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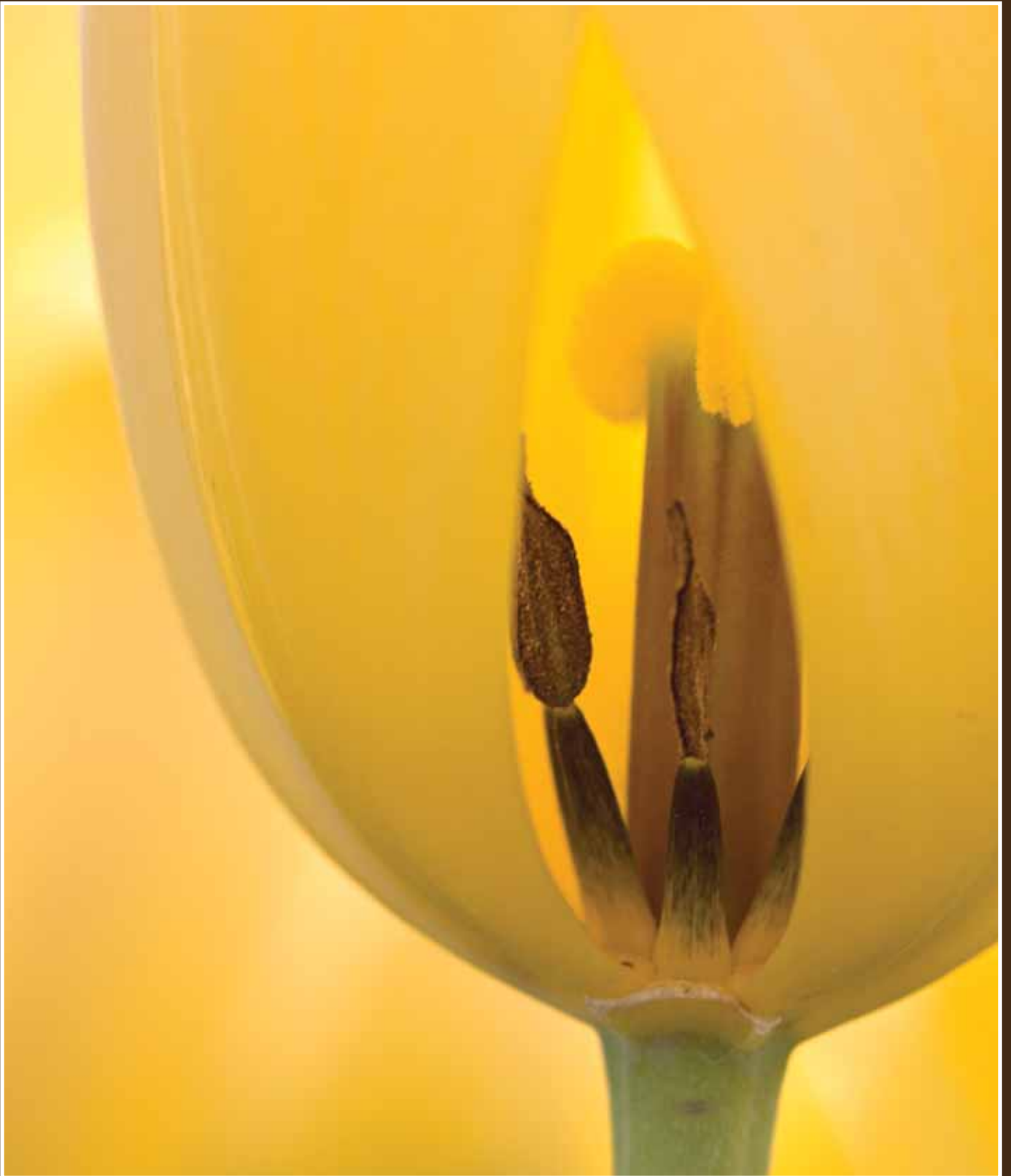


SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him.
COLOSSIANS 2:6 (NIV)

"Candle in the Wind" taken in Woodland, Washington, by Albert H. Russell of Lebanon, Oregon.

A Very Present Gift

Have you ever been so anxious to share a gift with someone you love you just couldn't wait?

Many years ago, I was pastor of a church with a wonderful Sabbath School kindergarten program. One of the songs they sang was meant to help the children learn to be unselfish. A regular partner to that song was a plastic rocking horse mounted on springs. Each child had a chance to sit on the rocking horse and rock as everyone sang, *"I'll share my rocking horse."* Our little daughter loved to ride that horse and could hardly wait for her turn each Sabbath. Boy, could she ride! She didn't just sit on the horse, she made the springs stretch as far as they would go.

When we saw how much she loved rocking on that horse, my wife and I decided to purchase a rocking horse to give to her for Christmas. We were so eager to give her that gift — we could hardly wait for Christmas to come.

Jesus told His disciples that His heavenly Father was eager to give them the Holy Spirit to fill their lives. "I will talk to the Father, and He'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth," (John 14:16 *The Message*). Christ loved His disciples so much, He couldn't wait to give them the Holy Spirit.

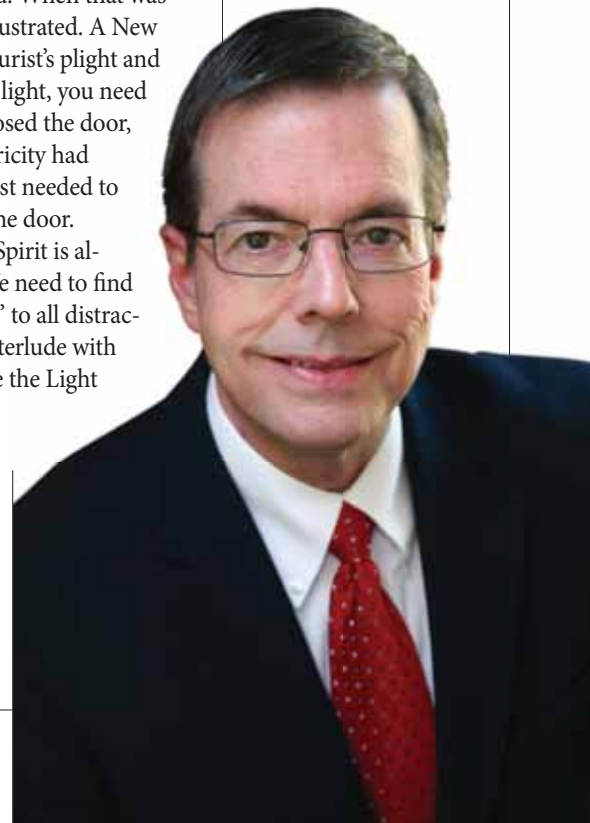
In order to give his followers that Gift, He told them He must go so they could receive the Comforter. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you," (John 16:7 *NKJ*). It was a divine commitment. When Jesus returned to heaven He fulfilled His promise by pouring out the Holy Spirit on that little band of believers (Acts 2).

So, how do we receive the Holy Spirit in our lives? Here's an illustration that helps me.

One day a tourist in New York City wanted to make a phone call. Finding a telephone booth, he stepped inside to make his call. Now understand this was a few years ago when phone books were chained to the inside of such booths. The sun was setting, the light was bad, so the tourist tried to take the phone directory outside. That didn't work because the directory was chained to the booth. Noticing a light bulb in the booth, the tourist tried to turn it on. He couldn't find a switch and thought perhaps the light bulb needed to be tightened. When that was unsuccessful, he started to get frustrated. A New Yorker passing by noticed the tourist's plight and said, "If you want to turn on the light, you need to close the door." The tourist closed the door, and the light came on. The electricity had always been there. The tourist just needed to connect the power by shutting the door.

Like that light bulb, the Holy Spirit is always there for each one of us. We need to find time each day to "close the door" to all distractions and spend that precious interlude with Jesus. When we do that, we'll see the Light come on. We will see the Holy Spirit do marvelous things in each of our lives. Thank you Lord, for the Holy Spirit that is available to us right now.

"The electricity had always been there."



JOHN LOOR JR.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION



Gary Dodge

Dodge and Hastings Accept New Roles

Gary Dodge, North Pacific Union Conference Planned Giving and Trust Services director, will now fill the same responsibilities on a worldwide level for the General Conference. Dodge has worked within the NPUC office since 2001. Before that he served the Idaho Conference as treasurer for nine years. He will continue to be based in the Vancouver, Washington, area.

Robert Hastings has accepted the call to become the Arizona Conference treasurer. Most recently the North Pacific Union Conference Association treasurer, Hastings has worked at the NPUC for the past 23 years. Hastings was instrumental in updating investment processes for the Revolving Fund, which serves the financial needs of Northwest churches and schools.



Robert Hastings



The DVD series *Breakthrough* by José Rojas is available online.

Video Resources Online

Go to www.npuc.org to find an updated selection of video resources for viewing or downloading. The latest series from José Rojas is available in both English and Spanish. You will find additional videos from the Momentum series, a 12-part video seminar on Christian stewardship with Dick Hanson and a selection of constituency videos and other resources. Use the mobile media code here to connect to the José Rojas series via your mobile device.



Did You Know?

Words, Words, Words

The *GLEANER* annually edits more than 250,000 words of news and information for Northwest members. More than 2 million words from past *GLEANERS* are archived at gleaneronline.org. Since the first issue in 1906, the *GLEANER* has published more than 30 million words to connect Adventists around the Northwest with the mission of their church.



Land of Beginning Again

On the same day my husband and I received the February *GLENER*, I started reading “Land of Beginning Again” (editorial) as I ate my lunch. A memory tapped in of when Lowell Litten, former *Junior Guide* editor and member of our church in Vienna, Virginia, in the 1980s, read that poem for a special Thanksgiving worship. Coincidentally, still on the same day, I was listening to an old cassette tape as I was resting. I knew it was an old Thanksgiving tape, but I didn’t remember that Lowell Litten was going to read “Land of Beginning Again.” I love God’s serendipities. Curious, I looked online and found that Louise Fletcher Tarkington is the author. May the practical applications extrapolated by Max Torkelsen II find fulfillment in our daily lives this year.

*Tina Thomsen,
Silverdale, Washington*

Imitation Hits the Mark

I was once very quick to criticize you for your writing of an article and what the impact of it might have on some minds. We might not agree on all points, but on the article “Imitation” (Let’s Talk, January 2011) I do believe we are on the same page. It is well written and so true. We, on an individual basis, need to do more study of our Bibles and of the writings of E. G. White, or else how are we going to know whom we are imitating? From the latest TV show or

reality show we are going to learn nothing except self is the most important thing to be gleaned, and the less time we will have to communicate with our Lord and Master, and have the desire to imitate Him. Thank you for your timely message.

*Bill Gillaspay,
White City, Oregon*

High Marks for GleanerNOW!

