

NORTHWEST ADVENTISTS IN ACTION

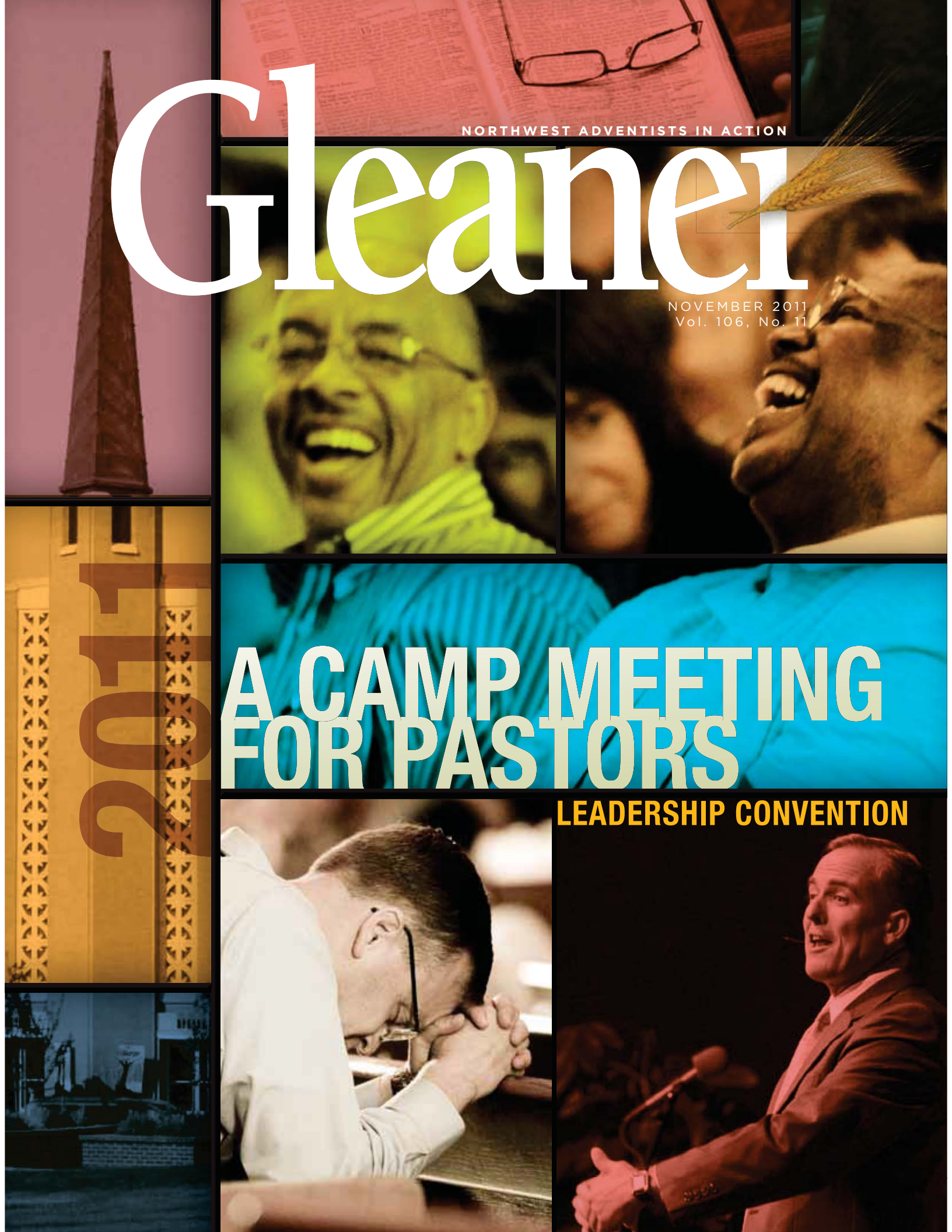
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## A CAMP MEETING FOR PASTORS

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*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving ...*  
COLOSSIANS 4:2 (NKJV)

'Fall into Winter' on Mt. Hood, Oregon, by Gary States, of Gaston, Oregon.

# Engaging in Our Mission

**E**very successful organization, company or church has a mission, a calling or reason for existence.

What happens when we don't actively pursue our mission? Allow me to use the story of David and Goliath, found in 1 Samuel 17, as a backdrop to the present day story of what many call "mission-drift."

**1. Many leaders and churches today have mission-drift.** Saul and the army had mission-drift. The mission of the leader and army is to defeat the enemy. They stood and looked at their mocking enemy. Many in society mock the organized church.

Some Seventh-day Adventists today are mission-discouraged, not engaged or even unaware about our God-given mission as found in Revelation 14:6-12. Because our mission is God-sized, when we try to "finish the work" with human innovation and wisdom alone, the result is often failure. This is a driving factor, I believe, in our anemic growth rate and continued loss of our young adults in North America.

**2. Fear of failure paralyzes a church.** The whole army was afraid to do anything and took no action for 40 days. Many churches today do nothing to advance the mission. The fear of failure paralyzes us and we stop trying. Apathy sets in. Too often we forget that, "we do not fight against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities," evil forces bent on our eternal destruction.

**3. Age is not the main issue in leadership.** God told Samuel that "man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." The person could be young or old (think Moses), male or female, and ethnicity does not matter as long as the

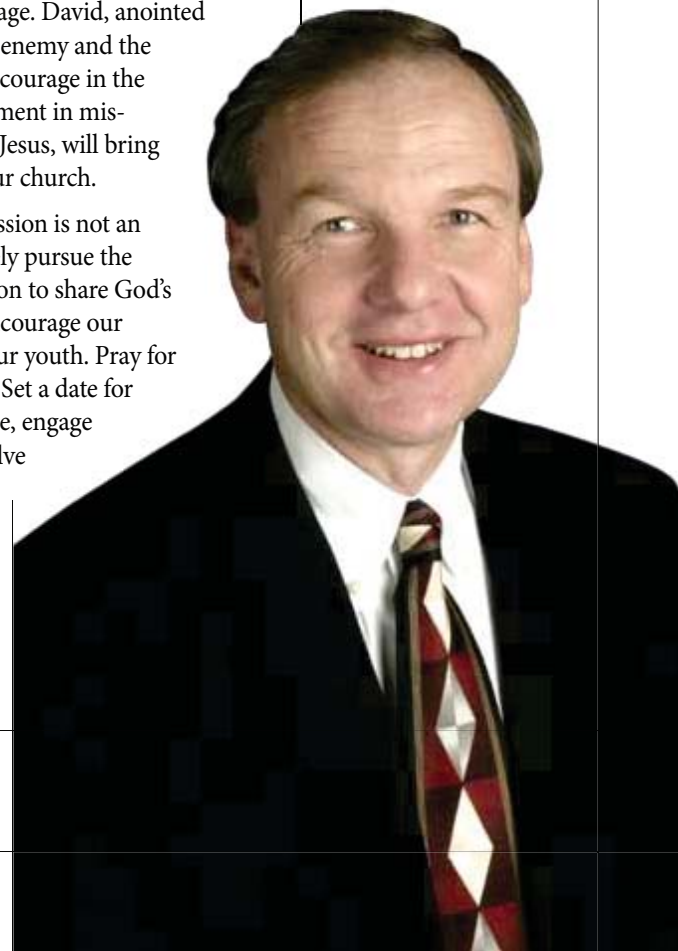
person's heart is devoted to God. All that matters is a heart surrendered to God so He can fill it up with His Holy Spirit.

**4. It only takes one person,** anointed by the Holy Spirit, who is fully mission engaged for the church to experience success. David stood up for God's honor. David engaged in the mission and God performed an amazing miracle by defeating Goliath by David's arm and sling. After his victory, the army found courage, engaged in its mission and attacked the enemy. David's example shows us what happens when one person partners with Jesus.

**5. Intentional mission engagement encourages the church.** Saul and the army were in a fight for freedom and life. Inaction, caused by fear, drained the army of courage. David, anointed by the Spirit, engages the enemy and the resulting victory inspires courage in the army. Intentional engagement in mission, in partnership with Jesus, will bring success and courage to our church.

Engagement in our mission is not an option. We need to actively pursue the accomplishment of mission to share God's love to inspire growth, encourage our members and motivate our youth. Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing. Set a date for a monthly baptism service, engage in Bible studies, and involve members and youth in ministry. Partner with God to accomplish our God-given mission.

*"Engagement in our mission is not an option."*



**JOHN FREEDMAN**

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At the recent North Pacific Union Conference Constituency Session, the *GLENER* asked Ian Field, a 21-year-old Walla Walla University history major and youth delegate for the session, about his perspectives.

**GLENER:** What did you appreciate about the NPUC Constituency Session? What did you learn?



**Field:** As a lifelong member of the Walla Walla University Church, it was so wonderful to see people from all over the Northwest congregated here. Thank you all for showing such support for our university community. I really appreciated Max Torkelsen's willingness to pour out his

**Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention Photos Online**

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**GLENER ON THE GO**



The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus provides musical ministry during both the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention and the Sunday North Pacific Union Conference Constituency Session.



Nearly 150 women gather for the pastors' wives brunch at Whitman College's Reid Campus Center, Sept. 8. The event was led and coordinated by Linnea Torkelsen, wife of Max Torkelsen II, North Pacific Union Conference president. The featured speaker was Elizabeth Talbot, *Voice of Prophecy* co-host.



Ed Reid, North American Division stewardship director, shares an abundance of financial resources and tips during an afternoon breakout session.

heart to the delegates. It's clear to me he cares very deeply for the church. Furthermore, in a time characterized by economic struggle, it is so good to see our church's finances are being managed honestly and meticulously. I was particularly impressed the union is working to put more money back into local congregations. This, certainly, is the frontline of what James called "true religion."

**GLEANER:** *How did you prepare for this session?*

**Field:** I read the *GLEANER* feature on the session, I read the delegate packets, and I spoke with many spiritual mentors: professors at WWU, pastors, and other lay delegates. I sought out those who had been to similar meetings in the past so that I would have a good idea of what to expect. As these meetings happen so rarely, I think it is of utmost importance that delegates are

well prepared so they can represent our church congregations well.

**GLEANER:** *What items do you hope your church "tackles" in the future?*

**Field:** I hope our church continues its move to be more congregation focused. One of the things I was saddened, but not surprised, to learn is there are an estimated 10 million former Seventh-day Adventists living in the United States. This is truly a tragic reflection on our church's ability to reflect the character of Christ to those around us. Jesus was not only a smart theologian, He was able to attract all manner of people to Him. If we hope to bear His name, we must do better.

**GLEANER:** *What are the strengths young people bring to their church?*

**Field:** I believe young people bring energy to solve problems and

strengthen our religious community. We see our friends struggling with aspects of Adventism and so the need for our church to be an honest reflection of the character of Christ becomes powerfully personalized. I know that when I see my friends and peers struggling to find Christ because of the natural human failings of organized religion, I'm happy to step forward and speak up to try to make things better. I have been so blessed by the Seventh-day Adventist community I was raised in. It's given me an unwavering picture of Christ that brings me peace, motivates me to always strive to live better, and is congruent with the world that I continue to discover — both the needs I see and the goodness I encounter. The God Seventh-day Adventism has taught me to worship is forever, and I want to make sure my church continues to strive after His example.

