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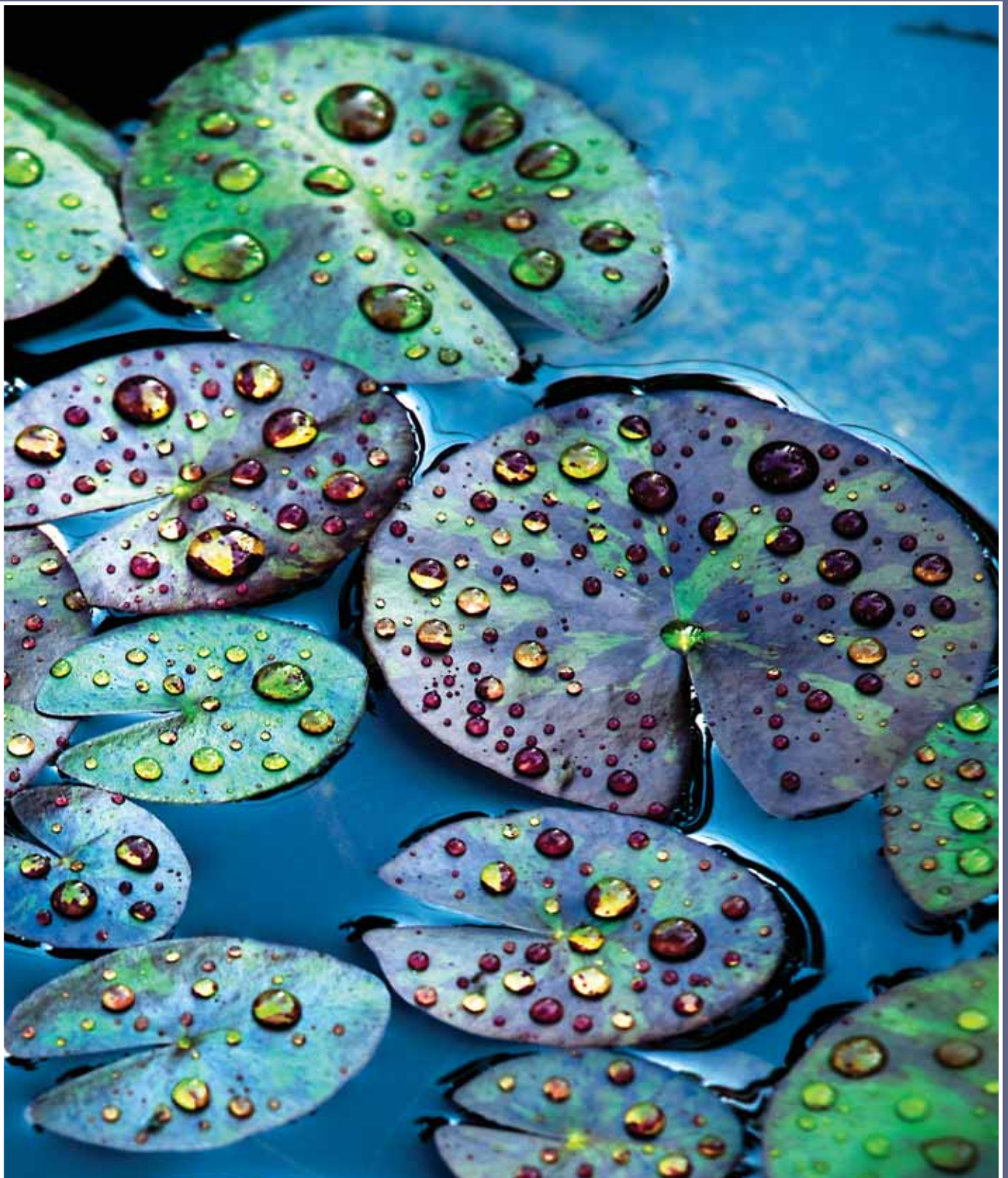
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"I grew up in a family with a mindset of service. For me, church and community always go together. It's who I am as a fourth-generation Adventist."

BETTYE BLAKENEY

IMAGES OF CREATION



*How great is God — beyond our understanding! ... He draws up
the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams.”*

JOB 36:26-27 (NIV)

‘Droplets and Pads’ by Dean Huggins of Otis Orchards, Washington.



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Archive photo that ran in the December 2011 *GLEANER*.