You have a terrific newsletter! Great layout – high quality

news selection! Who does it?
*Lynetta Murdoch,
North American Division*

GLENER responds: Thanks, Lynetta. Our weekly e-newsletter is a collaborative effort of our communication team. It summarizes the latest news around the Northwest and the world church and is distributed via e-mail every Thursday. Those who aren’t already signed up to receive it can do so at gleaneronline.org.



FROM THE *GLENER* ARCHIVES

Can You Tell Us Where This Is?

If you can tell us anything about this photo, including who, when and where, let us know. Go to the *GLENER* blog site at gleaneronline.org and add your comments to the discussion under the March photo in the Monthly Archival Photo section or e-mail us at talk@nw.npuc.org.

NOTE: LAST MONTH’S PHOTO FEATURED A GROUP OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS AT YAKIMA VALLEY ACADEMY. THE SCHOOL WAS OPERATED IN GRANGER, WASHINGTON, FROM 1921 UNTIL 1945, AND THEN THE ACADEMY PORTION OF THE SCHOOL MOVED TO SPANGLE, WASHINGTON, AS THE UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY. VISIT THE FEBRUARY ARCHIVAL PHOTO AT THE *GLENER* BLOG SITE FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.





SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

★ ★ *A Plan to Reach North America* ★ ★

EDITORS' NOTE: Revival, reformation and a renewed emphasis to reclaim missing members and reach communities with the gospel was a significant message presented during General Conference Autumn Council and the North American Division Year-end Meeting in late 2010. Dan Jackson, NAD president, introduced documents that were read and voted on. Summarized here are his thoughts intended to impact church life and its mission during the next five years.

I believe we are living in a segment of time the Bible describes as “the end of the age.” For Seventh-day Adventists of all generations, the resounding message of the Scriptures is: Jesus is coming soon! However, as I consider the scope of the task God has given us, it is not difficult to see the mission is far more extensive than can be accomplished through human energy and means.

As never before, you and I must have the power of God’s Spirit take control of us personally and corporately. It is not acceptable for us to think we can continue to carry out God’s work as we’re doing now or have in the past.

We are in desperate need of spiritual renewal. As individuals and as a North American Division-wide family, we must appeal to God to gift us with His Spirit to such an extent that our hearts will continually focus

on His will and His plan for us and the world around us.

As division president, I appeal to each layperson and to every employee to take this matter personally and seriously. This kind of commitment alone will move the church into the future God has in mind for our division.

In preparation for the 2010 year-end meeting, the NAD leadership team engaged in the process of strategic planning for the next five years. We resolve by 2015 the church in North America will have become transformed by the Holy Spirit and moved to action in the following five ways:

★ *REACH UP (Revival and Reformation)*

- Churches experience a revival and reformation that results in life-changing transformations.
- Members enjoy a vibrant and joyful relationship with Christ.

★ *REACH ACROSS (Unity in Diversity)*

- New members' love for Christ is a catalyst to reinvigorate their congregations. New members are oriented to and inspired by the life-affirming culture of Adventism and are integrated into the church fabric.
- Each member is actively involved in church life and ministry. Discipleship training and compelling leadership opportunities are provided for children, youth, young adults, students in public education, seniors and members with disabilities.
- Adventists disengaged from church life are recognized as valued members of our family. Congregations implement ways to actively reconnect with them.
- Congregations embrace and practice the concept of unity in diversity in such matters as age, gender, race and socioeconomic status; congregations are intentional in planning ways to educate members.

★ *REACH OUT (Evangelism, Community, Discipleship)*

- NAD organizations of every type combine their efforts in communicating Adventism's distinctive message of hope and wholeness to every person within the NAD territory, with a focus on big cities.

★ *REACH IN (Growing Disciples/Adventist Education)*

- Because Adventist education is a core church value, the local church is an edu-

cation center for members of all ages — combining with the school to serve and evangelize children and youth within church and the community.

- Through NAD resources, the church makes distinctive Adventist education available to every Adventist child.
- The church finds a way to help strengthen and build a system of Adventist higher education.

★ *REACH FORWARD (A Focus on Leadership)*

- The NAD, unions, local conferences and institutions collaborate to support mission and strategy through responsible stewardship and a culture of inclusive participation.
- Organizations and institutions have in place a well-designed and active program to cultivate and develop leaders.
- The NAD significantly increases member donations.
- The NAD and at least four unions implement Assessment for Excellence programs that promote and document levels of financial integrity, operational efficiency, program quality and staff effectiveness.

I challenge every pastor, laymember, church administrator, departmental leader, institutional worker, health worker, literature evangelist, chaplain and educator to make revival, reformation, discipleship and evangelism the most important and urgent priorities of our personal lives and areas of ministry. As we seek Him together, God will pour out His Holy Spirit in abundant measure, the work of

God on earth will be finished and Jesus will come. Please join the NAD family in experiencing God's blessing and direction in the final moments prior to His return.



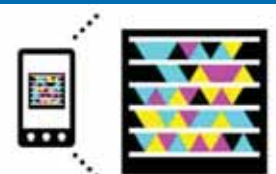
The initiative, "REACH North America," was adopted as a guideline and measuring device both for personal revival and for corporate nurturing and outreach. The full document is available at www.nadadventist.org.

Watch the latest video presentation on revival by Dwight Nelson at <http://www.revivalandreformation.org/seeking-nelson> or by using the GLEANER mobile media access code here.

Dan Jackson is the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.

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¡Estoy Feliz Por Haberme Bautizado!

Erika no se sentía digna de venir a Jesús. Su pasado era tan triste y tan feo que ella pensaba que Dios no la amaba. Erika nació en un hogar disfuncional. Desde pequeña su vida había sido muy complicada. Tan pronto su padre supo que su madre estaba embarazada, la abandonó y no volvió a verla hasta que Erika cumplió los 12 años de edad. No solamente se sintió abandonada por su padre sino que también se sintió abandonada por su propia madre pues ella tuvo que viajar a los Estados Unidos para trabajar y ganar el sustento de su familia. Erika se sentía sola

y triste. Abandonada por su padre y separada de su madre. Buscando el amor que no encontró en su hogar, Erika trató de entablar una buena relación amorosa con su novio. Pero esa relación tampoco funcionó. Cuenta Erika, “Mi vida fue tan triste que desde niña tenía pensamientos suicidas. Después de sentir que no valía nada y que ninguna de mis relaciones funcionaba, solo quería morir. Ese era un secreto que mantenía en mi corazón. Yo solo quería estar muerta. Pensé en muchas maneras de quitarme la vida.” Erika sabía que existía un Dios, pero no entendía ¿por

qué Dios nunca escuchaba sus súplicas? Sin embargo, ella estaba equivocada. Dios siempre escucha a sus hijos. Erika empezó a estudiar la Biblia y se enamoró de Jesús. Ella fue una de las primeras personas que fueron bautizadas en la campaña de evangelización realizada en la Iglesia de Tacoma durante el mes de Septiembre. Erika nos cuenta, “En mis momentos de desesperación yo le preguntaba a Dios, ¿Por qué me permites vivir? Yo no quiero vivir. No tengo las fuerzas, ni el deseo de seguir viviendo. Si es que quieres que siga viviendo dame un motivo para seguir.

En mi egoísmo no escuchaba su voz que me decía, “ese motivo soy yo, ámame, yo no te decepcionaré. No te traicionaré, no te dejaré sola. Yo te daré el hogar que tanto deseas, te daré vida eterna. Sólo abre la puerta y confía en mí.” Y desde que le abrí la puerta a Jesús, he comenzado a sentir una alegría y una felicidad que nunca antes había sentido. Estoy feliz por haberme bautizado.”

Escrito por el Pastor Ramon Canals, Vice Presidente del Ministerio Hispano en la NPUC



El pastor Jim León bautizando a Erika Muñoz en la campaña evangelística que se llevó a cabo en la iglesia Adventista Hispana de Tacoma.



Karina Medrano, quien fue instrumental en invitar a su hermana Erika a las conferencias, le da la bienvenida entregándole una Biblia y una copia del audio libro Secretos de la vida.

Kairos Prison Ministry

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a structured week-end with talks, chapel visits, prayer, singing, laughing and home-cooked meals. Adventist women, along with women of other denominations, went into Hiland Mountain Correctional Center in Eagle River, just north of Anchorage, Alaska, to encourage and lead 24 inmates to Christ.

Volunteers prepared meals, transported food to and from the institution, and separated cookies into bags to be delivered to inmates.

Four Adventists were on the team — two for the first time. The new members were great additions and such witnesses. Some said it was an opportunity for the church members



Pictured here are the November 2010 Kairos Hiland Mountain participants.

to show how God works in Adventists' lives and their understanding of the Bible.

One prison guests puts it this way: "I learned what true Christian fellowship looks like and

that unconditional love is real."

An Adventist Bible study is also given each Thursday night at the correctional center. Kairos alumni have attended these Bible studies.

Nan Peters, Northside Church member

Alaska Conference Changes

The Alaska Conference executive committee voted to draw conference and church leadership closer and align administration with ministry. Two pastors were appointed to fill the recently vacated position of

executive secretary by creating two half-time positions.

Kevin Miller continues to pastor the Northside and The Second Mile churches as he assumes his new role as half-time ministerial vice president.

Miller was formerly a pastor and district supervisor in northern Michigan before moving to Alaska in 2008. He and his wife, Paula, a nurse, have three children: Kara, A.J. and Josh.

Quentin Purvis is the new half-time secretariat vice president. Purvis, born and raised

in southeast Alaska, recently moved back from the Michigan Conference, where he served as district supervisor for 15 years and was on the executive committee. He was the senior pastor of the Lansing Church when he accepted the call to Alaska. In addition to his conference responsibilities, he assists Miller as the pastor of evangelism for the Northside and The Second Mile churches. Purvis is married to Kim, former Michigan Conference women's ministries director. Kim has accepted the



Pictured here, from left are: Josh, Kara, Kevin, Paula and A.J. Miller.

call to teach grades 1-4 at Anchorage (Alaska) Junior Academy. They have two daughters: Kaila and Katie.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



Pictured here, from left are: Katie, Quentin, Kim and Kaila Purvis.

God's Miracle Playground

Desert View Christian School



Desert View Christian School playground is dedicated on Dec. 18, 2010. Front row, from left are: Byron Fesler, Home and School coordinator; Anthony; and Paulette Jackson, Idaho Conference education superintendent. Back row, from left: Isaac; Cody; Carrie Tow, DVCS teacher, Devin (hiding behind Mr. Fesler); Trevor; and Hayden.

A dedication ceremony for “God’s Miracle Playground” was held on Dec. 18, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at Desert View Christian School in Mountain Home, Idaho, for new playground equipment. Paulette Jackson, Idaho Conference education superintendent, helped cut the ribbon with students and staff.

The playground is truly a miracle. Four students raised more than \$1,700 dollars. They received donations from many people totaling more than \$8,500, with the largest single donation being \$4,000. Equipment was donated and people volunteered time and talents to make this happen. The company providing p-gravel gave a 40 percent discount. The company providing the swing

set and jungle gym gave a \$960 discount.

