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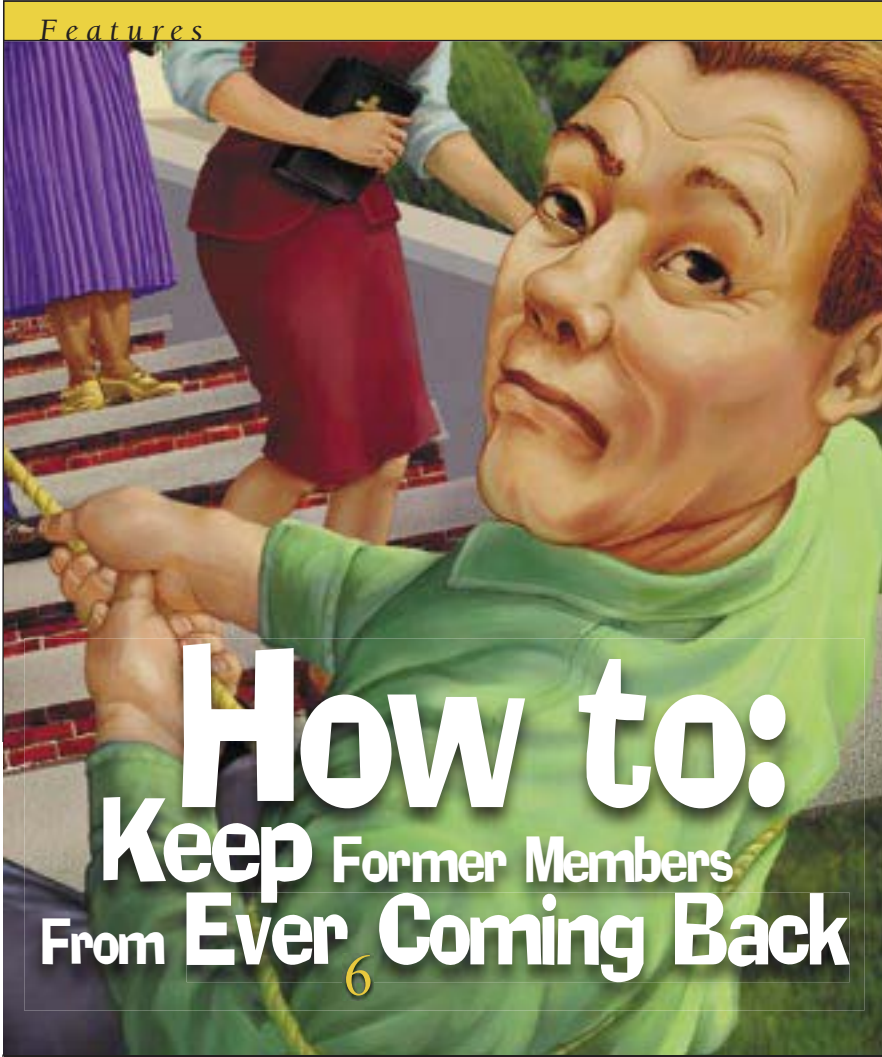
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*“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

ISAIAH 1:18 (KJV)

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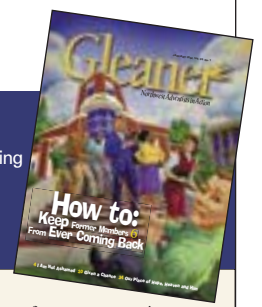
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Relationships almost always precede reclaiming and listening to a person is one of the first steps. Cover illustration by Consuelo Udave.



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# I AM NOT ASHAMED

*Adventist Branding Through New Eyes*

J E R E D . P A T Z E R

*A*s a boy, I quickly learned that “Seventh-day Adventist” was generally not a household expression in this country. If I said I was a Seventh-day Adventist, I could expect a response like, “Seventh-day what?” Or if there was any recognition they might respond, “You’re the ones that have the big temple in Utah.” I remember actually dodging questions regarding my church affiliation.

### *Hide It Under a Bushel? No!*

Honestly, I guess I was a bit ashamed of our name. I could relate to some early church practices of not advertising who we were when first entering a community to do evangelism. Ellen G. White, however, states, “We are not to conceal the fact that we are Seventh-day Adventists...we need never be ashamed of the truth” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 81).

### *Times Have Changed*

While many still do not know or have not heard of Adventists, our church has gained significant credibility worldwide. It is the eighth largest international religious organization, according to [www.adherents.com](http://www.adherents.com). Ours is the second largest parochial school system in the world. Our 555 health care institutions are among the finest. According to Nielsen Media Research, *It Is Written* consistently ranks as one of the top 10 most watched religious programs in this country.

Yet sometimes we are ourselves too bashful about using our name. Ellen White wrote of this problem:

*“A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner or sign which makes us a distinctive people should not be held out so strikingly; for they claimed it was not the best policy in securing success to our institutions. This distinctive banner is to be borne through the world to the close of probation”*  
(Selected Messages, book 2, p. 385).

### *What Others Think*

I learned a very important lesson when, in the 1990s, our Adventist hospital system commissioned a nationally recognized marketing company to help our hospitals come up with a new nomenclature with public appeal. “Branding” it’s called, and industries spend huge amounts of money for this expertise. After months of research and focus groups, they came back with their findings and recommendation. We were, they told us, sitting on a gold mine. The best name a renowned secular research group could come up with was...Adventist Health! After looking at all the options this was the name with the credibility that they strongly recommended.

Now as I drive around Portland or all the way down the West Coast to San Diego and see our God-given name on hospital signs and medical clinics, it reminds me that sometimes, “The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light” (Luke 16:8, KJV). I honestly doubt that we as a church would have decided on a nomenclature as bold as Adventist Health had we not paid a significant amount of money to an outside organization to tell us what we should use. (Please read the enlightening article on page 32.)

### *Capitalize on It*

If Ellen White were alive today, I believe she’d reiterate her counsel of 102 years ago: “We are Seventh-day Adventists. Are we ashamed of our name?... ‘No, no! We are not. It is the name the Lord has given us. It points out the truth that is to be the test of the churches’” (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 384).

I hope we’re learning our lesson. As I’ve often said, people won’t join an organization they aren’t familiar with. Conversely, the more they see “Seventh-day Adventist” on our churches, schools and institutions, they will be able to recognize the message we represent. The more they see it unashamedly associated with our athletes, musicians and individuals or groups who regularly represent our faith in the public eye, the more they will view us as a credible and trustworthy mainline denomination.

Like never before we are positioned to proclaim our last-day message to the world through the unashamed use of our God-given, inspired name. •



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# Did You Know?

The official logo of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a recognizable anchor for both church members and the public. It assures the viewer that a church (as in a church sign) or letter can be trusted as a representative and official part of the church. It creates a simple symbol that, used repetitively, becomes familiar and recognizable anywhere in the world. This “signature” of our church is more than a collection of symbolic references. While the individual elements represent the beliefs and mission of the church, the design as a whole is intended to reflect the spirit and character of this world church movement. The logo or signature includes two parts: the logotype, which is the words “Seventh-day Adventist Church,” and the graphic symbol itself as explained here.

## The Adventist Logo



### The Flame

The overall shape forms a flame symbolic of the Holy Spirit and its role in the life and ministry of the church as the enabling power that accomplishes both individual renewal and corporate unity in sharing the message of salvation. The flame symbolically points upward to the resurrection at Christ's second coming, the ultimate focus of our message.

*“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit...dividing to every man severally as He will” (1 Cor. 12:4, 11).*

### The Three Angels

The three lines in the flame represent the three angels of Revelation 14 circling the globe, taking the everlasting gospel to the entire world, which is implied by the curved shape of the flame. The three angels' messages rise from the open Bible centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ and are central to the unique calling and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of the heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, kindred, and tongue and people” (Rev. 14:6).*

### The Open Bible

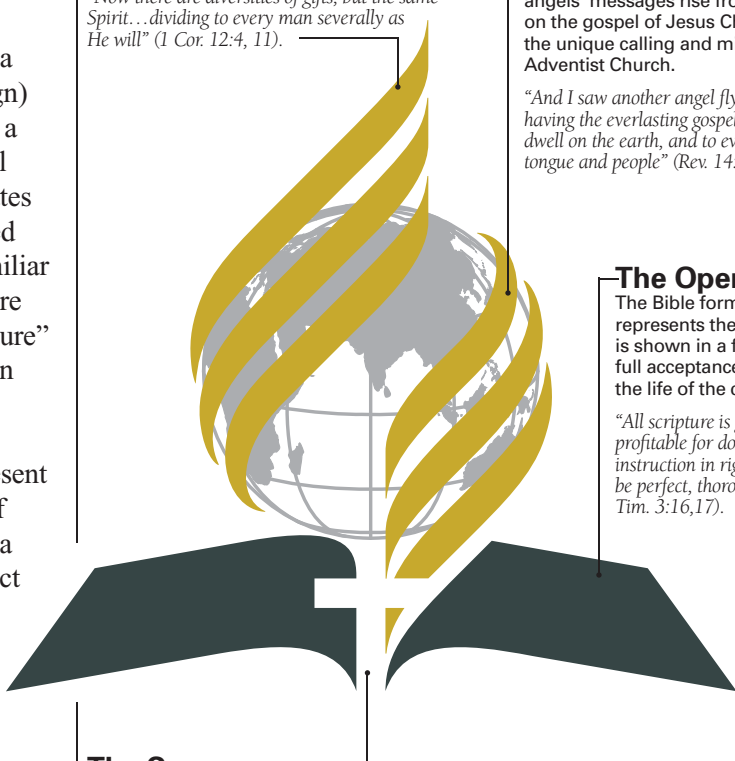
The Bible forms the base of the design and represents the Biblical foundation of our beliefs. It is shown in a fully opened position, suggesting a full acceptance of God's word and daily use of it in the life of the church and its members.

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16,17).*

### The Cross

The symbol of the cross, representing the gospel of salvation, is positioned in the center of the design to emphasize Christ's sacrifice, the central theme of the Christian message and of our faith.

*“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14).*



## Logo Resources

**B**esides gleaneronline.org, there are several resources available on the Internet to help church members use the church logo appropriately.

### Church Signs

For a selection of outdoor sign designs and highway signs to alert the public to your church location, visit [www.nadadventist.org/signs](http://www.nadadventist.org/signs).

### Logo Graphics

For graphic files and a usage guide of the official church logo, visit [www.adventist.org/logokit](http://www.adventist.org/logokit).

### Business Cards and Stationery

Official church organizations can order customized church business cards and letterhead through the Positive ID site at [www.adventmall.com](http://www.adventmall.com).

### Logo Wear

A selection of pre-designed logo items, including shirts, mugs and pens, is available for ordering at [www.adventistwitnesswear.com](http://www.adventistwitnesswear.com).



BY MIKE &  
DIANE JONES

**T**he Adventist church is growing by a million members a year worldwide. It's become the eighth largest international religious body in the world.

But before you get too excited, know that for every million who join, 250,000 leave, according to the church's world headquarters. And these are just those who *formally* go off the books. No reliable figures are available for those who just drift away. Which brings to mind two questions: (1) How can we do a better job of retention? And (2) how can we reclaim those who've slipped away? This article will deal with the second question.

### *It's all about relationships*

Here's one answer worth looking at: *Relationships* almost always precede *reclaiming*! We believe the importance of listening cannot be overestimated. It is simply imperative to have ongoing communication with the inactive before most of them will return. A lot of listening, not a lot of telling them they should come back to church, is what builds relationships.

During Mike's 16 years out of the church, his mother fell into the pattern of many parents who, longing for their inactive or former-member children to become active in church again, come across as nagging. Again and again, she would tell him, "I wish you'd come back to church."

And he would reply, "Why, Mother? I've accepted Jesus. I try to harmonize my life with His principles. And you know I'm not saved by my church membership. Why is it so important to you that I come back?"

His mother would reply, as so many parents do, "I just wish you would." But Mike just dug in his heels.

### *How to get started*

And so we'd like to say it again. We need to listen more and talk less. It's a first step in reconnecting. Having said that, how does one get started?

The venue really doesn't matter. Go with whatever works—a phone call, an offer to do lunch, a get-together over a mutually enjoyed activity, an e-mail exchange. Just remember to pray first over the person with whom you hope to connect. After all, if all the resources

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# Does nagging ever work?

of heaven are available to those seeking to reach the wandering, shouldn't we enlist those resources?

And then we need to put on our ears! If we will take the time to listen to an inactive or former member, we just might learn what caused them to leave in the first place. An incredible amount of healing can take place through empathetic listening.

## Case in point

Dennis O'Cain is a case in point. He came back to church just over a year ago. And his wife played a major factor in his return by listening to his issues. Briefly, here is his story.

Dennis grew up as an Adventist in the Seattle, Washington, area, was baptized in 1980 but left the church a few years later after a divorce and a case of major disappointment with the "unfriendly" churches he was attending.

He was out of the church for a number of years. One reason he stayed away, he says, was his divorce. He felt like a loser. Also he was fearful the failure of his first marriage might discourage others. But the Holy Spirit never stopped convicting Dennis, particularly when he didn't keep the Sabbath.

The Holy Spirit also used Dennis' second wife, Heather, a non-Adventist, to listen to him and then to encourage him to go back to church if that would give him fulfillment. Says Dennis, "It really helped having an understanding wife who was willing to listen to my constant yammering about whether I should return to church or not."

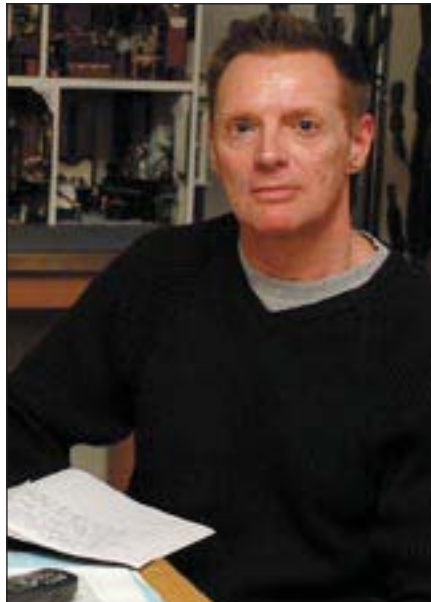
Dennis responded slowly. Most former members do. Few leave in a hurry and few return quickly. Dennis was no exception. He didn't return for two years from the time of his marriage to Heather in 1999. But during those two years, Heather invested a lot of time listening and encouraging him.

