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“... His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.”

Hab. 3:3–4



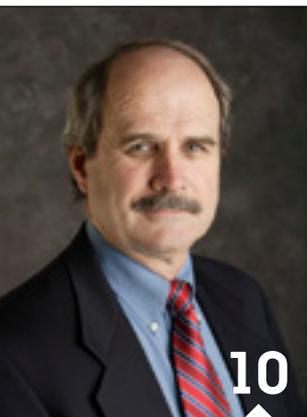
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An Appealing Appeal

[Re: “An Appeal to the Family,” June 2015] I could not agree more. Over the years there have been many instances where I have not agreed with the way things have gone. If asked I may give my take on it from my biblical and Spirit of Prophecy study, but that is the end of it. I go to church to worship God and praise and thank Him for all He has given and continues to give to us. Do not let perceived wrongs and injustices keep you from eternal life with Christ. Satan works the hardest within the church. The wheat and the tares grow together until the end. Don't let controversies harden your heart so that you lose your eternal life. Do not let Satan win your soul.

Cindy Olson

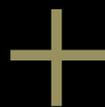


“WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIFFERING OPINIONS AND DEBATES OVER DOCTRINE AND CHURCH DÉCOR, THAT IS WHAT FAMILIES DO....”

An Appeal to the Whole Family

Yes, let's “appeal to the family,” a family made up of many cultures, having many voices and concerns that give rise to those voices. Like [Dan Jackson], it “pains me greatly” that some of those voices have been emboldened and at times disrespectful. And yet I feel their sense of urgency and do not question their love for God and His family. It is very hard to be quiet when the [North American Division] seems complicit in filtering out the voices that would provide a balanced approach to the unprecedented issues that now face our family. “If we believe that Jesus Christ is the head of our church, then we need to let Him lead.” I couldn't agree more. And I am certain that all of those seemingly discordant voices would stand fully with you on that premise. And yes, we will continue to have differing opinions and debates over doctrine and church décor, that is what families do, yes, even the most healthy families. That is how they become strong. My concern is that the parental leadership of this family is not providing broad enough platform upon which to base their position. Perhaps the question that we should ask is, what is it about the many voices that gives us need for concern? Is it their volume or intensity? Are they mean-spirited — all of them? Is it where they come from? Is it because they beg us to look clearly at Scripture? Are we so frustrated with the questions that should arise from listening to these voices that we resign ourselves to simply going along with what is going to happen anyway because it takes too much energy, prayer and study to decipher and commit to the truth?

Theresa Tacconelli, Bremerton, Wash.



What About Those Tares?

Our June issue of the *Gleaner* arrived today, and since he is recovering from surgery, I let my husband read it first. Since Ken Crawford was once our pastor, he read his article “What About the Tares?” first, and then handed the *Gleaner* to me and said, “You must read this. It is so well written.” I did read it, and we could not agree more. When are we going to stop criticizing folks, looking for anything about them or their teachings that might be wrong? In [some] cases, folks are so worried about the end times and how we will make it through that they can’t seem to think on all that God has done for us and how wonderful it will be to spend eternity with Him. I think Satan is delighted that we seem to be focused on all the wrong things, so we do not have time to focus on the Word of God, talking to Him in prayer and loving others as He would have us love. Pastor Ken, we are so glad “You Said It” so well. We thank you.

Anna May Waters, College Place, Wash.

You Missed the Point

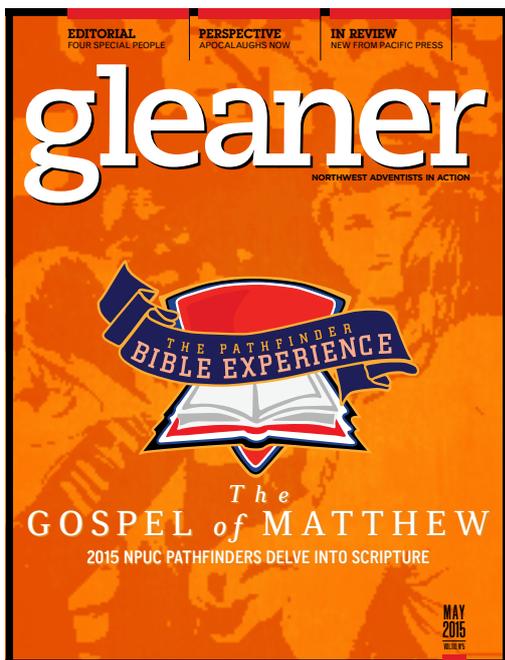
We look forward to reading the *Gleaner* every month when it comes. Your staff does a great job. However, when the last *Gleaner* came out, I eagerly looked for the article I had submitted about our Anchor Point Church building project [“Church Drops Anchor in Stanfield,” May 2015] and our request for prayer for God’s provision for this project’s continuation and completion. It was disheartening to me to see that the very heart and purpose of the article had been edited out — the request for prayer. We do earnestly ask that Northwest members please pray for this building project.

Claudia Flaiz, Hermiston, Ore.

Looking Beyond Rhetoric

I read with considerable interest Seth Pierce’s “Proving Ourselves Wrong” in the June *Gleaner*. But I didn’t understand all of it. For instance, I’m not sure what it means to “didacticize Christianity.” I did gather that Pastor Pierce doesn’t feel good about the way the church does evangelism these days (and I don’t either), but I didn’t find any specifics in his piece advocating more effective methods. He says the church needs to “demonstrate Christianity’s true power by being in Christ while being in the world.” Well, fine. But how do we do this? The author doesn’t say. Perhaps the editors could invite him to write a sequel piece providing specific examples of how he’s living out these words in his own ministry and with what success. That would be really helpful to those of us looking for methods beyond rhetoric.

Mike Jones, Gresham, Ore.



“WHEN ARE WE GOING TO STOP CRITICIZING FOLKS, LOOKING FOR ANYTHING ABOUT THEM OR THEIR TEACHINGS THAT MIGHT BE WRONG?”



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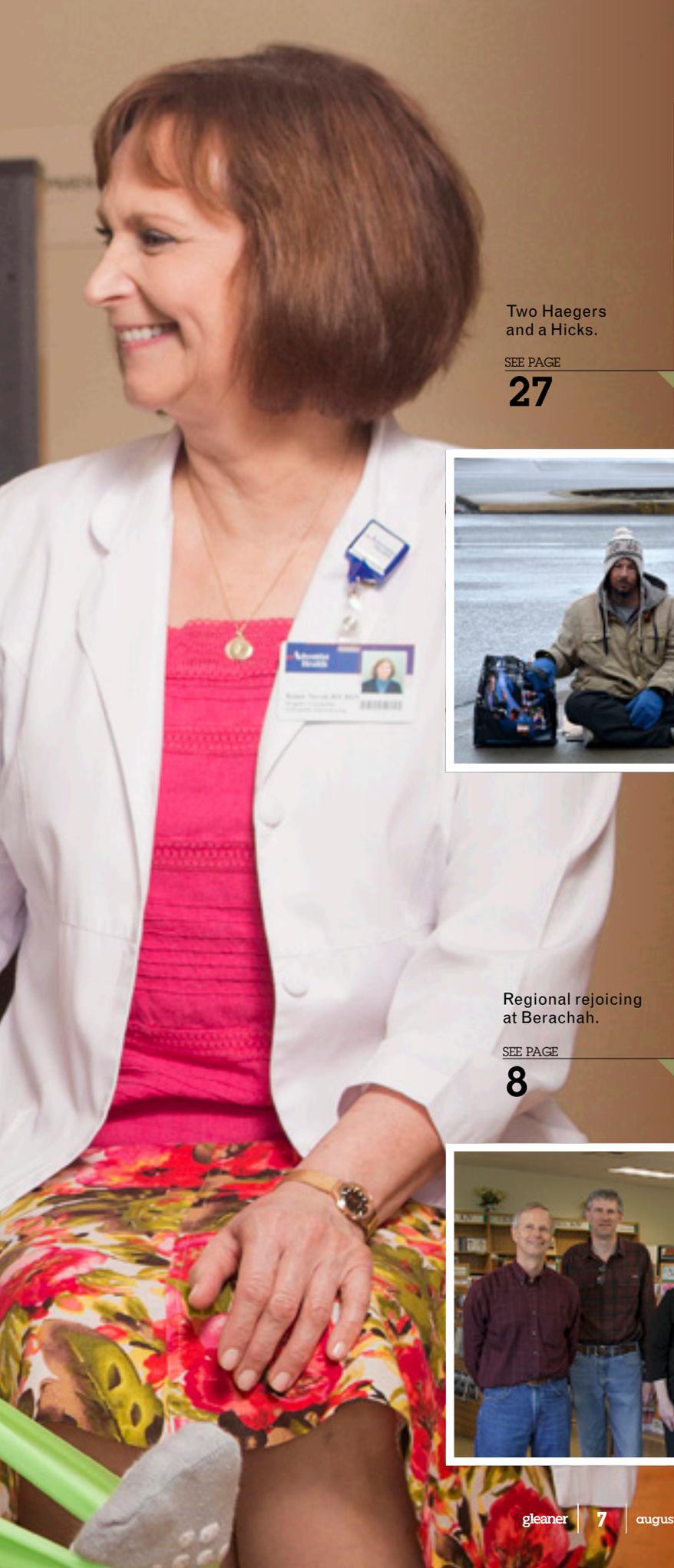
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at Berachah.

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2015 NPUC Regional Convocation



Children perform the motions to songs as they sing during their special children's program.



Jillian Monét Lawrence leads praise and worship for the youth/young adult program.



Calvin Watkins speaks during the main Sabbath worship service.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN members throughout the Northwest are unequivocal about the annual North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Regional Convocation. "Pastor, I don't know what we'd do without it!" some exclaim. And many echo a common phrase: "We look forward to this special gathering all year long."

This year's event, held May 14-17 at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Washington, brought nearly 1,000 members together for powerful worship, stirring music, good food, training and fellowship. Organized by the NPUC regional affairs department under the direction of Alphonso McCarthy, this gathering has truly become an annual multicultural camp meeting of sorts.

Those who came from differing corners of the Northwest, including some from British Columbia, Canada, enjoyed worship and workshops on Friday. Following Sabbath services, an afternoon presentation, "Our History, Our Mission, Our Future," cov-

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ered regional work in the Northwest.

The Saturday evening concert featured soulful music and an answer to prayer. One member of the highlighted Ken Burton Trio was attempting to fly in from London, England, but faced months of roadblocks to obtaining a temporary travel visa. On the Friday of the convocation, he was finally issued the visa — and instead of the expected three-month version, his visa was for 10 years. He made it in time.

Those who came this year, and some who couldn't, are already putting next year's event in their calendars for May 12-15, 2016.

For an expanded photo gallery of this year's convocation, go online to the gallery tab at GleanerNow.com.



"Captain" Alphonso McCarthy stands at the helm of the "ship" leading the "Will Your Anchor Hold?" 39th Regional Convocation.

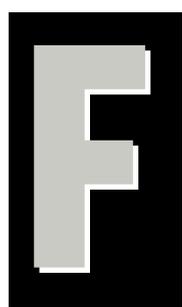


The Oromo Choir performs during the morning Sabbath School program.



