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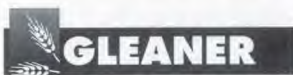


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When Pastors Don't Seem to Measure Up

By Duane McKey

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The year 1993 has been designated by the General Conference as the "Year of the Pastor," a special time to focus on the work of the pastor. So let's look at what we expect from our pastors.

Early the other morning I must have kicked off my bed covers, because I got chilled and began to dream that it was Sabbath morning, almost time to begin the worship service. I was in back of the platform, but the sanctuary seemed uncomfortably quiet. And then came the nightmare: I was horror-stricken as I walked onto the platform and realized the church was almost empty!

Tell me, would your pastor be excited if the church were full every Sabbath? Yes, of course. Should the pastor expect the church to be full each Sabbath? Yes and no. You see, the pastor's expectations must be realistic, as in any profession. If not, then dreams certainly do become discouraging nightmares.

Now, let's turn it around. What about your expectations of your pastor? How high are they? Once a parishioner's daughter explained to me that it was my duty to visit her father on a weekly basis, as he was somewhat confined to his house. I listened kindly and thanked her for the "invitation." I explained that with almost a thousand members in the two churches to care for in my pastorate, it would be impossible for me to visit her father weekly.

However, there were others in the church who made weekly contact with all the shut-ins. Her interest in the spiritual welfare of her father was of the highest order; her expectations of the pastor were simply beyond the pastor's abilities to fulfill.

How would you prioritize the pastor's responsibilities? How much time should be spent in the following pastoral activities:

- Visitation
- Prayer
- Sermon preparation
- Preaching
- Evangelism
- Youth Activities
- Exercising
- In the car
- Time off
- Church meetings
- Counseling
- Administration
- Bible studies
- Local community projects
- Church school activities
- On the phone
- Family time

One such survey resulted in the following

conclusion, as published in the Ann Lander's column concerning the "perfect pastor."

"Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but embarrasses no one. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and he is also the janitor. He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car and gives \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old and has been preaching for 25 years. He is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers, and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospital patients, and is always in his office when needed. If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors, one of whom should be perfect."

We smile. But could it be that our expectations of our pastors are sometimes not all that realistic? We must remember that pastors, like parishioners and church members, have a variety of gifts; hence, strengths and weaknesses.

Along with most pastors, my personal expectations as a pastor center on the joy of seeing people's lives touched and changed and watching them grow to fulfill their potential as Christians.

Not long ago it was a tearful moment as I announced to my new-members' pastor's Bible class that I had accepted the call to move to Portland, Ore. I looked over at Rhonda. Tears were streaming down her cheeks. I recalled that, a few months before, I had baptized Rhonda, her husband and her three children. Rhonda stood and gave me a hug, and through tear-filled eyes she said, "Pastor." (Now, I thought, she's going to say, "Pastor, how could you do this," or "Why would you leave us now?")

But instead she said, "Pastor, I am so thankful that you stayed here in Pendleton long enough to get me and my family into the church." That's the joy of pastoring. That's what pastoring is all about.

This issue of the GLEANER features several articles on the "Year of the Pastor," which may help us better understand what we should expect from our pastors. 🌾

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"The Pathway Home: 'Not What I Prayed for Exactly' "

By Vangie McKeel-Schoenberger

Vangie McKeel-Schoenberger writes from Lynnwood, Wash.

It was a silly card. "You are the answer to my prayer—Not what I prayed for exactly, but apparently you're the answer!" I dashed off a "Happy Anniversary," and signed it "With Love." My husband would be amused.

But the silly card stirred a more serious memory that day. I thought of Jeremiah 29:11, of how God had "thoughts of peace toward" me; of how He had waited for me until I was ready.

I looked again at the greeting card and mused, "This is where God has led me." I flashed back to my life "before Dave."

Young Love

I had been through two marriages already, one a young love full of immaturity and selfishness when I had turned my back on the church; the second had introduced me to a facet of my nature I hadn't known before: alcoholism.

It had become difficult to hide my addiction, to look 'okay' on the outside as I had plummeted to spiritual and emotional bankruptcy. It was then that I had remembered God.

"God, help me! Whatever it takes, God, just turn me around!"

The answers had come quickly, directing me to rehabilitation and Alcoholics Anonymous, and I had made new friends, among them Dave. His look of grim determination set him

apart from the rest of the recovering alcoholics. As we shared experiences and goals, I learned that we both were tired of life as we had known it, and had turned our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

When Dave spoke of marriage, I was emphatic: "I'm not going through life collecting husbands!" But love prevailed, and we did marry.

Among our new friends, the first Seventh-day Adventists we met were apartment managers, "Smitty" and Phyllis Smith. They were kind and friendly people, and they brought me Sabbath school quarterlies and kept us informed about church activities, just in case we wanted to take part.

Controversy

But Dave was 'anti-preacher,' and I wasn't sure I was interested in "organized religion." Occasionally, I went to the Smiths' church, but it was hard for me to get past the "sentinels" in the foyer!

Then controversy hit the congregation, and I turned to prayer and study, as well as to my family halfway across the country, for answers, grateful for their unflinching love.

Time passed and wounds healed. But it was during this time that I grew to appreciate the unconditional love of old friends and of a new pastoral family. There were no lectures; just, "You're in our prayers. We love you."

Decisive Move

We moved to the Pacific Northwest in search of clean air after Dave lost a lung to cancer, but life was not yet complete. The Holy Spirit continued to remind, to nudge and to tug at me. I looked for a church and discovered that the Adventist church in Everett, Wash., was within minutes of our home, and when I first visited the church, I was warmly welcomed at the door, though I craved invisibility as I slipped into the sanctuary.

Smiling faces and warm handshakes reached out to me, dissolving my tension and nervous fear. The pastor, Jack Everett and his wife, Bunny, exuded warmth and enthusiasm.

Within the week, Pastor Jack brought Bible studies into our home. Regular church attendance began when Bunny hinged an invitation to dinner with a visit to church. After evangelistic meetings with Cal Johnson, we made our decision. Dave and I agreed: Our baptism was the happiest day of our lives!

Who "won" us? Is it fair to single out one individual? Praise be to God, He 'raised up' the right person(s) for each stage of our five-and-a-half-year journey from recommitment to re-baptism.

It was "Not what I prayed for exactly," but it was definitely the answer. ➔

Working Together

Pastoral Goals and Congregational Expectations

By Todd Gessele

Todd Gessele writes from Portland, Ore., where he is an intern in the North Pacific Union Conference Communication Department.

When it comes to people's expectations of the pastor's job description, wife, lifestyle and personality, every congregation is shaped by the previous pastor, memories of childhood ministers, TV evangelists, radio preachers, and . . . their own experience. Expectations vary. For this reason, congregations and even pastors themselves should stop and ask themselves whether or not they are hanging onto any goals or expectations which fail to empower them to work together for God as they might.

Join Buzz, Pam and Roland, lay pastors at the Federal Way, Wash., church, as they talk with Jena and Jac Colon about congregational expectations and pastoral goals.



Jena Colon Jac Colon Buzz Manchester Pam Rochelle-Talley Roland Pomerantz

QUESTION: What is your goal as a pastor?

Jac Colon, church pastor: My goal is to equip my members to minister to each other and to win souls. Realistically, I can only minister (get close) to 10 people and I've got over 200 people in my church. You might say, my goal is put the ripple effect in motion—I equip my members to minister to each other and then try to let them do that. You see, I'm still fighting the mentality that the church expects me to do everything. Letting go of "doing it all by myself" has taken some doing.

One day, I received four phone calls. One asking for help with a marriage that was about to fall apart, another concerned a teenage daughter on drugs, the third was from someone concerned with my theological orientation, and

the fourth was from someone wanting help to find a job. I was right in the middle of an evangelistic crusade with nightly sermons to prepare and a stack of 200 requests for visitation awaiting my attention. Shortly thereafter, three of the four people who had called me stopped coming to church. My stress level, heartache and "feelings of guilt" mounted.

Imagine how I felt when Buzz Manchester, one of my members, approached me and said, "One of the interests I am studying with had surgery and needs a visit in the hospital. Please pray for him. I am going to see him after church."

All I could think was, "Praise the Lord!" It's lay-members like Buzz who by assuming an active role in ministry enable their pastors to focus on area evangelism and the bottom-line task of equipping members to be leaders. As a result of Buzz's visit, we had a good harvest during the crusade, and Buzz's interest came in, too!

If I can help the members of my congregation discover the joys and benefits that come from ministering to one another and others, I have succeeded in my role.

Buzz Manchester, senior lay pastor: When Jac began to emphasize the importance of the laity's ownership and personal ministry in the local church, something clicked. We realized that the stability and success of any church depends not upon the pastor alone but upon the ministry of its members. It's our church, and we're going to be here when the pastor moves. When Jac invited me to consider becoming a lay pastor, I was ready to get involved and eager to learn how I could serve God in a supporting role of His ministry.

Roland Pomerantz, lay pastor: People at Federal Way, Wash., are beginning to turn to those of us who Jac has invited to be lay pastors because they know us. Instead of overburdening our pastor, we as a church are leaning on one another. This way our pastor is free to train and encourage us so that we can better minister to each other. Once this happens, we feel much more comfortable reaching out to others outside the church.

QUESTION: Given the nature of the pastoral job, is it possible for a pastor to develop deep friendships within the church?