Remembering Norm Klam



Norman W. Klam, 1945–2012

Memorial services were held January 14 at the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Washington, for former North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and Oregon Conference treasurer Norman W. Klam. He died Sunday evening, January 1, from complications following an auto accident on Monday, December 26, 2011. Klam leaves his wife, Marlene; daughter, Cheri, a physician in Vancouver, Washington; son, Jeffrey, assistant treasurer for the Northern California Conference; and several grandchildren. He was 66.

Canadian by birth (and proud of it), Klam graduated from Walla Walla College in 1968. He began his work for the Adventist Church as assistant auditor for the Canadian Union

Conference in 1971. In 1976, he took over the treasurer position for the Alberta Conference, assuming the same role for the Canadian Union Conference in 1981.

Klam joined the Oregon Conference as treasurer in 1986, then transferred to a similar position for the Lake Union Conference in 1992.

Klam moved back to the Northwest in 2002 as NPUC treasurer, working in that capacity until 2008.

Throughout his long career in church financial leadership, Klam served on numerous health system and university boards. He was instrumental in developing Beyond the Bottom Line, the highly successful training seminar for church financial workers and leaders.

“Norm was a great friend and mentor to so many of our church workers,” says Mark Remboldt, NPUC treasurer. “He is greatly missed by his church family throughout the North American Division and around the world.”

Letters

Remembering the Campgrounds

Looking at the [December archive photo], I believe it's taken next to the old Chatauqua building on the Gladstone (Oregon) Campgrounds. I remember the Chatauqua building. The first year my folks and I attended Gladstone Camp Meeting was 1954. I was 2 1/2 years old. I also remember the bell tower and the bell that rang announcing each adult meeting. Those were the good old days! It's sure not the same now. I was able to locate the site of our tent this summer, however, #371. It was just back of the Cradle Roll building and between it and the Kindergarten building. My folks had that tent for probably 20 years or so. Wonderful memories!

Alice Ray, Oregon City, Oregon

Is the Sunset Schedule Legalistic?

I would like to pose a simple but respectful question which might provoke genuine discussion. Do the average readers of the *GLEANER* still need to rely on the published Sunset Schedule in order to “properly” observe the Sabbath? I am one who thinks and hopes the Seventh-day Adventist Church has matured beyond the necessity of continuing such a practice. I have concluded that legalism destroys relationship between us and God and between us and our fellow church members. I am very pained when I see any institutional practice that in any way might encourage legalism. I would like to see a well thought through article theologically defending why you might ultimately stop the practice of publishing the Sunset Schedule.

John W. Vornholt, Clarkston, Washington



Where Do You Want to Go?

What Would You Like to Do?

“Hello Gordon, what would you like to do?” A computer-generated voice asks me that question every time I turn on my “smart” phone. If I don’t answer immediately, the persistent mechanical voice continues, “Are you still there, Gordon? What would you like to do? I didn’t hear your response.”

Recently the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Executive Committee asked me to focus on stewardship, leadership and innovation. In the last eight weeks, I have been asked frequently, “Sooooooo Gordon, what would you like to do?” I have lots of personal ideas, but the most important thing I can do is ask the question, “Lord, what do YOU want us to do?”

Word of the Lord Was Rare

A re-study of the familiar story of Samuel and Eli has reminded me that God has BIG plans for us, if we are willing to LISTEN. The text 1 Samuel 3:1 tells us that “the Word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.” But that changed when a seasoned church leader gave the young boy Samuel instruction on how to listen directly to the voice of God.

God’s plans were revealed when a faithful child said, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

Has God Spoken to YOU lately?

When word from God is rare, it usually indicates that we are not listening. God wants to speak to all of us. He had tried to communicate to Eli ... He had tried

more than once to speak to the young Samuel, but Samuel didn’t realize that God would want to speak to just a boy!

The Samuel story is a great example of how young and old NEED each other. If you are an older leader in the church, God might be asking you to remind the children, youth and young adults that sometimes God will have a message for the church that only they can fully understand.

So Gordon, What Has God Asked You to Write?

Stewardship — God has a message and a task for everyone. He entrusts YOU with the care of His church and message. Just listen for HIS Word!

Leadership — Church leadership is not confined to people with a leadership title. When a child listened, God used him to lead the leaders! When youth and age team together, our direction will be made clearer. Just listen for HIS Word!

Innovation — I am inspired by the words of Joel as quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost ... “God will give visions to young men and women, and older leaders will have dreams.” Just listen for HIS Word.