Normal Miles speaks for the Friday night program.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT WWU

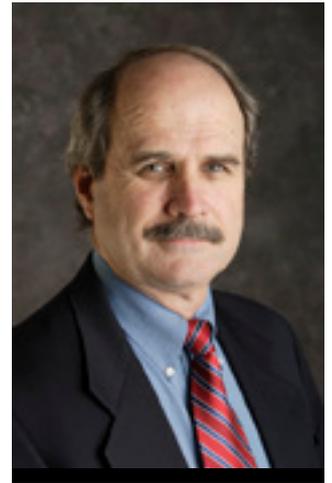


FOR REASONS THAT WILL BECOME APPARENT SHORTLY,

I want to address the topic of spiritual formation. On the face of it, this phrase would seem to be innocuous, even favorable as a phrase describing the task of forming the internal spiritual dimension that is so important to all of us. But, as I suspect you already know, that is not the case. The phrase “spiritual formation” has come to be the phrase of choice used now to refer to the surreptitious infiltration of all kinds of Eastern mystical meditational ideas and techniques alleged to be flooding into Christianity and, of particular concern, into Adventism — all as part of a great conspiracy of the devil. Most astonishing to me is that, according to the purveyors of this idea of a great conspiracy, Walla Walla University, Walla Walla University Church and its School of Theology are said to be the primary locations where all this is happening. Those purveying these allegations have produced all manner of videos, books and Internet presentations. They have made speeches and gone about making presentations laying out their claims and allegations very publicly. And they have now distributed their wares far and wide. The charges and allegations they make are very serious indeed.

I would respond by saying that those of us who live and work in and around Walla Walla University (WWU) know what Eastern mystical meditation is — a mind-altering meditational technique through which people try to transcend their humanity in order to penetrate the transcendence of God. And I can say categorically that such meditation is NOT practiced or endorsed here at all. Those who claim otherwise say this kind of mystical stuff is “everywhere” at WWU. I say, if it is “everywhere,” then it must be “somewhere.” The problem is that nobody can find a “somewhere”

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where mystical meditation is being practiced or endorsed. It is simply the case that this kind of thing is not found on the campus nor in the church. Put another way, those making these allegations against us have created a fantasy. For reasons I do not understand, they have amassed all kinds of evidences and drawn conclusions that have no substance in reality. What they have never done is check their conclusions with those against whom they make their allegations. When formulating opinions, before going public with them, it is normally standard practice to engage those about whom you write or speak to see if the conclusions you have arrived at are, in fact, true. This our detractors have never done. They have never come here to see for themselves what is happening, and they have never come to talk with those whom they allege are the perpetrators of this infiltration of Eastern things. I can only presume that, for some reason, they prefer their fantasy to truth. So, I say again quite plainly, spiritual formation as conspiratorially understood is

not a part of life at WWU or the School of Theology. It is NOT! We do NOT practice mystical meditations nor do we endorse them no matter what you hear from those far away.

I might conclude by observing that, up to this point, we have deliberately chosen not to engage in debate with our detractors because, once a conspiracy theory is abroad, any and all evidences and occurrences get

direction of a university board of church leaders and other trustworthy people. Church leaders are often on our campus interacting with us, and we are visited by the Adventist Accreditation Agency, as are all other campuses. There is no conspiracy or underhandedness going on here. It is time for all this to come to a halt, for making such egregious allegations against fellow Christians without concrete

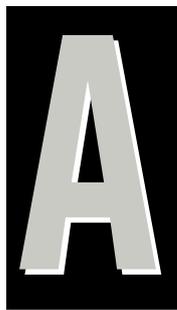
IT IS NORMALLY STANDARD PRACTICE TO ENGAGE THOSE ABOUT WHOM YOU WRITE OR SPEAK TO SEE IF THE CONCLUSIONS YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT ARE, IN FACT, TRUE.

co-opted to support the conspiracy. We prefer not to be caught in that dynamic. We do sincerely hope, however, that those who make allegations about spiritual formation at WWU will soon realize they are completely wrong in their conclusions and will turn from their ways. Ours is an open campus, and the church services are televised. We are under the supervision and

substantiation is unconscionable. It boggles the mind to think how readily some who profess faith in Jesus believe the very worst about their fellows! In the interest of openness, I include here my phone number and invite you to call me if you have interest in firsthand conversation: 509-527-2194.

David Thomas, WWU School of Theology dean

A STATEMENT FROM NORTHWEST ADVENTIST CHURCH LEADERS



A RECENT STATEMENT from the Carolina Conference officers regarding concerns about “spiritual formation” in Adventist churches and institutions has been adopted by North Pacific Union Conference officers and the presidents of the Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington conferences. This represents an active call for appropriate spiritual discipleship and growth among Northwest churches and an appeal to some well-meaning members to cease their promotion of unfounded rumors.

By now most of us have heard about spiritual formation. This term has become a buzzword for various, questionable attempts to gain a meaningful experience with God by using such methods as centering prayer, emptying your mind, repeating mantras and other forms of mysticism.

Without question, these are all practices that are unbiblical, are dangerous and should have no place in the Christian life. Indeed, these practices should rightfully concern us.

Now, while we understand it is possible that some Adventists are, or have been, involved in some of these unbiblical spiritual practices, we believe this likely ap-

plies to only a very small percentage of those in God’s church. We also feel it important to clearly state that our church leadership within the North Pacific Union Conference does NOT condone such practices, nor any related part of this emerging church movement. We believe such things are a threat to our spiritual lives.

Do you know what else concerns us? We are concerned we do not hear enough about true, biblical methods of forming and growing our spiritual lives. Philippians 4:8 addresses the biblical meditation we all desperately need to pursue: “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, what-

ever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.” Some other biblical counsel in this area advises us: “I will also meditate on all Your work, and talk of your deeds” (Psalm 77:12) and “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97).

God’s acceptable methods of meditation do not involve emptying your mind, but filling it with positive, true and uplifting thoughts of God from His Word. In our fast-track world, we desperately need to spend more time with God to discern His will. In *Desire of Ages*, we read:

“In all who are under the training of God is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practices; and everyone needs to have a personal experience in obtaining a knowledge of the will of God. We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait

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before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' Psalm 46:10. Here alone can true rest be found. And this is the effectual preparation for all who labor for God. Amid the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, the soul that is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. The life will breathe out fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts" (p. 363).

Yes, we should be concerned that some Adventists may be dabbling in the dangerous, unbiblical practices some term spiritual formation. We should be concerned we are perhaps not taught enough of the Bible's counsel about how to grow our spiritual lives. These things do concern us. But do you know what may be the most dangerous element in all this?

We find the most dangerous and destructive element is the time and energy some folks put into studying and warning others about these errors. We believe this is distracting them and others from spending time

in the truth. Our sincere prayer is that we don't fall into Satan's trap of feeling we need to know all the details of the errors out there. Experts on counterfeit money spend their time studying the genuine. Knowing the real thing is the best way to spot a fake. In reality, if we spend all our time chasing the devil's rabbits, we will not have time left to savor the Savior! Satan has a plan to keep us distracted. Study the truth, and you will not stray from it.

Focusing on the dangers of the nonbiblical forms of spiritual growth may just scare us away from a true, growing, saving relationship with God. We recently heard of a young lady who proclaimed she had stopped praying to God because she was afraid the devil would take control of her. What was her focus? Her focus was on the dangers of false prayer, and it turned her away from the truth and the comfort and peace the Holy Spirit can give us through prayer. We can become entrapped in fear and become paranoid to the point that our faith can be challenged.

Yes, Ephesians 5:11 tells us to have "no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather, expose them." We are to expose error, not meditate on it. Nowhere in the Bible does it say we are to meditate on the errors and works of the enemy. Instead we are to meditate on the truth and beautiful character of our God.

So the question we need to ask ourselves is: What captivates our time and attention more — truth or error? Is the majority of our reading and listening focused on the Bible and truth or the devil's deceptions? Would it not be better for us to become experts on our Deliverer, rather than the devil?

If we commit and focus on the truth of God's Word, spend quality time in prayer, meditate on His Word and will, and share it with others, we will each grow spiritually and God's kingdom will grow exponentially.

In our estimation, we should be most careful to find the beautiful path of balance and

harmony that Christ desires to see in His church. There are really two ditches along this path — one ditch is a focus and obsession about conspiracy theories in the church where we view ourselves as the guardians of the church and virtually see a demon behind every bush, while the other ditch is to dismiss the warning lights provided to us by God's messenger, throw caution to the wind and be "tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming" (Ephesians 4:14, NASB).

The Lord has provided us with a beautiful, balanced path of truth that is centered in Christ. The prayer of our hearts is that His remnant church will stay that course.

Please join us in earnestly praying for the church to be ready when Jesus comes.

— *Leadership of the North Pacific Union, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington conferences*

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Shady Point Adventist School	14611 Hwy. 62, Eagle Point, OR 97524	541-826-2255	Connalyn Allred	1-8
Sonshine Christian School	4445 Hwy. 101, Florence OR 97439	541-997-3951	Karen Nelson	1-8
Sutherlin Adventist Christian School	841 West Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR 97479	541-459-9940	Dianna Mohr	K-8
Three Sisters Adventist Christian School	21155 Tumalo Rd., Bend, OR 97701	541-389-2091	Jenny Neil	K-10
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141	503-842-6533	Gayle Norton	K-9
Tualatin Valley Academy	21975 SW Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123	503-649-5518	Ed Tillotson	K-10

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Cascade Christian Academy	600 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801	509-662-2723	Stephanie Gates	K-12
Upper Columbia Academy	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3600	John Winslow	9-12
Walla Walla Valley Academy	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-525-1050	Brian Harris	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	Richard Rasmussen	1-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	John McCombs	1-8

Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	June Graham	1-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Dean Edwards	K-8
Countryside Adventist Elementary School	12109 W. Seven Mile Rd., Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-8982	Phyllis Radu	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-9
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-3120	Cristina Lauile	1-8
Grandview Adventist School	106 N. Elm St., Grandview, WA 98930	509-882-3817	Richard Peterson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Shannon Whidden	K-10
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Randy Foss	K-9
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Ron Jacaban	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Leslie Briggs	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Daniel Wister	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Deborah Joplin	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084 Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41 #D, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Clare Thompson	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robin Featherstone	K-10
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Beverly Church	K-9
St. Maries Christian School	201 N 8th Street Ste. #11, St. Maries, ID 83861	208-245-2274	Mark Law	1-8
Tri-City Junior Academy	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Erma Lee	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Christopher Duckett	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Renae Young	K-10

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Orcas Christian School	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Tom Roosma	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	To be determined	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Doug White	K-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226	360-384-8155	Mary Ann Barrett	K-8
Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	Ron Trautwein	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Lowell Dunston	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Cynthia Miller	1-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	To be determined	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Becky Rae	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Karen Carlton	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	Doug Allison	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	Craig Mattson	PK-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Sharron Crooms-Schwartz	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Susan Schilt	1-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Opal Singer	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Angela Stroud	PK-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8

LOS HECHOS DEL ESPIRITU SANTO

“Y el Señor añadía cada día a la iglesia los que debían de ser salvos” (Hechos 2:47).



Claudia ha aceptado el desafío de enseñarles el mensaje de salvación a sus dos hijos.

Uno de mis maestros del Seminario Teológico Adventista decía que el libro Hechos de los Apóstoles debería llamarse los Hechos del Espíritu Santo, debido a la marcada intervención del Espíritu de Dios en la mayoría de los relatos. Hoy, en nuestros días, el Espíritu Santo sigue impresionándonos con sus intervenciones milagrosas, mientras cumplimos con la misión. Esto es lo que sucedió en el caso de Claudia, a quien Dios alcanzo en la ciudad de Bellevue, Wash.

El hermano Carlos había salido a hacer obra misionera acompañado por un joven estudiante misionero. Esa tarde había sido un poco frustrante, y ya sin muchas esperanzas, movidos por el Espíritu Santo, decidieron tocar la puerta del apartamento de la Sra. Claudia. Ella había sido invitada anteriormente a la iglesia por



La obra avanza también rápidamente en las otras iglesias de nuestro distrito: Monroe y Renton.

otros hermanos. Se acercaron, pensando que no aceptaría la invitación de estudiar la Biblia; sin embargo, la señora cortésmente acepto la invitación de ellos. ¡Que sorpresa!