J. Colon: Jesus had a circle of three within the 12. Since He did maintain a few close friends, a pastor should be able to do the same. Just as He dealt with problems of jealousy and individuals attempting to take advantage of His friendship, pastors will also have to do the same. It's a real fine

ine to walk because if you get close to some people, then others can start to feel jealous and start asking, "Why don't you spend time with me?" It's also possible to get so close to people that they could feel hurt if you choose to go against them on a decision in the church. Then it becomes a personal issue. So you have to really avoid both kinds of things. But I don't think you can, or should, avoid friendships with people. Without close relationships, pastoring quickly becomes a very lonely job.

QUESTION: Which is a pastor's larger role: To ask questions or to give answers?

Manchester: To give answers. For us, when we run across a question we don't understand, we check in with our pastor. It's not his job to check in with us.

J. Colon: Buzz is right; they need to feel free to come to me with questions. But I also want to ask the kinds of questions that help them develop and seek answers that will help each one to grow personally. Some individuals simply say, "Hey, I want to be a leader, would you help me?" Others are waiting for someone to ask them to get involved.

Pam Rochelle-Talley, senior lay pastor: When Pastor Jac invited me to become a lay pastor, it opened up a whole new area of Christianity for me. I developed an evangelistic perspective which has enabled me, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to lead others to Christ and to see entire families healed and restored.

J. Colon: It's been incredible what has happened since our church invited them to take their ministry seriously. The ownership they have in this church has soared.



Each One of Us Has a Ministry...

QUESTION: How has your relationship with the conference changed in the past 20 years?

J. Colon: There was a time when I felt impatient with conference leadership for not seeing things the way I saw them. Now, after having been in conference administration and as a pastor again, I have a much deeper respect for those in leadership positions. They are often dealing with problems of which we are totally unaware and have perspectives we cannot see. We need to support our leaders and trust them even though they are fallible.

QUESTION: How do you balance conference directives with the individual and often unique needs of your congregation?

J. Colon: The pastor is employed by the conference administration to serve the church. Sometimes the needs of the church and the conference seem to be opposed to each other. When that happens, I see the role of the pastor as one that helps the local church catch a vision that reaches beyond its own boundaries. This can put a lot of pressure on the pastor, but I believe that loyalty to church leadership is crucial for unity and growth.

QUESTION: 'dena, how do you relate to being a pastor's wife?

'dena Colon: I love it. I was brought up an evangelist's kid, and I chose an evangelist for a husband. It was my choice; it's what I always wanted.

QUESTION: Do you feel that your congregation has certain expectations of the pastor's wife?

'd. Colon: I have not felt that to the degree that I've heard other women talk about it. I think it's largely because of my own attitude toward my ministry. Some women feel that a lot is expected of them and of their families. I have not seen that, for whatever reason. I have taken the time, even gone out of my way to remind and suggest to our congregations, that my family is not unique or any more special just because we are the pastoral family. I will voice that opinion from time to time when I hear someone talking about their children. I will say, "That sounds like our house."

My family isn't automatically perfect. I often ask people to pray for our family, especially our boys. I also have felt that it is a real privilege to be in the Lord's work. There is no other position on earth where you can have the wonderful joy of seeing lives change and be paid for it!

QUESTION: How is it possible for a pastor to be compassionate with so many people and still retain emotional balance?

J. Colon: A pastor has to be able to be emotionally mature and stable, but at the same time he has to communicate that he relates to others and how they feel. Jesus wept at Lazarus's tomb even though He knew what was about to happen. He related to how the people were feeling. Yet at the same time, I don't believe Jesus was on an emotional roller-coaster ride. He was in control of His passions and emotions, not ashamed of them.



"Pastor, each week the board wants you to spend 20 hours in sermon preparation, 20 for devotions, 20 in church management, 20 in youth activities and at least 20 giving Bible studies. And we insist you get your rest so you'll be coherent on Sabbath mornings."



"I'm the new lay pastor for visitation and reclaiming ministries, and even though the hospital won't release you, I think I can get you to church if we go out the side door."

QUESTION: How do you know when it's time to move?

J. Colon: Pray about it. Usually I don't think about it till a call comes, but when one does come, it tends to be very stressful because we want to be where God wants us to be.

'd. Colon: I don't think we ever feel that we just want to up and move. It is difficult to leave friends. But we want to go where we can be most effective for God.

QUESTION: Are there any myths about pastoring you'd like to debunk?

Manchester: I think a lot of people among the laity have this impression that pastors make no mistakes. In reality pastors are real people, just like you and me, who are willing to let God continually work through them. I guess I'd like to debunk the idea that the pastor should be perfect. We should not have higher expectations of them than we would of ourselves.

Pomerantz: The idea that the pastor is paid to do the work of the church so the members need not be involved in ministry has unfortunately become more of a tradition than a myth. It's time we get out of the pews and help resolve the problems we see in our own church rather than ignore what needs to be done and complain that our pastor isn't doing enough. As Christians we should all be helping our brothers and sisters — pastors included!

Rochelle-Talley: As Jac stated earlier, one person can only minister effectively to 10 people at a time. If that's the case, we either need 30 more pastors per church or a strong small-group ministry program. Church is more than the 11 o'clock service. From my perspective, I see the laity as a sleeping giant with tremendous potential. ➤

Return of the Shell-Shocked Prodigal

By Todd Gessele

The story of the prodigal son takes on a whole new meaning when your father is telling it and you happen to be the subject of his sermon illustration.

That's right, I'm a pastor's kid (PK) and I ran away from home when I was eight. My reasons for leaving, though far removed from any theological differences, abuse or parental neglect, centered on the novelty and adventure of the idea. I had noticed a well-to-do home about four miles away which looked inviting; I imagined that the owners of the place might just be delighted to have a boy my age, a runaway no less, move in with them. Beyond that I don't recollect planning where this idea would take me or what the results would be.

I chose a hot summer day to announce my plans. Hearing my mother's cry of dismay, my father emerged from his study, and, much to my surprise, he showed great interest in my plans to run away.

He asked me, as he has often since, "Where will this idea lead you?"

"Away," I answered, considering my plan. For once, I would no longer belong to a family that was always the first to church and the last to leave. Maybe the people that lived in that house were "heathen," and I wouldn't have to learn memory verses, endure potlucks or be told by other kids to be good because I was the pastor's kid.

"What are you going to take with you?" my father

asked. This question took me by surprise, for I fully expected my father to veto my plan, and that would be that and I'd just have to run away without telling him first.

Seeing that I hadn't thought through this part of my plan, he instructed Mom to make me a sack lunch. He then insisted that I take my heavy winter coat with me as I might need it come fall. Somehow running away wasn't

turning out to be as much fun as I had imagined. When Dad told me I had better get on with my plans to run away, tears began to well up in my eyes. Good-byes were said, and I departed.

The summer sunlight burned bright as I lugged my winter coat along behind me, down the driveway, past my tree house to

the swing adjacent to our neighbors' yard. I distinctly remember scuffing my shoes in the dirt beneath the swing and eating my entire sack lunch of unshelled peanuts by my coat, discarded on the lawn. That's as far as I got.

For the first time in my life, I really didn't mind being a PK or the subject of another sermon illustration. My dad respected my idea, allowed me to make a decision and even welcomed me home afterwards.

Like my father, God is concerned where our ideas will take us. If you've been away, look again. Take it from a PK: Adventism is more than unshelled peanuts and a warm coat. It's a family of God's people who care about each other and look forward to His return. Consider coming home. ➤

Adventism is more than unshelled peanuts and a warm coat.



Staying Young and Relevant

A Continuing Pastoral Challenge

By Roscoe Howard.

Roscoe Howard is special assistant to the president, director of regional affairs and associate director of church ministries for the North Pacific Union Conference and writes from Portland, Ore.

After 12 years of observation and personal interaction with pastors who are deemed "successful" by young people, I have concluded that "youth-oriented" pastors are successful because they cultivate seven characteristics which youths of today respect.

1. Successful pastors make it their business to befriend young people. They take time to notice them, to talk with them and to find out what their world is all about. More importantly, they accept them at face value—in spite of their differences. They're available when it really matters. Growth happens when young people recognize them as friends they can trust.

2. Successful pastors are able to visit with young people on their home turf. Talking about their spiritual struggles helps young people feel like they are a part of the church. By setting up a time for one-on-one visitation with young people, successful pastors let them know that they are just as valuable as adults.

3. Young people enjoy powerful, innovative preaching that contains teaching elements. A successful pastor discovers their unanswered questions and offers solutions; he does not browbeat them with do's and don'ts of checklist religion.

An effective pastor is up-front with young people; he bounces his concepts off an informal youth forum to test his understanding of their problems. Young people love it.

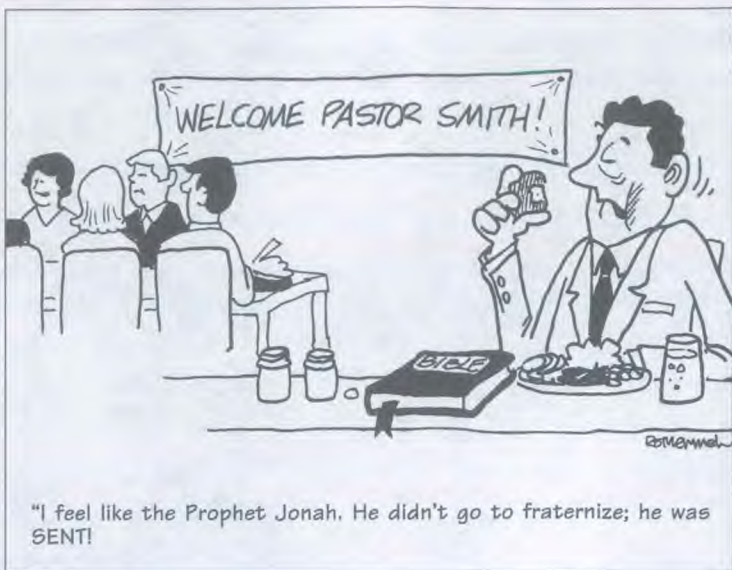
4. A successful pastor is creative and enlists the creative help of others. Young people have active imaginations which need to be challenged and expanded. Local youth departments can help a pastor illustrate certain aspects of his sermons. Contemporary preaching goes a long way with youths as well as with many not-so-young in the congregation.