Lord, What Do You Want to Do?

As director of stewardship/leadership/innovation I am listening to see what God will have me do in 2012. But for TODAY, He has given me an important assignment to remind you to LISTEN for HIS VOICE. God has a word for you. Join with me in beginning 2012 by saying, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.”

“The Samuel story is a great example of how young and old NEED each other.”



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NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE STEWARDSHIP,
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Our Sisters' House: |

NEW DIRECTIONS HOPE IN TACOMA



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An Our Sisters' House facilitator conducts a New Directions evening session for parents.



Some people retire with visions of sandy shores and days of leisure. Bettye Blakeney's eyes were on a different target.

Blakeney had taught nursing students for years, when she decided to retire — “while they still liked me,” she says with a smile. But rather than stepping away from challenge, this long-time member of the Mount Tahoma Church in Tacoma, Washington, stepped even further into the fray.

Along with her sister-in-law, Sharon Manier, she had observed the needs of girls in trouble. Those who became incarcerated and then released were often thrust back into society unprepared to follow a different course than that which got them into prison in the first place. Manier had also recently retired from American Airlines. Together, Blakeney and Manier decided to establish a home as a place of transition where girls could learn lessons of etiquette and responsibility before moving back into the community on their own.

With the help of a friend, they purchased a home in Tacoma and began Our Sisters' House in 1995, initially working with runaways. Manier, who now serves as executive director, and Blakeney, now assistant director, remember their initial naiveté with wry humor. “We were going to dress 'em up and make them all pretty,” Blakeney chuckles.

But soon they realized the real work lay on a much deeper, more fundamental level. One of their first girls had already been in and out of

more than 30 homes — running away each time. “She ran away from us too,” says Blakeney. “But we always went after her and brought her back.” In many cases their hard work paid off, including a 10-year-old girl who, through the help of Our Sisters' House, went back to school, eventually married and became a positive part of her community.

A BROADER HORIZON

After a couple of years, Our Sisters' House expanded its focus to work primarily with girls ages 16–18 who were transitioning from the prison system. They established three important ground rules: The girls had to 1) go back to school; 2) become employed at a part-time job; and 3) do some sort of regular community service. The average stay for each girl was between six and eight months.

Between 1998 and 2003, Our Sisters' House helped transition more than 300 girls to successful lives beyond prison walls. Blakeney's daughter, Kelli Robinson, joined the staff in 1999 as a program specialist and development director.

The mission was growing too. In working with teen girls, they had discovered patterns of sexual and physical abuse. Demand for domestic violence services for women of color had increased so dramatically in the previous decade that, in 2004, the Our Sisters' House board decided to

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The New Directions teen girls spend part of each weekly meeting in their own session, apart from the boys and parents.

Betty Blakeney, Our Sisters' House assistant director, is shown here with a sculpture that depicts the human struggle to rise from relational oppression to abundant living.

eliminate the group home and focus entirely on support services to domestic violence victims.

Our Sisters' House now provides services for four unique programs, in partnership with city and county agencies.

CONFRONTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In collaboration with Tacoma's Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, Our Sisters' House provides two victim advocates who help serve approximately 500 women each year. They give domestic violence advocacy, provide funding assistance for some who need relocation and present domestic violence training to police officers.

NEW DIRECTIONS PROJECT

Funded by the City of Tacoma, local foundations and corporations, Our Sisters' House provides facilitation for this ongoing family violence prevention program. Families meet once a week with a curriculum that focuses on anger management, conflict resolution, effective communication and family management.

DSHS FAMILY ADVOCACY

A contract with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) funds two paid advocates from Our Sisters' House to help domestic violence victims receive safety planning and support in becoming self-sufficient.

STEPPING STONES

Our Sisters' House uses this eight-week series of evening sessions to help families increase parenting skills, address the needs of both the non-offending parent and children, and decrease the effects of post-violence stress.

All of these efforts are dependent upon proper staffing and, of course, funding. Our Sisters' House employs 10 full-time and four part-time staff members, in addition to four volunteers and three interns working in the various programs. Robinson spends her time each day writing grants and seeking the essential funds for the all-important, ongoing support. Past and current efforts have been underwritten by such diverse sources as Pierce County, the City of Tacoma and the Gates Foundation. Even the Northwest Muckleshoot, Tulalip,



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Quinault, and Puyallup tribes provide an annual subsidy for these services.