Carlos, Julián y Andrés estuvieron estudiando semanalmente con la señora Claudia y su esposo Krasimir, quien se denominaba a sí mismo como ateo, de vez en

cuando les acompañaba. Una tarde, el hermano Carlos me comento muy emocionado: “Pastor, la señora Claudia con la cual hemos estudiando la Biblia, me comunico que quiere ser bautizada. ‘Amen;’ le conteste al hermano. ‘Usted está siendo testigo de la obra milagrosa del Espíritu Santo.’ Entonces me conto como ellos anteriormente se habían desanimado y no querían ni

Somos testigo de la obra milagrosa del Espíritu Santo.

tocar la puerta, pero el Espíritu de Dios les impresiono a hacerlo.”

La Sra. Claudia estaba muy feliz de aceptar a Jesús como su Salvador personal. Su esposo, Krasimir, su compañero de muchos años, accedió a casarse para que su amada compañera pudiera bautizarse. El Espíritu de Dios continuo trabajando, y la noche antes del bautismo, él se presentó para darnos una sorpresa: había decidido entregarse a Jesús junto a su esposa. Y dijimos: “¡Gloria a Dios!”

Estos milagros modernos nos dicen que Dios puede tocar y restaurar aun a aquellos que creemos imposibles de alcanzar. Actualmente, la hermana Claudia esta activa en la iglesia, donde sirve como diaconiza. ¡Gloria a Dios por los Hechos del Espíritu Santo en nuestros días! Dios está agregando día a día más almas para su reino.

“El plan de celebrar estudios bíblicos es una idea de origen celestial. Muchos son los hombres y mujeres que pueden dedicarse a este ramo del trabajo misionero. Pueden desarrollarse así obreros que serán poderosos para Dios” (OE 200.1).

El pastor Victor Rodriguez, es pastor del distrito hispano de Bellevue, Renton y Monroe en la Conferencia de Washington



INTERTWINING CHURCH AND HOME ...

Over the last several years, we have heard church research experts, pastors and leaders discuss the issues related to losing our young people from churches and schools at alarming rates. We have reacted by hiring youth pastors, creating youth-centered programs, and trying to make church services more friendly to youth and young adults. The church can be as friendly and loving as possible, but it cannot prevent the youth from exiting the proverbial

backdoor. Let me propose that in order to stem the tide and reverse this trend in our churches, the home must become the center of evangelism and discipleship to emerging generations. It is important for us to view home as the place where an early and lasting relationship with Jesus begins.

This is not to say that pastors, churches and spiritual leaders do not have a part in discipling the next generation. The role of the church should help further empower family discipleship that will strengthen both our homes and churches. Our churches can be a key in the training ground — encouraging, equipping and empowering families to disciple their children. The church's place is not to replace the role of the parents; it stands beside them to strengthen and help equip fathers and mothers throughout the child-rearing years.

During the early years, a child's faith is first developed and nurtured at home. In a world that

has removed God from religion, politics and society in general, a parent's work is never done. Raising a child to have a biblical worldview that includes a positive outlook of God seems nearly impossible at times. Parents often are at a loss to develop and maintain a meaningful relationship with their children while balancing a busy life. Statistics from Barna Research Group, ValueGenesis and other Christian researchers show how families are too busy to even eat a meal together let alone have family Bible reading and prayer.

The tremendous changes we have experienced in the American culture over the past three decades cause us to conclude that both the home and the church appear to be ineffective in discipling our youth. Though the challenge can seem overwhelming at times, now is not the time to throw up our hands in despair. As Ellen White writes, "Do we consider and realize that the greatest influence to recommend Christianity to our world is a well-ordered and well-disciplined Christian family? The world then sees that they believe God's Word" (*Sermons and Talks*, vol. 1, p. 77). The simple, godly example of moms and dads as they lead their homes in the same way Christ leads the church will draw people to Jesus and ultimately to the unique Adventist message.

I have a dream that churches, conference leaders, Sabbath School teachers, pastors and elders will not only lead by personal family example but will seek to encourage all parents to make their home the center for evangelism and discipleship of their children. Then our churches will experience the majority of young people setting "an example by their speech, life and purity." This intertwining of home and church to raise up a new generation with godly values beginning in our homes will spill out and transform every church.

Tobin Dodge, Alaska Conference pastor



Tobin Dodge, Alaska
Conference pastor



By pulling together in generosity, Northside Church members have paid off their church's remodeling project.

ANCHORAGE NORTHSIDE BECOMES DEBT-FREE

When Anchorage Northside Church moved into its building in 1992, members knew it needed some major remodeling. They needed an elevator or lift so wheelchair-bound members and visitors could go up to attend the services or go down to the fellowship hall. They also wanted to change the existing choir loft to an audio visual area and enlarge the rostrum area to accommodate a piano.

All of this required money, which they did not have on hand, so they borrowed \$250,000 in 2004 to complete the remodel. Over the years, the church had whittled down the balance, but in March 2013 it still owed \$112,000. The church board formed a small committee to look at ways to pay the loan off quicker. The committee did not want to have members use the funds they normally donate

to the church budget, so the group decided to keep the campaign “low-key.”

Committee members started by giving other members a stewardship bookmark and updating the bulletin each month with the outstanding balance and a stewardship thought. They also added a loan payoff fund to the tithe envelope.

As members saw the balance drop each month, they started to get excited. Then the state's Permanent Fund dividend in 2014 was double the prior year's amount. The committee campaigned for each family to consider donating half of one dividend check to the payoff. The church family was generous, and in March of this year members were able to pay the loan in full.

Nita Larson, Anchorage Northside Church treasurer

SITKA PASTOR CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITY

As the new pastor of the Sitka Church, Nathan Stearman wondered how he might be able to connect in a meaningful way with the local community. It didn't take long to discover one very special way.

A couple of years earlier, he had had the privilege of serving in a large hospital as one of its chaplains. Stearman was hoping to have the privilege of doing so again — and God provided a way, though not at a hospital. In becoming acquainted with the local community, one of the first places he visited was the police station. During a brief visit, Sheldon Schmidt, the police chief, expressed his desire to have a new department chaplain and asked if Stearman would consider the position. Stearman agreed to consider the offer.

When Stearman returned a day or two later, he was able to meet Jeff Ankerfelt, police lieutenant, who was excited at the possibility too. Stearman decided to serve as chaplain.

His service with the department involves ministry to the officers, occasionally to their families and sometimes to those in the jail. Stearman also ministers to community members facing times of crisis or large disasters. Through this ministry, Stearman is able to demonstrate the love and care of Jesus in a practical way.

What opportunities might God be placing in your path? Take the risk and engage. God can only use people who make themselves available to Him and others in ministry.

Nathaniel Stearman, Juneau and Sitka district pastor



(From left) Jeff Ankerfelt, Sitka Police Department lieutenant, visits with Nathan Stearman, Sitka Church pastor.

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IDAHO FALLS MEETINGS CHANGE LIVES

The greatest manifestation of God's power on this earth is the unity of His people. God's power was evident when the Idaho Falls Church worked hard and closely together to lay the groundwork for a reaping series in the area. Starting in the local church, 25–30 visitors from the community filled the small church to understand Revelation's prophecies presented by Jason Morgan, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist.

Sheena Dame was invited by a local church member and attended nightly, excited to finally understand the gospel through the symbols of Revelation. Dame knew the Lord led her to the meetings, and she decided not to miss a night. At the conclusion of the series, Dame accepted the

invitation to be baptized and join her new church family.

Barbara Stickel received a handbill in the mail prior to opening night and wanted to invite her friends and family to the meetings. Her neighbor Nicholas accepted the invitation and attended nightly. As the messages were presented, Stickel recalled attending a similar series years ago near Salt Lake City, Utah, and all the elements of truth began to come back to her. Stickel knew the Lord was providing another opportunity for her to embrace the truth and follow Jesus. She says, "This time I am making my decision to be baptized and become part of God's commandment-keeping church." Nicholas, who attended nightly with Stickel, was raised in the Mormon church. Many questions about



At the conclusion of the series, eight people were baptized and several others were preparing for baptism.

the eternal nature of Christ began to be cleared up, and Nicholas decided he wanted to be rebaptized.

Many more life-changing stories could be told as a result of this effort. At the conclusion of the series, eight people were baptized and several others were preparing for baptism.

The early apostolic church is a testimony of what God can do for His people when

they are in unity. "Being of one accord" is the condition that brings the blessings of God to finish the work He has entrusted to us. When we are willing to answer the prayer of Christ that we may be one as He and His Father are one, great things await God's remnant church.

Jason Morgan, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist



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THREE ANGELS FEATURED AT MONTANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

This year's theme for Montana Camp Meeting was "Angels' Voices Today," a study of the Three Angels' Messages. Key-note speakers included Ken Denslow, North American Division assistant to the president, as well as Dan Jackson, North American Division president. They challenged attendees to consider some of the practical aspects of living these vital messages in today's world.

Seminar presenters offered a variety of topics. John McVay, Walla Walla University president, spoke on "The

Church — A User's Guide" and led early morning devotionals on the subject of the Holy Spirit. Author and prophecy seminar presenter Tim Roosenberg shared insights from Daniel 11 and 12 on the role of Christianity and Islam in prophecy. Kim Schroeder, North Pacific Union Conference planned giving and trust services director, shared important information regarding estate planning and how it impacts lives.

Other highlights of the camp meeting experience included a first-person pre-

sentation of Advent pioneer Joseph Bates by Barry Taylor, Montana Conference ministerial director, describing Bates' experiences at sea and his conversion to the Advent movement. Students of the summer Montana Youth Rush program, under the direction of Marshall McKenzie, shared inspiring testimonies of how God is working in their own hearts and lives as they interact with people all across the state.

The Evangelism Hour focused on what God is doing

through evangelistic activity in Montana. Bill Whitney, Hamilton Church pastor, interviewed recent baptismal candidates, and Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, introduced Bible worker Victor Infante and the process of planting a Hispanic church in Billings.

Barry Taylor, Montana Conference ministerial director



Dan Jackson, North American Division president, makes his point heavenward during the Montana Conference camp meeting.



"ELDERS TRAINING SYMPOSIUM"

Oct. 3 & 4 — Missoula Church — 800 South Ave W.

Dr. VicLouis Arreola, Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry director, will be presenting Elders Certification Training, a cutting edge program developed to better equip local elders and lay leaders for ministry across the North American Division. Those who complete this program (along with an online module), will receive an elders training certificate, recognized across the division as a certified local elder.

Classes will be held on Oct. 3, 3-7 p.m. and Oct. 4, 8-4 p.m., Missoula Church, 800 South Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801.

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MEDFORD MEMBERS SERVE AS GOD'S HANDS

God often speaks through impressions. When His people listen and respond, amazing things happen.

In Medford, Ore., the homeless population is significant. From standing on street corners to pushing carts through parking lots, their presence is quite visible.

As winter was approaching, Laura Mancía, Valley View Church children's ministries director, wanted to get the children and youth of the church involved in a service project. "I prayed for just the right project, and I felt impressed to focus on the homeless," she says.

Mancía knew the homeless in her area were going to need warm socks, gloves, hats, hygienic supplies and food to make the cold weather more bearable. She formulated her ideas and presented the project to the church family. Her plan was met with overwhelming support.

Soon church members had arranged and collected enough donations to fill 20 bags. Items included socks, gloves, hats, hand sanitizer, hygiene supplies, food, water bottles, first aid kits, flashlights, rain ponchos, hand warmers, Bibles, Christian literature and much more. Additionally, Valley View's Good Neighbor



A group of young people from Valley View Church in Medford, Ore., were excited to collect donations and assemble bags of supplies for the area's homeless.

ministry, which delivers fresh and healthful food to those in need living in the Rogue Valley, provided fresh fruit. The next step was to obtain bags.

"We wanted a sturdy bag to put these items in," says Mancía. "I then remembered when my husband [Walter Mancía, Valley View Church pastor] and I were at a ministerial conference in Arizona, we were given a bundle of *It Is Written* reusable grocery bags. These were the perfect witnessing bags to use for the project."

One Sabbath afternoon, a group of more than 20 children, youth and adults gathered to assemble the bags. The following week, three teams distributed the bags to some of Medford's homeless population.