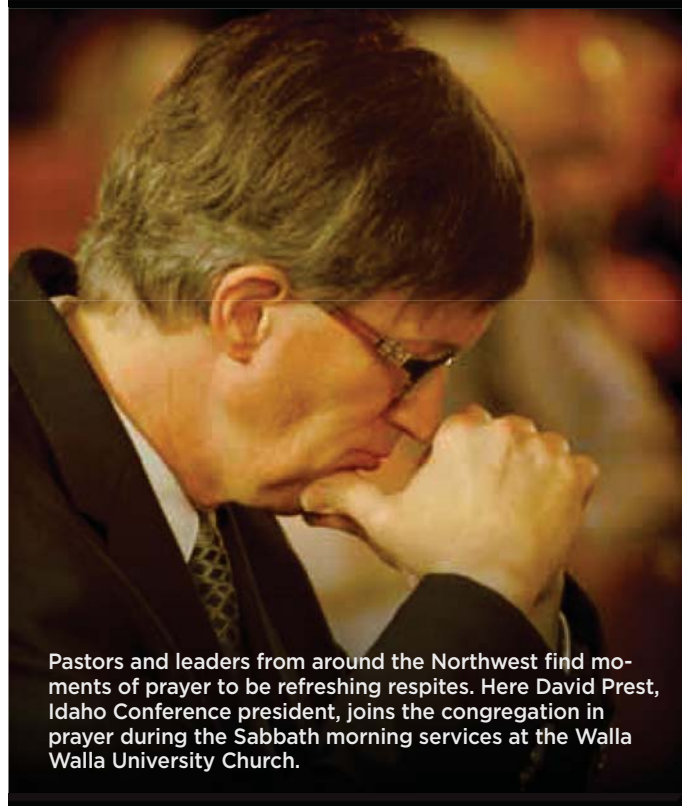
#### FROM THE *GLEANER* ARCHIVES

*This building was the precursor to an existing Adventist academy in the North Pacific Union Conference. During the 1920s it housed 10 grades of students who were trained to partner with area pastors and churches for evangelistic visitation throughout a major Northwest city. Here's a clue: The current academy is very near to an Adventist medical center. What was the original school called? What is its current name? If you think you have the answer, email us at [talk@gleaneronline.org](mailto:talk@gleaneronline.org), or join the "November Archival Photo" discussion on the *GLEANER* Blog at [gleaneronline.org](http://gleaneronline.org).*



# 2011

# A CAMP MEETING FOR PASTORS



Pastors and leaders from around the Northwest find moments of prayer to be refreshing respites. Here David Prest, Idaho Conference president, joins the congregation in prayer during the Sabbath morning services at the Walla Walla University Church.

**P**ower Surge — Spirit-led Ministry formed the theme for pastors, church leaders and family members gathering at Walla Walla University, September 7-10, for the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention. Sponsored by the North Pacific Union Conference and local conferences, the event is traditionally planned every five years in conjunction with the NPUC Constituency Session.

Pam McVay, on-campus event coordinator, and a host of the WWU staff, along with students and local volunteers, handled challenges flawlessly, as the university rolled out the welcome mat for nearly 1,000 guests.

From morning plenary sessions, to afternoon breakouts and evening keynote programs, issues such as creation and science, evangelism and prophecy, and finance and family, filled the schedule.

Pastors wives enjoyed a special Thursday morning brunch with presenter, Elizabeth Talbot, associate speaker for the *Voice of Prophecy* broadcast.

More than 150 children were integrated into an active program which involved outdoor activities and a special banquet designed just for them.

Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs, coordinated the children's programs. He counted it a privilege to help. "Pastors and their families are always giving, giving, giving," he says. "We wanted to give back

to them, to make them feel loved and cared for."

It was truly a camp meeting for pastors and their families. These photos are courtesy of Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director. More are available online at <http://bit.ly/npucpowersurge> or via your mobile device using the *GLEANER* on the Go code featured here.

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## UNIVERSITY CHURCH

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus, under the direction of Lou Wildman, provides a Sabbath afternoon blessing to a packed house in the Walla Walla University Church sanctuary.

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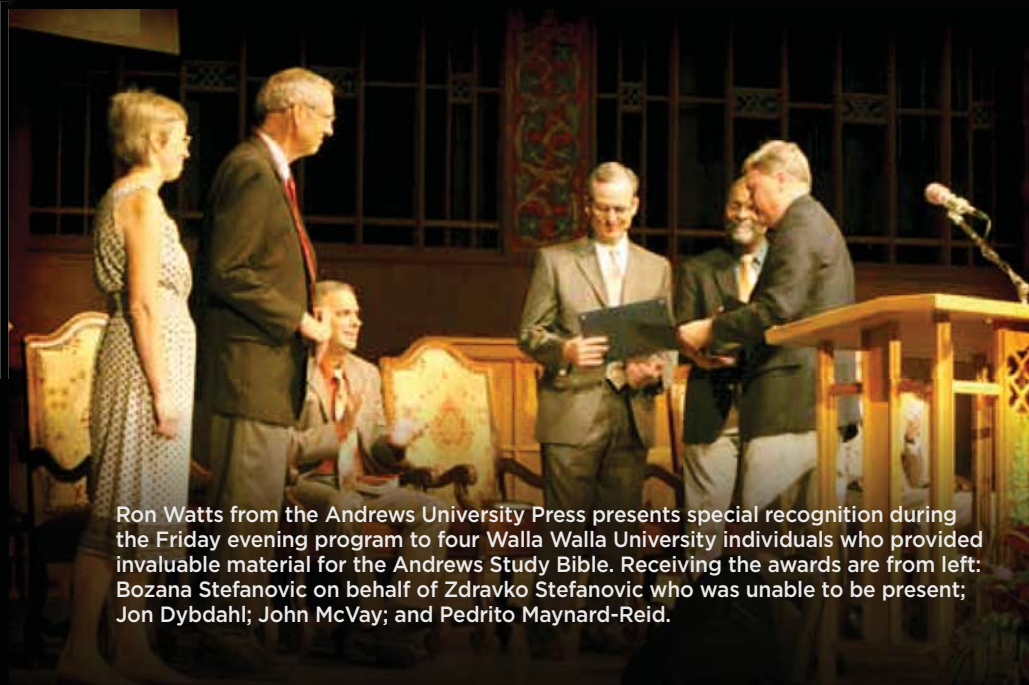
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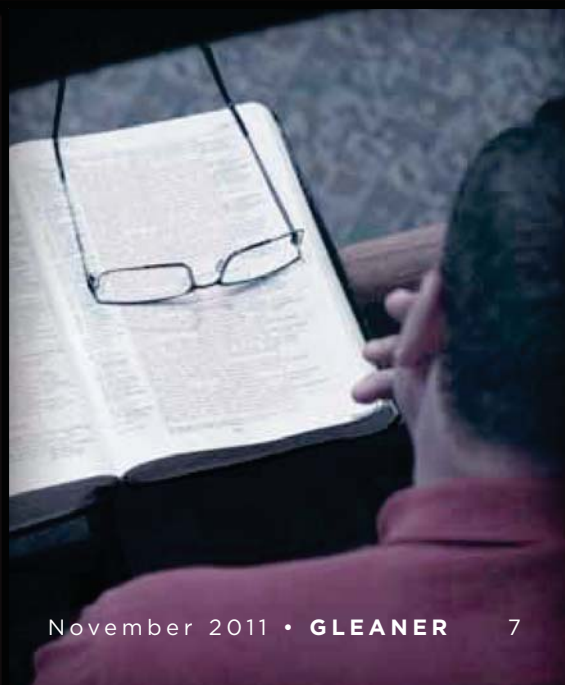
Dave Livermore, Upper Columbia Conference personal ministries director, and Jim Anderson, East Wenatchee, Washington, area pastor, share a conversation with a colleague at the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention.



Linnea Torkelsen presents a floral bouquet to Pam McVay as North Pacific Union Conference officers John Loor Jr., Mark Remboldt and Max Torkelsen look on. McVay coordinated on-campus support for the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention and the North Pacific Union Conference Constituency Session which followed. More than 175 volunteers from faculty, staff and students, plus another 50 from the community, showed their belief in Walla Walla University by helping to make each event a success.



Ron Watts from the Andrews University Press presents special recognition during the Friday evening program to four Walla Walla University individuals who provided invaluable material for the Andrews Study Bible. Receiving the awards are from left: Bozana Stefanovic on behalf of Zdravko Stefanovic who was unable to be present; Jon Dybdahl; John McVay; and Pedrito Maynard-Reid.





# THEY SAID IT

## Giving Back

“Pastors and their families are always giving, giving, giving. We wanted to give back to them, to make them feel loved and cared for.”

—Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for regional affairs and children’s activities coordinator for the event

## Belief in Our University

“The secret is this: We believe in Walla Walla University. And we’re eager to share it with others. Whether it was faculty, staff, students, alumni or members of our community, we simply stated our needs and they signed right up to help. As far as my time, I started to keep a list of hours, but eventually tossed it out. For me and our Walla Walla University team, this wasn’t about how much time it took. Our concern was making the event itself the best it could be.”

— Pam McVay, on-campus event coordinator (when asked how she found more than 200 volunteers to help)

## Spirit-led Leadership

“I believe the prayerful discussions and decisions made during the session demonstrate the God-inspired beauty of our system of governance. Even when questions were raised during some of the discussions, the attitude demonstrated gave evidence of God’s presence and guidance. We are blessed to have Spirit-led leadership at the North Pacific Union Conference.”

— Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president

## Making a Positive Difference

“I asked myself the question: ‘Are we as a church making a difference in the world?’ Ten years ago, a group of religious fanatics full of hatred, planned and destroyed the lives of thousands of people. On the contrary, we met on this beautiful campus to find ways to build the lives of millions who suffer rejection, hatred and abuse.”

— Ramon Canals, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries



Elizabeth Talbot, *Voice of Prophecy* co-host, shares “Jesus 101” with Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention attendees. Each workshop attendee receives a booklet to study a Gospel of their choice in order to prepare a preaching series on the topic.

A student volunteer, clad in a bright Walla Walla University Ambassador t-shirt, helps get an eager child ready for a canoe ride.







# CONSTITUENTS AFFIRM NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP

**W**hile more than 250 delegates from all six conferences: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington, paused on September 11 to reflect back on the tragic events of a decade earlier, they spent the remainder of the day focused on opportunities ahead for the Adventist mission in the Northwest.

They gathered on the campus of Walla Walla University for the quinquennial constituency session of the North Pacific Union Conference. They heard Dan Jackson, North American Division president, issue a call in his devotional for selfless service and Christ-centered passion for the gospel message. They listened as each NPUC officer recounted the progress of the past five years and the challenges ahead for the next term.

Then delegates voted overwhelmingly to re-elect all three officers for another five-year term: Max Torkelsen II, president; John Loor Jr., executive secretary; and Mark Remboldt, treasurer.

Some expressed a desire to include the NPUC vice presidents in future constituency elections. Currently, the NPUC vice presidents for education, Hispanic ministries and regional affairs, along with all other departmental directors, are appointed at the union executive committee meeting immediately following a constituency session. After an extended discussion, delegates voted to stay with the current process.

During the afternoon, one hour was devoted to convening the Walla Walla University Constituency Session.

In remarks to the NPUC delegates, Torkelsen outlined several objectives for the next five years including:

- **Increased resources channeled to frontline mission efforts;**
- **Stewardship education and leadership development;**
- **Technological advances for evangelism;**
- **Attention to major urban mission fields of the Northwest;**
- **Reclamation of former members;**
- **Empowering youth for church mission;**
- **Training and empowering all members;**
- **Mission Institute for Bible-worker training;**
- **Growth in Adventist education.**

These objectives were each dependent, Torkelsen said, on the theme of the session — a Power Surge of Spirit-led Ministry. He called on each delegate and member to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit's direction in the critical days ahead.



Pictured here, from left are: Alex Bryant, North American Division secretary; John Loor Jr., North Pacific Union Conference executive secretary; Dan Jackson, NAD president; Susan Loor; Max C. Torkelsen II, NPUC president; Janette Remboldt; Linnea Torkelsen; Mark Remboldt, NPUC treasurer; and Tom Evans, NAD treasurer.



Delegates from each conference meet during lunch to determine names for a vote by the general session on the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee for the next five years. Here, Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, leads the discussion during the Montana caucus.



John Freedman, Washington Conference president, leads the agenda during the session with his conference pastors and administrators.



Children head out across the Walla Walla University campus on their way to another exciting day of activities. WWU students and other volunteers help coordinate and lead each day's activities for more than 150 children.



The Gary Parks family from Salem, Oregon, sings a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" as part of a special 9/11 commemoration during the constituency session.

