Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 (NIV)

"Maple Leaves" photographed by Teryl Monson of La Conner, Washington.
Editorial

Dedicated to Quality and Compassion

BY JERE PATZER

Presently, I am experiencing a side of health care that I never have before. As vice chairman of Adventist Health’s Board of Directors, I’ve had the privilege of being on the administrative end of health care for two decades. Now, as a patient, I have an even deeper appreciation for the doctors, nurses and other clinicians who have dedicated their lives to helping others. These incredible people are the ones who, day in and day out, keep hospitals running smoothly, calm anxieties and encourage so many of us in the fight of our lives.

I can personally attest to the fact that Adventist Health is more than a corporation. It epitomizes, it personalizes and it validates its mission statement. When I was first diagnosed with stage IV mantel cell lymphoma, Don Ammon, Adventist Health president and CEO, began to network on my behalf. As a result, I received a wealth of information and guidance pointing me toward the best care possible for my disease.

Furthermore, Ammon and others from Adventist Health have contacted me again and again to offer their support, prayer and concern. This type of caring and compassion makes Adventist Health distinctive and stand out from the rest.

Across the system’s four-state service area, our hospitals are teeming with individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the whole person—body, mind and spirit. And they go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that they are actively living Adventist Health’s mission. Once again, this special issue of the GLEANER will give you a glimpse into the lives of several inspiring people who go to work every day knowing that what they do and how they do it will make a difference in someone’s life.

Throughout the following pages, you’ll also discover that Adventist Health and its hospitals are deeply committed to continually enhancing the quality of care they provide to their communities by participating in numerous state and federal quality initiatives. All this is in an effort to make the patient experience better and safer for those who enter the doors of any Adventist Health facility.

As you read through this issue, I know you’ll be reminded—once again—of the incredible mission that our Seventh-day Adventist hospitals deliver to their patients and families every day. •

Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

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About a quarter of the motor cortex in the human brain (the part of the brain which controls all movement in the body) is devoted to the muscles of the hands.

There are no muscles inside the fingers. The muscles that bend the finger joints are located in the palm and in the forearm, and are connected to the finger bones by tendons, which pull on and move the fingers like the strings of a marionette.

The force generated by the muscles that bend the fingertips must be at least four times the pressure which is produced at the fingertips.

The thumb is controlled by nine individual muscles, which are controlled by all three major hand nerves.

One out of six disabling work injuries involve the fingers, most often due to the finger striking or being struck against a hard surface.

Children under 6 years old are at the greatest risk for crushing or burning injuries of the hand.

When the hand is kept wet, the skin on the palm wrinkles. Why? The exact mechanism is not known, but it is clearly controlled by nerves. When the nerve that supplies feeling to an area of skin on the palm is cut, that area of skin not only becomes numb, it loses its ability to wrinkle when wet and it loses the ability to sweat.

Your Powerful Hands

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so” (Proverbs 3:27, NKJV).

Did You Know?

• Each hand contains:

  29 major and minor bones.
  29 major joints.
  At least 123 named ligaments.
  34 muscles that move the fingers and thumb:
    17 in the palm of the hand,
    18 in the forearm.
  48 named nerves:
    3 major nerves,
    24 named sensory branches,
    21 named muscular branches.
  30 named arteries and nearly as many smaller named branches.

Source: www.eatonhand.com/hw/facts.htm
At Adventist Health we know that part of providing the best care possible to our patients requires employing the best people possible. And we’re proud to say that our employees are some of the finest, the brightest and the most committed group of individuals you’ll find anywhere. In the health care business, it’s important not only to have the latest medical knowledge and equipment but to ensure that the people running the machines, scrubbing into surgery and working behind the scenes are all committed to excellence.

As the following pages demonstrate, we have an amazing group of employees, physicians and volunteers who believe in what they do and the mission that guides us “to share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing.”

For instance, you will read about a pediatrician who prays over his roster of patients each day before work. You’ll meet a nurse executive who does what it takes to make her departments run smoothly—even if it means leaving her suit in the closet and donning scrubs when a staff member calls in sick. And you’ll get to know an MRI tech who decided to pursue a second career in health care because he wanted to make a difference.

To ensure that this quality caring continues, Adventist Health not only seeks out the best and the brightest employees, but our hospitals routinely participate in numerous state and federal quality measurement and improvement programs. These initiatives are the right thing to do and give our facilities an excellent opportunity to enhance best practices and identify areas for further improvement.

In all you read, I hope it will be evident that we take our commitment to quality health care seriously. And everyday the people who report to work across our system go the extra mile to make sure that our patients receive exceptional care that ministers to the mind, body and spirit.

Donald R. Ammon, Adventist Health president and CEO, writes from Roseville, California.

**Fast Facts about Adventist Health**

- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- 20 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- 16 home care agencies offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Three joint-venture retirement centers
- Approximately 19,000 employees
- More than 3,100 beds
- 122,210 admissions
- 443,565 emergency room visits
- 2,118,968 outpatient visits
- 229,805 home care visits
- 71,581 hospice days
- Provided more than $219 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2005

For more about the organization, visit www.adventisthealth.org
When Joseph Wren, M.D., was in high school his science teacher inspired him to pursue a career in education. While Joe first believed this would mean he, too, would become a teacher, he later decided that he would fulfill his love of science by pursuing a degree in medicine.

“I like to tell people I copped out,” laughed Joe, speaking of his decision to become a physician rather than a teacher. “Seriously, though, I love my job. I would do it for free!”

FROM MAINE TO WASHINGTON

A pediatrician with Blue Mountain Medical Group in Walla Walla, Washington, Joe and his family found their way to the area and Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) via a very indirect route.

After accepting a job on the island of Guam, the Wren’s house didn’t sell in time for him to actually take the position. While he had practiced in Maine for 10 years, a replacement had already been hired for his position at Parkview Adventist Medical Center and when the family’s home did sell, Joe was without a job.

“I’ve always wanted to work within the Adventist health care system,” said Joe. “I believe that you grow where you are planted and certainly Adventist physicians can work outside of a religious setting; however, for me it has always been such a good experience.”

Thanks to Adventist Health’s Web site, Joe found several job opportunities throughout the West Coast health system, and he and his family moved across the country to Washington state.

ALL IN A DAY’S WORK

Joe’s typical day is busy—filled with visits from parents and their children. He loves working with babies and enjoys interacting with toddlers and young children.

“It’s fun to establish relationships with my patients. Some of the little ones really get attached to me and love coming to the office,” said Joe. “Most adults dread doctor’s appointments but children find adventure in even the most routine parts of life.”

In addition to his busy practice, Joe works with WWGH to provide valuable information to prospective parents during Lamaze classes. He discusses a variety of newborn issues with new moms and dads, orients them to what a pediatrician does and emphasizes the importance of well-baby checkups during the first year of an infant’s life.

A PASSION FOR EDUCATING

Joe also is passionate about childhood obesity and is anxious to start a program aimed at combating the epidemic.

“Childhood obesity is the No. 1 health issue facing our kids today,” said Joe. “I see so many children who have developed type 2 diabetes because they are overweight. I really want to start a program that educates them and their parents about healthy lifestyle issues and the importance of a proper diet and adequate exercise.”

While his days are busy and his ambitions endless, Joe still manages to make it to the office early to pray over his roster of patients. He asks the Lord to give him opportunities to minister to them on a spiritual level as well as tend to their physical needs. And while he never became a professor, Joe is a teacher in his own right—sharing tips with expectant moms and dads, showing parents how to care for their developing youngsters and pursuing the dream of developing an educational program to combat childhood obesity.

“I’ve never regretted my decision to become a physician,” said Joe. “It is truly a blessing to come to work everyday because I love what I do.”

Joseph Wren, M.D., has never regretted his choice to become a physician. As a pediatrician in Walla Walla, Washington, he spends his days interacting with young patients and their parents.
If you spend a little time with Diane Hoyt, R.N., Adventist Health director for Quality, you’ll soon discover that Hoyt, who spent a large portion of her career in a hospital setting, is passionate about Adventist Health’s quality journey.

“Quality is a major focus throughout our organization,” stated Diane. “We’re continuously working to improve because we’re committed to delivering the best possible care to our patients.”

Quality Programs

Toward that end, Adventist Health facilities routinely participate in numerous state and federal quality measurement and improvement programs. One example is the CMS/Premier Hospital Quality Incentive Demonstration project, aimed at enhancing quality care practices in hospitals across the nation. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 260 hospitals nationwide—including 10 from Adventist Health—“significantly improved their quality of care” during the first year of the groundbreaking patient quality improvement project.

“We’re very proud of the hospitals that have chosen to participate in this project,” said Wynelle Huff, R.N., Ph.D., Adventist Health vice president for Delivery of Care. “This has been an excellent opportunity for us to enhance best practices and identify areas for further improvement.”

Another initiative all system hospitals were recently involved in was the Institute for Healthcare Improvements 100,000 Lives Campaign. Adventist Health facilities were among more than 3,100 hospitals nationwide to join the campaign in a commitment to implement changes in care proven to prevent avoidable deaths. The hospitals followed and reported progress on six recommended patient care strategies over an 18-month period. It is estimated that the campaign, which ended in June 2006, helped save more than 122,000 lives nationwide.

Quality Awards

Adventist Health’s commitment to quality improvement is paying off. Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Oregon, and Walla Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, recently won Premier Quality Awards in the area of Heart Failure. The highly distinguished, nationally recognized award honors excellence in quality care and operational efficiency, and is an important benchmark for recognizing clinical excellence in the health care industry.

Three system hospitals also were recognized for workplace excellence and received 2005 California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE) from the California Council for Excellence. White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles earned a 2005 CAPE silver award, and both Feather River Hospital in Paradise, California, and Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Ukiah, California, were recognized with bronze level awards. The prestigious awards are given to companies and organizations that demonstrate...
continuous improvement and superior performance in several key business areas, including leadership, customer focus, strategic planning, human resources and business results.

AMC also won a bronze-level CAPE Award in 2004. While the awards are usually granted only to California companies, the Portland hospital applied and was granted consideration because it is part of Adventist Health.

Also making headlines is St. Helena Hospital’s (SHH) Center for Behavioral Health, which recently placed in the Top 10 Hospitals of a national quality measure for post-discharge results. According to Managed Health Network, a behavioral health HMO, the hospital’s Center for Behavioral Health exceeds the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards. The criteria for meeting the standard states that 59 percent of patients must be seen by licensed clinicians within seven days of discharge from an acute unit. SHH’s average is 76.5 percent.

And each year, numerous Adventist Health facilities—including Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Oregon—are named best practice performers by Professional Research Consultants (PRC), which conducts physician, patient and employee satisfaction surveys for health care facilities across the nation.

**Physician Symposium**

This month Adventist Health is talking quality with physicians via its first ever Physician Symposium. Dubbed “Charting Our Quality Course,” the event is geared toward hospital Chiefs of Medical Staff, Adventist Health Medical Executive Committee members, other key physicians and hospital executives.

“The goal of this symposium is to bring together physicians from across our system and give them an opportunity to network and learn more about our quality journey,” stated Donald R. Ammon, Adventist Health president and CEO. “Providing the best, up-to-date care to our patients is a top priority and educating our physicians about the latest quality trends in an important aspect of our commitment to our patients and our mission.”

The two-day event will kick off with a half-day session for Chiefs of Staff and Chiefs of Staff-Elect followed by the clinical quality symposium, which will feature several renowned physician speakers lecturing on a variety of quality topics.

*Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent, writes from Roseville, California.*

**Patient Safety Goes High-Tech**

It’s an exciting time to be delivering health care at Adventist Health, where a state-of-the-art clinical information system is changing and improving the lives of both patients and staff.

The new technology, dubbed Project IntelliCare, allows caregivers access to medical records, lab results, pharmacy support and more—all online. And while Adventist Health always has made patient safety a top priority, Project IntelliCare makes this goal easier to achieve.

Initially launched at Adventist Medical Center in July 2003, the system is expected to be live at all 20 Adventist Health hospitals by late 2006.

“Fully realized, Project IntelliCare will be a significant resource for our caregivers, which will help them provide better, safer care to those we serve,” said Wynelle Huff, R.N., Ph.D., Adventist Health vice president for Delivery of Care, who helped head up the project.

It’s no secret that clinicians make better decisions when they have better information. So at the heart of the system is a patient database, which is populated each time a patient enters the hospital. Because information is typed rather than written and is kept in a single location that is accessible to all the right people, there are fewer opportunities for mistakes, misplaced files and misinterpretation. In addition, once patients are in the system, they aren’t asked repeatedly for the same information at different locations throughout the hospital.

