Tragedy in Lincoln City
Prayers go out to the Lincoln City Adventist School family. On the cusp of Christmas vacation, this school in the coastal town of Lincoln City, Ore., is mourning the tragic death of a 16-year-old ninth-grade female student this week. Reports reveal that she collapsed during a PE class on Tuesday morning. School staff administered CPR until paramedics arrived. The student was transported to the hospital where she died. “Our hearts are breaking,” says Gayle Crosby, Oregon Conference vice president for education. An on-site counselor has been available for students and families as the school remained open throughout the week. Read more online.

CUC to be Called Burman University
Trustees of Canadian University College (CUC) voted this week to change the institution’s name to Burman University. The new nomenclature, which will be fully implemented following the current academic year in May 2015, honors the legacy of Charles and Leona Burman who founded the college in 1907. Charles served as the first president of the school that would later become known as CUC. Leona, taught English, science, language, geography and acted as school nurse. Since the “university college” portion of the current name has caused confusion in some regions, the new title, says CUC President Mark Haynal, will more clearly reflect the status and role of the institution. Read more online.

Herbert Douglass Dies at 87
Herbert E. Douglass, well-known Adventist scholar, administrator and author, died Monday, Dec. 15. He was 87. Douglass, who served several years as a Pacific Press associate book editor and vice-president for editorial development, helped to write the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary series. He also served as president of Atlantic Union College and Weimar Institute, and was an
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associate editor of the Review and Herald (Adventist Review). Read more online about Douglass in recollections from David Trim, General Conference archivist.

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100-Year-Old Adventist Surgeon Inspires Many
Ellsworth Wareham was the one of the earliest surgeons to practice open heart surgery. Now 100 years old, and only recently retired, Wareham’s celebrated career at Loma Linda University (LLU) is a testimony to healthy attitudes and practices. Although he no longer performs surgeries, he still maintains his own home and takes stairs instead of elevators. Wareham and Dr. Joan Coggin were two key members of the LLU heart team that travelled the world in previous decades. Read about Wareham's life and secrets to longevity in an online article posted this week on Fox News.

Doors Opening in Yakima
As Juan Arias headed to his first house, he felt impressed to take a diversion. Arias, a student at SOULS Northwest, crossed the street and found himself knocking on the door of a small Spanish Christian radio station. SOULS Northwest is currently canvassing in Yakima, Wash., and this story is a great example of how God is leading them and opening doors for ministry opportunities they couldn’t imagine. Read the whole report on Facebook and see for yourself how God is working.
Called to Serve
Emily Whitney was going to be a teacher. She had passion, education, and practice. But while she was serving as a student missionary teacher, she felt God call her in another direction. Watch Whitney tell her story of God's call in her life and how she responded at GleanerNow.com.

Bullock Publishes Book
Few people remember the bitter and violent labor union struggles that raged during the 1930s in Central Washington's coal mining communities. David Bullock, Walla Walla University (WWU) professor of communication, grew up in one of those communities long after the strife ended. But he was intrigued by a 1934 article that characterized his town as a "little nest of fascists." In digging deeper into that history, Bullock found the seed for a book he has newly published with a story largely untold until now. Coal Wars: Unions, Strikes, and Violence in Depression-Era Central Washington is available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. Read more about it online.

Television Specials Feature Adventists
Adventist beliefs and commitment to Christian education are being featured on network television during December. CBS has already aired a documentary on world religions, including Sikhs, Mennonites and Seventh-day Adventists. If you missed the live program, you can still watch it online. The Voice of Prophecy has produced a rich Christmas special that will be aired on many ABC affiliates on Dec. 24 or 25. In addition, the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) will be showing the Adventist education documentary "The Blueprint" from filmmaker Martin Doblmeier in some Northwest communities. Check your local listings for air times on the ABC and PBS affiliates in your area.
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- **Montana Holds Annual Men’s Summit**
- **Midnight Son Opens New Worship Center**
- **Friends Gather to Write on Walls**
- **Accidental Pagans by Seth Pierce**

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- 19–20: [The Living Nativity, La Grande, OR](#)
- 25: Christmas Day

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Oregon Conference Family...