# ACCION

## Nace Un Grupo Hispano en Tillamook, Oregon

**E**l grupo hispano de Tillamook comenzó en la pequeña ciudad de Nehalem, Oregón hace apenas un año atrás. Eran tres familias de la Iglesia de Jesucristo, que fervorosamente oraban y estudiaban las Santas Escrituras. Un día descubrieron la verdad del Sábado y comenzaron a hacer preguntas a su pastor referente a ese tema. Como el pastor no pudo contestar sus preguntas satisfactoriamente, las tres familias decidieron separarse de su iglesia madre y reunirse en sus propios hogares los Sábados, tomando la responsabilidad de pastor uno de ellos. Las tres familias oraban y ayunaban pidiendo a Dios que les mandara ayuda para poder seguir aprendiendo y creciendo en la nueva verdad

que habían encontrado y fue así como Dios, a través de sus medios comenzó a contestar sus pedidos. Fueron los Hermanos Olvera, Uriel y Eneida, junto con los hermanos Esquivel, Fidel y Lupe, los que comenzaron a apoyar y enseñar a estas tres familias. Un mes más después, el Pastor Roger Hernández, Coordinador de la obra Hispana de la Conferencia de Oregón, llamó al Capellán Danny Parada para que les apoyara y ayudara con el grupo. Y todos juntos como un equipo bien unido comenzaron a orar, estudiar, y compartir con estas tres familias. Dos meses más tarde el pastor del grupo, al no estar de acuerdo con algunos puntos de teología Adventista, decidió separarse del grupo. Cuatro meses más

tarde, los hermanos Olvera decidieron partir para su patria de origen, pero el grupo ya había tomado la decisión de reunirse en la Iglesia Adventista de Tillamook. El 4 de Diciembre de 2010, en una campaña evangelística por el Capellán Danny Parada, no solamente dos de las familias de Nahelam se unieron a la Iglesia Adventista de Tillamook, sino también la familia Borrayo, de la Iglesia Bautista tomaron la misma decisión de unirse al grupo a través del bautismo y así formar parte del hermoso grupo hispano Adventista del Séptimo Día de Tillamook. De esta forma, Dios en su grande sabiduría, abre una nueva oportunidad para su iglesia en favor de los residentes hispanos del condado de Tillamook. Gracias a Él,

actualmente se reúnen todos los Sábados, unas treinta personas para honra y gloria de Dios. Dos campañas ya se han llevado a cabo este año y todavía hay una más en Noviembre que tendrá un énfasis en el matrimonio. El grupo continúa creciendo. De acuerdo con la Conferencia de Oregon plantar iglesias es parte de la iniciativa de la conferencia. Más de 30 iglesias han sido establecidas en los últimos 12 años. Continúen orando por nosotros para que Dios pueda dirigir y bendecir a la Iglesia Adventista en esta región.

*Pastor Daniel Parada,  
Capellán del Hospital General  
del Condado de Tillamook y  
Lider de la Iglesia Hispana en  
Tillamook*



## 2011 Men's Retreat

There is probably no men's retreat on the face of the planet which is as clearly designed for men who love the Lord and the great Alaskan out-of-doors than the Alaskan Men's Retreat. For this, men must relish the challenge of getting there — whatever the weather. From negotiating boggy mud-holes to fording white-water rivers on four-wheelers, some come in by small aircraft (limited to a 900-foot runway that ends a few yards short of a talus slope); yet 99 men came to the 2011 Alaskan Men's Retreat.

Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor, was the keynote speaker. Pioneer Memorial is on the Andrews University campus in Michigan. In his concluding remarks on

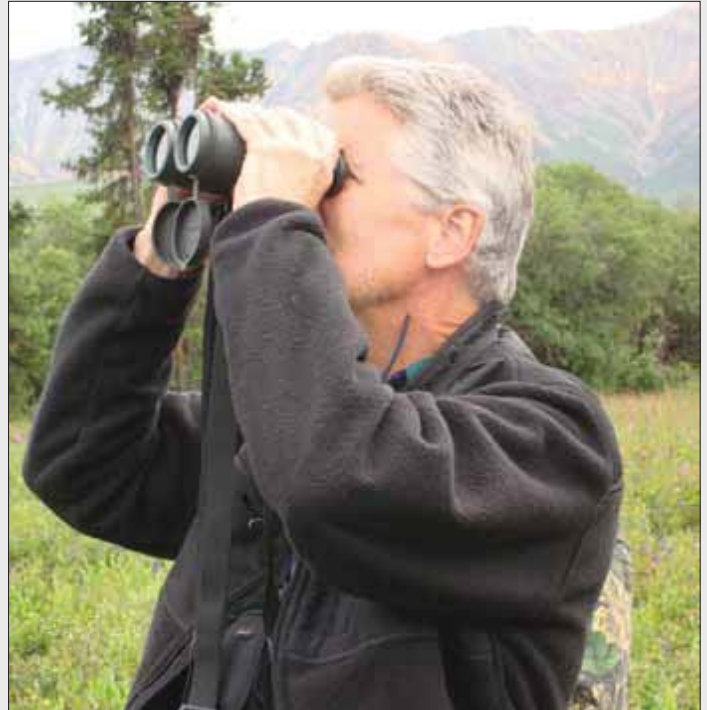
Sunday morning, Nelson walked participants through a practical 20-minute plan for daily devotions.

The retreat was coordinated by Dan Whatley and other volunteers. It is traditionally a week-end of spiritual renewal. What makes it unusual is it is held at a gold-mining site, operated by Kent Sandvik on the bank of the Caribou. Both Whatley and Sandvik are members of the Palmer (Alaska) Church.

Men enjoyed a practical, Spirit-filled weekend during the retreat.

If you would like an electronic copy of Nelson's outline for daily devotions, email [Thearon@StaddonCPA.com](mailto:Thearon@StaddonCPA.com) for your free copy.

*Thearon Staddon, Hillside O'Malley Church member*



Pictured here is Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor and keynote speaker for the 2011 Alaskan Men's Retreat, as he spots some caribou on a distant ridge.

## Fall Teachers' Meetings

Early August finds Alaskan teachers traveling to Anchorage for the beginning of school teachers' in-service. This year was a special time. Alaska has added several new teachers and teaching assistants to make their staff the largest it has been in years. They now have six schools and 16 full-time teachers and an expanding enrollment.

Subjects under consideration this year were the *Pathways* language arts program, the Republic of China centennial kit, fundraising and first-aid/CPR. Teachers teamed to talk about ways to implement the new

programs.

Tamara Randolph, Walla Walla University teacher, had the keynote address. Randolph talked about ways to share

**Alaska Conference teachers receive first-aid training during a teachers' in-service training.**



the gospel through new social networking. She had just been to the Anchorage Zoo and shared some of her purchases. Patti Revolinski, North Pacific Union

Conference elementary associate director, brought with her Heidi Jorgenson, Bayside, Calif., teacher, and Cindy Patten, Libby, Mont., teacher. They teamed together to talk about ways to implement the new *Pathways* program. The in-service ended on Wednesday with a refresher course in first-aid/CPR, with all the teachers getting two-year certificates. The teachers look forward to the time of fellowship and inspiration to begin the school year.

*Tom Maher, Alaska Conference education director*

## Idaho Youth Rush Wraps up Summer 2011

The Idaho Youth Rush program started in the summer of 2009 as a student literature evangelist program, also known as colporteur. This summer was the third and best summer for the Idaho Conference, with 19 young adults (high school and college age) going door to door for 10 weeks.

As the program has developed, so has the spiritual momentum. One experience this last summer took place with the leader and students visiting a Spanish home. After being convinced of the quality of the books, the daughter decided to buy one and told her mother she would pay for her to



Nineteen young adults go door to door for 10 weeks as part of the Idaho Youth Rush this summer for the student literature evangelist program, also known as colporteur.

get a book as well. Her mother continued to mutter something in Spanish, not understood by the colporteurs. They turned, listened, and tried to translate with the little Spanish they

knew. She said, “lo sonea, lo sonea, lo sonea,” and held the book close. They wondered what she was saying ...

Then they said to her after having understood, “You

dreamt about this book?”

She replied, “Yes.”

“When?” they asked.

“About a month ago, it was the same book, the same cover, the same chapters, the same pages, the same words, and the same pictures. Everything is the same. I would like this book.”

The book she held was a Spanish version of *Christ Object Lessons*. Joel 2:28 reminds us in the last days, “The old shall dream dreams.” This is just one of the hundreds of experiences participants had while serving the Lord during the 2011 summer.

*Jeff Kimmel, Idaho Conference literature ministries director*

## Idaho Welcomes New VP for Finance



John Rogers, former Oregon Conference undertreasurer, is serving as the new vice president for finance of the Idaho Conference. Rogers began his career at the North Pacific Union Conference in 1991 and moved to the Oregon Conference in 1999 to serve as association treasurer.

He and his wife, Tonya, have three children: Jenae, Sean and Ian. When he is not working, Rogers enjoys spending time with his family, camping, hiking, and model railroading. The Idaho Conference is happy to welcome the family to Idaho.

*Don Klinger, Idaho Conference communication director*

## Idaho Christian Women’s Retreat Says Goodbye to Mary Ellsworth

Sept. 9–11 marked the 25th anniversary of the Idaho Christian Women’s Retreat, a lay-led ministry held every year at Camp Ida Haven in McCall, Idaho. The Idaho CWR, as it’s commonly referred to, was one of the first of its kind in the North Pacific Union Conference and has enjoyed many highly inspirational Adventist speakers such as, Ginny Allen, JoAnn Davidson and Ardis Stenbakken. Much energy and passion is needed, as well as many dedicated volunteers, to make an event like this happen but one person, Mary Ellsworth, has been a steady influence since 1987. Ellsworth received an award and gifts for

her dedicated service and strong leadership. She says she wants to “just enjoy” retreats from now on, but will volunteer her wisdom when needed. The leadership of this retreat will be assumed by the Idaho Conference women’s ministries department.

*Cheri Gatton, Idaho Conference women’s ministries leader*



JOHN CONEFF

# Glendive Community Outreach Weekend

Over 64 participants, representing churches from Montana, North Dakota, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois and Washington joined in eastern Montana's "mini-mission" for a weekend in mid August.

Clothed in lime green shirts with navy blue writing that said "Community Impact Weekend Aug. 12-14, Glendive, Mont.," the participants undertook 12 community projects. Many people stopped



Ruth Fish, Montana women's ministries leader and event coordinator, is pictured here with Joe Pearles, gospel singer, during the Glendive Community Outreach Weekend.

and asked what they were all about. They had seen some up on roofs, some painting, others picking up trash, painting, mowing and trimming weeds, dry walling a home, collecting food for the Food Pantry, giving a raw-food cooking class, and more.

The weekend was advertised on two TV stations, and three radio stations. Ruth Fish, Montana women's ministries leader and event coordinator, was interviewed by a local reporter who wrote two articles about the event, and then took pictures for the newspaper.

Many prayers were answered through the planning process. One was a request for a trailer skirt for the home of a woman with no available funds. The group agreed to provide labor, if money and supplies could be acquired.

Thursday afternoon, a personal donor provided the needed funds. When the woman was told the good news, she cried. Sabbath morning she came to church. When it was time for praise and prayer requests, the woman stood and praised the Lord for the group. On Friday and Sunday, over 414 hours were logged in community service projects. Since then, members have been involved in other projects, logging in over 199 accumulated hours.

Letters and emails of thanks continue to arrive. Many thanks go to Tawny Sportsman from Oregon, who provided the council; Sue Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference women's ministries leader, who spoke for the 11 a.m. worship hour; Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, who facilitated Sabbath School



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and participated; Sue Ansari, who gave a raw-food cooking school and led an informative class on how laughter is good for health; and Joe Pearles who provided a community concert Sabbath evening.

*Ruth Fish, Montana Conference women's ministries leader*

# Glacier View School Celebrates Open House

Kim Apperspach, mayor, and his wife, Denise, joined the Ronan (Mont.) Church in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for their remodeled school facility. After being closed for over a year, the Christian elementary school reopened Aug. 24. The facilities feature new lighting, heating and air conditioning, insulation, doors, fresh paint, and new carpeting throughout.

Best of all, the school board hired an outstanding and experienced new teacher, Karen Sharpe. Sharpe and her husband, Dave, and son, Rhys, have joined the community from Spangle, Wash. Members welcome the Sharpes to Ronan and look forward to an exciting school year. The multi-grade classroom will house students grades 1-8 in a highly academic environment which is based on Christian values. Glacier View School is an accredited Seventh-day Adventist elementary school and welcomes students who share Christian values to join the student body.

*Sue Smith, Glacier View School board chair*



Kim Apperspach, mayor, and his wife, Denise, join the Ronan (Mont.) Church in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for their remodeled school facility.

# Motorcycle Camp Meeting

It was a beautiful weekend at Gladstone Campground as motorcyclists arrived on their highway cruisers, sport bikes, custom choppers and touring motorcycles. Go into All the World ... Motorcycle Camp Meeting 2011 was held Aug. 26–28. This was a weekend-gathering of motorcyclists from around the Northwest interested in networking and fine-tuning their motorcycle ministry outreach skills.

More than 70 attended from around the Oregon Conference, some from the Idaho and Washington conferences, and from as far away as Canada and Utah. They camped out, stayed in nearby hotels, or commuted from home throughout the weekend.

The weekend schedule was filled with group prayer rides, motorcycle ministry workshops, praise and preaching services, and of course kicking tires (fellowshipping around the bikes while talking about life).