“With the Project IntelliCare charting system, medical orders can be entered and relayed to the necessary caregivers both faster and more accurately. And now that patient charts are password-protected rather than sitting on a shelf, patient privacy is improved as well,” said Sherry Nuqui, R.N., a telemetry nurse at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield, California.

In the past year, the system has been expanded to include an ER tracking system, automated lab processes and online documentation for behavioral health, rehab, nutritional services, obstetrics and pastoral care. And many physicians can now download patient data onto Pocket PCs or palm devices for easy transport and access.

“The real value of Project IntelliCare is the ability it gives us to better serve our patients,” said Huff. “It is a natural extension of our mission. From the smallest facility to the largest, all of our hospitals will benefit in terms of patient satisfaction and quality care.”

*Mark Destrup,* Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent, writes from Roseville, California.
When Cindy Nelson, R.N., M.S.N., started college she was a music major. She loved playing the piano and enjoyed her studies. However, one day while practicing alone in the music department at Walla Walla College, the thought hit her that she wanted to have a career where she interacted with people. That night she decided to pursue her love of science and become a nurse. It is a decision she has never regretted.

“When I decided to go into nursing I had absolutely no idea what a full and rewarding career was ahead of me,” said Cindy. “But looking back on my life I can say that nursing has offered more options and possibilities than I could have ever imagined.”

On the personal side, Cindy tells of how she was able to adjust her career to meet the needs of her family. After having children, she took three years off and then began working weekend night shifts to keep up her skills, earn a little extra money and have contact with the “adult world.”

“Basically at whatever stage my children were—from babies to teenagers—I was able to pick the hours and type of work that fit into my schedule,” recalled Cindy. “There are very few careers that allow this type of flexibility.”

**A Varied Career**

Professionally, Cindy has worked in quite a wide variety of fields. She started her career as a staff nurse in the ICU, spent time as a school nurse, worked in a cardiac unit, in the burn/trauma/neuro ICU, served as a traveling nurse, managed a clinic and even taught nursing!

While Cindy’s career has been varied, she always has been interested in management. When she heard about an opportunity at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Oregon, to become a patient care executive resident, Cindy—who has a master’s degree in Nursing Administration—saw an opportunity to gain valuable management experience.

Adventist Health’s nurse executive resident program is aimed at mentoring Seventh-day Adventist nurses and placing them in leadership positions throughout the system’s hospitals. When Cindy applied for the position at AMC, her past clinical experience, advanced degree and strong sense of mission made her a perfect fit for the job.

**Growing a Leader**

“The nurse executive program was a great experience,” recalled Cindy. “I was able to participate actively in administrative duties under the outstanding mentorship of Carol Kunau, AMC’s patient care executive, and the rest of the executive team.”

During her residency stint, Cindy had significant involvement in procuring an online system for policies and procedures, developing and opening the hospital’s new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center and exploring the expansion of the facility’s cardiac services. Now she is the administrative director for the hospital’s ICU and Family Birth Place.

“I am energized by working to develop and support systems that empower staff to give excellent care,” said Cindy of her job. “There is no end to the variety of challenges that this job provides—from meeting with physicians and architects, to ensuring compliance with budgets and laws, to encounters with patients, families and staff.”

But the thing that Cindy finds to be foundational to flourishing as a leader is her personal congruence with the mission and values of Adventist Health.

“I believe the fact that we are a Seventh-day Adventist Christian organization must make a difference in the way we treat patients and staff. The mission of this hospital—the mission of Adventist Health—is closely aligned with my personal mission in life.”
Gary Haley always knew he wanted to help people. After graduating from Pacific Union College with a degree in theology, he spent 20 years working with troubled kids at a youth camp.

“I always have enjoyed interacting with people,” said Gary. “Working with troubled teens was a great experience, and I poured my heart and soul into that job.”

After two decades at Klamath Lake County Youth Ranch, Gary—an avid learner—needed a new challenge. He enrolled in Oregon Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in radiological technology.

“I was at a point in my life where I really needed a change,” said Gary of his career move. “I wanted to find a job that provided me with more stability, but still allowed me to make a difference in people’s lives.”

A New Career

Gary’s daughter worked as an x-ray technologist and it was evident to him that the career presented a lot of options. It offered job security, continual learning opportunities and interaction with people.

“Helping people comes in many different forms. In my first career I dealt with a lot of emotional ailments and issues. Now I help individuals with physical difficulties.”

Gary strives for excellence in his job and it shows. As the lead technologist at Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH), he looks for ways to enhance his skills and capture the best images possible to aid physicians in their diagnoses.

“A life of service”

“Gary is the type of employee who goes the extra mile,” said Gordon Johnson, TCGH manager of laboratory and radiology. “His skill-set is very versatile and he is always looking for opportunities to learn new aspects of the job.”

A Constantly Evolving Field

One of the things Gary enjoys about his career is the fact that imaging is constantly evolving and the many different modalities within the career—including x-ray, MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and CT (computerized tomography), to name a few. Working at a small rural hospital has given Gary the opportunity to expand his skills and continually learn new aspects of the job.

“I think small hospitals offer a lot more opportunities than large facilities,” asserted Gary. “We can’t afford to hire a technologist for every aspect of the imaging process so everyone is cross-trained to ensure that all our bases are covered.”

Gary is grateful for the growth opportunities he’s been given at TCGH. The facility helps employees with continuing education, which benefited Gary when he choose to pursue further training in MRI technology.

A Distinctive Atmosphere

Career growth is not the only reason Gary likes his job at TCGH. As a Christian, he enjoys being in an environment that places an emphasis on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

“There is a very distinctive atmosphere at this hospital because it is a Seventh-day Adventist facility,” stated Gary. “I value the fact that in doing my job I always have the option to pray with patients and provide spiritual comfort along with physical care.”
It struck me as I walked through the exhibit hall of the North American Division (NAD) Teacher Convention. I’ve attended a number of schools, taught at others and visited many more. But it wasn’t until I was attempting to navigate through Nashville’s gigantic Gaylord Opryland Hotel that I put it together. There I was, unable to traverse a single aisle in the exhibit hall without bumping into an old friend, a colleague, a former teacher or student. In the midst of that jostling crowd, I realized that education is what binds us together. For so many in the Adventist church, education is our common root. It’s what makes the Adventist world, even with its millions of members, so small.

This convention, in addition to being four days of professional development, was a celebration of schools and teachers, of the art and science of passing on knowledge and faith to another generation.

In the crowded hallways outside the general sessions and workshops of this convention of more than 6,500 Adventist educators, you would find teachers clumped together, laughing, reminiscing, sharing or arguing passionately over ideas. Many tended to be as tardy as some of their students to the workshops, crowding in at the last minute even if they had to sit on the floor.

Many of the 350 workshops offered professional growth in areas of curriculum, student development or school operations. But many more were focused on enhancing the spiritual development of students in the classroom. Our teachers were preparing not only to educate, but to evangelize as they lead their students to Jesus.

The general sessions were also strained to capacity as teachers lined the walls at the back of a room so large it needed four big projection screens. From opening night with Adventist historian George Knight and Christian recording artist/comedian Mark Lowry to Henry Wright’s devotionals and Ron Clark’s (Disney’s 2000 Teacher of the Year from Atlanta) motivating message, the general sessions served to inspire our teachers to take up their sacred task once more. In a final commitment Janna Marshall, Matt Valley Adventist School K–2 teacher in Palmer, Alaska, said, “Your relationship with your students needs to be a positive one. I once heard someone say that ‘they’re not going to care what you know until they know that you care.’ I’ve seen that over and over again with my students. When they know that I care, I can do almost anything with them.”
Matthew Butte, Columbia Adventist Academy chaplain and religion teacher, presents a workshop entitled “Reflect. Renew. Ready?”

North Pacific Union education personnel welcome NPUC attendees during the opening session Sunday evening. From left: Patti Revolinski, associate director; Alan Hurlbert, vice president for education; Dennis Plubell, associate director.

service led by NAD president Don Schneider, our teachers dedicated themselves again to reaching our children with knowledge and truth.

A number of educators were honored during the convention. The General Conference Office of Education presented Awards of Excellence to: Dorothea Amey, retired, from the Pacific Union; Conrad Gill, director of education, Southern Union; Gary Randolph, director of education, Lake Union; and Ron Russell, director of education, Mid-America Union.

The NAD Office of Education extended special recognition for service to Erma Lee, NAD associate director of education, and Marie Blevins, NAD Office of Education secretary, as well as to David Vixie, Adventist educator from the Northern California Conference, as the recipient of Disney’s 2006 Teacher of the Year award.

Each teacher received two books as gifts from the NAD Office of Education: Avenues to the Heart, a collection of stories about life-changing teachers, edited by NAD associate director of education Larry Blackmer, and What We Believe, my new book explaining the 28 fundamental beliefs for kids. I had the privilege of signing thousands of my books for teachers at the Adventist Book Center exhibit, and I was overwhelmed by their dedication to helping students understand what their church teaches and how much God loves them.

A convention such as this one is not inexpensive or simple. The NAD Office of Education, led by vice president for education Gerald Kovalski, invested countless hours in planning, organizing and implementing this massive effort.

What makes all that effort worthwhile?

• A convention promotes professional growth among our teachers. Each workshop offered insight into being a better teacher, a better dean, a better administrator.

• A convention establishes a goal of excellence. Each teacher that attended saw that they were part of an interdependent system, a link in a chain. Excellence in elementary school leads to excellence in academy, which leads to success in college and in life.

• A convention inspires and encourages. Many of our teachers work alone or with only one or two colleagues all year. As Berit von Pohle, Northern California Conference superintendent, said, “These events help our teachers to see they are part of a bigger experience and that many people are committed to doing the same thing that they do. It re-energizes them to go back and teach.”

• A convention is an opportunity for the church to show appreciation to our teachers. Speaking on behalf of us all, church leaders can express our gratitude for their work and dedication.

• A convention is an opportunity for networking with other teachers, for sharing ideas and programs. Often the most valuable things learned are shared over a meal, in a hallway, or on a walk around the grounds.

This convention filled me with hope. It’s true that tuition costs are rising. Many parents are forced to dig deeper to keep their kids in school. Many schools must get by on a shoestring in order to keep operating. But the commitment to excellence among our teachers is strong.

And the commitment to the spiritual growth of their students is even stronger.

The education system of our church—our common root—is healthy. Blessed be this tie that binds us together.

Jerry D. Thomas, Southwestern Union communication director, writes from Burleson, Texas.
As 4-year-old Lisa lay in bed, waiting for nighttime hugs and kisses, her father entered her bedroom, carrying a large box in his arms. Two little white lambs poked their heads over the side.

“These are bummer lambs,” her father explained. “They are orphans and you will be their mother.” Lisa gently touched their little pink noses, then cuddled her face next to their soft ears. “I’ll call you Peony and you Rosie,” she whispered.

The next morning Lisa and her mother carried two bottles of warm milk to the lambs in the barn. Within hours, Peony and Rosie were following Lisa wherever she went.

For 22 years, Lisa raised sheep and loved to nurture the lambs on her parents’ small farm in Silverton, Oregon. She found how important it is to give the lambs pure, warm milk. She learned how to make the stubborn ewes follow her. She knew the all-possessing focus in rescuing one lost lamb. While filling the feeder with hay, her mother would often say, “Lisa, someday you won’t be feeding these sheep any more. You will be feeding God’s ‘real’ lambs.” As Lisa grew, these unique experiences gave her many insights into the Master Shepherd’s way of working with children. A deep passion welled up in her heart for leading children to Jesus.

Feeding His Lambs Ministries sprung from Lisa’s commitment to fulfill our Savior’s commission, “feed my lambs.” Certainly our Savior knew that “children are the most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel.”

Scientific research now confirms that children ages 5 to 13 have a 32 percent probability of accepting Jesus as compared to 4 percent for teens and 6 percent for adults. Joy filled Lisa’s heart as she dedicated Feeding His Lambs Ministries to bringing “hundreds and thousands of children to Christ.”

Feeding His Lambs focuses on: 1) Giving programs that captivate children with the Word of God and transform their lives, 2) Providing child evangelism training that inspires and equips parents, teachers and leaders to successfully reach children’s hearts for Christ, and 3) Developing evangelistic and Vacation Bible School programs that provide field-tested and refined tools.

Since 1999, Lisa has traveled extensively across North America and the world, giving more than 25 children’s evangelistic programs and holding over 20 training workshops. “Here in the Upper Columbia Conference,” says Jana Van Horne, children’s ministries secretary, “Lisa is the ‘most requested'
Children’s ministry leaders from across the Zambian Union graduated after Lisa’s 10-day child evangelism training course in Africa. “This has been the most powerful seminar I have ever attended,” the director commented.