5. Good pastors are verbally and financially supportive of their youth groups. They recognize that today's youths are no longer the "church of the future;" they are the church of today! Ministry to young people involves giving them more than a piece of the pie; it means giving them some grocery money and a shopping list with enough budget room for them to buy some bubble gum and a jaw breaker or two for the needy. Youthful vigor is what our church needs.

6. For young people, good ministry calls for the ability to "hang out." It may involve showing them who can eat more pizza and land the least road-rash from a skateboard crash. (It's advisable to wear safety equipment; repairs for older folks take longer.) Good pastoring involves attendance

at socials, outings and pre-Sabbath school discussions as well as lesson studies. It also calls on the pastor to occasionally invite the youths over to his home, as well as to invite them, from time to time, to make pastoral calls with him. He lets them know they can call on him at any time.

7. Good youth ministry cuts out jargon and emphasizes experience. Fears and doubts about God are real; good ministry explains how God helped the minister develop faith. A successful pastor, according to young people, shows that he can relate to their insecurities. He has the ability to explain that Jesus Christ and religious traditions are not necessarily the same things. Young people like ministers who reassure them that it's okay to look for the why. Young people will accept a piece of the church and the challenge to be God's warriors in the fight against sin. They respond to a minister who reminds them of the bright future God has planned for them and who lets them know that the church wants them to be part of that plan. ➔



Reflecting on Pastors Who Made a Difference

My fiancé and I had made wedding plans while our church was between pastors. As soon as I heard the new pastor had arrived ahead of his family at the airport, I telephoned the church office, eager to get an appointment. The secretary explained in a very pleasant voice that the pastor had just arrived at the church, but she was reluctant to transfer me to him, as he had just arrived. Suddenly his enthusiastic voice came on the line and said, "I need something to do! Why don't you come right on over?"

He greeted us at the door with a smile and enthusiasm that said, "I like what I do." Through the years we have been delighted to see him treat each person with the same warmth. It's pastors like him who make the love of Jesus become real and alive.

Barney and Judy Shortridge
Sumner, Wash.

If it weren't for two pastors, I most probably wouldn't be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian today. As a teenager I lived in an orphanage in Lewiston, Idaho. The pastor there, O.E. Schnepfer, and the pastor of the Couer d'Alene Church, Bresee, helped me attend school at Yakima Valley Academy. After graduation, they saw to it that I had a summer job. I'd like to say thanks to these pastors for caring, and having faith in me—a teenager.

Scotti Thorp
Moses Lake, Wash.

As I think of all the pastors who have touched my life, one stands out in my memory. I was 16 years old. My mother had just died, and I was "carrying on something fierce" when the pastor arrived. He directed these words to me, "Now you know your mother is better off, sleeping till Jesus comes. . . You are just feeling sorry for yourself."

At the time the words stung. I thought him heartless, cruel and uncaring. Then, as my grief passed, I began to realize that the words he spoke were true. Most of the time we "carry on" it's because we have "I trouble."

I'm thankful for each of the pastors that has touched, probed, pricked and encouraged me so the Holy Spirit could work with me.

Irene H. Ashcraft
Anchorage, Alaska



I will never forget how our pastor, who had just lost his wife to cancer, kindly and graciously conducted a special prayer service for my mother, who was terminally ill with cancer. I know this was extremely hard for him to do. I appreciate his loving kindness very much.

Earl Parmele
Joseph, Ore.

Our pastor, like most Alaskan pastors, had an enormous, demanding district which he tended without complaint. I didn't understand how he could do it. Most people in his district were simply content to sit in their pews and be entertained while he and others did double and triple duty. My dismay over the situation had grown to monstrous proportions when he took me aside and very happily explained that I'm not responsible for any more than the Lord has given me to do. I may not always be able to see the way clearly, but spending time regularly with the Lord will ensure the Holy Spirit's enabling to do what He has given me to do.

Now, instead of being frustrated and angry, I can ask, "Lord, what do you have for me today?" The battle is His. I just choose to be useable.

Robin Lindsey
Valdez, Alaska

Alaska is still very much a mission field!

These men are responsible for carrying the gospel to an area 3.6 times the size of California.

The average Alaskan pastor has a 149-member district that is five times the size of the state of Hawaii.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!



Just for Pastors

Take a quick survey of your library. Who wrote most of the books you consult as you prepare your sermon—men or women? For a change, write a sermon that presents the writing, lives or wisdom of women.

Do something visual. McCall's pattern 2066 can be modified to suit many different robed biblical personalities. Today's congregations have grown up with TV, and all age groups are captivated by a carefully planned first-person sermon which employs visual imagery to share biblical truths.

Have a child help you present your sermon. As long as one child is involved, others will prick up their ears and watch what you do next. Making church services appealing to children is basic evangelism.

Rather than conducting a "strengths vs. weaknesses" study of your church, appraise the "attitudes and abilities" of your congregation. Emphasize what your church can accomplish, and rejoice in what you can accomplish together. 🌿



"And the Lord said, 'Suffer little children...'"

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Is Your Pastor Average?

On average, each Northwest pastor is responsible for 223 members at 1.3 churches and stays 5.83 years before relocating.



What Will Your First Day in Heaven Be Like?

By Ron Stroud, Federal Way, Wash., pastor, and Todd Gessele

You have just arrived in heaven and are looking around in awe when your guardian angel—the one who protected you since your earliest moments as a child on earth — steps up and introduces himself to you. But before you can examine his wings, he turns and motions you toward a crowd of people surveying the magnificence of heaven's landscaped city.

"Someone has been asking to see you," he says as the two of you approach the group.

Suddenly you spot your next-door neighbors. Your eyes meet.

Broad smiles break across their faces. They run up and embrace you.

"We're here! And throughout eternity we'll always be grateful to you for leading our family to Jesus!"

"Me?" You ask. "But I don't remember giving you Bible lessons or anything else like that. . ."

"No, Jim and Laura Burks did that, but it was you who first invited us to go to church. "

"Yes, but. . ."

"We would never have just gone to church by ourselves! It would have been too awkward. But you invited us, introduced us to your friends and made us feel special. After that we were open to the idea of taking Bible studies. "

"You know, I hate to admit it, and even now it scares me to think about it, but you don't know how close I came to not inviting your family! It took all the nerve I could muster to ask you to go to church with me. I was worried that you might think I was a religious fanatic, or worse yet, a hypocrite. And I was afraid of hurting our friendship as neighbors. "

"You know, that's scary to think about! We might have missed heaven if you hadn't invited us to church that day. It makes me wonder how many people aren't here now, just because no one invited them to church. . ."

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Is there someone you know—a friend?... a neighbor?—who you'll want to see in heaven? Pause for a moment and decide who you could invite to church this next week. You'll have all eternity to be glad you did.



How You Can Invite Someone to Your Church

1. **Pray and ask the Lord, "Who shall I ask?"** Make a list of three to six names of people you could invite.
2. **Tell your pastor and friends of your plans to invite several of your neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances.**
3. **Begin doing things with your neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances which build-up your friendship.** Invite them over to your home, church socials, ball games, etc. If possible introduce them to some—up to six—of your fellow church members before you invite them to church.
4. **Pick a Sabbath to invite your friend(s).** Find out ahead of time what the sermon will be about, and make sure that several of the church members you introduced to your friend(s) will be there to welcome your guest(s).
5. **Invite your friend(s) to church.** You may wish to say something along these lines: "Our pastor (or guest speaker) will be having a special service Saturday, the date. I would

like you to be my guest for church." At this time you may mention plans for lunch that include their friends from your church. Upon their acceptance, ask them if they would like to ride with you or follow you in their own car. Answer any questions they might have. Set a time to leave Sabbath morning.

6. **Once at church with your guest(s), make them feel comfortable.** Explain the various parts of the service. Introduce them to your pastor, Sabbath school teacher as your neighbor, co-worker, or acquaintance from _____. Sit with people they know or with church members of their same age group and who have similar interests.
7. **A day or two later, thank your friend(s) for joining you.** They should be made to feel welcome to attend with you any time.



Bridging Troubled Times

By Lynette Anderson

Lynette Anderson is a social worker on staff with Project PATCH (Planned Assistance for Troubled Children) and writes from Clackamas, Oregon.

Foster Care generates images of little children with big sad eyes who come and go from one home to the next. While this may be true in some circumstances, there are other kinds of foster care, too. Foster care can give families a chance to evaluate and deal with various crises and change and grow positively from the experience. Project PATCH recently received the following letter from one mother who had found the courage to place her son in someone else's care.

Life at its best is a challenge, but when you lay your husband/father/friend to rest you wonder, "Where do I go from here?"

Many tearful nights the thought of how I would survive ran endlessly through my mind. Corinthians 10:13 tells us that God won't let anything come upon us but what we are able to stand. Standing on this promise we plunged ahead. Believe you me, the pain seemed unbearable at times, still.

One tearful day one of our many loving friends called. The advice was to call Project PATCH. Why should I call PATCH? My child isn't a bad child! Why?

I was having such a difficult time dealing with my own pain in the loss of my husband that I was unable to offer the comfort my son so badly needed as he dealt with the loss of his father.