Al Reimche, motorcyclist and Oregon Conference president, gave the Sabbath morning message entitled “Church: Club or Embassy?” The talk compared and contrasted how we as mem-



Cyclists prepare to set out on a group ride, one of several optional rides held over the weekend.

bers are called to be ambassadors for Christ. His messages, along with others throughout the weekend were streamed live from the Holden Convention Center. They are available as podcasts online at <http://www.oregonconference.org/podcasts>.

The Sabbath morning worship offering went for *Motorcycles for Indonesia* — a mission project sponsored by Quiet Hour Ministries. There were enough funds given to provide two motorcycles for two pastors in Indonesia. Some responses about the mission project were, “An excellent idea!” “This was wonderful to do!” “This was a great mission project being motorcycle-based.”

The book *Steps to Jesus – the Ride of Your Life* was featured

as an outreach tool. More than 100 copies were given out to those who would share them. Motorcyclists departed on Sunday, some to enjoy group rides together, and others to head for home depending on their travel distances. Patrick shares, “Thanks so much for the wonderful motorcycle camp meeting. I was refreshed and renewed this past weekend.”

Because of the excitement and positive responses by all who attended, plans are already underway for a motorcycle camp meeting in 2012. Information will be advertised in the *GLENER* next spring.

*Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference youth ministries associate director*

Pictured here, from left are: Angelina Cameron-Wood, Jim Wood and Annetta Wood.



Some cyclists bring their own campers; some are as small as their bikes.



# An Icon Says ‘Good-bye’

## To the End of an Era

They say the only thing that stays the same is “change,” but for the last 32 years the only one who stayed at Columbia Adventist Academy through all those changes was Reavis Belin, teacher. Call him a landmark, an icon, a fixture ... but whatever you call him, he’s more than that. Now he has decided it’s time to join his wife in retirement. As a man with many interests, Belin plans to: restore cars/trucks, fix up and drive dune buggies, tour via motorcycle, vacation, go birding, play the bass, and many other activities.

Belin will be missed at CAA especially for his tender heart and his contributions to the culture and success of CAA. Those contributions

include: playing the bass for praise music, leading out in the student association (specifically Boys’ Club and Fall Fest), driving the bus for

fieldtrips and community service days, sharing meaningful, heartfelt worship talks, encouraging students and staff, cooking for corn feeds

and campouts, playing Santa for Christmas parties, sharing his love for God, and instruction in shop, math classes and robotics.

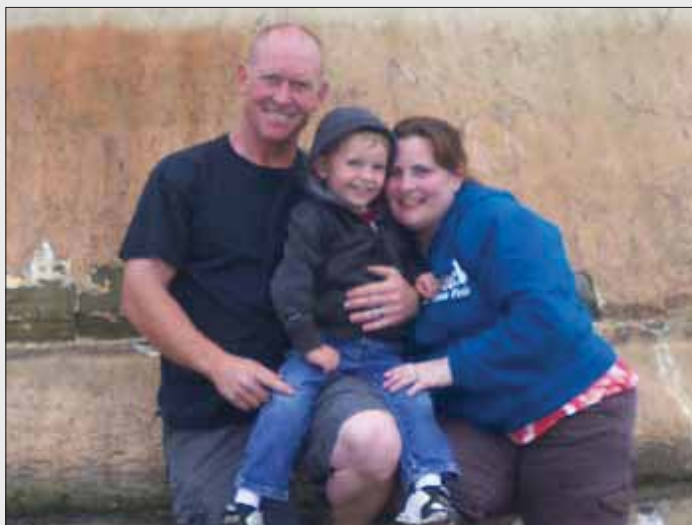
During his tenure at CAA, Belin was able to contribute to the success of hundreds of students, countless staff, and nine different administrations. His ever-present, positive outlook made him fun to be around. Thanks, Belin, for all you’ve done to continue the tradition of excellence at CAA and make our lives better as a result of knowing you. We hope you enjoy your retirement.

*Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent*



Reavis Belin, teacher, is a landmark, an icon, and a fixture for Columbia Adventist Academy.

# PAA Welcomes New Staff Member



Jessica Glover is pictured here with her son, Nathaniel, and husband, Jay. Glover joins the staff of Portland Adventist Academy.

Portland Adventist Academy is pleased to welcome a new staff member.

Jessica Glover joins the PAA staff part time to fill needs in the library, as a tutor and librarian, and in the administrative office with payroll. Glover is a credentialed teacher with a love for young people. She has a strong interest in writing and research and has experience in accounting as well.

She and her husband, Jay, have a three-year-old boy named Nathaniel. They recently relocated from Monterey, Calif., to Vancouver, Wash. They attend the Riverside Church in Washougal, Wash. Glover’s current goal is to finish her master’s degree.

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent*

# Hearts Directed to God

## *During Vacation Bible School*

Last May, Ron Hart, Hood River (Ore.) Church pastor, asked each church-board member to report on his or her activities for the past month, as is his custom. Jessica Bailey, acting personal ministries director, had a particular burden on her heart for a church outreach plan that would effect the community. Bailey presented several ideas. One was to conduct a cooking class. Another was to



have a Vacation Bible School. There was quite a stir among members, as there had not been a VBS in Hood River since the mid-1980s. The motion was quickly accepted.

The school year for Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School ended June 9. Bailey did not want to wait to have VBS until mid-summer or August. VBS was set for June 27–June 30.

Marquita Hart, pastor's wife, was voted assistant. Working together, plans were quickly developed. A team of volunteers was put together of members from both the Hood River Church and the White Salmon (Wash.) Church.

Peter Hardy, MCACS principal, gave the okay to use the



school's gym. This was special because many of the students from the community attend this school. Each evening began with a song service singing familiar and new choruses led by Matt Cole and Jessica Bailey. After prayer, the children were separated into different groups. Some did crafts as led by Lisa Allen and Jan McCullough.

Others went into a beautiful blue tent where Ron Hart told Bible stories. Outside, Hart, Robert Bailey and Meridith Cole organized a water game.

Children went home telling parents how much fun they had and hearts were directed to God.

*Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader*

# Eugene Adventist Korean School at Eugene Korean Church

Every Sunday morning, people gather at the Eugene (Ore.) Korean Church, not for Sunday School but Korean School. This year, 40 students have enrolled in the school with the majority of students not being church members. Currently there are five classes and 12 volunteers including assistant teachers and helpers. In addition, many parents stay during class time to assist teachers or help in the kitchen, where a brunch is prepared.

The Korean-language school was established 10 years ago with a mission to teach the Korean language and cultures to

Korean and Korean-American young people in the Eugene and Springfield (Ore.) areas with a Christian manner and materials, so that they learn not only language and culture, but also a genuine value of Christian education.

Activities are planned outside of class to encourage better relationships between students, parents and the church. These include gym nights, spring and fall picnics, outdoor events, a final recital, Christmas and year-end parties. The class runs October–December and January–June, Sundays 9–11 a.m.

The Korean community

members take pride in their background and enjoy teaching the language and culture to their children. Some compare learning another language to obtaining a master's degree. They appreciate the genuine

love of Christianity through the service. Several families attend church now because of the service.

*Byung Young No, Eugene Korean Church secretary*

**Pictured here is a Korean School gym night at Emerald Christian Junior Academy.**





# Sutherlin Adventist Christian School

*Opens*

**A**ug. 24, marked the opening of the Sutherlin (Ore.) Adventist Christian School. The school has a long history in the community, dating back to 1919. Three years ago, much to everyone's regret, the school was forced to close its doors because of a lack of students. Through an exercise of faith, members

of the church decided to go forward with plans to reopen even though the economy had not yet begun to improve. After much prayer, it was decided to offer pre-school and grades K-9. Rocky Gale, pastor, and Dianna Mohr, head teacher, had experience when it came to reopening schools. Mohr

relocated from California and worked tirelessly through the summer meeting with parents and finding out what could be done to help send their children to school.

A date for general cleanup and repair prior to the opening of school was set for Aug. 14, and more than 40 people from the church showed up to help. They worked tirelessly through the day, both inside the building, on the grounds, and the playground area. Even the local news channel, KPIC, came to interview Mohr and take pictures of the classrooms and building. As of Aug. 24, opening day of school, there were five pre-school children and 18 in grades K-8 enrolled.



**Pictured here is the Sutherlin (Ore.) Adventist Christian School's new building.**

The Sutherlin Church family wishes to thank everyone who put forth effort to help in this endeavor. When we put our faith in God, all things are possible. The opening of Sutherlin Adventist Christian School is living example.

*Denna Holm, Sutherlin Adventist Christian School secretary/treasurer*



# A Century Celebrated

*Silverton Community Adventist Church*

**I**t's been one hundred years! The week-end of celebrations were as stimulating as was the occasion auspicious. "I am still living in the glow of Aug. 19 and 20," wrote Les Jones, Silverton (Ore.) Church pastor, in retrospect, in an email to his congregation.

Though carefully planned in advance, the last few days before the event saw a lot of scrambling. Major changes had to be made, and it turned out providence provided for an

even better program than was initially planned.

From the showing of the powerful DVD, *The Midnight Cry*, Friday evening, to the 30-minute slide presentation of the church's history on Sabbath morning, attendees became caught up in the history of the Adventist Church at its beginnings, and the sequence of events that brought the Silverton Church to the present day. Cathey De Fehr, church historian, now in her 80s, enthusias-

tically brought each picture to life from her wheelchair.

The congregation remembered with gratitude those that went before them, making the Silverton Church a reality in 1911. Oliver Hiesley and his wife, Etta, arrived in Silverton in 1910 with a goal for starting a church. Their ministry resulted in the organization of a congregation on Aug. 19, 1911, with 19 charter members.

The frosting on the "birthday cake" was the invitation by Al

Reimche, Oregon Conference president, to remember God's leading through the years and His promise to be with the church as they face the future.

One hundred and seventy attendees enjoyed a great Sabbath lunch and fellowship.

In the afternoon, the His Praise Men's Chorus, evoked this comment from a former member, who summed up the celebrations so well, "All blended together ... [it was] one of the most memorable occasions I have ever attended since becoming an Adventist!"

*Enid Hands, Silverton Church communication leader*

# Dayton Day Camp

## *Connecting Children with Christ*

The Dayton (Wash.) Church struggled for years making a significant impact in their community. Time and again they tried reaching their neighbors but kept finding closed doors. That's when they decided to try something different.

Members decided to try reaching the children in the community by holding a week-long day camp. They decided to focus on helping children stay in school and away from harmful substances and behaviors by focusing on strengthening self-worth. Now in its ninth summer, the Dayton Day Camp is making a positive contribution to the community and reaching many with God's love.

This summer, the Dayton Church family worked together with community volunteers to reach a group of children nearly four times the size of their little congregation. They served 157 children ages 4–17. Each year the number of campers continues to climb. This



Children who come to the Dayton (Wash.) Church Day Camp love their daily activities.

year they were thrilled with the teen turnout; 46 young people came each day to learn and participate.

The theme this year was, "You've Got Talent." This helped children understand how valuable they are to God and those around them. Every day, special guests would come and talk with the children

about how to use their God-given talents. Guest speakers included a local graphic artist and musician, a local bronze craftsman, an ice-cream truck owner, a respiratory therapist, and a social worker.

The outreach is beginning to open doors. Many community members volunteer time to help make the camp a reality.

One community staff member this year says, "I have joy in my heart because of the things I have seen and experienced the whole time."

Parents and campers especially love the day camp. One parent says, "We plan all year for this, and we love having one time for each other without the kids, knowing they will be safe and having fun."

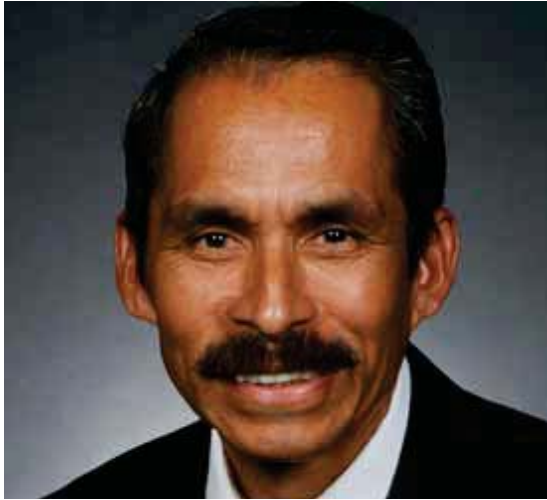
The bottom line is that this vibrant outreach effort is only possible because of God's help and the tireless dedication of the entire church. Everyone does something to help.

