This Week: $1.3 Million Offering from ASI Convention; Spokane Hosts All About Jesus; and more!

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$1.3 Million Offering from ASI Convention

During the annual Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries convention in Orlando, Fla., lay members and attendees pledged nearly $1.3 million to 38 pre-selected projects. While the offering is one of the more anticipated parts of the convention, mission and revival is the primary focus of the convention. Speakers at the event included Ted N.C. Wilson, Mark Finley and C.D. Brooks. In addition to the morning devotionals and general sessions, the four-day event featured seminars on health, outreach, prophecy and business. Many Northwest members attended the event, including the current and two past presidents of the Upper Columbia Conference. Complete audio archives from the convention are available free from AudioVerse.com. During the Sabbath morning service, ASI officers announced a free smartphone and tablet app loaded with Bible study and evangelism resources available for the iOS and Android platforms. Read more about the convention from Adventist News Network.

Spokane Hosts All About Jesus

Spokane, Wash., radio station KEEH, 104.9 FM, hosted revivalist Lee Venden and his All About Jesus seminar in Spokane's Riverfront Park Aug. 2—9. Attendance grew to more than 350, with an average of 200 or more people each evening in folding chairs or on blankets on the grass of the outdoor amphitheater. Visitors received free ice cream and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about Jesus over a loud speaker in Spokane's biggest park. Event organizers estimate that 90 percent of those who attended were not regular Adventist church members. Part of the Positive Life Radio Network, KEEH has recently been ranked as high as #3 in the Spokane market. Read more about the event from UCCSDA.org.

Sunset Lake Adds New
Gymnasium
Those visiting Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wash., have noticed a brand new addition this summer. A new gymnasium faces the lake near the entrance to the Washington Conference owned and operated summer camp and year-round retreat center. It provides added space for indoor meetings and other activities. With a capacity of up to 500 people, the gymnasium can be used for basketball or volleyball games, gymnastics classes, and meeting space for church and community groups. The gymnasium also has breakout rooms, restrooms and administrative office space. Read more from Washington Conference.

Collegedale City Council Approves Same-sex Benefits
Collegedale, Tenn., is the first city in its state to offer spousal and family health insurance benefits to municipal employees in same-sex marriages. Collegedale was founded by Adventists and is closely associated with the academic community surrounding Southern Adventist University. Katie Lamb, city commissioner and local Adventist member, cited reasons of fairness and equality for the decision. "It's just a matter of being fair and treating your employees equally no matter what their choice of lifestyle may be," she says. The Adventist Church has an official statement of belief regarding homosexuality, but does not yet have a consensus statement on same-sex marriage. Read more from the North American Division.

Adventist Health Teams up to Provide Care in Prosser
Adventist Health has teamed up with local hospitals Kadlec Medical Center and PMH Medical Center to provide services through a clinic in Prosser, Wash. The clinic, owned by Adventist Health's Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) and operating under the name Adventist Health Clinic, is equipped with 12 exam rooms and offices for four doctors. While the clinic has opened with family practice services, an Adventist Health Community Pharmacy and OB-GYN clinic will be coming in the fall. The hospitals are excited to be opening this clinic as it will provide better care for the lower Yakima Valley region. Read the full news story from the Yakima Herald as well as a press release from WWGH.

Can Afford Healthy Food?
Do healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables seem too expensive? In a report titled "Healthy Bargains: Fruits and Vegetables are Nutritious and Economical," the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) recently reported that fruits and vegetables are a better buy than packaged snacks and dishes. The CSPI found that on average, unpackaged fruits and vegetables were $0.34 per serving while unhealthy snacks cost $0.67! Read this and other health tips at PositiveChoices.com.
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August
Many people say “You can't out-give God.” But words are cheap and it's not always easy to see what that means. This month's GLEANER focus is on Planned Giving and how, through careful planning, a gift now cannot only benefit you throughout your lifetime, but can bless the church as well. Read more about those who have given in the August GLEANER!
Annual ASI convention sees $1.3 million donated for mission projects

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Mark A. Kellner, Adventist Review

Seventh-day Adventist lay members donated and pledged nearly $1.3 million to missionary projects sponsored by Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) during the organization’s annual international convention held last week in Orlando, Florida.

Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson, center, is interviewed at last week’s Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries convention in Orlando, Florida. Behind him is a “One Day School,” an initiative of Maranatha International that provides educational infrastructure in disadvantaged communities worldwide. [photos: ASI Ministries]

The offering, which surpassed expressed needs by more than $100,000, is an annual highlight of the ASI International Convention, whose stated purpose is to energize and equip those “sharing Christ in the marketplace.”

