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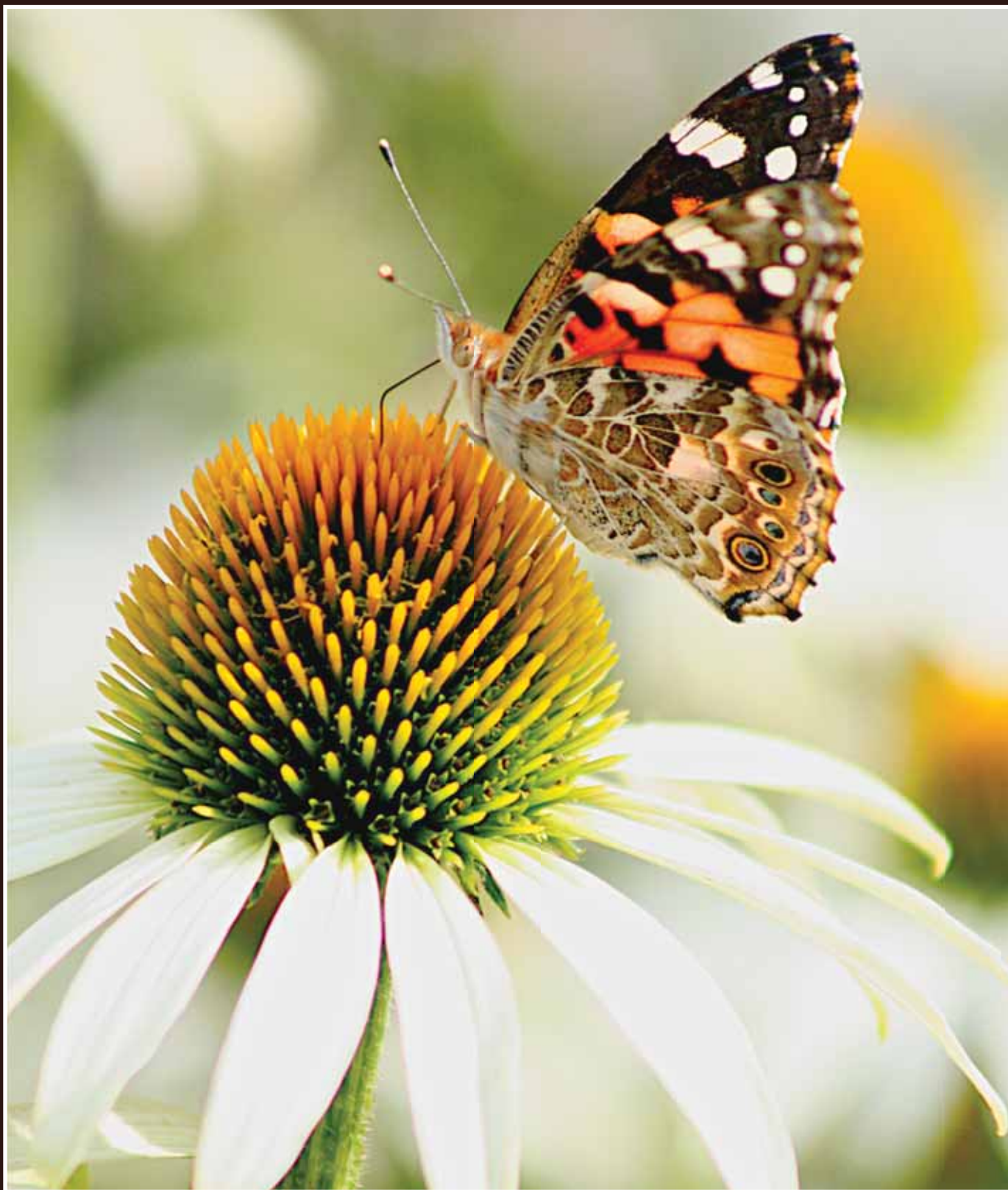
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*A Discussion
of Realities and Dangers*

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He will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.
PSALM 57:1 (NIV)

'Butterfly Bliss' by Fawn Manning of Otis Orchards, Washington.

Present Darkness Future Hope

Have you noticed the unsettling headlines recently? Headlines clearly remind us time is short and Jesus is coming soon — very soon.

Tens of thousands of angry people shouting with their fists in the air protesting changes in their labor union negotiated benefits packages. It's not in some distant third-world country but in that "wholesome as whole wheat" state of Wisconsin.

Trillions of dollars are printed and pumped into the faltering U.S. economy. Yet, people are still out of work and the cost of food and fuel continues to go up and up. Our national debt is now about \$14,255,416,000,000 or approximately \$45,829 per citizen. It's growing at a rate of more than \$4 billion per day.¹

Major political changes in the Middle East and the upheaval in Libya have endangered the stability of the entire region.

The 9.0 earthquake in Japan generated a tsunami causing unprecedented devastation and damage to nuclear reactors resulting in unacceptably high radiation levels. And speaking of earthquakes, those of 7.0 magnitude or higher are increasing in number. From 1863–1900 (38 years) there were 12 of these earthquakes. From 1901–1938 (the next span of 38 years) 53 were recorded. From 1939–1976 (the third 38-year span) 71 earthquakes were recorded. From 1977–2014 (the next 38-year span) 164 have been registered and we have three more years to go. Scientists predict 190 total.²

At least 40 percent of American rivers and 46 percent of American lakes are too polluted for fishing, swimming or aquatic life. Millions of dead fish clog a marina in Redondo Beach, California, with no apparent reason or explanation.³

The genocide in Darfur, Sudan, has claimed 400,000 lives and displaced over 2,500,000 people. More than 100 people die each day; 3,000 die every month.

Wars and strife around the world are causing thousands of fatalities each year:

- 1967 Naxakite/Maoist Insurgency in India — 10,500
- 1978 Afghan Civil War in Afghanistan — more than 2,000,000
- 1991 Civil War in Somalia — 400,000
- 2003 Iraq War — more than 100,000
- 2004 War in NW Pakistan — more than 30,000
- 2006 Mexican Drug War — more than 36,000
- 2009 Sudanese Nomadic Tribes — more than 2,000
- 2011 Libyan War — totals are still rising⁴

Some might complain I'm just being a doomsayer — cherry-picking all the bad news I can find.

I guess they'd be right, if this world was our ultimate home. But Jesus has our future in His hands. He wants us to not be discouraged with the deteriorating conditions of this world.

That's why we can take courage from what the Bible says: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light," (Romans 13:11, 12).

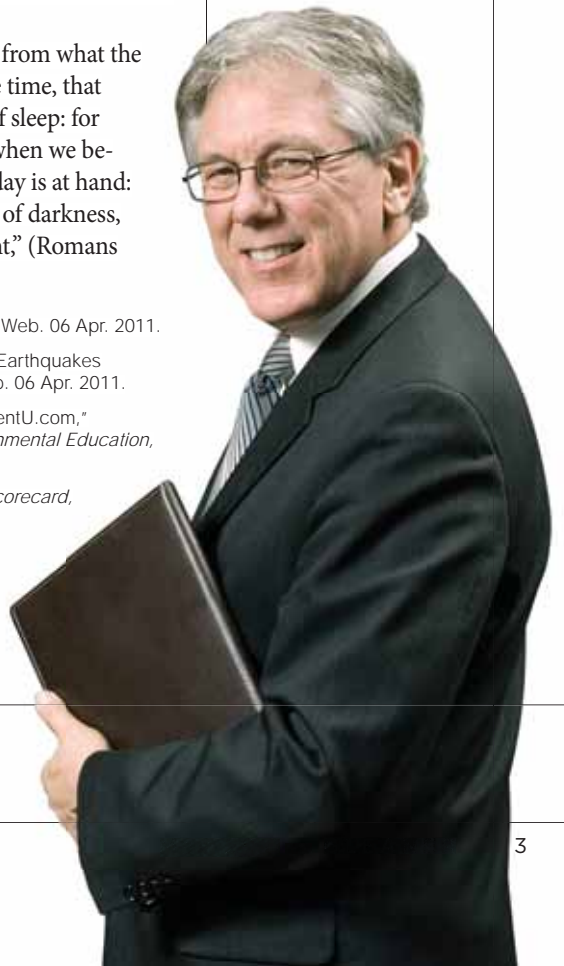
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MAX TORKELSEN II
NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Longtime champion of Adventist evangelism Don Gray was honored during the March 2 North Pacific Union Conference executive-committee session.

Prest is New Idaho President

David Prest Jr. has accepted the invitation of the Idaho Conference executive committee to become conference president. He will fill the position left open upon Steve McPherson's retirement. Prest graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1982 and has pastored churches in North and South Carolina as well as in Alaska. Since 2001, he has served as the Montana Conference church ministries and trust services director. Prest and his wife, Ellen, have two sons, Jonathan (20) and Michael (15).

NPUC Honors Don Gray

Don Gray, longtime champion of Adventist evangelism, was honored during the March 2 North Pacific Union Conference executive-committee session. Max Torkelsen, NPUC president, and Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, presented an engraved plaque to Gray in recognition of his "innovative leadership, passion for new media and legacy of evangelistic ideas and success."

Gray and his wife, Marge, began their pastoral ministry in 1946 in a five-church district in Oregon. They served in Oregon, Upper Columbia and Idaho conferences for many years. He finished his official pastoral career in Michigan in 1988. Since then, Gray has been active in retirement, helping create the *New Beginnings* DVD program distributed in 40 languages and birthing the successful model for ShareHim.

New Blogs



Cheri Corder — Christianity at Church

Loving thy neighbor is one thing ... but what about loving the saints? Hmmm.

"The problem is," the woman in my office said, "We have a soloist that we wish would stop singing! Nobody has the nerve or the heart to tell him he's a terrible singer. We know it would break his heart, and he'd probably leave the church over it, so we try to bear with it, but I don't think we can stand it much longer. What should we do?" Well... what *should* they do? When Jesus implores us to "love one another," what does that look like? Is it more important to "love" and bear with this one saint's "joyful noise" or to "love" the rest of the saints by quieting his voice? Join the dialog this month on the *GLEANER* blog at gleaneronline.org.



Mike Jones — Practical Ideas for Faith in Action

Recently I came across two items that shocked me. The first, was a story in *USA Today* stating that our church is the fastest-growing Christian denomination in North America. The second, was a statement attributed to Pastor Lee

Venden that 70 percent of Adventists in churches where he's conducted revival meetings admit to having little to no daily devotional life. Wow! How does one synthesize these two disparate pieces of information? I mean, how much more growth might our church have achieved if 50 percent of our members had a devotional life? Or perhaps numerical growth isn't all that important. Spiritual growth, becoming more like Jesus, is what matters most, wouldn't you agree? Join the discussion this month on the *GLEANER* blog at gleaneronline.org.

Kudos to Don Gray

I was glad to hear about the NPUC honoring Don Gray. Don and his wife, Marge, have done such profound work to build the church and win souls.

Not only have they conducted effective public evangelism, but they have provided excellent materials that are still among the best for personal ministry use. I have great memories of learning personal witnessing from Don, not only from seminars, but from on-the-job training. Don also worked to set up a structure for a culture of evangelism in the

conferences that he served. He worked to establish resources for interests as well.

Don has been my inspiration, mentor and friend. I hold him in the highest regard. The Lord has used him to make a great difference for eternity, not only by winning souls, but by training multiple leaders.

Jim Kilmer, Spangle, Washington

Let's Talk About Revival

Thank you for such an "on track" article (Let's Talk, March 2011). How could it be stated any better? What a wonderful salvation we have in Jesus Christ! He supplies us not only with forgiveness, pardon and His righteousness, but with the ever present, all powerful, "completely adequate" for our ever

present, ongoing need to become like Him, "gift of the Holy Spirit." How can we give up?