John talks with Jonathan and Jannice about what they just learned as they make the “Origin of Evil” craft together. Children going through Feeding His Lambs programs love to read the answers from the Bible. Here Lisa helps Mary read the answer to the rest of the class.

Working with the children in making their “Bible book” crafts is a time for sharing and discussing how the lesson can be applied in their lives.

God has called us to the work of feeding His lambs, and “faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it” (Thessalonians 5:24). Today we still hear His plea: “Lovest thou Me?... Feed My lambs” (John 21:15).

You can learn more about the ministry at www.FeedingHisLambs.com. •

1 Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 515.
3 Ellen G. White, Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 172.
4 Ellen G. White, Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 114.

John and Lisa Quade, Feeding His Lambs Ministries directors, write from Inchilium, Washington.
More than 2,000 people enjoyed the worship service Sabbath morning.

Tell the World” is the ongoing evangelism initiative of the world church. But members of Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) are ready to take the next step. Their dedication to a wide variety of evangelistic ministries both here in North America and around the world was clear in the theme of the 2006 ASI International Convention: “Tell the world. Tell them now!”

ASI members met in Grapevine, Texas, Aug. 2–5, for a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing and inspiration, all with a distinctive southwestern flavor. Each of those members are involved in ministry, but those ministries take forms as different as the individuals who comprise them. Whether it is a doctor looking for literature for her waiting room, a school looking for funding, an artist looking for venues, or a publisher looking for exposure for its sharing material, the ASI convention showcases the breadth of ministry going on within the Adventist church.

As part of the focus on evangelism, ASI’s Youth for Jesus program placed young people in nine different sites in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex to hold evangolicative series with local congregations. These series ended on Aug. 1 with 115 baptisms and many other ongoing Bible studies.
The convention featured 20 seminars on a variety of topics as well as meetings for youngsters of all ages. Many of the kids were involved in mission projects as part of their daily meetings. The Primary class knitted caps for babies while the Earliteens spent part of each day serving meals at a local food kitchen.

Yet the high point of the convention was the reports from the previous year’s mission projects, where it is clear that ASI members are making a difference. On Sabbath, a crowd of more than 2,000 members and guests heard stories of the amazing evangelistic work being done with ASI funding and volunteers. Shawn Boonstra, *It Is Written* speaker/director, reported that baptisms from the evangelism funded by ASI members exceeded 10,000.

This year’s ASI project offering was $1,815,271.74, which will fund the projects chosen—projects including ministries such as Wildwood Sanitarium and Young Disciple Ministries in the United States, Springs of Life Foundation in Poland, Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti and Frontline Builders in Mongolia. The overflow offering in excess of $400,000 will fund two projects: a picture roll/DVD project and an Ellen G. White Internet book project.

One of the highlights of every ASI convention is the exhibit hall. More than 300 booths were filled with products and programs designed to make personal evangelism more effective or to offer information about mission or ministries that need funding. As always, the exhibit hall was a meeting ground for old friends and colleagues and a beehive buzzing with great ideas for reaching out with the gospel.

As a fitting conclusion to the convention, General Conference general vice president Mark Finley, shared a statement of commitment and called for every person present and every viewer at home to make a complete commitment to serve God.

Next year’s ASI International Convention will be a special anniversary celebrating God’s blessings through 60 years of sharing His love. Make plans now to be there on Aug. 1–4 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jerry D. Thomas, Southwestern Union communication director, writes from Burleson, Texas.

SHARE JESUS NOW
PRIMARY KIDS CATCH THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Nathan Batchelor, son of Doug and Karen Batchelor, caught the vision of helping others during craft time in the primary meetings. Nathan, along with the other primary-age kids, knitted caps for newborns with the Nifty Knitter loom, cut out fleece hats and blankets, and packaged fleece booties.

“I had so much fun knitting the caps,” said 10-year-old Nathan. He made two caps, even working on them on the bus going to the field trips.

The hats, blankets and booties, along with other items purchased by ASI families, were packaged into 18 boxes and given to Dallas Chapter vice president Patria Davis of Newborns in Need. The Sabbath morning offering in the primary division of almost $350 was also donated to purchase socks for the babies.

“Our goal was that the kids would return home with ideas for how they can ‘Share Jesus Now,’ our primary theme, by doing caring things for others,” said Tammie Beierle, primary division leader.

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

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Joseph Hermanus Warrington Laurence

PIONEER BLACK ADVENTIST EVANGELIST AND PASTOR

BY BYRON DULAN

Joseph Hermanus Warrington Laurence was a pioneer minister all his life. He lost his father soon after his birth on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, in 1885, and was raised by his mother and stepfather as an Episcopalian. Against his mother’s wishes, he was baptized at 15. When news of his baptism got around the island, he was expelled from the Episcopal School where his stepfather was the headmaster and he was a student and part-time teacher. He was kicked out of his home and had nowhere to go to complete his education. A pastor from Grand Junction, Colorado, who came to St. Kitts helped him with funds to attend the Oakwood Training School in Huntsville, Alabama. He entered Oakwood in 1903 as its first foreign student.

Laurence was a student at Oakwood when Ellen G. White visited and lectured on campus in 1904. During her stay, several “unspeakable things” that were happening on campus were resolved. She personally counseled him to stay away from a particular young woman. Later it was learned that the student was pregnant. Had he not heeded Sister White’s counsel he would have been implicated, expelled from school and his ministerial career ended.

Fred R. Rogers called Laurence into the gospel ministry in August 1904. Rogers came from Walla Walla, Washington, to work with James Edson White and the Southern Missionary Society—a ministry dedicated to evangelizing Blacks along the Mississippi River. Laurence’s first church was the Lintonia Chapel in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

In 1916, Laurence served the Southern Union as an evangelist. Using large-format glass-mounted slides, Laurence pioneered the use of projected pictures and texts to help communicate the gospel. During his career, he baptized some of the denomination’s most prominent Black ministers, including F. L. Peterson, who became the first Black to serve as a General Conference (GC) vice president; William Scales Jr., who became the GC associate ministerial director; and many other influential leaders of the church. “J. H.,” as he was sometimes called, baptized thousands and planted and built numerous churches throughout America.

In 1952, after 48 years of ministry and at the age of 67, Laurence accepted another pioneer assignment. He came to pastor a fledgling church on the last frontier of ministry among Blacks in the U.S., the Shiloh Church in Seattle. Soon after arriving, he moved the church to the northeast corner of 24th Avenue and East Spruce Street. Being a seasoned minister and having a vision for the future growth of the work, Laurence skillfully negotiated with the conference to purchase the entire north side of East Spruce between 24th and 25th avenues in 1953.

By 1956, the newly renamed Spruce Street Church began an eight-grade elementary school and is now known as the Emerald City Church.

Laurence was an outstanding preacher and evangelist. Under his leadership, from 1952 through 1962, the Spruce Street Church grew from 48 to 224 members. He was known for having a phenomenal memory and never relied on written notes. He often said, “If I write what I plan to say, the devil will know and keep the very one away who needs the message!”

Laurence was a health enthusiast and kept himself in excellent physical shape. He preached and lived the health message. For a while no one knew his age and he would not reveal it for fear that he would be asked to retire. Eventually he was coaxed to retire at the age of 77. After retirement, he continued preaching throughout the Northwest. Although his desire was to live to see Jesus come, he passed away at 102 in 1987 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Maxwell Maltz tells the story of a man who'd been severely injured while attempting to rescue his parents from a fire. His heroic efforts proved to be in vain, though. His mom and dad died in the burning house.

During his rescue attempt the fire had scorched his face and disfigured it. He was so ashamed of his appearance after that he refused to allow anyone—including his wife—to see his face.

For help, she went to Maltz, a plastic surgeon. “Not to worry,” he assured her, “I can restore his face.”

Despite the good news, the wife still felt disheartened. Her husband had always refused any medical treatment. Assuming he wouldn’t change his mind, she said to Maltz, “I want you to disfigure my face so I can be like him! If I can share in his pain, then maybe he will let me back into his life.”

Maltz tried to mask his horror at the request. He refused to perform the operation, but was so moved by this woman’s love for her husband that he went to visit her husband. Through a closed door, he yelled, “I’m a plastic surgeon. I want you to know that I can restore your face.”

No reply.

“Please, won’t you come out? At least let me see your face. At least talk to me.”

Love Likewise

Silence.

Still speaking through a door, Maltz told the man of his wife’s request. “She wants me to mutilate her face in order to make her face like yours. She hopes that you will then let her back into your life. That’s how much she loves you.”

Ever so slowly the doorknob turned.

The woman’s love toward her husband mirrors the love that God feels toward us—the kind of love that God calls us to model toward each other. Jesus said, “I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends” (John 15:12, 13, NLT).

Jesus took on our face, our disfigurement. There was no place he wouldn’t go in order to reach us. He went to a hay trough, homes of ill-repute and a bloody cross. The love He modeled had no limits. He did this in order to afford us the treatment that he deserves. Ellen G. White describes it this way: “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His, ‘With His stripes we are healed.’”

 Doesn’t that kind of love make you want to respond? Don’t you want to spread that kind of love to others? Jesus stands at the door of your heart and says, “Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends” (Revelation 3:20, NLT).

Won’t you let Him in? And won’t you let Him out? •

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2 Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 25.

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.
Santa hats on a day when the temperature topped 100 degrees might seem a bit out of place. But not if you are familiar with Positive Life Radio’s “Christmas in July” food drive. This year, the July 25th event brought in more than 14,760 pounds of food and personal care items for local food banks.

“Summer is a tough time of year for many food banks,” says Kevin Krueger, Positive Life Radio station manager. “I’m really proud of how Positive Life Radio (PLR) listeners responded to the need—coming out on a 100-degree day to give. It’s a privilege for us to serve our communities in this way.”

During the food drive, PLR aired Christmas music from noon to 6 p.m. as staff members called in live reports and stories from each location. Food was collected in Lewiston, Idaho, Pendleton, Ore., and the Tri-Cities, Moses Lake, Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, and Yakima in Washington.

The annual Christmas in July food drive increases awareness that families struggle with hunger all year long, not just during the holiday season. “It brings the Christmas spirit out in people,” says Krueger.

As Christmas in July becomes a regular summer feature in many communities, more community groups are holding their own food drives in the weeks leading up to PLR’s event. Elizabeth Nelson, PLR program director, spent the day in Yakima. “A troop of Girl Scouts from Granger came in with the back of Suburban full of food,” Nelson says. “They’d been going door to door for at least a week beforehand.”

Sali Miller, PLR office manager, talked with the Grace United Methodist Church in Walla Walla, Wash., which handed out paper bags in the neighborhood with signs explaining what they were collecting for and when they would come back to pick them up. “They came with two cars full of bags and boxes, some of them decorated with wrapping paper,” says Miller. “The kids were all wearing Christmas hats. They were so excited about putting the food on the scales and watching the totals grow.”

The Positive Life Radio network is located on the Walla Walla College campus in College Place, Wash., and is also used as a training facility for aspiring broadcasters, producers, and public relations officers. PLR can be heard on various frequencies throughout the Northwest or online at www.plr.org.

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent
Togiak Gets New Church

Volunteers from Milton-Freewater, Ore., descended on Togiak, Alaska, on July 25. Over the course of the next month more than 25 volunteers came to work for at least a week before returning to their regular jobs. On the second Sabbath of the project, 63 people gathered for Sabbath services in the old church, which comfortably seats 35 people.

The people of the village have enthusiastically supported the project by helping with construction and helping find material or equipment in the village to carry on the work.

At the end of August, though, there still remained some work to be done, such as plumbing, hanging and finishing sheetrock, purchasing and installing kitchen cabinets, and installing flooring and exterior siding.

With about $45,000 in contributions in hand the Alaska Conference stepped out in faith, trusting that our God who has resources unlimited would supply the need. It will take an additional $85,000 to finish the project.

“When the church/parsonage building is complete, we are praying that the Lord will identify the right gifted people to come and minister in this village,” said Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference secretary and Native Ministries coordinator.

“They will need to be prepared to support themselves by local employment, or by funding that God will supply from donors.”

If you are interested in helping to finish the building or would like to be considered for ministry in Togiak or in another village, please contact Jim Kincaid at (907) 346-1004 or jkincaid@mtaonline.net.

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Native Ministries coordinator

New Plane and Hangar

For Dillingham Area Mission Work

Paul Karmy, of Burleson, Texas, read in the Adventist World Aviation (AWA) newsletter that an airplane was needed in Bristol Bay to serve the needs of the native people there. After discussing the situation with Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference chief pilot, and Don Starlin, AWA president, Paul and his wife Darlene chose to purchase a Cessna R172K, known as the Hawk XP. This is a souped-up 172, sporting a 210 HP engine and constant speed prop. The Karmys also decided to give seed money to build a hangar in Dillingham where the donated airplane could be secured against winter storms and cold temperatures.