Students planned, measured, marked, shoveled dirt, and moved rock and gravel in preparation for the dedication. During the 10 months students said a lot of prayers for items needed and prayers of thanksgiving.

Carrie Tow, DVCS teacher, acknowledges she used the experience to teach math, science, physics and, most of all, God.

Students would like to say thank you to all who helped make this playground a reality. And, above all, they praise the Lord. DVCS is a one-room Adventist School with seven students located in the basement of Mountain Home Church.

Byron Fesler, Home and School coordinator

McPherson Retires After 22 Years

as Idaho Conference President

The Idaho Conference hosted a retirement celebration for Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president since 1988. More than 225 people attended, showing support and appreciation. The festivities began with Erv Furne, Nampa (Idaho) Church pastor and emcee for the program, presenting McPherson with the “Methuselah Award,” an hourglass that Furne asserted was the timepiece in use when McPherson began his ministry in Idaho.

While there was a lot of roasting, there were also many words of appreciation for 44 years of service to the Adventist Church

and especially for 22 years presiding in the Idaho Conference. Prior to his service in Idaho, McPherson was a pastor and then president in Alaska and a conference evangelist and personal ministries director and pastor in Minnesota and Arizona.

Among the accolades were congratulations for 25 years of service on the Walla Walla University Board, establishing a media ministry in the conference, improvements at Camp Ida-Haven to make it one of the best camps in the country and continued support for Gem State Adventist Academy, including plans

to establish an operating endowment. McPherson’s wife, Sharon, was recognized by the Idaho Conference Shepherdess leader for her many years of support to pastors’ wives. Peter McPherson, principal at GSAA, presented his father with an honorary diploma from the academy — making him an official alumnus.

The McPhersons plan to stay in Idaho. McPherson will continue to do public presentations in evangelism.

Don Klinger, Idaho Conference communication director



Steve and Sharon McPherson celebrate more than 44 years of service to the Adventist Church, having spent the last 22 years in the Idaho Conference.

ShareHim Boot Camp

Features High Energy and Inspiration

ShareHim boot camp didn't seem exciting to one Kalispell (Mont.) Church member.

After attending, however, she changed her mind: "WOW, the energy and holy spirit are palpable in the room," she says. "This is really what I needed. I am so thankful I came to ShareHim boot camp!"

So what changed this church member's attitude? First, the attendance at the ShareHim boot camp was outstanding — nearly 35 participants not only from Kalispell and Columbia Falls, but also from other Montana areas: Hamilton, Eureka, Whitefish and Stevensville.

The meals were scrumptious, thanks to Teri Pederson and her



ARCHIE HARRIS

David Prest, Montana Conference ministerial director, leads out in the ShareHim boot camp on evangelism.

manner. However, the most wonderful blessing came from the Holy Spirit being present. Hearts were touched and lives were changed in those 14 hours.

For those who have never attended a ShareHim boot camp, go, and go again. No one is too young or too old. At no time in history has the message of spreading the gospel been as important as in these last days. As Larry Belknap, pastor, says, "Evangelism is one beggar leading another beggar to food."

Here is what ShareHim is NOT. It is not about competing with the "big boys," though graduates from this course have presented to large groups internationally. It is not posting a sign that says, "Come to my meetings and be saved!"

It IS about connecting with people and sharing the love of Jesus. Participants started with making a list of people (neighbors, co-workers and friends) with whom they'd like to share

Jesus. Then participants chose five or six people and prayed for them. Prayerfully connected with them and introduced them to the church family.

ShareHim has created 26 PowerPoints for participants to share with small groups. Everything is there, from pictures to lecture notes. Maybe presenting isn't your comfort zone. At the conference, each person practiced giving a brief lecture

they hadn't seen before. The Holy Spirit was there energizing and giving passion. People who have never spoken to a group before touched hearts with this message.

ShareHim is a simple tool but effective to spread the message of Jesus Christ.

Joy Curtis, Kalispell Church member



ARCHIE HARRIS

Merlin Knowles, new Montana Conference president, leads out in one of the ShareHim boot camp sessions.

team. The instructors from the Montana Conference, including local pastors, were awesome and presented information in a caring, you-too-can-do-this



ARCHIE HARRIS

ShareHim boot camp attendees in Montana enjoy a lunch of haystacks.

Students Turn Pillowcases Into Dresses



Students and volunteers display their completed pillowcase dresses which are being sent to Ethiopia.

Lace, buttons and bias tape helped students in Maurita Crew's 5-10 class at Three Sisters Adventist Christian School in Bend, Ore., transform 17 pillowcases into cute, functional dresses. Darlene Kelley and

Kay Sanborn, volunteers from the Redmond (Ore.) Church, guided students through the process, from cutting and pinning to using sewing machines to hem and attach straps and trimmings. The dresses were

sized and packaged and will be going to Ethiopia with a school family who are picking up their adopted son. If you would like to try this simple, practical outreach, go to www.littledressesforafrica.org.

Maurita Crew, Three Sisters Adventist Christian School teacher

Hood View Junior Academy Goes Green!

Sustainability and recycling are important in every aspect of life, but especially at school. Hood View (Ore.) Junior Academy has embraced this concept, and students, parents and faculty alike are all striving to go green. Students are recycling paper, cans and bottles. They are composting their lunch leftovers. The cafeteria has banned all paper products in favor of reusable. Parents are diligently turning off their cars to avoid producing more emissions. Light

switches are turned off. Newsletters are sent via e-mail. There is even talk of planting a garden. All of these efforts have led to Hood View being awarded an Oregon Green School certificate. Students have achieved the first tier of this honor from Clackamas County and plan to continue on in their sustainability efforts.

Holley Bryant, HVJA principal



Zeta Vizcarra (left) and Ethan Unruh, first-grade students, proudly display the Oregon Green School certificate.

Mustaches for Men's Health

While the mustache is a fashion statement of the past, this school year at Portland (Ore.) Adventist Academy it made a temporary comeback in honor of a worldwide effort for men's health.

The annual November event, "Movember," is a movement started seven years ago by a group of Australian friends who wanted to bring awareness to men's health. They did this by growing attention-getting facial hair

and, in the process, raised funds to research prostate and testicular cancers — cancers that affect one in six men.

Annually the Movember event sees nearly 300,000 people around the world participate. More than 42 million dollars has been raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation because of the event.

Greg Phillips, PAA's chaplain, who is also a registered nurse and advocate for health, caught the trend years ago and this school year challenged

his colleagues and students to participate as well.

"We men are not good at seeing our doctors," says Phillips. "Movember is just a fun way for us to start the conversation about it and to help our students see the importance in taking their health seriously.

Students and faculty members all participated. Throughout the process it gave opportunity to educate students, parents, faculty and the community on men's health. It also served as a re-

minder to schedule a checkup with their doctors.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Pastor Stephen Lundquist Mitchell Kessler

One Voice for God

Whether it's singing for vespers, listening to music videos for worship, or participating in band, choir, bells or One Voice, music is a big part of Milo Adventist Academy.

One Voice is a small singing group volunteering their time to produce extraordinary music. Dwight Morgan, director, desires to make sure the name of the group is reflected in the unity of sound and purpose; to reach out to others and bring honor to God. Sam Short, from Bend,

Ore., loves the small group that produces a full sound. Larissa Bovee, alto from Days Creek, Ore., appreciates One Voice because of the feeling of working together. Seth Moturi, from Lebanon, Ore., and Rianne Margart, an alto from California, like the challenge of learning difficult music in addition to the regular choir songs. Everyone in One Voice loves that the group is small enough to travel easily and reach out to others.

Sopranos Rikita Patel and Kate Mayne, both from

Roseburg, Ore., remember the afternoon One Voice went out to a little house and surrounded the couple there and sang to them. The couple thought One Voice was trick-or-treating, but instead, treated them to beautiful music. One Voice played a crucial role in the Milo Christmas Program blessing many with a loving picture of Christ. Kate especially liked the Christmas program because it encompassed Christ's life beyond birth ... all the way to His death, and its impact on lives.

Another favorite activity of the group is to provide workshops at other schools. To share Christ with other students and to be able to reach out on a personal level is something that Joe Olsen, a tenor from Chehalis, Wash., feels is harder to do with a larger group. The group is rewarded by one on one contact with their audience and the appreciation expressed wherever they go. After their concert, one staff member from a nearby school said, "Thank you so much for visiting our school today. You have no idea what this means to me. Sometimes it is easy to lose sight of the end goal. Today your kids showed me again why we are in this work. Their music was such a blessing."

Carol Bovee, MAA GLEANER correspondent

One Voice performs for the Milo Adventist Academy Christmas program.



A Weekend of Prayers

The Holy Spirit was the special invited guest at the second-annual Oregon Conference fall prayer retreat at Grove Christian Camp. From the first gathering around a delicious vegetarian dinner to the small prayer groups and the larger corporate meetings, participants were encouraged to share their testimonies and prayer requests and spend time covering each other in prayer.

Kevin Wilfley, Upper Columbia Conference pastor, shared in each of the larger meetings.

His presentation on the four brain styles not only explained the differences in comfort levels in worship and prayer styles but also enlightened the group regarding relationship interactions. His educational presentations not only taught about and modeled prayer, they also provided many opportunities for Spirit-filled seasons of prayer.

Those attending the weekend expressed real appreciation for the topic.

“I didn’t realize how hungry

I was for prayer time. I felt I couldn’t get enough; it was like I was a sponge,” says one attendee.

“My husband and I enjoyed a deeper communication about spiritual things. That was a blessing for which I had long waited!” exclaimed another.

If you find yourself longing to experience a Spirit-filled season of prayer as you read the testimonies of others, the Oregon Conference prayer team is happy to bring a “Day of Prayer” to your church. These low-

keyed events are planned with the help of you and your church leadership. Call Chuck Burkeen at the Oregon Conference at 503-850-3500.

Kim Bryan, Oregon Conference prayer team member

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Springfield Church begins New Year *with Prayer and Baptisms*

Soft music and candlelight provided a meditative background for the Springfield (Ore.) Church Jan. 14–15.

Members participated in a New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil until midnight, praying quietly, thanking God for His provisions during the past year and soliciting His guidance for the New Year. The worship theme for the year had been chosen: "Sit, Walk, Kneel, and Stand in the Presence of God." March 2011 was set aside to focus on prayer and study the book *Forty Days of Prayer* by Dennis Smith, pastor and author from Arizona.

God did not wait long to pro-



Dennis Smith, pastor, speaks about receiving the Holy Spirit in Springfield, Ore. He altered his schedule in order to present the seminar.

vide a providential opening in Pastor Smith's schedule during the middle of January. "Some friends called and offered us the opportunity to host a week-end of spiritual renewal with Pastor Smith," says Lutz Binus, Springfield Church pastor. "We



Pictured here from left are: Pastor Lutz Binus, Bob and Satrena Boone, and Dale Gramley. The Boone's used to attend the Church of God 7th day.

already had plans in place for our worship services in January, but God decided this was more important." Many participants from other area churches joined the seminar which centered on three main areas: how to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit; how to let Christ empower daily living; and emotional healing.