We are grieving the loss of Katelyn (Katie) Marie Manteufel, a freshman at Lincoln City Adventist School, who was 16 years old. After collapsing during a PE class, Katie was not able to be resuscitated by on-site efforts, nor by medical personnel at the hospital. The coroner’s office has stated that Katie died of a heart condition she was born with called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

A graveside service at Eureka Cemetery in Newport (across from Bateman Funeral Home) will be held on December 29, 2014 at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at the Lincoln City Seventh-day Adventist Church (2335 NE 22nd St, Lincoln City) on January 4, 2015 at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend and celebrate the life of Katie.

Katie was eagerly looking forward to participating in a church mission trip to Peru. A fund is being established to complete a project there in her honor. This will be called The Katie Project in Peru. An account is being set-up at our local bank if you would like to donate toward this project.

We would like to extend a thank you to all of you for the prayers and compassion you have shown during this difficult time.
CUC Changes Status and Official Name to Burman University

Charles Burman

Leona Burman

December 15, 2015 - On December 15, 2014 the CUC Board of Trustees approved changing its name from Canadian University College to Burman University.

The university is named after Charles A. and Leona Burman the husband and wife team who founded the institution in 1907. Charles A. Burman served as the first and third President (Principal) of the school that would be known as CUC. Leona Burman taught English, science, language, geography, physiology, and acted as school nurse. Both Charles and Leona devoted their entire lives to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"It was because of their selfless dedication and sacrifice that the first school on this hilltop was established," said CUC President Mark Haynal. "In every season of their ministry both of these individuals exemplified the mission of our school. They thought with discernment, believed with insight and commitment, and acted with confidence, compassion and competence."

On July 2, 2014 the Alberta government granted CUC permission to change the institutions status and name from "university college" to "university."

"Referring to ourselves simply as a university will more clearly reflect our degree-granting status and enable our students to pursue graduate school and employment without having to repeatedly explaining what a 'university college' is," says Haynal. "Because 'university college' means markedly different things in different regions, potential students and administrators of post-secondary institutions across Canada and around the world have always been uncertain and often confused by our name."

The name "Burman University" was chosen after an intensive process of focus groups held in three regions of Canada. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and citizens of Lacombe joined the process, suggesting more than a hundred possible names.

CUC will continue as Canadian University College for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic calendar year. Full implementation of the new name will take place May 1, 2015. The name change process will be fully complete after petition for amendments through a private bill moves through the Alberta legislature.
The Burmans' entire life was dedicated to service. The two met at Union College and were married in 1897. Early on in their careers the Burmans were stationed in Alberta where Charles became the first president of the Alberta Conference. Leona also served the Alberta Conference as the Sabbath School Secretary and in the Youth People's Work department.

As Alberta Conference president, Charles urged that building a school would be the best way to inspire colporteurs. This idea gave way to the Canvassers' School that would one day become Burman University. Always working as a team, Leona Burman worked alongside Charles as a staff member at the Canvassers' School.

Only a few months working with the students at the Canvassers' School convinced Charles that a secondary institution was needed. As a team of action the Burmans, with a logging crew, embarked to gather lumber even before a site or conference approval was granted.

Charles led a crew of eighteen men, eighteen horses, three bobsleds, and a cutter to the woods west of Leduc. Leona, with student Hazel Edwards, joined the crew to provide support and cook for the loggers. In three weeks the crew had cut 1,700 logs and piled them on the ice of the North Saskatchewan River.

In 1907 Alberta Industrial Academy was established. The school functioned with four staff members, Charles as the principal and Bible teacher and Leona as the preceptress along with teaching English, geography, physiology, and acting as the school nurse.

Charles and Leona Burman cared for not only the academic needs of the AIA students but for their physical needs as well. When seeing student Camille Armeneau canvassing in the cold without a topcoat, Charles took off his and gave it to the student. On another occasion, noticing student Willie McCready's wornout shoes, he bought him a new pair.

It was through their tireless service that the students addressed the Burmans as "Ma and Pa Burman."

Leona Burman wrote, "The teacher never gets his reward in the pay envelope, it comes with the years as he watches the students he has taught develop into strong men and women able to carry responsibilities."