Alice Kirkman, Auburn, Washington



FROM THE GLEANER ARCHIVES

Can You Tell Us Where This Is?

There's a story and mystery behind this photo. It was discovered in the attic of an old house in southwestern Oregon more than a decade ago. Also in the attic was the actual prophetic chart shown in the photo. The chart, still in good condition, was printed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, copyright 1908. The members who now have this chart would like to give it to family members of the gentleman in the photo, but they need to know who he was.

AND THAT'S THE QUESTION FOR OUR GLEANER READERS. DO YOU KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THIS "MYSTERY MAN"; WHEN OR WHERE THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN? WAS HE AN EVANGELIST OR PASTOR? HELP US SOLVE THE MYSTERY. ADD YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MONTHLY ARCHIVAL PHOTO SECTION OF THE GLEANER BLOG SITE AT WWW.GLEANERONLINE.ORG, OR EMAIL US AT TALK@NW.NPUC.ORG.



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So, should Christians
refrain from speaking out
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- I THOU SHALT HAVE
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BEFORE ME
- II THOU SHALT NOT
MAKE UNTO THEE
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
- III THOU SHALT NOT
TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN
- IV REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
TO KEEP IT HOLY

RELIGION

Realities and Dangers

by Cindy R. Chamberlin

EDITORS' NOTE: Political questions often generate animated discussions, even anger at times: Should the United States be governed by religious or secular principles? Do Christians have a role in politics? Does our traditional view on the "separation of church and state" mean being silent on issues of moral imperative? What is our divine calling in these last days? Cindy Chamberlin, *GLEANER* managing editor, recently interviewed Greg Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president. Here are several of his responses.

GLEANER: What do you say to those who believe our nation should be a "Christian" nation? Isn't that a good thing?

HAMILTON: 72–77 percent of Americans profess Christianity, but constitutionally and legally we are not a Christian nation, nor did the Founders intend it to be. We are a nation of many religions in which all are guaranteed equal constitutional protection.

To those who suggest the Founders favored only the Christian religion, my question is: "Why didn't they include such language in the Constitution and Bill of Rights?"

The Founding Fathers looked at the Holy Roman Empire and essentially concluded, "We don't want churches or religious movements defining and controlling the secular purpose of government." So they chose a utilitarian approach whereby religious people would be protected in practicing their faith without governmental interference, funding or legal endorsement.

G: But have we erred on the side of protecting government from religion so much that we have threatened religion in the process?

H: Professor Garry Wills demonstrates that church-state separation standards have actually contributed to religious adherence. In his book *Head and Heart: American Christianities*, Wills states that adherence climbed from 17 percent in 1776, to 62 percent in 2000. He statistically shows how this inspired the growth of so many different religions in the U.S., corresponding directly with the freedom to evangelize in a free and competitive marketplace of ideas.

Wills shows how God's law was the basis for the original constitutional principle of church-state separation. The first table of the Ten Commandments represents the sacred relationship between God and man. No person or civil authority should have the authority to interfere in institutional and personal realms of worship. Gov-

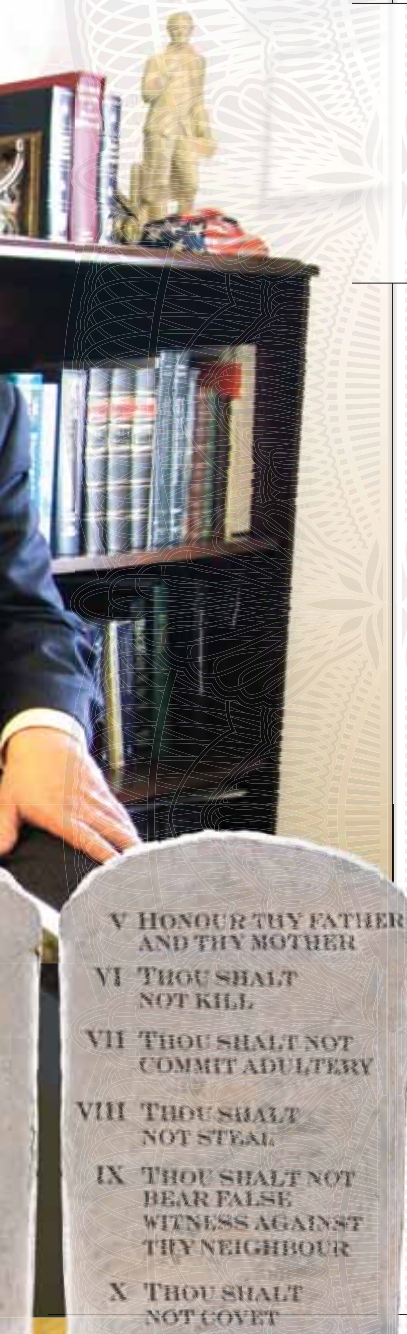
ernment should remain neutral in matters of religion: not allowing either religious moralists or secularists to cross that principled division in forcing government to promote their agendas or diminish free exercise.

G: Should Christians refrain from speaking out on moral issues?

H: No, when it comes to national reform, Christians should be the head, not the tail.

The second table of the Ten Commandments rightly addresses what our approach should be. This table involves man's relationship to man — "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," etc. These laws require state and civil governance, lest there be societal chaos.

Issues such as same-sex marriage and abortion legitimately fall in the rightful realm of the second table — and therefore state jurisdiction. In a democratic republic, speaking up on these matters does not violate church-state separation constitutional standards. All people of faith have





a constitutional role to play in urging support for universal, legal, and moral standards involving man's relationship to man.

The religion clauses of the First Amendment speak to this: "Congress shall make no law respecting an *establishment* of religion, or prohibiting the *free exercise* thereof." In the same way the first and second tables mirror the intent of the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment.

The Free Exercise Clause prevents us from going down the slippery slope of decadence and godlessness; while the establishment clause (otherwise known as the church-state separation clause) prevents any religious movement from controlling the government in ways that endorse anything represented by the first table.

Sandra Day O'Connor provides clarity when she said, "The religious zealot and the theocrat frighten us in part because we understand only too well their basic impulse. No less frightening is the totalitarian atheist who aspires to a society in which the exercise of religion has no place."

Our Constitution was designed to specifically avoid mixing government with the first table. Those who claim otherwise may unthinkingly be

adopting the Holy Roman Empire model of church and state.

G: That's not the "Protestant" model our country was founded on?

H: No.

G: Do you see a potential problem with government becoming more "parental" toward citizens, slowly encroaching upon our rights?

H: Yes, coming as a legitimate reaction to big government that fosters the slide toward increased social planning, spending and regulation. That said, I think Adventists, in their reaction, need to avoid creating a revolutionary time of trouble beforehand. Ellen White urged us to be wise and not indulge in government conspiracy theories: to presume our leaders are good and not out to get us, unless they seriously demonstrate otherwise.

There are those who feed upon isolationist fears. It's a survivalist mentality that packs a gun and a lot of food and water. There are many good reasons to leave the cities. But fear alone should not be one of them.

G: Is there a corresponding problem with compulsively joining popular uprisings to correct governmental power?

H: Certainly. Reactive forces can sometimes be more harmful than the problem.

In the French Revolution,

the people beheaded their King and Queen. Once in power, they could not govern effectively. This created a leadership vacuum, leading to chaos. Napoleon waltzed in, restored order and economic services. Life returned to normal, the people again chose to be dictated to, and they loved him for it. These kinds of scenarios are created by the fickle will of the people.

George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, as well as Edmund Burke from England, warned about this outcome, but few listened. The *greatest* fear of our constitutional Founders wasn't the government they were creating, or states' rights. It was the uprising of the people in an undiscerning and fickle way. These kinds of scenarios are what led them to create a strong, constitutionally checked, central government.

G: Should we side with those who oppose government sponsorship of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms and prayer in schools?

H: As a diplomatic means of educating the public, yes. Don't forget our discussion of the proper roles of church and state based on the two tables of God's law in which any form of government sponsorship of worship represented in the first table would violate that sacred division between the two.

Besides, prayer is allowed in all kinds of public school settings as long as it is student-led and voluntary; and whose version of the Ten Commandments would we insist the government endorse and post?

G: How can Adventists speak up for what is right without compromising our religious liberty principles?

H: Follow the two tables' approach that we just discussed. Let that be your principled guide.

In spite of some disturbing evangelical trends of our own, I believe Adventists are uniquely positioned to focus on the overarching principles of religious liberty. We are perhaps the only remaining religious movement that's truly Protestant in terms of message and practice. Our world church leadership has enormous challenges in keeping our course steady in the midst of the growing tendency to drift from our prophetic message and calling given to us by Christ.

G: Should Adventists stand back and watch evil? Should we push for God in schools and courtrooms? Or, is there another alternative?

H: The political choices each individual makes are private and should be discerned prayerfully, along with much research and study.





Greg Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president, poses with a picture of Alexander Hamilton in his North Pacific Union office.

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There's a trend right now by politicians to dismantle large government and fix — in their thinking — our Supreme Court's mistaken rulings with regard to religion. While the first part sounds good, the second is dangerous and represents exactly what Ellen White warned about in *Testimonies, volume 5*, p. 451. Here she referred to the future “repudiation of our Constitution” that leads to the “propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions.” This should concern all of us. If it doesn't, then perhaps we ought to place our cherished political prejudices at the altar of God.

Additionally, she says in *The Great Controversy*, p. 443, “In order for the United States to form an image of the beast (as

referenced in Revelation 13:14–15), the religious power(s) must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church (or united religious powers) to accomplish her own ends.”

So it seems Adventist Christians should be asking: “Are we aiding and abetting the path toward establishing the prophetic image to the beast, or are we proclaiming with urgency the three angels' messages of Revelation 14? Which revolution are we actively involved in?”

G: So that's why popular movements are alarming to you?

H: Yes. Notice that Ellen White's caution just referenced doesn't refer to atheists, secular

humanists, socialists, etc. Instead, the well-intentioned dragons will be religious people we often agree with. Therefore, I believe the evangelical right and interfaith left will find common cause and merge to form the most powerful political influence on all three branches of government. Remember, it was the Sadducees and Pharisees who put their differences aside to address a perceived com-

mon threat, resulting in Christ's crucifixion.

Ultimately, the prophecies of Scripture will prove true. But it's up to us to remain committed to our prophetic calling, speaking up for the great principles of religious liberty and asking God to grant additional time for the gospel of Jesus to be proclaimed to the whole world — especially our neighbors. •

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Use this mobile device code to read a recent interview with Ted Wilson, world church president, on religious liberty.

When it comes to national reform, Christians should be the head, not the tail.

Greg Hamilton is the Northwest Religious Liberty Association president. Established in 1906, the NRLA champions religious freedom for all people and institutions of faith in the legislative, civic, judicial, academic, interfaith and corporate arenas. For more about NRLA, go to: www.nrla.com.

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Proclamemos la Santa Doctrina

Un peligro de poseer la doctrina verdadera es que en vez de gratitud podemos experimentar orgullo. Otro peligro igualmente sutil es caer en la indiferencia sin darnos cuenta de cuántas personas desean de todo corazón conocer el mensaje que le ha sido dado a esta iglesia. Esa es la lección impartida a la Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Nampa por dos familias que recientemente empezaron a congregarse.

Luís y Marta Hernández, y Osman y Marta Pintos saben por qué aman el mensaje proclamado por la Iglesia Adventista. “Uno de los mayores deseos que mi esposa y yo teníamos era conocer un profeta moderno”, explica Luís. “Así que viajábamos a cualquier parte de los Estados Unidos siempre que se nos decía que se iba a presentar un profeta. Sin embargo, cada vez salíamos chasqueados. Nos sentíamos engañados. Yo le decía a mi esposa que todo aquello era un simple montaje. Los únicos



El Sr. Luís Hernández (primer plano a la mano derecha) asistiendo al seminario sobre liderazgo y evangelismo impartido por los Pastores Ramón Canals y Roger Hernández el pasado mes de Marzo.