But the money raised is only one indication of members’ commitment to the work of the church. Participants also experienced a day of preaching and teaching centered on the theme of “Revival and Reformation,” which is also the topic of the current “Adult Bible Study Guide,” or Sabbath School lesson quarterly. Adventist evangelist Mark Finley, the author of those lessons, led the August 10 lesson study.

Defining personal reformation, Finley said it “always” follows personal revival, and “has to do with a change in habits, attitudes, and thoughts that leads me to a new lifestyle.”

A trio of ASI leaders – Terry Anderson, evangelism vice president; Dan Houghton, a board member and past ASI president; and Denzil McNeilus, another past ASI president who is on the board of ASI Missions, Inc. – joined together Sabbath morning to launch the “ASI Evangelism” application, available now for Apple Inc. IOS devices, including the iPod, iPhone and iPad, as well as smartphones and tablets running Google Inc.’s Android operating system.

Adventist evangelist C. D. Brooks, founder of the Breath of Life television ministry, speaks August 10 at the ASI International Convention. Brooks reminded ASI members that God has called his followers to share in every aspect of His work, including the financial side of ministry.

The free software includes slides and notes for the “New Beginnings” evangelism series formerly available on DVD, plus a raft of evangelism training tools and helps. Also included are the famed “Discover” Bible studies from the Voice of Prophecy, a pioneer Seventh-day Adventist radio ministry, and resources from several Adventist Church speakers aimed at helping lay members share the church’s message. “You'll have all of those tools right at your fingertips. You can go over a health presentation over lunch on your phone or iPad,” Anderson said. In the afternoon, seven Seventh-day Adventist thought leaders, including Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson, participated in a panel discussion on the role of Bible prophecy in the life of the church.

Weimar College Chaplain Don Mackintosh led the discussion, which, along with Wilson, included evangelist Finley; Dr. Andetta Hunsaker, an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and ASI Atlantic Union chapter president; Adventist evangelist C.D. Brooks; Ed Reid, assistant to the president of Adventist World Radio for development; and author and attorney Lewis Walton.

More than 200 exhibitors displayed their ministries at the ASI International Convention.
“The Second Coming has to be rooted in your own relationship with Christ,” Wilson said in answer to a question. “As I travel, I try to emphasize strongly the Second Coming. Every sermon we preach should somehow, some way, have a sense of urgency about Jesus’ Second Coming.” The ASI International Convention included more than 200 exhibitors and five tracks of seminars on various outreach topics.

During the opening night, ASI President Frank Fournier reminded members to follow the highest example in their ministries and outreach efforts.

“By beholding Jesus, we become changed. And we need to do a lot more beholding than we do,” Fournier said.

**Adventist Mission**

The Adventist Church reaches more than 200 countries or territories, touching lives through medical care, media, education, missionaries, Global Mission pioneers, evangelism and centers of influence. The church’s current priority is mission to unreached areas and urban centers worldwide.

**Global Mission pioneers:**

- Volunteer to establish new groups of Adventist believers
- Live and work in their own culture
- Speak the local language
- Help meet physical and spiritual needs

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Apr 23, 2013
All About Jesus at Riverfront Park

by Kathy Marson

Pastor Lee Venden brings his All About Jesus talks to Riverfront Park in Spokane Washington.

Part of the crowd on Sunday night at Riverfront Park.

Conrad, engineer for KEEH, and Richie, chaplain are setting up for the Sunday evening program.

Spokane, Wash., August 5, 2013 - After the All about Jesus seminar in Riverfront Park, one of the attendees decided to call the main Positive Life Radio network station.

"Good Morning!" Said Holly.

"Good Morning!" Said the man. "I want to share with you what your meetings in Riverfront Park meant to me."

The man said that after being at All About Jesus at Riverfront he decided to open up and pray in a personal way, not just pray for other people. He said he felt the Holy Spirit and he felt a new peace. He is joyful and so thankful for the blessing he is getting out of the meetings.

Thank you, Holly for sharing what this event meant to one person. This was a unique event at Riverfront, August 2 through 9. Each evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. a local praise group or artist performed followed by Lee Venden who spoke “All About Jesus.” Attendance has grew to over 350 with an average of about 200 per night. Visitors received free ice cream and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about Jesus over a loud speaker in the biggest park in Spokane.

When evangelism is held at a church, it is often 90 percent members attending. This event held at the park had about 90 percent visitors attending. This might be a new avenue to spread the news of Jesus to the world.