"The very first bag we

delivered was to a man walking through a parking lot," shares Mancía. "It was a rainy, overcast day, and this man looked destitute. My husband approached the man and asked him if he'd like some food.

The man was filled with gratitude. As he came to our vehicle to receive the bag, the man said he was hungry and wet. My husband told him there were socks and many other items in the bag. As this homeless man tried to hold back his tears, I will never forget the words he kept repeating: 'How did you know?'"

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Valley View Church young people were directed to just the right people. It is Mancía's prayer that these men and women who received the bags will be blessed and find comfort and peace in the Word of God.

Amy Meythaler, Valley View Church communication leader

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WOMEN EXPLORE OCEAN OF EMOTION IN ROCKAWAY BEACH

Collect a group of women from various churches, group them together in a house by the sea for a weekend, then mix teasing, joking and hilarious surprise gifts along with heart-touching testimonies and personal visiting with one another, and you have the ingredients for a wild ocean of emotion. This was the experience of 35 ladies who came to Rockaway Beach, Ore., from the Gaston, Laurelwood, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Newberg and McMinnville churches for an April event organized by the Gaston Church and headed by Cherry Walsh, the women's ministry leader.

Loretta Mix shared her touching testimony of how God took her from not even knowing that there was a God to a total commitment to follow Jesus and do His bidding, even to become a pastor's wife.



CHERRY WALSH

Loretta Mix shares her story with the group.

She shared the difficult times of her life through which God brought her, and she triumphantly declared His power to



DARLENE DONALDSON

Thirty-five ladies met in Rockaway Beach for a weekend of rejuvenation and inspiration.

heal and restore. Mix's testimony encouraged others to be willing and brave to share their stories to help transform others' lives.

The weekend was rejuvenating, with plenty of time for walking, visiting, napping, reading, puzzles, knitting, crocheting and other crafts. The food was delicious, the singing heartwarming, the praying in-

spiring, the crying healing and the laughter like medicine.

If you have a chance to go on a women's retreat, be sure to hop on for the wild ride of women's sharing and caring, laughing and crying, and getting to know each other at a deeper level.

Linda Seeber, Gaston Church communication leader

SILVERTON CHURCH ENJOYS HIGH DAY OF BAPTISMS

What a joyous and long-to-be-re-membered Sabbath May 16 was for the Silverton Community Adventist Church as three people were added to church membership: Arlene Scruggs; her granddaughter, Nevaeh, a fifth-generation Adventist; and Deborah "Deb" Harroun, by profession of faith after having been previously baptized in the Jordan River.

Scruggs had kept it a surprise that she would be baptized. Her many relatives and friends in attendance had come to witness Nevaeh's baptism, so they were totally surprised as Scruggs entered the baptismal font.

"I've always considered myself an Adventist," Scruggs said afterwards, "but I lost my way. Now I feel like I have just come home."



(From left) Deb Harroun, Arlene Scruggs and Nevaeh celebrate their new church membership with Jose Galvez, Silverton Church pastor.

Thirteen-year-old Nevaeh ("heaven" spelled backward) said she felt she had been walking with Jesus at her side, and it was great to be welcomed into a church that loved kids so much.

Deb expressed her gratitude for the mentors who had been her source of guidance. She is relying on the Lord to reveal what is next in her new walk with Him. She said she

felt deeply honored hearing the pastor's and members' hearty "welcome to the family."

Jose Galvez, Silverton Church pastor, stressed that Silverton Church Adventists are family. "We love one another and are kind to one another," he said.

With the Lord's continued guidance and Galvez's leadership, members are confident they will see many more taking their stand for the Lord at the Silverton Church.

Enid Hands, Silverton Community Church communication leader

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SOUP KITCHEN PROVIDES WARM, DELICIOUS MINISTRY

John Weston slices hot garlic bread, quickly dumps it into the basket and sets it on the serving table. He rushes to get the salad dressings and other items on the table. Then he sprints to the literature box and hastily sets out tracts and pamphlets.

“Gather ‘round, everyone,” he says to his volunteers.



John Weston and Larry Sample teamed up and brought their ministry vision to life through the Soup Kitchen.

“It’s time for prayer. People are lining up outside.”

This three-year-old ministry started as an outgrowth of Sabbath fellowship dinners at Grants Pass Church. Weston and his wife, Dianne, loved cooking and saw the fellowship dinner as a means of getting to know and love people, no matter what they look like. Dianne would throw her arms around the most gruff, tattered

and sometimes smelly people who came to the fellowship dinner (aka potluck). John was right behind her with the same feelings. They believed in this ministry, and they desired the same experience for people on the street or anyone who would come to enjoy a meal.

Unknown to them, Larry Sample, the Dorcas leader, had the same dream. He and the Westons teamed up in 2012, and the Soup Kitchen was born. They decided on soup, salad, bread, drink and dessert. They tried serving on Thursday nights for two years, but the ministry struggled.

John sought the Lord’s counsel and was shown that he needed to change the day to Tuesdays, when the Dorcas

program was open for people to get food and clothing. John’s prayer was answered, and the change was a hit.

In December 2014, Dianne lost her battle with cancer. Although John’s heart was crushed, he determined to continue on his own. He wanted anyone and everyone, rich or poor, to come for a free meal and also find spiritual food. And that is exactly what happened. The clientele has increased as more and more people are learning about the Soup Kitchen. The number served has varied lately from about 50 to more than 70.

One lady, who has come regularly to the Soup Kitchen, is now studying to be baptized. Who would have thought that



(From left) Gloria Wilson, Warren Williams, John Weston and Ginny Frost keep the Soup Kitchen running each week.

a soup kitchen could reach people with the love of Jesus? John, Dianne and Larry, that’s who.

John now has regular assistants who help him: Ginny Frost, Sydney Purser, Gloria Wilson and Warren Williams. Much of the food is provided by the local food bank. The church pays for supplies, crackers and drinks, and John provides the soup, which he prepares at home. The regulars love John’s cooking, and some love giving and receiving hugs from him.

The Soup Kitchen has been a blessing to those involved and proven to be a simple yet powerful ministry.

Gloria Wilson, Grants Pass Church member



The Soup Kitchen typically serves 50 to 70 people each week.

FOUR BAPTISMS BRING DAY OF REJOICING TO GLADSTONE

May 9 was a day of rejoicing at Gladstone Park Church because Drew Bassy, Tom Lee, Don Enslow and Ron Tise were baptized exactly one year after Bassy had been found unresponsive in his parked car.

The efforts of a nearby paramedic and a quick call to 911 brought Bassy back to life. “Exactly a year ago I died, but God gave me a second chance,” Bassy said. “This time I want to do it right and die in the watery grave of baptism.”

Ron Tise’s life changed six years ago when he had a stroke, followed by an encounter with dark, demonic forces intent on killing him. He surprised himself by calling to God for help. God answered that prayer, and Tise began his search to learn about the God he had never known.

In the last couple years,

Tom Lee started his search for meaning in life and ended up reconnecting with an Adventist girl he had dated in his 20s. Work brought him to Oregon, close to the Gladstone Park Church and closer to that Adventist girl, who is now his fiancée.

Don Enslow stopped going to church at age 12, when he decided to live with his dad after his parents’ divorce. Enslow reconnected with his mom when he came to Portland for medical treatment more than a year ago. He has been studying the Bible with

his mom and stepdad for the past several months. As Enslow puts it, “I am at peace more than I have ever been.”

Laressa Farnsworth, Gladstone Park Church communication leader, and Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park Church pastor



(From left, back row) Drew Bassy; Bob Uhrig, pastor; Tom Lee; Don Enslow; and Ron Tise (seated) made one Sabbath in May extra special for the Gladstone Park Church.

ROSEBURG CHURCH REACHES OUT THROUGH PROPHECY

The Roseburg Church is a church with a mission: to share the good news of Jesus’ love with Bible prophecy about the signs of our times. The church hosted the Prophetic Signs Seminar with Lyle Albrecht beginning on Feb. 14 and concluding March 14.

The series began with a full house, including about 80

community guests. Midway through the meetings, this number dropped to about 35; however, new people continued to appear throughout the meetings. The church welcomed 25 people through baptism and one by profession of faith. Members are following the series with a biweekly series called Prophecies of Hope.

Many of the people who attended the meetings were those who had seen Albrecht on 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) or Better Life TV. The people who attended were generally older, and they were excited by the meetings. The format of the meetings began with a travelogue of various plac-

es in Europe and the Bible lands, followed by the subject Albrecht chose for that night. The Roseburg Church family is praising God for leading these people to attend the meetings, respond to the Holy Spirit and request baptism.

Cameron Litwin, Roseburg Church communication leader

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE HOLDS 77TH CONSTITUENCY SESSION

During the 77th Upper Columbia Conference constituency session, held May 31 in Spangle, Wash., nearly 500 Upper Columbia Conference delegates overwhelmingly voted to reelect all four conference officers. Paul Hoover will continue as president, Doug Johnson as vice president for administration, Randy Terry as vice president for finance and Larry Marsh as vice president for education. The delegates also elected conference departmental directors, the executive committee, the constitution and bylaws committee, and the K-12 board of education for the coming four-year term.

Hoover's devotional message reiterated the conference's mission to make and grow disciples into the men and women God intended them to be. That mission was illustrated in the growth of the conference's Hispanic churches.

Four new churches were voted into the sisterhood of conference churches, and Pasco Country Haven Church was officially closed.

There was some active discussion on issues related to considerations of gender, age and diversity in recommended bylaw changes, but most changes were largely routine. In the honest spirit of a town hall meeting, members felt comfortable to speak their minds.



Upper Columbia Conference officers reelected are pictured with their wives: (from left) Randall and Tamara Terry, vice president for finance; Doug and Denise Johnson, vice president for administration; Paul and Patti Hoover, president; and Larry and Patty Marsh, vice president for education.

In closing, Hoover acknowledged that current and future issues are not insignificant and referenced the encouraging words of Ellen White from *Acts of the Apostles*, which echo the promise of God for all who work for His mission: "He made full provision for the prosecution

of their work and took upon himself the responsibility for its success. So long as they worked in cooperation with him, they could not fail."

To view more photos of the constituency session, go to the gallery at glnr.in/110-08-uc_constituencygallery.

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- » Art Lenz, information and technology services
- » John Stanton, personal evangelism, discipleship and adult Sabbath school
- » Patty Marsh, community services, women's ministries and children's ministries
- » Wendy Eberhardt, youth
- » Herman Schreven, Adventist Book Center
- » Andrew McCrary, trust services
- » Richard Parker, human resources
- » Pathfinder/family life/NSO director will be selected by executive committee

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- » Ron Turner
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- » John Winslow



More online at
glnr.in/110-08-uc_pathfinderfair.

This patch was made specifically for this Pathfinder Fair. Wayne Hicks was affectionately called “Chief Rain Cloud” since it “always” rains at Pathfinder Fairs.



PATHFINDER FAIR INCLUDES A FAREWELL

Ask any Pathfinder, and he or she will tell you that Pathfinder fairs in Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) are always special. But this year several amazing things occurred.

The first Certified Pathfinder Adventurer Director Award was given to Steve Meharry. Following the bestowing of the award by Wayne Hicks, UCC Pathfinder director, Meharry pinned Hicks and June Cross with the same awards



Carly Haeger, daughter of Eric and Michelle Haeger, wanted her grandpa and Wayne Hicks to baptize her.

because they, along with “Frosty” Cross, originated the program. The UCC Pathfinder department instituted the Certified Pathfinder Adventurer Counselor program in 2007. Soon after, the program began to also certify directors.

In the afternoon, Hicks and Gerald Haeger, UCC ministerial director, joint-



Wayne and Jeri Hicks began their ministry as a young couple.

ly baptized Carly Haeger, Haeger’s granddaughter, then Hicks baptized two more Pathfinders. Following the evening worship by Dick Stanbakken, guest speaker, 45 Pathfinders requested baptism, rather than the typical five to 10.