‘milagros’ que hacían, tenían que ver con sanidad de caries dentales y estiramiento de pies. Nunca los vi hacer un milagro real y palpable. Y luego, parecía que la única preocupación de estos hombres era extraerle dinero a los presentes. Ahora entendemos que el don de profecía no es para que los hombres se exhiban y brinden espectáculo. Ahora entendemos que este don fue dado a la iglesia para ayudarla a discernir los tiempos en que vivimos y ayudarla a distinguir la verdad del error. No es un don para hacer ‘shows’”, termina diciendo Luís mientras sus ojos brillan iluminados por la emoción.

Descubrir la verdad sobre el estado de los muertos fue todo un acontecimiento para estas dos maravillosas

familias. La señora Marta Hernández lo explicó así: “Ahora todo nos parece tan claro. Es cierto: si Dios preservará a los pecadores para que sufran por la eternidad, entonces Él no habría cumplido su promesa de poner fin al pecado y extirparlo del universo. Además, ¿para qué necesitamos la doctrina del juicio, de la resurrección y de la segunda venida si las personas reciben la recompensa al momento de morir?”, termina preguntándose

en tono irónico mientras sonríe.

Ambas familias creen que existe una gran

necesidad del conocimiento de las Escrituras entre los cristianos de otras denominaciones. El deseo de ellos es que los Adventistas, mostrando un espíritu humilde y sincero, se atrevan a proclamar el mensaje que les ha sido confiado no solamente a los incrédulos, sino a otros creyentes que todavía andan a tientas en cuanto a discernir la verdad del error.

De hecho, ellos ya han empezado a compartir la verdad recién descubierta con la comunidad cristiana a la que pertenecían. Muchas otras familias están siendo inquietadas por el cortante poder de la verdad bíblica. Como dice el Sr. Luís, “aquí en Idaho ya hemos empezado a hacer una gran obra entre cientos de familias y solo Dios sabe cuál será el resultado de todo esto. En realidad, sí sabemos cuál será el resultado final: Dios bendecirá a su iglesia derramando sobre ella su Espíritu Santo.”

Edwin Lopez, Pastor y Coordinador de la Conferencia de Idaho



Osman Pintos y su esposa Marta estudiando las Escrituras con el Hno. Ricardo Anaya.

First of 2011 Arctic Native Camp Meetings a Success

Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president, was the featured speaker at the Alaska Conference Western-Arctic Camp Meeting, conducted in Dillingham and Togiak, Alaska, on March 18 and 19.

The meetings began on

Friday evening, March 18, with a rousing community “sing-spiration” conducted by Joe Chythlook, native elder. The Sabbath School and church service the next morning began earlier than usual and were followed by a quick lunch. A group of 16 then boarded three bush planes and flew to the village of Togiak on the edge of the Bering Sea for another community “singspiration” followed by church service.

By 6 p.m., the group was back in the air for the return trip to Dillingham to enjoy an evening of music and a message by Torkelsen. On the following



The group in Togiak, Alaska, enjoys a children’s story led by Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president.

Sunday morning, members participated in a devotional. Then a group of visitors, including Torkelsen and Todd Gessele, NPUC new media outreach

director, were taken on a tour of the Aleknagik area.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president

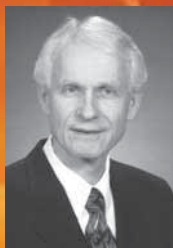


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Bible Prophecy Seminar

The Nampa (Idaho) Church recently held a seminar on Islam and Christianity, presented in February by Tim Roosenberg, guest speaker and Eagle Church pastor. There was an average daily attendance of more than 150 non-members and at least 264 guests who came once.

God's message was overwhelmingly received as 399 attendees signed registration cards. Of those attendees, 264 (66.17 percent) were non-

Adventists while 135 (33.83 percent) were confirmed Adventists. These attendees were met by welcoming greeters and ushers and were fed by Maria Crew and volunteers.

The event was supported by Nampa Church members as they participated in 40-consecutive days of prayer beginning Jan. 1, in preparation for the Feb. 18 seminar. Members feel their prayers and renewed walks with the Lord helped make the Bible prophecy seminar a

success. The church gave Bible concordances to the 109 guests who came to eight presentations or more.

Upon the series conclusion, guests signed up for church members to follow up. The

church solicits prayers as they continue working with these guests.

Michelle Roberts, Nampa Church communication leader



Godiva Chocolates in an M&M® World

Godiva Chocolates in an M&M® World — sounds good, doesn't it? More than 125 women from all over the Idaho Conference thought so, too. Cheri Gatton and the Idaho Conference women's ministries team presented the fourth-annual, one-day retreat in Boise, Idaho, on Sunday, March 6.

Women of all ages, from teenagers to grandmothers and great-grandmothers, walked into a room decorated with brightly-colored balloons and chocolate. Add in two massage therapists who gave complimentary chair massages, an enthusiastic host (Gatton) and beautiful worship music, and it was a perfect recipe for empowering women to even greater ministry for God.

The sub-theme, Discover the Best in You, was supported by several breakout sessions regarding spirituality, rela-

tionships, finances, marriage, couponing, conflict resolution, leadership, friendship and finding balance. Two of the most popular sessions were by Jim Berglund, Caldwell (Idaho) Church pastor. Berglund presented conflict-resolution skills useful in marriage, both in dealing with conflict and in preventing conflict in marriage through communication. Berglund kept women laughing, using some of his own experiences to illustrate points, such as the fact men like to parade their household accomplishments. More than humor, though, he struck a chord with the audience, as heads nodded in agreement and exclamations of discovery were heard when the five levels of communication were presented.

Liz Thomsen, wife of Anthony Thomsen, The Experience Church (an Adventist

church in Meridian, Idaho) pastor, shared her journey of finding a healthy balance for the emotional, social, intellectual, physical and spiritual areas of life. Just how does a woman balance the roles of wife, mother, employee, friend and woman? It's not easy. Thomsen shared the only way she accomplishes a healthy balance is to put God first. Psalm 9:10 in the New International Version affirms this: "Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."

Not every woman who attended the retreat was from the Adventist Church. Marilyn, a member of the Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Caldwell, Idaho, attended Gatton's Leadership in Women's Ministries session. She asked several questions, including: "How do you empower the

next generation for ministry, especially ministry to women? How do you move people from receiving ministry to participating in sharing it with others?" Several women in the session offered ideas and encouragement. Marilyn learned "sometimes you have to take a break to find the purpose God has for you." She also made connections with other women, including Gatton, who attends the Caldwell Church. One of the leadership principles Gatton shared was from 1 Corinthians 12 — we are all part of a body and we cannot be all parts ourselves.

The day ended with a drawing for a hot-stone massage, compliments of Cherie Hansen. The lucky winner, Lorraine Pia, was the envy of everyone.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication assistant director

First-annual Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program

The Five Falls Sentinels Pathfinder Club from Great Falls, Mont., was the winner for the Montana Conference's first Pathfinder Bible achievement program held Sabbath, Feb. 19.

The four-member Five Falls team, led by Bert Wredberg, Pathfinder Club director, and Jennifer Jones, team coach, faced seven competitors from the Billings (Mont.) Rimrockers Club and a team of five from the Livingston (Mont.) Wolverines. The Wolverines are the conference's newest Pathfinder club.

A total of 90 in-depth questions covered the New

King James Version translation of I and II Corinthians, along with the introductions to those books in the *Adventist Bible Commentary*.

The Montana Conference meeting room was standing-room only as each club brought support. Family and friends occasionally whispered a guess to their audience neighbors, and several brought Bibles to look up answers. Team members offered smiles and soft giggles when they answered a question correctly — and gave an occasional sigh when an answer was wrong.

All three clubs explained to the audience some of their

preparation efforts for the Bible bowl. Five Falls Sentinels asked club leaders and church members to write preparation questions for them to study, and they listened to audio CDs of the Corinthians. The Livingston Wolverines, directed by Jeff Martin, said they read each book multiple times, trying to concentrate on names and events. The Rimrockers, directed by Dale Sanford, divided the two books into sections for each team member to become an "expert" on their assigned section.

Bozeman-area church members served in different

ways. The team judges were Doug Meharry, Jim Jenkins and Susan Loor. Bette Wheeling, Ray Wheeling and Melanie Stroud were scorekeepers. Tammy Harris, Eric Beavon and David Prest served as "appeal judges."

The Montana Conference event was hosted by Kristi Rich, Montana Conference Pathfinder Bible achievement program coordinator, and Archie Harris, Montana Conference Pathfinder director and youth/education leader.

Twyla Geraci, event attendee

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In Scripture, Paul frequently compares living the Christ-filled life to running a race. Taking that analogy seriously as we sprint for the finish line of our original \$6.1 million capital campaign, Columbia (Wash.) Adventist Academy's mascot, Kody the Kodiak bear, emerged from a year-long hibernation (in spite of delayed spring weather) in preparation for March 13 and his second-annual "waddling" of the Portland Shamrock Run. The run not only became a focus for CAA fundraising but was also a benefit for the Doernbecker Children's Hospital in Portland, Ore.

With all the rain and the lingering cold weather that continued to haunt us, it wasn't easy getting back into shape in the Northwest, but nothing

worthwhile in life comes easily. Last year, Kody ran with the encouragement of two students and a staff member, raising \$104,000 for the building fund. This year, nine students, three staff members and friends, a parent, and a grandparent ran with Kody. When asked why he chose to participate by running and fundraising, Gregory Salsbery, a CAA senior, said, "I really enjoy running and I like helping our school, so being involved fits perfectly for me." Matthew Butte, CAA principal, said that his goal was to have the event bring in more than \$100,000 with the help of the community. While the event actually raised just under \$50,000, that could mean a possible \$100,000, as an anonymous donor has pledged

\$250,000, matching all funds and pledges received for the building fund conditional on a total of \$250,000 having been raised by the end of April. Peggy Prah, CAA board chair and mother of a CAA alum and current junior, said, "I love it when the students come together as a team and catch a vision that focuses on the larger community in addition to their school." Prah continued by sharing she never had an academy experience and doesn't even remember who her high school principal was. She concluded by saying, "The positive influence the principal, teachers and kids at CAA have on each other is amazing and will last a lifetime."

As the training for the 5-K run culminated in significant fundraising for the school, we realize that

as a school, the "training" of our students is of highest importance in accomplishing our goals. Those goals are to reflect Christ and to see God's character in all academic disciplines. In 2011, we hope to graduate 33 students who have realized those goals as well as to graduate a capital campaign that has reached completion. As Paul said, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith."

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Klamath Falls Women's Retreat

Come Thirsty — Drink Deeply

Come Thirsty — Drink Deeply was the theme for the Klamath Falls (Ore.) women's ministry retreat held at their local Adventist Christian school Feb. 25–26.

Messages for the event were presented by Tawny Sportsman, Oregon Conference women's ministry coordinator for area three.

Participants were asked to come thirsty for a deeper relationship with Jesus: the Living Water. Leaders presented the concept that just as lack of water weakens the body, spiritual thirst can be harmful to the soul. Sportsman offered

several creative ways to reignite that first real love encounter with Jesus and showed the importance of growing that relationship daily through quality time, Bible study and modeling unconditional love.

Sportsman also shared a technique for Scripture memorization. She suggested typing out passages using different colors or using bold type for every other Bible verse and then putting passages on cards that can be carried around your home. In this way, one may read them often. Those trying this during the retreat found it quite effective.

Prizes were given out to the first six women who could quote a given number of Scriptures.

Attendees were also invited to join Step Sisters, a "stay-in-His-steps" walking program that asks you to step up spiritually, step out in outreach ministry, and step away by physically walking.