When Jim Bingman, Dillingham member and pilot, heard about the provision of a mission airplane he decided to donate a new airplane hangar for the project. The hangar was in storage “in a box.” It would require a foundation, a wood secondary structure and finishing materials. With permit in hand, the building was started on July 27.

The Hawk XP was ferried to Alaska in early August by Jim Kincaid with the Karmys accompanying in their plane. The plane was immediately pressed into service carrying volunteers to work on the Togiak multi-purpose building project in progress at the same time.

Phil Becker of Chehalis, Wash., and Daniel Milleren of Toledo, Wash., joined the Karmys in Dillingham to work on the hangar. Concrete was poured on Friday, Aug.18. Rain poured on the concrete until noon. The prayers for better weather were heard and by early afternoon the sun came out and the pour was completed.

Jim Bingman, Togiak Ministry lay leader, stands between the old church on the right and the new one on the left. He has personally carried on this ministry at his own expense for the last eight years.

This Cessna Hawk XP was recently donated to Adventist World Aviation (AWA) to be used for native mission work in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska. AWA is an ASI non-profit, supporting organization that provides aircraft, communications equipment and logistical support for Adventist Church missions.

The foundation is now waiting for the steel frame and completed shell so the airplane can be secure for the winter.

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference secretary and chief pilot
Desert View Christian School Graduation
First Student Completing all Eight Grades

Desert View Christian School (DVCS) in Mountain Home, Idaho, held its graduation celebration in honor of graduate Megan Fesler, the first student to complete all eight grades in the school. This is DVCS’s eighth year of operation, and Fesler was the second student enrolled in the school when it began in 1998. Her brother, James Fesler, was the first student to enroll in the school and the first to graduate three years ago, along with Amber Moilanen and Jamie Troutfetter in the first graduating class.

“I’ve enjoyed all of the field trips over the years, especially when we learned how to ski or snowboard,” says Megan. She is now attending Gem State Adventist Academy.

DVCS is a one-room school held in the basement of the Mountain Home Church. The average class size has been six students.

Byron Fesler, DVCS Home and School coordinator

On the platform of the Mountain Home Church for the Desert View Christian School graduation June 8 are, from left: Andrew Johnson, elder; Megan Fesler, graduate; and Matthew Pierce, graduation speaker.

Idaho Constituents
Vote to Secure GSAA Future

Since 1918, Adventist Christian secondary education in the Idaho Conference has been all about our youth. At a special constituency session on May 21, 328 delegates from around the conference met at Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) to consider ways to strengthen the academy, to keep it viable until the day Christ returns.

Stephen McPherson, Idaho Conference president, presented a devotional on the prophet Samuel and his contribution to education in the formation of the Schools of the Prophets. Following a vote to accept Boise East Adventist Church into the sisterhood of churches, the GSAA Land Use Committee presented a possible plan of action, developed over the course of a year and refined and affirmed by members throughout the conference at town hall meetings.

The present opportunities for strengthening the school grew out of actions of two lay leaders and businessmen, C.M. Munsey and Dean Dennis, in the 1950s. They were inspired to work at moving the academy from its location at the corner of Linden and Indiana in Caldwell. The ultimate result was a 385-acre campus and farm located south of town on Montana Avenue. The recent rapid growth of the Caldwell/Nampa area has brought a dramatic increase in land values and a higher demand for housing and related services. The farm, for many reasons, is no longer suitable or profitable for agriculture.

The constituents took four groundbreaking actions. The first was to change the land asset into a cash endowment for GSAA. The remaining three established a GSAA Visioning Committee and a GSAA Operating Endowment Management Committee and enlarged the Land Use Committee. These committees are at work and will bring reports back to the regular session in May 2007.

God had a plan for GSAA a long time ago. Those who have passed through its doors have felt His guidance. He is still guiding today as we work together to continue the legacy of quality Adventist Christian education in the Idaho Conference—for our children—for His children.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication administrative assistant
Pacific Press® Touches the Lives Of People in Peru

Pacific Press® Publishing Association (PPPA) in Nampa, Idaho, sent a team of 14 people to Iquitos, Peru, for two weeks in July. The group helped volunteers from the People of Peru Project renovate a piece of property for use as a Child Crisis Center.

The Child Crisis Center property was purchased by PPPA in January of this year and donated to the People of Peru Project—a nonprofit ministry run by Adventist Paul Opp. PPPA raised the funds to purchase and renovate the property through a golf tournament in May, which generated almost $17,000. The funds were also used to purchase literature to distribute to residents in Peru, as well as to help fund other needed renovation projects in Iquitos.

Chuck Bobst, PPPA vice president of production and coordinator for the Peru project, says the mission partnership between People of Peru Project and PPPA started through a personal connection Bobst had with Opp. “I had been praying for a way to get involved more directly in face-to-face mission work, both personally and as a part of the PPPA family. We are missionaries every day at Pacific Press, but we rarely see the face-to-face results. One Sabbath day, I was praying in church for a sign as to how to become involved, and Paul Opp came up to me and invited me to lunch to talk about his project. Because of the variety of needs and projects the People of Peru Project had, it became a perfect fit for a multitalented group to go and share their talents, as well as a great mission project for Pacific Press to get involved in,” says Bobst.

The Peru mission trip team members each raised money for their own travel expenses to Peru. In addition, Pacific Press donated $500 toward the expenses of each employee that went on the trip. The 14-person team consisted of Jacob Bindernagel, Robin Russell, Rudy Martinez, Dottie Chinchurreta, Alphid Florian, Rebecca Hilde, Melissa Shelly, Rhonda Weygandt, Ted Rickwa, Pat Rickwa, Sam Sullins, Marlene Sullins, Shirl Bobst and Chuck Bobst.

While in Peru, team members assisted with various renovation projects, helped medical teams, fed children, distributed clothing, handed out hygiene kits, and conducted health surveys to help the People of Peru Project determine the needs of local residents. In addition to humanitarian assistance, some team members were involved in nightly evangelistic meetings and a Vacation Bible School for children, as well as distributing the literature donated by PPPA. Many of the team members found it hard not to help everyone they met. “There is such a need there. They have so little,” says Rhonda Weygandt, Nampa Church member and an employee of PPPA. Weygandt helped feed children and build a fence around the Child Crisis Center. “It was amazing to see how God used us to accomplish His work. Through our actions and projects, we touched the lives of many people. God’s family has reaped the benefits through many new church attendees and one new baptism,” says Weygandt.

Nicole Batten, PPPA GLEANER correspondent
The Whole World Needs His Blood
Jim Kyle Donates the Gift of Life

An urgent call for blood donors went out during the 1943 Montana Camp Meeting, and 17-year-old Jim Kyle responded. Since that time Kyle has donated more than 20 gallons of blood, and the Red Cross has recognized his contribution by awarding him 20 pins.

Now 80, Kyle wanted to give a unit of blood during this year’s camp meeting, completing his 20th gallon where it all began. However, on the Tuesday before camp meeting, the Red Cross called to remind him of his regular appointment, so he gave it there in Hamilton, Mont.

Kyle and his wife Sybil are members of the Darby Church and have been married for 59 years. His wife says he has always been in good health.

When asked why he continues to give his blood, he says the Lord gave him the blood and health, and he wants to help where needed. His blood is type O, which means that anyone can use his blood.

“The real universal donor is the Lord Himself,” he says, “and the whole world needs His blood.”

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

Great Falls Church
Dedicates New Sanctuary

The Great Falls Church dedicated their new sanctuary on Sabbath, April 8. The church family moved into the Fellowship Hall during Ron Halvorsen’s Revelation seminars held last October. Attendance averaged 160 to 200 for each seminar. Twenty-four people have been baptized since the seminar, and the church family has outgrown the original sanctuary.

George Boundey, former Great Falls Church pastor, performed the dedication. Even though the new sanctuary is still under construction, the church family believed it was important to consecrate it as a “house of prayer.”

Mary Lou Grossman, Great Falls Church member

A Good Year
At Blodgett View Christian School

Blodgett View Christian School (BVCS), in Hamilton, Mont., joined the communities in the Bitterroot Valley for a parade to celebrate the discovery expedition of Lewis and Clark. We used this opportunity to tell the community about another discovery by titling our parade float “Discover Jesus.”

In the fall, our spiritual high point came with the baptism of two brothers and sisters: Zachary and Missy Titeca and Michael and Megan Moore. Throughout the school year our students have helped with church activities, including special music and conducting the Spring Week of Prayer.

Our five eighth-grade students presented the Spring Week of Prayer with the help of our pastor Barry Curtis.

Personal experiences with spiritual applications presented by classmates, followed by the pastor’s deeper insights, made the Week of Prayer special.

A balanced Christian life experience for each student was our goal for this school year.

We also took time to enjoy the nearby snow and mountains. It is amazing to watch third-graders learn to snowboard after having mastered skiing. The “air” our eighth-grade snowboarders get off jumps gives them the feeling of flying. We also enjoyed Red Cross swimming lessons this year. We believe that enjoying recreational activities is part of God’s plan for His children and that our school should help in the safe pursuit of this plan.

Michael Plumb, BVCS principal

Great Falls Church of Hamilton, Mont., displays the pins that commemorate the 20 gallons of blood that he has donated throughout his lifetime.
**More Than a Backpack**

*Adventist Community Service Center Makes Up 300 Packs*

The kids can’t wait to see what’s in the paper bag, and the parents are overwhelmed when they see the backpacks.” Volunteer Bonnie Blair describes the reactions she sees as she distributes 59 packs full of school supplies at the Adventist Community Service Center (ACSC) in Battle Ground, Wash., on a Tuesday in early August.

The ACSC had made up over 300 packs full of supplies this summer to share with the families of Clark County who come to the center each month for food and clothes. Most of these families aren’t expecting the bag of new school supplies that Blair and volunteer June Bartholomew give them. And they certainly don’t anticipate the new black backpacks either. “The moms, especially, get teary-eyed when they see the backpacks,” says Blair.

This year, the ACSC had special help in collecting the school supplies. Emily Donaldson, Meadow Glade Church Vacation Bible School director, wanted the children who attended to be directly involved in this program. So each child brought a nightly offering of 25 cents during the week. A total of $627 was collected, and the cash and 350 backpacks that Donaldson purchased were given to ACSC. And filling them, says Blair, “is the fun!”

Blair, who is retired and has been volunteering at ACSC for four years, says that she watches the sales starting in late September at places like Office Max and Fred Meyer. She cuts out coupons and hunts bargains at the Dollar Store. She and her husband Mel end up storing some of her purchases in her garage all year, waiting for school to start again.

ACSC distributes food and clothing two days a week and serves more than 160 families a month. The center receives much of its food supply from the Oregon Food Bank, the Clark County Food Bank and Northwest Harvest. The center also takes in used clothing and furniture.

With a policy of turning no one away, there is always a need for more donations, especially in the area of personal care items such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and laundry soap. And ACSC is always looking for more caring volunteers like the Blairs, who think that every child should be able to take a brand-new backpack to school on the first day.

Shelly Williams, Meadow Glade Church communication leader

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**Corwins Honored for Improving Family Life**

Harvey and Kathy Corwin, former Oregon Conference family life department directors, were honored on July 23 with the Distinguished Service Award at the Adventist Family Conference. The conference was sponsored by North American Division (NAD) Family Ministries in partnership with the Religious Education Program at Andrews University. This award, inaugurated in 1996 by Willie Oliver, the first full-time director of NAD Family Ministries, is the highest honor awarded by NAD Family Ministries. “Harvey and Kathy were honored,” says Oliver, “because of their longevity, involvement, contributions and dedication to Family Ministries, which have had a tremendous impact across North America and beyond.” The Corwins, though “retired,” continue to minister to families through occasional speaking engagements and their Web site LoveTakesTime.com.

Amy Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director
Met Debt
PAA Lines Up at the Starting Line

Constituent churches met at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) to witness a high point in the school’s history Aug. 22. But before we get to that, you should hear what led to this moment of celebration.

It was just over five years ago that PAA hit its darkest financial days. An already shaky history of budgeting, along with several years of low enrollment, left the school in debt by over half a million dollars. This “depression” led to cutbacks, including the unfortunate dismissal of several valued staff members and even discussion of closing the school’s doors.

With their hearts full of faith and a little fear, a goal was set to pay that debt back to the Oregon Conference before January 2007. PAA is proud to report that not only has God been faithful to meet their needs during those dark days, but He has also blessed them beyond their expectations.