The proof is, as they say, in the pudding. Parents and teens involved in the evening New Directions sessions express excitement and gratitude for the growth underway. One parent says, "The parents come into this program thinking it's the children who need to be fixed. I teach adults all the time about problem solving and listening skills, and it was a rude awakening that I wasn't using those same skills at home. After the first session, I told the facilitator that she gave me my son back."

Another mother says, "You're not preaching to us. You're with us, and I like that."

The needs are growing each year. Robinson says they have seen an overall deterioration in family health. "Where there was mischief before, now we're seeing violence. And parents are scared of their own kids." When she submits a grant request, it is with a very clear picture of what's at stake. "When we get them, they're at the bottom," she says. "But it is so rewarding to see them gain personal victories along the road to a more healthy and productive life."

Susan Adams, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center director, sees Our Sisters' House as a critical partner on this upward road. "They are right there on our frontlines, the most fantastic advocates for those who come for help," she says. "They've been our partners since the very beginning."

Roland Bautista, who supervises the Pierce County domestic violence unit, agrees. "We work right alongside of each other, with one common goal in mind — to give people with little hope a vision of what could be and how to get there."

Some days, Blakeney, Manier and Robinson look up and ask, "Lord, where are we going to get the resources to help all these people?" Our Sisters' House has made significant inroads because of the community partnerships they have developed. But the bottom line rests in a solid faith that they are ultimately doing the Lord's work.

"This is not an option for me," Blakeney says. "I grew up in a family with a mindset of service. For me, church and community always go together. It's who I am as a fourth-generation Adventist." Our Sisters' House — Sisters Helping

Sisters — is an outgrowth of this philosophy. It effectively answers the dilemma of James 2:15–16: "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?"

In the end, what is given often returns as a blessing. Blakeney muses: "The experiences I've had while providing these services to our community have equipped me to face challenges in my personal life with confidence, knowing that the Lord is in charge and He always provides a way."

Our Sisters' House is a daily investment in the currency of hope for so many in Tacoma and beyond. Bettye Blakeney, Sharon Monier and Kelli Robinson are fully invested and examples to us all that true Christianity, true Adventism, is best expressed out in the communities we serve.

Steve Vistaunet,
GLEANER editor

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Una Experiencia Maravillosa



El Pastor Fajardo toma el voto bautismal a los candidatos al bautismo en la campaña con el Pastor Canals.

Como resultado de la apertura de dos nuevas congregaciones (Keizer e Independence) en el área de Salem, la hermandad, comprometida con la misión de la Iglesia durante los últimos años, se ha lanzado nuevamente con un programa desafiante y agresivo de evangelización. Con la finalidad de crecimiento tanto interno como externo, el concepto de evangelismo en la iglesia Hispana no sólo trata del período de la cosecha sino que se anticipa con la siembra y se extiende a la permanencia por medio de un programa denominado el seguimiento. Al concluir cada fase, la feligresía se concentra para celebrar un festival de fe, el cual comienza con la campaña de evangelismo. Para esta ocasión la iglesia fue honrada con la visita del pastor Ramón Canals, vicepresidente de la Unión del Pacífico Norte,

quien fue el orador invitado. Después de una intensa jornada, fueron bautizadas 16 personas, dejando otros interesados que aceptaron tomar su decisión más adelante. Hecho que resultó días más tarde en medio de la Caravana de la Vida que se llevó a cabo en la primera semana de Noviembre, y 11 personas

Gamaliel y Anita Galeano comparten su fe con la hermana Teresa, quien aceptó a Jesús y fue bautizada.



más fueron bautizadas en un solemne acto.

Un caso que es digno de compartir con la iglesia para que seamos edificados es el de Teresa Navarro, quien guarda amistad con los esposos Ana y Gamaliel Galeano la cual fue invitada a la campaña y al asistir después de la tercera reunión su vida fue atraída al precioso amor de Jesús. Ella proviene de una familia evangélica de mucho tiempo, con la cual tuvo que romper nexos fuertes y con la ayuda de Dios fue aceptando cada verdad que le era presentada cada noche de reunión y de manera particular el penúltimo tema que fue presentado en torno a la obediencia y fidelidad del pueblo de Dios versus las otras enseñanzas de iglesias tradicionales. El tema trajo relevancia al traer con claridad cómo la Corte Superior de Justicia de Los Estados Unidos ha ido cambiando en su composición religiosa

y preparando el terreno para el conflicto final, según las palabras de Teresa que contaba impactada al pastor de la iglesia cuando fue visitada en su hogar.