A youth leader from this year sums it up best: "It doesn't seem to matter what we do as long as we are connected to Jesus. Challenges are a moving target. It is incredible. It's like cotton candy: Challenges present themselves then dissolve as the Holy Spirit works."

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director*

The Dayton Day Camp features a clothes tent provided by Adventist Community Services where campers can "shop" for needed clothes. This is just one of the ways this unique outreach is meeting the felt needs of the community.

## UCC Welcomes New Pastor



**T**he Upper Columbia Conference is pleased to announce the addition of a new pastor in Spokane, Wash. Alfredo Campechano has accepted the call to serve as senior pastor for the Spokane and Othello Spanish (Wash.) churches. He will also be assisting with two church planting projects in the region.

Campechano was born in Oaxaca, Mexico. He later married Leticia Uribe. Campechano was ordained to the ministry in 1995 and has served the church for the last 29 years. Recently, he served as pastor in the Utah-Nevada Conference. He and his wife are the proud parents of two adult children and one teenager.

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director*

## Communion with 300

*UCA Kicks off the Year*

**M**any of us have had people over for worship to bring in the Sabbath. However, have you ever had worship and communion at your house with 300 of your friends? Troy Patzer, Upper Columbia Academy principal, welcomed the entire student body, staff, family, and community members to his front yard. It was a spiritual beginning to the school year.

**Staff members and student leaders wash the feet of their classmates during the communion service.**



The setting was perfect as the sun set over the wheat fields, where a cross had been erected on a nearby hill. Sid Hardy, history and Bible teacher, talked about communion and what it means to partake in the ceremony. When it came time for the foot washing UCA staff, as well as student leaders spread out across the lawn to wash feet and pray with students. It was

not just another communion for many, but a chance for a fresh start and a recommitment in their relationship with Christ.

Sandwiched in between the communion services was a message from Keith Carter based on UCA's spiritual theme this year, *Soul Survivor*. Carter talked about how we are survivors of the last days when the devil is trying his hardest to bring us down. Through every little crack in our defenses, the devil sneaks through. He is obsessed with making us lose everything.

The spiritual emphasis concluded with a tradition UCA started three years ago in giving each new student a Bible. "While we are proud of our great academics, music, and gymnastics as well as our other programs, nothing is more important than the spiritual atmosphere at UCA," says Patzer.

"That is why we want to start the year off with this spiritual focus and pray that it carries us through the year."

*Joe Hess, UCA GLEANER correspondent*

**The sun sets on a cross that was erected on a distant hill during the worship service.**

# Russian Northwest Camp Meeting

## *Lighting Up Central Washington*

**U**pper Columbia Conference's Spokane Slavic Adventist Company hosted the sixth-annual Russian Northwest Camp Meeting, Sept. 2-5. This year's event was held in Soap Lake, Wash.

Over 500 members from six participating Russian churches in the North Pacific Union Conference were in attendance. This unique camp meeting provided a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement for this growing ethnic community.

The camp meeting began Friday evening with a message from keynote speaker, Oleg Zhigankov. Zhigankov encouraged listeners to allow the Holy

Spirit to work out revival and reformation in their lives.

Sabbath was a rich time of worship and ministry. Sabbath School and church featured more messages from Zhigankov and music from a choir, a brass band and a children's bell choir. A panel discussion met in the afternoon. Lively, yet meaningful, discussions resulted on church-life topics such as: how to keep the Sabbath, how to be a friendly church family, and friendship evangelism.

Another Sabbath highlight was the evening youth program where all six churches had presentations from each of their youth groups. The youth shared music, drama and video clips

all sharing what God is doing in their local congregation.

On Sunday morning, Zhigankov spoke again. Immediately following his sermon, everyone headed to the lakeshore for the baptisms of nine young people. Another panel discussion was held Sunday evening.

"It was good to see our members actively participating and dialoging about important church life topics," says Volodymyr Nesteruk, Spokane, Wash. pastor. "Instead of passively

listening to a sermon, they were really involved."

The weekend camp meeting wrapped up Monday morning with a message from Vitali Olinik, Bellevue, Wash., pastor.

"People were very excited this year. There was a good spirit and lots and lots of kids," says Nesteruk. "We're already making plans for next year."

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director*



# Youth Rush Students

## *Touch Lives For Christ*

**F**or the past two years, the Upper Columbia Conference has hosted a summer youth ministry called Youth Rush.

Youth Rush is a 10-week summer program where students get involved in literature evangelism, work with a team of other students and learn valuable

**When they're not knocking on doors, Youth Rush students enjoy fellowship and outdoor activities.**

people skills, job responsibility and earn money for school.

This summer, 16 students from the U.S. and Mexico gathered to share good news with Spokane, Wash.; Wenatchee, Wash.; Moses Lake, Wash.; Tri-Cities, Wash., and Yakima, Wash. Here is just one of many amazing stories from this summer.

Eric Kablanow writes: "It had been an unbelievable day and the energy was running high in our van. We were just three books away from our day's goal. It was too late to knock on doors so we urged our leader, Mario, to let us go to Wal-Mart and canvass in the parking lot. Mario pulled in and dropped us off for just three last books. As I was walking through the parking lot trying to

find someone interested, I saw a man just about to get into his car. So I said: 'Hi,' and started to canvass him on a DVD we have that covers Daniel 2. He was very interested and decided to get it to help me go to school. Now I had no idea if he would even watch it. It had been a very casual sale just to make our goal for the day, but God had bigger plans for it.

"About a week later, Sergio (another Youth Rush student) was working in a neighborhood not too far from the Wal-Mart when he met the very same guy I had sold the DVD to. The man was ecstatic about what we were doing. He had watched the DVD and he said it had changed his life forever. He wanted to hear more about the gospel and the

end times, so he bought another DVD and a book from Sergio.

"When I got back that evening and heard Sergio's news, I was speechless. I had been praying for something crazy to happen that day but it had seemed like God wasn't answering. He had something in store for me, something greater than just a great experience at a door. He allowed me to see a small picture of what happens after we share with others."

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Youth Rush program. It is changing lives for eternity. Visit [www.uccsda.org](http://www.uccsda.org) for more Youth Rush miracle stories.

*Jay Wintermeyer*



# Washington Youth Rush Ministers at 125,000 Doors

**D**uring a 10-week period, 24 Washington Youth Rush participants knocked on about 125,000 doors in the Greater Seattle area.

In a year of economic uncertainty, God helped the team to distribute even more literature than in previous summers. Students had powerful experiences and saw God answer their prayers day after day.

Katie Griggs from Lacey, Wash., began her canvass at one door in Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Griggs began her canvass and the woman interrupted to gesture that she was deaf. Griggs, the only Youth Rush team member with American Sign Language knowledge, switched



to signing and the woman selected two books.

Christin Bange, a Weimar College student, discovered a discouraged door-to-door sales-

man in Ferndale, Wash. Bange invited the salesman to follow her for 30 minutes and he was amazed at how she interacted with people and dealt with

rejections. The salesman ended up buying *The Great Controversy*.

Throughout the summer, Washington Youth Rush participants found 165 Bible study interests, 109 Revelation seminar interests, 106 Vacation Bible School interests, 69 stop smoking interests and 201 cooking school interests. In all, they distributed 12,969 pieces of literature and prayed with thousands of people.

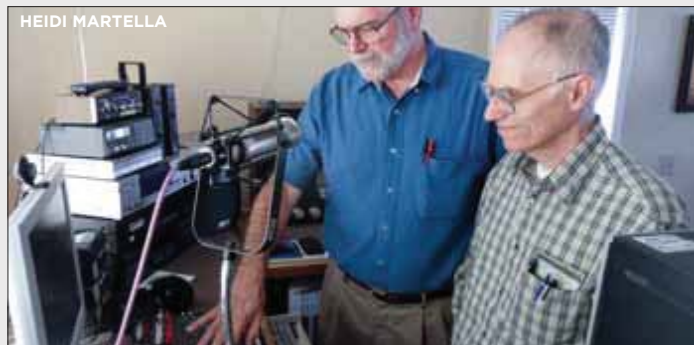
A full collection of Youth Rush stories are available at [washingtonconference.org/yr](http://washingtonconference.org/yr).

*John Miller, Washington Conference literature ministries coordinator*

# Radio of Hope Begins Broadcast

**A** new radio station KROH 91.1 FM—Port Townsend is officially on the air in northwestern Washington.

Radio of Hope began broadcasting over the airwaves in mid-August after launching an online broadcast in September 2010.



Radio of Hope finds its homebase at Port Townsend (Wash.) Church's Better Living Center, and is led by Glenn Gately (left), station visionary, and Joe Mann, general manager.

"KROH is now on the air and we are getting good reports from people all around western Washington," says Glenn Gately, radio station visionary. "People are hearing us as far north as Bellingham (Wash.) and as far south as Seattle (Wash.)"

"It is the purpose of KROH to improve life for the listener in the here and now as we await our Lord's coming," says Joe Mann, KROH general manager. "We do this by airing programs that help us all to live healthier and happier lives, to improve our marriages, be better parents, better neighbors and better citizens."

The vision for a radio station in Port Townsend began as a grassroots effort in 2007. The station continues to grow with expanded services including the possibility of broadcasting in Russian and Spanish.

"We are on the air, but the work is by no means finished," Gately says. "We are now working on getting our emergency

equipment set up at the studio and tower site."

If you live in northwestern Washington or you're traveling through, tune into 91.1 FM and help KROH track its reception map at [radioofhope.org/map](http://radioofhope.org/map).

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*

GLENN GATELY

Radio of Hope 91.1 FM is now broadcasting from Port Townsend (Wash.) to northwestern Washington.



# Churches Have Heart for Helping People

**T**wo churches with a heart for helping people find better and healthier lifestyles offered ministry programs this summer.

## Life in Recovery

The Startup (Wash.) Church began a “Celebrating Life in Recovery” program this summer led by Tina Anderson, a newly-baptized member who is a recovering addict herself.

Anderson was inspired by the story of Cheri Peters, from True Step Ministries, who miraculously recovered from her addictions and now celebrates 30 years of recovery.

The “Celebrating Life in Recovery” program takes participants through spiritual, mental and physical well-being concepts. The holistic approach to healing and recovery enables participants to deal with their

issues, find a sense of hope and self-worth in God, stand up to truly celebrate life in recovery and help others in the recovery journey. Each participant receives a copy of *Steps to Christ* which is used as a cornerstone for the spiritual aspects of the meetings.

The church followed up the recovery program in October with a live presentation with Cheri and Brad Peters and with *Simple Solutions*, a DVD series from Lifestyle Matters.

## Healthy Eating

The Lacey (Wash.) Church presented four weekly vegetarian-vegan cooking classes in May, with more than 96 people attending from the church and community. Each class, organized by Ronald and Joan Case, featured plant-based food samples, followed by DVD pre-



Startup (Wash.) Church members support the “Celebrating Life in Recovery” program this summer.

sentations on the health benefits of a meatless diet and live cooking demonstrations.

One attendee writes, “As a lifelong meat eater, I find it a bit difficult to transition, but I am working on it: I try to slip veggie main dishes past my family, and as long as they are tasty and also filling, we all enjoy them. I have really enjoyed the classes that I have taken at your church.”

Others say they appreciated hearing scientific evidence that the original Bible diet of fruits,

nuts, grains and vegetables would increase their longevity.

The church held a Daniel Bible-study class as a follow-up and invited participants to the church’s evangelistic series in September.

Both stories, in full format, are available online at [washing-tonconference.org](http://washing-tonconference.org).

*Jean Ludwig, Startup Church communication leader, and Joan Case, Lacey Church member*



Adventist churches in Pierce County organize a summertime health fair in Tacoma, Wash., with booths and stations about physical and spiritual health and well-being. More than 1,000 people attended.

# Adventist Churches Host Healthy Family Fair

**S**eventh-day Adventist churches in Pierce County hosted a family- and health-focused community impact service event on the Ruston Way waterfront in August where more than 1,000 people attended.

Each participating church from the Tacoma, Wash., area wanted to create a common ground appeal with the local community, and developed the “Growing Healthy Families” fair to creatively share the Adventist-health message.

The accessible and interactive fair featured vendors such as the Adventist Book Center, Adventist Health van, Southern Touch food booth, Discovery Bible School, a massage tent, WIC program, Samoan nurses, prayer tent, Santana

Fitness, MultiCare, American Heart Association, Premier Foot Care, Pathfinders and more.