Two years later, her listening bore fruit and on Dec. 21, 2002, Dennis gingerly made his way through the door of the Volunteer Park Church in Seattle. The visit went well, and he's hardly missed a Sabbath since. Dennis says he appreciates the pastor, Sam Chetty, for nurturing him by putting him to work using his own unique talents. He also says his bouts with depression have lifted since his return to church.

## Many are returning

A lot of inactive and missing members like Dennis have returned to the church recently. An estimated 40,000 have returned in the last decade, according to Paul Richardson, Center for Creative Ministry director. And some believe many more would return if they were approached and invited in the right way.

**Dennis O'Cain, a Seattle resident, has returned to the church. He feels a sense of belonging because the church members are friendly and he has been invited to use his talents in the work of the church.**



Every inactive or former member has an interesting story to tell. And most of them are willing to share those stories with us if we demonstrate that we're safe people and really care about them.

## How to listen

How do we get started listening? By asking questions. Simple questions. Questions such as, "How's everything going in your life?" "Haven't seen you forever. What's new?" Or if you're talking with a younger person, "Hey, what's up? What's happening?" Once your contact starts talking, listen, listen, listen....And then listen some more!

During the listening process, asking someone about his or her relationship with Jesus can be fine, too, if it is done

in the right way. Once, after sharing with a former member how Jesus had helped me, Mike, to quit smoking cigarettes, I asked her if she had a personal relationship with Jesus. Her immediate reply was, "No, I don't know how." And I had the joy of helping her receive Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior.

## New e-mail newsletter

In addition to listening, why not also send those you love the Voice of Prophecy's new e-mail newsletter, "Getting in Touch"? It's directed to those who are not active in church to let them know they are not forgotten either by their church or by their Lord.

You can submit names and e-mail addresses using the form in the sidebar. If you can't access your contact's e-mail address, send the names of inactive or former members by regular mail to: Reconnect Now, Box 2525, Voice of Prophecy, Newbury Park, CA 91319

All names will go into a national database at the Voice of Prophecy.

In the meantime, keep your ears on and your heart open to the inactive or former members you care about. Say your prayers, be patient, and watch the Holy Spirit work. •

*Editor's note: For those wanting to learn how to listen more effectively, a 30-minute video, "The Fine Art of Connecting!" with Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko, can be ordered from Voice of Prophecy at the address above.*

Mike and Diane Jones direct a number of experimental pilot market programs for Voice of Prophecy that seek to reconnect with and reclaim inactive and former members in North America.

## Reconnect Now ADDRESS FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### Send to:

Reconnect Now  
Voice of Prophecy  
Box 2525  
Newbury Park, CA 91319

# Northwest Spirit



## I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

BERNIE CAREFULLY PICKED HIS WAY from his position in the chorus to the microphone and waited for the song to begin. Lou Wildman, Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus (OAMC) conductor, turned and spoke to the audience. "The journey that you have just observed from the risers to the microphone seems so simple. Yet, for Bernie Paulson, this was a journey of great courage."

As an elementary student at Roseburg (Oregon) Junior Academy, Bernie's first grade teacher, Vonsella Lynn, encouraged him to sing and accompanied him on the piano. "I have always loved to sing," he says, "ever since I was a little boy."

Bernie met Carol Cobb at Walla Walla College, where Bernie, a music education major, was one of her piano students. Carol laughingly says that Bernie was not an accomplished pianist, but he really did try hard. They were married in December 1963 and began a life-long love affair with each other and with the Lord.

Bernie's ambition was to be a singing evangelist. He interviewed with N.R. Dower, then the Washington Conference president, and was ultimately called to that conference.

The Paulsons' first crusade was in Tacoma, Washington, where they teamed up with Lester Rasmussen for meetings in the Tacoma South Church.

That series of meetings started them on a long career of singing evangelism. They worked all over the nation with evangelists like Don Jacobsen, Dan Matthews, Bruce Johnston and George Knowles. They worked for several years with William Fagel at Faith For Today and evangelists Phil Knoche, J. Renolds Hoffman and others. They were in charge of the music for Mark Finley during on of his meetings in Moscow, Russia. With Clif Walter, Bernie and Carol held crusades in every state in the Northwest.

Bernie was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1972 and eventually became the Northern California Conference evangelist.

Bernie and Carol were holding a series in El Sobronte, California, when on November 23, 1993, Bernie came home with a splitting headache that nothing would relieve.

Worried, Carol took him to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a brain-stem aneurism—a blood vessel had blown up to about the size of an egg and was leaking. If it burst he would only live about four minutes. He was stabilized, then transported to the University of California Hospital in San Francisco.

The doctors told Carol that, because of the location of the aneurism, Bernie probably would not survive the surgery. But since the aneurism was about to burst anyway, they would try to repair it surgically.

The doctors told Carol that if Bernie survived, he could be blind, he might not walk, he could have a major stroke, and he might end up in a vegetative state. They asked her to be ready for him to die from the surgery itself.

While waiting for the operation to begin, Bernie prayed, "Lord, you know what I am going through. If You could possibly see to it that I would be able to come through this surgery alive and still be able to sing, I'll sing Your praises until You come."

During all of this, Carol said, "I know I can trust the Lord. I've trusted Him all my life. I know that I can trust Him with this. And yet there is a part of you that, hearing what the doctors had said, knows that death or worse could be the outcome. We said our goodbyes, and yet I thought that it would be it all right."

Bernie says, "When I prayed on the way to surgery, I really believed that the Lord was not finished with me and that I still had a work to do for Him. I believed that He would bring me through safely."

Bernie survived the surgery, but lay like a dead man. Carol was unsure if Bernie would know anything when he came around. She figured that if he would remember anything, it might be the song they

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WATCH BERNIE SING AT  
[gleaneronline.org/video/Paulson](http://gleaneronline.org/video/Paulson)





**Needing a soloist for a new arrangement of "I Need Thee Every Hour," Lew Wildman, conductor of the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus, asked Bernie Paulsen to sing.**

sang at a wedding just before his diagnosis. So she sang it to him. The first thing Bernie remembers after waking up was Carol's singing. In response, he kind of squeezed her hand, and she was comforted that he did understand, if only a little bit.

little later he was asked to sing for church. Carol says that Bernie's attention span was short and so they would practice a little at a time, but he did sing.

The Paulsens moved to Vancouver, Washington, in May 2002, to be near Bernie's mother, Allie. Almost immediately Carol was invited to be the accompanist for His Praise, a men's singing group from nearby Vancouver, and Bernie was invited to join the group. A few months later, Carol was invited to be the OAMC accompanist. Bernie was also invited to join that group and it has only been in the last year that Bernie has been able to begin to read music once again.

Lew Wildman reports that at first Bernie was quite tentative, but with each succeeding practice, he became more and more confident. "The day came when we needed a soloist for a new arrangement of the hymn 'I Need Thee Every Hour,' and Bernie was that soloist," says Lew. "One of my employees told me afterward that his wife wept through the whole thing. She was so moved by not just his story but by his ability to step out in front of an audience and under some difficulty sing such moving music."

Lew asks, "So does Bernie have a

continuing mission?" His answer is clear: "You bet he does! And he has already impacted a lot of us in the men's chorus through that mission."

"Music has been my life and still is. I just love being able to influence people for the Lord through music," concludes Bernie.

The progress that Bernie has made has been long and difficult for both him and Carol. Yet in many ways, the progress seems to be accelerating—and music, along with the blessings of the Lord, is playing a big part. •

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**Carol Paulson works for Portland Adventist Community Services as the administrative assistant and director of volunteers. She is also the accompanist for the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus.**

After six months of rehabilitation, his initial recovery progressed to the point that he could go to their Paradise home. Carol felt that there was healing in music and played for Bernie, but it was more than six years before he tentatively started to sing along. Then a

**Bernie Paulsen sings with the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus and recently walked 6.2 miles, raising about \$3,300 for PACS, in the Mayor's Walk of the Portland Marathon.**



**A**N EXCITING TREND is beginning at Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) in College Place, Washington. Local businessmen and Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) members Rick Claridge and Mike Tillay decided that they were no longer going to sit back and wait for someone else to help Walla Walla youth become more involved in the blessing of soul winning. Mike asked the academy students, "Who would like to be involved with outreach?" Twenty-four students showed interest, and 15 came to the first organizational meeting.

*"Who would like to be involved with outreach?"*

At this point Rick and Mike began the adventure of turning their vision over to the youth. Though available when students had questions or needed direction, they wanted

Excitement mounted as the students created a seven-member board to lead the organization. While the plan was to hold evangelistic meetings in the fall of 2003, the students felt there should be someone to "prepare the soil and plant some seeds." So they organized a summer program during which 15 young people worked a Magabook project in the greater Walla Walla Valley. Their goals were to find Bible studies and make personal contact with individuals who were searching for answers to life's great questions. By the end of the summer, after knocking on 15,000 doors, they had commitments for 27 Bible studies.

To involve as many as possible, the student board decided to run concurrent, five-week evangelistic crusades—one in downtown Walla Walla at the Center for Sharing, and one at the WWVA auditorium in nearby College Place.

With the expansion of their plans, more help was needed, so the students appealed to their friends. More than 60 additional volunteers organized into twelve teams to help with everything from greeting and attendance tracking to special music and health lectures.

During these crusades, the young people were the preachers. They prepared the advertising, prayed with those struggling and visited in the homes. These youth have caught the spirit.

Why would young people want to give up their time to do this? They have experienced the true happiness that comes when you are an intimate

**Mike Tillay, ASI member and president of Grab On Products in Walla Walla, encouraged students at Walla Walla Valley Academy in their evangelistic activities.**



**Rick Claridge, ASI member and Blue Mountain Credit Union president, worked with the young people at Walla Walla Valley Academy in their evangelistic activities through the summer and fall.**



**Mike Tillay and Rick Claridge, at right, supported the evangelism leadership group from Walla Walla Valley Academy.**

the youth to see their own incredible capabilities. The students were to learn firsthand the blessing and struggles faced by soul winners.

partner with Jesus Christ bringing life to empty souls. This kind of happiness is never found in the empty self-serving we often live.

Using their incredible energy and creativity, these young people seized an opportunity both to give and to gain a blessing. •

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BY CHRISTY REICH  
**GIVEN A CHANCE**

# Fresh Start

**S**everal years ago, two students graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. The top student in the class was a blind man named Overton and, after receiving his honor, he insisted that half the credit should go to his friend, Kasprzyak. They had met in school when the armless Mr. Kasprzyak had guided the blind Mr. Overton down a flight of stairs.

This acquaintance blossomed into a friendship of interdependence. The blind man carried the books that the armless man read aloud in their study. They compensated for each other's deficiencies by doing what they could. Following their graduation, they practiced law together.

Now that's what I call synergy. Synergy is what happens when two things work together for the good of both. The picture I remember from a fifth-grade textbook is that of a bird picking bugs off an elephant, thus showing how both animals benefit!

In the *Adventist Review*, Jennifer Jill Schwirzer offered an example of synergy in the church. "A Pathfinder group needs a cooking honor, so they cook for the women's prayer breakfast. Several more women than usual attend the breakfast because they are the mothers of the Pathfinders, and

## Calling the Blind and Armless

they had to drive them there anyway. At one mother's suggestion, the women's ministry donates the leftover pancake mix and frozen orange juice to the food pantry ministry. The members that run the food pantry are so tickled that they start talking about both the Pathfinder club

and the women's breakfasts, and pretty soon both groups have new members....The trend goes on, one act of service leading to another until the whole church is ablaze with the love of Jesus" (January 2002, p. 11).

Now imagine what could

happen in your church if you were to leverage your spiritual gifts and become a spark plug of synergy. The Holy Spirit might just use you to ignite an explosion of Pentecostal power and reshape the church. Maybe you have the gift of wisdom. You can be a voice of reason when the youth group is geared up to egg the cranky deacon's house on Halloween. By tempering your friends' plans, you can build unity in the church. Or maybe your gift is faith. You can challenge the church family to trust God to build a bigger sanctuary than they think is necessary. Or your gift might be mercy. By visiting the shut-ins regularly, you can crank up the compassion climate in your church and inspire a more loving community. Perhaps you've become disenchanted with the church or you've dropped out because you didn't feel needed. Rubbish! I'm here to tell you that whatever your gift, God has a place for you in His church. No excuses.

I don't care if you're blind and armless. You are a vital part of the body of Christ. So go ye therefore into all the world...and synergize! •

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# NPUC Strategic Plan

## MID-TERM REPORT

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

*When Jere Patzer was reelected as North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) president in 2001, he publicly introduced a 10-part strategic plan for the five year term. At the recent NPUC executive committee meeting in College Place, Wash., he tendered his mid-term report on the plan's status since 2001. Following is a summary of that report.*

### *The Mission Statement*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North Pacific Union Conference will prepare people for the imminent return of Jesus Christ by:

- Nurturing, educating and motivating its membership;
- Encouraging its membership to demonstrate God's character of love through the power of the Holy Spirit and to share the gospel message with other people through the development of individual spiritual gifts;
- Professionally managing the church organization with financial and spiritual integrity;
- Teaching that God raised up this remnant church as a fulfillment of prophecy and has inspired its theology—which drives its mission—made possible by its organization.

### **CHALLENGE #1**

The greatest resource of the North Pacific Union Conference is its personnel. The growth and success of any initiative is directly related to the quality of its leadership. Therefore, a priority of each entity within the North Pacific Union Conference must be to obtain, retain and grow professional leaders. We must

provide an environment of trust, stability and professional growth whereby employees can be challenged to give their lives toward the fulfillment of Christ's mission in the North Pacific Union Conference.

### *What We've Done So Far*

We have provided opportunities for continuing education through our Northwest Institute of Mission and Ministry. Since our last Ministerial Council in May 2001 was so helpful to our Northwest pastors and their spouses, we are planning another one for September 2006. We have sponsored annual continuing education for our conference administrators and encourage

our NPUC ancillary staff with ongoing Excel and work-well programs.

### **CHALLENGE #2**

People do not join an organization with which they are unfamiliar. Therefore, before we can impact large numbers of people with the unique understanding we have been given of God's character and the great controversy, we must have a considerably higher profile. We must position Adventism as a mainline, visible and attractive option. While the one-on-one approach is still primary and cannot be neglected, a means of reaching the masses must be implemented if we are to realize success in our mission during our lifetime.