A spirit of united searching and prayer for God's Spirit was felt all weekend long and culminated in a special time of prayer and anointing Sabbath afternoon. Participants realized how important forgiveness and emotional healing are to spiritual growth and even physical healing.

Another highlight for the Springfield Church was the welcoming of Bob and Satrena Boone, and Dale Gramley by baptism and profession of faith. The Boones had already learned about the Sabbath, but through studies and watching Better Life Broadcasting Network had come to the conviction they

wanted to make a stronger commitment to their Lord and Savior. Dale had been coming to church for many years already, studied with Bible worker Bob Biggs and was excited about her baptism. "I am amazed how God is working in

a special ways to draw individuals to Himself," says Binus.

Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader



Gregory Greene, Stephanie Smith and Justin Masters express the joy they received during the sessions.

UCC Adopts Vision Statement

The Upper Columbia Conference adopted an official vision statement at the recent conference executive committee meeting on Jan. 25. The statement paints a picture of what the church will be like just prior to Christ's return.

Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, says, "We intend to use this to guide conference and local church plans and strategies as we seek to reach our region with the news of Christ's love and His soon return."

The vision statement reads as follows:

"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were



The members of the Upper Columbia Conference Executive Committee discuss the significance of a vision statement and what it means for members.

praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the

power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God," (9T 126).

More information about this vision statement and how it is being implemented in the Upper Columbia Conference is available at www.uccsda.org.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director

UCC Slavic Ministry Begins Global Webcast



The Open Book Channel includes Russian-language church services recorded in Spokane, Wash. The choir from the Open Book Adventist Church often provides music ministry for the broadcast.

The Upper Columbia Conference Russian-language television ministry, The Open Book Channel, recently began broadcasting via the internet.

The Open Book Channel, which signed on the air in Spokane, Wash., a little more than a year ago, provides encouragement and hope to nearly 30,000 Russian-speaking residents in the greater Spokane area. Now, in addition to those watching on television, the ministry is broadcasting to a worldwide audience.

"We're just getting started," says Volody Nesteruk, pastor.

"We've only been online for a few months, but already we're averaging 100 viewers a day."

The ministry expects those numbers to grow as they begin promoting their webcast via Facebook, online advertising and word of mouth among Russian-speaking believers in Eastern Europe and Asia.

"We are here to share the gospel," says Nesteruk. "We are grateful God has given us this privilege to minister to our Russian-speaking families in a special way."

Jay Wintermeyer

UCC Approaches Evangelism

With Grass Roots Effort



SHARE the LIFE

More than 900 UCC members join outreach leadership teams in their local churches. These groups actively seek ways to build meaningful relationships with those searching for God.

A little more than a year ago, the Upper Columbia Conference launched the Share the Life evangelism initiative. Share the Life seeks to encourage and equip members to live every moment fully consumed with Christ and what matters to Him.

This conference-wide evangelism initiative is placing powerful resources at the church level in the form of Bible worker coordinators. These individuals are leading outreach teams in their churches, teaching members how to give Bible studies and working to find ways to build relationships with the community and missing members.

To date, the Share the Life initiative has placed Bible worker coordinators in 40 of the 69 church

districts. The difference this is making in churches is energizing. Members are getting excited about sharing the good news of Jesus.

Dylan Howard is a Bible worker coordinator in Osburn, Idaho. He just e-mailed in this encouraging report: "The Osburn Adventist Church started a soup kitchen ministry to meet the felt needs of our community. As a result of this outreach, we just received a request from a couple for study and baptism."

You can read more stories and find additional information about Share the Life at www.uccsda.org.

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC
communication director*



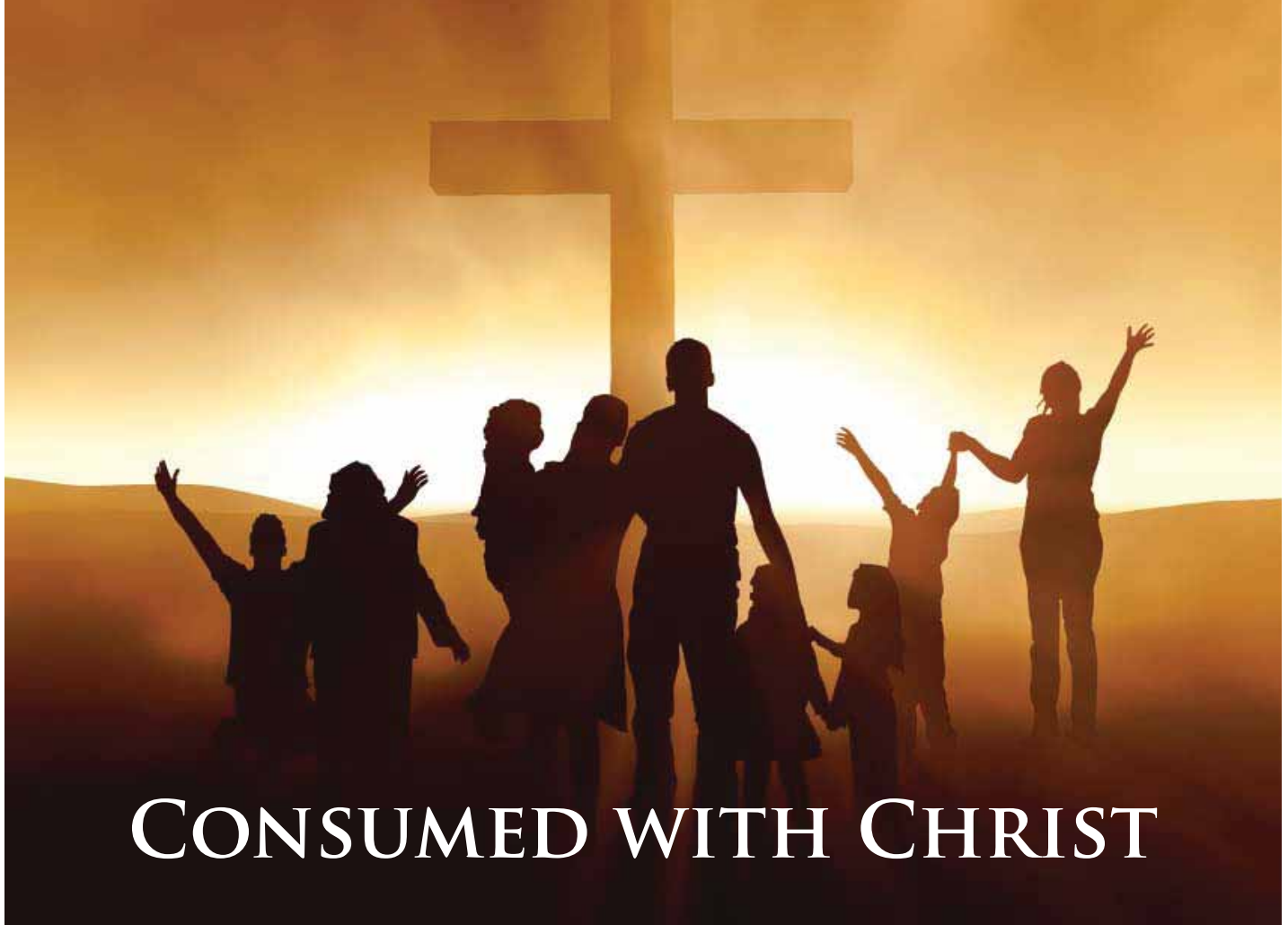
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Becky Barts Fills Associate Superintendent Position

The Upper Columbia Conference executive committee voted to invite Becky Barts to serve as associate superintendent of education. Barts, who is currently a teacher at the Spokane Valley (Wash.) Adventist School, has accepted the invitation and will begin her new responsibilities this summer. She will replace longtime associate superintendent Sharon Searson, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Barts has more than 30 years teaching experience in grades K-9, which includes 20 years of Adventist church school instruction, seven years of public school and special education teaching, a year as a principal

and two years as a parent educator. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics education and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. She has also taken graduate work in special education and supervision of teachers.

"We feel very blessed that Becky has agreed to fill this position," says Larry Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference vice president for education. "We have spent a lot of time searching for the right person to fill this vital position. Sharon Searson will be greatly missed for her faithfulness and dedication to the teachers and students of this conference after she retires, but

we believe that the Lord has led us to the right person to take her place."

Barts says her passion for education has three facets: "teaching service to others, connecting children with Jesus and making sure that every student masters basic skills and loves to learn."

Barts and her husband, Dennis, live in the Spokane Valley where Dennis is the CEO of Valley Hospital and Medical Center. When not teaching, she enjoys scrapbooking, reading, walking, snowshoeing and quiet-water kayaking.

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication associate



Becky Barts accepts the invitation to serve as Upper Columbia Conference associate superintendent of education.

UCC Members Plan Hospitality Weekends

At the recent Upper Columbia Conference pastors' retreat at Camp MiVoden, Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, shared an initiative to help members be intentional about their outreach efforts.

The Share the Table initiative encourages members to plan to invite someone to share a meal with them the weekends of May 14 and Sept. 24. These two hospitality weekends are a time when all UCC members can join together in outreach.

Folkenberg says, "Whether at home, a park or somewhere else, the goal is to fellowship with people who you don't currently associate with."

UCC members are encouraged to select someone they would like to invite for a meal and begin praying for that person or family and begin nurturing friendships now.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director



Youth Choose to Listen to Jesus

Two actors delivered simultaneous monologues with Jesus beckoning and the devil questioning an audience of more than 600 youth, parents and youth group leaders who had to choose who they would listen to during the drama performance.

When Jesus asked the audience to stand if they wanted to follow Him, young people and mentors alike stood to their feet in the midst of taunts that the devil would be waiting for them outside.

The drama, presented by Happy Feet, a ministry group from Walla Walla University, summarized the experience young people face every day: who they will listen to in life.



HEIDI MARTELLA

The Washington Conference Youth Rally engages nearly 600 teenagers, parents and youth leaders in coming together to worship God and to find ways to express their love for Him through service.

The spiritual tone was woven throughout the programming at the Washington Conference Youth Rally in Burien, Wash., in everything from worship songs

and thoughtful drama to honest preaching and engaging, interactive afternoon workshops.

Reggie Dupard, keynote speaker and former football

player, challenged the high school-age audience to spend more time with Jesus, to have daily devotions and to pray for others.

“God wants to use young people to change the world,” says Dupard. “It’s time to be serious about your relationship with Jesus.”

Youth attended a variety of afternoon workshops, including filmmaking, a collaborative art project, campus ministries, issues teens face, learning to listen (as a leader) and how to be a real Christian. Additionally, a group of 50 participants distributed GLOW tracts and conducted a community survey where young people found 22 Bible-study interests.