“As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a Spirit-led directive to improve the health and quality of life of the families in our community that we serve,” says Donna Manier, from the Mt. Tahoma (Wash.) Church, who coordinated the event. “By evaluating the immediate needs and through partnerships, we are able to reach out to our neighbors through a wide range of health programs and health educational services.”

*Nelson Miles, Tacoma Central Church leader, with Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*

# Washington Teachers Help Korean Students Hone English Skills

**F**ifteen Northwest representatives including seven Washington Conference teachers, four young people, and four support staff helped fifth- and sixth-graders in Korea improve their English in a fun, hands-on, interactive learning environment this summer.

The 150 middle-school students spent 10 days at the Step-Up English Summer Camp where they attended assemblies, played games and rotated through classes in writing, physical education, practical life skills, small group “family” time, science, and Bible.

“The students stole our hearts very quickly,” says Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Inter-

national Student Experience program director. “The students were appreciative to be able to participate in such a learning experience.”

Dan Baker, Lewis County

**Washington Conference teachers spend three weeks in Korea preparing and participating in the Step-up English Summer Camp for students in grades five and six.**



Adventist School principal, was one of the teachers who volunteered to teach in Korea. “I never worked with that age group, let alone in a foreign country, before,” Baker says.

“The kids were fantastic — eager to learn and get to know us better and share Korea with us.”

As a follow-up, a delegation from Washington Conference attended two education expos in Seoul and Busan in mid-September where they interacted with hundreds of young people and families who are looking for an American school.

“This is a great opportunity to connect with interested families,” Gruesbeck says. “We are learning to make the best use of every opportunity to recruit students.”

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*

# Auburn Celebrates Healthy Enrollment

**A**uburn Adventist Academy’s school community prayed throughout the summer for a healthy enrollment for the 2011–12 school year.

**Auburn Adventist Academy’s four classes are fairly equal in distribution. The class of 2012 has 70 students.**

The budget was set at a conservative 220 students. Summer recruiters kept in contact with prospective students. Applications kept arriving. Registration day buzzed with activity. The question everyone kept asking was: “How many?”

Enrollment numbers are closely watched as a new school year begins, and even more so after last year’s enrollment didn’t match up with the budget, resulting in staff and budget cut-backs.

But the good news is, in answer to prayer, AAA is celebrating a healthy enrollment this year with 250 students.

“We are healthy as a school with enrollment right now,” says Nathan Klingstrand, AAA’s new

vice principal.

The campus has 160 returning students and 90 new students. There are 50 freshmen, 65 sophomores, 65 juniors and 70 seniors. Also included in the school family are 29 international students from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

“We now have something to build on for the future,” says John Freedman, AAA board chair. “We changed the governance, established a constitution and bylaws, restructured the board, established a management committee, revamped the budget, reassigned duties and surpassed our enrollment needs.”

“We are committed,” says



**Registration day at Auburn Adventist Academy finds 250 students lined up to register for classes in answer to prayer for a healthy enrollment this academic year at the academy.**

Samir Berbawy, AAA principal, “to providing young people with a quality, Christ-centered education in a safe environment.”

*Heidi Martella, with Jessi Turner, AAA marketing director*

HEIDI MARTELLA



# 'I Felt Valued'

## Program Empowers Freshmen to Succeed

"It was my freshman year at Walla Walla University, and I was scared out of my mind."

Rachael Coon, sophomore English major, remembers the transition to college last fall, and she credits the WWU's Freshman Success Program for giving her the confidence she needed.

"I had a few friends from academy, but other than that I knew nobody," she explains. "I was really connected with my community and church family back home, and I was yearning to belong to this new place. I wanted to feel like somebody besides my academy friends cared that I was at Walla Walla University. Then I was assigned my mentor, Tricia McCoy."

### Guiding for Success

"Launched in 2007, the university's FSP program was developed to improve freshman satisfaction and success," explains Mel Lang, the program's director. "It pairs an experienced coach with every first-time freshman student to help the students stay on course. Coaches meet with their students weekly throughout the year, connecting them to campus resources and discussing personal, social, academic or spiritual issues," says Lang.

"Our coaches are trained to be a watchful and consistent presence that will empower students to succeed during their first year here," he says.

This fall there are nearly

400 students in the FSP, mentored by 35 coaches. All coaches have at least bachelor's degrees, and several have master's degrees and above. In total, coaches spent more than 4,450 hours with WWU's freshmen during last school year.

### An Invaluable Ministry

"The effort to identify and train qualified coaches is worth it," Lang says. "Thanks to the FSP, WWU increased the number of freshmen who successfully complete their first year and continue their education. More importantly," Lang says, "students like Rachael Coon report outcomes far more valuable than increased retention."

"Meeting with Tricia every week became a time of acceptance for me," explains Coon. "She listened to me and related to what was going on in my life. She was someone who connected me with the community of Walla Walla, and made my first year here an enriching experience. Because of the time she spent with me, getting to know me, laughing and sharing, I felt valued."

"The Freshman Success Program is a great experience. The mentors in the program are people who aim to connect with freshmen and make them feel welcome. Their ministry in being a support and lending an ear to incoming freshmen is part of what makes Walla Walla University such a great place to be."

Jodi Wagner, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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Getting acquainted: In addition to attending social events and how-to sessions, freshmen students and nearly 400 others are paired with trained coaches during the JumpStart orientation week at Walla Walla University.



Pictured here is Rachael Coon.



# Adventist Health Hospitals Stay Clean and Green

**G**o Green” isn’t just the mantra of canvas-toting hippies aiming to reduce their carbon footprint. Several Adventist Health hospitals and their environmental services departments have taken the mantra to heart — and are turning deep shades of green.

## Sustainable Stewardship

Adventist Medical Center, in Portland, Ore., values stewardship. In an effort to be good stewards and serve the community through responsible resource management, the hospital has started a sustainability management program.

“It fits our mission because it honors God’s creation by reducing, reusing and recycling our material resources to minimize harmful impacts in our community,” says Ervin Gruia, co-chair of the sustainability council at AMC. “Sustainability management ensures that Adventist Health provides a healthy and safe environment that protects our patients, physicians, employees and volunteers.”

An example of sustainability management in action is the new technology acquired to safely dispose of more than 90 percent of infectious medical waste onsite. Thanks to the recently installed Red Bag Machine, the infectious medical waste from red biohazard bags and sharps containers are now pulverized and sterilized, leaving confetti-like material that is safe to dispose of in our normal trash stream. AMC is the first facility in the Oregon market to incorporate this new technology.

“Until now we had to ship our biohazard waste about 100 miles to a facility equipped to safely incinerate it,” says Myron Krause, materials management director. “This new process prevents the costs and environmental impacts associated with shipping and incineration.”

It takes about 30 minutes for the Red Bag Machine to process a load of material. During that time, the Red Bag Machine operators will be performing HIPAA shredding onsite.



Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., values stewardship. In an effort to be good stewards and serve the community through responsible resource management, the hospital has started a sustainability management program. Pictured here are employees and the new Red Bag Machine.

“Performing both these functions onsite will enhance safety, security and make our waste processing more sustainable,” says Stephen Raffaele, environmental services manager.

## Green Zone

Tillamook County General Hospital, on the Oregon coast, is also making efforts to become more sustainable. Recently, the hospital underwent a lighting efficiency project where 4,349 bulbs were replaced with lower energy consumption lighting. Occupancy sensors were also installed to ensure lights aren’t wasted in empty rooms. It is estimated that TCGH will save 1.15 million kilowatt hours annually.

In addition to the lighting improvements, TCGH also has a recycling program where bins are placed in the dining room for glass,

aluminum and plastic; the hospital has reduced its use of paper; and HVAC air handling fans were replaced with a “fan wall” system that saves energy and is also much quieter.

“The changes that Tillamook Hospital is making will greatly impact our energy consumption and sustainability — saving the hospital money and setting an example for our community,” says Martin Wiedemann, plant services director.

Walla Walla General Hospital in College Place, Wash., is making similar efforts to be more “green,” including placing recycling bins on campus and installing motion sensor lighting as well as energy efficient lighting.

*Brittany Russell Dobbs,  
Adventist Health GLEANER  
correspondent*



## MILESTONES

### Bom 65th

Bill and Dotti Bom celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year.

William B. Bom married Dortha E. Meehan on June 30, 1946, in Medford, Ore. Bill started in construction then became a carpenter and finished his career at Burrill Lumber in Medford. Dotti worked as a registered nurse for her whole career after graduating from the Portland (Ore.) Sanitarium.

The Bom family includes Gerald and Mary Jane Bom of Loma Linda, Calif.; Roger Bom of Medford, Ore.; and Douglas Bom of Portland.

### Eighme 60th

Lloyd and Mary Margaret Eighme recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception at the North Cascade Church in Burlington, Wash.

Lloyd met Mary Margaret Putnam while attending Pacific Union College where Lloyd earned a degree in biology and Mary Margaret in home economics. They were married on June 3, 1951, just a few hours after graduation. The couple was in love and



Lloyd and Mary Margaret Eighme

ready to meet the world's challenges together, committing and dedicating their lives to Adventist education. They started out teaching at Seattle Junior Academy and were pioneers in helping to start and teach at Milo Adventist Academy. They later finished their education at Oregon State University. Lloyd's research job in the entomology department helped him complete his Ph.D. degree in three years and Mary completed her M.S. degree in home economics. Then they returned to PUC where Lloyd taught biology and conducted research projects while Mary became chairman of the home economics department.

In 1989, they built their retirement home in Skagit Valley, Wash. They have enjoyed their favorite mountains for backpacking trips in the North Cascades, along with many projects and activities in the church and community.

The North Cascade Church has become their family. As they have stated, "A few more years shall roll and then our Lord will lead us to our beautiful place in the earth made new with the words, 'welcome home children, welcome home.'"

### Hill 90th

Delbert Hill celebrated his 90th birthday on March 31, 2011, with a small family party in his son's home, in Medford, Ore.

L. Delbert Hill was born March 31, 1921, in Waldo,

Ore. He was raised in Cave Junction, Ore., and was graduated from high school in Kerby, Ore. He attended college in Keene, Texas, where he met his wife on July 7, 1944. They settled in El Paso, Texas. Del joined the Army as an NCO and served his time in a field hospital in Okinawa. After Delbert's discharge, he and Elaine moved to Cove Junction where he ran a logging operation. In 1956, the family moved to Medford, Ore. Del worked for the Burrill Lumber Co., until his retirement after 62 years.

Delbert's family includes Sandra and John Miles of Corbett, Ore.; Terry and Joyce Hill of Medford.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



Virge McDaniel

### McDaniel 100th

The Tillamook Church in Tillamook, Ore., was filled to overflowing July 30, 2011, as family, friends and church family gathered to celebrate the 100th birthday of Virge McDaniel. The Sabbath services were followed by a potluck at the Tillamook Adventist School. The worship service celebrating her life was conducted by her son-in-law, Bill Smith, and Sabbath

School by her daughter, Joyce Hustwaite. Nearly 87 family members attended from all over the country.

Virge Margaret Tidball was born July 30, 1911, in Belle Fourche, S.D., the third of 10 children. While in high school, she worked for her board and room the last two years. After graduation, she worked as a clerk in a little store and cared for several younger siblings. She and a roommate also earned money preparing meals for the local Community Club. It was while engaged in these activities, she met a handsome young Texan named J.P. McDaniel, whom she married in 1935.

J.P. was a master of many skills, including being the proprietor of several general stores and a service station. Virge kept busy caring for their six children. The family moved often, calling South Dakota, Montana, Alaska, California and Michigan home. It was in Ketchikan, Alaska, the family became acquainted with the Adventist religion. In 1994, while living in Berrien Springs, Mich., J.P. died. Virge then moved to Tillamook to be near her two daughters.

She enjoys doing handiwork such as embroidery and crocheting. She loves to cook and likes to prepare meals for family members who visit her home. She lives alone in Tillamook. She is a faithful churchgoer and attends Sabbath School each week, and loves to read her Bible.

Virge's family includes Dick and Yvonne (Badgley) McDaniel of Lincoln, Calif.; Sue and Bill Smith of Tillamook, Ore.; Wayne and Shirley (Boicourt) McDaniel of Jamestown, N.D.; Dean and Valora (Mechalke) McDaniel of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Joyce and Russell Hustwaite of Tillamook; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**McGee 50th**

Jim and Elaine McGee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Spokane, Wash. Their home was full of visiting family and friends who attended the celebration.

Jim was born in Great Falls, Mont., and grew up in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. In 1957, he graduated from Canadian Union College Academy. During his senior year, he taught piano, organ and music theory. Elaine Jewkes was born in Singapore to missionary parents. She took most of her pre-college schooling in Texas and Wisconsin, graduating from Wisconsin Academy in 1956.