Positive Life Radio, KEEH 104.9FM, has been recently ranked as high as the #3 station overall, and #1 among women in the market.* KEEH reaches both Spokane and the Coeur d'Alene areas.

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Key contributors to the new gymnasium at Sunset Lake Camp cut the ribbon during a ceremony at the camp’s open house in May. / Christine Betz

The waterfront at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson has a new look with the addition of a gymnasium. The new gymnasium sits at the crest of the hill as guests enter the camp and faces the lake. It offers much-needed indoor meeting and play space for summertime and year-round activities.

The camp held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 19 during the first-ever Sunset Lake Camp Open House. More than 150 people attended to see the gymnasium and to experience family-fun activities.

During the open house, guests tried out the challenge course, enjoyed arena rides at the horse barn, sampled tasty treats from chef Alberto Reyes’ kitchen and toured the new gymnasium.

With a capacity of up to 500 people, the gymnasium can be used for basketball or volleyball games, gymnastics classes, and meeting space for church and community groups. The gymnasium also has breakout rooms, restrooms and administrative office space.

“An indoor meeting space allows us to expand our programming options,” says David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director. “Your church, school or ministry is welcome on our campus for a retreat, outdoor school or another occasion. Regardless of the season, we want Sunset Lake to remain a place where you belong.”

Christine Betz, Sunset Lake Camp marketing and reservation coordinator
The City of Collegedale, Tennessee, which was originally developed by Seventh-day Adventists®, recently became the state’s first city to offer government benefits to municipal employees in same-sex marriages.
Collegedale Municipal Building

[Photo by Courtney Herod]
The move highlights the clash over increasing support for same-sex marriage against conservative groups’ traditional view of marriage, including the Adventist Church’s position against same-sex unions.

Collegedale, a suburb of Chattanooga, was developed as an Adventist community nearly 100 years ago around what is now Southern Adventist University. The city incorporated in 1968 and now has some 8,200 residents, according to the U.S. Census.

City Commissioner Katie Lamb, an Adventist Church member and former dean of the School of Nursing at Southern Adventist University, said her support for the ruling emphasized treating employees equally, despite her own beliefs against same-sex marriage.

“I just think it’s just a matter of being fair and treating your employees equally no matter what their choice of lifestyle may be. I see that as something different than what my church may condone,” Lamb said.

“I may not condone what they do, but it’s their choice of lifestyle and I respect that, just as I hope they respect choices I make in my life,” she said. “In my mind this is not a religious issue.”

Lamb said the new law, which will be implemented starting in January, would likely apply to one employee, but could affect additional employees in the future.

According to the city commission’s meeting agenda, the vote authorizes the “City of Collegedale to extend spousal and family health insurance coverage to all employees who are able to provide a marriage document” from the state in which they were married.

The state of Tennessee does not recognize same-sex marriage.

The city commission’s ruling comes weeks following a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that extends federal benefits to same-sex couples. Last week, two more U.S. states – Minnesota and Rhode Island – approved same-sex marriage, bringing the total number of states supporting gay marriage up to 13. Of the 50 U.S. states, 29 have constitutional bans on same-sex marriage.

While the Adventist Church – a worldwide Protestant denomination of 17 million members – has a statement on homosexuality, it does not have a stance on whether governments should offer equal employment benefits to same-sex couples.

“We will continue to support and continue to make clear to the public where we stand, but I don’t think we as a church are interested in singling out anyone and not showing them love,” said Orlan Johnson, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the Adventist Church’s North American Division.

“Society is always evolving and looking for ways to take in consideration new views. At the end of the day for Adventists it’s about being intentionally kind and Christ-like,” Johnson said. “I think you can have differences of opinion as it relates to our fundamental beliefs and other beliefs.”
Several hospitals have teamed up to open new medical facilities in Prosser, shown here on July 19, 2013. The campus will include a pharmacy, family practice and OBGYN clinic. (ROSS COURTNEY/Yakima Herald-Republic)

PROSSER, Wash. — Prosser is getting new medical options.

Three southeastern Washington hospitals have teamed up to open a new primary care clinic called Adventist Health Clinic, while an OB-GYN business is on the way right behind it.

The Adventist clinic, with 12 exam rooms and offices for four doctors, opened in June. A drive-thru pharmacy is coming in the fall. The back section of the building, tentatively scheduled to open Sept. 4, is set aside for three OB-GYN physicians.

The family practice — the front of the property — is an affiliation between PMH Medical Center, Prosser's public hospital, the nonprofit Kadlec Medical Center in Richland and Walla Walla Adventist Health, another nonprofit. The Adventist group owns the business and contracts for Kadlec’s physicians and Prosser’s laboratory services.