This institution was established by the sweat and sacrifice, vision and courage of Charles and Leona Burman who dreamed of a school where men and women would be prepared for lives of service. Their dream lives on in the mission of Burman University, which is to prepare students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion and competence.
Adventist Scholar, Author and Administrator Herbert E. Douglass Passes Away

**Herbert Edgar Douglass, Jr., a Seventh-day Adventist scholar, administrator and writer died this morning at the age of 87.**

Douglass helped to write the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary series and authored "Messenger of the Lord," a biography of Ellen G. White. He served as president of Atlantic Union College and Weimar Institute, as vice-president for philanthropy at Adventist Heritage Ministry, as associate editor of the Review and Herald (now the Adventist Review) and as associate Book Editor and vice-president for Editorial Development at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. From 2008 to 2014, he served on The Hope of Survivors Board of Directors. Douglass wrote numerous Sabbath School commentaries for Spectrum Magazine. He lived in Lincoln, California until his death. General Conference archivist David Trim shares the following remembrance. -Ed.

Herb Douglass was truly a scholar and a Christian gentleman, in the fullest senses of those words. I value him for both.

As a scholar: he was an erudite theologian, who wore his learning lightly and had a gift for communicating to Everyman. He had an easy yet elegant writing style; he conveyed what he meant simply but powerfully - unlike many academics! He had a long and distinguished career in church leadership and administration, and partly as a result, it often seemed to me that he knew everyone of note in Adventism since c.1940. Herb had strong convictions and opinions, but they were always expressed with Christian love - one never had any doubt where he stood, but he wrote and spoke amicably and with wry, self-deprecating good humour. This is why I will remember him not only as a scholar of religious studies and church leader, but also as a great gentleman.

I got to know him only in the last six years of his life, and our acquaintance was sparked because of my own scholarly research on Adventist Christology. I emailed him, out of the blue, not knowing if he would even reply, because I knew I disagreed with him, but wanted to make sure I was disagreeing with what he really thought, rather than what others said he thought, or my own misunderstanding of his position.

To my profit and soon to my delight, Herb did answer my email. It was the start of a long electronic epistolary relationship - we exchanged around one hundred emails and eventually I had the pleasure of meeting him in person. I quickly realised that his views were more nuanced than I had thought. For some Adventists who disagreed with him, Herb became a kind of bogeyman; his views have, I fear, been somewhat caricatured at times. In fact, he had a subtle understanding of soteriology and Christology, sensitive to fine distinctions, and I was glad I emailed him, for although I still disagreed with him, I understood much more clearly what the actual grounds of our disagreement were. I realised, too, that we had far more in common than I thought. Not least was his love for Jesus - his theology truly was Christ-centred; he also had a passion for this remnant Church and its prophetic role; a strong belief in the Spirit of Prophecy as manifested in Ellen White (on which he wrote a widely read book); and a zeal for mission.

I was obliged, as an historian, to point out (in public, having done so first in our e-correspondence) that his interpretation of Adventist historical Christological views was flawed, since the evidence told a more complex story...
than of the simple “fork in the road” in the 1950s that Herb (often) posited in print. In addition, we had theological differences: I respectfully dissent from his postlapsarian view of the nature of Christ and concomitant notion that humans, here on earth, can permanently “overcome sin”.

However, from the emails Herb sent me, I learned immensely about the history of Adventist theology in the 20th century and the personal relationships that always underpin theological controversy; he really did seem to have met, known and liked every Adventist theologian and church leader of consequence in the last 75 years. The result was that our correspondence benefited me greatly! I hope he got a measure of intellectual stimulation - he certainly seemed to enjoy our email “conversations”. But I don’t doubt that I got the better of our exchanges - meaning only that I got more out of them - they were richly rewarding for someone who had been an historian of the Reformation and come only lately to Adventist history. And I found myself in an interesting position - the more I knew about Herb, the more certain I was that he was wrong on certain theological issues, yet the more I liked and respected him.

At one point, we wrote to each other about the controversies in the Church since the late 1970s. I will take the liberty of quoting him, for his words show the measure of the man. He wrote to me, regarding one notable Adventist thinker who became notorious for heterodox views:

"He knows I have never diminished him—we just have fundamentally different worldviews. It is the lesser lights that have said some outrageous stuff about what they think I think. But this is all understandable. Goes with the territory. I refuse to let anybody be my enemy."