En realidad cada alma que fue bautizada es una historia de las victorias para el cielo, trofeos para Jesús como el caso de Alejandro que solicitó permiso de Wal-Mart para asistir a las reuniones y le fue concedido un período de tres horas en medio de su horario de trabajo y finalmente se le conceda el Viernes y Sábado libre al tomar su decisión de aceptación al



Teresa Navarro feliz de haber sido bautizada en la Iglesia de Salem.

Señor y sus preciosas verdades. Hoy ellos y como las más de 70 personas que se han unido a la iglesia durante este año del distrito asisten con fidelidad al templo y alaban a Dios por su gracia y su poder.

Luis Fajardo, pastor de la Iglesia de Salem

Reflections of the Harvest

In a time of financial challenge, and despite being between pastors, the Hillside O'Malley (Anchorage, Alaska) Church board decided they needed to hold an evangelistic series. Brian McMahon, Revelation Speaks Hope seminar speaker/leader, was invited to speak, and Don Barnt, a layperson from Wasilla, Alaska, came to lead the organization and conduct preparation for the meetings. The outcome was phenomenal.

Out of hundreds of visitors that filed into the sanctuary, 30 made decisions for Jesus and 25 fully surrendered their life to Him through baptism or by profession of faith.

Paul Jones, a retired judge who served in Alaskan courts for years, always wondered why people didn't keep the Sabbath since it was clearly mentioned in the Ten Commandments. He enjoyed reading *Liberty* magazine and for years watched *It Is Written* and 3ABN. All this exposure to God's Word prepared him to go to the Revelation Speaks Hope seminar when the brochure came to his mail. Jones was baptized at the end of the series.

Young people came every night with their Bibles in hand to listen to McMahon's message. Three teenagers made decisions to be baptized: Andrew Wagner, Amber Daniel and Katie Daniel.



Paul Jones, a retired Alaskan judge, is welcomed into the church by Brian McMahon, the main speaker for the Hillside O'Malley Church's evangelistic meetings in Anchorage, Alaska.

Katie Daniel wasn't sure how to have a devotional life, which suggested her decision was more mechanical than from the heart. She was given a copy of Mark Finley's *Studying Together* along with a Bible and was shown how to use these. Soon her face glowed with excitement. She had written page after page in a notebook of things

she had learned. The knowledge of Jesus went from her head to her heart!

Hillside O'Malley Church board members are so thankful they listened to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to reach out to the community through evangelism. Not only did the church experience a rich harvest of souls, but a spiritual

revival spread throughout the church family and financial troubles disappeared. This gave members a new understanding of what Jesus said: "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest?' Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest," (John 4:35, NASB).

Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president of secretariat



New members are welcomed to the Hillside O'Malley (Alaska) Church family following evangelistic meetings.

Baker City Celebrates a Harvest

A host of new members — 24 to be exact — are the result of a two-year sowing and reaping process at the Baker City (Ore.) Church under the leadership of Tony Brandon, pastor.

The process started in January 2010 with Tim Roosenberg’s Islam and Christianity seminar, a 10-day series that drew a packed house. Long-time Baker City Church members commented that there had never before been such a response. Many new friends were made, and follow-up Bible studies were conducted.



Tony Brandon, Baker City pastor, stands (at left) with members recently baptized as a result of a two-year sowing and reaping process at the church.

Secrets of Revelation. The attendance was excellent and included community members, many of whom had also attended the earlier Islam and Christianity seminar. An in-depth, six-month, chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Revelation was conducted by Brandon as a follow-up to the 10-day series. Every non-member who attended the Astonishing Scenes seminar also faithfully attended the six-month follow-up.

Then in October 2011, Lyle Albrecht’s Prophetic Signs seminar led 24 individuals to commit their lives to Jesus — 16 by baptism and eight by profession of faith.

One new member, Linda Kotz, initially attended the Roosenberg meetings with her husband, Ed. They had previously been impressed by several It Is Written DVDs but still had to overcome concerns that Adventism was a cultic religion.

But as they attended, they realized the Bible-based teachings made sense. They began to see answers to questions that had always puzzled them. Kotz says, “We came to that seminar and never left. We are excited to be part of this movement and

boast of it in a godly way to all who will listen.”