The couple met at Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Mich. On June 11, 1961, one week after they both graduated with their baccalaureate degrees, they were married in Elaine's home church in Madison, Wis.

The following year Jim taught organ and music

theory for Warren Becker who was on leave completing his doctorate at Andrews University. Elaine taught third and fourth grades at the Berrien Springs Village Church School.

For Jim, the following years were taken up with graduate school (M. Mus. Indiana University, Ph.D. University of Arizona), teaching (Southern University, Pacific Union College), and helping Elaine raise their two girls, Janice and Shelly. Elaine taught elementary grades in public and church schools in Indiana, Georgia and California, the last being grades one to four in Clearlake, Calif. Elaine earned an M.A. degree from PUC in 1986.

Upon retirement, the McGees left Angwin, Calif., in 2004. They moved to Spokane, Wash. Their time is taken up with church work, visiting friends and relatives, and attempting to catch up on many things that were postponed until retirement.

Their family includes Janice and Arthur Minagawa of Auburn, Wash.; Shelly and Brian Nystrom of Bozeman, Mont.; and 4 grandchildren.

**Rowell 50th**

On Sept. 12, 2010, Harold and LaLonnice Rowell had a semi-surprise 50th wedding anniversary party at the fellowship hall of the Gaston (Ore.) Church. Family members from both sides were there, including all four of Harold's siblings. This was the first time they had all been

together in many years. Also present, were church members and several longtime friends. Pastor Gessele did a recommitment ceremony for them.

On Sept. 18, 1960, H. Harold Rowell and LaLonnice L. Lange were united in marriage by her Uncle Richard Lange, at the Lents Church, in Portland, Ore. Harold and LaLonnice are well known for having managed The Daily Grind Health Food Store in Portland, Ore. They are both retired and active in the Gaston Church where they have been members for more than 33 years. LaLonnice is busy taking care of her mother, Betty, who is 93. They also enjoy trips to the beach and wherever the road leads them.

Their family includes daughters, Cherry and Michael Walsh; Cynthia and Lewis Gates; Carma Rowell-Benson and Tim Dyke; and a grandson.

**Smith 90th**

Georgie E. Smith celebrated her 90th birthday on Dec. 5, 2009, with a party at the Marriott Hotel in Portland, Ore. The party was hosted by her children, Ann and Edward Porter.

Georgie was born Dec. 6, 1919, in Union City, S.D. Everyone who knows Georgie, knows her as Peggy. She married Edward L. in 1941, and between them, they had two children. They are currently living in Portland, Ore.

The family includes:

Edward Porter of Bowie, Md.; Ann L. Porter of Silver Springs, Md.; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**States 65th**

Newton and Esther States celebrated 65 years of marriage on Aug. 10, 2011. They were married Aug. 10, 1946, in Boise, Idaho.

After they married, they both worked at the Portland (Ore.) Sanitarium. Newton worked at a variety of jobs until he entered college at age 31. He became a registered nurse. He then worked in the medical field for 32 years. He was administrator of the Emmett (Idaho) Hospital for 25 years. Esther operated a day-care center. They have lived in Emmett, Idaho, since 1968.

The States family includes four sons, 10 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren.



Newton and Esther States

## BIRTHS

**BEEM** — Emerson Cate was born Aug. 18, 2011, to Alan and Bethany (Cordero) Beem, Vancouver, Wash.

**CORBETT** — Isabelle Ann was born Aug. 19, 2011, to Brian and Sarah (Willis) Corbett, Troutdale, Ore.

**DAY** — Anna Lorraine was born July 16, 2011, to Sean and Jennifer (Nelson) Day, Sandpoint, Idaho.

**DIAMOND** — Jadzia Ellen was born Sept. 15, 2011, to Lance and Elizabeth (Mendenhall) Diamond, Astoria, Ore.

**GOFFAR** — Lana Oei was born Sept. 7, 2011, to Linden and Greta (Candiasari) Goffar, Snohomish, Wash.

**HEPLER** — Phineas Quincy was born Aug. 4, 2011, to Nick and Rebecca (Dick) Hepler, Mulino, Ore.

**KENDALL** — Brielle Grace was born Aug. 5, 2011, to Eric and Angela (Kreuder) Kendall, Eagle, Idaho.

**LEE** — Zara Adelaide was born May 1, 2011, to Matthew and Karisse (Fiedler) Lee, Mount Vernon, Wash.

**MANNING** — Ranger Austin was born Aug. 16, 2011, to Darry and January (David) Manning, Sandpoint, Idaho.

**RAPISARDA** — Arrianna Alyce was born Aug. 4, 2011, to Kristian and Sheila (Alexander) Rapisarda, Camas, Wash.

**WU** — Isaac Johnson Cai was born Sept. 10, 2011, to Roy B. and Paula A. (Shearer) Wu, Happy Valley, Ore.

## WEDDINGS

**BOWES-WINKLE** — Breezy (Brehm) Bowes and William Winkle were married July 10, 2011, in Milton-Freewater, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Breezy is the daughter of Ed and Linda

Brehm. William is the son of Jerold and Judy Winkle.

**GATTON-MCCLUSKEY** — Katie Gatton and Lloyd McCluskey were married Aug. 14, 2011, in Star, Idaho. They are making their home in Walla Walla, Wash. Katie is the daughter of David and Cheri Gatton. Lloyd is the son of Ronald and LaRose McCluskey.

**HANSON-RUSSELL** — Jennika Hanson and Kevin Russell were married July 31, 2011, in Beavercreek, Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Jennika is the daughter of Scott and Merylin (Mote) Hanson. Kevin is the son of David and Debra (Meritt) Russell.

**PALHEGYI-LEISKE** — Klara Palhegyi and Nathan Leiske were married July 9, 2011, in Chehalis, Wash. They are making their home in Olympia, Wash. Klara is the daughter of Jozsef and Estera Palhegyi. Nathan is the son of Donn and Kathie Leiske.

**SCOTT-GIDDINGS** — Laurel Scott and Jason Giddings were married July 25, 2011, in Whitefish, Mont. They are making their home in Boise, Idaho. Laurel is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Scott. Jason is the son of Ray and Susan Giddings.

**WOODLAND-CHRISTENSEN** — Heather Woodland and John "BJ" Christensen were married Aug. 5, 2011, in Oregon City, Ore. They are making their home in Sandy, Ore. Heather is the daughter of Dennis and Betty (Alderson) Woodland. BJ is the son of John and Kris (Hieb) Christensen.

## AT REST

**CUMMINGS** — John Leroy, 81; born Aug. 24, 1929, Bemidji, Minn.; died March 25, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Beverly (Elwell); sons, Milton, Plano,

Texas; George, Brownsville, Calif.; daughter, Alta Austin, Grants Pass; brothers, Arnold, Forbestown, Calif.; Lawrence, Brownsville; sisters, Wilma Trillingham and Betty Wendell, both of Port Angeles, Wash.; Marcella Streeter, of Arizona; Mary Bolda, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**DALE** — Dolores "Dee" Frances, 81; born March 25, 1929; died Feb. 18, 2011, Redding, Calif. Surviving: husband, Everett; 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**DUNLOP** — Calvin, 86; born Feb. 11, 1925, Springfield, Mass.; died April 13, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Diane Kremmer-Hall; son, Gary Thomson, Hopewell, N.J.; stepson, Michael Hall, Novato, Calif.; daughters, Laurene Dunlop-Brooks, Longview, Wash.; Leslie Gergel, Pacheco, Calif.; Lynn Vuilleumier, Arnold, Calif.; Donna Dunlop-Lassus, Danville, Calif.; stepdaughter, Patricia Guard, Neskowin, Ore.; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**FORT** — Tory Oliver Andrew, 49; born Aug. 8, 1961, Sandpoint, Idaho; died May 4, 2011, Naples, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Patrick Fort, Tulare, Calif.; TJ Fort, Andrew Fort, Ponderay, Idaho; daughters, Elizabeth Morris, Lawrence, Kan.; Sylvia Fort, Torrance, Calif.; step-father and mother, Art and Gladys Larson, Naples; brothers, Tim Fort, Kellogg, Idaho; Tracy Fort, Spirit Lake, Idaho; sister, Tonya Petrus, Spokane, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

**GEMAR** — Bessie (Harding) Bighaus, 84; born Feb. 16, 1927, Dryad, Wash.; died June 5, 2011, Conrad, Mont. Surviving: stepson, Leslie Gemar, Mica, Wash.; step-

daughter, Sheri (Gemar) Keil, Fairbanks, Alaska; brothers, Robert E. Harding, Fort St. Johns, British Columbia, Canada; James E. Harding, St. Helens, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**GREWE** — Rosemary, 89; born Oct. 27, 1921, Toledo, Ore.; died April 7, 2011, Vancouver, Wash.

**HALVERSEN** — Warren H. Jr., 76; born March 7, 1935, Everett, Wash.; died May 6, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marcene (Shaw), Hillsboro, Ore.; sons, Kent, Troutdale, Ore.; Mark, Hillsboro; and 3 grandchildren.

**HARKELRODE** — Berdena M. (Bratcher) Woods, 82; born April 5, 1928, Hutchinson, Kan.; died Dec. 26, 2010, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: sons, Gerry Woods, Monroe, Wash.; Harvey Woods, Medford, Ore.; daughter, Dawns (Woods) Donker, Hillsboro; sisters, JoAnn Fjarli and Merileta Parmenter, both of Medford; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**HILL** — V. Elaine (Akerman), 89; born Dec. 31, 1920, Edinburg, Texas; died Dec. 12, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: husband, Delbert; son, Terry, Medford; daughter, Sandra Miles, Corbett, Ore.; sister, Mildred Akerman, of Texas; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**HULSE** — Joseph Dan, 81; born Jan. 2, 1929, Port Angeles, Wash.; died Dec. 27, 2010, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bessie (Johnson), Lacrosse, Wash.; son, Kenneth, St. Maries, Idaho; daughter, Phyllis Aronica, Ellensburg, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**JOHNSTON** — Candis L. (Avey), 65; born June 21, 1946, Portland, Ore.; died June 22, 2011, Seattle, Wash.

Surviving: sons, Wade R. and Reid B., both of Brinnon, Wash.; daughter, Sherri M. Johnston, Shelton, Wash.; brothers, Eugene S. Avey II; Tim M. Avey, Shelton; sister, Mary L. Avey, Shelton; and 5 grandchildren.

**JOHNSTON** — Stanley N., 67; born May 28, 1944, Shelton, Wash.; died Feb. 20, 2011, Hamma Hamma, Wash. Surviving: sons, Wade R. and Reid B., both of Brinnon, Wash.; daughter, Sherri M. Johnston, Shelton; and 5 grandchildren.

**KANNENBERG** — Esther G. (White), 69; born June 26, 1941, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada; died May 3, 2011, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Richard; son, John, Wahpeton, N.D.; daughter, Wendi Kannenberg, Anchorage, Alaska; brother, Don White, Columbia, Md.; and 4 grandchildren.

**KLEIN** — James D. Sr., 89; born Sept. 22, 1921, Tacoma, Wash.; died May 1, 2011, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, James D., College Place; daughter, Kathleen Spring, Aurora, Colo.; brother, Edward; Whilma Clure; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**KNOWLES** — Opal Esther (Gilliland) Gaede, 94; born May 30, 1916, Haswell, Colo.; died April 7, 2011, Rockaway Beach, Ore. Surviving: son, Robert Gaede, Rockaway Beach; stepson, Earl Knowles, Woodland, Wash.; daughter, Margaret Russell, Redding, Calif.; stepdaughters, Vannia Perhm, of New Hampshire; Wanda Ingold, Noblesville, Ind.; brother, Melvin Gilliland, Burlington, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

**MECHLING** — Jesse L., 66; born Oct. 2, 1944, Orofino,

Idaho; died Feb. 23, 2011, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Loy (Shrader), Orofino; sons, Jason, Weed, Calif.; Travis, Dearly, Idaho; Tyson, Medford, Ore.; daughter, Jessica Mechling, Spokane, Wash.; mother, Doreen (Wylie) Ove, Sagle, Idaho; brothers, Fred, Sagle; Charles, Clarkston, Wash.; sisters, Carol Bryan, Rathdrum, Idaho; Jan Rydalch, St. Anthony, Idaho; and 7 grandchildren.