Herb Douglass never, in my experience, even in private, ever abused any of the theologians with whom he had crossed swords. Veritably, he never diminished his opponents. I was really delighted when Herb at one point called me his friend. But it makes sense - he wanted to be friends with every other Seventh-day Adventist.

There are few scholars who can write for all audiences. Even rarer is the person who can have strong convictions, share them firmly, and yet do so in a cordial, even Christ-like way. That was my friend Herb Douglass. We will learn the truth of all things in the earth made new; but I hope for several millennia at least of amicable debates, learning from each other, even while we learn from Our Lord and Saviour, who Herb loved so much and served so well.

David Trim, Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., is the Director of Archives, Statistics, and Research at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
Melinda Carstensen

Dr. Ellsworth Wareham, 100, a celebrated heart surgeon, still mows his lawn and trims his bushes. He credits his longevity in large part to his vegan diet, which he adopted midlife.

(Photo courtesy Loma Linda University Medical Center)

Today, being a surgeon is like being a commercial airline pilot: One must complete hundreds of hours of educational training before flying solo with human lives in his or her hands. But back in 100-year-old Dr. Ellsworth Wareham’s day, surgeons studied diagrams and simulated human procedures on dogs before operating on a patient by themselves.

Wareham, of Loma Linda, Calif., was one of the earliest doctors to practice open heart surgery in the United States, and the first at Loma Linda University, whose cardiothoracic surgery program has been ranked among the top heart hospitals in the United States.

“..."You know how people will say they had ‘their call’ to something? I felt that I was actually called to be a doctor," Wareham told FoxNews.com. "There had never been any question in my mind about this."

Throughout his lifetime, Wareham has garnered as much attention for his career as a surgeon as he has for his...
longevity. At the age of 100, Wareham still does all of his own yard work and climbs up and down the stairs in his two-story home.

Maintaining his good health has no doubt been made easier due to the ideals of Wareham's religion and community. Loma Linda has one of the highest concentrations of Seventh-Day Adventists in the world, and living a healthy lifestyle is the faith's main ideal. The town has banned smoking, and alcohol is scarcely sold. As a result, Loma Linda is the only so-called “Blue Zone” of the U.S., an area where men and women live measurably longer lives than the average American.

Wareham himself adopted a vegan diet in midlife after reading research that showed animal protein raises cholesterol. He credits his good health—and his clearness of mind, the thing he's most grateful for today—in large part to that decision.

Although he retired from operating in the surgical unit at Loma Linda University at age 74, Wareham mentored and assisted residents at the university until age 95.

**Inspiration at sea**

Wareham served in World War II as a U.S. Navy doctor, and one day on a destroyer near the Philippines, his captain became injured after falling off the boat. Despite Wareham's insistence to immediately operate on the man—who had a ruptured discus and a rigid abdomen—surgeons delayed the procedure, which eventually led to his captain's death from an abdominal infection.

The issue of unqualified doctors wasn’t a problem exclusive to the Navy, Wareham pointed out. The American Board of Surgery, which certifies doctors and the institutions where they train, was not formed until 1937, and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery was formed in 1948.

Still, Wareham said, his captain’s death compelled him to want to make a difference.

“I decided then that I would become a well-qualified surgeon,” Wareham said.

Open-heart surgery was also only hypothetical when Wareham left the Navy in 1947. The procedure that is thought to be the first in the world wouldn’t be completed until 1953, when Dr. John H. Gibbons, of the Jefferson University Medical Center in Philadelphia, used a heart-lung machine to close a large secundum atrial septal defect (ASD) in an 18-year-old woman. An ASD is a hole in the septum, or muscular wall, that separates the heart's two upper chambers, called the atria, according to the Cleveland Clinic. The condition occurs when part of the atrial septum does not form properly.

The year of the operation, Wareham had been a senior surgery resident in New York. “I said to myself, that is the future of surgery, and I should get some training in it,” Wareham said.

Wareham’s mentors advised him to study chest surgery before he concluded his graduate program. The training involved operating on the chest and the chest wall—a method that preceded open heart surgery. Wareham prolonged his residency for two years, and continued his training at the St. Francis Hospital for Cardiac Children in Roslyn, New York.