After days of prayer I decided to call PATCH. They sent some information which I trashed because of one question on the application. "Why do you want a foster home for your son or daughter?" I didn't want a foster home for my son! He's mine and I love him. I just want someone to say the magic words to make the job of mother/provider/counselor/dad/teacher and all the rest, easier. I kept on praying and trying but more and more the advice kept coming to call PATCH.

Finally we sat down in the PATCH office and poured out our hearts to the counselor. They invited my child to spend the summer at

Project PATCH Ranch in Idaho. Plans were made and he was gone.

I didn't know at first if it was such a good idea or not. The house was so empty and quiet and so lonely. I had never in my life been totally alone. Waiting for the first card or letter, or even a short call, seemed endless, but finally I got a call, "Mom, I love you!" The calls got better and I was even finding I was able to deal with my own pain much easier.

Every call, every visit home, reflected so much he was learning! The most important of them all was that Jesus loved him! We have both learned to share, pray and love so much more freely.

My son is going on with his life with a lot of future plans. One, and the most important of them, is being ready when Jesus comes. I'm so proud of his growth.

The love, strength and peace we have today, I feel, is because someone answered when the Lord called them to a mission — the mission called PLANNED ASSISTANCE FOR TROUBLED CHILDREN. Thank you, Tom and staff, from the bottom of our once broken but now mended hearts.

It isn't easy to choose foster care. Even when a family opens their home to your child, it isn't easy to allow someone else to influence your child so intensely. However, if stress in the home is so high, or if communications seems non-existent between you and your child, then perhaps this is a good option. It gives everyone a chance to gain some objectivity and reevaluate their role in the family. This, along with counseling, can help families through a difficult time. 🌿

(Project Patch Confidential questions on family or relationship concerns may be made directly to Project PATCH by phoning (503) 653-8086 or writing Project PATCH at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015-9798.

Media Evangelism and Broadcasters Convention

KSOH/LifeTalk Radio and the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) invite area broadcasters and individuals interested in media evangelism to the Yakima, Wash., church, Dec. 3-5, 1993, for a weekend of networking, seminars and inspiration. During this weekend opportunity participants will learn how to develop their own radio program/station for the community and find out how to use a camcorder to develop Christian TV/video programs suitable for broadcast on low-power television.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dan Matthews, host of Lifestyle Magazine, at 7 p.m., Friday, at the Yakima

church, located on 507 N. 35th Ave. Other notable Adventist broadcasters will be on-hand to share insights and guide weekend discussion/action groups. Seminar topics will examine ways media can be used to reach the secularized person with the gospel.

On Sabbath, lecturers and seminar leaders will speak in area churches. Participants will then meet back at the Yakima church for a broadcaster's potluck and for a Bently Sisters concert at 2:15 p.m. This will be followed by "Issues and Interviews" at 3 p.m., and "Focus on LifeTalk Radio" session at 4 p.m. Those attending will be served supper

at 5:30 so that the 6:30 p.m. seminar session led by Ed Schwisow, NPUC communication director, can get under way without delay.

Sunday morning seminar sessions will begin respectively at 9 and 10:30 a.m. and will feature three topics: How to Write for Broadcasting, How to Develop a Radio Station, and How to Develop a Low Power TV Station. These seminars are free of charge and open to the public.

For more information about this event, motel rates or discounted flights into Yakima, call (509) 248-4673.

Todd Gessele



Northwest Church,
World Mission

Dangerous and Helpful Words: Development

By Alden Thompson

Alden Thompson writes Northwest Church, World Mission from College Place, Wash., where he is professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla College.

Some weeks ago I learned of a group of Adventists who claim we don't need to read the Old Testament anymore. And they use my two books, *Inspiration and Who's Afraid of the Old Testament God?* to support their position. How could that happen? Have they forgotten that the Old Testament was Jesus' Bible?

If we believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16), then we can't dump any of it. But can we maintain confidence in the inspiration of all Scripture while speaking of diversity, change, development or maturity?

Ellen White can help us. In a key paragraph in the Introduction to *The Great Controversy* (p. vi), she says the Bible was written by men who "differed widely" in "mental and spiritual endowments." One can present the same truth "more strikingly" than another. The "superficial, careless, or prejudiced reader" may speak of "discrepancy or contradiction, where the thoughtful, reverent student, with clearer insight, discerns the underlying harmony."

That means the psalmist who wishes to bash his enemies' babies against a rock (Psalm 137:9) is "inspired," but still "differs widely" in "spiritual endowments" from the One who told us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44) and who prayed for His enemies on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

But let's take one more painful step and confront God's actions in the Old Testament. Remember the cover picture on the adult Sabbath School Quarterly on 1 and 2 Samuel, first quarter 1991? A beautiful Hannah was laughing and playing with handsome young Samuel as he chased an elusive butterfly. It was a happy picture, but misleading.

Let me tell you a Samuel story from the Southern New England Camp Meeting. When we arrived around midnight, emergency vehicles were converging. The next day we learned that children in a tent had knocked over an insect-repellent candle. Fire gutted the tent, leaving a four-year-old girl with fourth-degree burns over 50 percent of her body. On Sabbath she died.

At the end of the week, I passed out evaluation forms asking for feedback on what was helpful and what was disturbing from my series on 1 and 2 Samuel. One form came back with this note under "disturbing:" "The command from God to obliterate men, women and children [1 Samuel 15:3]."

"Yes, He needs to work within the context of a culture, but what if that were your child screaming as the sword plunged into flesh? We are all horrified this camp meeting at the mental picture of a blackened, burned child. Yet at the command of God, hundreds of such children experienced a similar plight—simply because of a philosophical tenet of 'working within a cultural context' . . . ? Each child was an individual—a tender sensitive child. . . ."

You sense the urge to say, "This isn't my God. This isn't the Jesus who invites little children to come sit on His lap."

But it is the same God. The God of the Old Testament was Jesus, God and Father. Indeed, Jesus Himself was the God of the Old Testament. "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)? How?

Adventist theology gives us a partial answer. A God of love allows sin's devastation because He loves freedom. The carnage is incredible. But our God is willing to get His hands dirty to win His people back. The violence of the Old Testament testifies to the horrors of sin—and to the graciousness of a God who is willing to work within a violent culture.

Ellen White doesn't comment on the "worst" stories in the Old Testament (the dismembered concubine of Judges 19-21 and blood guilt for Saul in 2 Samuel 21). But when discussing the cities of refuge, she drops a clue that helps explain God's stance toward violence, in particular, toward the custom of blood vengeance that made the cities of refuge necessary: "The Lord did not see fit to abolish this custom at that time; but he made provision to insure the safety of those who should take life unintentionally" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 515; see Numbers 35:10-28).

Why not abolish it at once? Because God cannot coerce. He wants people to choose. That takes time. Note how Ellen White develops that principle in connection with health reform, the same principle that applies to God's participation in the violence of the Old Testament: "We must go no faster than we can take those with us whose consciences and intellects are convinced of the truths we advocate. We must meet the people where they are. . . . If we should allow the people as much time as we have required to come up to the present advanced state in reform, we would be very patient with them. . . . But we should be very cautious not to advance too fast, lest we be obliged to retrace our steps. In reforms we would better come one step short of the mark than to go one step beyond it. And if there is error at all, let it be on the side next to the people" (*Testimonies* 3:20-21).

Some months ago I heard a returned student missionary describe the horror that engulfed her when, caught in traffic in Haiti, she looked out the car window and witnessed an angry crowd stoning a man. It was almost over. Later she learned that he was a reputed thief.

She described the powerful impulse to jump out of the car, chase the crowd away, and gently put her hand under the man's head. But she didn't dare.

Later, as she struggled with the God of the Old Testament, I reminded her of Haiti. "How could God Himself change those people?" I asked. And she began to understand God's great patience. Even the God of the Old Testament. Especially the God of the Old Testament. But such a view is only possible when we see Jesus as the clearest and best revelation of God, the same God who is active through all Scripture.

That's a biblical perspective on cultural "development." Next we'll look at personal development, "maturity" in the experience of Ellen White. ➤



ALASKA



Nashville, Tenn., Pastor Holds Eagle River Revival

Richard Halvorsen, pastor of the Nashville, Tenn., First Seventh-day Adventist Church, recently conducted a week of spiritual emphasis at the Eagle River church in Alaska.

Attendance throughout these meetings was very good as the Eagle River congregation participated enthusiastically in the sessions. At the conclusion of the week's activities, Jaime Martin and Kimberly Johnson were baptized and joined the Eagle River church.

Jim Stevens is president of the Alaska Conference and writes from Anchorage.



Richard Halvorsen, left, stands beside Neil Biloff, local church pastor; in foreground, from left, are Kimberly Johnson and Jaime Martin.



Richard Halvorsen baptizes Jaime Martin.

ALASKA NEWS



IDAHO



Southeastern Camp Meeting Attracts More than 200

More than 200 persons gathered to pioneer the first Southeastern Idaho Camp Meeting, held Aug. 27-29 at Camp Tawakani, one hour south of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Joining forces to plan the time of spiritual renewal under the theme "Out of the Salt Shaker," were Pastors Doug Bryan, David Glass, George Shaver and Charles Stout.

Irene McCary, owner of a drive-in for more than 25 years in Needles, Calif., spoke on witnessing. Caring for people's physical needs paves the way for sharing heavenly food, she said, and the message was reinforced by food coordinators Jim and Shawna Dutt in their aromatic preparation of tasty meals.

Anna Withers, a member of the Southern California Intercessory Prayer Committee, shared examples of how she has seen prayers answered, and a drama group, "Among Friends," presented a "what if" situation based on the original Garden of Eden deception, *One Alone*.