Lunch was provided by the women's ministry team, and decorations enhanced the atmosphere.

Participants enjoyed the fellowship and look forward to implementing what was gleaned from the meetings.

Marcia Mollenkopf, Klamath Falls Church Sabbath School superintendent

Memory verse contest winners are from left: Teresa Panossian, Bobi Crenshaw, Faye Wehrley, Marcelina Bernal, Tawny Sportsman (retreat speaker), Amy Herzberg and Dianna Hastings.



Pathfinder Sabbath Event in Springfield Oregon

As hosts to Oregon Pathfinder clubs participating in the Bible Achievement Event, the Springfield (Ore.) Church provided a home for the Pathfinder Sabbath program and events on Feb. 26.

Ben and Becky Gerling, Springfield's new Pathfinder leaders, proved to be exceptional guides for youth- and adult-Pathfinder staff. An attitude of joy and service permeated the event. The string band, headed by Becky Gerling on keyboard, led an active song service. A sign language song, "Lord, Let Your Light Shine on Us," was signed in rounds by two groups of white-gloved Springfield Pathfinders.

Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference Pathfinder director and youth leader, gave the message for Sabbath worship service.

Wood led a group of Pathfinders presenting a theme text activity where participants made body-language movements from I Corinthians 16: 13-14: "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

Each Pathfinder chose a nature picture to be projected on the main sanctuary screen. Bonnie Gladden, staff member, chose flowers because their beauty reminds her of God's love. One Pathfinder chose worms because he thinks they are awesome and God is awesome too. Several chose rocks, showing beauty can come from pressure and adversity.

The afternoon was spent hearing guest-Pathfinder



Springfield (Ore.) Pathfinders lead song service.

groups answer Bible questions from I and II Corinthians, developed by Reggie Mass and presented by Paul Betlinski, quiz master. Questions were challenging and sought to prepare them to face earthly problems with the "sword of His word."

The Pleasant Valley and Riverside clubs won first-place certificates and a chance to

participate in the March 12 union-level event in Gladstone, Ore. The top score of the day was considered the highest score. Every participating team earning 90 percent of the top score, received a first-place certificate and the opportunity to move to the next level. The final national event was held at Andrews University on April 15 and 16.

Oregon teams winning on Feb. 26 were:

- Riverside, first place
- Pleasant Valley, first place
- Milo, second place
- Beaverton, second place
- South Santiam, second place.

After the award presentations, clubs and supporters were invited back to the fellowship hall where Frankie Stebbeds, longtime Springfield Pathfinder director and current division leader, and staff had decorated the hall with mementos, trophies, patches, sashes, vintage uniforms and photos of past years in Pathfinders. Popcorn and fruit were provided as Pathfinders and supporters caught up on news.

Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church member

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Portland Adventist Academy Abolitionist Movement

Portland Adventist Academy students are joining the fight against human trafficking.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery that includes forced labor and sexual exploitation. It has become a serious problem in the Port-

land, Ore., area, often affecting teens. That's why PAA students have organized the Portland Adventist Academy Abolitionist Movement (PAA AM).

Students in the movement take the cause seriously. "When I first heard about human traf-

ficking it really affected me," says Lauren Lewis, senior and PAA AM leader. "Hearing the stories and seeing girls on the street that are my age breaks my heart. So I want to stand for something that affects my town and makes an immediate difference."

PAA AM meets weekly to share information on practical ways to help. They plan events like chapel and a special youth church called The Summit, where they educate classmates on the topic.

Recently PAA AM traveled to the state capitol to participate in an anti-human trafficking rally organized by the Oregon Center for Christian Values, an advocacy group that played a

key role in recent anti-sex trafficking bills in Oregon.

Tim Erich, head of the PAA social studies department, sponsored the trip and wishes all students were active in their community. "It's very encouraging to see our young people getting involved to protect other kids their age," he says. "They've even volunteered to testify before the Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee. It could make a very big difference in the life of a teenager on the street."

PAA AM has a Facebook site where fans can learn practical ways to help the cause.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Lauren Lewis, PAA AM leader, decorates a chalk sign to help catch fellow students' attention at PAA.



Somerset Lodge Branch Sabbath School

Every Sabbath morning at 9:15 you can hear organ music and singing coming from the chapel on the third floor of the Somerset Lodge retirement facility located on the same street as the Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church.

Each week some 15-20 seniors are there for the beginning of Sabbath School. In 2008, Terry Daniel was teaching a Sabbath School class at the church and was asked by Delpha Price, a member of his class, if he would be willing to teach over at the Lodge. He agreed and has been teaching there ever since.

Price, 98, says, "I plan the Lodge program, which includes

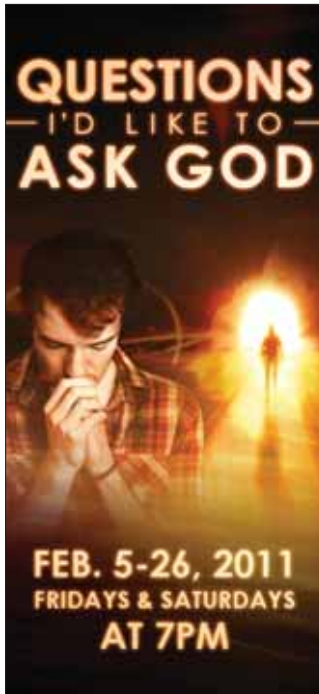
the opening song service with organ accompaniment by Dolly Walters, 98, a previous organist at the church. Then Dona Daniel, current church secretary, gives the mission story, and her husband, Terry Daniel, teaches the lesson. This has been a real missionary class over the years, as many non-Adventists have attended."

Elsie Brown, 96, a church member and Lodge resident, collects the offerings and acts as the secretary. Offerings have been as high as \$70.

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church co-communication leader



Questions I'd Like to Ask God



What questions would you ask God if you had the opportunity? The Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore., has opened its doors as a place people can come together to pose questions, have important conversations and explore possible answers. In February, the church held a seminar entitled Questions I'd Like to Ask God every Friday and Saturday evening. There were also Saturday-morning sessions entitled Journey of the Heart.

Jim Robertson, pastor and writer; Scott LeMert, Sunnyside senior pastor; and Jonathan Russell, Sunnyside associate pastor, spoke for the evening sessions. JoAnne Chitwood,

author, film producer and registered hospice nurse, presented on Saturday mornings.

Evening session themes posed thought-provoking questions, such as "How could a loving God like You allow suffering and evil?" "Do all religions lead to You?," and "How can I be sure the Bible is true?"

Sabbath-morning sessions focused on transforming painful experiences into healing opportunities, where our actions come from, living authentically and the power of friendships.

The seminars were also streamed live on the church website. Those watching online could chat with Sunnyside pastors during the presentation to

ask for clarification, pose questions or share thoughts.

The goal of the seminar was to generate conversations about God, foster a love for and working knowledge of the Bible, and initiate fellowship between church members and people from a largely unchurched community. Approximately 20 guests attended and nearly double that amount tuned in online.

The next series will be on the church website, www.sunnyside-sda.org, under "Media" and "Ask God." This will also include the Journey of the Heart series.

Phyllis Foster Woods, Sunnyside

'Soup's On' for WWU Nursing Students

For some time, the Sunnyside (Ore.) Church had an unfulfilled desire to reach out to the Walla Walla University nursing students who live in the dorm next door. When Jonathan Russell, pastor, joined the team, he stepped up to the plate to make that outreach desire become a reality.

What began with a Friday soup and bread night has expanded to include Monday-night meals. An abundance of helpers keep the students well fed on Monday evenings and the first Friday evening of each month.

Dale and Karen Davies, Bill and Ruby Hohensee, Jim and Carmen Newell, and Konnie Geschke co-lead the ministry. Erik and Alice Nielsen coordinate the Friday-night events. Other "heroes" include Lloyd and Lori Wescott; Sylvia Bokich; Cliff and Betty Sorensen; and Eileen Stuart, the dormitory dean. Many other Sunnyside Church members participate from time to time and enjoy the opportunity to become acquainted with students.

The number of students who take advantage of this opportunity to "chat and nibble" is usually between 40-50. As

word about these events continues to spread, young adults who don't attend WWU have started dropping in on Friday and Monday evenings as well. Students have indicated they not only appreciate good food and a welcome break in their busy schedules, but also the opportunity to visit with one another and get to know the "food crew." Stuart says it is a joy to see the students come out of their rooms or other study locations to spend a few moments of fellowship and friendship together.

Phyllis Foster Woods



Walla Walla University students enjoy soup and bread night.

Church Member Billboard

Jefferson Clark has a new name: Bill Board. His picture first appeared on fliers advertising the community colleges of Spokane, Wash., which were distributed in mailboxes throughout Northeastern Washington. The same picture and advertisement is now displayed on many billboards in Spokane and surrounding areas.

Clark, a member of the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church, is from Bartlett, Neb. His accomplishments at the community college



in Colville, Wash., include the role as president of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, as

well as the Associated Student Body for the 2009–2010 school year and other leadership roles

throughout the current school year. Clark plans to continue his education at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., next August and complete a major in accounting or computer engineering.

Marilyn Morgan, Kettle Falls Church clerk

First-Adventurer Sabbath for Pasco Takoda Eagles

It's not every Sabbath church members watch their Adventurers do a grand march through the sanctuary with flags and smiles. Yet on March 12, the Pasco (Wash.) Church had that privilege. Children then wished the church a "Happy Sabbath" with a full salute and sang the Adventurer theme song. The Pasco Takoda Eagles participated in Adventurer Sabbath for the first time.

The theme for the day was Adventurers and Their Church. Club members and leaders, along with parents, presented the entire church service from start to finish. Members were pleasantly surprised to see the children use sign language.

Lisa Ortiz and the Adventurer worship team led the congregation in seven children's songs for the opening service. They were accompanied by the Pasco

Ukulele Choir (as directed by Bonnie Becraft and pianist Kemunto Kakumba). Intertwined multicolored ribbons were used by Darlene Winter, Little Lambs' instructor, to explain how the Adventurer curriculum unites the local church and club members' families in growing a Christ-centered and service-loving club member.

"I'm in the Lord's Army" and "Only a Boy Named David"

delighted the congregation as the club provided special music. Phil VanLanen, Adventurer drill instructor, provided a children's sermon to the congregation by role playing as the apostle Peter sharing what it was like to be a friend of Jesus with his "nephew" Adventurer Caleb Shirinzadeh. Adventurer-Club members and leaders appreciated the presence of Lori Hinger, Richland (Wash.) Orcas Club director, and Anita Lebold, Upper Columbia Conference southern regional director, and her husband, Tom, at the service and the numerous positive affirmations following the service.

Valarie Young, Pasco Takoda Eagles director



Sowing while Sewing

Sowing while sewing is not new for the Moses Lake (Wash.) Church and their local Community Services — otherwise known as ACS of LOVE. For more than a year now, one Sunday out of the month, women, men and children from the church and community have gathered to sow seeds of love while sewing quilts. These benefit new moms and babies who receive services from the Crossroads Resource Center (the local crisis pregnancy center).

Friends, neighbors and other people they reach out to are invited to join them for this sewing outreach event.

There is something for everyone to do: tie quilts, turn, pin, sort squares, cut batting and sew quilts together. While parents are busy, the children make pin cushions and paint fabric for blanket squares.

Later, the blankets are laid out over the back of the pews and chairs in the sanctuary. The congregation lays hands on them and asks for the Lord's blessings to be upon the quilts and the recipients of those who receive them.

Patricia Wride, ACS of LOVE director



Pictured here, from left are: Frankie Reise, Don Blasdehl and Betty Bischoff, three of the volunteers who participate in ACS of LOVE with their "Sowing while Sewing" local mission project.