“When I got into practice, I got paid fees for doing surgery, and I thought, ‘this is really something: I have all this fun and get paid for it,’” Wareham said. “It’s like any hobby—like a little old lady knitting with her hands. It’s just a matter of [the idea that] we’re all wired to do certain things that we enjoy.”

**Saving lives abroad**

After his residency, in 1955, Wareham returned to Loma Linda University, where he had previously completed his initial medical training in 1937. He performed the first open heart surgery at the school in 1958. For 22 years,
Wareham served as chief of cardiothoracic surgery until he retired at age 74—two years later than the typical maximum retirement age for cardiothoracic surgeons at the medical college.

In the 1960s, Wareham traveled with a team of doctors and nurses, including his wife, Barbara Wareham, a nurse, to train surgeons with the International Heart Institute. Among their destinations were Pakistan, Greece, and Saudi Arabia—where, prior to the Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team, many people who needed these operations often died.

"Here in America, say California, if a person comes to me and I don't do surgery on him, he can go down the street and get it done by somebody else," Wareham said. "But in most countries, there was no way for them to have heart surgery. If they had money, they'd go abroad to England or the U.S. It was a very challenging situation, and the people were very grateful."

Training the future of medicine

Dr. Leonard Bailey, the famous surgeon who transplanted a baboon heart into a baby at Loma Linda University in 1984, trained under Ellsworth Wareham as a medical student in the late 1960s. The child, Baby Fae, was born prematurely with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, and Bailey's historic yet controversial surgery made international headlines.

"I think if there was anyone in this industry that influenced me the most, it would be Dr. Wareham," Bailey, 72, told FoxNews.com. "During my freshman year as a medical student, I ran up to the hospital and watched him teach a young surgeon how to close a hole in the heart, and this confirmed my impressions and opinion, and I thought, 'That's something I wanted to do.'"

Wareham was the one who encouraged Bailey—now, a distinguished professor of pediatrics and surgery and surgeon-in-chief at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital—to study child heart surgery in the first place.

"He sort of shepherded my career path in a direction that I really wanted to go, but [I] didn't know how to go about doing it without him," said Bailey, who has been practicing surgery since 1976.

When asked to describe Wareham, Bailey said he was a "no-compromise surgeon."

"He taught us from the opposite side of the table, so we learned how to operate properly. If a single stitch was not up to his standards, we did it over— I learned that from him, and I also learned how to be a gentleman. I just never saw him bluesy. He understood his emotions very well. He was almost better under stress than when things were relaxed."

The two things Wareham is most proud of are teaching and traveling with the Overseas Heart Surgery Team.

"The training of the people is the most rewarding experience," Wareham said. "You can duplicate yourself. You can do better than duplicate yourself. I would say the majority of the fellows I trained were more capable than I— more talented than I. They did superb work."

Building the Wareham legacy

Ellsworth and Barbara Wareham met at Glendale Adventist Hospital in 1948, when Ellsworth, 35, was a resident in surgery, and Barbara, 21, was a nursing student.

"Once I went out with him, the younger men didn't quite do it," Barbara, 86, told FoxNews.com. "He arrived at the door with flowers and tickets to the Light Opera. I thought he was a keeper at the time."

Barbara and Ellsworth raised their five children on a 40-acre apple orchard in Oak Glen, Calif., about 22 miles from Loma Linda University. In tasking their children help maintain the orchard—tending to the irrigation and sorting the crops for merchants—Barbara and Ellsworth, both of whom grew up on farms, hoped to teach them the importance...
of hard work and self-sufficiency.

Today, two of their children are attorneys, two are doctors and one works for the American Red Cross.

“When they left for college, that was the end of their farming career,” Barbara joked.

Julie Wareham, 59, the Warehams’ only daughter, is a psychiatrist in Oak Glen, Calif. As a child, she would shadow her father in the surgical unit at Loma Linda University, and as a teenager, she would sit in on his surgeries during a time when patient privacy laws like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) were lax.

“I just remember him reassuring the family members of people that are cut from stem to stern when they do those coronary bypass surgeries, and just reassuring the family and how soft-spoken he was,” Julie Wareham told FoxNews.com. “He was a very good teacher from what his residents and fellows would say—he made it look really easy. Teaching was what he really enjoyed doing.”