Many other seminars and study groups considered topics such as evangelism, the

mystery "R" and prayer, growing up imperfect in a perfect family, the final movement of God's movement and intercessory prayer, the special connection between man and God.

Guests included a family, part of the Adventist House Exchange Program, which attended from Switzerland and expressed hope that the southeastern camp meeting tradition would continue. Another camper came from Nashville, Tenn.

Ron and Peggy Miller, Garden Valley, Idaho, residents and members of Project PATCH ranch outreach to troubled children,

said that they were unable to attend regular camp meeting this year and were excited to have the opportunity to be part of the first camp meeting for southeastern Idaho.

The Hamilton family of Twin Falls, Idaho, was represented by four generations in attendance.

Plans are under way to hold southeastern camp meeting next year in honor of the 150th anniversary of 1844, the beginning of the time of the end, as held by Seventh-day Adventists. The theme will be "Pioneers of the End Time Church."

Debbie Glass



More than 200 campers attend the first southeastern Idaho camp meeting held Aug. 27-29.

IDAHO NEWS

June Strong Speaks At Christian Women's Retreat

June Strong, nationally known Christian writer and speaker, gave four keynote addresses clustered under the theme "Mending for Our Brokenness," at an Idaho Conference Christian Women's Retreat, held Sept. 10-12 at Camp Ida-Haven near McCall, Idaho.

Basing her practical messages on her personal experience, she spoke first on how a child's self-esteem can be damaged and how childhood wounds can affect one's adult relationship with God.

She identified symptoms of low self-esteem and then talked about healing through acceptance of God's unconditional love. At another meeting, June gave suggestions on how to revitalize one's prayer life, as follows: (1) Greet God in the morning, (2) Praise God for five blessings, (3) Make five requests, (4) Pray for five people, (5) Focus on a point from Scripture while giving God time to interact with you.

The Sabbath talk "How to Be a Joyful Servant" developed the concept that surrender is essential before one can qualify for servanthood. In her presentation, "How to Pack for a Long Pilgrimage" she told the women that spiritual growth cannot occur without an understanding,

first, of God's unconditional love. Only then can one face her sin problem honestly, she said, though the journey will certainly contain pain.

During her visit, she autographed her most recent book, "A Warm and Welcome Place," which had been released just a few days before the retreat.

Others contributing to the program included Joan Green of the Eagle church who gave the early Sabbath-morning devotional. The Sabbath school feature was presented by Betty Rayl of the Richland, Ore., church, and dealt with the effect of a mother's prayers.

Her feature served as a prelude to a season of intercessory prayer, which became a part of each meeting. To end the Sabbath, Bee Biggs/Jarrell, a member of the Cloverdale church (formerly Boise central) in Boise, Idaho, gave a slide report of her two years in Malawi, Africa, where she developed nutrition programs for needy village children.

The mission project chosen for the 1993 retreat will supply Sabbath school felt sets for Adventist women in Russia who have been offered the opportunity to teach Bible stories in the public schools. The generous offering paid for

more than a dozen sets.

In their evaluations of the weekend, women included comments such as these: "The messages were relevant and so very helpful," "I have been so blessed," "Terrific," "Her message was just what I needed."

The 1994 women's retreat is scheduled for Sept. 9-11.

Bonnie Tyson-Flynn



June Strong, right, visits with long-time friend Joyce Lauterbach during a break between meetings.

Husky Elgin Tradition Lives on

Elgin, Ore., church members look forward each year to a tradition started several years ago by the late Leon Jackson and his wife, Dorothy—that of corn-feed socials.

Customary, as well, is the tradition of bringing instruments to provide music for the vesper service held in a natural arena at the home of Sam and Annabelle Horrell.

On Sept. 18, nearly 65 members and their friends and neighbors enjoyed the yearly occasion as a bountiful feast was served. A blazing campfire provided warmth for the guests.

Goldie Spainhower

Teenager Joins Family in Baker City

Shane Alderson, age 14, recently made his decision to follow the Lord all the way and was welcomed into membership by baptism at the Baker City, Ore., church. Pastor Roger Martin administered the rites of baptism, and Shane looks forward to serving in the church. Shane's father, William, and his older brother, Mark, serve as deacons in the Baker City church.

Stella Carter



Two Dedicated in Enterprise

Pastor James Scully officiated as Molly Ann Hendrickson was presented by her parents, Mark and Margaret Hendrickson and Ian Nicolas Parks was presented by his parents, Steve and Cindy Parks and sister, Nicole, to the Enterprise, Ore., congregation for dedication to God.

Tears of happiness glistened in more than one eye as family and friends were invited to welcome these little ones into their hearts and asked to support their parents as they raise Molly Hendrickson and Ian Parks in the way of God.

Robine M. Parks



**"THANK
YOU,
LORD!"**

Thank You, Lord!

It's in our hearts, Lord, in the very depths of our souls. Too often we just don't say "Thank You" even though Your love, mercy, and blessings are never far from our conscious thoughts.

We love you, Lord! We do! We know we just don't express it as often as we feel it.

We get awful busy doing things that seem important at the time. Too often we let the moment and the occasion just slide on by. We're not proud of that, Lord. The truth is, we're sorry.

Gratefulness! Appreciation! Thankfulness! There are so many words that help us describe how we feel about You, and each other.

Thank You for coming here!

To leave a home like Yours to come to a place like this is beyond our capacity to comprehend.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV. (Isaiah 64:4)

For leaving such a place as where You live, to come to such a place as we live, in order to invite us to be with You forever, O God, our Saviour, we thank You!

Thank You for living with us,

the human kind, teaching us how to live, to give, to die to self; preparing us a place to live with You forever. (John 14:1-4)

Thank You for showing us

Your power --- by healing our sick, giving sight to our blind, multiplying our food, and stilling the storms in our lives.

We call them miracles. Now, we reckon it's just Your way of life, because You are love, and *Love Finds A Way* to accomplish whatever is needed. Help us to experience this miracle power in our lives.

Thank You For Dying For Us!

We can't understand it Lord. But by faith we know that when You died for us, You provided us the option to choose eternal life or eternal death! The *power* of choice!

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24 NIV

Love Is Demonstrated!

Maybe we can't just "say" Thank You! Perhaps no words in any of the languages we use here on Your earth are accurate enough to describe the way we truly feel about You.

Words are so limited. They don't fully illustrate the extent or amount of our love for You, or even our love for each other.

Perhaps some times only our actions show the depth of our love.

Is it true that love is understood best when it is demonstrated?

When You were here among us, even Your words did not reach everyone, or reveal the depth of Your love for us.

It was only after You demonstrated Your love on the cross that most of us could even begin to slightly comprehend it.

And Lord, do we demonstrate Your kind of love when our *Love Finds A Way* to meet any need in your family and church?

It's Always Thanksgiving!

We need not wait for a special day to acknowledge Your goodness or to confess our love and joy in salvation.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philipplians 4:6 NIV

Your benefits overflow our needs. Your church is in serious need. Are we keeping more than we need in order to satisfy too many of our wants?

Tithe and financial offerings are not hardships to those who love You. They're opportunities to say "Thank You, Lord!"

Open our eyes as You did the blind when You were here on earth. Help us to "see" by faith the possibilities that can be achieved when we are partners with You.

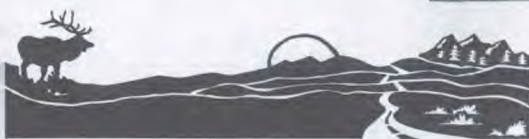
Yes, We Are Thankful!

David comprehended. *"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."*

"I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly Your people who are here have given to You." 1 Chron. 29:14,17 NIV

With gladness we return Your tithe, and give bountiful offerings to the One who is our salvation. *"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing."* Psalm 107:22

—Paul G. Smith



MONTANA



Montana Church Enjoys Great Sky Out-of-Doors

Members of the Butte, Mont., church and their friends in southwestern Montana recently celebrated two Sabbaths in out-of-door settings chosen by the church board and social committee.

On Aug. 1, the annual Butte retreat was held at Georgetown Lake's St. Timothy's Chapel. The elegant building, built high on a hillside overlooking the lake and vicinity, is a non-denominational church built in memory of a young man who died in an accident.

After Sabbath school and a worship service featuring Pastor Orville Baer of Butte, members from as far away as Hamilton, Mont., joined in a flavorful potluck luncheon in the kitchen-dining room. Those who were able to remain



St. Timothy's chapel was the site for a recent Butte retreat

for the afternoon hours participated in a "musical potluck."

Two weeks later, on Aug. 14, members took part in a camp-out and weekend retreat at Branham Lakes, 12 miles east of Sheridan, Mont. Most arrived on Sabbath morning and enjoyed Sabbath school and a church service as Pastor Baer led out against the backdrop of a lake.

Members of participating churches have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to experience two dis-



Butte members enjoy an out-of-doors Sabbath experience.

tinct retreats, both of which brought them closer to God and to one other.

Ruth Rosich

MONTANA NEWS



OREGON



Health Outreach At Fair Yields Wide Response

Sixty-two Adventist volunteers in the Grants Pass, Ore., area have achieved great success in ministering to the community through outreach conducted at the Josephine County Fair, according to Sharon Coupland, fair booth director.

Nine hundred thirty-seven people came to the booth to have their blood pressures taken, and 132 underwent cholesterol checks. In addition, 16 persons signed up for the next Break Free Class to stop smoking to be conducted in the area, and 11 persons showed interest in joining a cooking class.

A TV screen at the booth monitored continual broadcasts of Better Life Television, and 20 Bibles were given away to fair-goers.



An Adventist-sponsored Josephine County fair booth attracted more than 1,000 persons recently in Grants Pass, Ore.