**The North Pacific Union Conference is committed to the professional growth of the pastors and employees within the union.**



**Jere Patzer interviewed World War II hero Desmond Doss and documentary film maker Terry Benedict for an upcoming Issues and Interviews radio broadcast.**

*What We've Done So Far*

- Issues and Interviews is aired on more 40 outlets throughout Northwest and beyond, including major markets of Seattle, Vancouver, B.C., Portland, Boise and Spokane.
- Bibleinfo.com is marketed as a sponsor of each program at no additional cost.
- We believe that radio provides the best way of reaching the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are seeking Adventist entrepreneurs to help us purchase a major market radio station as a faith venture. We believe this will become an appreciating asset, with operations funded increasingly by listener donations.

**CHALLENGE #3**

The fledgling Adventist Church grew through church planting. Against the counsel of Ellen G. White, we have "hovered" over existing churches, focusing our attention on established churches that have already hit a plateau. Subsequently we have seen growth in English-speaking Caucasian churches stymied, followed by a similar trend in African American churches. Based on one new church or company for every 27,000 people, we should

reasonably plant 75 churches in the next five years. Each of our smaller conferences (Alaska, Idaho and Montana) should create five new church plants, while our Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington conferences should strive for 20 church plants each.

*What We've Done So Far*

Alaska Conference has one church planted, Idaho two and Montana five. Oregon Conference has three new church plants recorded, Upper Columbia 15 and Washington 19.

**CHALLENGE #4**

Following Ellen White's counsel that "...As they [ministers] put forth calm, steady, devoted effort to educate the church members to engage in personal work for souls wherever there are favorable

openings, success will mark their labors." (*Evangelism*, p. 114). We must facilitate the training and implementation of lay-led evangelistic meetings throughout the Northwest by establishing a faith goal of one meeting per church plus additional meetings held by youth.

*What We've Done So Far*

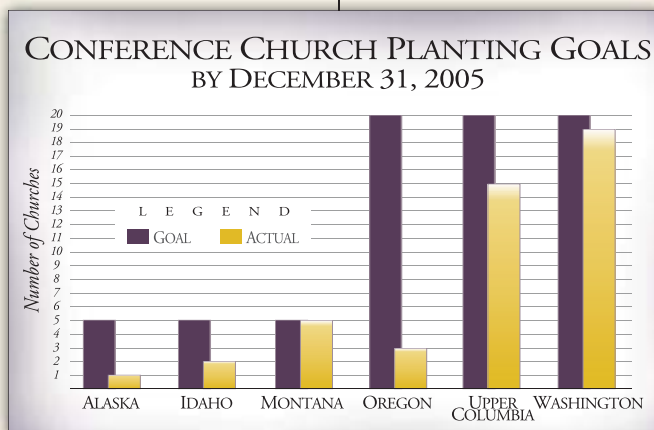
Approximately 12 training courses for evangelistic seminars have been held throughout the Northwest with more than 200 laypeople attending. So far, 476 Hope for the Homeland seminars have been given. Two recent DVD

*We must position Adventism as a main-line, visible, and attractive option.*



**To date, 476 Hope for the Homeland seminars have been given by Northwest lay evangelists.**

series were led by Jon Tillay and Ty Davis, Walla Walla Valley Academy students.



*As God provides, we will continue to lead, conduct, and/or support the youth and adult "short term" missionary trips world wide, including the opportunity for every high school age young person to have the opportunity to go on a short term mission trip by graduation.*



The GLEANER, with its magazine, quarterly DVD edition and Web site, has the mission to share the news of the church with its members.

### CHALLENGE # 5

Generally an informed constituency is a supportive constituency. In a communication age, our communication to our constituents and to our leaders must be professional, creative and consistent.

*What We've Done So Far*  
The GLEANER and the

related GLEANERONLINE.ORG Web site have continued to increase readership and information outreach with a powerful new design while reducing overall cost. The Web site will soon introduce expanded stories, daily/weekly updates and interactive features such as forums and polls. Additionally, quarterly Northwest Spotlight on

Mission videos and DVDs are being produced that tell stories of the outreach and nurturing activities of Northwest members. Northwest Spotlight on Mission programs are sent to each Sabbath School in the Northwest.

### CHALLENGE #6

The Northwest is blessed with diversity. With churches representing eight ethnic backgrounds we have the opportunity and challenge to demonstrate Christ's prayer in John 17 that we all may be one.

*What We've Done So Far*

We've made tentative plans to organize a Sabbath diversity convocation during which the harmony of unity can be showcased through inspiration, education, music and fellowship. This experimental event, if successful and appreciated, could grow into a **biannual** occurrence. We hope that the first convocation will be held in 2004.



Adventist Christians from all over the world live and worship in the Northwest. A Sabbath diversity convocation is tentatively planned for 2004.

## CHALLENGE #7

We need to build and occupy an attractive, professional and more efficient Northwest Adventist headquarters facility at a highly visible location, such as on Interstate 5.

### *What We've Done So Far*

We have bought prime property just north of exit 14 on Interstate 5. While prayerfully awaiting final decisions on the zoning of this property, we have temporarily moved our offices to a professional building in Vancouver's Columbia Tech Center. An annexation proposal by the Port of Ridgefield to include our property as part of a business park has been approved by Clark County planning commission. We're cautiously optimistic this decision will be approved by the Clark County Commissioners and referred to Olympia, Wash., for final approval so we can begin the building and eventual relocation process.

**The North Pacific Union Conference is currently leasing space in a commercial office building. It is hoped that this new office building will soon be a reality rather than just an architect's rendering.**



**Recently, Roy Gane from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University presented a Faith in Focus seminar at the Spokane Valley Church.**

## CHALLENGE #8

Spiritual growth is admittedly hard to quantify yet must continue to be a top priority. Closely related is an emphasis on our history, heritage and mission. On this, to a large degree, rests the success of all other goals.

### *What We've Done So Far*

For members throughout the Northwest, our Northwest Institute of Mission and Ministry conducted a geoscience field trip in 2001, New England heritage trip in 2002 (with another one scheduled for 2005), and a Reformation tour in May 2003 (with two more scheduled for 2004 and 2006). To aid our spiritual growth, Faith in Focus Forums have been

scheduled throughout the Northwest during the next two years. These forums feature topics of current interest presented by recognized theologians. Also, several individual conferences have coordinated prayer initiatives for their members.

## CHALLENGE #9

The North Pacific Union Conference is recognized around the world as a leader in global mission. Through Northwest Adventist involvement with Operation

### *What We've Done So Far*

The African Roof Project has provided 8,500 roofs to date. An additional \$1 million just committed by a donor will help that number continue to climb dramatically. Besides hundreds of Northwest lay- and student-led teams, the NPUC has sponsored one major global outreach project per year: Tanzania in 2001, Aruba in 2002 and the Dominican Republic in 2003. Additional major events are scheduled for Philippines in 2004 and India in 2005.



**In March 2003, Jere Patzer, along with about 125 people from the Northwest, held evangelistic meetings in the Dominican Republic. More than 21,000 people were baptized.**

Bearhug, the church in the former Soviet Union was forever changed. Members saw firsthand the benefits of the "reflex influence." Now thousands of Northwest Adventists have gone to 55 countries fulfilling the gospel commission just as White predicted in 1878. As God provides, we will continue to lead, conduct and/or support the youth and adult "short-term" missionary trips worldwide, including the opportunity for every high school age young person to have the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip by graduation.

## CHALLENGE #10

We must continue to maintain a strong financial operation within the North Pacific Union Conference while at the same time generously supporting our mission. At times it even means stepping out in faith to take advantage of God's providential opportunities.

### *What We've Done So Far*

As of the January 1, 2003, audited report, our combined NPUC and corporation reserves are at 86 percent of recommended operating capital. Current projections indicate that at the end of 2003, this number will demonstrate an even higher percentage. •

*Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union president*



# JAMES CHALLENGES ALASKAN YOUTH

**T**he highest form of praise is obedience,” stated Gary James at Alaska’s Youth Rally. While most of America was concentrating on the sweet and the scary of Halloween, a number of Adventist young people gathered for the rally held in Palmer for south-central and interior Alaska’s youth. James, of Atlanta, Ga., enthusiastically spoke to the teen and older attendees during the Friday evening and all-day Sabbath program. His high energy presentation challenged the youth to live lives of highest praise in all aspects including their relationships. James referred to the book, *Why*

*I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, and encouraged the young people to be deliberate in their choices. He stated that friendship and courtship are

biblical; the typical form of dating is not.

Music for the rally was led by local musicians, Daniel Maccarone and

David and Ben Velasquez.

Eager to present Christ through the medium of contemporary music, the band calls themselves Sabyas which stands for “saved by association.” This young adult group is finding their music

ministry growing through exposure



Daniel Maccarone of the musical group Sabyas leads the youth in praise music.



Gary James energetically challenged young people to be deliberate in giving obedience as their highest form of praise.

received during an August concert at the Anchorage public library.

The Hillside-O’Malley and Midtown churches contributed food for Sabbath meals coordinated by Michelle Mucha. •

John Kriegelstein, Youth Director

# TEACHER’S ASSIGNMENT LEADS TO REPORTER’S JOB

*Dillingham Student’s Career Launched*

**M**egan O’Conner, 14, wants to become a photojournalist. After a class field trip last spring to Catalina Island off the California coast, the students in Rod Rau’s Dillingham Adventist School upper-grade classroom were given an assignment to write a newspaper article about their trip. After the class collectively chose the top two articles, Craig Dikes, Bristol Bay Times editor, was asked to choose the better of the them. When he read

O’Conner’s article, he was very impressed. He found it hard to believe that an eighth grader could have such a gift for reporting the news. “She writes as good as, if not better than, most of my reporters,” commented Dikes.

O’Conner’s article was printed in the Bristol Bay Times and an early career has been launched. Dikes has given O’Conner several writing assignments and is training her for a career in journalism. She meets with Dikes each Monday

The Bristol Bay Times’ youngest reporter, Megan O’Conner, enjoys her new job because of her Dillingham Adventist School writing assignment.



afternoon for a weekly journalism assignment list. She has written several articles and has taken pictures that will be posted on a local Web site.

O’Conner, a freshman, and her sister, Taryn, a junior, have attended Dillingham Adventist School since eighth grade. Both are completing high school by correspondence with the assistance of the Adventist teachers. •

Rod Rau, Dillingham teacher



## GEM STATE HOSTS GRANDPARENTS' DAY

**N**ew voices and laughter mixed with the everyday school sounds at Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) on Nov. 7 as grandparents traveled from near and far to spend a special day with their students. More than 80 grandparents and adoptive seniors spent the day relating with students in a tribute to the role that grandparents can play in the lives of young people.

Dee Sarton, KTVB television news anchor, started the morning with reminiscences of what her grandparents had meant in her life and of teaming up with her father to share the extraordinary relationship he has with her daughter and son. The GSAA music department gave a concert featuring strings, bells, band and select choir, which showcased the diversity

of skills and music already mastered this year. A luncheon provided special sharing time and photo opportunities to remember the day. Zion, the performing schnauzer, and trainer Joy Mathews, shared tricks and lessons that related to spiritual growth. Flips, jumps, stacks and music were all part of the gymnastics show that rounded out the afternoon.

Linda Klinger, GSAA development director, said, "Grandparents' Day is designed to take students back a generation or two and make grandparents feel like teens again. We hope this event facilitates tighter bonds and a broadened understanding between seniors and students." •

*Debra McCarver*

**Jeannie Purvis and her granddaughter, Heidi Purvis, share a moment.**



**Dee Sarton, news anchor from Boise television station KTVB gave the keynote address.**



**Nichole Schulz of Nampa, Idaho, and her grandma share a special picture.**

## LONG CREEK FINDS UNIQUE RURAL OUTREACH

**H**ow does a church conduct evangelistic outreach to a broad, rural area? How do you reach a community with only a few hundred people? Church members are spread out and live far from each other and from the church. People are reluctant to come out to meetings. How can a church in this setting reach their community for Jesus?

Alita Henslee and Anita Griffith, Long Creek (Ore.) Church members, found a way. They began a ministry to those

who have lost loved ones. When someone in the community loses a family member, Henslee calls the family and offers to provide a free funeral dinner at the church fellowship hall.

Then the whole church springs into action. Church members begin cooking and baking, cleaning and setting tables. Other friends from the community help and by the time the funeral is over, the fellowship hall has been turned into a welcoming haven for the bereaved family and friends.

Over the last two years, the Long Creek Church has provided 15 dinners, including three in one six-week period. When bereavement comes, the community has come to count on the Adventists to lovingly provide for their needs.

There is no charge for the dinners, but frequently families respond by making a contribution. These contributions are used to expand the outreach. One family was so grateful, they gave a brand new dishwasher

for the fellowship hall.

Additional fellowship ministries that have been added include wedding receptions, a weekly visit from a nurse practitioner, monthly home extension meetings, baby showers and other community family events.

Henslee reflects, "I think Jesus might have chosen a similar outreach in a community like ours." •

*Don Klinger, Idaho Conference communication director*

# MT. ELLIS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

*Get Excited About Reading Ellen White*

**W**hen Susan Loor, Mt. Ellis Elementary School (Bozeman, Mont.) teacher,

chose a new fifth- through eighth-grade Bible textbook, she had no idea the fervor it would generate among her students.

This “textbook” is *Messiah*, a contemporary adaptation of Ellen G. White’s *Desire of Ages* geared for youth by Jerry D. Thomas. “I think that the *Messiah* is easier for me to understand. It helps people my age follow in the path of the Messiah and live a Christian life,” says Marie Jenkins, eighth grader.

“The kids are so excited that they read ahead and do the underlining, then they can’t wait to discuss it in class. Someone couldn’t find

their copy and had the whole classroom in an uproar until it was found. It is the best thing that has happened to my Bible class, and I am very grateful to have this book in our school,” says Loor.

Each book belongs to the student, and they get to take it home at the end of the year, Loor explains. “With their own personal books, the students mark and underline as they want, encouraging them to hopefully start their own library.”

A special subsidy for *Messiah* is available to North American Division schools. •

Nicole M. Batten



Mary Maxson, North American Division women’s ministries director came from Silver Spring, Md., to be the keynote speaker.



The fifth and sixth grade Bible class discusses their reading from *Messiah* with their teacher, Susie Loor.

## Montana Women Give and Get Blessing

**M**ontana’s 13th Christian Women’s Retreat brought 170 ladies from around and outside the Northwest to Glacier Bible Camp in September for an opportunity to commune with God in nature through singing, prayer, sharing testimonies of God’s grace and goodness, and listening to meetings.