Moses, Jonah, Nehemiah and Enoch became tangible patriarchs to the Pathfinders when portrayed by Stenbakken. The theme of these Bible characters resonated with their desire to go to heaven soon and was appropriately titled, “I Want to Go Home.” Another highlight Sabbath afternoon was the recitation of Chapter 7 of *The Desire of Ages* by Karissa Sharley.

This fair was the last Pathfinder Fair with Hicks as official UCC Pathfinder director. Due to illness, Hicks was there as a guest and John Wenger, head Pathfinder

coordinator, led out at the fair. Hicks and his wife, Jeri, were able to enjoy the event from a different perspective with their sons’ families and their granddaughters.

Following drilling and marching and Pathfinder awards on Sunday, the sound of six trumpets heralded the beginning of a special “good-bye.” Music was specially written for the Hickses by Jerry Bobbitt of the Torchbearers Pathfinder Club. A color guard presented a Pathfinder flag signed by Pathfinders and staff plus an Adventurer flag signed by club directors and coordinators. They received a framed Pathfinder patch designed specifically for this Pathfinder Fair and a memory book full of photos taken through their years of service.

Letters were read from James Black, North American Division Pathfinder director;

Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Pathfinder director; and Leo Ranzolin, former world Pathfinder director. Then a brief video presentation, created by Shaina Hicks, daughter-in-law, recounted the Hickses years of service in pictures.

“All I asked my secretary to do was to have ice cream for the Pathfinders,” says Wayne.

Thirty-eight years as UCC Pathfinder director is an amazing legacy of godly leadership that has been replicated, in turn, in the lives of Pathfinders and staff in UCC and all over the world. But Wayne says, “Our retirement is a celebration of coordinators, staff and phenomenal secretary(s) united in one goal. It really isn’t about Wayne and Jeri.”

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

A scrapbook of Pathfinder memories is presented to Wayne and Jeri Hicks.



ROGERS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

The Rogers Adventist School family in College Place, Wash., is welcoming three new staff members for the 2015–16 school year.

Nancy Barnett comes from the Ohio Conference, where she was associate treasurer.



Nancy Barnett will be the new business and facility manager.

She will be the Rogers business and facility manager. Merry Knoll, who held that position for the last 10 years, is retiring but staying in the area. Knoll is looking forward to

focusing on family interests and spending more time with her grandchildren. She is willing to be on call to help as Barnett learns about her position.

A couple of years ago, when Jeff Andersen was a student at Walla Walla University, he did his student teaching at Rogers. The children loved him and frequently Skyped with him



Jeff Andersen will teach fifth- and sixth-grades.

the following year when he taught in Denmark. This past school year, he taught at a small school in Idaho. He will be a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher this

fall, filling a vacancy left by Gwen Payne's retirement. Payne taught at Rogers for the last 29 years and is well-known for her humor and excellent teaching.

This coming year, two teachers will be sharing one job. Teaching as a profession is notorious for the endless hours of preparation and grading outside the normal school day. This is especially hard on teacher-parents who have their own children to raise and mentor. Toni Busby is finishing her second year as one of the junior high teachers and is excited to share her position so she can have more time for her own



Melissa Claridge will share the teaching position currently held by Toni Busby.

family and yet continue with her love of teaching junior high students.

Melissa Claridge will be partnering with Busby. Claridge, a certified teacher, has spent many hours at Rogers

subbing and volunteering in her son's classroom. This new shared position fits well with the focus on the importance of family at Rogers Adventist School. This will help two moms spend more time with their own families while still enabling them to follow their passion for teaching.

Clare Thompson, Rogers Adventist School principal



Upper Columbia Academy guys' varsity basketball team competes at the Friendship Tournament under the coaching of Greg Meager and Micah Robinson.

UCA SURPRISED BY FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT

Walla Walla University has an annual Friendship Tournament that provides the opportunity for different Adventist academy basketball teams to come and play each other. Held in several gyms in the area, the three-day event is a highlight for basketball fans.

Both guys' and girls' varsity basketball teams from Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., participated in the tournament held this past January. The guys finished in fifth place, and the girls finished in first place. As you can

imagine, the girls were excited about their finish, but the look on their faces when they were chosen for the Sportsmanship Award was priceless. It was affirmation that the way they respected each other and the game was far beyond a win.

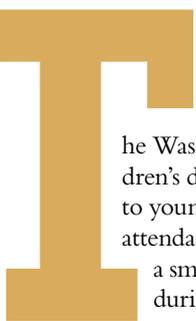
"I am pleased with the accomplishments of our teams," says John Winslow, UCA principal. "But I am most pleased that the teams played in a Christ-like manner."

Tamara Terry, freelance writer in Spokane, Wash.



Upper Columbia Academy girls' varsity basketball team competes at the Friendship Tournament under coaching by Jeremy Wiggins, Kyle Gladding and Marinna Kravig.

WASHINGTON CAMP MEETING TRAINS YOUNG DISCIPLES



he Washington Camp Meeting children's divisions (ranging from infancy to young adults) typically have large attendance on the weekends and a smaller but steady attendance during weekdays. Not this year!

"We've grown," said John Mutchler, one of the junior department leaders for ages 10–12. "We've had 95 kids this week. The parents have been very supportive and tell us how much their kids love the program."

Through worship songs, personal testimonies and presentations by Karyle Barnes, Andrews University seminary and social work student, young adults unpacked how "Jesus Is Enough."

The youth division for high school students and the earliteen division for ages 13–14 talked about choices in life with their respective program themes. The youth theme, "#ThingsThatMatter," delved into topics like purpose in life, making a decision for Jesus, engaging in worship and sharing faith with friends. Earliteens are learning about living life with God's ideals.

"The kids have really connected with the speakers," reported Jonathan Fetrick, earliteen department leader. "Some of the kids have made some good life and spiritual decisions at camp meeting."

Stepping into the tent for the primary division (ages 7–9) or peeking into the kindergarten division (for ages 4–6) brought smiles at the pure joy of Jesus those children exuded while listening to stories, singing with gusto and participating in activities. The same applied to the two sections of the beginners classes for ages 0–2 and 2–4.

"We're teaching children about Jesus in a fun, memorable way," said Cristian Bobocea, primary division leader.

No matter the age group, the young people at camp meeting learned how to become young disciples for Jesus.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



EMALYN HALL

Washington Camp Meeting attendees are generous supporters of ministry. Last year, attendees pledged more than \$243,000 for evangelism and ended up giving almost \$360,000 throughout the year. This year, attendees pledged more than \$200,000.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, and Tyler Long, Washington Conference evangelism coordinator, recognize Brian and Nina Cladoosby for representing Adventists to 6 million Native Americans.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Auburn Adventist Academy is making friends this summer through volleyball, badminton and sharing how Auburn is a great place to make Christian friends.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Willie Iwankiw, pastor, and two prayer missionaries from the junior division at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting pray with a camp meeting guest.

Every camp meeting morning, the junior division took prayer requests. Four children (two boys and two girls) were selected to be prayer missionaries. They walked around campus with a pastor leader, introduced themselves, and asked camp meeting attendees if they might pray for a prayer request or praise.

KEGLEY FAMILY CARRIES CAMP MEETING LEGACY

Whenver someone has a roll call at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting for who has attended camp meeting the longest, Albert Kegley always bypasses — with ease — attendees who have 20, 40, 50 or 60 years of camp meeting history.

Kegley's parents first brought him to camp meeting when he was a baby in 1936, and 79 years later he hasn't missed a camp meeting in western Washington.

"When I first came here, the first recollection I can remember was a big tent in front of Gibson Hall," he says. "There was sawdust on the floors, and everyone sat on wooden benches with seat backs."

Kegley remembers how the road came in at a different place, the current girls' dorm location was a chicken coop and a Quonset hut near today's cafeteria served as a meeting location for youth. All the other children's meetings convened in tents.

"We would come and stay in a tent for the whole week," Kegley recalls.

In all, four generations of the Kegley family have camp meeting history: his parents (now deceased); he and his wife, Marjorie; his daughters; and his grandchildren. The Kegley campsite has been the same number, A-315, for 40

years, although the site along the fence has shifted down four spots to accommodate motorhomes instead of canvas tents.

"My dad's most favorite thing about camp meeting is seeing people," says his daughter, Laura Worf. "He will watch from his campsite for someone he knows and then go talk with them. My parents have a revolving door of people coming through their motorhome."

Kegley's profession as a log truck driver didn't always allow him to attend all 10 days of camp meeting, but he always came for the weekends and any time off he could find. For the meetings he missed, Kegley would pick up eight-track tapes, cassettes or CDs over the years so he could listen to sermons as he drove.



JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER

One hundred years ago, 1,000 delegates attended an annual camp meeting in Manitou Park in Tacoma. The tradition continues today in Auburn.

In addition to Kegley's camp meeting memories, *The News Tribune* published a history tidbit this year from 100 years ago, that, in 1915, 1,000 delegates were attending the "annual camp meeting and business session of the Western Washington Conference for Seventh-day Adventists in

Manitou Park," a tourist camp in Tacoma.

The historical camp meeting featured a tent city with a pavilion to seat 1,500 people. Ten days of services were offered in English and Scandinavian.

Today's 10-day camp meeting offers programming in English, Russian, Korean and American Sign Language. A separate camp meeting is held in Spanish. Attendees stay in tents, RVs and dorm rooms. Many children's divisions meet under large white tents, while adults join meetings in Rainier Auditorium (a facility built in the 1950s).

Living testimonies add a vibrancy to limited historical archives. Have camp meeting history to share? Email info@washingtonconference.org.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Albert and Marjorie Kegley have a family tradition to attend Washington Adventist Camp Meeting each year, a tradition that started 79 years ago when Albert first attended camp meeting as a baby with his parents.



AUBURN STUDENTS, PARENTS MINISTER IN POHNPEI

Many school mission trips feature a large group of students and chaperones who head to destinations around the world. A small group of Auburn Adventist Academy students and parents tried a new parent-child model this spring.

Four Auburn students — Greg Epperson, Charlie Fletcher, Isaac Jensen and D.J. Roberts — presented a week of prayer (three times a day for the lower and middle grades and for the high school) and helped with campus building projects at Pohnpei Adventist School in the Micronesian Islands. The students traveled with three parents: Butch Jensen led the building projects, Bill Roberts provided coaching for week of prayer, and Deirdre Epperson served as mission trip mother.

“It’s a blessing to see the students enjoy what the guys have to tell them about Jesus and watch the boys stepping out of their comfort zone by standing up in front and sharing what Jesus means to them,” says Epperson.

This trip had several



personal connections. Lauren Epperson, a student missionary in Pohnpei, knew her mother was coming but was surprised when her brother arrived too. Bill Roberts, Washington Conference ministerial director, had served as a student missionary in Pohnpei when he was a college student.

“It means a lot to me to bring my son here to a place that means so much to me,” says Roberts. “This is my fourth visit to the island, including my year here. I see clear evidence God is using this school to touch lives.”

Heidi Baumgartner

AUBURN ABC MAKES NEW CONNECTIONS

Ed Lindsay remembers when Adventist books were sold from a tennis court tent at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting.

“It rained just before camp meeting that year,” Lindsay recalls. “One of my chores was to tighten the ropes as things dried out.” Lindsay’s experience in working for the Adventist Book Center as an assistant manager in the early 1970s would translate into a career in the Christian book industry. During the past 19 years, Lindsay served as an Adventist Book Center manager in northern California.

Just before Lindsay attended his class’ 50th reunion at Auburn Adventist Academy, he called his vegetarian food product vendor, Alex Lingas. They discovered they would both be in the Seattle area about the same time as Lingas prepared to purchase Auburn Adventist Book Center (currently called Auburn ABC, but may have another name in the near future).

“In jest, Alex said that I should come work for him,” Lindsay recalls. “That planted a seed-thought. My wife and I prayed about it and felt a connection here.”

Lindsay, as the new manager for the newly independent bookstore, and his wife, Lila Sumrall-Lindsay, like the changes in book selection and food products they are seeing in the store and constant factors like friendly staff.