OREGON NEWS

"I Just Want to Give Something Back"

The Community Learning Center (CLC) of Portland, Ore., a school which began two years ago with 13 students in a small house, has now expanded into a new building and has more than 100 students.

Founded as a prayer project by Carl and Audre Parker, CLC was largely inspired by Dr. Parker's desire to give something back to the community where he had been born and nurtured.

The founding of CLC is a fulfillment of that dream. Walking its halls, one is immediately impressed that this is no ordinary school. Smartly uniformed students catch the eye.

In one classroom, the recitation of memory verses during morning worship punctuates the air. In another classroom, students sit in small groups collectively debating the proper strategy to take as they tackle challenging and stimulating math problems.

Out on the playground, children play peaceably in an atmosphere that is noticeably devoid of the usual tension and conflict that one grows accustomed to at recesses.

CLC offers training in grades pre-kindergarten through six; 75 percent of the students in attendance are non-



Happy faces are the norm at the Community Learning Center founded by Carl and Audre Parker, members of the Sharon church, in Portland, Ore., two years ago. School opened then with 13 students but has now passed 100 students in grades pre-kindergarten through six.

Adventists. Its staff of teachers and support-workers, however, endeavor daily to reinforce the principles of its Christian-based values. Its equally dedicated parents respond overwhelmingly to roles they play in helping to nurture and strengthen the process outside of the classrooms.

CLC sits at the corner of NE 42nd and Prescott on what was formerly a lot used by vendors to promote their goods and wares. Yet today, this former hub of economic activity has become the seat of learning for dozens of eager students

who enter its doors seeking quality training and preparation in the present world and for the world to come.

It's rapid growth and popularity in inner-city Portland testify to the inspiration of the vision and the blessing of God on this private school dedicated as a tribute by an educator to the children of his boyhood neighborhood.

Regina Watson and Karl Newsome write from Portland, Ore., where they serve as director and assistant for the Communications Department of the Sharon church.



UPPER COLUMBIA



Brewster Church Welcomes Home Native Son

Brewster church members have welcomed home native son Stan Beerman as he returns to serve as pastor of his boyhood church.

"Pastor Stan," who grew up in Brewster, is the son of Ed and the late Jeanne Beerman and is a graduate of the local Adventist school before going on to Upper Columbia Academy and Walla Walla College (WWC). He received a Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University.

He and Gloria (nee Grosnick), his wife, took part in his ordination to gospel ministry in 1985 and served in Idaho before pastoring for six years in Mt. Vernon, Wash. She is also a WWC graduate and is continuing her teaching career.



Pastor Stan and Gloria Beerman with Bruce, left, Aaron, center, and Sherisa

Their children are Sherisa, 14, Bruce, 11, and Aaron, 7. Stan was among volunteers who spent six and a half weeks this past spring in evangelism at Saratove in the former USSR. Sherisa, barely over chicken pox in time for the long-planned adventure,

also helped the team for a two-week stint.

A "welcome home" church potluck was held after his first official service as a time of thanksgiving for grateful members.

Verona Schibbe

Upper Columbia Conference

Family Fest

Family Fellowship Festival



Floyd Bresee



Clifford Goldstein



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Evans during the baptism, and as the group left the site, a rainbow formed across the valley from the trail, as though God had granted Justin a special blessing on his baptismal day.

The youths also enjoyed special music provided by Lynice Evans, who played synthesizer for their song services and taught them new praise songs, later accompanying the young people as they presented an entire service for the local congregation.

Sandpoint church members thank Tom and Lynice for their dedicated service and for the memories they helped create, including not only a special baptism and singing, but skiing and boating on Lake Pend Oreille, basketball and softball, special Bible studies, skits, programs and other social activities.

Youths of the church report growing closer to Jesus and learning to love others better because of His love for them.

Kay Drumwright



Pastor Tom Evans, left, prepares to baptize Justin Jensen in the out of doors at beautiful Lake Estelle.

Babies Dedicated At Pasco Church

Five children were recently dedicated at the Pasco, Wash., Riverview church.

Dedicated were Tanner Philip Clouse with parents Trevis and Monica Clouse, Dennon James Fortner with parents Craig and Debbie Fortner, Patricia Jane Grudzinski and Daniel Jose Grudzinski with mother Tammy Castaneda and Hailey Ann Henning with parents James and Judy Henning.

Suzanne Swisher

*The men of prayer
are the men of power.*

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 509

Sandpoint Youths Enjoy Spiritual Summer Feast

Sandpoint, Idaho, youths enjoyed six weeks of special blessings this past summer as Tom Evans, visiting associate pastor for youth ministries, and his wife, Lynice, led the young people in special Bible study groups, worship services, recreational outings and social events.

Enthusiastic comments by the youths about their church and its beliefs resulted from the summer experience, bringing encouragement to the rest of the church family.

One summer highlight took place at a special baptismal service held outside, high in the mountains of nearby Montana at Lake Estelle.

It was there that Justin Jensen, a young woodsman, asked to be baptized, and almost 40 church members hiked up the rocky, rugged, three-and-a-half-mile trail to the sparkling, jewel-like lake to celebrate his decision to follow the Lord.

Though rain had poured down the morning before his baptism, Justin chose to go ahead with the outdoor event. His decision was rewarded as the rain stopped just minutes before the group began its ascent to the lake.

The sun shone on Justin and Pastor



WASHINGTON



Vacationing in the Kitchen

Monroe, Wash., church members recently hosted a vacation Bible school featuring "kids in the kitchen." The week-long program, which attracted between 45 and 50 children each day, was directed by Jill Clay. Nearly half of those in attendance were children from non-member homes.

In addition to their Bible classes, the children were given daily health lessons, including a study of the importance of exercise, of drinking plenty of water and of good nutrition. A "DARE" team showed a film on saying "No" to drug use, and members of the Monroe fire department taught fire safety.

The children completed recipes for



Andrea Zucks displays a "vegetable robot" she has made.



Ryan Oster is one of 50 children who makes his own loaf of wholewheat bread during the recent "kids in the kitchen" VBS series held by Monroe, Wash., church members

breakfast oatmeal bars, vegetarian cream cheese meatballs and whole-wheat bread, among others. A photographer from the "Monroe Tribune" visited during the week and took pictures for the newspaper.

The week culminated on Friday evening with a program that featured the food the children had made during the week.

Tami Smith is communication secretary of the Monroe, Wash., church.

Trail to Shelton Leads Pathfinders To Fun at Fair

Shelton, Wash., Olympic Trails Pathfinders Club members recently hosted the annual Western Washington Pathfinder Fair at the Mason County Fairgrounds in their home town.

Members of some of the 15 participating pathfinder clubs arrived early in the weekend to be able to participate in Sabbath church services with Terry Bolton, conference pathfinder director.

The clubs set up booths for the Sunday

fair in which they created displays based on the theme "In Step With Jesus." Events included drill team marches and awarding of honors for crafts and obstacle course completion. The strenuous course had been laid out by Brett Hoskins, a local pathfinder counselor.

The local club took first place awards in the drill team event as well as in booth preparation. Shelly Landis, a local member, was awarded first place in silk screen work and in pie baking. Justin Baze, a fellow pathfinder, received first place for a cake and Marilyn Aaron, another Shelton pathfinder, received similar commendation for a candle.

Second place awards went to Shelton members Tymery Harper for silk screen and to Joel Radke for a sand collection. The club chalked up 2,000 points in all.

Shelton leaders included Don DeLano, director; Herb Baze Jr. and Les Rogers, deputy directors; Cathy Baze, Sandy DeLano, Brett Hoskins and Scott Worf, counselors, and Kim Hoskins, drill team leader.

Participating members were Marilyn Aaron, Justin and Travis Baze, Kevin and Kellie Bookter, Milissa Coleman, Tymery Harper, Krystal Hoskins, Jacob and Dominic Josephsen, Shelly Landis, Josh Martin, Sarah Reed, Will, Joel and Clay Radke and Crystal Willis.

Dorothy L. Nicholson

Members' Children Among Six Lacey Baptized

The recent baptism of six persons at the Lacey, Wash., church, included four children of local members. Randy Anfinson II, Andrew Riggs, and Dean and Joni Hettick, brother and sister, were among those joining the church.

Also baptized were John and Linda Bergh. John had spent most of his life as a seaman, and giving his life to Jesus has brought a radical change in his life, he testified. Linda, his wife, a former Adventist, rejoined the church and testified of her renewal in Jesus.

Shelton Students Raise Tomatoes For World Mission

Lower-grade students of Shelton Valley school in Shelton, Wash., recently earned \$75 by raising tomato plants and have donated most of the proceeds for missions.

Fifty dollars was given for "investment," a fund dedicated to establishing new missionary work and \$25 was dedicated to buying supplies for the class and for a return of a tithe on earnings.

Using the school greenhouse, students and their teacher, Allen Radke, also raised onions and peas for their own use. Participating students were Travis Baze, Matthew Bishop, Kellie Bookter, Kimberly Coleman, Stephanie Coleman, Greta Martin, Amy McDugel, Julie McDugel, Ana Radke, Joel Radke and Krysten Thompson.

Dorothy L. Nicholson

Auburn VBS

The Auburn city and Auburn Academy churches combined forces this past summer to present a vacation Bible school program attended by 120 children.

The VBS program, titled "Kids in the Kitchen," began each evening with a general assembly with Michele Jensen, music leader, followed by the presentation of a skit.

The participants were then separated into three different age groups and were led in recreation by Bruce Blaser and Butch Jensen, in crafts by Cindy Heupel and in cooking activities by Tammy Smith.