The retreat offered three workshops on family finances, Sabbath and sharing situations with God. Sabbath afternoon activities included a boat ride on Lake McDonald and hiking in Glacier Park. Many felt spiritually uplifted and able to cope with their day-to-day lives in a more positive way, using Christ as their pattern.

The lodge featured private bathrooms, an elevator and a temporary Adventist Book Center for the ladies to explore books, music and more.

The women came to the retreat for a blessing, and in turn became a blessing by donating a new stove and range for the Mt. Ellis Academy kitchen. •

Shirley B. Bilbro

# MONTANA PRAYER CONFERENCE

MONTANA

**A**t the Montana Prayer Conference, “Faith & Prayer,” Buffy and Ron Halvorsen Jr. helped participants focus by studying each phrase of the Lord’s Prayer and applying it through prayer partnership.

The participants also dwelt on their relationship with Jesus through 12 healing steps designed to bring each toward a deeper intimacy with God. The seminar was filled with illustrations of how prayer affects our lives and how we can grow closer to

Jesus through prayer.

The culmination of the weekend was a burning ceremony. During the course of the weekend, participants had been urged to write a letter to God. At the burning ceremony each participant took a letter and placed it in the fire while others prayed and sang.

Conference participants were invited to Mt. Ellis Academy (MEA) for Brandi Drager’s baptism. She attended the prayer

conference along with several other MEA students. •

Candace Iseminger



Karl Johnson, Roger Meharry and Carol Meharry pray part of the Lord’s Prayer together.

## COQUILLE CHURCH STARTS RADIO STATION

**T**his is K-Life radio. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' KLYF low-power, Coquille."

At 2:19 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, a nearly four-year project for the Coquille (Ore.) Church came to fulfillment when KLYF-FM officially went on the air broadcasting the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) programs throughout the Coquille Valley. The 100-watt signal reaches all of Coquille plus neighboring towns of Myrtle Point, Fairview, Coaledo, Greenacres and parts of Bandon and Powers.

This project actually began in January 2000 as the dream of a church member, Fred Anderson. Broadcasting God's word to the people in the surrounding communities was his goal. It didn't look feasible, but Anderson was insistent that we should do this as a church.

The church started to catch Anderson's vision. Don Gladden, pastor, commented, "We can do this! This would be an awesome outreach for

our church. There's a lot of people in our community who will never walk in the doors of the church voluntarily, but they can hear our messages driving in their cars and hear it in their homes. There are people who can't sleep at night, and they can turn on the

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

*Mark 16:15*

radio and there's 3ABN. We can touch their lives 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The church board and church business meeting approved the idea. At last, on June 15, 2001, the application

for the low-power FM radio station was filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Nearly a year later, FCC approval of the application was received. The Coquille Church could begin broadcasting to the local area.

Next, all the preliminary work began. A radio board was selected and had its first meeting in October 2002. Coquille Christian Radio, Inc. was chosen as the official name of the radio company. Concrete for the radio tower foundation and guy wire supports was poured that December. Next was an eight-month wait for the construction permit.

Finally, on July 30, 2003, Gladden received a phone call that the FCC had approved the construction permit. The order was placed for the 190-foot transmission tower and it arrived in Coquille six weeks later.

Choosing a call sign was difficult because many of the call letters selected were already in use. In August, the congregation chose KLYF. In addition, (541) 396-KLYF was obtained for the station's telephone number.

Installation of the 10-section radio tower began on Sept. 28. The project was completed on Oct. 5 with the attaching of the antenna and transmission cable. During this time, church members volunteered many hours to complete the final tasks of the project.

Future plans include rebroadcasting the Sabbath worship service, a weekly

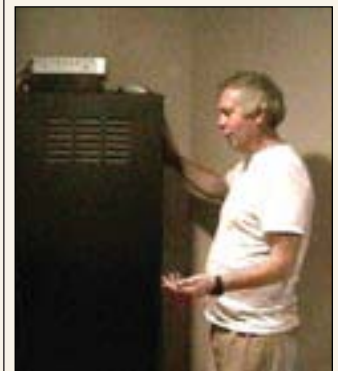


This aerial view shows the location of the radio tower near the Coquille Church.

gospel music program hosted by Charlie Roesel, a Bible story-hour and interviews with church members in the mission field.

This is a project that the entire church has completed through the guidance of God. Gladden said, "Unless God blesses KLYF, it will be just another radio station." With this in mind, the radio station was dedicated for God's use on Oct. 11. •

Larry Osburn, Coquille Church bulletin editor



Don Gladden, Coquille church pastor, turns on the power for Christian radio station KLYF-FM.

Tom Harmon operated the backhoe as part of the radio station construction process.



# MILO TAKES TO THE AIR WAVES

*Though the station has only been broadcasting for a few months, it is already making an impact.*

**T**wo years ago Ron Myers, European Broadcasting Services manager, offered Milo Adventist Academy the opportunity to have an on-campus radio station by providing the technology and equipment for satellite uplink and transmission. Then-principal John Kriegelstein realized the potential and applied for a frequency. Don Bovee, campus industry Thunderbird Wood Products plant manager, also volunteered to help. After almost a year, the application was approved. Last summer, the local sponsors were given 18 months to get it on the air and before the deadline, 107.9 FM was broadcasting within a 20-mile radius of the school.

The start-up phase consists mostly of music. Later, the music content will be reduced to 30 or 40 percent as *Voice of Prophecy*, *Faith for Today* and other programs are added. The station's music is conservative and sacred, with



Photo: Eli Dittmore

**Milo students and staff are lending their time and voices to the new Milo radio station.**

the target audience being age 30 and older.

Already, at least 10 students have had their voices recorded for the station. Bovee is also planning a student-produced weekly program. The students will continue to be included in many ways.

One 30-minute time block each day will provide time for students and staff members to promote Milo Adventist Academy, increase awareness of the school and reveal its beliefs to the community.

Though the station has only been broadcasting for a few months, it is already making an impact. Marge Wheeler, affectionately called the

"Mayor of Milo," commented, "It's a good station. I really appreciate having it. It's great!" She prizes having a Christian station because she doesn't have access to 3ABN.

Although Myers resides in France, he has family living near Milo and continues to support the station. He produces much of the programming overseas and sends it to Oregon via satellite. Milo's station is Myers' sixth at a boarding academy. Students and staff appreciate your prayers as they minister through this new instrument of evangelism. •

*Katie Currier, MAA sophomore*



Photo: zBill Schlammer

**Ron Myers, Gary Knowles and Don Bovee prepare to raise the antenna.**

## OREGON WOMEN

*Experience God's Love*

**I** came to this retreat feeling like I was in a dark hole. Now I have been lifted out. This is exactly what I needed!" exclaimed one lady after the 2003 Oregon Conference Christian Women's Retreat, held at Sunriver, Ore.

The Oregon Conference women's ministries department also had a big hole to fill when they learned five days before the Oct. 31–Nov. 2 retreat that guest speaker Mary Maxson cancelled due to a death in the family.

Corleen Johnson, Oregon Conference women's ministries director, Ginny Allen, a member of the women's ministries board, and I spoke instead, sharing their triumphs in the face of tragedies and challenges.

"We laughed, we cried, we sang, we praised God and through it all, the message rang loud and clear that God is in control and by His grace we will run the race of life triumphantly," related Donna



**Ginny Allen, Diane Pestes and Corleen Johnson spoke for the Oregon Christian Women's Retreat.**

Griffith, one of the 395 attendees.

The retreat included tremendous seminars, an anointing service, and powerful testimonies. One woman shared, "I felt the power of God come through others' hands as they prayed with me—real lightning-like power."

Johnson began Friday's meeting using the retreat theme, "God is Crazy in Love with You." She explained, "There is nothing you can do to make God stop loving you."

"When you feel like you have been drenched on and blasted out, Jesus says, 'You are precious to me and honored, and I love you,'" stated Ginny Allen.

"God has a purpose for my life and your life. And mine is not



**From left: Jackie Johnson, Debbie Wilde, Amber Johnson, Brandie Young and Laura Morton enjoyed the 2003 Oregon Conference Women's Retreat.**

to attain some grand title. No, it is to share what Jesus means!" exclaimed Diane Pestes.

The women were responsive to the messages of God's love. Ida McCray said, "I really saw and feel how 'Crazy in Love' God is with me. It has given me new courage to witness to others." •

*Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference women's ministries administrative assistant*

## PAA RECEIVES WWII NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

**L**inda Usher, a recent Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) board member, donated a newspaper collection to Marc Patchin, PAA history, global studies and German teacher, for student use. The collection is comprised of front pages and headlines published during World War II, mainly from *The Oregonian*, Portland's daily newspaper.

One of the earliest headlines is "Yugoslavia's Chance of Peace With Germany Extremely Slim," dated April

2, 1941. Other headlines document the dropping of the atomic bombs, Germany's and Japan's surrenders, and Roosevelt's death, as well as hundreds of other front pages. The course of war is well chronicled in this collection.

Usher came into possession of the documents after befriending a senior couple, Ellis and Elizabeth Anderson. As this couple grew older and had to give up their home for health reasons, the plan was to discard most of their belongings. Usher recognized

the value of these artifacts and went to the trouble of retrieving them and storing them for several years. She then thought that students in a secondary school might be able to use them, so she contacted Patchin and brought them to him for class use.

During the war years, Ellis not only used foresight in saving these papers but went to considerable effort to get them. On many occasions he had to walk some distance to a store to buy them because of gasoline rationing.

Patchin is happy to have these research sources as he feels it is invaluable for students to use primary sources in studying history. He wants his students to be able to put their hands on documents that existed at the time that such history as World War II was happening to compare the reactions of people then with our current perceptions of those historical events. •

*Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent*

## SANDY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CHURCH

**W**hen Adventist congregations outgrow buildings, they build larger ones. When old churches fall apart, they get replaced.

But Sandy, Ore., members have chosen to replace a church building that is neither overcrowded nor falling apart, and on Oct. 12 broke ground to that end.



**Jim Bollin, Sandy Church pastor, greets the approximately 50 guests and members who gathered Oct. 12 to break ground for a new, 22,000-square-foot church.**

Greg Middlestetter, long-time Sandy pastor who recently transferred to Eugene, Ore., explained members' thinking: "You have chosen to sacrifice in order to better serve the people of this town, now and in the future."

### *Changing Times*

The old facility, twice remodeled, was built nearly 50 years ago on a moderately traveled Highway 26 at the outskirts of town. That

highway is now a four-laner, and what were once outskirt lots have become the center of the town's suburban business district.

"Four things were central in our decision to build a new church," says Dan Tomlin, Sandy building committee chair.

"First was the fact that we need more Bible study classrooms. The town has changed since 1956, when our current building went up. We now have ethnic populations in the area, more older people with disabilities. We need more classrooms to serve their needs.

"Second, we discovered that our old church land has appreciated tremendously in value through the years. Yes, we could remodel...add classrooms, replace aging carpet and our ailing central furnace, and fix a host of other wear-related problems. But for about the same money, we found we could sell the old building and use the proceeds to build a new, modern, high-efficiency, low-maintenance facility in a far quieter part of town.

"Third, there's the safety factor. Because of the busyness of our old location and because the city intends to widen and lengthen the road it's located on, we fear for the safety especially of our visitors and little children, who are often not conscious of the dangers on this corner. Our church also has steep staircases both inside and out. By building a structure that offers full access without stairs, in a safer area, we can

serve everyone better.

"And finally, our residential district is moving eastward. We believe we have a ministry to the new residents of our town. We can strengthen that ministry by locating our church building into their neighborhood."

Members two years ago authorized the purchase of 4.2 acres of property east of town, on Langensand Road, and have obtained permission to build. The land has been paid for in full, and members began raising funds in January 2003 to supplement the proceeds of the sale of the old building and its three parcels of land.

Based on the appraised value of the old building and property and funds already raised, Sandy members are moving forward. LeRoy Kelm, long-time missionary church-builder now living in Salem, Ore., will oversee construction of all phases of



**Jenae Rogers and her father, John, pause after industriously breaking the rich sod on which their future church structure will stand.**

the building. The new, 22,000-square-foot structure will have an abundance of classrooms and community services areas, including a spacious fellowship hall. •

*Edwin A. Schwisow, Sandy Church communication leader*

**Among the visitors were present and former local church, conference and union leaders who helped nurture the project to this point.**



# CONFERENCE OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

**M**ore than 100 new Adventist members attended the annual New Member Day open house at the Upper Columbia Conference office on Nov. 9. This event gives new members a better understanding of the church organization and its methods of accomplishing its work.

The event includes a tour of each department in the conference office, a presentation by Max Torkelsen, conference president, and a video that tells about the work of the church and how it is organized.

The most exciting part of the event, though, is the testimonial time during which some of the new members shared their stories about how they became Adventists.

Tom Hancock shared how he became an Adventist through a friendship with his employee. As the manager of a Denny's restaurant, he had worked with a number of different kinds of people, but

when he hired Amy Criswell as a waitress, he quickly realized that she was different.

"I've had religious people work for me before," said Hancock, "but I saw something different in Amy, I could tell she was genuine and really lived what she believed." During breaks Hancock and Criswell would sometimes talk about the Bible and, as their friendship developed Criswell invited Hancock to join her Bible study. "I kept making excuses about how a manager shouldn't get involved in stuff like that with employees," said Hancock, "but one day when I found out she was quitting for another job I decided I'd better hurry up and take her up on the offer for Bible studies." From there Hancock got involved with the Spokane (Wash.) Countryside Church and was baptized just one day before the New Member Day event.

It also took a friendship to bring new member Eileen Maloney into the church as

well. She had been watching 3ABN for a number of months and was convinced of many Adventist beliefs, but it wasn't until she met Pastor Shupe that she started attending church and decided to be baptized.

"I was watching 3ABN and they were broadcasting some meetings from Richland where I live," said Maloney. "At the end of one of the sermons they invited people from the television audience to come to the auditorium. So I did, and that's where I met Pastor Shupe. He was one of the prayer counselors, and he prayed with me as I gave my heart to Jesus that day."

Tom and Barbara Bales became Adventists through a friendship with another pastor, Larry Mays. Tom was the pastor of the Bethel Community Church in Sunnyside, Wash. He and Mays met at a barbershop and began discussing the Bible. Their friendship grew, but they "agreed to disagree" about certain points of theology. When Tom decided to do a series of sermons for his church about the 10 commandments, he asked Larry if he could borrow some of his sermon materials.

