’ Shine held from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on the Shelton Valley Christian School campus, 201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, Wash. This is a family event with kids jumper, door prizes, great food, including Tom’s Famous Burgers, raffle and trophies. To register or for more information, call 360-426-1489, 360-426-8741 or go online at sheltonshowandshine.com.

Find out more »

Simply Cooking

Simply Cooking with Ronni Reinecke continues a once monthly class at the Castle Rock Church. “Pies, Pies, Pies” with the next class on Sept. 12. The free class is always fun and informative with samples and fellowship. Please register with Wanda at 360-967-2165 or Jeanne 360-274-6709.

Find out more »

Alumni Rosario Weekend

Alumni Rosario Weekend, Rosario Marine Laboratory, in Anacortes, Wash. Mark your calendar and plan to join alumni and friends for a Sabbath at Rosario Beach Marine Station on August 24. Activities will include a worship service, Sabbath lunch, a nature walk, hot dog roast, sundown worship on the beach, a bonfire with smores, and lots of great music and fellowship. For more information and to register, go to WallaWalla.edu.

Find out more »

A New Decade of Love

Bobby McGhee and Friends at Sunnyside Church, Sabbath morning 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., with Dr. Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference president and others. Vespers at 6–8 p.m., featuring the Three Wisemen Quartet and many local artists at this 11th-annual program entitled “A New Decade of Love.”
Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting

Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting, single-minded focus in a world of distractions, Friday night and all day Sabbath with programs for all ages. Speakers include: Paddy McCoy, Troy Fitzgerald, Paul Dybdahl, Emily Whitney, Kris Loewen and Dave Thomas. For more details, call 509-527-2800 or go to www.wwuchurch.org.

Vesper Concert

A vesper concert featuring soprano Allison Cheng at the Sunnyside Church, at 7 p.m. An offering will be taken to benefit People to People Ministries in their support of the Weekend BackPack Lunch Program. CDs will also be available for purchase after concert.

Bellevue Church 50th Anniversary

The Bellevue Church is planning a big 50th year anniversary and homecoming weekend. Former members are especially invited to celebrate a full weekend of events. The Bellevue Church is looking for charter and former members. Please join us at the Bellevue Church. For more information, check the church website at bellevueadventist.org, or email Beverly Riter at beverlyriter@gmail.com.

“Stroller-thon” & Walk!

Tri-Cities Diaper Bank sponsors “Stroller-thon” & Walk! Come join the fun with friends, family and representatives of local service organizations as we walk to raise awareness of the need for diapers for disadvantaged children. This event will be come-and-go, with fun activities for kids! Admission is free although diaper donations are always welcome. Feel free to get creative and decorate your stroller, wagon, etc. … or just come and walk with us for a good cause! Everyone welcome (strollers optional)…