“Our challenge to youth is to go home and make a difference in their church,” says David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director. “Involvement in ministry will change their lives and the lives of others.”

Youth groups, including young people in Bellingham, Wash., are already taking this challenge seriously. “The drama presentations really hit home with our kids,” says Diane Vyskocil, youth leader. “Our youth are developing their drama presentations to share at our church.”

A Youth Rally photo gallery is available at bit.ly/soonago2011.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director



HEIDI MARTELLA

Reggie and LaChanda Dupard, keynote speakers, present an afternoon session about what guys and girls need to know.

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PSAA Students Thankful for Belize Mission Trip

It's not every day 54 juniors and seniors from Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, Wash., are up and going at 4 a.m., especially during Thanksgiving break. Despite the hour all were excited because they would arrive at their destination, Santa Elena, Belize, for a 12-day mission trip.

On Friday the group began work on the classrooms. Even with disagreeable weather, everyone worked hard to finish the foundation before the weekend.

On Sabbath they visited a nearby church and conducted the service. One student gave the sermon while another student translated it into Spanish.

Students spent the following week experiencing many aspects of the building process including mixing cement and laying block as they worked on constructing Bullet Tree Adventist School.



Fifty-four juniors and seniors from Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, Wash., participate in a mission trip to Belize.

In the afternoon, students put on the Vacation Bible School for the local children. It was held at the nearby church and featured fun activities including puppet shows, games, crafts and Bible skits. By the end of the week, more than 200 children attended VBS. Many of the PSAA students said spending

time with the children was the highlight of the trip.

Each evening, a group of students hosted the Faith FM radio station, which reached three countries, to discuss life choices.

At the end of the trip, the PSAA mission group felt a sense of accomplishment as they saw

the finished school building, the relationships they made and the impact they had on the friendly community.

Alyssa Beddoe, PSAA junior

Free Computer Classes



Bonnie Lake (Wash.) Church held four free computer classes on Sundays throughout January. The interactive basic computer skills classes featured instructors Doug Hamerly and Carol Burnham, church members, discussing how to maintain and protect computers, accessing e-mails, developing PowerPoint presentations, using Word and Excel, editing photos, and using multimedia. There were 25 participants from the church and the community. These came as observers or brought laptop computers along for more hands-on training.

Carol Burnham, Bonnie Lake Church member

Auburn Students Live Their Mission

Earlier in the 2010–2011 academic year, Auburn Adventist Academy students selected a vision statement — “United in passion for Christ.” However, they decided to wait and consider four mission-statement options.

Students and faculty recently voted on the school’s mission statement and selected: “Our mission is to seek divine wisdom, inspire innovative minds and build eternal relationships.”

Mission in Action

Two recent community service activities highlight how students are putting the mission statement into action.

In early January, 30 students

and faculty planted 300–400 trees and shrubs along the White River Trail. Students dug holes, planted trees and spread mulch to help not only beautify the trail, but to keep it from deteriorating.

Mike Miller, City of Auburn, Wash., parks maintenance manager, was amazed by the students’ efficiency and expressed what a pleasure it was for him to work with the academy students. Miller invited Jennifer Woody, AAA campus ministries director, to bring back student volunteers to help with additional projects.

In mid-January, 99 students registered to donate blood during AAA’s annual blood drive.

Fifty-six of these students were first-time donors.

“I was in awe at how brave and generous the students were,” says Yamileth Klingstrand, AAA student health-services director. “They never fail to amaze me.”

AAA continues to find creative ways to live out its mission and reach out to the community.

Cyndee Broder, AAA GLEANER correspondent



Auburn Adventist Academy’s annual blood drive in mid-January attracts 99 donors with 56 of these being first-time donors.

SAA Students Plan Community Dinner

Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington, Wash., recently held a community dinner for the Skagit County Community Action Agency. More than 90 people from the community attended.

Students helped with all aspects of planning, including giving money for gift cards, finding wrapping paper donations, making food arrangements, planning activities and games, lining up music, and more.

The community holiday party had a great impact on students. “I enjoyed meeting new people and cooking for them,” says Nathan Habenicht, freshman.

Laurel Fritz, freshman, says, “I loved playing music and seeing the joy it brought people.”

After dinner, Doug White, SAA principal, and Matt Lee, SAA physical education teacher, along with some high-school students, lead out in games. Children took turns running

underneath an enormous parachute and later popping candy kisses into the air and scurrying to find the treats.

“Watching kids who were very shy open up and have fun was smile-making,” says Kari Stickle, freshman.

At the end of the evening,

children received a treat bag with holiday treats, assembled by the Primary Sabbath School class at North Cascade Church.

Rachel Brink, SAA associated student body president, summed up the evening by saying, “ASB officers, sponsors and students put a lot of time into planning, cooking, and decorating, so I’m extremely glad that it turned out so well.”

Rachel Jordan, SAA English teacher

Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington, Wash., holds a community dinner for nearly 90 people associated with the Skagit County Community Action Agency. The evening included dinner, music performances and games for children.



What More Could We Ask of Ourselves?

Tax team takes second place in challenge

The four of us were quarantined in a small room with nothing but our textbooks, calculators, pencils, scratch paper and thoroughly stuffed brains.”

This is how Walla Walla University junior accounting major Kaitlyn Fitch describes her team’s arrival on the University of Washington campus for the annual tax challenge in early January. Fitch and teammates, Brittany Smith, senior international business major; Linda Stecker, senior accounting and business administration major; and Donovan West, senior accounting major, formed one of two WWU teams. The event was not held last year, but the WWU team took first place at the 2009 challenge. This year, Fitch’s team placed second.

The event was announced in December, leaving students with little time to prepare.

“It is difficult to get motivated to do such a tremendous amount of studying over the holidays,” says Norman Anderson, faculty sponsor of the



CHRIS DRAKE

Walla Walla University’s winning tax team took second place in January’s tax challenge at the University of Washington. Team members, from left are: Linda Stecker, Kaitlyn Fitch, Donovan West and Brittany Smith.

team. “But the students were dedicated.”

Anderson met with the students several times, giving them review material and a tax problem to work. They reviewed their work and anticipated areas that might present issues at the challenge.

“My teammates and I spent countless hours rereading our textbooks and marking major sections,” says Fitch. “We also reviewed hundreds of slides Professor Anderson put together for us, summarizing two quarters’ worth of material.”

At the challenge, teams work for four hours on a tax problem, using only their tax books for reference. They are expected to address all tax issues for the hypothetical taxpayers in the problem. The solutions are graded and the top three teams make it to the finals, where they are given additional facts and another four hours to prepare presentations.

“The students presented

their findings to ‘clients’ as well as the judges, representatives from KPMG, a large accounting firm,” explains Anderson. “The winning teams were selected based on their solutions and presentations.”

“The ‘clients’ were rather boisterous and feigned ignorance on many points to see if we knew our stuff,” says Smith. “We were expected to explain tax issues without jargon, and I think we did well.”

The other six competing teams represented University of Washington, Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University.

“I am extremely proud of how well we handled the pressure,” says Fitch. “Each individual played a vital role in our success, and while it would have been nice to walk away with first place, we displayed strong ethics, produced great results and worked flawlessly

as a team. What more could we ask of ourselves?”

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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The Elder Emeritus

HIS NAME WAS ED



I never knew his last name. Like Peter, James, John and Paul, it never seemed to matter. He was no longer young, but in his later eighties. His wife had died and he had been urged into an assisted living care home in Salem, Oregon. Ed walked the aisles, noticing in others an abject loneliness, and set out to do something about it. “Why don’t we start a Hymn Sing one evening a week?”

My mother-in-law consented to play the piano for the group. After a week or two of Ed’s song leading, she called me. “Bob,” she said over the phone, “can you come and help? There is a nice old guy doing it but he just isn’t what we need.” “Well, maybe for a few weeks,” I answered. “I don’t feel like being tied down for any length of time.” And so it began, every Friday evening, rain or shine, for six or seven years!

Ed never held it against me for “stealing his thunder.” He was always there early to pass out the song books and put them away at the end. If for some reason I was late, he started things on time. The people who came were a denominational mix who all agreed on one point — they loved to sing praises! They would pick out their favorites, often until long past the point where I had nothing more to give, and then someone would ask for “God

cylinders for a long time. In our own feeble way, we formed a circle right then and there to pray for him. In a couple of weeks, he was back. Some of the fire was gone, he was dragging a little, but he was still Ed.

The seasons changed and with them my own life became more hectic than ever with the work load and cares of just existing. One evening, I mentioned it to Ed, “I feel like I have reached the end of my chain.” I still have a clear picture

was he who had carried the load of encouraging, organizing and yes, praying. For the most part, I had only been making noise. There were still good days, but in the end, we put the books away for the last time.

One day, while working, I chanced to be back at the center where Ed had led the singing. Walking inside I saw how things had changed since I had been there so long ago. Then I noticed a picture of Ed, a little younger but still the same.

His heart hadn’t been hitting on all of its cylinders for a long time. In our own feeble way, we formed a circle right then and there to pray for him.

Be With You Till We Meet Again,” and that was the signal to end for the evening. More and more, I became aware of a sad fact: Not always but often, someone would not be there another week.

Time brings us all things, both good and bad. Ed would never again see ninety; he was slowing down but in his quiet way he was still as determined as ever. Then one day the ladies were troubled. “Ed is in the hospital,” they said. His heart hadn’t been hitting on all of its

of that tired, little old man; his heart was struggling between one beat and the next. He had every right to look at me and say “What’s your problem?” I will never forget his quavering voice as he put his arm around my shoulder, “Bob, sometimes all we can do is let people know that we love them.” Two weeks later, he was gone.

We forced the Hymn Sing along for more than a year, but it was never the same, and I came to realize that it had never been my ministry, but Ed’s. It

Someone had lovingly given him a title, “Elder Emeritus.” I looked closer, thinking we had always ended our Hymn Sing with a little prayer; “Lord, give us that special blessing, just because we have come in the name of Jesus Christ!” In my memory I could feel His arm around my shoulder, “Bob, sometimes all we can do is let people know that we love them.”

*Robert Carr, East Salem (Ore.)
Church member*

Adventist Medical Center Touching Hearts

Major cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death in Oregon, with heart disease and stroke coming in at second- and third-place, according to the most recent data from Oregon's Department of Human Services. While these statistics are alarming, Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., is taking strides to help people with this disease find healing.

Meeting a Community's Needs

The Northwest Regional Heart Center at AMC has expanded its cardiac services to include open heart surgical services. Area residents experiencing life-threatening heart attacks will no longer have to be transported to other hospitals.

"My husband was brought to the hospital's new emergency department and was diagnosed with a severe heart condition," recalls an East Portland woman. "Unfortunately he had to be transferred for his open heart

surgery, but I'm glad to know that one of the nation's best heart surgeons is performing lifesaving open heart procedures at AMC's new cardiac center — so transfers are a thing of the past."