"With Larry's stuff and some of my own research I became convinced about the Sabbath," said Bales. "I never intended to leave the Bethel church. I wanted to help them become Sabbathkeepers, too."

Some of Bales' church



**Richard Parker, Upper Columbia Conference youth director, explains the Camp MiVoden master plan to a group of new church members during the departmental tour at the open house.**

members did decide to keep the Sabbath, but eventually he had to resign from leadership of the Bethel church. "My wife and I were attending a series of meetings by Lyle Albrecht at Larry's church when I decided to resign," said Bales. "But I offered to stay on until they could get another pastor. So for the next several months we were attending the Adventist church on Sabbath, and then I'd preach at the Bethel church on Sunday."

There were many different stories about how the new members became Adventists, but one thing they all had in common was that someone in the church became their friend. "It's true that only God can convert a human soul," said Torkelsen, "but I believe he likes to use people and relationships as His instruments to make it happen." •

*Jon Dalrymple*

**Tom and Barbara Bales (right) visit with Larry Mays, pastor, at the Upper Columbia's New Member Day. Tom was formerly a pastor of the Bethel Community Church, but after a seven-year friendship with Mays, he and his wife decided they needed to become Adventists.**



## UCA'S TECHNOLOGY FAIR REACHES FULL CAPACITY

**U**pper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., launched its first Technology Fair under the guidance of Chuck Paulson, UCA technology instructor.

Registration quickly filled to capacity with nearly 160 students and their sponsors.

Following a general orientation and worship, each visiting student chose two of the following nine workshops:

1. *Computer Aided Drafting.* Assisted by UCA students, workshop participants used a computer program, AutoCAD 2004, to design a fish and

then used a plasma cam (a computer-guided metal cutter) to cut it out.

2. *Fluid power.* Spokane Community College's John Norman demonstrated how fluid power is used in automation with an actuator device able to move widgets. Participants assembled and tested their own actuators. A video showed how similar automation and fluid power are used in other ways.

3. *Welding.* Some of the students (especially the girls) were hesitant about welding. "Just try it once," Paulson told

them, "and then if you don't like it you don't have to do it anymore." Well, they tried it and they liked it a lot! They learned about welding careers, how to strike an arc and how to make a welding bead to join metal together.

4. *Automotive.* Walla Walla College's (WWC) Rob Holm taught how to use a Snap-On engine analyzer and go through flow charts to problem solve on engines and cars. Students watched a running engine to understand combustion theory.

5. *Photography.* Each student in the photography workshop was able to take pictures, develop the film in the dark room and print their own photographs. This workshop was taught by UCA's advanced photography students.

6. *Woodworking.* Al Shrock, a professional finish carpenter, helped each student design a clock, use a band saw to shape it from a block of wood, and cut an inset for the clock's works and face. They also stained and finished the clocks.

7. *Desktop Publishing.* Linda Nelson and Shane Hinshaw came from WWC to help students put a picture on the computer and print it out as a bookmark. They were introduced to all of the basic skills of desktop publishing.

8. *Aviation.* Marshal Rub, also from WWC, taught the aviation workshop, covering various aspects of aviation. The students really loved using his flight simulator to manipulate a virtual plane



**Donning the garb of a welder, this young woman experienced how to strike an arc at the welding workshop.**

through takeoffs and landings and practice procedural skills.

9. *Robotics.* Students learned how to program a robot, and then, with a photo eye, they "taught" the robot how to go through a maze. UCA's Marvin Thorman, who taught the workshop, ended with this concept: "We can program a robot to do so many things that it can almost seem that the robot is thinking and has personality. However, does it? Of course not....But when God created man, He didn't just program him. He breathed into him the breath of life and gave him the amazing ability to think and to do."

For more photographs from the fair, visit UCA's Web site at [www.ucaa.org](http://www.ucaa.org). The next UCA Technology Fair is being planned for the fall of 2005. •

*Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent*



**Participants choosing the robotics workshop were able to teach a robot to navigate through a maze.**



## The Ordination of AJ Grant

**W**hen Ronda and Bob Backman invited 17-year-old Aman Joseph “AJ” Grant to attend camp meeting with them, they didn’t know God’s plan for him, and neither did AJ. Now the Milton (Ore.) Church associate pastor, AJ was ordained to the gospel ministry on Nov. 22.

Coming from a less-than-ideal home, AJ had lived for basketball and was hoping for a scholarship to play in college. But at camp meeting, AJ decided to attend Auburn Adventist Academy for his senior year. After Auburn, AJ attended the Emerald City Community Church in Seattle and was baptized in 1991.

“I felt a burning desire that God wanted me to proclaim the word with power,” said AJ. He studied theology at Walla Walla College and was called to be an intern pastor at the Hermiston and Heppner churches.

On his ordination Sabbath, AJ also dedicated little Anthony Coronado and, immediately following the ordination prayer, baptized Shelby Tyler Rothrock. AJ explained, “I dedicated a baby and baptized Shelby on this day because I wanted to set the tone for the rest of my ministry.” AJ has a special burden for teenagers and hopes that many more will give their lives to Christ through his ministry. •

*Kathy Marson,  
Upper Columbia Conference  
administrative assistant*

**AJ Grant was ordained on  
Nov. 22 in the Milton Church.**



# KENNEWICK CHURCH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

**I**magine buying an organ before having a church to put it in! Would that be a ridiculous presumption or an act of faith? To the members of the Kennewick (Wash.) Church, it was faith wrapped in opportunity.

Organized in 1978, the 90 charter members met for years in other churches. During that time, property was purchased and the members broke ground on July 7, 1983—and bought a Rodgers organ from a funeral home in Spokane. In February of 1985, they moved into their own place of worship... with



Photo: Virginia Davidson

**Early morning light illuminates the Kennewick Church.**

their organ! Since then, the church in Kennewick has been a blessing where before there had been no Adventist presence.

On Sabbath, October 18, the Kennewick Church celebrated its silver anniversary. More than 200 attended, including 16 charter members and all four pastors. A slide presentation showed a succession of baptisms and many church firsts, including



Photo: Pat Watts

**Eleven of these charter members are still members of the Kennewick Church.**

various stages of the building project.

Lloyd Perrin, the first official pastor, shared from his heart in the Sabbath morning sermon. He centered our thoughts on four words from the message to the church at Ephesus: remember, repent, return, and—“there’s one more ‘R,’” Perrin said, “but it’s one I’d rather not even mention. ‘Unless you repent, I’ll have to remove your candlestick.’” The candlestick represents our place of ministry, the privilege of being a light to the community.

A gospel group, Handpicked, from College

Place, Wash., provided a sacred concert in the afternoon, continuing the “down home” atmosphere for the occasion.

But the past is past. While the Kennewick Church enjoys its memories, the future is all we can do anything about. Grateful as we are for our all-purpose building and Sabbath School wing, we are looking toward building a new sanctuary—planning, drawing, saving. Maybe it’s time to buy another organ? •

*Virginia Davidson and Carol Martin, Kennewick Church communication leader*



Photo: Pat Watts

**The members of Handpicked not only handpick their musical instruments, but are individually “handpicked” by God.**

## ECHOS OF PRAISE CHURCH *Reaches Out*

**K**ittitas Echoes of Praise Church (Ellensburg, Wash.) has been reaching out this year, both to the community and to its members, with service projects.

**Children decorate pear and popcorn baskets to give away to community families.**



On the first Sabbath of each month, the church serves a hearty pancake breakfast. In August, we put on a S.C.U.B.A. Vacation Bible School at the local community center...rent free! We were expecting about 15 kids, so we were amazed to have nearly quadruple that number.

We've been passing around a "friendship basket" among our members, modeled after a tidbit gleaned from the GLEANER. The recipient one week becomes the next giver of a basket full of love with a few treats tucked inside.

Our service evangelism continues. Recently the

children filled decorated baskets with pears and popcorn, then delivered them door to door in the community. Community members were often surprised that we were not accepting donations.

In the interest of becoming a more family-friendly church, we are in the process of modifying our Sabbath morning worship into a multi-generational service.

Come visit us any Sabbath morning at the Kittitas Community Church on the corner of Third and Pierce. For more information, please call Ruth Stafford, church clerk, at (509) 968-4068. •



**Once a month Echoes of Praise members enjoy a pancake breakfast.**

UPPER COLUMBIA

## MAXSON PRESENTS *Stewardship Seminar in Spokane*

**B**en Maxson, General Conference (GC) stewardship director, held a weekend seminar, "A Look at Discipleship," for the Spokane (Wash.) Valley Church in October as a conclusion to the church's Lordship Challenge stewardship awareness program.

A church leadership retreat resulted in a mandate to make stewardship a priority in the Valley Church. A committee investigated the biblical lessons of stewardship, using GC material and leadership for direction. After viewing videos produced by the GC and hosted by Maxson, the committee wanted to share this

wealth of biblical and practical knowledge of stewardship with their church family.

Maxson shared from scripture a vision of what discipleship is. The mandate from Jesus in Matt. 28:18-20 is to "go and make disciples." This is the clearest purpose of the church. Before we can disciple others, we must first be one. A disciple passionately loves Jesus Christ, maintains intimacy with God through daily devotions, integrates Christ into every area of life, makes Christ the priority in all decisions, and actively shares Christ with others.

Maxson asked some puzzling questions to

Adventists. Are you holy? Are you a saint? Are you sanctified? These questions all have the same answer—yes! Do you see yourself in your human eyes, the eyes of those around you, or in the eyes of God, who sees the robe of Christ's righteousness covering you? God's eyes are the only ones that count.

**Stan Hudson (left), pastor, welcomed Ben Maxson to the Spokane Valley Church.**



The freedom gained from knowing where you stand with God allows you to use your own story to disciple others. Discipling begins with assurance of salvation and continues integrating Christ's lordship into every area of daily life.

Stewardship fits into discipleship because if you are following Christ's example and integrating Him into every facet of your life, then stewardship of your time, family, health, talents and material possessions automatically falls into place. •

*Lola Lile, Spokane Valley Church communication leader*

## AUBURN REBUILDS, RESTORES AND REVITALIZES

**M**uch has happened at Auburn Adventist Academy (Auburn, Wash.) since fire destroyed Nelson Hall, the former girls' dormitory, on Nov. 17. The old dorm has come down. Plans for the new one are being put into effect, and despite all the losses new memories are being made. There have been tears and smiles, sorrow and rejoicing, grief and laughter, but through it all we have felt the warmth of God's hand and the support of our extended family.

The girls successfully settled into their half of what was the boys-only Witzel Hall. Following an extended Thanksgiving break, most were unpacking recently purchased or donated

clothing and admiring their cozy beds (made up for them before they arrived). Though the rooms are a bit smaller and some girls are adjusting to a new roommate or two, the building is safe and there is an

**Sophomore Erica Pleier looks through donated clothes.**



air of camaraderie and perhaps excitement knowing that boys are just past that locked door.

Witzel Hall, currently the only inhabitable dormitory

on campus, underwent some dramatic remodeling and refurbishing in preparation for its new residents. The former chapel area is now the girls' primary lobby. The original boys' lobby is now used exclusively by the gentlemen and is closed off from the south side of the dorm. Nelson Hall is completely gone, save the detached Evergreen Chapel, which escaped the inferno.

The resourceful staff, responsive community and reputable students are contributing to the smooth transition forced so abruptly on the academy. With God's help we have begun to rebuild our campus and our school. With the support of our extended church family, we have restored all that we can to those that have suffered loss.

And in conquering this seemingly great difficulty, we have reinforced the mission of this school and revitalized



**Salvaged photo albums are given to Tricia Kimbrough, a former Nelson Hall resident.**

the spirit of family that has so often been felt on this campus. May God continue to protect, guide and bless us all as He has done so clearly at Auburn Adventist Academy. •

*Amber Serns, AAA GLEANER correspondent*

**Workers assess the destroyed and then dangerous dorm. Almost nothing was recovered.**



### Auburn Brass Featured at College Church

**T**he members of the Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) Brass are well on their way to fitting in at college. Directors Bradon Beck (formerly at AAA) and Wes Bradford (current AAA director) shared the platform on Nov. 8 as the academy and college brass ensembles led the congregation in worship. More than 20 musicians performed three numbers for the congregation. The academy students were honored to be featured with the college brass ensemble. •

*Amber Serns*

# FILIPINO-AMERICAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

**T**he Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church recently celebrated 10 years of serving the Lord.



**Cheryl Guarin shared her harp music with the church for the anniversary celebration.**

The dream of a new church for the Filipino Americans of the greater Seattle area came closer to reality when, in January 1993, a pastor, Lowell Teves, was hired to work with a core group to build a new body of believers into a church community that would be a light to their community. One month later the

group voted on a strategic plan to follow in building their church to a projected membership of 200 within 10 years.

The group was already formed into a company in May 1993 by Lenard Jaecks and Dennis Carlson, the Washington Conference president and secretary at the time. Just two short years later they became the Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church with a membership of 125. The church continued to grow and reach into their community in the greater Seattle area and in the Philippines by feeding the homeless, giving Bible studies, holding evangelistic series and holding medical clinics overseas.

Through a series of miracles a Methodist church was purchased in West Seattle. It was a happy celebration when the congregation was able to move in and have a permanent



**John Freedman challenged the congregation to continue to reach out for Jesus**

home from which they could continue to grow.

A decade later, they have reached their goal of 200 members and own their own church building. John Freedman, Washington Conference president, attended the anniversary celebration and during his message pointed the congregation to Jesus Christ as the reason for their success. Freedman also challenged the group to continue their outreach and to plan now to start another church.

The church, along with Teves, has risen to the challenge by dreaming and planning to start two new churches by 2010. Most of all, this congregation's one last goal and dream is to see Jesus Christ come so they may spend eternity with Him. •

*Doug Bing, Washington Conference communication director*

## Offer Accepted for Conference Office Complex

**T**he Washington Conference executive committee voted recently to accept a \$6.65 million offer to sell the current office building complex. This proposed sale is in line with the vote of the most recent constituency meeting where permission was given to sell the office and relocate to a more central location. The committee felt that this offer, which included the purchase of all the wetlands on the property, was an answer to prayer. The developer is currently going through the re-zoning process. If the re-zoning process is unsuccessful, the sale agreement will be terminated.