UCA Elementary Health Fair

On March 10, children, parents and people from the community converged at Upper Columbia Adventist Elementary School to have a taste of some healthy cookin', glean knowledge about health issues and participate in a health screening.

Local "chefs" held cooking demonstrations and shared their best and healthiest recipes with anyone interested. School parents brought their own healthy dishes of varied food genres. Everyone enjoyed trying casseroles, homemade bread, soups, tofu spreads, fruits and desserts. One of the favorites of the night was chocolate vegan ice cream, which disappeared very quickly.

Students from the fifth through eighth grade classroom

got to share information from their research about various health issues on science fair displays that included a myriad of interactive activities. People were timed while holding up dumb-

bells to learn about resistance training and health. Others got to hold and pet a parrot to learn about the benefit of having pets. Some took surveys to test their knowledge of the effects of abor-

tion, pregnancy and laughter on one's health.

In another room, people of all ages enjoyed learning their "health age" by filling out a survey, taking flexibility and strength tests, and getting their blood pressure and BMI checked.

All those who came enjoyed the food without guilt, were glad to know how to live healthier and were more informed about multiple health issues. UCA Elementary hopes to do a health fair again in the future to help their community continue to make healthy choices for eternity.

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication associate



Mission with a Purpose:

It's Little Things



Nathan Wride, 18, and Gordon Redmer, 87, hold up the *Signs of the Times*.

Gordon Redmer, 87, has been a member of the Moses Lake (Wash.) Church since the early 1950s. He has served in many capacities, but recently little mission projects he has participated in, come to light. These are projects that otherwise may have gone unnoticed by the congregation.

One mission is Christian Record Services. Redmer goes from one vendor to another, locally distributing Robbies (little robots collecting coins), so blind children may have the opportunity to attend a camp hosted by Christian Record. Redmer collects the donated funds monthly.

Another ministry heralded by Redmer is the distribution of the *Signs of the Times*. For years, Redmer received the *Signs of the Times* and arranged with vendors to host *Signs* boxes, going from vendor to vendor distributing the latest issues. As a result of this ministry, the Discover Bible School has been re-established for the Moses Lake Church. Each month, new requests for Bible studies arrive.

“It is exciting!” Nathan Wride, 18, states. “I believe the *Signs of the Times* and the Discover Bible School are exciting ways to get to know people and what their needs are so we can pray for them. We only pray the Lord will allow us to build a relationship with the people who are responding. Fishing for souls is very rewarding. Just think of what a difference the

Adventist Church can make nationwide if we all distributed the *Signs of the Times* in large quantities?”

In addition to distributing 300 *Signs/50 El Centinelas* each month, Wride and his family head up the Discover Bible School for Moses Lake.

“Love has feet and is ACTION, as my Mom says!” Wride says. “It is easy to leave behind a legacy of love if one just looks around and reaches out to others. Besides my parents, Gordon has been instrumental in my life in sharing that love. I wouldn’t be involved in the *Signs of the Times* if it were not for Gordon. It may be the little things we do, but I am living proof — little things do make a difference!”

Patricia Wride, Moses Lake Church communication leader

St. Maries Christian School

Presents Puppet Medley

The St. Maries (Idaho) Christian School Hands of Faith puppeteers presented their first program Tuesday evening, March 22, at the school to more than 35 guests. Using the puppets, the students acted out five songs.

These performances included: “Old Moses” (Moses and the burning bush) and “A Place of Beginning Again” (the woman caught in adultery) by Pat and Calvin Taylor; “Here Kitty, Kitty” (Daniel in the lion’s den) and “When Pigs Fly” (Jesus casting the demons into the herd of pigs)

by Buddy Houghtaling; and “He’s Alive” by Lynne and Gwynne Baldrige.

The school thanks Aleida Quick, teacher, and Sue Clark, aide, for the ingenuity and hard work they put in to make this an enjoyable program. Students will soon be presenting the same program at the local nursing home.

To check out a photo gallery of the event, go to <http://stmaries22.adventistschoolconnect.org>.

Martha George, School Board chair



With puppets, the students act out the song “When Pigs Fly” showing when Jesus cast out demons into the herd of pigs.

Orthodox Priest baptized in Coeur d'Alene Church



On Sabbath, Oct. 30, Athanasios-Paul Thompson, Orthodox priest, officially retired and was baptized at the Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Adventist Church. This was a statement of commitment to both his faith in Christ and the Adventist message.

In November 2009, he and his wife, Mae, picked up a brochure for the Life Discovery series at his daughter's home in Sacramento, Calif. The two decided to check it out. After the first weekend, they cleared their schedules and traveled once a week from

where they resided in Southern California. They didn't miss a session of the series conducted by Jim Reinking, Northwest evangelist, at the Orangevale (Calif.) Church.

As a high-ranking priest, Thompson was one of five individuals who bore a ring from the Patriarch in Alexandria, Egypt, as a symbol of their special relationship. Thompson spent much of his ministry in the world of religious diplomacy. He often went on missions on behalf of the Patriarch and on occasion met with church leaders and heads of state. In 2000, he was one of 75 individuals who were present when Pope John Paul II and the Patriarch Shenouda III met and embraced, removing the excommunications each side had from the time of the separation of Eastern Orthodox churches from the Roman Catholic Church.

Before becoming a priest, Thompson first learned of the Sabbath and about Adventism from a literature evangelist.

Furthermore, he was a protégé of Walter Martin, an expert on cults. For seven years he became an expert in his own right, defending Adventists against cult accusations and defending the biblical Sabbath. He reports there are some 200,000 Orthodox who keep Sabbath in the Middle East while also observing Sunday. On one occasion, he successfully defended Ethiopian Orthodox Sabbath-keepers who the local hierarchy had determined must cease from Sabbath observance. He has led priests, monks and some bishops in both the Orthodox and Catholic worlds to embrace the Sabbath.

As the Orangevale series progressed, Thompson became deeply convicted and made the decision to leave orthodoxy. He and Reinking spent many hours in conversation in the process. Leaving orthodoxy was very difficult, but he determined to follow his conscience. He now holds membership in the Northern California Conference. Jim Pedersen, Northern California Conference president, was of immeasurable help in Thompson's transition.

Jim Reinking, Northwest evangelist

Pictured here, from left are: Andreas Millas, pastor; Athanasios-Paul Thompson, Orthodox priest; and Jim Reinking, Northwest evangelist.



Moses Lake Sponsors

Family Fun Craft Night

Putting the love of Christ into ACTION is the goal and objective for ACS of LOVE, otherwise known as the Moses Lake (Wash.) Adventist Community Services.

On Feb. 23, ACS of LOVE members, church members and people they provide outreach to gathered together in the multi-

purpose room at the Crestview Christian School in Moses Lake, to host a free family fun craft night for children and parents of their school, kindergarten, preschool, and the Brite Beginnings daycare.

Tables were set up like a horseshoe around the room with each table representing

a craft station so children and parents could visit and allow their imaginative juices to flow.

Children, who would otherwise be overly rambunctious and rowdy, were quiet and delighted as they went, like bees, from one craft station to another creating their masterpieces and running back to

their parents to hold their treasures. Parents also got into the act, along with grandparents. Snacks and juice were offered. It was a joyous occasion for all.

Patricia Wride, ACS of LOVE director

Training Forums Focus on Evangelism

Church growth is a hot topic in national media this spring with the release of the National Council of Church's yearbook and prominent articles in publications such as *USA Today*.

But church growth is not a new topic. Some Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America experience little or no growth, or decline altogether. The Washington Conference recently invited pastors and their leadership teams to a church growth practicum to lead church teams through a variety of proven church growth concepts and principles and to discuss: "What does a healthy, growing church look like?"

"Adventist churches are primarily worship-centric," says



HEIDI MARTELLA
Hillary Schlehuder, from the Volunteer Park Church in Seattle, Wash., participates in a church growth discussion with leaders from her church during Washington Conference's first church growth practicum in March.

Bill McClendon, Washington Conference ministerial director and church growth expert. "We're suggesting an evangelism-centric model of ministry to see unprecedented growth for God's kingdom."

The three-day practicum featured a variety of presentations such as mission and purpose, identifying roadblocks, committing to the Gospel Commission of Matthew 28, developing an evangelistic plan, understanding the characteristics of healthy churches, creating a culture of discipleship, and mobilizing members for ministry. A tabletop exercise followed each session and allowed church teams to immediately discuss church growth concepts and develop plans.

In all, 14 churches with more than 120 leaders participated in the first church growth practicum. Additional practicums will be offered in August 2011.

Purposeful Ministry

The evangelism focus of ministry extends beyond the

church growth forum. Women's ministry leaders from Western Washington met in mid-February for a leadership training session with Eileen States, new women's ministry director.

States challenged the 50 leaders in attendance to be intentional about integrating evangelism into ministering to women. "Stay little' in ministry and 'live intentionally' to point people to Jesus," says States.

The forum also provided an opportunity for leaders to network and share ideas for effective ministry to women and families.

Expanding Ministry

John Miller, Washington Conference literature ministries coordinator, continues to expand the Giving Light to Our World ministry by offering training sessions to equip churches to participate in monthly GLOW activities, such as regularly distributing pocket-sized tracts and conducting community surveys.

Miller provided 20 ministry leaders in mid-February with practical resources and advice to involve their church in door-to-door outreach and evangelism.

"Training is important for equipping people for ministry," says McClendon. "It is even more important for members to apply their training and get involved in ministry. You learn how to do a ministry by doing a ministry."

Raschelle Casebier, Washington Conference communication apprentice, with Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

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Eileen States, Washington Conference women's ministry director, challenges leaders at a mid-February women's leadership conference in Federal Way, Wash., to be intentional about integrating evangelism into women's ministry.

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Adventists Continue Involvement with VegFest

Each year, thousands of people who follow a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle or who are curious about vegetarian food attend VegFest in Seattle, Wash.

Vegetarians of Washington, one of the largest vegetarian organizations in the United States, produces the annual food festival and involves more than 1,000 volunteers who serve hundreds



HEIDI MARTELLA

of vegetarian food samples. Each of the six nutrition and health lecturers at VegFest this year were by Adventist doctors practicing in Western Washington.

“Many people recognize the health and other benefits of vegetarian food choices, but they are not sure what to eat, what to buy and how to cook it,” say VegFest organizers. “This festival provides all the support that people need, and it’s fun too.”

The Adventist booth provides people with vegetarian food-pyramid handouts, upcoming health events, health and religious literature, and food samples from the Adventist Book Center.

“VegFest focuses on the physical, spiritual and environmental benefits of vegetarian food, so it is a good fit for the Adventist Church to be involved and represented particularly from the physical and spiritual perspective,” says Nussy Pittau, Washington Conference health ministry director.

VegFest, now in its 10th year, is offered every March at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, and attracts nearly 15,000 people from western Washington and beyond.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director



Volunteers staff an Adventist lifestyle booth at VegFest and share literature and food samples with people who are curious about physical and spiritual health.

Washington Conference Affirms Church Elders

In an affirmation of church elders, Washington Conference held a conference-wide elders’ meeting in late March to dialogue about mission, ministry, responsibilities, needed resources and commitment. Nearly 150 elders attended, including a handful of pastors.

“Elders are part of our ministerial team,” says Bill McClenon, Washington Conference ministerial director. “We believe God has called these people to ministry in their community and we want to resource and dialogue with them.”

The *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* explains how elders should be strong religious and spiritual leaders, capable of



Church elders spend time in prayer groups to petition God to guide in church ministry.

ministerial services in association with the pastor or during the absence of a pastor at a local church.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, opened the presentations by sharing the Reach Washington strategic

plan. Conference officials also presented evangelism, membership and financial reports.

Afternoon sessions affirmed local elders, explored the calling of an elder and explained the role of an elder. These sessions were followed by breakout groups where church leaders could dialogue and discuss the role of an elder. A time of consecration invited elders to live out God’s call to take the gospel message to our world.