Kadlec wants the help of smaller hospitals to establish rural care clinics because they get better reimbursement rates from the federal government. The more patients seen in Prosser, the more beds Kadlec leaves open for specialties, which make more money.

Prosser already had agreed not to directly compete with the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, a Toppenish-based provider that partnered with the Prosser hospital to open another primary care practice in town several years ago. The Adventists, however, have no such agreement with Farm Workers to stop them.

Farm Workers Clinic officials reacted with a shrug.
“Patients will chose where they receive the best care,” said Gina Popovic, a spokeswoman for the Farm Workers Clinic. “If there is another competing clinic in the area ... best of luck to them.”

Behind the new family practice will be a Kadlec and Prosser OB-GYN clinic. The Adventists are not involved in that facility.

The two hospitals created the practice to attract Prosser patients who were driving to the Tri-Cities for care. For years, Prosser has lacked OB-GYN services since a private family practice stopped delivering babies 15 years ago.

The Prosser hospital delivers 340 babies per year. Officials hope the new OB-GYN facility, coupled with a remodel of the birth center at the hospital, will push that up to 500.

Kadlec and PMH officials, who have partnered on other projects in recent years, have wanted to bolster family, pediatric and OB-GYN services in Prosser for some time.

“Kadlec is trying to keep these outlying hospitals viable,” said Fred Lamb, a Prosser hospital spokesman.

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6/27/2013 - New Primary Care Medical Clinic Now Open in Prosser

Residents from Prosser to Zillah now have a new option for medical care with the opening of the Adventist Health Medical Clinic in Prosser on June 24th. Located at 336 Chardonnay Avenue the clinic will offer primary care to patients of all ages - children through adults. Practitioners in the clinic include Dr. Albert Fiedler and Michelle Daughety, ARNP. The clinic is a collaboration between Adventist Health, Kadlec and PMH Medical Center. Patients wishing to make an appointment can call (509) 786-2002.

Adventist Health Medical Clinic in Prosser is based on a collaborative approach on the part of Adventist Health, Kadlec, and PMH Medical, all working together to bring quality, primary care to residents in the Lower Valley. The three entities all play a unique role when it comes to offering exceptional patient centered care.

Walla Walla General Hospital, Adventist Health's hospital in the region, owns and operates the clinic, providing support and operational staff as well as employing Advanced Registered Nurse (ARNP) Michelle Daughety. Patients will receive materials related to their care and billing from Adventist Health. Also, coming fall 2013, patients will be able to access the Adventist Health Community Pharmacy - a retail pharmacy located inside the clinic featuring a drive-thru window for patient convenience.

Within the clinic, patients will find Kadlec physicians who work as members of the Adventist Health Medical Clinic team. They provide medical services including the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, annual wellness physicals, preventative medicine, in-office procedures, and general healthcare and wellness information. In the near future Kadlec specialty physicians will also serve the clinic on a rotating basis.

Staff from PMH Medical Center will perform and manage laboratory services. On-site services include phlebotomy, urinalysis, and rapid strep. More advanced lab services will be completed at the PMH Medical Center lab on the hospital campus. Diagnostic services including x-ray, CT scans, ultrasound, mammography, bone density testing, and MRI are supported by PMH Medical Center.

All three organizations are committed to expanding healthcare in the community and providing exceptional patient focused care.

For more information on this clinic contact Stephanie Williams, Marketing and Business Development Manager of Kadlec Clinic at 509-942-3240, Kristi Spurgeon Johnson, Director of Marketing & Communication of Walla Walla General Hospital at 509-527-8302 or Fred Lamb, Marketing Manager at PMH Medical Center at 509-786-6601.

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Fruits and Vegetables Affordable

PositiveTip for August 15, 2013

Posted by Fred Harding on August 15th 2013 at 12:22am

Very few Americans eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest reports that fruits and vegetables are often more economical than packaged snacks and side dishes. By analyzing 20 popular snack and 19 side dish items, half of which were fruits and vegetables, they found the average cost per serving of fruit or vegetables was $0.34 and the unhealthy snacks cost $0.67.

PositiveTip: Refuse to believe the popular myth that healthy fruits or vegetables are too expensive! Fruits and veggies are lower in calories and much more nutrient dense also.
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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.

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Alumni Rosario Weekend

Alumni Rosario Weekend, Rosario Marine Laboratory, in Anacortes, Wash. Mark your calender 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)…