The first scheduled closing on the undeveloped portion of the land will take place at the end of 2004. The second closing date will occur in 2005. The dual closing allows for the relocation of the office without incurring any debt or leasing arrangements. The committee continues to pray for God's leading through this process as a new location is sought. •

*Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president*

**The Washington Conference office has been sold pending a re-zoning agreement with the buyer.**



WASHINGTON

## DAY OF PRAYER

**Washington Conference Day of Prayer**

*Featured Speaker*  
**Morris Venden**

*Concert Artist*  
**Charles Haugbrooks**

**January 3, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rainier Auditorium**  
**Auburn Adventist Academy**



**Charles Haugbrooks**

**Morris Venden**

## COURAGE AND COMMITMENT

### Mark Korean Work

*Our thanks to Roger Sohn, from whose historical sketch most of the following information was taken.*

**A**s the Korean Central Church (Auburn, Wash.) prepares to occupy the first phase of its new sanctuary and fellowship hall/gymnasium, its members look back with amazement on God's providential leading.

It all started back in 1979, when a group of Korean Adventists gathered in the Renton (Wash.) Church's youth chapel. They look back with fondness and gratitude on Judson Shepard, pastor, and his congregation for their wonderful hosting. Eventually outgrowing this site, the Korean congregation began renting Sabbath space at St. Andrews' Lutheran Church in Bellevue. But the special challenges of renting compelled the church board to look toward purchasing a house in Kent and developing it into a church.

A couple of challenges immediately arose. First, the Kent location was really too far south for members living in Seattle's North End. Also, the congregation's tithe level didn't qualify them for a North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) revolving fund loan, so the board permitted a member to buy the property with a private loan.

But this was in 1981, the year of history's highest interest rates, and the church was obliged to borrow \$117,000 at 16.25%. Fortunately, due to rent paid by both an onsite day care center and a Sunday congregation, they were

*"I thank God and praise Him," says lay leader Roger Sohn, "for His goodness in providing for His people."*

able to meet the monthly mortgage payments. And when conference treasurer Roy Wesson was made aware of the

situation, he quickly arranged a special loan from the NPUC at 7.5% interest, which helped the members pay off the balance far more quickly.

Loyal, supportive Bellevue, Bothell and Lynnwood members traveled the miles to Kent each Sabbath. But with the planting of a North End congregation in the late 1980s, the pressure to be central to everybody was somewhat lessened, and in 1988 the Korean Central Church purchased property in Auburn. In 1992, after paying off the remaining loan, they moved the congregation to the new location, and Lenard Jaecks,

Washington Conference president, and other officers presided at the dedication service on Oct. 18, 1993.

"I thank God and praise Him," says lay leader Roger Sohn, "for His goodness in providing for His people. I have been elated to see our brothers and sisters united and determined to take on these projects with the help of God. I am praying that His challenge 'Be strong and courageous' will energize each one of us to stand firm and carry through until His sanctuary is completed." •

*Maylan Schurch,  
Bellevue Church pastor*



**John Freedman, Washington Conference president, addressed the Auburn Korean Church congregation at the groundbreaking of the new sanctuary.**

# PORT ANGELES PRESENTS MOSES CHRONICLES

To the strident cadence of a slave march, six Hebrew slaves struggled up the sanctuary aisle with their burdensome, massive rope to open the Port Angeles (Wash.) Church's presentation of "Moses Chronicles."

Composed by Dick McCoy, Port Angeles member, this original musical play was enjoyed by a full audience on Sabbath evening, Oct. 4. McCoy's reputation in the musical community, combined with posters and gracious publicity by the local radio and newspaper, brought more than 30 visitors to the six-scene portrayal of the life of Moses, one of the most incredible people in secular or Biblical history.

From the basket in the Nile to the adopted son of a royal family, from desert exile to affectionate, sacrificial leader of the Israelite people,



The cast included ladies-in-waiting, played by Elizabeth Griswold and Dani Trowbridge. An Egyptian princess was played by Stephanie Ledbetter and young Miriam was played by Samantha Trowbridge.

this presentation of Moses' life epitomized surrender to God's call and will. Colorful costumes, painted backdrops, choral themes, dramatic background music and solos by Nancy Nedderman and Lynne Scherencel brought the drama to life.

As the 30-member amateur cast and chorus of church members, portrayed the scenes of Mt. Sinai, the golden calf, and Miriam and Aaron's conspiracy against their brother, Moses' passion for God and his people was shown. The play moved on to reveal how his patience eventually failed and how he violated God's standard for leadership by striking the rock. Silence pervaded the room as Moses, left alone to climb the mountain on which he would

die, fully surrendered again to God's will.

Rod Scherencel, pastor, presented the epilogue and closing prayer as a first-person account as one of the Israelites. He pointed the audience to the soon-coming Promised Land and encouraged each to be ready to leave this "wilderness" wandering.

This is the second winter that Port Angeles, a small church of approximately 80 active members, has produced a sacred musical as a community outreach. Last December, McCoy's "Dark Days" portrayed the beauty and purpose in the difficult days of Jesus' boyhood and youth. •

Kathy Nixon, Port Angeles Church communication leader

## North Cascade Celebrates Spanish Brotherhood Day

More than 500 Spanish members and guests gathered on October 11 at the Skagit Adventist School in Burlington, Wash., to celebrate Spanish Brotherhood Day. This special celebration featured Louis Torres, a speaker who challenged the attendees in their walk with God and called for a deeper, growing commitment to God.

During the afternoon service many wonderful talents used music to celebrate what God has done. A highlight of the program was the parade of nations, including the many different Spanish-speaking countries that are represented in the Washington Conference. The parade included each country's national flag as well as natives of each who marched in their native dress.

More importantly the Adventist membership from each country was celebrated as the Lord's power was praised for how it has led in each of the countries. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference communication director

Sammy and Vanessa Luque march in their Peruvian national dress.



WASHINGTON



Dallas Campbell was transformed into Moses.

# PHYSICS STUDENT PARTICIPATES

*in National Science Foundation Research Program*

**W**alla Walla College junior Stephanie Hatten, physics major, spent the summer of 2003 doing research at North Carolina State University through a National Science Foundation program called Research Experience for Undergraduates. Through this program, she was able to work in an optics laboratory, where research was being done in the subject of near field scanning optical microscopy.

The researcher with whom she worked was using a microscope to examine plant cells. It was necessary to coat the fiber optic tip of the

microscope with a substance to make it hydrophobic, so that water and cellular tissue would

*“It made me more confident about going after my goals.”*

not stick to it, destroying the cell. She worked with this researcher to test how well this substance coated and how

easily it was cleaned off.

All undergraduate researchers participated in a final presentation for which they made posters about their work. Though her lab flooded two weeks before the project was due, causing her to lose all her data, Hatten won an award for the best poster.

Hatten’s main interest lies in quantum effects, and she plans to go to graduate school to study a combination of physics and philosophy. She says of her experience, “It made me more confident about going after my goals.” •

*Tara Jeske*



Photo: Amanda Gibson

**Junior Stephanie Hatten spent the summer doing research at North Carolina State University.**

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE



Photo: Amanda Gibson

## 2004 Senior Class Officers Elected

**T**he elected senior class officers for the Walla Walla College Class of 2004 are from left: (front row) religious vice president Jacquie Gifford, religion major, from Galt, Calif., a graduate of Lodi Academy; treasurer Orene Olberg, business administration major, from Jamestown, Calif., a graduate of Monterey Bay Academy; public relations officer Aaron De Simone, graphic design major, from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, a graduate of Okanagan Adventist Academy; president Jessica Ferreras, physical education major, from Riverside, Calif., a graduate of La Sierra Academy; secretary Nichole Chadwick, elementary education major, from Woodland, Wash., a graduate of Columbia Adventist Academy; (back row) class sponsor Tom Emmerson, professor of art; sergeant-at-arms Jonathan Visscher, business administration major, and pre-dentistry, from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, a graduate of Okanagan Adventist Academy; and class sponsor Paul Dybdahl, religion instructor.

Not pictured: social vice president Nelita Davamony, history major, from Moreno Valley, Calif., a graduate of Loma Linda Academy; class co-presidents on the Portland campus of the School of Nursing: Angelica Renhard, nursing major, from Canby, Ore., a graduate of Canby High School; and Renee Hanson, nursing major, from Lebanon, Ore. •

*Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent*

# A BRAND TO REMEMBER

*“People in areas with Adventist health care facilities have a higher awareness of the Adventist church and a better idea of its beliefs.”*

**A**s you cruise up to the spotlight, a van pulls up beside you. Adventist Health is written across the side along with photos of smiling employees. The light turns green and as you continue on toward the grocery store, you look up and notice a billboard with a young family, proclaiming “Our baby, one hospital: Adventist Health.” Later, as you wait in line at the checkout, you notice an Adventist Medical Center (AMC) logo on the jacket of the guy in front of you. A feeling of déjà vu sweeps over you as you think to yourself, “These people are everywhere!”

Experiences such as these are more common than one might think now that the Adventist Health brand is becoming more recognized in the areas it serves. With 20 hospitals in four states, Adventist Health continues to cultivate its brand as a system.

In the Portland area alone, Adventist Health is well represented with AMC, 27 off-campus locations and the beginnings of a new, 16,000-square-foot outpatient facility in Gresham, Ore.

From on-campus signage and billboards to vehicles and employee uniforms, the brand is everywhere, continuously reinforcing the name of Adventist Health. The other Northwest hospitals, Tillamook County General Hospital and Walla Walla General Hospital, have received similar recognition as

their branding efforts begin to pay off as well.

### *Adventist Health Builds a Brand*

It all began in 1995, when the board of Adventist Health System/West voted to shorten the system’s name to Adventist Health and implement a common branding strategy for all of its hospitals. The goal was to give a clear identity for the system as a whole with direct linkage to Adventist Church sponsorship.

“The transition for AMC was easier than most because we already had ‘Adventist’ in our name,” said Monty Knittel, who serves as the Northwest Region’s vice president of marketing. “The Adventist Health brand was a way to position ourselves as a major health care provider on the east side of Portland and tie in all 27 off-campus facilities to the hospital.”



**Signage helped Adventist Medical Center (AMC) successfully make the transition to the Adventist Health brand. Instead of losing its identity, AMC grew stronger because the brand provided a tie-in to all 27 off-campus facilities.**

### *The Benefits of Branding*

The most significant benefit of branding is the single, visual connection it provides among Adventist Health’s services. It links hospitals, physicians’ offices, clinics,



home care agencies and more, and customers come to expect a certain level of care throughout the system.

The brand reinforcement also promotes other services. For example, if an Adventist Health patient has received excellent care at an area clinic and then later has a need for surgery or hospitalization, he or she will be more apt to use an Adventist Health hospital because of past experience with the brand.

Customers are not the only ones who benefit from the single identity. Adventist Health hospitals gain an enormous advantage from the pooling of resources including recruitment tools, such as Adventist Health's online job application located at [www.adventisthealth.org](http://www.adventisthealth.org). The branding effort has also enabled the system to streamline marketing and communication efforts in some instances.

In addition, joint branding gives hospitals greater leverage in negotiating with vendors and payers. One such example is Project IntelliCare, a new clinical information

system that dramatically changes the health care workplace. It allows caregivers to electronically access patient records, lab results, pharmacy support and more. By utilizing the power of technology, Adventist Health hospitals will be able to provide even safer, more effective and efficient care to those they serve. Project IntelliCare was first implemented at AMC and will be rolled out at all system hospitals over the next two to three years.

### *Collaborating with Local Churches*

An additional benefit of Adventist Health's brand is its direct tie-in with the Adventist Church. Adventist-affiliated hospitals can help spread the mission of God's love to their communities, as well as increase interest in and awareness of the church as a whole. This is especially true for smaller communities where the local Adventist church might not be well known.

"The Adventist church and Adventist Health have a very valuable relationship,



**Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) is positioned as the only health care facility in a county of more than 24,000 people. The Adventist Health brand helps the hospital dispel the myth that it is necessary to be in a large, metropolitan area to receive excellent, state-of-the-art health services.**

which benefits both entities immensely," stated Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president and Adventist Health's board of directors vice chair. "People in areas with Adventist health care facilities have a higher awareness of the Adventist church and a better idea of its beliefs."

A good example of this is to compare the Portland area to other places that do not have an Adventist Health facility. Portland has a much higher percentage of Adventists and awareness of Adventists, which has been impacted by the presence of AMC.

Adventist Health hospitals also tend to bring a strong employee base of Adventists into a community. This, in turn, fosters growth in local Adventist churches as well as bolstering church school attendance. As these different Adventist groups band together in service and outreach, the community at large is blessed.

Since the history of the church is largely based in messages of health and wellness, it is only natural that it would be affiliated with health care institutions. Decades before health and exercise fads swept the country, Ellen White was busy teaching principles of healthy living, which ultimately defined the church and its values. Our early hospitals were founded on these teachings.

Who knew that at some point all the Adventist Health hospitals on the West Coast would be associated in such a beneficial way? This relationship represents the Adventist Church to many communities that otherwise might never hear its mission. "I am proud of our Adventist heritage, and having its name on our hospital sign gives me an opportunity to share that heritage with others," stated Knittel. •

*Hannah Clegg*



**The vans and trucks in AMC's home care services fleet deliver home medical equipment and serve as driving billboards while they make daily deliveries around the Portland area.**

# OUR PLACE OF HOPE, HEAVEN AND HIM

BY JIM BERGLUND

*I* go to prepare a place for you.” Jesus’ words have sparked hope ever since He spoke them to His disciples. I have spent hours with others, envisioning the place that God has prepared for us.

## *A Place of Hope*

Children have imagined a place beyond mere harps and clouds, where they could ride down the neck of a giraffe, pet lions and have the monkeys they’ve always wanted. My wife dreams of a place where she can wear clothes made of light. I can see her changing colors or design at a whim, or maybe having a mood dress that reflects her emotions.

I have desired a place where I could snowboard on warm snow. After I had finished, I would go to the tree of life and pick a spaghetti fruit with veggie-meatball seeds in a luscious red sauce. Mosquitoes would form humming kazoo bands because they would have totally repented of their former occupation.