According to Brad Titus, M.D., NRHC medical director, the expansion came as a result of community feedback. He says, "The decision to begin open heart surgeries is in direct response to the needs of a community that wants to receive all their cardiac services under one roof, through a facility that is known for quality outcomes."

Dedicated to Patient Care

At the recent dedication of the open heart surgery program, hundreds joined together to celebrate the fruition of a plan that has been in the making for more than five years. Guests were able to tour the facility, getting up close and personal with the new technology and meeting department staff.



Tom Russell, Adventist Medical Center president and CEO, speaks to guests at the dedication of the new open heart surgery program.

"Our decision to establish a top quality open heart surgery program is based on a community need to care for cardiac related illnesses," says Tom Russell, AMC president and CEO. "Providing open heart surgery in the same location as other comprehensive cardiac services enhances the patient care experience."

AMC has made access to the best cardiac care a top priority. The open heart team includes world-class heart surgeon Thomas Molloy, M.D.; state-of-the-art technology, including new operating rooms and robotic equipment; and highly trained critical care nurses and perfusionists.

In addition to offering patients the best comprehensive care, this program is a collaboration between NRHC and Oregon Health and Science University. This partnership between Oregon's only two accredited chest pain centers

provides shared patient protocols and staffing resources, in addition to enhanced technical expertise, multidisciplinary treatment planning and optimized care for patients with cardiovascular disease.

Starting off right

After years of planning and months of preparation, the open heart surgery program is in full swing. However, chaplains and staff didn't forget a very important part. Before the first open heart surgery, AMC chaplains and staff held a special ceremony, where chaplains prayed for the work of the NRHC and anointed the hands of staff members with oil, representing God's presence in their work.

Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



After the dedication, guests were able to try out the da Vinci robotic equipment in the Northwest Regional Heart Center.

Carrier 95th

Clara Carrier celebrated her 95th birthday on Sept. 4, 2010, in her daughter's home.

Clara Guenther was born Sept. 4, 1915, in New Leipzig, N.D. She was married to William H. Carrier for 53 years before his death. They farmed together near Grandview, Wash., and raised two children. She retired in 1981. Clara now lives with her daughter and son-in-law in Yakima, Wash.

Clara's family includes Janet and Brian Diehm of Yakima; William and Lorna Carrier of Vancouver, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



Vanice and Harold Kostenko

Kostenko 60th

Harold and Vanice (Koenig) Kostenko celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 22, 2010, with their family and church. They were academy friends who became sweethearts after they graduated. They were married in North Dakota where they grew up and immediately moved to Andrews University.

After 11 years in education, Harold switched over to a selling career. The main interests for Van, outside of homemaking, were music and nutrition. She continues to teach while Harold gardens and sells produce.

Three lovely babies graced their home; 2 sons and a daughter and five grandchildren.



Harry and Violet Moor

Moor 60th

Harry and Violet Moor celebrated their 60th anniversary with a family party at their home in Loon Lake, Wash., on Aug. 22, 2010.

Harry and Violet met in childhood in Redondo Beach, Calif., and were married on Aug. 10, 1950. Violet was primarily a stay-at-home mom. However, she held several jobs over the years, including working in an aircraft plant during WWII, at All State and as an Avon representative. Harry graduated from La Sierra University with a BA in history. After further college studies, he was a design engineer in both military systems and later at Boeing, where he retired after 22 years.

In 1968, the Moors moved to Washington from Southern California. They enjoyed more than 30 years at the Shoreline Church, serving in many church offices. Both Violet and Harry earned the Master Guide rank and enjoyed Pathfinders and making friends with the children in their clubs in California and Washington. In 1999, they moved to a rural area near Spokane, Wash.

The Moors' family includes 3 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

Petty 50th

Thurman and Martha Petty of Thompson Falls, Mont., had their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21, 2010.

They were married in 1960 at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., following Thurman's second year at Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University. Thurman received his MA at Andrews University in 1966, after which the Pettys served as a pastoral couple in several states. Martha became a registered nurse in 1979 and received her BS in hospital administration in 1987. From 1982-84, the couple spent a term of mission service on Pitcairn Island, where Thurman was pastor and Martha was the medical director. They have 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

Pryhorocki 90th

Mavis V. Pryhorocki celebrated her 90th birthday on Oct. 26, with a dinner out with her son and daughter-in-law. She also received many cards and phone calls from friends and family to acknowledge her special day.

Mavis was born to Frank and Florence Ericson in Canada on Oct. 26, 1920. She spent most of her school-age years in the Portland, Ore., area and owned a beauty shop there with her sister before joining the WAVES in 1944. She served two years in the Navy. She married Steve Pryhorocki in June of 1950.

Steve and Mavis were very active in the Adventist church and made many friends wherever they lived. Mavis had many hobbies, including gardening, painting, quilting and playing the piano. Steve died in 1996. These days Mavis enjoys jigsaw and crossword puzzles, watch-

ing Adventist programs on TV, and occasionally playing the piano. Since 2008, she has lived in Florence, Mont.

Her family includes Roxanne Earl; Randy and Kim Pryhorocki of Florence, Mont.; and 2 grandchildren.

Wold 60th

Duane and Dolores Wold celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and his 80th birthday with family in Big Sky, Mont. They live in Billings, Mont.

Duane Wold married Dolores Siegle on Aug. 13, 1950, in Glen-



Duane and Dolores Wold

dive, Mont. They lived in Glendive and worked at Hagenston Hardware. He also represented Eaton Metal Products Co., in Eastern Montana and western North Dakota.

In 1964, they moved to Jamestown, N.D., where they established and owned Dakota Bake-n-Serv Corp. Later, they ranched near Red Lodge, Mont., before moving to Billings and operating the Aqua Pure Water Co. They are now retired.

Their family includes Claudia and Mike Brisbin of McMinville, Ore.; Lonna and Bill Lindsay of Denver, Colo.; Renee and Dan Albert of Park City, Mont.; and 5 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

GLOVATSKY — Landon Lee was born Jan. 28, 2011, to Bethany (Langston) Glovatsky, Troutdale, Ore. His father is the late Brandon Glovatsky.

LLOYD — Delilah Grace was born Oct. 26, 2010, to Daniel and Denise (Kinder) Lloyd, Moses Lake, Wash.

WEDDINGS

BEAULIEU-TYLER — Jennifer Beaulieu and Nicholas Tyler were married July 11, 2010, in Spangle, Wash. They are making their home in Cheney, Wash. Jennifer is the daughter of Julie (Morgan) and Ron Pflugrad. Nicholas is the son of Daniel and Sherri (Schnell) Tyler.

DANILOV-BALEVSKI — Aleksandra Danilov and Todor Tony Balevski were married Jan. 1, 2011, in Seattle, Wash., where they are making their home. Aleksandra is the daughter of Stojan and Mirjana Sretenovic. Tony is the son of Julianna Kolar and stepfather Sean Khademi.

HEINTZ-PAHN — Lisa Thoresen-Heintz and Andrus Pahn were married Jan. 1, 2011, in North Bonneville, Wash. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Lisa is the daughter of the late Calvin O. Thoresen and Laurel Thoresen-Lee. Andrus is the son of the late Voldmer Pahn and Ellen (Laan) Pahn.

THYGESON — Silas Christian was born Jan. 21, 2011, to Hans and Mindy (Waterhouse) Thygeson, West Linn, Ore.

KNUDSON-CLAY — Patricia Benjamin-Knudson and Don Clay were married Dec. 25, 2010, in Washougal, Wash., where they are making their home. Patricia is the daughter of the late Bruce T. and Florence (Heald) Benjamin. Don is the son of the late Harry and Catherine (McCormick) Clay.

PFLUGRAD-CONLEY — Esther Pflugrad and David Conley were married April 8, 2007, in Tacoma, Wash., where they are making their home. Esther is the daughter of Ron and Julie (Morgan) Pflugrad and Beth (Webster) and Rick Jordan. David is the son of Patrick and Barbra (Czapiewski) Conley.

THORESEN-LEE — Laurel Thoresen and John Lee were married Dec. 19, 2010, in Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia, where they are making their home.

AT REST

ANDERSON — Cheryl (Hiebert), 67; born Sept. 6, 1943, Myrtle Point, Ore.; died Nov. 13, 2010, Richland, Wash. Surviving: husband, George "Buzz," Milton-Freewater, Ore.; son, James L., College Place, Wash.; daughters, Kristy I. Anderson, Milton-Freewater; Gwen M. Brown, Walla Walla, Wash.; mother, Betty Hiebert, Gresham, Ore.; brothers, Mern Hiebert, Buckley, Wash.; Keith Hiebert, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

BAKER — O. Del (Tevault), 85; born Jan. 15, 1925, Norman, Okla.; died Nov. 3, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: sons, Tom, Cave Junction, Ore.; Larry, Medford; John, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Willy, Cave Junction; brothers, George Tevault and Don Tevault, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; sisters, Mary Blakemore, Norman; Lonnie Rickle, Noble, Okla.; Tez Goings, Whitney, Texas; 3 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

BRAZINGTON — Elmer Emmett, 82; born Dec. 15, 1927, Spokane, Wash.; died Nov. 12, 2010, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Susan (McAuliffe); daughters, Joan Baxendale, Lincoln, Neb.; and Carol Faia, Sonora, Calif.

COFFIELD — Christine S. (Benson), 92; born Nov. 30, 1917, Collbran, Colo.; died Oct. 24, 2010, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Sandee Thornton, East Wenatchee, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

COFFIELD — Gus, 96; born Oct. 1, 1914, Jewell, Kan.; died Nov. 2, 2010, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Sandee Thornton, East Wenatchee; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

COLEMAN — Gerald Wesley, 77; born Oct. 27, 1932, Sequim, Wash.; died Sept. 29, 2010,

Shelton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Rader); sons, Ronald and Christopher, both of Shelton; Jerry, Port Orchard, Wash.; daughters, JaLynee Devries and Jonice Striplin, both of Shelton; brother, Samuel, Aberdeen, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

COOKSLEY — Fred, 82; born Aug. 18, 1928, Esther, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 29, 2010, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: wife, Bette (Beynon); sons, Richard, Canyonville, Ore.; Mark, Amity, Ore.; Murray, McMinnville; daughters, Judy Cushman, College Place, Wash.; Melody Gibson, McMinnville; 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

CORNELIUS — Ruby Sarah (Shipp) Roderick, 94; born Feb. 6, 1916, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 5, 2010, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Annetta Wood and Darlene Schmitz, both of Battle Ground; sisters, Elma Overbay and Charlotte DeTour, both of Vancouver, Wash.; 18 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

COX — L. Verdell (Johnson) Anderst, 90; born June 18, 1920, Newberg, Ore.; died Oct. 17, 2010, Eagle Point, Ore. Surviving: husband, Frank; sons, Daryl Anderst and Wayne Anderst, both of Medford, Ore.; brothers, Allen Johnson, El Cajon, Calif.; Lyle Johnson, Siloam Springs, Okla.; sister, Oralee Teske, Sun City, Calif.; and a grandchild.