On Aug. 22, Brian Gosney, PAA vice principal of finance, presented Randy Robinson, Oregon Conference vice president of finance, with a check for the remaining $118,000 of the original debt. “Not only is the debt met,” said Gale Crosby, PAA principal, “but we’ve managed to put $400,000 in reserves, which means we’ve met the North American Division’s recommendations!”

Romans 13:8 (NIV) tells us to “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another....” It is by this command that PAA wants to live and operate each school year. The school exists to help build Christ-centered and character-driven young people. The staff and faculty feel that the most effective way to teach this to their students is to live by example. Their prayer is that this met debt is a lesson to young people throughout the Oregon Conference. A paid debt is freedom, not just financially, but spiritually as well. It frees the debtor to give more back to the world.

What does that mean in PAA’s case? For one, the race isn’t over yet. In fact, this paid-off debt has just poised the school at the starting line. Finishing requires good stewardship of time and money—from them and their constituents. Finishing the race only happens when we meet in heaven.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

The Start of School

And so it begins. Another beautiful day at Portland Adventist Academy. The start of the 2006–07 school year. You can feel the excitement in the air. You can see the anticipation on faces. Can you imagine what will become of them? What they will accomplish? How will eternity be changed because of the work that happens here?

We look forward to watching the changes in each student. Their maturing of character, growth in academic intelligence and a better understanding of the world is what we want for them. But more importantly, we pray they grow to know Jesus as a friend. May He walk the halls with them. May His be the shoulder they cry on, the hand to “high-five” after a game, and the ever-listening ear for whispered secrets at night. May He be the reason for it all.

Liesl Vistaunet
“Feature Church” Program Connects Church and School

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) has been expanding a program with the goal of connecting the next generation to the churches in the area. “Feature Church” is a student-run church service that includes music, a children’s story and a sermon, all presented by the students. In its third year, Feature Church has been extremely successful as an outreach to bridge the gap between generations. Several years ago, a concerned church member, Dan Patchin, wanted to help PAA students connect more effectively with area churches. As a result, Patchin started some programs to help the school and its constituent churches draw closer together. “There was a need to reach out to our churches and let them experience the great things going on here at PAA,” said Patchin. This is when Feature Church was born. What began as a Sabbath School service grew to a full church service. “What is so nice about Feature Church is that everyone benefits,” said Gale Crosby, PAA principal. “The school is able to feature these talented young people, and the young people can find a home and a family in their local church.”

Once the church service is completed, a second part of the program begins. At a weekly chapel assembly on the PAA campus, the students see a short film presentation that shows pictures of the service and shares the church prayer requests, which helps students not involved in the service to feel a connection. The pastor from the church featured gives a talk and both the church and school pray for one another. An incredible bond is felt as both groups come together to lift one another up. “It is a powerful experience as it personalizes the church to the students,” said Les Zolbrecht, PAA chaplain. “The pastor as a real person and the church as a real place, welcoming them in.”

Linda Hill, one of the leaders, said, “These students do such a tremendous job. I was amazed at their willingness to be involved.” Hill feels she is the one who is truly blessed. “I had church members come to me afterward and tell me what a blessing they received. Young people have so much to give. I have been incredibly touched by this program and these students.”

Heather Fowler, PAA GLEANER correspondent

During their visit to the Hood View Church, Trevor Haynes, PAA student, as Jesus, and friends used drama to make the point that Jesus loves everyone.
Women from the Cave Junction Church attended the first Southern Oregon Women’s Retreat.

Cloudy skies and cool temperatures couldn’t dampen the spirits of the approximately 90 women who met together for the first Southern Oregon Women’s Retreat at Milo Academy on June 9-11. A winning combination of an awesome guest speaker, interesting and informative workshops, inspirational music, great food, and a beautiful setting in the hills of southern Oregon created an atmosphere that was just right for relaxation, friendship-making and renewal, and recharging one’s spiritual batteries.

Guest speaker, Ginny Allen, challenged the women to not settle for “second-fiddle thinking,” but to seek out the “first-chair position” that God has for each one in life. Workshop topics included “Building Relationships with Children,” “Winsome Witnesses,” “Caring for the Caregiver,” “God, I Need to Know Who You Really Are,” “Relationship Bridges,” and “Connecting With God and With Others.”

The comments from the evaluation sheets showed the blessings every participant received. Nearly every evaluation mentioned the wonderful food and one specifically said, “The cook deserves a medal.” Other blessings mentioned were “the singing, the fellowship, making new friends;” “Ginny Allen was a blessing;” “my roommate;” “moving of the Spirit throughout the retreat gatherings;” “being back at beautiful Milo;” and too many others to list.

Plans are already underway for another retreat next year. Milo Academy has invited us to come back, so plan now to attend.

Alice Ray, Central Point Church communication leader

Survivor of the Cambodian Killing Fields Speaks at Gresham and Lents Churches

Setan Lee, from Cambodia, told his story to members of the Gresham and Lents churches. He shared that when he was 17, he had plans to study medicine in Paris the following year. All of that changed when Pol Pot’s armies invaded Cambodia in 1975 and began killing those with an education.

More than a million people perished that first day alone. Lee managed to hide his education and was put in a youth concentration camp. One day his student ID card turned up and he was tied up and taken with three others to be executed as an archenemy of the Khmer Rouge.

Lee eventually escaped and immigrated to Colorado. In 1995 when Cambodia was opened to the public, Lee and his wife Randa returned to Cambodia and founded Kampuchea (Cambodia) for Christ (KFC), a ministry that includes a women’s rescue home for prostitutes, an orphanage, a ministry training center and a trade school.

The presentation also included information about a project that Lee is working on with Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA). Last fall, GSAA started a company to create jobs for graduates of the Battambong Trade School, a KFC ministry that teaches poor village girls sewing and computer skills. Almost nine months later, with more than 16 outlets, Khmer Krafts, www.khmerkrafts.com, employs 40 Cambodian girls (many who now know about Jesus) to make purses, handbags and clothing items. To buy these items, visit the Oregon Adventist Book Center, the Adventist Medical Center gift shop, or visit their Web site, www.khmerkrafts.com.

For more information on Pastor Lee, his ministry or his book, visit www.kampforchrist.org or call (509) 592-2134.

Debra McCarver on behalf of the Gresham and Lents churches

Setan Lee escaped Cambodia’s killing fields and returned to his home country to help others through his ministry Kampuchea for Christ.
National Geographic Photographer Presents “The Secrets of Longevity” at Oregon Conference Church

Residents of Okinawa, Sardinia and Loma Linda, Calif., live longer, healthier lives than just about anyone else on Earth. What do they know that the rest of us don’t? With a simple question, the cover story of the November 2005 issue of National Geographic baited readers to explore “The Secrets of Longevity.” From worldwide research and field study, Dan Buettner (author) and David McLain (photographer) crafted an article that people are still talking about—especially Seventh-day Adventists excited to see their lifestyle cited as well as Loma Linda’s health study.

David McLain is a Maine-based photographer who deeply believes in the power and beauty of the still image. With a passion for photography, he credits the sense of wonder evident in his work to his strong sense of family and the quality of life he enjoys at home with his wife and two small children.

Demand for McLain’s presentations is high, especially after the National Geographic feature. Realizing the importance of his research findings, the North American Division Health Ministries Department has arranged for McLain to share his insights in “The Secrets of Longevity,” the keynote address for Health Summit West at the Gladstone Park Church (1475 Ohlson Road, Gladstone, Ore.) on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this presentation, and all are invited to attend.

To learn more about McLain, visit his Web site at www.davidmclain.com.

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

Finance Committee Chair Raises More Than $14,000 During Ironman Triathlon

Inspired by his parents’ active lifestyle, Rob White was always athletic. He played basketball at Portland Adventist Academy and at Walla Walla College. After college, he started doing duathlons and triathlons. White has now participated in 11 Ironman events, which consist of swimming 2.4 miles, then biking 112 miles, then running a full marathon of 26.2 miles. Preparing for an event like this means training up to 20 hours a week.

For this year’s triathlon, White decided to add a new component to his Ironman preparation: fundraising. He had been aware of Janus Charity Challenge, a group that facilitates fundraising for nonprofit organizations, but had never pursued the idea because he didn’t want to “make a big deal” about himself. However, as a board member and finance committee chairman at Hood River Junior Academy (HVJA) and after seeing “how they really need extra support to make ends meet with the rising costs and enrollment struggles,” he felt that he couldn’t pass up the opportunity this time.

Janus suggested setting a “reachable” fundraising goal. Though Rob had hoped to reach at least $20,000, he decided to set a modest goal of $11,000 dedicated for HVJA’s Media Center debt. Through Home and School efforts, enough money is usually raised to cover the interest payments during the year. White’s hope was that the amount he raised could help to pay down the principle balance.

“I would have preferred to raise money for a new track or adjustable basketball hoops for the school, but I saw that the real weak link at HVJA was this Media Center debt.”

HVJA’s Media Center houses the new school library and computer lab along with a remodeled kitchen.

Amy L. Schrader
Familiar Faces in New Roles at Conference Office

Although they are not new to Upper Columbia Conference, two new faces can be seen in the office in Spokane.

Cheri Corder joins the conference office team to lead the Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School and Adventist Community Services ministries after working for Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) for the past nine years as communication director. In leading the HOPE Taskforce at UCA, Corder involved hundreds of students in a variety of service activities, which both captured the imaginations of those who served and met deeply felt community needs, both locally and internationally.

Corder may also be familiar to many around the conference because of her previous leadership and teaching roles in Women’s Ministry events. A creative thinker, excellent communicator and passionate servant, Corder will be an asset who will benefit the whole conference. Her personal goal as she ministers around the conference is to “consider how [she can lead us to] spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24, NIV).

Bill Skidmore, who most recently served as pastor of the Fairfield and Farmington churches, comes to the office with a wealth of administrative experience as well. Having managed Adventist Book Centers around the North American Division as well as having served as director of advertising for the Pacific Press Publishing Association and vice president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Skidmore joins the conference office team as director of human resources and stewardship.

With a pastor’s heart and a gentle and caring spirit, Skidmore’s main goal is to bring professionalism and ministry with him wherever God leads him to serve. “It was a difficult choice to leave pastoral ministry,” Skidmore says, “but the people here in the office need to be ministered to as well.” When he is not in a meeting or working diligently on his computer, Skidmore can often be seen praying with office staff. His presence inspires a combination of confidence and peace.

Both Corder and Skidmore look forward to serving the congregations of Upper Columbia through preaching, teaching, conducting seminars and through other collaborative efforts in order to help finish the work of Christ.

Garrett Caldwell, Upper Columbia Conference assistant to the president for communication

Upper Columbia’s “Attitude”

“ATTITUDE: It’s Your Choice” was the theme the Upper Columbia Academy’s student association officers chose for the 2006–07 school year, and it was enthusiastically shared with the new student body on registration day. President Kati Winkle said, “intentional leadership is our goal as we follow Philippians 2:5, ‘Let this attitude and purpose be in you.’ ”

In this vein, the new program “First Face” was put into action, with the purpose of connecting returning students with new students to show them around campus, make sure they know where their classes are, and answer all those “new student” questions for the first couple of weeks. More than 40 returning students signed up to mentor a new student, a great start for getting those attitudes going in the right direction!

Carmen Slavens, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Student association officers for 2006–07, from left: Kati Winkle, president; Laura Dick, vice president; Kevin Riffel, spiritual vice president; Cyndi Rearick, treasurer; Elliot LaPlante, chorister; Nolan Kinne, sergeant-at-arms; Kara Hughes, music coordinator; Scott Guthrie, historian, and (not pictured) Hillary Madden, secretary.
WWVA Starts Its 120th Year

It’s back to school in the Walla Walla Valley. On Aug. 27, 2006, Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) registered 228 students for the 120th year of continuous Adventist secondary education in the valley.

Smiles, cheerful greetings and hugs were prevalent as new friends were made and old acquaintances were renewed.

Sunday evening, the Associated Student Body (ASB) officers hosted the annual “Handshake” on the front lawn of the campus, topped off with root beer floats. During the event, Mindy Coseart, who tragically drowned this past summer, was remembered as a young lady who quietly but winsomely demonstrated her love for Jesus Christ. She would have been a junior this year. A tree will be planted in Coseart’s honor on the front campus.

The school’s theme for 2006-07 is “God first... in all things.” Continuing its rich heritage of education in this valley, the students and staff at WWVA anticipate a great year under the banner of God’s leading. •

John Deming, WWVA principal

South Hill Church Hosts Block Party

The Spokane South Hill Church hosted a neighborhood block party on a Sunday afternoon in August. More than 1,000 flyers were handed out inviting the neighbors closest to the church to the free event. Guests were treated to barbequed hot dogs, salads, chips, dessert and beverages.