As the store moves forward, it plans to add new features such as organic produce, fresh bakery items and everyday market essentials.

“We would like to expand the role of the store to not just be operated as a typical retail store, but also to be a place where the community can learn more about how they can take better care of their body,” says Lingas.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Dennis Carlson (left), from Washington Conference, hands off the Auburn ABC business to Alex Lingas (right). Lingas plans to work with Herman Schreven, Spokane Adventist Book Center representative, to fulfill ABC-specific services like online orders and subscriptions.



WWU MUSIC DEPARTMENT SELECTED EVENTS

“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD”

Psalm 95:1

FALL 2015

Sabbath, October 3, 6 p.m.—Faculty Organ Recital by Kraig Scott

Sabbath, October 24, 5 p.m.—Evensong

Sabbath, December 5, 4 p.m.—Evensong

Friday, December 11, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.—Christmas Concert*

WINTER 2016

Sabbath, January 30, 4 p.m.—Evensong

Sabbath, February 20, 5 p.m.—Guest Organ Recital by Gail Archer

Sabbath, February 27, 5 p.m.—Evensong

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.—Music Department Showcase Concert

Sabbath, March 5, 4 p.m.—Choir and Orchestra Festival Concert*

Sabbath, March 12, 4 p.m.—Orchestra and Choir Concert

SPRING 2016

Friday, April 22, 8 p.m.—PRISM Concert

Sabbath, April 23, 7 p.m.—Evensong

Sabbath, May 14, 7:30 p.m.—Evensong

Sabbath, May 21, 5 p.m.—Spring Choral Concert*

Sabbath, June 11, 8 p.m.—Evensong

* Concert is livestreamed online at
WALLAWALLA.EDU/CONCERT



A calendar of 2015-16 Music Department events is
posted at music.wallawalla.edu and is updated regularly
throughout the academic year.

‘A TIME TO FORGIVE’

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onday, June 17, 1996, began as a beautiful, sunny day in College Place, Wash., for Darold and Barbara Bigger.

Darold worked in his office in the Theology department at what was then Walla Walla College, preparing to fill in as dean of the School of Theology for the summer. His work was interrupted by the relentless ringing of the phone in his office. Upon answering, the voice of the college chaplain, John Cress, came through, insisting that Darold come to his office right away.

That morning in June, Cress shared the unbelievable news with Darold and Barbara that their 25-year-old daughter — Shannon — had been brutally murdered in her Maryland apartment.

Emotionless from the shock of the news, Darold and Barbara shared the news of Shannon’s death with friends and family, including their foster daughter, Rosemary, and their daughter, Hilary.

Emotions gradually arose through the shock. Grief lasted for several months. Anger at the man who took Shannon’s life came the following year.

Several months after the perpetrator pled guilty and was sentenced to a double life sentence in prison, he wanted to change his plea to not guilty and to have his sentences reduced.

“That infuriated me,” says Darold. “It triggered intense anger and flaming resentment. For weeks I tried many techniques to do away with those feelings, but nothing worked. Not the physical, mental, not even the spiritual exercises helped me.”

Yet, the Biggers decided to do the unimaginable — they forgave Shannon’s killer. Darold’s recently released book, *A Time to Forgive*, tells the story of Shannon’s death and how he forgave her murderer. It begins with a glimpse into Darold’s heart, tells the story of that day in June, and details his emotional struggle and how he carried on.

“God rescued me,” says Darold, who is now WWU assistant to the president and professor of religion.

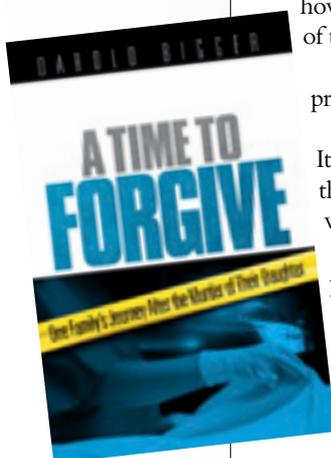
The book shows how God provided the tools needed to find peace and forgiveness. It provides an in-depth look at forgiveness, God’s request that we forgive our enemies, the significance behind His request and the tools God has given all of us to complete what can be a very difficult task.

“*A Time to Forgive* ... is a critically important work, graciously shared out of deep, personal pain. Brutally honest, it is therefore authentic in its focus on the struggle to be Christ-like, while living through the massive trauma of life’s darkest moments,” says Robert A. Seiple, former president of World Vision and former United States ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom.

A Time to Forgive can be purchased at your local Adventist Book Center or online at adventistbookcenter.com.



Darold Bigger



Katelyn Swager, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations writer

NURSE NAVIGATORS PROVIDE THE FACE OF CARE



Patients and visitors who walk into any of the Adventist Health hospitals in the Pacific Northwest are greeted with warm, friendly smiles. But some patients arriving in the early morning hours are greeted not just with a helpful smile, but by the face of a friend.



“I tell people that I’m part educator, part grandma and part boot camp sergeant,” jokes Renee Novak, an orthopedic nurse navigator at Aspire Orthopedic Institute in Portland, Ore. Except she’s not really joking.

Nurse navigators are a

When people have been living with pain for so long, they can become afraid of living life. I tell them that the best medication I have for them is a big syringe filled with hope.”

helping hand, a communication hub, an expert clinical resource and a friend to lean on. You might even call them personal guardian angels. They provide education and proactive assistance to guide patients through every step of their medical care and recovery. Nurse navigators also know the very first step is often addressing the emotional needs of the patient — many times even before the patient is a

patient. Novak frequently chats with individuals who need a joint replacement but haven’t committed to the procedure.

“Hospitalization and surgery can be stressful for patients and their loved ones, even when it’s a planned surgery. People are afraid of the process, the surgery itself, and are often anxious about the recovery process,” Novak says. “I understand their fears and can provide information to help guide their decision or prayers to help comfort them. Sometimes they just need to talk things through.”

Nurse navigators are not only advocates and resources for the patients, they are also a communication bridge between disciplines such as nursing, rehab, physicians and health plans. A dynamic multidisciplinary care team working together improves the care that orthopedic patients receive.

“One of my main goals is to make sure each patient is prepared for their surgery and recovery physically, mentally and emotionally,” says Lauri Rootvik, an nurse navigator at Walla Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. “One of the best ways I’ve found to

do that is through building a personal relationship with each of my patients.”

The orthopedic nurse navigator has the opportunity to establish a strong connection with patients and their care partners by providing preoperative education and checking in with patients and their families frequently, even after they go home.

“Renee was a very pleasant face and one that I recognized. It is indeed a source of comfort to see someone who told you ahead of time that things should go well, and then checks up to see if they did,” says Daniel Beeghly, who had a hip replacement at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore. in May. “I attended the preoperative education class and learned what to expect. Then she came to see me several times during my hospital stay and even called more than once to check on me after I returned home. She was with me and my wife every step of this journey. In fact, I’m not sure how we could have walked it without her.”

Kristi Spurgeon Johnson, Adventist Medical Center—Portland marketing and communication director



Carol E. Bunds

Bunds 90th

Carol E. (Fischer) Bunds celebrated her 90th birthday with her new church family in Cottonwood, Ariz., on Jan. 10, 2015. Both of her daughters, Karen Mercer of Cottonwood and Bonnie Lass of Thompsonville, Ill., attended.

Carol was born Jan. 9, 1925 in Hilight, Wyo., to Edward and Ina Fischer. The family moved to McMinnville, Ore., in 1942.

She graduated from Portland Adventist Academy in 1943 and attended Walla Walla College for one year. She worked as a medical assistant until age 83, when she suffered a fractured femur and was unable to continue working.

After moving to the Portland area, Carol first attended the Gresham (Ore.) Church, then Rockwood Church in Portland. She then helped start the Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley, Ore. She and her husband, Frank, helped with building Hood View Junior Academy, and Frank's entry, "Hood View," for the school's naming contest was the winner.

MacKenzie 50th

Ed and Ruth MacKenzie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday morning, June 29, 2014, after Washington Conference Camp Meeting at the Auburn City (Wash.) Church with a brunch in the fellowship hall. There were about 70 family and friends that helped them celebrate.

Edward Roy MacKenzie and Ruth Earlene Gilliland met at Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) while working in the college laundry. They were married in the new college chapel by Richard Litke on June 21, 1964. They spent a week at Lehman Hot Springs near Pilot Rock, Ore., for their honeymoon.

After they both finished college, Ed took a job in Roslyn, Wash., as an accountant for the Roslyn Telephone Co. Later they moved to Whidbey Island, where Ed worked for the South Whidbey Telephone Co. After retirement in 2003, they have been kept busy enjoying mission work, church work and apartment work, besides growing a big garden and fruit trees. They both enjoy bird-watching.

Their family includes Vaughn MacKenzie of



Ed and Ruth MacKenzie

Kennewick, Wash.; Lawana (MacKenzie) and Mike Balance of Herald, Calif.; Jon and Jenny (Hooker) MacKenzie of Covington, Wash.; Richard and Jill (Duncan) MacKenzie of Vancouver, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.

Stephens 90th

Alva L. Stephens celebrated a belated 90th birthday on Sabbath, May 2, at the Falls City (Ore.) Church, with family and friends.

Alva was born on March 27, 1925, in Newberg, Ore.,



Alva L. Stephens

the youngest of nine children. He grew up in the Lincoln City, Ore., area, where he attended the nine-grade church school. After completing the ninth grade, he began working for the timber industry.

He met Helen Hardin while she was attending Laurelwood Academy in Gaston, Ore., and they were married in 1943. A couple months later, Alva was drafted and shipped to the South Pacific for 19 months. He was honorably discharged in 1945. When he arrived home, there were two beautiful twin girls, along with his wife, to welcome him home. He returned to working for the timber industry, and a son joined the family.

From 1955 to 1959, he worked for Harris Pine in Pendleton, Ore. He drove truck for Worthington Foods from 1960 to 1969. In 1970, he began driving truck for Walsh Trucking of Portland, Ore., and drove for them until he retired at age 65 in 1990. He continued to drive truck for them during the summer until age 85.

He moved his family to Falls City in 1976. Helen died in April 2003. Later that year, Alva married Barbara Montgomery. They attend the Falls City Church, and Alva enjoys stimulating Bible discussions.

Alva's family includes one surviving daughter, Janet Bunch; 4 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

ARIAS — Jose Rodrigo, 73; born Jan. 4, 1942, Lirquen, Chile; died March 24, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Cledia, College Place, Wash.; sons, Charlie and George, both of Walla Walla; Clyde, Bothell, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

CASEBIER — Shirley Louise (Duterrow), 80; born Dec. 8, 1934, Ronan, Mont.; died March 9, 2015, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Don E., Seattle, Wash.; Rick A., Salem; Kevin L., Walla Walla, Wash.; brothers, Ray Duterrow, Sandpoint, Idaho; Jim Duterrow, Puyallup, Wash.; sister, Carolyn Wright, Bellingham, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

DRAPER — Florence Marie (Savarino), 90; born Jan. 31, 1924, Watonge, Okla.; died Nov. 27, 2014, Goldendale, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Sarah Smith, Goldendale; Linda West, Yuma, Ariz.; Rilla Opiela, Rogersville, Tenn.; brothers, Philip Savarino, Newberry, Ore.; Paul Savarino, of Washington; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

ENTZE — Irita Belle (Snyder), 69; born April 25, 1945, Modesto, Calif.; died April 19, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dan; sons, Marc, Clarkston, Wash.; Jerry, Walla Walla; brother, Larry Snyder, Caldwell, Idaho; and sister, Sharon Studebaker, Pendleton, Ore.