**NYSTROM** — Donald Dean, 83; born March 2, 1928, Grayston, Minn.; died March 30, 2011, The Dalles, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lenora (Logsbon), Goldendale, Wash.; son, Richard, Deputy, Ind.; daughters, Donna Henry, Oregon City, Ore.; Sharon Nystrom, Portland, Ore.; Ethel Ingram, Milwaukie, Ore.; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

**OGAN** — Lloylynn A. (Smith), 59; born Jan. 19, 1952, Santa Cruz, Calif.; died April 18, 2011, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dennis R., College Place, Wash.; sons, Mark A. Smith, Hood River, Ore.; Scott D. Smith, Merced, Calif.; Dennis W. Ogan, San Francisco, Calif.; Gregory A. Ogan, Modesto, Calif.; brothers, Randy Smith, Ceres, Calif.; Bill Birt, Modesto; sister, Debra Moser, Modesto; and 6 grandchildren.

**PESTERFIELD** — Merrel Lee, 85; born Sept. 26, 1925, Tillamook, Ore.; died April 17, 2011, Wheeler, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Donna Bedford, Tillamook; brothers, Leonard, Hood River, Ore.; Everett and Clarence, both of Tillamook; Jack, Pacific City, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

**PIHL** — Ruth L. (Prizer), 92; born Oct. 28, 1918, Glasgow, Kan.; died April 2, 2011, Poulsbo, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Donna

Pihl, Shoreline, Wash.; Linda Ibsen, Suquamish, Wash.; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

**PRESTON** — Clifford, 70; born April 11, 1941, Denver, Colo.; died May 8, 2011, Milwaukie, Ore. Surviving: wife, Alice (Mounts); stepsons, Ronald Hanley Jr., Milwaukie; John Janley, Seaside, Ore.; stepdaughter, Alicia Hanley, St. Helens, Ore.; brother, David Preston; half brothers, Richard Lettman; Edward Lettman; and 4 step-grandchildren.

**RADKE** — Russell A., 82; born April 13, 1928, Granum, Alberta, Canada; died Feb. 28, 2011, Richland, Wash. Surviving: son, Gordon R., Bonney Lake, Wash.; daughters, Bonnie L. Hall, Kennewick, Wash.; Jayeleene R. Radke, Wheatland, Calif.; brother, Elford Radke, Battle Ground, Wash.; sisters, Stella Hegstead, Spencerville, Md.; Dorothy Larson, Gresham, Ore.; and Miriam Adams, Dayton, Ohio.

**RANALLA** — Joan (Walsh), 66; born March 28, 1944, Blackpool, England; died March 23, 2011, Anaconda, Mont. Surviving: husband, Tim Sr.; sons, Tim II, Lake Tahoe, Nev.; William and Brian, both of Chico, Calif.; brothers, Allen Walsh and Ray Walsh, both of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**REINEKE** — Willis Alton, 88; born Aug. 8, 1922, Watertown, S.D.; died June 1, 2011, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Pauline (Fowler), Post Falls, Idaho; sons, Willis Reineke Jr., Newman Lake, Wash.; Gary Fowler, Hollywood, Md.; daughters, Carolyn (Reineke) Matthews, of West Virginia; Paulette (Fowler) Gorsuch, Palm Springs, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**SKINNER** — Roy S. 88; born June 29, 1922, Brashear, Mo.; died April 8, 2011, Keizer, Ore. Surviving: sons, David and Steve, both of Oregon; Dan, of California; Tim, of Florida; daughters, Deb Skinner and Sally Skinner, both of Oregon; and 11 grandchildren.

**SMITH** — Elmer C., 79; born June 2, 1931, Chanute, Kan.; died May 21, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lu Jean Smith, Amity, Ore.; sons, Leland, Pasco, Wash.; Louis, Independence, Ore.; Lloyd, McMinnville, Ore.; Larry, Amity; daughter, Lu Jean Phonnathong, Westerville, Ohio; brothers, Dan Collins, Everett, Wash.; John Collins, Medford, Ore.; sister, Elsie Riley, McMinnville; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**SMITH** — John F. Jr., 60; born Dec. 5, 1950, Vallejo, Calif.; died March 25, 2011, Etna, Calif. Surviving: sisters, Donna Poe, Callahan, Calif.; and Susie LaFranchi, Mission Viejo, Calif.

**TURNER** — Theodore T., 80; born Aug. 24, 1930, Stockton, Calif.; died April 17, 2011, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: stepson, Albert Green; daughters, Tammy (Turner) Sandow; Barbara (Turner) Micheli; brother, Leo Turner; sisters, Doris Hoblitt; Irene Ingram; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**WILLIAMS** — John A., 85; born March 26, 1925, Sumner, Ark.; died June 4, 2009, Rogue River, Ore. Surviving: wife, Betty Williams; daughters, Rose Bryant, Central Point, Ore.; Gloria Gardener, White City, Ore.; Rhonda Williams, of California; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### North Pacific Union Conference

#### Offering:

**Nov. 5** — Local Church Budget;

**Nov. 12** — World Budget: Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission);

**Nov. 19** — Local Church Budget;

**Nov. 26** — Local Conference Advance.

#### Walla Walla University

**Nov. 5** — Omicron Pi Sigma (OPS men's club) Amateur Hour will be at 8 p.m. in the gym. Admission fees apply. For more information, call 800-541-8900, ext. 2111.

**Nov. 13** — 2011 Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Joe Galusha presents "Watching Animals Behave: Things We Can Learn or Not." This will be at the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**Nov. 20-27** — Thanksgiving Vacation.

**Nov. 29** — College Place campus Christmas tree lighting ceremony takes place in front of the administration building at 7 p.m. Cookies and hot drinks will be provided.

**Dec. 9** — Annual Christmas concert is at 6 and 8 p.m. (The same concert is performed twice.) Admission is free.

**Dec. 11** — I Cantori performs Handel's *The Messiah* with the Walla Walla Symphony at 3 p.m. in the University Church. Admission is: \$20/adult; \$15/youth. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 509-529-8020 or visit [wvsymphony.org](http://wvsymphony.org).

### Oregon

#### Holiday Bazaar

**Nov. 13** —Join us between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Tualatin Valley Academy located at 21975 S.W. Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123, for the 4th-annual holiday bazaar. This will feature many vendors with homemade crafts and home-based businesses. The ninth and tenth grades will be serving food to raise monies for a Washington, D.C., trip. Monies raised from the bazaar will benefit the Home and School

organization at the school. Please contact [gracietoys@comcast.net](mailto:gracietoys@comcast.net) with questions.

#### Dr. Russell Burrill to Speak on Evangelism

**Dec. 2-3** — Russell Burrill, author of numerous articles, the Prophecy Seminar lessons, and nine books; professor emeritus of Andrews University Seminary; and retired director of the North American Division Institute of Evangelism, will be coming to Portland, Ore. At the 2005 Year-end Meetings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, he was elected to be the secretary of the ministerial association. His most recent book is *How to Grow an Adventist Church*. Come and learn how your church can be more effective and efficient in spreading the gospel throughout your church territory. Presentations will be Friday evening, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.; Sabbath morning, Dec. 3 at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m.; and Sabbath afternoon from 2-5 p.m., at the Stone Tower Church located at 3010 N.E. Holladay St., Portland, OR. For more information, call 503-232-6018.

#### Stephen Bohr to Speak in Albany, OR

**Feb. 3-4** — Stephen Bohr, Fresno (CA) Church pastor and Secrets Unsealed speaker, is to speak at the Albany (OR) Church, on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call 541-928-9555 or go to [www.AlbanyAdventist.org](http://www.AlbanyAdventist.org).

#### CAA Alumni Weekend

**March 30-31, 2012** — Honor classes will be 2012, 2002, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1972, 1962, 1952, and the honor group of '53 and prior. Plan now to attend. For more information, contact Larry Hiday at 360-687-3161 ext. 33 or [hidala@caaschool.org](mailto:hidala@caaschool.org).

### Upper Columbia

#### Missing Members

The Colville Church needs information about any of the following missing members: Rita (Burden) Thomas, Ernest Jones Jr., Grace Turner, Heather Zastera, Jessica Zastera and Josh Zastera. Please contact the Colville Church at 509-684-5845 or email [colvillesda@colvilleforchrist.com](mailto:colvillesda@colvilleforchrist.com) if you know the whereabouts of any of these members.

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	Total free or nominal rate outside the mail	0	0
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Billings	5:57	4:48	4:40	4:35
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Miles City	5:44	4:35	4:28	4:22
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Medford	6:01	4:54	4:47	4:43
Portland	5:54	4:45	4:37	4:32
<b>Upper Columbia Conference</b>				
Pendleton	5:38	4:29	4:22	4:16
Spokane	5:28	4:18	4:10	4:04
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# The Invited Guest

*“My cohort and I looked at each other with the grim resolve of kamikaze pilots. Without a doubt we knew the wedding feast at Cana was not going to be re-enacted here.”*

The family had gathered from hither and yon. All were in fine festive fettle. The traditional “glutenous” feast had been prepared with delectable ingredients from such exotic locations as Worthington and Loma Linda. The table was exquisitely set with fall colors and autumn leaves. All that remained was the ceremonial making of the punch — a responsibility left to the alpha male of the tribe.

And so it was that I began the family tradition of combining several different fruit juices together along with a dash of 7-Up for a little zip. There was only one problem. The mixture resulted in an off-color shade that did nothing to complement the dining room motif. What to do? My brother-in-law slipped in to offer assistance. We pondered in silence for a few moments. Then inspiration struck like a bolt of lightning. “Hey,” exclaimed my partner. “Let’s just add a little food coloring.” It had the makings of a stellar idea, hampered only by one small but stark reality. Neither of us had a clue of what color combinations from those little red, green, blue and yellow bottles would bring the desired results.

Our first try ended in a stomach-churning olive-green concoction. “It’s getting worse,” he said. “It looks like spinach juice ... gone bad.”

“Yeah, but let’s add this,” I exclaimed confidently, with the red bottle in hand. After a couple drops and nervous stir, the liquid turned a muddy shade of brown.

Someone called, “Is the drink ready?” My cohort and I looked at each other with the grim resolve of kamikaze pilots. Without a doubt, we knew the

wedding feast at Cana would not be re-enacted here. While he quietly poured our revolting libation down the sink, I filled another pitcher from the tap and walked into the dining room. “We’ve got water and diet water!” I said brightly. “What’ll it be?”

When Jesus joined the celebratory throng at Cana, it was a scene of thanksgiving, a wedding, an occasion of excited gratitude for new life and opportunity. It brought joy to Him. But the drink had evaporated. All that was left was water, and plenty of it. So the Man of the Living Water answered the call. “Fill the containers with water,” He said. You know the story. He didn’t just replace the wine. He took what was on hand and created something far better.

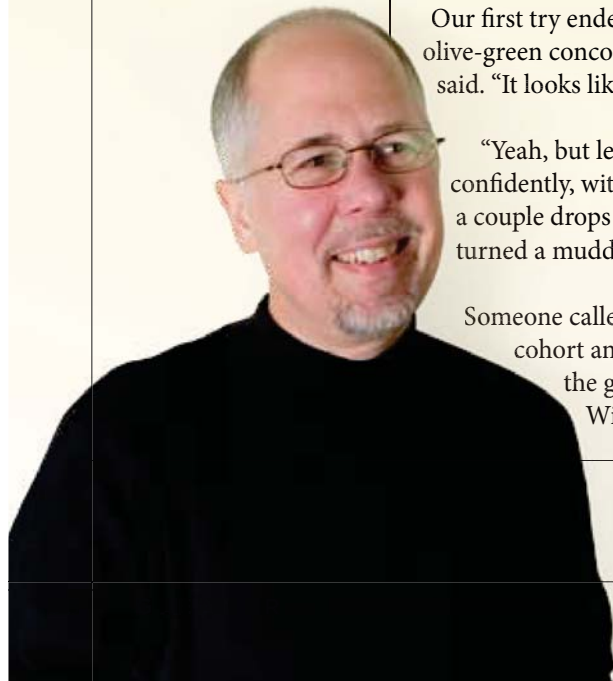
Now, please resist the temptation to get sidetracked on whether the Master produced a better vintage of wine or an artisan brand of high-end grape juice. There’s a much more important point here for us — and it has less to do with the miracle of water to wine, than the Man who did it.

The lesson is simple: Jesus was invited to the celebration ... and He made all the difference.

I’m done dressing up drinks with food coloring. I’d rather bring my often empty cup to the Man with the Living Water, and let Him make all the difference.

This Thanksgiving, make sure He is on your guest list.

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