For the children, there was an inflatable jumping castle. “It was a real hit,” said church member Kevin Helbley, “Some kids must have been bouncing for two hours straight!”

One teenager from the community came and was immediately hooked up with a church member who had a granddaughter of similar age. She stayed the entire time. Those who were a bit too old to bounce really enjoyed the softball game.

More than 120 people came to the party, including about 20 guests from the community. The event was designed to allow the local church to get to know their neighbors better and to learn ways to provide for the needs of the community.

The members felt the party was a huge success and they hope to see many of the new faces back this fall when they hold an evangelistic series. •

Jimmy Johnson, South Hill Church member

Food and fellowship were in good supply during the South Hill Church community block party.
New Volunteer Program

Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) relies on volunteers to help in a number of ways with the students and their activities. Since it is important that they receive the proper training, the school has started a new volunteer screening/orientation program. Early in August, 34 men and women started the process to become basic level 1 volunteers, with 30 of them taking the additional training to become level 2 volunteers. The primary difference between the two levels is that level 2 volunteers not only have more extensive interaction with children on-campus, but also often accompany them on off-campus trips.

Patrick Frey, YACS principal, introduced the program and fielded a few questions. The screening/orientation process involved watching a video about what is involved in becoming a YACS volunteer. After the first video, the level 2 volunteers watched a second training video about behavior management techniques.

The screening process differs somewhat between the two groups. All volunteers are required to view the first video, complete the volunteer information form, be interviewed by the Volunteer Committee, complete the Washington State Patrol criminal history information sheet, and have an ID picture taken. In addition, the screening for level 2 requires viewing the second video and being fingerprinted.

Patrick Frey, YACS principal, inaugurated a program of training school volunteers.

Small Church Makes Big Impact in India

The Touchet Church in Southeastern Washington only has 50 members, but they have a sense of mission. One family who attends the Touchet Church became short-term missionaries to several villages in India with Gospel Outreach Ministries. The Saulsbury family came back with glowing reports of successful evangelistic meetings with thousands of baptisms.

In the Indian culture, churches need to be built in their villages to help these new converts remain strong in the faith. So the Touchet Church took up the challenge to sponsor a sister church in India at a cost of $3,000. A church was built in Bhimanapalli Village with their donations. But since the church had raised more than enough, they decided to adopt another sister church in Tadakamalla Village.

But Touchet didn’t stop there! They had nearly half the amount needed for a third sister church, and it only took a few weeks before enough funds were raised to complete that project. If a little church with only 50 members can do that, imagine what a big church could do!

Debbie Christensen, Touchet Church communication leader
Youth Challenge

Young People Discover the Power of Two

Following the biblical model to go out, do ministry and bless a house, 19 young people went this summer into the Camano/Stanwood/Marysville, Silverdale/Bremerton, Tacoma, and Sequim/Port Angeles communities.

“The ‘Power of Two’ is about what God can do with you,” said Jonathan Fetrick, Youth Challenge director. “We [also] believe ministry happens in the context of teams, a model we see throughout Scripture.”

Youth Challenge, a youth and literature evangelism program, is designed to train students for effective ministry while helping them develop their leadership skills and raise funds for education.

Thanks to inspiration from Youth Challenge members, such as Linda Stecker, Darlene All, a member at Tacoma Central, decided to try door-to-door ministry herself. All now is studying the Bible with one of her contacts.

Team leader Ranny Rattu challenges her group to use the experience they gained this summer to continue serving God.

“Every day in Youth Challenge, we have divine appointments that remind us that our God is great,” said Ranny Rattu, a team leader with five summers of experience.

While the largest part of Youth Challenge is door-to-door work selling books and praying with people, participants also engaged in community service, day camps and Vacation Bible Schools as a way for young people to learn multiple creative evangelism formats.

In all, this summer, Youth Challenge contacted 23,419 homes, sold 1,505 books, shared 5,289 prayers, lined up 32 Bible study interests and raised $24,706 through donations. •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

Alaska Adventures

A Chance for PSAA to Share Talent and Take In the Beauty

Puget Sound Adventist Academy’s (PSAA) singing group, Impact, witnessed to hundreds of people in Alaska this summer. The 18-member group, directed by Estyn Goss, performed eight concerts in five days, including a performance at the Alaska Native Hospital and several retirement centers.

“We could tell by the looks on the residents’ faces that they enjoyed our concert,” said junior Jeff Andersen who sang bass in the choir.

Beyond music performances, the trip to Alaska also gave the choir members a chance to see Alaska and learn about Native American cultural history through a Native American center and a village replica tour. The students also took a glacier cruise and watched sea otters—a highlight for all of them, said Doug White, principal, who went along to drive the bus.

The group visited four Adventist churches and one Lutheran church as well as several secular venues. White said the trip to Alaska gave the students a chance to share their talents and to see another part of the U.S. •

The PSAA choir group, Impact, stands in front of the Alaska Heritage Museum.

Powered Up for Ministry

Kent Church Hosts Hands-on Personal Ministries Program

There’s a buzz around Washington Conference after members from 12 area churches attended the “Plug into the Power” personal ministries leadership training session at Kent Church.

“Personal ministries is caught rather than taught,” said Byron Dulan, Washington Conference director of personal ministries. “We give people an opportunity to experience a witnessing technique and determine if this program fits into the culture of their church.”

“Nobody had a bad experience,” Dulan said. “Rejection is the biggest fear people face with door-to-door ministry. Yet God went ahead of us and opened doors.”

Carol Zettley from the Kent Church was surprised at people’s reactions when she handed out water bottles in a park. “They were really nice and didn’t bite after all.” •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

“God loves me so I want to share His love with you,” practices Arianna Avakian, 7, before she goes door to door with her mother Beth.
Corner coffee shops and bars line the streets of Seattle, but none offer a comfortable, open environment that shares the love of Jesus. The young adult group, called The Well, of 24-Seven Ministry Center, decided to change the scene by providing an encouraging alternative to the typical Seattle nightlife options.

To start a Friday night ministry event, team members raised money through an art auction and dinner. Plans snapped into place for this new ministry, named Big Face Hype, to reach unchurched young adults who are curious about Christ and open to meeting new friends.

The event name is a play on words, said Mike Wray, entertainment coordinator. “It’s a statement on being hyped up to be real and bold about who you are.”

The Capitol Hill Arts Center, a showroom with café-style tables, dim lighting and an open stage, was the place for the first big event.

The four-hour event featured four local Christian bands, local artwork, face painting, make-your-own prayer flag, free sushi and speed friending (a social networking activity with a series of time-limited conversations).

Event organizers counted at least 150 people in attendance throughout the evening with 88 people not being affiliated with the church. Many people came off the street to check out the excitement.

“People’s lives were touched because a group of young adults were willing to follow Jesus’ example and commission to ‘Go’ [and meet people where they are],” said Matthew Gamble, a teaching pastor at 24-Seven.

Heather Wray, Big Face Hype event coordinator

Student Officers Lead the Way at AAA

With the 2006–07 school year off and running, the Associated Student Body (ASB) officers of Auburn Adventist Academy are energized about possibilities and plans for the future.

“I want everyone to be excited about the events we plan, and I hope that people will look back on this school year as the most memorable of their high school experience,” said Laura Hanes, ASB president.

AAA’s ASB officers, from left: (front) Kendrick Mensink, social vice president; (middle) Megan Tan, sports coordinator; Jacinta Turner, spiritual vice president; Alexandra Paulsen, public relations; Olivia Luce, secretary/treasurer; Nicole Bartlett, sergeant-at-arms; Andrew Hanek, computer specialist; (back) Mary Kobberstad, Kevin Ramkisson and John Spanno, faculty sponsors; Ashlie Heilbrun, activities coordinator; Laura Hanes, president; Marita Reyes, photographer; Ryan Peterson, music coordinator; Mike Kahler, faculty sponsor.

Jondelle McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Grays Harbor Member Saves Lives, Honored as Hero

Last summer, John Patterson Jr., a Grays Harbor Church member, rescued a family of three from a burning vehicle west of Olympia. For his heroic efforts, Patterson was honored at the Washington State Capitol. With all three people trapped, Patterson first assisted the young girl by breaking open the door before moving to free the woman in the passenger’s seat. Emergency crews used Jaws of Life to extract the driver. Patterson believes that God placed him in the right place at the right time.

“Without a thought,” he said, “I wouldn’t hesitate to spring into action to help in a similar situation in the future.”

Donn Leiske, Grays Harbor Church communication secretary

John Patterson Jr., right, who helped save a family from a burning vehicle, was recently honored as a hero at the Washington State Capital. Don Hay, Grays Harbor Church elder, accompanied Patterson.
A Place to Belong
Campers Make Decisions to Belong to Jesus

More than 1,000 campers from across the Northwest made Sunset Lake Camp a part of their summer plans.

They came to enjoy a number of new on- and off-site activities, including remote control cars, a giant swing, LEGO robotics, sea kayaking and whale watching. But they also came to experience a feeling of belonging that will stay with them long after the thrill of camp has faded.

“At Sunset Lake, campers are connected to a community that cares about them as individuals and nurtures them toward personal growth and positive relationships,” said David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director. “At the heart of everything we do is an unconditional love for Jesus.”

This bottom-line attitude is changing youth across the conference. This summer 335 young people committed their lives to Christ in addition to 118 campers desiring to prepare for baptism and 111 referred to local Pathfinder clubs.

For the third year, Tacoma South Side Church has combined the elements of summer—pleasant memories, nurturing friendships and worshipping God—to host an end-of-summer convocation for area churches.

The weekend gathering, an informal, small-scale version of camp meeting, featured Jud Lake, Southern Adventist University religion professor, and Cindy Tutsch, Ellen G. White Estate associate director. Charles Haugabrooks, of Morning Song Ministry, provided an afternoon concert.

Lake’s Sabbath morning presentation examined the relationship between the Bible and Ellen G. White’s writings. He explained how the two parts worked together in a cycle where White’s writings do not supersede the Bible but rather reflect it.

“For those who read the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ,” he said. “The steady diet of our churches should be the Scriptures. I hope you read Ellen G. White regularly, but most importantly, I hope you read the Bible [regularly].”

“Our express purpose for [this convocation],” said David Moench, Tacoma South Side pastor, “is to open our hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit and His outpouring.”

Twila Paris Performs in Olympia

Transformation Life Center (TLC) in downtown Olympia, Wash., invited the community to attend a Twila Paris concert at their church.

Paris, a popular Christian songwriter and recording artist, also performed with the World Vision Korean Children’s Choir.

Paris performed both her greatest hits and new releases in addition to the children’s choir performing contemporary sacred music, psalms and hymns, and traditional folk songs and dances.

More than 400 people attended this summer concert designed to raise awareness for children in Third World countries.

Cindy Canaday, Transformation Life Center communication leader
New students entering Walla Walla College (WWC) this fall are faced with many decisions. Beyond class schedules, significant others, and how much to study for that biology test, students may also find that for the first time they can choose a worship style of their own.

In any given week on the WWC campus, there are four church services, six nightly worship services, one early morning option, 14 regular Sabbath Schools, vespers, chapel, and various sacred musical events. Here’s a look at some of the most popular:

**First Serve**

First Serve is a contemporary service held in the College Church. It began as a way to connect with those who prefer a more informal service and modern praise music. But that doesn’t mean it is less informal about its place in the church. “The name ‘First Serve’ was chosen to express a commitment for those involved to first serve before anything else—to emphasize the service part of the Christian walk,” says Kris Loewen, a WWC graduate who helped begin the program.

**The Awakening**

A student-run church service and one of the most widely attended student gatherings on campus, The Awakening began as an evening worship option, designed to target students who weren’t attending any type of worship. “We saw a need for a more upbeat, energetic worship program on campus—one that inspired more participation and involvement from students,” says Troy Ahrens, one of The Awakening’s founding members and WWC assistant chaplain. Due to its unique structure and low-key yet energized atmosphere, the service quickly grew in popularity. Now held in the Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center at the same time as the College Church’s second service, it is often so crowded that students arriving more than 30 minutes early still can’t find a seat.

**Heubach Chapel worship**

Another student-led option is an evening worship service held once a week in Heubach Chapel where students gather together simply to sing. The service takes place entirely in the dark, with just a guitar and a few candles to light the chapel. Emily Schmidt, a senior religion major, often attends worship in Heubach Chapel. “I love Heubach because it’s informal,” she says. “There are a bunch of people in the room, and yet it feels like you’re all by yourself and don’t have to impress anyone.”