“Our elder team,” says Diane Vyskocil, Bellingham (Wash.) elder, “appreciated a carefully planned and information-rich day with resources as a bonus.”

Heidi Martella

Donors Fund Campus Improvements

Visit Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., and you'll notice some changes on campus. An avenue of flowering pink cherry trees lines the front roadway, an attractive brick security fence surrounds the front perimeter of campus, and the single-pane windows in Rainier Auditorium are now replaced with wood siding.

Elsewhere on campus, new landscaping adds natural beauty and new boilers provide better and more efficient heating.

"Some people ask: 'Why are you spending money to improve the facility? Why aren't you using the money for scholarships?'" says Samir Ber-



HEIDI MARTELLA
Rainier Auditorium on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., is warmer and more energy efficient after replacing single-pane windows with wood siding.

bawy, AAA principal. "Here's the reason: Donors tell us how they want their donations used. Some people donate to capital improvements, and some donate to student scholarships. As an organization, we honor and respect our donors' wishes."

The funding for capital improvement comes from a

variety of sources, with donors providing a majority of the funding.

"The funding for the gym renovations, landscaping, fencing, new boilers and double-pane windows is donor-driven," says Jerry Russell, Washington Conference vice president for finance and

AAA management committee member.

The installation expense for two boilers was the only capital improvement expense not funded by donors. The five-year-old boilers, though, were a donation from the Bonney Lake (Wash.) High School after the boiler company connected the two schools.

"We have to take care of our physical campus to provide an environment for learning," Berbawy says. "We appreciate our donors who partner with us to improve our campus."

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Children Demonstrate Compassion with Stuffed Animals

Second-grade students from Buena Vista Elementary School in Auburn, Wash., learned about compassion and community service during a fieldtrip in February.

Each child created a stuffed animal — from lions and bears to puppies and koalas — for the local fire department to distribute to children they encounter.

"This is the second year the second grade created stuffed animals to donate to other children," says Sheri Crooker, teacher. "The previous time we made bears during the Christmas season and donated

them to a safe house for women and their children. This year, to do things a little different, we decided to share love with our community in conjunction with Valentine's Day."

After creating the stuffed animals, the students met with Jay Coon, Auburn Academy Church associate pastor and Auburn Police and Fire Department chaplain. Coon had a special prayer for the children who made the stuffed animals and the children who would receive them.

The students then visited Fire Station 31 where they presented

their animals to firefighters and participated in a child-friendly tour of the station.

"It was really fun and nice for us to make animals for the kids who are sad or scared," says

Emily Cordova, second-grade student. "I hope it will make them feel better."

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista Elementary School parent



International Communications

New Major Opens Worldwide Doors



CHRIS DRAKE

Cassy Collins is one of eight international communication majors at Walla Walla University this year. This is the first year WWU has offered this program and interest in it is growing.

For Cassy Collins, language has always been a passion, but the big question is: What do you do with a language major?

The creation of the international communication major at Walla Walla University fit her interests perfectly, finding the medium where communications and languages collide. This international communication degree combines the best of a mass communication degree and a language degree giving students diverse opportunities.

“For me, it’s just a perfect fit,” says Collins, who is a senior Spanish and international communication major at WWU. “It hits all of the points I love.”

The 2010–2011 academic year was the debut for this unique major. Currently, WWU is the only Adventist university in North America offering an international communication major.

“We’re providing a curriculum to help our students be extraordinarily prepared in the rapidly changing media

environment,” says Nancy Semotiuk, chair of the communications and languages department at WWU. “In a global environment, strong communication and language skills are vital. New and exciting opportunities are opening for students and graduates in international venues, as employers increasingly seek graduates with bilingual skills.”

“The new program meets a strong interest for students seeking opportunities to use their writing, speaking and

graphic communication skills in an international setting,” says David Bullock, WWU professor of communications.

Jerry Hartman, assistant professor of communications, says that creating a major in this integrated field of work just made sense.

“It’s a degree that crosses over in all the communication disciplines,” Hartman says. “We see it as a really good niche field.”

And that is exactly what Collins needed. This new major allows her to use both her love of culture and communication.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupation Handbook for 2010–2011, “the need for good public relations in an increasingly competitive and global business environment should spur demand for ... those with specialized knowledge or international experience. Employees who possess additional language capabilities are also in great demand.”

Requirements for the major include spending at least one quarter abroad in either Spain or France and participating in an international internship during their time away. This is the most exciting part for Collins. She has spent a summer in France, a school year in Spain, and plans to spend an additional school year in France participating in the internship program.

Jennifer Jorgenson, WWU student

Larry Dodds Celebrates a Career Dedicated to Mission

After almost 40 years of dedicated service at Adventist Health, Larry Dodds, executive vice president and COO, is retiring. While he is looking forward to trading his suit and tie for something better suited for spending time with his grandchildren, he will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends.

“Larry has been a dedicated and skillful leader in our system. We will miss his talents and management acumen,” says Robert G. Carmen, Adventist Health president and CEO.

Career Beginnings

Dodds says his health-care career was providential. His life was interrupted when the Army drafted him during the Vietnam War, and he was stationed in Washington, D.C., as part of Operation Whitecoat. While golfing, Dodds was introduced to the brother of a hospital CEO. The connections made during the golf game helped Dodds land his first job in healthcare.

Time at Adventist Health

Two years later, in 1973, he joined Verticare, a forerunner of Adventist Health in the Northwest. In 1979, he became associate administrator at Walla Walla General Hospital, and shortly after was appointed senior vice president at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore. In 1983, Dodds was promoted to AMC president and CEO.



Larry Dodds has served at Adventist Health for nearly 40 years. He is known for his passion for the mission and will be missed.

“Larry’s passion for mission fulfillment made him a driving force for mission at our hospital and throughout the system,” says Tom Russell, current AMC president and CEO.

Fifteen years later, Dodds became senior vice president at Adventist Health’s corporate office and was later promoted to his current role, where his emphasis on mission continued.

Church Involvement

During his career, Dodds participated in many church activities, from teaching children’s Sabbath School to local church leadership, as well as serving on the Oregon Conference executive committee, the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee and the Walla Walla University board.

As a young man, Dodds knew he wanted to work for

the church and has valued his time spent on these committees. “These activities have enriched my life,” says Dodds. “Seeing the challenges church leaders face and their dedication to the work is inspiring.”

“Dodds’ efforts have contributed significantly to helping the church remain faithful to its holistic mission,” says Max Torkelsen, NPUC president. “I have appreciated his ability to enable group consensus and articulate a conclusion that brings unity and direction.”

Plans for Retirement

Dodds and his wife, Jane, plan to move to Walla Walla to be closer to their children, grandchildren and her parents, who all live in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to time with family, Dodds is interested in doing volunteer and mission work with schools, hospitals or “wherever the Lord might lead.”

Reflections

Dodds says the people and the relationships formed over the years are what he will miss most. His workplace philosophy of spiritual mission first, quality care and patient experience second and business outcomes last, guided him as an advocate for mission. This was evident, as he lived that philosophy every day, and it is the legacy he leaves behind.

Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

Barmore 95th

Mildred Viola (Fisher) Whomble Harvey Barmore celebrated her 95th birthday at a dinner party at her home in Florence, Ore., on Nov. 18, 2010.

“Millie” was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Wray, Colo., to Edith (Cox) and Milton Fisher Jr. Since her mother died when she was 3 weeks old, Millie was raised by her paternal grandparents Milton and Rosa (Mauer) Fisher, who had already raised 11 children. Her late brothers were Robert and Jack Fisher. When she was 14, she was baptized into the Adventist Church.



Mildred Barmore

She married Charlie Whomble and had one daughter. In 1939, Millie married Phil Harvey and had two more daughters. In 1956, Phil and Millie moved from Texas (where they owned and operated motels), to Eugene, Ore. There Phil sold real estate and Millie worked as a licensed practical nurse. After their retirement, they moved to Florence. Phil died in 1984. Millie married Fred Barmore in 1987, and they live in Florence, Ore.

Millie credits her longevity to the Lord’s blessings and to good health. Millie has served the Adventist Church as a Kindergarten leader, head deaconess, Sabbath School teacher and secretary, and has been active in Adventist Community Services. She loves

reading, watching 3ABN, crocheting, oil painting, crossword puzzles, baking cookies and spending time with family.

Millie’s family includes daughters, Betty (Whomble) and Donald Malm of Springfield, Ore.; Joan (Harvey) and Ronald Case of Lacey, Wash.; Carolyn (Harvey) Czeratzki and James Markle of Florence, Ore.; stepsons, Fritz and Beverly Barmore of Yachats, Ore.; Phil and Judy Barmore of Berkeley Heights, N.J.; Warren and Margie Barmore of Prosser, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 8 step-great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Blair 100th

Orval Blair celebrated his 100th birthday on Nov. 21, 2010, at a reception hosted by his family. It was held in the Lents Church fellowship hall in Portland, Ore., and was attended by 125 family members and friends.

Orval was born in Portland in the Portland Adventist Sanitarium on Nov. 22, 1910. His parents were charter members of the Lents Church. He attended school in Lents, Laurelwood and at Doremus School (which was the forerunner of Portland Union Academy and Portland Adventist Academy).

He married Ardoth Taylor on June 25, 1931, in Medford, Ore.



Orval Blair

He moved back to Portland in 1943 and worked in the shipyard during the remainder of the war. He worked for the conference in trucking and moving for 31 years and retired in 1976. He married Evelyn Cox in August of 1980.

Family came from Michigan, California and Washington to help him celebrate. His family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Terry Blair; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; a stepson and wife, Larry and Becky McClintock; 5 step-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren and a step-great-great-grandchild.

Moots 60th

Dick and Dudie Moots celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 26, 2010, at their home in Troy, Mont. Their whole family, including their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present.

They met while attending school in Lamberton, Minn. After getting married, they made friends with Darryl and Elaine Anderson and began weekly Bible studies with them. They accepted Christ and the Adventist message and were baptized.

Dick worked at the Ford garage in Lamberton and Sandborn, Minn., and later as a mechanic for the Chevy garage in Windom, Minn. In 1965, they moved their family to Molalla, Ore. There Dick worked in the Chevy garage and later started his own auto mechanic business. Dudie had a few part-time jobs but mainly worked as a full-time homemaker. In 1972, they had their seventh child.

After retirement in 1996, they moved to Troy. Four of their children lived in the area. They joined the Libby Church in Libby, Mont., and have been active ever since, Dick as a deacon



Dick and Dudie Moots

and Dudie as deaconess and assistant church treasurer, as well as other things.

Their family includes Arlyn and Rita (Clarke) Moots of Molalla, Ore.; Robbin and Steve Chapman of Medford, Ore.; Debbie and Grant Crawford of Libby, Mont.; Dawn and Jeff Pownall of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Reid and Sally (Centon) Moots of Troy; Brent and Claudia (Raab) Moots of Moyie Springs, Idaho; Holly and Chris Brown of West Linn, Ore.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Woodbury 50th

John and Carol Lynn Woodbury celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 25, 2010, with a very special card party and a small family luncheon at Fort Wright-Mukagawa in Spokane, Wash.

John grew up in southern Idaho, graduating from Gem State Academy, in Caldwell, Idaho. Carol Lynn spent most of her childhood in College Place, Wash., and the Puget Sound area. She graduated from Upper Columbia Academy, in Spangle, Wash. John and Carol Lynn met at Walla Walla College, and John made many trips to the college fountain before he worked up the courage to ask Carol Lynn out for their first date. They were married two years later by Paul Heubach, elder, in Tacoma, Wash.