DODGE — Orville Alvans Sr., 82; born Oct. 22, 1927, Iron River, Wis.; died Sept. 20, 2010, Bonney Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ann Jean (Kops) Dodge; sons, Orville Jr., Auburn, Wash.; Mark J., Sumner, Wash.; Steve L., Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Cheri Ann Dodge, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; 9 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



HARTER — Charles W., 87; born June 20, 1923, Akron, Ohio; died Oct. 29, 2010, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: wife, Betty (Hutson), South Prairie, Wash.; son, Larry, South Prairie; daughter, Linda Spores, Marana, Ariz.; and 2 grandchildren.

HOAGUE — Susan Lorraine (Blessing), 54; born March 28, 1957, Lincoln, Neb.; died Oct. 11, 2010, Bonney Lake, Wash. Surviving: husband, James; sons, Damian, Honolulu, Hawaii; Brandon and Joshua, both of Bonney Lake; brother, James Blessing, Spanaway, Wash.; sister, Shelley Blessing, Bonney Lake; and 4 grandchildren.

JONES — Lynette Ann (Pifer), 41; born June 2, 1969, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 16, 2010, Susanville, Calif. Surviving: parents, George and Betty (Bergemann) Pifer, Fall River Mills, Calif.; grandparents, Paul and Edna (Dishman) Bergemann, Susanville; sisters, Anita McGrew, Powell Butte, Ore.; and Raylene Feather, Portland, Ore.

KELLISON — Lorna Krantzler, 92; born March 11, 1918, Ashley, N.D.; died Oct. 5, 2010, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, Stephen, Lakeside, Ore.; daughter, Patti Rittenbach, Pendleton; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KNIPPLE — Betty (Millard) Wiedemann, 69; born April 2, 1941, Penang, Malaysia; died Oct. 22, 2010, Snohomish, Wash. Surviving: husband, Bob Knipple; son, Bruce Wiedemann, Kirkland, Wash.; stepson, Rob Knipple, Fletcher, N.C.; daughter, Linda (Wiedemann) Sing, Duvall, Wash.; stepdaughter, Betty Rae Karlow, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

LEWIS — Gordon Dewayne, 80; born Jan. 16, 1930, Portland, Ore.; Oct. 18, 2010, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Kathy Johnson, Gresham,

Ore.; Diane Lewis, Vancouver, Wash.; Lisa Kirkland, Glendale, Ore.; Jill Grounds, Hooker, Okla.; Jean Walls, of Oklahoma; brother, Leonard, Vancouver; Walter Jr., West Covina, Calif.; sister, Anelda Derfialli, Lake Oswego, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

LYNCH — Myrtle Marie (Ruchty), 81; born Nov. 29, 1928, Olympia, Wash.; died Sept. 28, 2010, Plains, Mont. Surviving: sons, Charles Jr., Plains; Thomas, El Dorado Hills, Calif.; James, Loveland, Colo.; daughter, Mary Louise (Lynch) Smith, Davenport, Fla.; sister, Glenadine Haslet, Kennewick, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

MAY — Samuel Robert, 51; born March 19, 1959, Centralia, Wash.; died May 23, 2010, Bonney Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Doreen J. (Johnson); son, Joseph S., Bonney Lake; daughter, Mellissa K. May, Bonney Lake; stepmother, Ruth Ann May, Renton, Wash.; brothers, Ray T. Arrington, Kent, Wash.; Robert R. Webster, Walla Walla, Wash.; Tim R. Stewart, Yakima, Wash.; sisters, Cheryl J. Krien, Des Moines, Wash.; Christene R. Stewart, Yakima; Debra L. Stewart, Seattle, Wash.; and Vicki L. Stewart, Edmonds, Wash.

MCCART — Arlene Wilma (Gratias), 91; born March 30, 1919, Nora Springs, Iowa; died Oct. 22, 2010, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Douglas, Moses Lake, Wash.; daughters, Charlene Harrold, California City, Calif.; Sharon Searson, Spokane; 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MCDUGAL — Marvin W., 60; born Feb. 14, 1950, Eugene, Ore.; died Oct. 1, 2010, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Fredda (Ernest); sons, Matt, Yakima; Michel, of Germany; stepsons, Bert Logan, Portland, Ore.; Mark Logan, Spokane, Wash.;

daughters, Jacki McDougal, Portland; Cheree Harper, Ft. Carson, Colo.; stepdaughter, Robyn (Logan) Williams, Charlotte, N.C.; brothers, Melvin and Norm, both of Creswell, Ore.; sisters, Marlene Watson, Belnap Hot Springs, Ore.; Kelly Fisher, Eugene, Ore.; Lindi McDougal, Roanoke, Ala.; 5 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren.

NECKER — Mary Sue (Morrison), 96; born Sept. 9, 1914, Three Forks, Mont.; died Nov. 5, 2010, Shelton, Wash. Surviving: son, Robert, Corvallis, Mont.; daughter, Christina Newman, Shelton; brother, Homer Morrison, Sequim, Wash.; sisters, Jeanne Fields, Auburn, Wash.; Sybil Kyle, Hamilton, Mont.; 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

PATZER — Arthur J., 90; born June 1, 1920, Kulm, N.D.; died Oct. 10, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughter-in-law, Sue Patzer, Battle Ground, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

PEACH — Olin J., 76; born July 29, 1933, La Grande, Ore.; died April 9, 2010, Joseph, Ore. Surviving: wife, Viola (Smith), Spokane, Wash.; sons, Mark, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Kent, Medical Lake, Wash.; Karl, Post Falls, Idaho; Joel, Spokane; sister, Leona Gouge, of Thailand; and 9 grandchildren.

SPRINGER — Calvin G., 85; born June 27, 1925, Naper, Neb.; died Sept. 25, 2010, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Dennis, Salem, Ore.; Neil, Portland, Ore.; stepsons, Terry Thomas, Happy Valley, Ore.; Tim Thomas, Sacramento, Calif.; daughter, Lynne Selman, Pendleton; stepdaughter, Cathrine Dimick, Sacramento; brothers, Vernon, Laurelwood, Ore.; Walt, Auburn, Wash.; sisters, Merle Reiswig, McCall, Idaho; June Hunter, North Plains, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

ST. CLAIR — Grace M., 97; born Dec. 13, 1912, Grandview, Mont.; Oct. 19, 2010, Eagle, Idaho. Surviving: sons, La Vern, Durango, Colo.; Duane, Boise, Idaho; brother, Francis Janshen, Benton City, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

STARR — Jack L., 71; born March 3, 1939, Yakima, Wash.; died Nov. 23, 2010, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: wife, LeNora Mae (Winslow); son, Mark, Days Creek, Ore.; daughter, Deborah Morehead, Walla Walla, Wash.; brother, Larry, Long Beach, Calif.; sister, Judy Uman, Portland, Ore.; and 6 grandchildren.

TIPTON-SMITH — Mardella E., 56; born Jan. 30, 1954, Sunnyside, Wash.; died Oct. 20, 2010, Cottage Grove, Ore. Surviving: husband, Dale Smith; daughter, Larissa Winz-Andrews, Eugene, Ore.; father, Ralph Tipton, Spokane, Wash.; mother, Carma Schumann, Eugene; brother, Jerry Tipton, Spokane; sister, Chris Tipton, Spokane; and a grandchild.

WIGREN — Hazel J. (Wise), 94; born Aug. 20, 1916, Crivitz, Wis.; died Oct. 28, 2010, Cottage Grove, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Muriel Indermuehle, Cottage Grove; sister, Muriel Conner, Appleton, Wis.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

ZULAUF — Bertha "Bertie" Marie (Vance), 63; born March 2, 1947, Chehalis, Wash.; died Oct. 5, 2010, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: husband, Dawayne F., Irrigon, Ore.; brothers, Carl A. Vance, San Jose, Calif.; Claude E. Vance, Filer, Idaho; Paul L. Vance, Clayton, N.M.; sisters, Claudia J. Brookens, Hillsboro, Ore.; and Myrtle V. Hill, Adams, Ore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

- March 5** — Local Church Budget.
March 12 — World Budget: Adventist World Radio.
March 19 — Local Church Budget.
March 26 — Local Conference Advance.

Walla Walla University

- March 8** — Winter WWU Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., U-Church. Free admission.
March 27 — Spring quarter registration.
March 28 — Spring quarter begins.
April 3-5 — University Days. Come see what life as a WWU student is like; call 800-541-8900 to reserve a spot.

Idaho

Women's Ministries One-day Retreat

March 6 — Fourth Annual Idaho Conference Women's Ministries One-day Retreat. "Godiva chocolates in an M&M world. Discover the best in you." Seven different speakers and workshops designed for a variety of tastes, plus food, fellowship, fun and some chocolate. Oxford Suites in downtown Boise, Idaho, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cheri Gatton at wmleaderidaho@gmail.com or Leann Strickland at 208-375-7524 ext. 114.

Oregon

Advent Trombone Choir

March 19 — The Advent Trombone Choir will have an afternoon concert at Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR 97216, at 4 p.m. The Choir will also feature a brass choir playing dramatic arrangements of some familiar hymns.

In Concert

March 26 — Dr. Rodney Abriol, composer and pianist, along with his wife Joy Lin, soprano, will be in concert at the Stone Tower Church, 3010 N.E. Holladay, Portland, OR, at 5:30 p.m. Abriol completed a D.M.A. at the University of Cincinnati and currently teaches at Weimar College in California. Rodney has released two CDs of solo piano arrangements of hymns rooted in the gospel tradition. Joy Lin was educated at the Adventist University of the Philippines. She received a bachelor's degree in music education with a concentration in voice. Currently Joy Lin teaches private voice lessons at Weimar. The Abriols are dedicated to serving God through the sacred music ministry. A free-will offering will be taken. Sponsored by People to People Ministries and C & C Sacred Records.

Columbia Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend

April 1-2 — Honor Classes are 2011, 2001, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1971, 1961, 1951 and all 50+ years; Friday Vespers,

Sabbath School, Church, lunch catered (please bring a donation to cover expenses) afternoon program, Saturday afternoon/evening class reunions, and Saturday evening alumni/varsity basketball games. For more information, contact Larry Hiday, CAA Alumni Office, 360-687-3161 ext. 33, or hidala@caaschool.org.

Mike Bishop Concert

April 2 — Mike Bishop will sing with his sister Marlyn Bishop during the 11 a.m. service and in concert at 7 p.m., at the Roseburg Church, 1109 N.W. Garden Valley Rd., Roseburg, WA. His CD project, "Not On My Own," as well as his previous CDs, "Rise Again" and "My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation," will be available for purchase after the concert. For more information, call 541-672-1542.

RESCUE Concert

April 2 — Associated Students of Walla Walla University invite the public to a night of music ministry, with recording artist RESCUE, at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR 97216. No tickets are necessary. If you have any questions, please e-mail marissa.staten@wallawalla.edu.