**Vespers**

A long-standing tradition at Adventist schools, vespers is still a popular service for students. Vespers often showcases guest speakers and can be one of the few times a week that on- and off-campus students join together with faculty, staff and community members to praise God.

The multifaceted approach to worship allows everyone to feel involved. Chaplain Lois Blackwelder says she has heard from many parents who are thrilled that their son or daughter has found a worship service to get excited about. “Take The Awakening, for example,” Blackwelder says. “Even if it’s not necessarily the type of worship the parents would have chosen, it’s still church, and everyone is blessed.”

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Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent
**Abbott 90th**

Forrest W. Abbott celebrated his 90th birthday with an open house for family and friends in the park. He has been a member of the Nampa (Idaho) Church since 1948 and is now elder emeritus there.

Forrest was born June 20, 1916, in Crawford, Neb. He graduated from Gem State Academy in 1936 and had been married to Jane Morris for 66 years when she passed away in 2004. He was the owner of Frosty’s Auto and Abbott Auto in Nampa.

The Abbott family includes Doreen and Alex Garcia of Middleton, Idaho; Roger and Sharon (Butherus) Abbott of Homedale, Idaho; Perry Abbott of Meridian, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Allemand 50th**

Donald and Billie Allemand celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2006, with a reception hosted by their children at the historic Union Hotel in Union, Ore. They are members of the La Grande Church.

Donald R. Allemand married Billie A. Brown on Aug. 9, 1956, in Hill City, S.D. The couple spent their early years of marriage on the Allemand Ranch northwest of Douglas, Wyo. Besides growing up and working in the ranching industry, Don worked in printing for 10 years in the ranching industry, Don worked in printing for 10 years.

The Allemand family includes Dave and Melissa Allemand of McDonald, Tenn.; Barbara and Daniel Beckner of Imbler, Ore.; Debbie and Donnie Ferguson of Fromberg, Mont.; and Becky and David Djenes of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Babcock 65th**

Ed and Charlotte Babcock celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 7, 2006, with a reception in Clarkston, Wash., hosted by their daughter. They are members of the Clarkson Church.

Ed Babcock married Charlotte Lewis June 7, 1941, in Lincoln, Neb. Ed worked as a claims representative for Social Security. Charlotte worked in Internal Revenue as branch chief. After retirement they spent time in Arkansas, Texas, and traveling in their RV. They moved to Clarkson in 1999 to be near their daughter.

The Babcock family includes Duane (deceased) and Betty Jean Babcock of Spokane, Wash.; Bonnie and Roy Carley of Hawi, Hawaii; Doris and Robert Bevins of Clarkson; 9 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**Bunker 65th**

Dean and Mazie Bunker celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2006, with a family dinner.

Dean Bunker married Mazie Rogers in Michigan and moved to Alaska in 1960 to homestead in Willow. They started commercial fishing in Cook Inlet in 1964 and still actively fish. In fact, they spent their anniversary at their fish camp with part of their family. Dean celebrated his 84th birthday July 28, 2006.

The Bunker family includes Terry and Juanita Bunker of Willow; Robert and Pat Bunker of Wasilla, Alaska; Diana and Joe Walker of Trapper Creek, Alaska; Gloria and Dorn Lee of Willow; and Phyllis Tom Symmonds of Longview, Wash.; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**Cornforth 70th**

Fred and Ola Cornforth celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sept. 30, 2006, with a reception at Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Wash. They have been members of the Meridian (Idaho) Church.

Fred Cornforth married Ola Claunch Sept. 22, 1936, in Dillon, Mont. They farmed in Aberdeen, Idaho, for the first nine years after they married. Fred graduated from Pacific Union College in 1951. Ola graduated from Walla Walla College in 1974. They taught in Adventist elementary schools—Fred for 31 years and Ola for 30 years—until their retirement in Coquille, Ore.—Fred in 1982 and Ola in 1981.

The Cornforth family includes Charlie and Eleanor Cornforth of Caldwell, Idaho; Lorraine and Bill Nichols of Surprise, Ariz.; 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Marion 60th**

Al and Pat Marion celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 28, 2006, with a reception for family and friends at their daughter’s home in Walla Walla, Wash.

Albert Marion married Pat Turnbull May 28, 1946, in Ekalaka, Mont., shortly after Pat graduated from Campion (Colo.) Academy. Al attended La Sierra Academy, but was working on his uncle’s ranch, which was near Pat’s home. (Al’s Italian father, angered by Italy’s actions in World War II, had his name legally changed from Scaraboiso to Marion, after his dad’s first name Mario, to sound more “English.”) Al served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1969 from the submarine USS Spinax (SS489) based in San Diego where the couple had lived for 10 years. He was employed by Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) in Walla Walla as a hospital supervisor on night shift while attending Walla Walla Community College days. In 1977, at the age of 52, he graduated as an registered nurse. He retired from the WSP in 1990 after 21 years. Pat was employed at Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, Calif., while Al was stationed in San Diego, then at Walla Walla General Hospital for 17 years until she retired from Adventist Health System.

The Marion family includes Lolita and Dan Haas of El Cajon, Calif.; LaVonne Rowe of Loretto, Tenn.; Betty and Rick Streck of Walla Walla, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.
McCoy 60th

Allen and Dorothy McCoy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 27, 2006, with a dinner and family reunion weekend in Yakima, Wash. They are members of the Yakima 35th Avenue Church.

Allen D. McCoy married Dorothy F. Johnson June 2, 1946, in Nordland, Marrowstone Island, Wash. Allen drove truck for many years, hauling logs on the Olympic Peninsula; Medford, Ore.; Yaak, Mont.; and Auburn, Wash., where he drove truck for Bake N’ Serve and also truck for Bake N’ Serve and also on the Olympic Peninsula; Medford, Ore.; Yaak, Mont.; and Auburn, Wash., where he drove truck for Bake N’ Serve and also

served as plant manager. For the past 30 years he has lived in Yakima where he had an apple orchard, sold real estate and later drove a charter bus for 10 years. Dorothy is a retired dental receptionist.

The McCoy family includes Monty and Kathy McCoy of Auburn; Marilyn Clark of Yakima; and Douglas and Vickie McCoy of Spokane, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Oxley 60th

Cloyd and Dorothy Oxley celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 1, 2006, with a dinner at their daughter’s home in Medical Lake, Wash. They are members of the Clark Fork (Idaho) Church.

Cloyd Oxley married Dorothy Schroeder on June 26, 1946, in Marshfield, Wis. Cloyd work many years as a medical lab tech and Dorothy worked as a registered nurse and the last 20 years of their career they both worked at Wildwood (Ga.) Lifestyle Center. Upon retiring they moved to Noxon, Mont.

The Oxley Family includes Sharon and Earl (deceased) Borton of Edison, Tenn.; Dennis and Ann Oxley of West Richland, Wash.; Freida and Dave Blood of Medical Lake, Wash.; Edwin and Kathy Oxley of Walla Walla, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Whitehouse 50th

Alvin and Kathy Whitehouse celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 9, 2006, at a potluck with family and friends at the Newport (Ore.) Church where they are members.

Alvin D. Whitehouse married Kathleen M. Mandigo July 7, 1956, in Newport, Wash. Alvin has been a logger, carpenter, builder and printer, retiring in 1991. Besides being a mother and homemaker, Kathy has been the baker for a high school food service and a physician’s receptionist.

The Whitehouse family includes Julie Hoppis of Yakima, Wash.; Jann and Jerry Spaulding of Gaston, Ore.; Jeffrey Whitehouse of Newport, Ore.; Jerry and Laura Whitehouse of Newport; 6 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

GUIDELINES

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BIRTHS

Biederbeck—Hayley Mae was born August 3, 2006, to Stephen and Rachel (Stevens) Biederbeck, Tillamook, Ore.

Brock—Shannon N. was born May 8, 2006, to Charles and Vicki (Nelson) Brock, Walla Walla, Wash.

Cifuentes—Ethan C. was born June 5, 2006, to Freddy and Jacylin “Jackie” (Soto) Cifuentes Jr., Salem, Ore.

Duckworth—Farrah M. was born June 3, 2006, to Corey and Stephanie (Haynes) Duckworth, Seattle.

Farthing—Kaiden C. was born April 14, 2006, to Christopher and Candye (Kintner) Farthing, Sherwood, Ore.

Fry—Mara K. was born May 23, 2006, to Scott and Kristin (Bergman) Fry, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Gilbert—Savannah P. was born May 17, 2006, to Chris and Chandra (Kokkeler) Gilbert, Springfield, Ore.

Hughes—Aliyah J. was born April 30, 2006, to Paul and Sharon (Lee) Hughes, Renton, Wash.

Moffit—Emily D. was born June 7, 2006, to Chad and Noelle (Wilson) Moffit, Medford, Ore.

Pegel—Jack V. was born April 14, 2006, to Leslie and Rochelle (Matheson) Pegel, Clackamas, Ore.

Preston—Ella N. was born July 11, 2006, to Erik and Kelly (O’Connor) Preston, Chehalis, Wash.

Roberts—Jason Peter was born May 28, 2006, to Eric and Heidi (Schermann) Roberts, Papua, Indonesia.

Scollard—Kiera Mackenzie was born May 17, 2006, to Andy and Shonna (Davis) Scollard, Snohomish, Wash.

Trees—Samantha R. was born May 3, 2006, to Ray and Karin (Ruad) Trees Jr., College Place, Wash.

Youker—Daniel G. was born July 9, 2006, to Jeff and Jennifer (Chittenden) Youker, Loma Linda, Calif.
COLBURN–MORALES—Marcella Colburn and Justo Morales Jr. were married July 16, 2006, in Pleasant Hill, Ore. They are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich. Marcella is the daughter of Les and Lynda Colburn. Justo is the son of Justo Sr. and Rosa Morales.

DEWEY–THIELE—Kristin Dewey and Christopher Thiele were married July 16, 2006, in Sydney, Australia, where they are making their home. Kristin is the daughter of Neil and Julia Dewey. Christopher is the son of David and Jillian Thiele.

DOUGLAS–CHASE—Melinda L. Douglas and Nathan R. Chase were married June 18, 2006, in Port Orchard, Wash. They are making their home in Bremerton, Wash. Melinda is the daughter of David and Joey Douglas. Nathan is the son of Charlie and Janet Chase.

EATON–ARROWWOOD—Candice Michelle Eaton and John Michael Arrowwood were married August 12, 2006, in Dayton, Ore. They are making their home in Tigard, Ore. Candice is the daughter of Mickey and Linda Eaton. John is the son of Alice Gentry.

GAINER–OSTBY—Julia Gainer and Nathaniel Ostby were married July 30, 2006, in Happy Valley, Ore. They are making their home in Augusta, Ga. Julia is the daughter of George B. and Leanne (Jurmu) Gainer. Nathaniel is the son of Norman K. and Jane (Wilkinson) Ostby.

GRAHAM–QUINN—Cynthia M. Graham and Leland R. Quinn were married July 9, 2006, in Pendleton, Ore., where they are making their home. Cynthia is the daughter of Garnard Graham and Marie Easley. Leland is the son of Leland Quinn and Joan Applegate.

HART–CONRAD—Rebecca A. Hart and Matthew A. Conrad were married July 23, 2006, in Black Butte Ranch, Ore. They are making their home in Eugene, Ore. Rebecca is the daughter of Marling and Claire Hart. Matthew is the son of Christopher and Evelyn Conrad.

LAING–GEORGE—Amber Laing and Robert George were married August 6, 2006, in Auburn, Calif. They are making their home in Sacramento, Calif. Amber is the daughter of Richard and Louise Laing. Robert is the son of Charles and Kathryn George.

LINDSEY–WART—Tiffany Lindsey and Jason Wart were married July 30, 2006, in Bozeman, Mont. They are making their home in Seattle. Tiffany is the daughter of Chris and Kathy (Morehouse) Lindsey and Kim (Anderson) Lindsey and Kenny Roberts. Jason is the son of Gary Wart and Keleen “Kelly” (Burke) Wart.

SAMS–DAMM—Kelsie S. Sams and John A. Damm were married August 20, 2006, in Milton-Freewater, Ore. They are making their home in Bremerton, Wash. Kelsie is the daughter of the late Doug and Lana Eszler. John is the son of David and Monnette Damm.

SARGEANT–HERMENS—Rosanne K. Sargeant and Joshua J. Hermens were married May 21, 2006, in McMinnville, Ore., where they are making their home. Rosanne is the daughter of Jim and Bonnie Sargeant. Joshua is the son of John and Debra Hermens.