MILESTONES

After John finished his physical education degree at WWC, he accepted a position as PE instructor and assistant boys' dean at UCA. After four years at UCA they moved to Caldwell, where John taught physical education and history and served as boys' dean at Gem State Academy and Carol Lynn worked in the business office. John completed his master's in education during the summers. With the exception of short assignments at Blue Mountain Academy and Pacific Union College Preparatory School, John spent the remainder of his teaching career at Gem State Academy. In addition to raising three children of their own, John and Carol Lynn loved their many other "kids" and still consider working with young people a rare privilege and joy. They are very proud of their former students.

After John retired from teaching he enjoyed driving buses. Carol Lynn worked at the Upper Columbia Conference office in the ABC store, as a receptionist and as a secretary to the president.

The Woodburys love the outdoors. Many happy vacations have been spent hiking, backpacking and fishing in the mountains of Idaho and Washington. They also consider their Adventist Heritage and Israel trips with the Upper Columbia Conference pastors some of their lifetime highlights.

The Woodbury family includes Gregory and Michelle Jones of Milpitas, Calif.; Michael and Martha Woodbury of Riverside, Calif.; Scott and Kimberly Woodbury of Enumclaw, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

CANFIELD — Curtis James was born June 25, 2010, to Randy and Karalee (Wagner) Canfield, College Place, Wash.

FLORES — Diego Valentin was born March 17, 2011, to Kristian E. and Ivonne C. (Mondaca) Flores, Lake Oswego, Ore.

HALVORSEN — Cora Jade was born Nov. 24, 2010, to Chad and Emily (Ashlock) Halvorsen, Ridgefield, Wash.

INGERSOLL — Autumn Rain was born Feb. 1, 2011, to Daylan and Dawn (Lawson) Ingersoll, Wenatchee, Wash.

LOCKWOOD — Corbin Xavier was born March 29, 2011, to Darren and Aimee (Langston) Lockwood, Troutdale, Ore.

MAINE — Stella Cate was born Oct. 31, 2010, to Joel and Elizabeth (Gotch) Maine, Tri-Cities, Wash.

MARTIN — Andrew James was born Jan. 17, 2011, to Aaron and Jennifer (Rogers) Martin, Nampa, Idaho.

MAYNE — Amy Sue was born Feb. 10, 2011, to William and Christy (Rogers) Mayne, Newberg, Ore.

REEVES — Cora Lynn was born Nov. 29, 2010, to Bryan and Krystle (Brubaker) Reeves, Long Beach, Wash.

SMITH — Aubrey Elizabeth was born March 7, 2011, to David and Valerie (James) Smith, Battle Ground, Wash.

THOMAS — Tyler William was born Jan. 19, 2011, to Hugh W. and Joanne M. (Ulloa) Thomas, Moses Lake, Wash.

WEDDINGS

CRONK-WALLACE — Allyson Cronk and Gerald Wallace were married March 20, 2011, in Spokane, Wash., where they are making their home. Allyson is the daughter of Ron and Pam (Guthrie) Cronk. Gerald is the son of Cliff and Suzanne (Oliver) Wallace.

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

KIRK-PLUBELL — Nari Kirk and Bryan Plubell were married March 20, 2011, in Corbett, Ore. They are making their home in Silverdale, Wash. Nari is the daughter of Stanley and Nancy (Petersen) Kirk. Bryan is the son of Dennis and Barbara (Ledington) Plubell.

PRICE-WESTCOTT — Megan Price and Dustin Westcott were married Feb. 14, 2011, in Walla Walla, Wash., where they are making their home. Megan is the daughter of Bruce and Teresa (White) Price. Dustin is the son of Dan and Kristi Westcott.

TSCHETTER-BILBRO — Donna Marie (Biggar) Tschetter and John W. Bilbro were married Feb. 10, 2011, in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., where they will be spending their winters.

WAGNER-CANFIELD — Karalee Wagner and Randy Canfield were married Dec. 28, 2008, in Walla Walla, Wash., where they are making their home. Karalee is the daughter of James and Kara (Todovovich) Wagner. Randy is the son of Robert and Evelyn (Johnson) Canfield.

AT REST

AERNI — Amy Vee Ette (Vandeventer), 90; born Aug. 6, 1920, Ortonville, Minn.; died Oct. 21, 2010, Poway, Calif. Surviving: sons, David L., Oakland, Ore.; Jerry D., Cocoa, Fla.; Douglas E., Tonasket, Wash.; daughter, Judy V. Show, Poway; sister, Berniece Abel, Tiller, Ore.; 14 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 2 step-great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

ARLANTICO — Nellie (Bangloy), 75; born April 24, 1935, Philippines; died Nov. 3, 2010, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Leandro, Ephrata, Wash.; sons, Erwin; Reggie; daughter, Charilyn Arlantico; brothers, Jeremias Bangloy; Oseas Bangloy; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

BAIRD — Dona N. (Christian), 55; born May 25, 1955, Joseph, Mich.; died Sept. 26, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Gerald, Pendleton, Ore.; daughter, Jeanette Baird, Pendleton; stepfather and mother, Harold and Jean Carlton, Portland, Tenn.; stepmother, Marilyn Christian, Walla Walla; brothers, Donny Christian, Hermiston, Ore.; Jimmy Christian, Walla Walla; and 3 grandchildren.

BOLYARD — Roy L., 84; born May 1, 1926, Chelan, Wash.; died Jan. 16, 2011, Marysville, Wash.; wife, Kathleen (Gilliam); son, Gerald, Arlington, Wash.; daughter, Annette Johnson, Marysville; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

BRAWAND — Charles Louis, 77; born Oct. 12, 1933, Smithers, British Columbia, Canada; died Jan. 9, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, David, Gaston, Ore.; daughters, Gale

Stephens, Brush Prairie, Wash.; Lori Martin, Mt. Vernon, Ore.; Cindy Brawand, Happy Valley, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

CAMPBELL — Betty (Young); born in Ellensburg, Wash.; died June 28, 2010, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Carl W.; son, Danny L., San Diego, Calif.; daughter, Kathy S. Ball, Wenatchee; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

CERVERA — Nicholas J., 31; born July 25, 1979, Haines, Alaska; died Oct. 20, 2010, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Rachel (Waymire), Zillah, Wash.; son, Johnny Cervera, Zillah; daughters, Allyson Cervera and Riliegh Cervera, both of Zillah; stepfather and mother, Kermit and Marilyn (Sawzak) Cervera Browning, Hobart, Wash.; grandmother, Edna (Hovis) Cervera, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Matthew Cervera, Bonney Lake, Wash.; and Silas Browning, Hobart.

COLEMAN — Violet M. (Moore), 85; born May 4, 1925, Loma Linda, Calif.; died Nov. 10, 2010, Ninilchik, Alaska. Surviving: husband, Wayne; sons, Bernie, Kapolei, Hawaii; Andy, Armona, Calif.; Larry, Mesa, Ariz.; Ron, Thorp, Wash.; daughters, Waynette Coleman, Anchor Point, Alaska; Ronda Hansen, Sunnyvale, Calif.; brother, Les Moore, Riverside, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DAVIDSON — Daniel Lee, 87; born Sept. 27, 1923, Parsons, Kan.; died Nov. 19, 2010, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Glenda; daughters, Rosie Bixel, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Bill, Libby, Mont.; Bert, Temple City, Calif.; sister, Peg Pearson, Hermiston, Ore.; 11

grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

EDDENS — Victor L., 51; born Feb. 9, 1950, San Jose, Calif.; died July 3, 2010, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jill Day; son, Jurell, Eugene; stepson, Matthew Curtis, Eugene; daughters, Morgan Eddens, Long Beach, Calif.; Hannah Eddens, Eugene; stepdaughter, Mackenzie Cudaback, Eugene; sisters, Leanetta Eddens, Rio Rancho, N.M.; Leah Pauls Eddens, Fresno, Calif.; Melanie Eddens-McCants, Antioch, Calif.; and Yolanda Eddens, Sacramento, Calif.

FINCH — Gordon A., 78; born April of 1932, Milton, Ore.; died October of 2010, Lake Oswego, Ore. Surviving: wife, Myrlene (Klein); son, Robert, Silverton, Ore.; daughter, Cheryl Larson, Salem, Ore.; brother, LeeRay, Ryderwood, Wash.; and 12 grandchildren.

FLETCHER — M. Duane, 82; born April 13, 1928, Indianola, Neb.; died Oct. 11, 2010, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: wife, Edith (Williamson), Roseburg, Ore.; sons, Donald, Auburn, Wash.; Larry, Winston, Ore.; Kevin, Auburn; daughter, Jeri Lynn Litvin, Hillsboro; brother, C. Weldon, Winchester, Ore.; sister, MaryKay Fletcher, Loma Linda, Calif.; 6 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

FULTZ — Jeannette E., 45; born Feb. 18, 1965, Springfield, Ohio; died July 19, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: father, Herschell, Springfield; mother, Sue Fultz Ward, Medford; half brother, Mark, Mesa, Ariz.; sisters, Terri Edwards, Veneta, Ore.; Lisa VanCleave, Roseburg, Ore.; and half sister, Donna Borg Adams, Roseville, Calif.

GOLL — Edward A., 51; born Oct. 15, 1949; died Nov. 13, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: mother, Lola Goll, Medford; sister, Beverly Goll; and aunt, Beatrice Work.

GRAY — Donald K., 75; born Jan. 11, 1936, Vanceburg, Ky.; died Jan. 24, 2011, Republic, Wash. Surviving: sons, Kevin, Dayton, Nev.; Donald Jr., Republic; Mark, of Utah; daughters, Patti Jo Lemke, Spokane, Wash.; Terry Lemke, Kennewick, Wash.; Sarah Fletcher, Republic; Teresa Starr, Curlew, Wash.; Rebecca Metcalf, Malo, Wash.; brothers, Ron, Clarkston, Wash.; Zane, Spokane; sisters, Kathleen Harmon, Republic; Marlene Kruse, La Center, Wash.; 26 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

HARVEY — Howard H., 84; born Dec. 20, 1925, Fort Dodge, N.D.; died May 2, 2010, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Lou (Budd), Walla Walla, Wash.; sons, Daniel, College Place, Wash.; H. Harland, of Tennessee; daughter, Dove Barlow, College Place; and 6 grandchildren.

HINZ — Dorothy Maxine (Bowman) Jones, 89; born May 25, 1921, Gothenburg, Neb.; died Dec. 16, 2010, Mount Vernon, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert L., Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; son, Terry Jones, Brookfield, N.H.; daughters, Sandra Pirak, Tulalip, Wash.; Julia Bushree, Georgetown, Texas; Kristin Sivula, Long Beach, Calif.; brothers, Rodney Bowman, Omaha, Neb.; Calvin Bowman, Gothenburg; sister, Joann Kozisek, Storm Lake, Iowa; 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

HOWARD — Betty Ann (Horgan), 77; born May 19, 1933, Aldrich, Ala.; died Dec. 20, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: son, Frank Howard IV.