Kelly Burke led out in the VBS program, assisted by Karen Harris. On Friday evening, parents and friends were invited

to observe the children as they presented songs they had learned during the week and to see completed crafts. The evening ended with vegetarian tasting potluck of food provided by church members.

Forty percent of the children who attended during the week came from non-Adventist homes.

Gina Ellis

Faithful Neighbor Leads Friend to Morton Baptistery

On Sabbath, June 12, 1993, Nancy Harper of Mossyrock, Wash., was baptized into the Morton, Wash., church by Pastor Robert Fuller.

Her contact with Hope Banner, a long-time friend and Adventist neighbor, led to Nancy's decision to join her friend in local church membership.

*God's
Retirement
Is Out of
This World!*

Kitsap Contest Winners

Travis Blank and Kristin Elder of the Kitsap school in Bremerton, Wash., have received checks for \$20 as rewards for award-winning posters.

As winners in the conferencewide contest, the students' art reflected the theme "The Northwest Past, Present or Future." Travis won first place for grades 5 and 6, and Kristin took first place for grades 3 and 4. The posters were placed on display this past summer during camp meeting.

Sandra Blank



Rita Callahan, center, presents Travis Blank and Kristin Elder with \$20 checks.



Travis Blank's winning poster

Windows of Heaven

"They Could Give Us Only \$5-a-Week Wages!"

I thank the Lord for our dedicated workers and for the Lord's leading in their lives. The following experience, shared by William J. McHenry, took place several years ago and may be hard for today's generation to relate to because of the vast change in the value of money. Yet the principle of faithfulness in little things holds true, and He who blesses us in small matters will also bless us in larger ones.

"My wife and I have always committed ourselves to be faithful in our tithe. When we completed college we received a call from Southern Asia Division to go to India. But before we could sail, my wife's health became such that the doctors advised us that we should cancel our trip. It was a disappointment to us,

and it was too late to get a teaching job that year, so I did occasional jobs as a carpenter's helper.

"The next year, in the summer of 1940, we received a call from Southern California Conference to teach in a small elementary school in San Pasqual. Our remuneration was to be \$60 per month plus housing, firewood and milk for the family.

"We accepted the offer and went down to start teaching, but soon found out that the church finances were such that they could give us only \$5 a week wages! With the Lord's blessing we managed on that amount per week for the rest of the school year and still gave our tithe and offerings, even giving an entire week's wages for week of

sacrifice offering.

"Near the end of the school year, the Southern Asia Division renewed its call, which we accepted, and the church was finally able to pay us what was promised, giving us needed money to prepare for our trip overseas. We never suffered for lack of funds, and God has always kept His promises to us."

God is so good! "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Roy A. Wesson recently retired as treasurer of the Washington Conference and writes from Bothell, Wash.

Flood of Food

Yelm, Wash., pathfinders recently set up a booth at the local Thriftway market to collect essential donated items for victims of flooding in Iowa. In six hours time they filled 23 boxes with 300 essential items including food and personal products such as shampoo, manual can openers, flashlights and batteries, diapers, quilts, blankets and more than \$75 in cash.

Local Adventist community services personnel added more blankets, quilts, clothes, towels, wash cloths, and so forth, and the entire shipment was sent to nearby Olympia, Wash., where it was added to a semi-truck trailer filled with donations from across Washington state for delivery to Des Moines, Iowa.

Shown at the booth are Sheila Field, coordinator, and Matt McKown. Other participants were Scott and Jenise Alvarico, Mariah Keith, Stacey and Dora Moore and Kim and Danyce Chadwick.

Jo Ann Phillips



ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/WEST



The Character of PAMC Eldon Snow: Witness to History

Editorial Note: For nearly 100 years, the dedication and professional excellence of Portland Adventist Medical Center (PAMC) employees and physician staff have enhanced the Portland, Ore., hospital. As the hospital continues its countdown to centennial commemoration in 1994, the GLEANER publishes this, the third vignette, from experiences of PAMC employees and staff, past and present.

My first impression of Portland Adventist Medical Center, or Portland San as it was known in those days, was during my years as a medical student at Loma Linda University.

W.B. Holden, M.D., while visiting at the campus, gave an address that impressed me very much, and during my senior year of medical school, when we selected the hospitals where we wished to intern, my first choice was Portland Adventist Sanitarium. Fortunately I was accepted there.

As interns, four of us and our wives had the opportunity to live in the then-new intern cottages up the hill from the 60th-and-Belmont hospital. The year

provided us with an excellent educational experience.

In July of 1938 I started my medical practice in Portland. Portland San served as my major hospital. Administrator Ralph Nelson and physicians Holden and Rippey were very helpful in helping me to establish my practice. Many times during my 45 years of practice in Portland, I had many patients tell me that Portland San and Portland Adventist Medical Center were the best hospitals in the city, and that there they received the most tender, loving care. They appreciated the nurses and the regular morning worships when the nurses sang in the halls.

As years passed and as the medical staff and the patient load increased, the hospital became too crowded, and it became difficult to get patient beds. With the construction and completion of the new hospital on Market Street, the problem was solved.

During all of these years, the hospital maintained a competent staff of employees and physicians in all specialties. Many of the non-Adventist physicians

held the hospital in highest regard and were very vocal in saying so.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to work as a physician in the Portland Adventist environment for 45 years, until my retirement in 1983.

Eldon Snow, M.D., writes from Portland, Ore.



Eldon Snow, M.D., PAMC staff physician, served between 1938 and 1983.

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Program for Engaged

Engaged couples and others contemplating marriage are invited to attend a one-day "Christians in Commitment" seminar, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oregon Conference office, 13455 SE 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Harvey and Kathy Corwin, conference family life directors, will present the following topics: "What to Look for in a Mate," "How to Know if You are Really in Love," "What Makes a Good Marriage?" "God in Your Home," "His Needs/Her Needs," "Conflict Management," "Communication," and more. To register, call the 24-hour Family-Life Hot Line, (503) 654-6054.

Brass Concert

The Sunnyside church in Portland, Ore., will host the Advent Brass Choir, Advent Trombone Choir and Sunnyside Brass Quintet in combined sacred concert, Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m. H. Lloyd Leno will conduct the program of classical works, hymns and original arrangements. The church is located at 10501 SE Market, just east of Portland Adventist Medical Center. For information, phone (503) 252-8080.

Institute Classes (ICM)

Oregon Conference "Institute of Christian Ministries" (ICM) training classes will be held Sabbath, Nov. 20, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Grants Pass, Ore., church, 1360 NE Ninth St. Everyone is welcome. Classes offered are (1) "What's It Like to Grow Up in the '90s?," (2) "Sabbath School Teacher Training—Learning Styles," and (3) "Principles of Health Evangelism." For information, call the Oregon Conference Personal Ministries Dept., phone (503) 652-2225.

In further training, the Springfield, Ore. church will host the ICM class ARE 104, "Teaching Techniques for Adult Sabbath School" taught by Charles Betz, beginning Friday, Nov. 19, from 7-9 p.m.; on Sabbath, Nov. 20, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. Additional information regarding the Springfield classes can be obtained by calling the Springfield church, phone (503) 746-8263.

Del Delker Visit

Del Delker, contralto soloist from the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast, will present a vocal concert on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. in the Enumclaw, Wash., church.

GENERAL**Talent Winners**

The following musicians have received awards in the 1993 Christian Talent Search, as follows: Matthew Bittner (solo), of Frostburg, Md., grand prize; Heidi Gil of Riverside, Calif., first place solo category; Jeff and Janette Zacharias ("One Way Street,") of Charlotte, N.C., first place duo/group; and Steve Hubbard of Lodi, Calif., first place instrumental. Christian Talent Search is sponsored by Chapel/Bridge Records, Turning Point Studios and North American Division Youth Ministries. Grand prize consisted of complete production of an album produced at Turning Point Studios and distributed by Chapel/Bridge Records, plus duplication of 300 album cassettes. Each category winner received \$1,000 worth of recording time at Turning Point Studios.

Photo Contest

Photographers are encouraged to enter color slides for a spring edition contest being conducted by *Creation Illustrated* magazine. Slides should fall by topic into the following categories: Grand Canyon National Park, wild flower scenes, wild flower close-ups, mother animals and birds with young and sky scenes as the sky may have appeared on the second day of creation (Genesis 1:6-8). Manuscripts or poetry on these subjects are welcome. Winning photographers will receive cash rewards and publication of their winning work.

Each submission should be marked with photographer's name, address, phone number, category and location of scene. Man-made objects should be minimized in shots.

Entries must be submitted by Jan. 5, 1994, with self-addressed stamped envelope to *Creation Illustrated*, P.O. Box 7955, Auburn, CA 95604.

Bernard J. Penner of Gresham, Ore., has been awarded grand prize in the fall contest.

Pathfinders Needed

Pathfinder volunteers have been invited by Fiesta Parade Floats to come to Pasadena, Calif., to decorate their most detailed Rose Parade float. Scores of pathfinders are needed. Those interested in applying should write to 37 E. Olive, Suite B, Redlands, CA 92373, or call 909-793-4741 or 909-796-8643 on or before Nov. 15. Because the parade will be held during sacred Sabbath hours, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not participating in the 1994 parade itself. Float preparation will not involve Sabbath-hour time commitments.

**MILESTONES**

NOTE: Priority in this section will be given to tributes submitted for those attaining 50 years of marriage and above, in five year increments, and in one-year increments beyond the sixtieth anniversary. Priority will also be given to birthday tributes submitted for those 80 years and above, in five-year increments.

**Rich 50th**

Leon and Vivienne Rich of Sandpoint, Idaho, were married Sept. 6, 1943 in Glendale, Calif. Their children recently hosted their 50th anniversary gala at the Adventist community center in Sandpoint.