SHUMATE–MOYER—Rebecca A. Shumate and Richard J. Moyer Jr. were married July 2, 2006, in Chehalis, Wash. They are making their home in Auburn, Wash. Rebecca is the daughter of Frederick M. and Maxine P. Shumate. Richard is the son of Richard Sr. and Carol Moyer.

SIMPSON–DEYERLE—Christina S. Simpson and Jeremiah E. Deyerle were married July 1, 2006, in Helena, Mont. They are making their home in East Helena, Mont. Christina is the daughter of Joel and Kimberly Simpson. Jeremiah is the son of Ron and Brenda Deyerle.


CARTER—Beth E. (Francisco) Bryant, 80; born Feb. 7, 1926, Mountain View, Calif.; died Feb. 22, 2006, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: son, Steven, Battle Ground, Wash.; daughters, Candi Hale and Vikki Van Curler, both of Eugene, Ore.; sisters, Lorraine Casper, Junction City, Ore.; Roberta Anderson and Twyla Geer, both of Florence, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CLARK—Max A., 86; born March 10, 1921, Onawa, Iowa; died July 1, 2006, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Marty, Rogue River, Ore.; daughters, Nancy Collins, Grants Pass; Jeanie Price, Rogue River; brothers, Howard, Harvey and Ross Clark; sister, Betty, St. Louis, Mo.; and 7 grandchildren.


FRISBY—Dora (Wolford) Brownson Bell, 71; born July 18,
1934, Phoenix, Ariz.; died April 22, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Norman, College Place, Wash.; son, Duane Brownson, Cottage Grove, Ore.; daughters, Diane (Brownson) Davin and Debbie (Brownson) Patterson, both of Oakland, Ore.; stepdaughter, Anne (Frisby) Hawley, Kenmore, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.


GISSEL—LaRae (Harrop), 70; born May 18, 1936, Driggs, Idaho; died June 1, 2006, Laguna Hills, Calif. Surviving: husband, Conrad; sons, Gregory, Laguna Hills; Brad, Sandpoint, Idaho; Garth, Weston, Ore.; daughters, Kellee Merrill, Sandpoint; Traci Gissel, Sandpoint; brother, Steve Harrop, Tapillion, Neb.; sisters Edie Harrop, Driggs; Sally Bartholomew, Phoenix, Ariz.; and 7 grandchildren.

GRAHAM—Ileen (Wells), 75; born Aug. 9, 1931, Doniphan County, Kan.; died Aug. 13, 2006, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert; daughters, Teresa Panosian, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Leora Ragan, Yreka, Calif.; sisters, Wanda Ferguson and Leslye Snider both of Riverside, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.


LAUGHLIN—Tyrreleen M. (Conant), 64; born Jan. 31, 1942, Long Beach, Calif.; died July 20, 2006, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert; sons, Robert II, Palmer, Alaska; W. Michael, Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Cheryl Havens, Wilsonville, Ore.; mother, Margaret (Smith) Conant, Perris, Calif.; brothers, Claude and Jerry Conant, both of Riverside, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.


REICH—Irene E. (Kurz), 73; born Aug. 8, 1932, Los Angeles; died June 24, 2006, John Day, Ore. Surviving: husband, Clifford E., Monument, Ore.; son, Danny E., Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Pearl A. Spencer, Monument; brother, Carl E. Kurz, Salem, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

SCHULTZ—Donald L., 81; born March 25, 1925, Albany, Ore.; died Aug. 17, 2006, Bend, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lillyann (Reviny); sons, Wayne, Perry, Ore.; Neil, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.


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OREGON

Retired Workers’ Fellowship

Oct. 3—The monthly potluck of the “Oregon Retired Workers’ Fellowship” will be held at noon. Jack Harris will be presenting our program and sharing information with us on the Voice of Prophecy. Although the potluck is for retired denominational workers, we would encourage and welcome other retirees to join us. Please bring food and your own table service. The potluck will be held in the cafeteria at the Gladstone Conference Center, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Ore. For more information, call the Jorgensons at (360) 423-1612.

Visitors Day Weekend

Oct. 6–7—The University Park Church will be hosting “A Sabbath School Visitors Day Weekend” starting Friday at 7 p.m. It will conclude on Sabbath with divine worship and an afternoon workshop on “The Effectiveness of Sabbath School Participation.” The theme is “In Service for Others.” The afternoon workshop will begin at 3:30 p.m. after a concert. A member of the North Portland community will be honored for Community Service during divine worship. The guest speaker and presenter will be Elder Clarence Wright, the Southeastern Conference (Florida) Sabbath School director. The church is located at 4007 N. Alaska St. You can contact the church for more information at (503) 289-8792.

SAGE Maximizing Your Greatest Resource

Oct. 6–7—Discover how the brain functions and how you can manage your energy expenditures with Dr. Arlene Taylor at the Gladstone Conference Center. Call (503) 343-9548 for more information and registration materials.

Vesper Musical Program

Oct. 7—Carl and Audré Parker in concert at 4:30 p.m., Mt. Tabor Church, 1001 S.E. 60th Ave., Portland, Ore. An offering will be received to support the Community Learning Center.

Falls City Church Centennial

Oct. 21—The Falls City Church will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its organization as a church. The celebration will include a number of former pastors with Elder Donovan Kack as the speaker for the 11 a.m. service. Following a fellowship lunch, there will be a program of “Music and Memories” at 2:30 p.m. It is planned for a number of groups and individual musicians to participate.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

Oct. 7—Local Church Budget; Oct. 14—World Budget: Voice of Prophecy; Oct. 21—Local Church Budget; Oct. 28—Local Conference Advance; Nov. 4—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

October is Health Month.

Oct. 7—Children’s Sabbath, Health Education Week; Oct. 21—Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath; Oct. 28—Pathfinder Sabbath; Oct. 8–14—Native Heritage Month; Nov. 4–25—Heritage Month; Nov. 4—Stewardship Sabbath.

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The GLEANER is pleased to announce the immediate opening of its 2007 Nature Photography Contest. Winning entries will be selected to 1) appear on page 2 of the GLEANER magazine next year or 2) be featured for one week on the front page of the GLEANERonline.org Web site during the year. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006.

The GLEANER will be accepting digital photos as well as slide transparencies, but several contest rules will apply to both media:

1. Photographers may submit a maximum of 15 vertical images.
2. Only images of nature scenes taken within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington will be considered.
3. Photographers should be prepared to supply model releases for any recognizable people appearing in winning entries.
4. Winning entries from past years are no longer eligible for submission.
5. Twelve contest-winning images will be used in the print edition of GLEANER, with payment of one-time-use rights of $80 per photo.
6. In addition to the 12 photos selected for print, 52 photos will be selected to appear on the www.GLEANERonline.org Web site in low resolution each week during the year, after which the photo may be seen in archival form for four weeks before dropping off to make room for the next featured photo. Any requests for high-resolution versions of these photos for any other purpose will be forwarded to the photographer.
7. Entries should be mailed to P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687, or delivered to GLEANER, 1498 S.E. Tech Center Place, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98683 during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon.
8. All slides and CDs will be returned by regular first-class mail along with the photo evidence about that image.
9. Files other than JPG will not be accepted. Virgin JPG files should be saved at the highest possible resolution. Avoid degrading the image by re-saving a JPG file to the same filename.
10. Submit photos on a CD that is clearly identified “2007 Images of Creation Photo Contest” along with the photographer’s name.
11. Use the title of each photo as its filename on the CD to facilitate future correspondence about that image.
12. Full contact information should also be contained in a cover letter that accompanies the entries: name, mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, and e-mail address. Include a typewritten list of all the titles you are submitting.

SLIDE ENTRIES
1. Only original 35-millimeter slide duplicates will be considered. Slide duplicates will be disqualified.
2. The photographer’s name must appear on the slide mount along with the photo title to facilitate future correspondence about the image and avoid loss or confusion.
3. Full contact information should be contained in a cover letter that accompanies the entries: name, mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, and e-mail address. Include a typewritten list of all the titles you are submitting.
4. Entries should be placed in a plastic slide page and protected in a large manila envelope.

Images of Creation Photo Contest Opens

DIGITAL ENTRIES
1. If submitting photos taken with a digital camera, ensure that your camera captures at least three megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its “highest-resolution” mode and the image is recorded at the “largest JPG size.” The file should be several megabytes in size!
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To participate in sharing musical blessings. Former members and those from area churches are cordially invited to join in this very special occasion of thanksgiving, memories and celebration along with the Falls City Church family at 205 N. Main St. For more details, contact the head elder, Junior Fischer at (503) 787-3680.

Florence Sanctuary Dedication
Oct. 21—All friends, members, former members and pastors of the Florence Church, 4445 Highway 101, Florence, Ore., are invited to join us at 3 p.m. to dedicate our beautiful new sanctuary. The day starts with morning worship at 10:45 a.m., followed by a potluck meal at 12:30. Please send your written memories and old photos (marked with your name and address) for all to enjoy to P.O. Box 3000, Florence, OR 97439. For more information, contact Todd Smitherman at (541) 902-0133, suncoast@harborside.com; or see the church Web site at florence.netadventist.org.

Hillsboro Missing
Hillsboro Church is looking for these members: David Choy, Marcus Kazmamarek, Gerald and Jeannie Loeks, Tiffany Collard, Nancy Evers Campbell, Sandra Ryon, Patrick Grogan, Joan Booth, Jessica Pitcher, and Michelle Shute. Anyone with information regarding them, please contact the clerk at 367 N.E. Grant, Hillsboro, OR 97124, (503) 648-3922, or hillsborsods@yahoo.com.

Open House
Nov. 2—Project PATCH announces the opening of its new administrative office in Vancouver, Wash. Please join us for an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., at 2404-A East Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, Wash.

Forgiveness Seminar
Nov. 3–4 (Date changed from Sept. 29–30)—Explore the role of forgiveness in your life and others. You will not be required to divulge personal stories. Seminar presenters: Dr. Darold Bigger, Walla Walla College, and Dr. Barbara Hernandez, Loma Linda University. Hosted at the Hood View Church. To register and receive more information, e-mail forgive@wwc.edu or phone the School of Social work at (509) 527-2590.

UPPER COLUMBIA
Revelation Now
Oct. 20—An evangelistic series of meetings with Jacoba and ‘dina Colon, is coming to the
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Clarkston/Lewiston area and will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Adventist Church, 2673 13th St., in Clarkston, Wash. You are welcome to come, and invite your friends and relatives.

Rockey Seminar
Nov. 3—“The Journey—Understanding rejection and being released from its grip.” All of us have experienced rejection in many different forms, which drives today’s behavior. Seminar begins Friday evening in College Place, Wash. For information or to register, go to http://www.yourlri.com or call toll-free (888) 800-0574.

WASHINGTON

SAGE Seniors Calendar

Oak Harbor Missing
The Oak Harbor church is seeking the following missing members: Gary Bullock, Anthony Clark, Dina Larson, Michael Phelps, Anna Young, Jennie Blakemore. If you have information regarding these members, please contact Dorothy Cantrell at the Oak Harbor Church, 31830 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Yelm Missing
The Yelm Church is seeking the following missing members: Michael Anderson, Veronica Faz, Bailey Hansen, Veronica Keith, Mario Martinez, Michael Stewart, Diane Vicent, Daniel Wingeter. If you have information regarding any of these members, please contact Rose Hall at the Yelm Church, P.O. Box 520, Yelm, WA 98597.

WORLD CHURCH

Cruise with a Mission
The Center for Youth Evangelism is launching a unique outreach opportunity for young adults ages 18–35. Cruise with a Mission is a combination mission trip, cruise and spiritual retreat. The goal is to bring young adults from all over the world together for a time of spiritual renewal, servant-minded evangelism and community building fellowship. Serving needs range from construction and repair, to medical clinics, to cleaning and restoration, to children’s ministries and simple acts of kindness. More than 500 young adults will be taking to the backstreets of three Caribbean port cities to share the love of God. While not in port, participants will enjoy a broad range of Christian entertainment and spiritually enriching activities. Visit www.cruisewithamission.org for registration and additional information.

Orangewood Academy Homecoming
Oct. 26–29—Orangewood Adventist Academy is turning 50 and we are requesting your presence during Alumni Weekend to celebrate this momentous occasion. Classes to be honored include ‘66, ’76, ’81, ’91, ’96, ’01. Weekend events include: anniversary gala and banquet; golf tournament; beach vespers; guest speaker Tim Windemuth; music by Jim Woods; Saturday night and Sunday fun and games. For more information please visit www.orangewoodacademy.com.

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Some in our society, parents included, are pushing student achievement far more than character development. Yet, by forcing kids toward more achievement, parents have eliminated the very process by which character matures. Students arrive at college or even their first job, unable to contend positively with peer pressure or basic ethical issues of right and wrong.

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