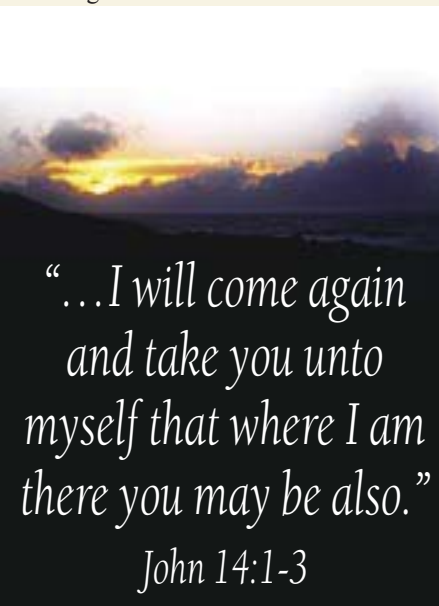
From adults I hear talk about city homes in the New Jerusalem with golden walls and floors. I can only imagine the size of the oysters if they are going to produce pearls big enough to be gates of the city and doors in my house.

What is my hope for the place God has prepared? Is it the same as carried in the song’s sentiment? Will I have a mansion just over the hilltop, in that bright land where we will never grow old?

## *A Place in Heaven*

Then it strikes me—did Jesus go to heaven to be a divine carpenter? Is He nailing golden boards with silver nails, to prepare a place for me? Is my hope based on the material things I will receive when I get to heaven? Was that the hope He was holding out to His disciples and to us?

In the disciples’ time, Jesus said, “In my Father’s house are many mansions” (my emphasis). It sounds like the New Jerusalem already exists! As I recall, it is this earth made new that is my eternal home, and Christ makes it new after the final judgment. He is not working on it now.



*“...I will come again  
and take you unto  
myself that where I am  
there you may be also.”*

*John 14:1-3*

Then what is the place that Jesus is preparing for me? I believe Jesus was trying to say that He was going to secure a place for me in heaven. Doesn’t the Bible say that “He ever lives to make intercession” (Hebrews 7:25)? He is interceding for me with His blood, so that I can have my name on the front door of one of those mansions. He will vouch for my ability to be in heaven, based on the fact that I have accepted Him. He is validating my request to be there! I believe the work that God is doing now is not carpentry work, but court work.

## *A Place with Him*

Jesus’ message came to His disciples because He had told them that He would be going away, and they could not bear the thought of losing Him. His message was saying “do not worry.” “I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you unto myself that where I am there you may be also” (John 14:1-3).

The hope that He extended to them was not a hope for a fancier place but a place where they would never have to tell Jesus goodbye.

Oh yes, I am excited about all the fringe benefits of the earth made new. However, my hope is not in a place in heaven, but in a place with Him. •

*Jim Berglund of Medford, Oregon, is the Valley View Church pastor.*

### Ames 60th

Alvin and Evelyn Ames of Battle Ground, Wash., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a relaxing weekend with their children and families at the beach in Lincoln City, Ore. They are members of the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground.



Alvin Ames married Evelyn Zundel on Aug. 30, 1943, in Spokane, Wash. Since Alvin was in the Army Air Corp, their first home was in Tampa, Fla., where he was stationed. They lived in

Chewelah, Wash. for 10 years before moving to Medford, Ore., where Alvin retired from Burrill Lumber Co. and Evelyn was a homemaker and mother who filled her days with gardening, canning, quilting, reading and volunteering at the Community Services Center at the Valley View Church.

The Ames family includes Berta and Dan Ewert, Sequim, Wash., Becky and Rocky Parker, Auburn, Wash., Shirley and Mick Davis, Tacoma, Wash., Tony and Verna Ames, Battle Ground, Wash., Yvonne and Dwayne House, Veradale, Wash., Connie Ames, Portland, Ore. and 7 grandchildren.

### Herscher 95th

Fred Herscher celebrated his 95th birthday with family and friends in Walla Walla, Wash., and in Roseburg, Ore. He was born

June 18, 1908, in Renville, Minn. He and his wife Frances have been members of the Sutherlin (Ore.) Church for more than 50 years. Fred joined the church when he was about 12 years old. Despite initial objections, his mother and siblings were also later baptized.

While attending Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Mich., Fred met Frances Adelberg, a nurse from Detroit. They were married in 1941. Fred served as a medic in the Air Force in 1942, and after his discharge attended Osteopathic Medical School in Kansas City, Mo. After graduation the couple traveled around looking for a place to settle. When they arrived in Sutherlin, a pharmacist told them that Sutherlin was in great need of a good doctor as the only doctor in town was often "incapacitated" and unable to provide the needed medical care.

So in 1951 Fred and Frances began their medical practice in Sutherlin, retiring in 1983.

The Herscher family includes John and Lynne Marie Herscher, Oakridge, Ore., Mark and Cheryl Herscher, Roseburg, Ore., Luke and Barbara Herscher, Sutherlin, Matthew and Lynne Herscher, Albany, Ore., Mary Herscher Scaat, Kansas, and 14 grandchildren.

### Schultz 100th

Muriel (Skeers) Schultz celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 27 with a party sponsored by Brice's Catering Service at the Salem Community Service Center. When Muriel celebrated her 90th birthday, also catered by Brice's, the co-owner of the business had flippantly said, "When it's time for your 100th birthday, it's on the house."

Muriel, with her sharp mind, called him recently and said, "I'm ready to collect!" The surprised owner was delighted.



A former bank teller, Muriel still takes care of all her personal finances. She is a member of the Central Salem (Ore.) Church who enjoys gardening in her patio boxes and quiltmaking. She even rides the buses around town on her own.

Muriel was born Oct. 25, 1903, in Mankato, Kan. She had four children and outlived all but Pauline. Her family includes Pauline and Gwyn Symmes, Farmington, N.M., 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 8 great great-grandchildren.

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A second paragraph that includes such things as the cities

and states where they've lived, the career track of each honoree, date of retirement, and current place of residence makes the announcement interesting and helps our readers identify them as someone they've known.

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M I L E S T O N E S

*Seltzer 100th*

Gladys (Carpenter) Seltzer recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born Nov. 11, 1903, in Palestine, Texas, and grew up with one brother in the Fort Worth area. She married George Seltzer on May 22, 1925. They moved to Oregon in 1927. George died in March 1983. Gladys, a resident of the Timber View Nursing Home, is a member of the Albany (Ore.) Church.



The Seltzer family includes George and Ada Ruth Seltzer, Klamath Falls, Ore., Merlyn and Diane Seltzer, Santa Barbara, Calif., and Lorene Seltzer, Albany, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren.

*Starr 90th*

Lloyd Starr of Gresham, Ore., recently celebrated his 90th birthday at the Village Retirement Center with family and friends. Lloyd was born in Bellfountain, near Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 8, 1913.

Lloyd married Rachael Walter in 1939. He worked in the timber and lumber industry all his life. Lloyd became an Adventist at Blachly, Ore., when he was 21 as a result of defending his mother when members of his falling crew made fun of her for being an "Advent." Later he moved the family to Veneta, Ore., where he helped build the new church. Years after Rachael died, Lloyd married her older sister Lyril (Walter) Pryor on Oct. 1, 1995.

The Starr family includes Loren

Starr, Chase, Mich., and Elwood and Verna Starr, Warrenton, Ore., 4 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren.

*Weiss 100th*

Coquille (Ore.) Church member Lester Weiss, whose father fought in the Civil War, was born in War Eagle, Ark., on Oct. 29, 1903.

Commemorating a century of living and celebrating his milestone, family and friends from the area and out of state gathered with him on his 100th birthday.

At the age of 13, Lester left home because his parents had "too many mouths to feed." He chose Alaska as his destination because an uncle lived there. On his arrival, recruiters from the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mine met the boat, and he went to work as an electrician.

In 1923, he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in New Zealand and Australia. Lester met his first wife, Leona Bemis, while he was on leave and married her in 1924. They had been married for 50 years when she passed away. He was married a second time in 1975 to Gracabelle Weed of Myrtle Point, Ore., and spent the next 23 years with her.

The couple moved to Ocean Crest Retirement home in Coos Bay, Ore., in 1996, where Gracabelle passed away two years later and Lester still resides.



**Casey Monahan, 13, celebrates with his great great-grandfather Lester Weiss on his 100th birthday.**

B I R T H S

**ALLISON**—Blake William was born Nov. 9, 2003, to Gerald and Elizabeth (Grant) Allison, Richland, Wash.

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**BERGHERM**—Cedric Jeremy was born Nov. 2, 2003, to Brent and Carrie Ann (Roy) Bergherm, College Place, Wash.

**CLARK**—Jordan Christopher was born Sept. 1, 2003, to James and Wendy (Morris) Clark, Battle Ground, Wash.

**ERICH**—Ethan Emery was born Aug. 14, 2003, to Jonathan G. and Susan (Anderson) Erich, Battle Ground, Wash.

**ERMSHAR**—Delaney Joy was born Sept. 18, 2003, to Eric and Jenny (Dunton) Ermsnar, Battle Ground, Wash.

**HALVORSON**—Sidney Rae was born Sept. 3, 2003, to Palmer R. and Debbie (Crombi) Halvorson, Vancouver, Wash.

**KRIEGELSTEIN**—Kolby John was born Oct. 21, 2003, to Kellsie and Danielle (King) Kriegelstein, Portland, Ore.

**NELSON**—Justin Thomas was born Sept. 10, 2003, to John and Jennifer (Phillips) Nelson, Tacoma, Wash.

**NG**—Kiana I. was born Oct. 20, 2003, to Ken and Janette (Stevens) Ng, Renton, Wash.

**PEARSON**—Leah Jane was born to Ward N. and Laurisa (Erwin) Pearson, Ridgefield, Wash.

**ROPKA**—Annaliese K. was born Aug. 22, 2003, to Ben and Sandy (McCoy) Ropka, Kirkland, Wash.

**SMITHSON**—Kyle B.T. was born Oct. 3, 2003, to Eric and Julie (Rodman) Smithson, Auburn, Wash.

**WALTMAN**—Kailee Ann-Myree was born Oct. 18, 2003, to Drew and Kimberly (Howerton) Waltman, College Place, Wash.

W E D D I N G S

**CALZADA-STATEN**—Marissa Calzada, Trevor Staten, Sept. 21, 2003, Eagle Point, Ore., where they are making their home.

**DEDERER-REDELL**—Jeannine Dederer, Corey Reddell, Nov. 9, 2003, Medford, Ore., where they are making their home.

**FISCHER-HELMSTETLER**—Tamara Fischer, Hans Helmstetler, June 22, 2003, Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

**IRANI-HECKMAN**—Dilnaz A. Irani, Issac D. Heckman, Oct. 23, 2003, Seattle, Wash. They are making their home in Tacoma, Wash.

**JORDAN-PFEIFLE**—Heidi Jordan, Jody Pfeifle, Aug. 24, 2003, Redmond, Ore. They are making their home in Angwin, Calif.

**LINDBERG-ROGERS**—Myindi Lindberg, Nathaniel Rogers, Sept. 28, 2003, Graham, Wash., where they are making their home.

**ONJUKKA-MCKAIG**—Jessica Onjukka, Jason McKaig, July 13, 2003, Union, Ore. They are making their home in Bend, Ore.

**PACHECO-TEFTS**—Teresa Pacheco, Dennis Tefts, May 18, 2003, Burien, Wash. They are making their home in Auburn, Wash.

**STEPPER-PAINTNER**—Keri Burke Stepper, David Paintner, Oct. 24, 2003, Oregon City, Ore., where they are making their home.

**SWISHER-ROYER**—Jenni Swisher, David Royer, Aug. 31, 2003, Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

**VINYARD-CROSS**—Tara Vinyard, Caleb Cross, Oct. 5, 2003, Auburn, Wash. They are making their home in Renton, Wash.

**WEILER-MCGRATH**—Suzanne Weiler, Brian McGrath, Sept. 15, 2002, Seattle, Wash., where they are making their home.

*Family*  
**A T R E S T**

**BERDAN**—Barbara M. (Brown), 78; born May 31, 1925, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 14, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bill, Folsom, Calif., Bob, Beaverton, Ore.

**BOUNDS**—W.W. "Bud," 86; born Sept. 3, 1917, Lewiston, Idaho; died Oct. 14, 2003, Redlands, Calif. Surviving: wife, Freddie (Hanson); son, Jeff, Redlands; daughter, Judith Lund, Lincoln City, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**BRODY**—Joshua, 57; born May 26, 1946, Cincinnati, Ohio; died Oct. 13, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash.

Correction **CASTLE**—Marion "Bill" D., 86, born Aug. 23, 1916, Cedar Edge, Colo.; died June 12, 2003, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: wife, Gladys; daughters, Lewella Robinson, Roseburg, Ore., Nila Hughes and Shirley Chandler, both of Milton Freewater, Ore. and Dora Maebull, Caldwell, Idaho; sister, Virginia Pershall, Cottage Grove, Ore.; stepdaughter, Cheryl Chaichester, Hood River; sons, Ira David, Lakeside, Ore., Ted, Ferndale, Wash.; stepsons, Richard and Dennis Zeller both of Hood River; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**CHAMBERS**—James R., 89; born Aug. 20, 1914, Birmingham, Ala.; died Nov. 1, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Helen (Gates), College Place, Wash.; son, Harry, Gresham, Ore.; sisters, Katherine Philpott, Oklahoma City, Okla., Annie Farag, Spokane, Wash.; 2 grandchildren.

**COLEMAN**—L. Annie (Smith), 83; born April 10, 1920, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 2, 2003, Multnomah, Ore. Surviving: husband, Paul M., Troutdale, Ore.; sons Donald and Ronald, College Place, Wash., Lewis, Boring, Ore.

**DYKES**—Laurence K., 98; born Sept. 27, 1904, Lind, Wash.; died Sept. 26, 2003, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Marie Cook, McMinnville, Rita Schroeder, College Place, Wash.; brothers, Orah Fry, Evans, Wash., Alvin Fry, Hood River, Ore.; sister, Pauline Chaffee, St. Helena, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**FRY**—Elbert A., 91; born Jan. 12, 1912, Cedar Grove, Tenn.; died Sept. 8, 2003, Milton Freewater, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lila (Stewart); daughters, Gwen Smith, Saskatchewan, Canada, Joan Shumway, Enumclaw, Wash.; brother, Charlie Fry, Milton Freewater; sister, Ruby Canaday, Milton Freewater; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**HATCH**—Louise M. (Paige), 79; born March 24, 1924, Brookville, Kan.; died Oct. 26, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Kathleen Van Hoy and LeeAnn Garcia of College Place, Wash.; brothers, Earl Paige, Meridian, Idaho, Harold Paige, Pocatello, Idaho; sisters, Delores Freckleton and Dorothy Scherbel, both of Pocatello, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**JANKE**—E. Everett, 80; born Feb. 9, 1923, Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Oct. 17, 2003, Wapato, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bernita (French); sons, Douglas, Wenatchee, Wash., Clifford, Wapato; daughter, Jean Wilson, Hayden, Idaho; brother, Bernard, Milton Freewater, Ore.; sister Veulah Morse, Walla Walla, Wash.; 3 grandchildren.