JAMES — Doris L. (Cook), 92; born Aug. 12, 1918, Snohomish, Wash.; died Dec. 30, 2010, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: son, Thomas D., Centralia, Wash.; daughter, Bernita Pounder, Scappoose, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

LANHAM — Wilma M. (Robinson) Wolverton, 90; born Feb. 13, 1920, Tekamah, Neb.; died Dec. 13, 2010, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Terence Wolverton, Tacoma, Wash.; Lee Wolverton, Kirkland, Wash.; Cable Wolverton, Elma, Wash.; Dennis Wolverton, Centralia; daughter, Valetta Schallig, Port Orchard, Wash.; stepdaughter, Ricky Romero; brother, James Robinson, Chehalis, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

LEHNHOFF — Audrey Evelyn (Gair), 96; born Dec. 30, 1914, Dunbar, Pa.; died Jan. 19, 2011, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: son, Dwight, Knoxville, Tenn.; daughter, Sharman Bowes, Battle Ground; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

LETCHER — Robert G., 88; born Oct. 4, 1922, Oakland, Calif.; died Nov. 15, 2010, Stayton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Winona (Slater), Scio, Ore.; son, David, Gold Bar, Wash.; daughter, Sharon Parmenter, Fall Creek, Ore.; 2 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

AT REST

LOVELACE — Everett, 83; born Feb. 14, 1927, Valley City, N.D.; died Oct. 18, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Edna; sons, Robin, Central Point, Ore.; Mark, Medford; daughters, Paula Richardson, Molalla, Ore.; Terry Lovelace, Ocala, Fla.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

MARSA — Richard, 72; born May 31, 1938, Bad Axe, Mich.; died Aug. 14, 2010, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Myrna (Forcher); daughters, Shelly Marteniz, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Shannon Jaggi, Lonay, Switzerland; Tanya Oliver, Graham, Wash.; Sonya Taylor, Puyallup, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

MATTERAND — Stanley, 89; born May 30, 1921, Stanwood, Wash.; died Oct. 5, 2010, Arlington, Wash. Surviving: wife, Hazel (Allison), Stanwood; daughters, Nina Molstad, Arlington; Cheryl Wagner, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MCSORLEY — Dallene E. (Hull), 87; born June 26, 1923, Laramie, Wyo.; died Jan. 14, 2011, Grand Rapids, Mich. Surviving: sons, Jeff, Lynden, Wash.; Ron, Ferndale, Wash.; daughter, Sandi Stewart, Grand Rapids; sisters, Helen Hansen, Snohomish, Wash.; Hazel Lintz and Bonnie Cratsenberg, both of Bellingham, Wash.; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MCWILLIAMS — Doris E. (Ragsdale) Schlotthauer Tefft, 96; born July 23, 1914, Grand View, Idaho; died Oct. 7, 2010, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving: stepson, Glenn Tefft, Longmont, Colo.; daughters, Sharon (Schlotthauer) Duensing, Denton, Neb.; Twyla (Schlot-

thauer) Geraci, Belgrade, Mont.; stepdaughter, Deanna (Tefft) Sparks, Bakersfield, Calif.; 2 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

MIRACLE — Jean Roberta (Sherman), 85; born Nov. 28, 1925, Bellflower, Calif.; died Dec. 16, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Surviving: son, Dennis, Paradise; daughters, Janie Jones, Paradise; Janine Lindstrom, Portland, Ore.; Janece Miracle and Deb Ragnoni, both of Gresham, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

NELSON — Betty Ann (Haggstrom), 84; born Dec. 18, 1926, Greeley County, Neb.; died Jan. 10, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Wayne, Silverton, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

PAULSON — Gladys R. (Powell), 81; born Dec. 2, 1929, Fruitland, Wash.; died Dec. 2, 2010, Coos Bay, Ore. Surviving: husband, Arden, Myrtle, Point, Ore.; son, Jerry, Yamhill, Ore.; and daughter, Nancy Paulson, Myrtle Point.

PAULY — Waltraud "Walley" (Ganz), 71; born June 21, 1939, Weisswasser, Germany; died Jan. 23, 2011, Mt. Vernon, Wash. Surviving: husband, Wyn; son, Ken, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; daughter, Pamela Ganz, Accra, Ghana; brother, Ben Ganz, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; sisters, Anne Ilchuck, Vancouver, Wash.; Inge Gray, Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada; and 2 step-grandchildren.

PFLUGRAD — William L., 97; born Feb. 5, 1913, in Washington; died Dec. 13, 2010, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sisters, Dorothy Koncelik, Portland; and Deloris Bruck, Newberg, Ore.

PYKE — Carol J. (Gilbert), 84; born Sept. 13, 1926, Smyrna, Wash.; died Sept. 23, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: husband, Dale; son, Robert; daughter, Janelle Pyke; brother, Dick Gilbert; and 2 grandchildren.

REA — Louise I. (Hudson), 83; born Sept. 8, 1927, McMinnville, Ore.; died Nov. 30, 2010, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Steve, Days Creek, Ore.; daughter, JoAnn Dunn, Castle Rock, Colo.; sister, Donna Leno, College Place; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

RIPPEY — Anieta (Koehler), 81; born Dec. 1, 1928, Harvey, N.D.; died Oct. 22, 2010, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, William, Damascus, Ore.; son, Wesley, Damascus; daughters, Linda Henry, Damascus; Beverly Foster, Beaverton, Ore.; sisters, Lillian Ringering, Hubbard, Ore.; Nadine Hale, Port Ludlow, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

SCHULTZ — LaVerne E. (Wagner) Schultz, 88; born May 9, 1922, Farmington, Wash.; died Oct. 9, 2010, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Tim W., Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; daughter, Nancy D. Rittenbach, Deer Park, Wash.; and a grandchild.

SCRUGGS — Mary Ann (Messinger), 59; born June 30, 1951, Plentywood, Mont.; died Sept. 30, 2010, Homer, Alaska. Surviving: husband, Mike; son, Eric Peterson, Fairbanks, Alaska; stepson, Joshua Scruggs, Mentone, Calif.; daughter, Sundra Brogan, Apison, Tenn.; stepdaughter, Amy Shumaker, Homer; brother, Lindsay Messinger, Loudon, Tenn.; sisters, Linda Steinert, Takoma Park, Md.; Laura Merkner, Napa, Calif.; Mona Matheus, Coronado, Calif.; and a grandchild.

SMICK — Brennen, 87; born Feb. 3, 1921, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 9, 2009, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jane; and son, Larry, Bremer-ton, Wash.

UNDERHILL — Marilyn Daly, 85; born April 14, 1925, Des Moines, Iowa; died July 24, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: son, Jerry Daly; stepson, Gary Underhill; daughter, Peggy (Daly) Crabtree; stepdaughter, Carole (Underhill) Schwartz; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

WEBER — Esther Marie James, 82; born March 12, 1928, Madison, Tenn.; died April 23, 2010, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Avann; sons, Leelond James; Mark James; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

WHITE — Dorothy "Dollie" Jean (Bell), 75; born April 15, 1935, Salinas, Calif.; died Dec. 13, 2010, Mesa, Ariz. Surviving: husband, James P.; stepsons, Darrell White and Charles White, both of Beaumont, Calif.; stepdaughters, Darlene Larson, Blackfoot, Idaho; Charlene White, Vancouver, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS — Joseph H., 92; born March 15, 1918, Baltimore, Md.; died Aug. 11, 2010, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Nellie (Niemeyer); sons, Don, Paradise, Calif.; David, Roseburg; daughter, Marlys Laspe, Roseburg; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WINN — Elva Beatrice, 97; born April 1, 1913, Weston, Idaho; died Dec. 30, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Hugh, Honolulu, Hawaii; Ted, Walla Walla; 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

North Pacific Union Conference**Offering**

- May 7** — Local Church Budget;
May 14 — World Budget: Disaster & Famine Relief;
May 21 — Local Church Budget;
May 28 — Local Conference Advance.

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- May 6-8** — AGA (Women's Club) Weekend. For more information, call 800-541-8900, ext. 2531.
May 21 — Spring Choral Vespers, 5 p.m., University Church. Sacred music directed by Craig Scott.

Idaho**Caldwell Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration**

May 13-14 — All former members and friends are invited to attend special weekend services in celebration of the Caldwell Church's 50th anniversary for worshiping in the current church facility, 2106 E. Linden St. The weekend begins with Friday evening music and a praise service at 7 p.m. This includes Sabbath School; church service speaker will be Scott LeMert, former pastor; general potluck; and an afternoon program with music, reminiscing and a rededication. For more information, contact the church office at 208-459-2451, email sdachurch1007@qwestoffice.net or go online at www.caldwellsda.org.

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Upper Columbia**Cascade Christian Academy Alumni Weekend**

May 14 — Cascade Christian Academy, formerly known as Wenatchee Junior Academy, invites all alumni to a special alumni weekend at the Wenatchee (Wash.) Church with fellow alumni and former teachers. Relive your time in the Wenatchee Valley. See

Upper Columbia Constituency Session Notice

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Washington, on Sunday, June 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department directors, and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

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May 15 — Join us for a FREE afternoon of plant-based cooking. Invite friends. From 1-5 p.m. at the Washington Conference Office, 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way, WA 98001. Space is limit, please pre-register at www.smartcookingforlife.com.

World Church**Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2011 Conference**

June 19-23 — Adaptation: Core Values in a Changing World, at Pacific Union College, Angwin Calif. Librarians and information professionals are invited to visit <http://spinergy.southern.edu/asdaldhere/>. For conference information, contact Lauren Matacio at 269-471-6062 or matacio@andrews.edu.

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Boise	8:53	9:01	9:08	9:15
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Billings	8:28	8:36	8:45	8:52
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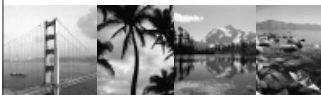
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The Wall

“Having three guys in one bedroom was interesting enough, but placing me in the backseat of an automobile with two older brothers was a formula destined for disharmony.”

As a lad and the youngest of three boys, I eagerly accepted the role of chief underdog and pest. Having three guys in one bedroom was interesting enough, but placing me in the backseat of an automobile with two older brothers was a formula destined for disharmony. Trips longer than 30 minutes in the faithful old '49 Plymouth crossed some sort of invisible barrier beyond which decibels rose and turf wars raged.

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In spite of all the rhetoric we hear in America today about walls of division, perhaps some walls are best left standing. Perhaps they protect what would otherwise be forever damaged or destroyed.

Human relationships flounder when force is applied; they flourish when freedom is fostered. But liberty, and with it all the freedoms we cherish, is fragile. Like three bouncing boys in a back seat, it needs boundaries to survive.

So, I worry when I hear voices rising in our country, calling us to tear down the wall that guard the distinctly different roles of church and state, religion and politics. I worry when I hear Adventists joining others who berate the core values of religious liberty for what they imagine is the greater good — a “Christian nation.”

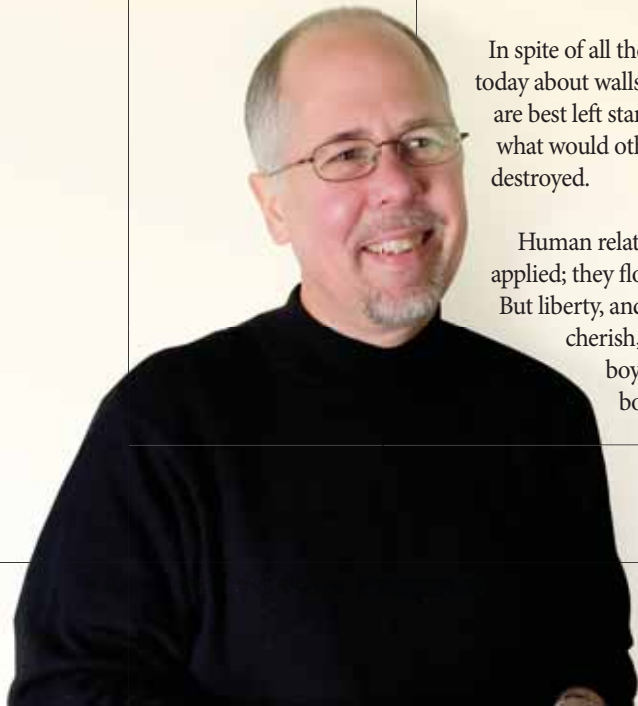
Such was the climate that led some Adventists of an earlier generation to align themselves with a charismatic leader promising pure motives, a return to solid values and a bright future. Their hopes died along with the ashes of a million and more Jews. Must we countenance another Hitler, another Holocaust, before we wake up and smell the Postum?

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