Life after the operating room

Each day, Wareham gets eight or nine hours of rest, wakes up at 5 a.m., eats two meals—always whole-wheat cereal with almond milk for breakfast—exercises, and spends time with his family. He continues to refrain from consuming animal products, referring to a study out of the Cleveland Clinic that found heart disease could be stopped by adopting a low-fat, vegan diet.

“If your cholesterol is under 150, your chances of getting a heart attack are very low,” Wareham said. “My cholesterol is 117. I wouldn’t even bother getting an electrocardiogram (EKG) if I had chest pain. One-third of people in the U.S. will die of coronary heart disease. If you can prevent it, it’s worthwhile.”

While Wareham enjoys retirement, he said there doesn’t seem to be much free time.

“I will read quite a bit, and I do my own landscaping pretty much. I trim my bushes and mow my lawn, and I get my physical exercise that way,” he said. “There would be people who wouldn’t cut a blade of grass because they don’t enjoy it, but I enjoy trimming my grass.”

And although he still holds a tangential interest in medicine during retirement, Wareham said he no longer studies it. But one could argue that his penchant for healthy living and intricate knowledge of the human body may have given the centenarian a leg up on longevity.

Wareham doesn’t use a cane and has always opted for stairs instead of taking the elevator. He cites research out of Stanford University from about 25 years ago that suggested a 46 percent decreased incidence of death by heart disease by climbing a flight of stairs 20 times per week. A clipping of the study is pasted on the stairwell in his home, he said.

Jason Wareham, one Wareham’s eight grandchildren—and the only one among Wareham’s children and grandchildren to join the U.S. Armed Forces—described his grandfather as someone who leads by example.

“I would not be who or what I am today if he hadn’t been around,” Jason Wareham, 34, a major in the Marine Corps based in Washington D.C., told FoxNews.com. “He described heart surgery as a collection of small tasks done well. That phrase has always been present for me in my life as I’ve taken on challenges.”

Jason, an appellate defense attorney for the Marines, was deployed once in Afghanistan from October 2010 to May 2011. When Jason was first commissioned to the Marine Corps, Ellsworth pinned on his Second Lieutenant bars.

“He wore his naval uniform from World War II,” Jason said, “and of course it still fit.”
Coal Wars and “a little nest of Fascists”

By: Rachel Wood

Coal Wars: Unions, Strikes, and Violence in Depression-Era Central Washington, by David Bullock.

A book by David Bullock, professor of communication, was published this fall. Coal Wars: Unions, Strikes, and Violence in Depression-Era Central Washington brings to life the labor union power struggle that tore rifts in the small coal mining communities of Roslyn, Cle Elum and Ronald in Central Washington.

Bullock’s mother grew up in Roslyn, and he remembers visiting the town many times during his childhood. He knew the town to be a quiet, peaceful community. In the 1930s however, the town he knew would have been unrecognizable, for it was split in violent discontent over coal mining unions. Curious to learn more about Roslyn and its dramatic history, Bullock came across a New Republic article from 1934 that called Roslyn a “little nest of Fascists.” Intrigued by this shocking claim, Bullock decided to uncover the story.

“I like histories that have a really good storyline,” Bullock states. “Everybody acts for a reason, and I tried to understand why people on both sides of the issue acted as they did.”

In the 1930s, demand for coal had been steadily declining for more than a decade. Many coal miners were working less and earning less, and were generally unhappy with the status quo. Miners unhappy with the contracts negotiated by the United Mine Workers of America decided to bolt and form their own independent union, and violence between competing union members escalated. The new union called a strike demanding recognition as the majority union. During the strike, wives and mothers pelted cars with rocks, rotten eggs, and cow pies, cursing and assaulting anyone who dared cross the picket line.

Local police could not curb the unrest and called on the Washington State Patrol for assistance. State police could not act on behalf of either union without federal direction, so a federal mediator was brought in to hear both sides and officially declare which union had authority.

This epic saga between the labor unions is a story largely untold until now.

Aided by reference material from personal accounts, recorded interviews, and archival public records, Bullock drew the pieces of this story together to find out what really happened.

Published by WSU Press, Coal Wars: Unions, Strikes, and Violence in Depression-Era Central Washington is available for purchase at the University Bookstore, amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com.