**LAUDA**—Caris, 95; born Jan. 7, 1908, Cedar Lake, Mich.; died Oct. 12, 2003, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary (Brewer) Paulson; stepdaughters, Shirley Chiburis, Modesto, Calif., Beverly Johnson, Ceres, Calif.; 7 grandchildren, 1 step grandchild, 7 step great-grandchildren and 2 step great great-grandchildren. Lauda served as executive secretary for ASI International for many years.

**MACIVOR**—Ellen Grace (Adams), 76; born March 23, 1927, Shelton, Wash.; died Oct. 20, 2003, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving: husband, Donald; daughter, Ann McLain, Bozeman; sister, Beatrice Shogren, Puyallup, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**MILLER**—Wilber "Bill" L., 82; born Dec. 9, 1920, Paradox, Colo.; died Aug. 30, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lorraine (Mickelson); sons, Terrence and Kenyon, both of Everett, Wash.; 3 grandchildren.

Correction **MITTLEIDER**—Emil, 88; born Aug. 18, 1915, Blackfoot, Idaho; died Sept. 2, 2003, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Merle, Lynwood, Wash.; daughters, Eloise Gatchet, Gresham, Ore., Helen Boyd, Keene, Texas; brothers, Henry C., Bellingham, Wash., J.R., Redlands, Calif., Elmer R., Lodi, Calif., Kenneth J., Adairsville, Ga.; sisters, Ann Dunn, Georgetown, Tenn., Ida Lindsay, New Plymouth, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**NICHOLS**—Daisy R. (Yarber), 71; born Sept. 18, 1932, Luka, Miss.; died Oct. 15, 2003, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: husband, Milton W.; son, Timothy W., Springfield; daughter, Beverly, Eugene, Ore.; brother, James Yarber, Eugene.

**OLSSON**—Esther P., 94; born April 18, 1908; died Feb. 10, 2003, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**ROSENVOLD**—Lloyd K., 92; born March 19, 1911, New York, N.Y.; died Oct. 26, 2003, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Leola

(Woodruff), Hope, Idaho; son, John, Visalia, Calif.; daughter, Linnea, Santa Rosa, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**SCHNEIDER**—Thayne, 81; born Dec. 26, 1922, Nekoma, Kan.; died Oct. 7, 2003, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Althea (Noble); son, Alan, Nampa; daughters, Melanie Lui, Santa Barbara, Calif., Heidi Jackson, Loma Linda, Calif.; brother, Dean; 4 grandchildren.

**SCOTT**—Emerson L., 90; born March 31, 1913, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; died July 6, 2003, Aberdeen, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alice M. (Rasor), Hoquiam, Wash.; son, David, Aberdeen, Wash.; daughters, Jane Wareing, Bellingham, Wash., Judy Thomsen, Laurel, Md.; sisters, Berdine Roy, Hoquiam, Wynema Moore, Tigard, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**SHULTS**—Lucelle M. (Patterson), 94; born July 24, 1909, Grantsdale, Mont.; died Oct. 15, 2003, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: daughters, Glenda Brannan, Spokane, Wash., Karine Goldsmid, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; brothers, Clare and Dale Patterson of Hamilton, Mont.; sister, June Harby, Missoula; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**SMITH**—Murray, 89; born June 1914; died Oct. 28, 2003, Richland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Helen (Clement); son, Kenneth, Richland; daughter, Patty Mullins, Richland; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**STAFFORD**—Doris "Dottie" J. (Cianciolo), 76; born July 14, 1927, Memphis, Tenn.; died Oct. 7, 2003, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Richard "Dick", Nampa, Idaho; daughter, Jean Coneff, Nampa; 2 grandchildren.

**STRONG**—Naomi R. (Dorner), 82; born Nov. 13, 1920, Chicago, Ill.; died Oct. 25, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Lela Arneson, Shelton, Wash.; sister, Ione Morgan, College Place.

**WOOD**—H. Marie, 82; born March 22, 1921, Wendell, Idaho; died Nov. 3, 2003, Medford, Ore. Surviving: son, Matthew J., Denver, Colo.

## Melvin Oss

Melvin Oss, 102; born March 31, 1901, Newman Grove, Neb.; died July 31, 2003, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: sons, Paul, Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Donald, Salem, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

After mission service in India from 1923 to 1931, Oss pastored churches in Kansas, Colorado, Oregon, Idaho and Washington. He served as a principal, education superintendent and youth director and searched for and obtained the properties for Camp MiVoden and Upper Columbia Academy for the Upper Columbia Conference.



# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of events: Jan. 10—Evensong: College Church sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.; **Jan. 11**—Chamber Music Series: Ford Hill, piano, Fine Arts Center auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; **Jan. 12**—Ford Hill Master Class, Fine Arts Center auditorium, 10 a.m.; **Jan. 18**—Distinguished Scholar Lecture, Fine Arts Center auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; **Jan. 25**—J. S. Bach and More Concerto Concert, Fine Arts Center auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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## OREGON

### Oregon Singles Events

**Jan. 4**—Elegant, 5-course dinner at “Yvonne’s Bistro,” featuring Clarissa Worley in concert, 6:00 p.m., Beaverton Church. Call Michelle, (503) 646-9828, to make reservations. **Jan. 17**—After-church potluck, Beaverton Church; 2:30 p.m. going to a nearby home to sing for shut-ins; roller skating in Hillsboro after sundown. **Jan. 19–Feb. 9**—Mission trip to India 2004. Call Michelle at Beaverton Church for more details.

Plan ahead: **Feb. 20–22**—Snow weekend at Big Lake; Magruder Spiritual Retreat Weekend—date to be announced.

For more information about these OCSM events and additional events visit the Web site: [www.orsingles.org](http://www.orsingles.org); e-mail: [singleevents@juno.com](mailto:singleevents@juno.com); hotline (503) 654-6054; Beaverton Singles Information link:

[www.beavertonsda.com](http://www.beavertonsda.com), follow the prompts to the singles section.

### Salem Concert

Come and enjoy the Salem Men’s Chorus, directed by Lew Wildman. This core group of the Oregon Men’s Chorus will perform on Sabbath, **Jan. 10**, 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Church, 1001 SE 60th, Portland, Ore., 97215.

### Sunnyside Concert

On Saturday, **Jan. 10**, at 7:30 p.m., the New England Youth Ensemble, directed by Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, and the Pro Musica of Columbia Union College, directed by James Bingham, will present a concert at Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore.

### Vespers at Hood View

Two vespers programs are scheduled for January at the Hood View Church in Boring, Ore.: A biblical play, “For Such a Time,” will

be presented at 4:00 p.m., Sabbath, **Jan. 24**, by the Portland Adventist Academy drama club. On Sabbath, **Jan. 31**, at 4:00 p.m., Neil Pestes, world traveler and videographer, will show on big screen his latest film, “I Just Came Back from the Land Down Under.”

### Milo Academy Musical Concerts

**Jan. 23**—Forest Grove Church, 1950 Mountain View Ln., Forest Grove, Ore.; 7:30 p.m.; (503) 357-9797; **Jan. 24**—Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holladay, Portland, Ore., 11:00 a.m.; (503) 232-3708.

### Bruce Marchiano at Pleasant Hill

Bruce Marchiano, the actor who portrayed Jesus in the Visual Bible Film, “The Gospel According to Matthew,” is back by popular demand at the Pleasant Hill Church on Sabbath, **Feb. 7**. He will be conducting an “In the Footsteps of Jesus” seminar, starting with the worship service at 10:45 a.m. regarding “The Joy of Jesus.” The seminar will continue with two afternoon sessions: 2:30 p.m. “The Heart of Jesus—On a mission of redemptive love,” and at 4:00 p.m. “The Compassion and the Cross.” Bruce is a *dynamic* speaker, and you will truly be blessed! Bring a potluck dish and join us for lunch. For more information, contact the church at (541) 746-1750 or Susan Cherne at (541) 349-9100.

### Astoria Missing

The Astoria (Ore.) Church is seeking information concerning the following missing member: Doris Woodworth. Please forward any information to Elwood W. Starr, pastor, Astoria Adventist Church, 300 Nehalem, Astoria, OR 97146, or [elwoodandvernas@yahoo.com](mailto:elwoodandvernas@yahoo.com).

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### Cheri Peters

A well-known author and lecturer, Cheri Peters, will be at the Walla Walla Eastgate Church on **Jan. 10**

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## WASHINGTON

### Day of Prayer

This special event will be held in the Rainier Auditorium at Auburn Adventist Academy on **Jan. 3** from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Concert artist Charles Haugabrooks will be featured along with speaker Morris Venden who will help each attendee focus on prayer. Of course there will be prayer time as the conference gathers to begin a new year. Plan now to attend.

### Youth Rally

Jose Rojas, North American Division volunteer coordinator, will be the featured speaker at the Washington Conference Youth Rally on **Jan. 10** at Auburn Adventist Academy. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., it will also feature The Skit Guys and will be a wonderful time for all youth to gather to pray, praise God and fellowship. See you there.

### Revelation Now Series at Auburn City

Revelation Now, an evangelistic series of meetings with Jac and 'dena Colon is coming to the Auburn (Wash.) City Church. The meetings will open on **Jan. 16** at Riverside High School, 501 Oravetz Rd., Auburn, at 7:15 p.m. You are welcome to come and invite your friends and relatives.

## WORLD CHURCH

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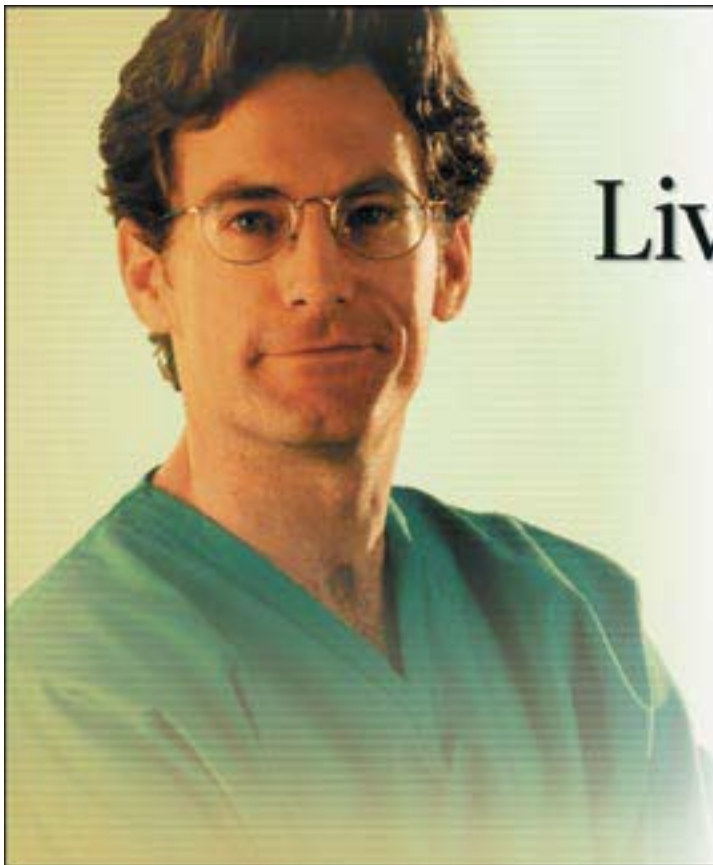
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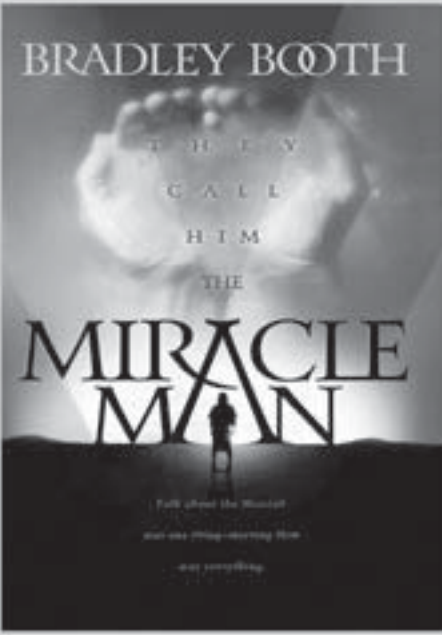
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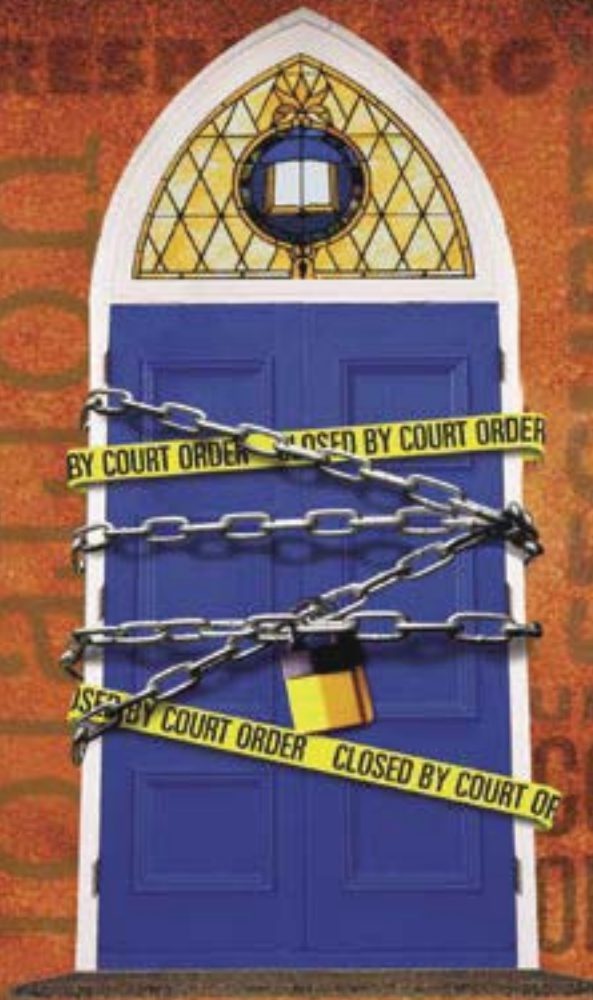
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