Children include Darrell Rich, D.D.S., and wife Suzanne with their children, Darla, Darren, and Laurienne of Three Rivers, Calif.; Lewis Rich and wife Karol with their children, Jonathan and wife Angalyn of Sandpoint and Jacqueline of Spokane, Wash.; Dennis Rich, M.D., and wife Shirlee with their children, Stacey and Dustin, of Bozeman, Mont.; Donna Rich-Schmidt and husband Wallace with their children, Allison and Emily, of Redlands, Calif.

The list of out-of-town guests included Vernon and Lorraine Mountain of Modesto, Calif.; Virgil and Valerie Robinson of Paradise, Calif.; Michael and Leila Nelson of Sunnyvale, Calif.; Minne and Chloe Roosma of Hot Springs, Mont.; Earl and Darline Dupper of Caldwell, Idaho; Ellen Rittenhouse of Angwin, Calif.; Doris Tonn of Redding, Calif.; and Bill and Ruth Ledington of Paradise, Calif.

Leon Rich and Vivienne Mountain met when both were in the seventh grade at Glendale Union Academy where they were graduated in 1941. Leon worked for the Adventist church for 16 years at Ventura Estates in Newbury Park, Calif. He is now retired. Vivienne is a registered nurse.

Our refuge is your throne, eternal, high and glorious.

Jeremiah 17:12 TLB

Gem State Musical

The Gem State Adventist Academy music department will present the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the GSAA Gymnasium near Caldwell, Idaho. For more information, phone (208) 459-1627, ext. 126.

Carl Parker/Friends

The group "Carl Parker and Friends" will present a musical program on Nov. 6, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Sunnyside church, 10501 S.E. Market, Portland, Ore.

Adventist Widowed

Widowed persons and their friends are invited to hear the presentation, "How to Handle the Holidays," presented Nov. 14, beginning at 3 p.m., by Joanne Smith Bloom, a Portland, Ore., counselor and author, who conducts grief seminars in the area. The topic, related to coping with grief during the holiday season, will be presented in the Oregon conference office first-floor assembly room, 13455 SE 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore., followed by a time for questions, fellowship and sharing. For more information, phone Naomi Hohensee, (503) 652-2225, Ext. 313.

"... Pray for those who mistreat you."

Luke 6:28b



Pruett 95th

Leah Pruett, left, of Olympia, Wash., celebrated her 95th birthday on July 10 at the Olympia home of her granddaughter, Marlena Hatcher. Thirty-eight family members were on hand for the celebration.

Leah joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in Toppenish, Wash., in the early 1940s and moved to Olympia in 1958.

When she was 64 years of age, she took six of her 10 grandchildren into her own home to rear, due to the death of the children's mother.

She continues to attend the Olympia church as she is able.

OBITUARIES

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HELLAND—Seval "Sig," 86, born Feb. 6, 1907, Binford, N.D.; died June 7, Aberdeen, Wash. Surviving: wife, Judith Helland, Aberdeen; daughters, Sharon Helland, Aberdeen, Susan Clark, Moses Lake, Wash.; brothers, Otto Helland, and Rudolph Helland, Cooperstown, N.D., Kermit Helland, Binford and Walter Helland, Wahpeton, N.D.

HIEBERT—Henrietta, 57, born Oct. 28, 1935, Manton, Mich.; died Aug. 10, in Wyoming. Surviving: husband, David Hiebert, Lyons, Ore.; sons, David D. Heibert, Salem, Ore., Robert Hiebert, Lyons; daughter, Susan Young, Berrien Springs, Mich.; brothers, Donald Kimbel, Raymond Kimbel and Jack Kimbel, Manton; sisters, Berdina Groth, Manton, Emaline Marsh, Cadillac, Mich., and Betty Miller, Comstock Park, Mich.

HINES—Ruth Mahaley Bunch, 75, born Feb. 9, 1918, Eminence, Mo.; died Aug. 1, San Diego, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Cleone

Cauble, Laurens, S.C., Connetta Hines, San Diego; brothers, Paul Bunch, Milton-Freewater, Ore., Luke Bunch, Knoxville, Tenn.; sisters, Lulu Mahan, Madras, Ore., Vergie Broadfoot and Rose Griggs, Milton-Freewater, Pauline Cutts, Winona, Mo.

HOPKINS—Jack, 81, born Sept. 29, 1911, Stockton, Calif.; died July 19, Seattle. Surviving: wife, Margaret, Seattle; daughter, Anita Karen Comstock, Auburn, Wash.

JOHNSON—Jennie Heth, 98, born Feb. 18, 1895, Stevens Point, Wis.; died July 18, Weiser, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Muriel Shaffer, West Hills, Calif., Jeanne Oss, Hayden Lake, Idaho.

KUEBLER—Ezra Lowell, 90, born Jan. 26, 1903, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; died Aug. 14,

Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Christine P. Kuebler, Salem; daughter, Janette E. Wheeler, Salem; sons, Gary Kuebler of Berlin, Md., Lowell D., Crescent City, Calif.; daughter, Elaine Nordquist, San Diego, Calif.; brother, Samuel Kuebler, Seattle.

OPATRYN—Ellen O., 97, born Jan. 2, 1896, Pacific Grove, Calif.; died Aug. 6, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: son, Frank Roberts, Grand Junction, Colo.

SMITH—James Floyd, 84, born July 22, 1908, Weber Falls, Okla.; died Aug. 16, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: wife, Roberta Smith, Pasco; sons, Ronald Reese Smith, Spokane, Wash., Daniel L. Smith, Pasco; daughter, Janet L. Brodie, Kennewick, Wash.

THORPE—Lloyd C., 82, born

Feb. 24, 1911, Sunnyside, Wash.; died July 12, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Dollie, Lincoln City, Ore.; daughter, Judy Hessong, Lincoln City; brother, Bernard Thorpe, Lincoln City.

UNTERSEHER—Alfred Edward, 82, born July 7, 1910, Bowden, N.D.; died March 18, Harrisburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Gertrude Unterseher, Harrisburg; daughters, Ingrid Unterseher, Hillsboro, Ore., Doris Raines, Boise, Idaho; son, Allen Unterseher, Lincoln, Neb.; brothers, Jonathan Unterseher, Dallas, Ore., Edwin Unterseher, Harrisburg, Wilmer Unterseher, College Place, Wash., Elmer Unterseher, Forest Grove, Ore.; sisters, Florence Nielsen, Minneapolis, Minn., Lillian Nielsen, Lincoln, Olivia Zweigle, Lodi, Calif., Olga Aaby, Lodi.

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James 5:15

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EVENTS

Rockwood Homecoming. The Rockwood church welcomes all former and current members to Homecoming Sabbath, Nov. 20th. Chuck Godfrey, former member and now a pastor, will be our 11 a.m. speaker. Activities include a potluck after church and a vespers program. Please come and share our happiness as we celebrate together. (18,1,15)

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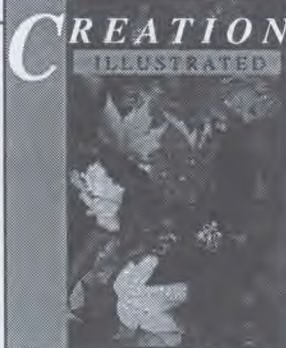
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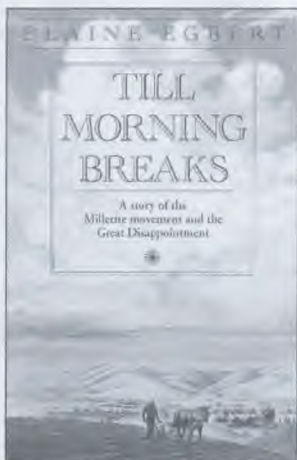
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La Grande	4:35	4:26	4:19	4:14
Pocatello	5:18	5:10	5:04	4:59
Montana Conference				
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Have	4:53	4:43	4:335	4:29
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Miles City	4:43	4:34	4:27	4:21
Missoula	5:15	5:06	4:58	5:31
Oregon Conference				
Coos Bay	5:03	4:55	4:49	4:44
Medford	5:00	4:53	4:46	4:42
Portland	4:52	4:44	4:37	4:31
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Pendleton	4:37	4:28	4:21	4:16
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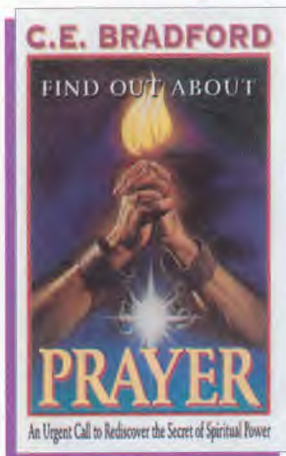
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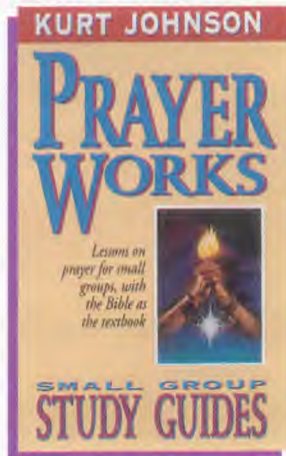
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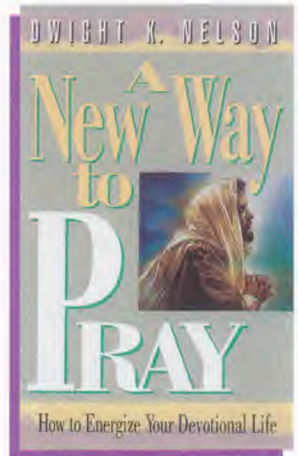
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