Published December 16, 2014.
Jean Boonstra

VOP has the distinct privilege of producing ABC TV’s annual Christmas special. We recorded the program live earlier this month at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. We are in the post-production phase now and the one hour program will air on ABC stations across the United States on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The material is copyright protected until after it airs on ABC, but I am very excited to be able to show you a few photos and a short “in the making” video clip here!

We need your help to ensure that this program is aired in the best possible time-slots on stations across the country.

Find out when the program will air in your community:

Please call your local ABC station and ask them to air “Peace on Earth”.

If you need the phone number in your area call Chauncey at 805.955.7681

Here is a sneak peek! First the video and then enjoy the photos.

(Video and photos by Palmer Halvorson)
Gayle Lasher’s gifts in pastoral ministry were recognized during a commissioning service in early October.

Bruce Koch, Washington Conference stewardship director, remembers hiring Lasher in 2005 to serve as a Bible worker/trainer after evangelism funds substantially increased at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting.

“She’s a Martha; she’s hospitable. She’s also a Mary, one who sits at the feet of Jesus,” says Koch. “Gayle absorbs everything she learns about Jesus, lets it become part of her person and shares her experience with Jesus.”

Lasher, along with her husband, Rod, came into a relationship with Jesus through the death of her stepfather and other crises in their lives. They started Bible studies in Wenatchee with Dan Serns and were baptized together on their seventh anniversary in April 2000.

The couple immediately began offering Bible studies in their home. Six months later, Lasher started teaching the pastor’s Sabbath School class. Two years later, she was lay pastoring a district church and conducting the first of many evangelistic series in Washington and the Philippines. In her ministry, she has witnessed a few hundred people come to Jesus.

Lasher pursued an education with a degree in theology and religion and a second degree in personal ministries from Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Mass. She is in a master’s study program through Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Lasher pastors New Life Adventist Ministry, a growing church plant in Fife that she started in 2011.

“I thank the Lord that He considers me trustworthy for ministry,” Lasher says, echoing 1 Tim. 1:12–17. “I am grateful for how God has filled me with faith and showed me His mercy.”

Heidi Baumgartner

Washington Conference communication director
The 2014 Men's Summit took place the weekend of Sept. 26–28 at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman. Even though a light rain fell most of the day on Sabbath, it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. Several attendees were delayed on the drive up Bear Canyon to the ski lodge Sabbath morning by a flock of wild turkeys that decided to take up residency in the road for a time.

Charles Burkeen, Oregon Conference member ministries director and author of *A Place for Us Guys*, inspired the men with new insights into why “Men Do Crazy Things.” Men are made in the image of a God who is the ultimate risk-taker, shepherd, builder and mentor. He challenged the men to honor the God who created them by embracing who they are as God’s sons, enjoying an adventurous life while maintaining a shepherd’s heart and understanding they have an obligation to mentor others.

Dan Clark was back this year and enhanced the programs with his original musical compositions. Clark, Eric Beavon and Leo Beardsley led the music assisted by Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, on his saw. Clark also taught the group to sing the theme song, “Have You Heard About Grace?” Josh Holloway led the Montana Men’s Chorus in a special number on Sabbath evening.

Attendees also enjoyed food prepared by the Mount Ellis cafeteria staff.

Those who attended were extremely blessed. Hopefully those who did not attend will put September 2015 on their calendars and plan on attending next year.

**Leo Beardsley**

Havre Church communicaton leader
Sept. 20, 2014, was a day of celebration for the Midnight Son Adventist Church in Kenai as members opened their new worship center. Mayor Pat Porter assisted the children with the ribbon-cutting ceremony, stating that “our children are the future of our community and our churches.” Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president secretariat, traveled from Anchorage for the occasion and officiated in the inauguration service with the local pastor, Rick Cabero.

During the service, those who attended enjoyed a variety of Christian music complemented by sign language. The children performed two special songs, including one in Spanish.

The new worship center features a grand piano as well as state-of-the-art audio-visual systems, enhancing the already astounding acoustics. Contemporary lighting, comfortable seating and overhead windows that frame birch trees set a peaceful and worshipful atmosphere. Downstairs the facility reveals a modern kitchen with tables suitable for meetings, social functions and food service.