Ministry Fest South

April 9 — Have you asked, "What can my church do to reach out to others? What can I do?" This is your opportunity, to find

answers. Come to Ministry Fest South at Grants Pass Adventist School, 2250 Heidi Lane, Grants Pass, OR 97526. See live demonstrations, review program materials, and ask questions as you visit dozens of interactive ministry displays and booths. Be sure to enter the drawings, experience the InfoBlitzes, and pick up a lot of free resources and handouts. After sundown, visit the Adventist Book Center and enjoy veggie hotdogs, salad, brownies and a great Saturday night social. Free childcare for ages 0-9. Ministry has never been so much fun! Doors open at 3 p.m. See you there!

East Salem Church 50th Anniversary

May 7 — Charter members, former members, pastors and friends are invited to East Salem Church's 50th anniversary, 5575 Fruitland Rd. N.E., Salem, OR 97317. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call 503-363-0390 or e-mail karens@hughes.net.

Laurelwood Academy 50th Reunion

Aug. 6 — Laurelwood Academy Class of 1961 is planning a 50-year reunion in Portland, Ore. We are looking for the following missing members: Weslie Bunn, Ray Christopherson, Jerry Colclasure, Carmen Emery, Karen Finck, Shannon Goodwin, Terry Goodwin, Elaine Harrel, Lois Heckart, Jo Marie Herrick, Don Johnson, Ron (Casey) Kaye, Teresa Klein,

Joyce Marlow, Darlene Mowery, Jan Schuster, Nilyede Stoehr and Judith Titherington. If you have any information, please contact Nancy Bolden at 360-253-8679 or garnanbolden@aol.com. You may also contact Earlene Wohlers at earlenerw@comcast.net.

Upper Columbia

The Annual UCC SAGE Banquet

March 13 — College Place Village Church Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. A program will follow the meal, which will be catered by the Wailatpu Pathfinder Club to benefit their club. Tickets are \$10 per person. RSVP by March 8 to Evelyn at 509-522-2053 or Jacque at 509-522-2387.

Northwest Singles Spiritual Retreat

May 27-30 — Memorial Day Weekend: 3 p.m. on the 27th until 11 a.m. on the 30th. Join us for a spiritual weekend with single adults in a beautiful mountain lake setting on Hayden Lake. You will find this retreat a safe place to mingle and interact with fellow believers. Activities include, but are not limited to, drawing closer to God, fellowship, hiking, boating, canoeing, indoor swimming pool/Jacuzzi, outdoor volleyball, a banquet and Grand March. What to bring: bedding, towel, swimsuit, warm coat, hiking shoes, Bible, camera, flashlight and musical instrument. Please note: Pets are not allowed. For

more information, e-mail inquiries to tleen@msn.com. Register online at www.uccsda.org/singles or call Cheryl Wallace at 509-838-2761.

Washington

SAGE Seniors Polynesian Banquet

March 20 — Polynesian Banquet at La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, WA. Featuring the dynamic singing group “Keepers of the Faith.” Enjoy a bountiful Polynesian buffet and enjoy the aloha spirit by dressing in your favorite island wear. \$35 per ticket. Please call ahead to purchase tickets at 253-681-6018, e-mail joan.libby@wc.npuc.org, website www.washingtonconference.org/sage.

SAGE Seniors Retreat Port Angeles

May 6-8 — Featuring Randy Maxwell and Steven Mosley. Lodging and meals at Red Lion Hotel. Many nearby natural attractions and Victoria B.C. \$269/person includes registration, two nights and five meals. For the group rate, the registration deadline is April 4. Call 253-681-6018, e-mail joan.libby@wc.npuc.org, website washingtonconference.org/sage.

Missing Members

Mount Vernon Church is looking for the following missing members: Chase Ashley, Joshua Garcia, Scott Gilliland, Carlos Gomez,

Trina Gomez, Alberta Ferro, Jolene Haggart, Skip Haggart, Karen Holloman, Joseph Leatherman, Sara Munsell, Richard Omstead, Ruby Omstead, Freddie Ann Troha, Jason R. Vandenburg, Maria P. Valdez, David Wakefield, Jennings B. Watts, Kyle Watts, Linda Watts and Ryan Watts. If you have any information regarding these missing members, please contact the Mount Vernon Church by phone 360-416-0446, or e-mail mvsda@comcast.net.

World Church

Washington Adventist University Alumni Weekend 2011

April 7-10 — Alumni, friend and former faculty and staff of Columbia Union College, Washington Missionary College are invited. Honor Classes are ‘31, ‘41, ‘51, ‘61, ‘71, ‘81, ‘86, ‘91 and ‘01. For more information, visit the website at wau.edu/alumni, e-mail alumni@wau.edu or call the alumni office at 301-891-4133.

2011 German Camp Meeting

May 6-7 — German Camp Meeting at Camp Hope, 61855 Lougheed Highway, Hope, British Columbia, Canada. Bring your German Bible, musical instruments, special music for blessings in worship and delicious German food for the potluck. For room or camping reservations, call 604-869-0300; e-mail rkuppers@telus.net.

“Ye Olde” Cedar Lake Academy Reunion

June 9-12 — Alumni and schoolmates of 1961 and earlier of Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI, are invited to the “Ye Olde” Cedar Lake Academy Reunion. Honor classes ‘31, ‘41, ‘51, ‘61. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net for further information. Please do pass the good word.

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Sunset Schedule

March (DST) 4 11 18 25

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Anchorage	6:32	6:51	8:09	8:27
Fairbanks	6:17	6:39	8:01	8:22
Juneau	5:35	5:51	7:07	7:23
Ketchikan	5:28	5:42	6:56	7:10

IDAHO CONFERENCE

Boise	6:37	6:46	7:55	8:03
La Grande	5:43	5:53	7:02	7:11
Pocatello	6:23	6:31	7:40	7:48

MONTANA CONFERENCE

Billings	6:05	6:14	7:24	7:33
Havre	6:07	6:18	7:28	7:39
Helena	6:18	6:28	7:38	7:47
Miles City	5:53	6:03	7:13	7:23
Missoula	6:26	6:36	7:46	7:55

OREGON CONFERENCE

Coos Bay	6:10	6:18	7:27	7:35
Medford	6:05	6:13	7:21	7:29
Portland	6:01	6:11	7:20	7:29

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Pendleton	5:46	5:56	7:05	7:14
Spokane	5:39	5:49	6:59	7:09
Walla Walla	5:44	5:53	7:03	7:12
Wenatchee	5:51	6:01	7:11	7:21
Yakima	5:52	6:02	7:12	7:21

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Bellingham	5:58	6:09	7:20	7:30
Seattle	5:58	6:09	7:19	7:29

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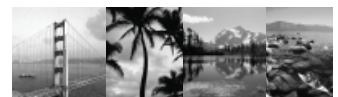


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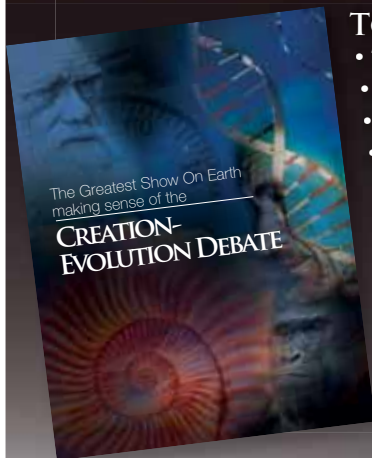
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When a pastor or church leader calls us to revival, urges us to pray for the Holy Spirit, what should be our response? Some Adventists through the years have determined the Holy Spirit is hard of hearing or, worse yet, reluctant to answer. After repeated prayer meetings and fasts, they reason the delay is all because of them — they are not yet ready, not yet dedicated enough. They feel no rush of emotion. They see no tongues of fire.

It’s a strange parallel to the earnest Jews who, millennia ago, prayed in vain for a Messiah to match their expectations. Today their descendants line up at Jerusalem’s western “Wailing Wall,” still pleading for a Messiah who has already come.

Is there a lesson here for us? Could it be those tempted to think they must become better or pray more earnestly before the Spirit will listen are unaware the Spirit is a gift already given? Have our human expectations blinded us to the amazing promise already at hand and daily renewed?

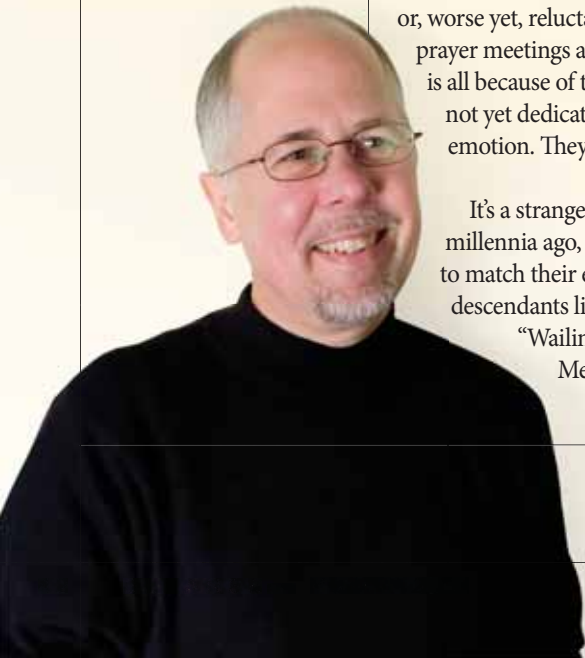
Acts 2 reminds us of two conditions for receiving the Spirit: repentance and baptism. One involves a willingness to renounce self and do things God’s way, and the second, a public acceptance of new life serving a glorified Lord. Acts 2:38 is no mystery: “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

The Spirit is not offered as a reward for becoming good. It’s a gift to guide and empower believers on a growing journey of faith. That seems so simple. When did it become complicated? Why did it become so uncertain?

Will revival come when we recognize the gift has already been bestowed ... that the Spirit is already ours? To the cripple at the pool, Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” His command was a promise.

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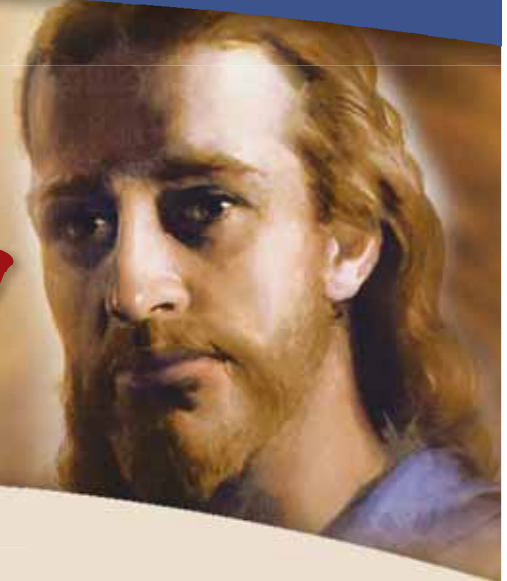
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