FENN — George Stanley, 66; born Nov. 3, 1948, Marysville, Calif.; died April 27, 2015, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sharon (Young); daughters, Janel Shaw, Bremerton,

Wash.; Lori Fenn, Kennewick; sister, Jan Miller, Naches, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FERGUSON — Charles Guy, 73; born July 8, 1941, Burns, Ore.; died Jan. 25, 2015, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Myrna (Moore); son, Thomas, Boise, Idaho; daughters, Lisa Shafer, Bozeman, Mont.; Heather Shurtliff, West Haven, Utah; sister, Jo O. Fisk (Early) Lilly; and 10 grandchildren.

FINLAYSON — David Lynn, 55; born Dec. 21, 1959, Huron, S.D.; died Feb. 13, 2015, Florence, Ore. Surviving: mother, Rosella (Cole) Finlayson, Florence; and sister, Ruth Winter, Toledo, Ore.

GIFT — Margaret Virginia (Henderson), 87; born Nov. 22, 1927, Anatone, Wash.; died Dec. 20, 2014, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Carmelita Kerr, Corvallis, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HEWITT — Joseph Eugene, 65; born Jan. 12, 1949, Salt Lake City, Utah; died Oct. 9, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Phyllis (Wiswell), College Place, Wash.; son, Sy Hewitt, Orange, Calif.; stepsons, Robert J. Middleworth Jr., College Place; William Earl Middleworth, Cottonwood, Calif.; brother, Bill Hewitt, Laguna Niguel, Calif.; a grandchild and a step-grandchild.

HOUSE — Dorothy Evaleen (Houpt), 95; born Aug. 17, 1918, Arthur, Neb.; died June 17, 2014, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: son, Dwayne, Veradale, Wash.; daughters,

Rosalyn Meyer, Kent, Wash.; Marilyn Gibson, Issaquah, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

JIMENEZ — Rosaura “Rosa” (Rodriguez), 51; born Aug. 30, 1963, Estacion de Catorce, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; died March 22, 2015, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: husband, Vincent, College Place, Wash.; son, Michael, College Place; daughters, Marisa Jimenez and Isabella Jimenez, both of College Place; parents, Miguel and Teresa Rodriguez, College Place; brother, Mike Rodriguez, Jane Lew, W.Va.; sisters, Blanca Dougherty, Walla Walla, Wash.; Lisa Villeneuve, Cernex, France; and Diane Dickson, Olympia, Wash.

MCCOY — Allen Duane, 90; born March 15, 1924, Yakima, Wash.; died March 14, 2015, Yakima. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Johnson); sons, Monty, Port Townsend, Wash.; Douglas, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Marilyn Clark, Yakima; sister, Garnet Bigger, Walla Walla, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

NAIL — Jack Edward, 86; born Oct. 31, 1928, Terre Haute, Ind.; died April 3, 2015, Tullahoma, Tenn. Surviving: wife, Anna Mae (Morris); sons, Theodore M., Tullahoma; Jonathan A., Shiloh, Ill.; daughters, Jacquelyn Ann Elliott, Burtonsville, Md.; Lynda Kay Feldmann, Derwood, Md.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

PRITCHARD — Diane (Roloff), 61; born April 15, 1953, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 15, 2014, Vale, Ore. Surviving: husband, Vern; son, Nathan,

DuPont, Wash.; and brother, Dan Roloff, Milwaukie, Ore.

RUDY — Bertha E. (Gilb) Parker Jordan, 98; born Jan. 26, 1916, Lucan, Minn.; died Dec. 8, 2014, Chewelah, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry Parker, Chewelah; 8 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

SCHROEDER — Fisher Tate, 14; born Oct. 22, 2000, Loma Linda, Calif.; died March 19, 2015, near La Grande, Ore. Surviving: parents, Todd and Kari (Berez) Schroeder, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; brothers, Chase and Cooper, both of Milton-Freewater; grandparents, Jerry and Dorothy (Steen) Schroeder, Milton-Freewater; grandfather, Robert Berez, Hermiston, Ore.; and grandmother, Ruth (Lorenson) Trefz, Westbank, British Columbia, Canada.

SPOTTS — Elaine (Esry), 59; born Aug. 4, 1955, Palo Alto, Calif.; died March 24, 2015, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Dawn Spotts, Nampa; Kristi Spotts, Caldwell, Idaho; and brother, Jim Esry, Comptonville, Calif.

VANTASSEL — Leland Wilbur, 69; born Feb. 5, 1946, Bend, Ore.; died March 22, 2015, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Eileen (Bradford); son, Mark, Vancouver; daughters, Chaunda VanTassel, Seattle, Wash.; Cherilyn Bertges, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Lamar, Scappoose, Ore.; Norman, Chandler, Ariz.; Lorange, Turner, Ore.; Nick, Redmond, Ore.; sister, Delmarie Null, Goldendale, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

WATTS — Raymond, 87; born Nov. 10, 1927, Cedaredge, Colo.; died April 24, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Rosemary (Bradley); children, John, Linda, Vernon, Laurie, Kevin, Donna, James, Alice and Mary; sisters, Arlene Waybright, College Place; Lee Adams, Grays Harbor, Wash.; and 7 grandchildren.

WELCH — Marcella D. (Russell), 84; born July 2, 1930, Pandora, Mont.; died April 19, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Kathryn A. Hill, Camano Island, Wash.; Connie L. Gillespie, Walla Walla; brother, Milton Russell, Prosser, Wash.; sister, Deloris Robanski, Dayton, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

WILLOUGHBY — Milton, 93; born Dec. 8, 1921, Calcutta, India; died Feb. 1, 2015, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alice (Steunenberg); and daughter, Maureen Caldwell, Vancouver.

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Offering

- Aug. 1** — Local Church Budget;
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Aug. 22 — Local Conference Advance;
Aug. 29 — Alaska Conference.

More events listed at GleanerNow.com/events.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

BAWWU Forming Portland Chapter

Aug. 15 — The Black Alumni of Walla Walla University (BAWWU): Graduates, attendees, family and friends, we are organizing to form a Portland chapter of the Black Alumni Association. We invite you and your family to fellowship via potluck with us on Sabbath at 2 p.m., at the Walla Walla University Portland School of Nursing, 10345 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Walla Walla University assistant to the president for diversity, will be in attendance. Please save the date. For more information and immediate questions, please contact Michael Bishop, 503-706-1635, or Linda (Loiseau) Foxworth, 503-788-4404, or email pdx.baawwu@gmail.com.

IDAHO

Missing Members

The Olive Tree Ministry Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, is trying to locate missing members John and Molly Hansen. Last known address was Filer, Idaho. If you have any information, please call Judi at 208-734-6288.

OREGON

The 13th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers

Sept. 5 — The 13th annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers at 6 p.m., at Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. The theme of the weekend is “Lucky 13th,” featuring guest speaker Dan Matthews. Paul Richardson will present the general lesson study. There will be a fellowship potluck immediately following the second service. After vespers, we will meet at Stark Street Pizza where the first \$400 is prepaid for you. Plan now to attend this remarkable weekend and meet up with current and former friends.

UPPER COLUMBIA

UCA Alumni and Friends — Save the Date!

Oct. 2-4 — Alumni homecoming and the 70th anniversary of the beginning of Upper Columbia Academy. Honored guests include classes that end in 5 and 0, along with all YVA Pioneers. Contact alumni@ucca.org or call 509-981-9318 for more information.

WASHINGTON

Missing Members

Washington Conference Church is looking for the following missing members: Jaime Nava, Janet Nava, Teresa Nava, Eduardo Navarette, Maria D. Navarette, Carmen Neal, Canul Nelson, Suzanne L. Nelson, Florence Noa, Maria D. Noriega, N. Alexander Nykengie, Irma Ocampo, Rosa V. Ochoa, Jack Odom, Jon T. Oguri, Jesus Alex Olivarria, Eufemia Orozco, Paulino Pacheco, Sutonda Palmer, Gary Parker, David W. Parry, Lottie Patterson, Princess Pearson, Wilson D. Pedro, Areianna I. Pllum, Charles J. Pllum, John Pllum, Lamisha L. Pllum, Latara J. Pllum, Miguel Perdomo Jr., Antonio Perez, Juan Perez, Maria Suisa Perez, Norma Perez, Pedro Perez, Marina Peters, Caren L. Phipps, Douglas A. Piantes, Obdulio Guillermo Pineda, Patsy R. Pippin, Vickie A. Pippin, Jerome Poasa, Michael Poasa and Rose Poasa. Please contact Elida Jerez at 253-681-6008 with any information.

WORLD CHURCH

Minot Church 100th Anniversary Celebration

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Grand Ledge Academy First Years Reunion

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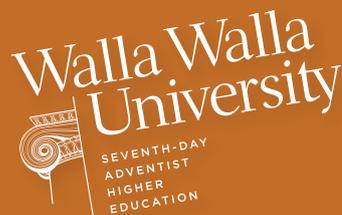
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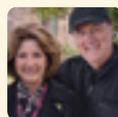
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TONGUES OF FIRE

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his year the powerful planners of camp meeting called upon me to teach a class on the Holy Spirit. This subject fascinates me as a former Adventist preacher's kid, turned Pentecostal, turned Adventist pastor. My background creates morbid fascination for a lot of Adventists who become titillated when they discovered I spoke in tongues during my time in a charismatic church. Their reaction is usually widened eyes, a nervous smile and a shifty gaze around the room before leaning in and asking me, "What was it like?"

I tend not to answer that question for people who aren't in my class or who haven't tracked down my first book, *Pride and Seek* (now out of print), where I share my story. If you want me to tell you, you will have to wait for me to republish my book or attend a class or make a generous donation to my schooling ... please?

However, what I will speak to here is the counterfeit tongues that concern many people in the evangelical world. Evangelist Doug Batchelor suggests that the charismatic phenomenon is rooted in the unclean frog spirits found in Rev. 16:13. He notes "the fact that a frog's main weapon is its tongue."¹

Hank Hanegraaf of the Christian Research Institute suggests "... socio-psychological

manipulation tactics such as peer pressure or the subtle power of suggestion can induce ecstatic utterances wholly apart from the Spirit."²

Apparently Hank doesn't have a hankering for the church to make the current Pentecostal practice of tongues evidence of the Holy Spirit.

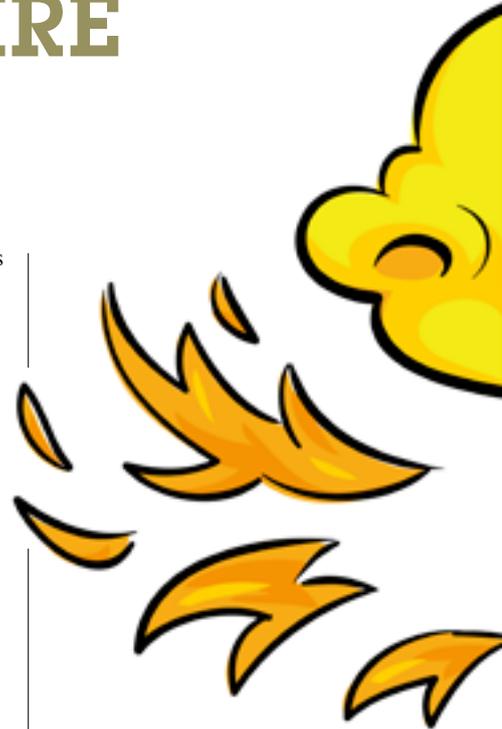
Alma White, a contemporary of William Seymour (the preacher that launched American Pentecostalism), had some scathing things to say. In her lovingly titled *Demons and Tongues*, she opens with:

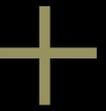
"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death' (Prov. 14:12). This Scripture came to mind as we thought of the condition of backsliders, and others, who have been caught in the satanic "Tongues" delusion, which, during the past few years, has swept like a pestilence over the



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globe . . . Of all the calamities that could possibly befall a person this side of eternity, this appeals to us as being the worst” (p. 5).³

Alma was a bitter rival of Seymour, and she branched off to start the Pillar of Fire Church that entered into partnerships with the Ku Klux Klan. Sometimes demonizing others creates blind spots in our own spiritual vision.