Along with Sabbath services, the center hosts Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered 12-step group that meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. The church family is excited about the new church growth they observe and the capabilities of reaching more physical and spiritual needs of people in the community with their new facilities. The new worship center will also be available for private use.

Charlayne O'Brien

Midnight Son Church Member
Recently, Tawny Sportsman, an Oregon Prayer Conference team member, put out an invitation to meet her at her new home, which was under construction. On a sunny, warm Sabbath afternoon friends of all ages gathered at the construction site to write their favorite Bible verses on the bare studs.

A rich diversity of Scripture promises were penned on nearly every board of the house. Something far stronger than 2-by-4s will be holding up that roof. And that roof … it will be more than plywood and shingles. God's protecting hand will be a covering shield, for the promises of God are a permanent part of that structure.

Neighbors watched people come and go that Sabbath afternoon. Word passed through the neighborhood of Scriptures written on walls and of a blessing prayed over that home and its future guests. During the afternoon, several neighbors came and contributed their own verses.

The Scriptures written on the walls of Sportsman's home are now covered with wallboard and paint. No one can see them now, but those who visit visit that home in the future will surely hear the story of how the Word of God, prayer and praise were built into the very structure of Sportsman's home.

Next spring’s Oregon Prayer Conference (OPC) will be an opportunity to learn how to be bold in prayer. It will be an opportunity to hear how others are using prayer (as in Sportsman's special house-blessing service) to come boldly before the throne of grace on a daily basis. The prayer conference isn’t just a chance to get away and relax. It will be a time of fellowship, instruction and, most of all, a time to be challenged to pray more. Whether you already have a robust prayer life or you need to develop a regular prayer routine, you will be blessed and challenged.


**Greg Middlestetter**

Eugene Church pastor
Accidental Pagans

The greatest Christmas card ever bestowed upon me had gilded edges, dazzling red and green accents, and the following message:

"Jesus is the reason for the season!" TRUE!

"Merry Christmas!" FALSE!!!!

The sender had actually crossed off the holiday greeting portion and wrote “FALSE” — with multiple exclamation points so I would know this was serious.

I was confused. But thankfully the sender included a multipage letter, with festive green and red font, explaining the pagan nature of the world’s most popular holiday. If I didn’t “hang my stockings with care” (metaphorically speaking), I would be guilty of brazen paganism.

I display this card every year. It’s my favorite decoration.

Every year I run into grinches trying to steal Christmas. They lurk in church lobbies, send “concerned” emails, and manage shady websites with MIDI hymns and mismatched fonts. Their questionable hermeneutics and historiographies let you know you are on God’s naughty list if you have too much yuletide cheer.

I have written elsewhere on the methodology used to slam Saint Nick’s season, and, as an Adventist, I have pointed to many positive things Ellen White, one of our influential denominational founders, had to say about exchanging gifts (Review and Herald, Dec. 26, 1882) and Christmas trees — even in church (Review and Herald, Dec. 11, 1879). The only negative things she says about the holiday have to do with our tendency to saturate it with materialism and our selfish ignorance of those in need — counsel even people with a secular persuasion can appreciate. I tried pointing this out to a Christmas-hater once, and they countered with the “fact” that these weren’t her “inspired writings.”

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I don’t want to rehash the history of this debate anymore, but I do want to throw out an element that has bothered me — and I hope it will bother you. Why is it so easy to be an accidental pagan but not an accidental Christian?

We see people wearing apparel, jewelry, tattoos, etc., with crosses on them — but nobody would say they are secretly worshipping Jesus. People attend financial seminars and school concerts inside our sanctuaries, but does that make them believers?

Are they in danger of heaven?

When the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem and built the temple of Jupiter on its ruins, would sensational pagan evangelists point out the traces of Jewish symbolism and architecture infringing on the worship of Roman gods? When evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins listens to Handel’s Messiah, does his name disappear off the Devil’s Ledger of Death and appear in the Lamb’s Book of Life?

Based on some of the reasoning I hear, it almost seems like some credit the devil with more power than Jesus. Whatever happened to the reassuring words of Jesus, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:28–29 ESV)?

Questions to ponder as you celebrate, or try to exterminate, this holiday season.