Kinda reminds me of Jesus’ whole “take the plank out of your own eye” thing, which leads me back to a counterfeit tongue described in Scripture.

In the second chapter of Acts we read, “When the day

of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1–4).

As you continue through the passage you discover that Jews from “every nation” were present in Jerusalem at this event. They all “came together” because they heard the story of Jesus being spoken “in his own language” (a phenomenon called xenolalia). Many scholars see this occurrence as a reversal of Babel (Genesis 11) and a renewing of the covenant.

So let’s recap: We have tongues of fire sent from heaven, to share truth that brings people together from a diverse background in order to create a new community of people

who follow Christ.

However beautiful this picture may be, the Bible talks about other tongues of fire.

The little book of James says, “And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell . . . no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing . . .” (James 3:6–10).

Here we have a tongue dividing, not uniting. This tongue is not kindled from heaven, but set ablaze by hell. The word for hell used here is “gehenna” — the place where, according to Hebrew Scripture, pagan religions sacrificed their children into the fire (2 Chron. 28:3, 33:6).

There may be counterfeit tongues operating in other churches — but what about the one operating in ours? How many souls have we sacrificed because of our gossip, harsh words and critical spirits? How many church divisions have been created, and how many faith communities

destroyed, because our tongues cannot be tamed? How many positive, interfaith dialogues that could potentially witness to the truth don’t happen because we are too busy calling them demon-possessed or apostate?

We need a new Pentecost, not to witness the supernatural phenomena of xenolalia but to enable our words to represent the character of heaven.

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AFTER THE ORDINATION VOTE, WHAT NOW?

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y the time you read this, the General Conference Session in San Antonio will be history, and world church delegates will have voted on perhaps the most explosive Adventist issue of our lifetime. I'm referring, of course, to the ordination of women — whether to allow our 13 global divisions to decide within their own territories what is best regarding women in ministry.

So now, one way or another, the decision is sealed. Where do we go from here?

Anyone who thinks the official vote in San Antonio will bring happiness ever afterward for worldwide Adventism may be due for a rude awakening. I pray that some will not now launch

a campaign to defrock local female church

elders. These godly women have nobly and ably served their congregations for the past 40 years.

In my opinion it would be cruel and unreasonable to rob them and our churches of their volunteer ministry.

That's my conviction. You may love the Lord as much as I ever will, yet totally disagree. Even if our mindsets sincerely conflict, however, we can share the same heart of Jesus. God can help us move forward together to finish His work "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2–3, ESV).

That won't happen automatically. We must "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:11).

So let's talk about peace. What does it mean in practical terms? In a word, *shalom*.

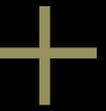
Shalom in the Old Testament has a deeper, richer meaning than peace as we usually envision it. Christians often think more like Buddhists about peace than the ancient Hebrews saw it in Scripture. We view peace superficially and passively — the absence of negativity such as strife, guilt,



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Shalom



Shalom starts with one's personal relationship with God and ripples ever outward in seven all-encompassing circles.

shame and anger. By contrast, shalom in Scripture is positive, energetic and proactive, fulfilling God's eternal purpose for this planet — and for our church.

Recently I read all 236 verses where shalom occurs in the Old Testament. It seems that shalom starts with one's personal relationship with God and ripples ever outward in seven all-encompassing circles.

1) PERSONAL SHALOM WITH GOD

Shalom begins in the heart of each believer who discovers peace in God's forgiveness and acceptance through Jesus. Unless we personally experience this peace, every attempt to share what we don't know ourselves will be dysfunctional.

2) SHALOM AT HOME

Personal peace does no good to the world if it stays under the pine tree in my backyard where I

sit with my Bible, happy in Jesus as my "personal" Savior. Shalom calls me back into the house where I argued with my wife, compelling me to seek peace with my family. This might even require apologizing to the kids — and why not?

3) SHALOM TO THE CHURCH

Shalom extends beyond a peaceful home with biological kin to our faith family, so that we deeply care about our brothers and sisters with whom we worship — even if we interpret the weekly lesson study differently and have opposing convictions on worship styles (and who qualifies for ordination).

4) SHALOM IN THE MARKETPLACE AND CLASSROOM

Shalom is not satisfied with a weekly blessing at church. It ripples outward to the marketplace, so that we seek win-win business deals. For students, shalom goes

beyond not cheating. They might take notes for classroom colleagues sick at home.

5) SHALOM TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Shalom extends past the marketplace and classroom to people we might rather not associate with. Even our enemies, Jesus insists.

6) SHALOM TO THE ANIMALS

Shalom in Scripture is so expansive that it goes beyond the human to the animal world. Ancient Jacob wanted shalom for the flock (see Gen. 37:14). We too should care about God's nonhuman creatures, refusing to abuse them. This provides motivation beyond personal health to become vegetarians.

7) SHALOM TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Biblical peace extends even to inanimate creation: "peace for the seed," so that the land will yield its pro-

duce (Zech. 8:12, literally translated). This biblical truth provides a connection point with unchurched neighbors concerned about the environment. Our creator God is "green" and expects us to be responsible stewards of this world, polluted as it is, even as we anticipate His Earth made new.

All of the above, and nothing less, Jesus envisioned when He pronounced, "Blessed are the shalom-makers, for they shall be called 'children of God'" (Matt. 5:9).

SUMMARIZING SHALOM

Finally, let's wrap up our study of shalom in the context of our concern about women's ordination. For us — as individual believers as well as a global church community — to move forward in shalom will require a deeper experience of Jesus. He "Himself is our peace" (Eph. 2:14).

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LET'S TALK

FERMATA

“The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause.” — Mark Twain

Since my earliest days, music has gone straight to my heart. Operatic tenors and Scandinavian polkas, symphonies and synthesizers are thoroughly blended there with the decades-old Sabbath sounds of Del Delker, King’s

my heart” with gusto.

Expanded moments of magic like this sometimes surround a quirk of interpretation called a fermata. Musical scores require dynamic symbols to recapture the ebb and flow of expression. A fermata is a symbol often used to denote a sustained rest or note.

This musical pause is extended at the discretion of the conductor or leader. The pause can be brief or expansive, depending on the mood. Those who wish to stay in sync must keep their eyes trained on the one who holds the baton.

You may not be a musician, but no doubt you have experienced fermatas in your life journey. We all have. Life flows along at a seemingly unending pace, and then something exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary happens. Our carefully manicured schedule of expectations is put on hold.

It may be something incredibly exciting: an unexpected job opportunity, a financial windfall, a new relationship. You’re happy just to ride the wave of beautiful blessings, to let the good times roll just as long as possible.

But those we feel most keenly are the interruptions filled with grief or loss, uncertainty and pain. Those

we would rather do without. When, we wonder, will this extended portion of the score last? “God,” we cry, “we’re running out of breath here!”

Yet under the master strokes of the heavenly Conductor, the fermatas of life become transformational. As in a musical score, they add texture, emotion and understanding to our journeys. In the rearview mirror of 20/20 hindsight, they may often be acknowledged as the seedbed of our greatest blessings.

If God has given you a song to sing, He will transform all the pauses, interruptions, gaps and glitches into an even more beautiful melody than you can imagine.

Sometimes the highest praise, the greatest joy, the best harmonies, come during the span of a fermata. The note may be a stretch. Your breath may nearly be exhausted. But if you keep your eyes on the Man with the baton, you’ll eventually be enabled to lift up your voice and sing it out loud: “He liiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiives, withiiin my heart!”

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Heralds and Take Three.

I have vivid visual memories of exuberant song leaders at church or camp meeting waving the congregation through the final few bars of “He Lives.” The rollicking tune leads to a climactic and extended exclamation: “He lives, He lives, salvation to impaaaaart. You ask me how I know He lives. He liiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiives, withiiin my heart.”

The final high note, of course, soars to a loftier altitude than some of us in the rumble zone can reach up there in the rarified air. But, no matter. We like the enthusiasm. And somehow, the superlative point matches the message perfectly. We may fail to reach the apex, but we’re still there in spirit, ready to jump back in singing “withiiin



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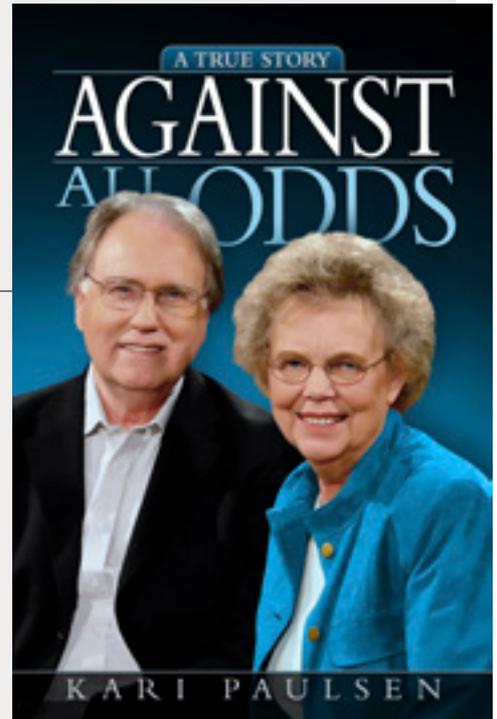
HERE'S AN EXCERPT FROM *AGAINST ALL ODDS*:

The kitchen of my childhood home in Norway was a magical place. I watched my mother at work at the long table where she carefully undid the seams of old clothing. She would study the fabric, holding it up and turning it this way and that, considering what new garment she could make. Having made her decision, she'd lay the fabric out on the table and begin cutting out shapes with quick snips of her dressmakers' scissors.

There's no doubt she was a skilled seamstress, but in hindsight I realize that her most important gift was her imagination. She had an amazing ability to look beyond worn fabric and outdated styles and see the potential for something new and fresh.

I've written this book because I've come to recognize the powerful gift that my mother gave me all those years ago. No matter what old, discarded material lay in front of her, she looked at it and saw the beauty she could create. She demonstrated over and over again the truth of an old European proverb, "You must cut the garment to fit the cloth." It's no use lamenting what you wish you had — whatever life hands you, you have the opportunity to take it and fashion it into something meaningful.

If you're like me, your life probably doesn't look perfect. Try holding the fabric of your life up to the light, and turn it this way and that. Look closely at the material, and try to see past the worn places. Study the fabric itself, and search for its original beauty. Are there possibilities there? With the Lord by your side, could you reshape it a little, perhaps trim it here or there, and make something new? Something beautiful?



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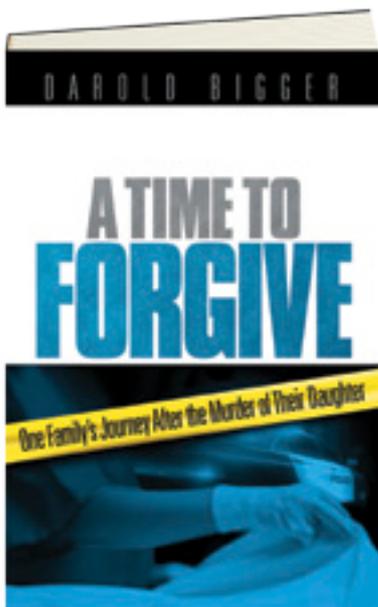
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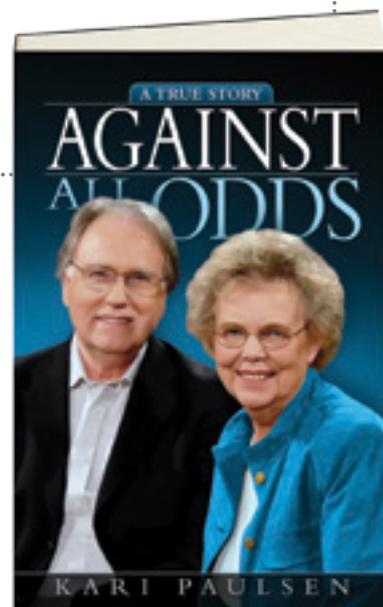
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