In order to ensure that the new members are growing in their relationship with Jesus and are integrated into the congregation, a weekly Sabbath School class, Walking with Jesus, is being conducted. This class, crafted especially for new Adventists, covers areas such as discipleship, Sabbath-keeping, stewardship, prayer, Bible study, witnessing and the history of the Adventist movement.

Eleanor Brandon, Baker City Church member



The Baker City (Ore.) Church reaps another for the Lord through baptism.

In October 2010, Brandon held a 10-day prophecy series, Astonishing Scenes of the Apocalypse: Unlock the



The Baker City Church adds more members to its family through baptism.

Kalispell Station Moves to Church

Flathead Adventist Radio (FAR) moved from a rented county location to the Kalispell (Mont.) Church, allowing the station to offer local programming as well as 3ABN broadcasting to a potential audience of nearly 30,000.



From left, Mark Bowman II, Grant Buehler, Robert Davis, Lisa Buehler (background) and Pete Kierstead prepare the Flathead Adventist Radio antenna for its move to the Kalispell (Mont.) Church.

The three-year undertaking culminated on Nov. 2, 2011, as Grant Buehler and Mark Bowman II, Kalispell Church members, dismantled the antenna and prepared to move it to the church, where its tower replaced the steeple.

The plan to move the an-

tenna and expand KANB-FM's broadcast began when Flathead County commissioners notified FAR of their plans to demolish the building where the antenna was located. Many members had desired to have facilities to conduct their own broadcasting and not just run programs

remotely. They found that as the Lord closed the door on their location, He opened another by triggering the opportunity to move the radio station to the Kalispell Church, a more central location in the Flathead Valley with a higher elevation, increasing the station's range.

The task was not easy and included dealing with government and state agencies, which created its own frustrations. However, the new tower and antenna are now in place and broadcasting.

Members are looking forward to implementing local programming and are excited at the prospect of spreading the gospel to an ever-increasing number of listeners.

Louise Atkinson, Flathead Adventist Radio president



The crew watches Grant Buehler and Mark Bowman II, Kalispell (Mont.) Church members, dismantle the antenna from the grain elevator.

Re-dedication in Stevensville

The first snowstorm of the season howled outside but inside the Stevensville (Mont.) Church a warm glow filled the sanctuary as Carol Harrison re-dedicated her life to Jesus on the third Sabbath of November 2011.

Three of Harrison's 13 grandchildren perched on the edge of the baptistry watching lovingly as Bill Whitney, pastor, lowered her beneath the waters of baptism.

"The Holy Spirit had been speaking to me for quite some time," Harrison says. "The cares of this life together with too many outside influences had caused me to fall away from the close walk with God I knew while growing up. I attended [the] Prophecies Decoded evangelistic series with Ron Clouzet. Toward the end of the meetings the Holy Spirit's pleading became so loud I knew I couldn't wait any longer."

Now Harrison is radiantly happy, and the entire congregation of the Stevensville Church welcomes her with open arms and joyful hearts.

Virginia Davis, Stevensville Church communication leader



An Oil Spill, a Match and an Emergency Phone Call

While removing the old Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) boiler building in the summer of 2009, the fuel storage tanks were exposed, and workers discovered that kerosene and diesel had overflowed sometime in the past, contaminating the surrounding soil. Unexpected and therefore unbudgeted, the contamination nevertheless had to be removed, at a cost of approximately \$200,000. Two years later, the ground was restored to health, but the debt remained.

That is, until last November's fourth-annual Thanksgiving celebration: A Time for Family and Friends.

Two anonymous donors offered to match all donations and pledges given during the evening, up to \$100,000. The event was held Nov. 8, 2011, in the beautiful CAA forum, with guests seated at tables decorated by table captains, who provided a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere. Testimonies, before and after dinner from Mac Ford, CAA junior; and Steve Hockett, parent, local dentist, and keynote speaker; spoke to the value of Adventist Christian education, specifically at CAA.

The wonderful meal provided by Randy and Debbie Givens and company was first-class, and the entertainment provided



The Stratton Half Brothers provide entertainment and lots of laughs at the annual Columbia Adventist Academy Thanksgiving celebration. Petey (Pete McLeod), Marky (Mark Holm) and Milford (Doug Mace), had the audience in stitches.

by the Stratton Half Brothers, Petey (Pete McLeod), Marky (Mark Holm) and Milford (Doug Mace), had the audience in stitches as Petey and Marky tried to provide a serious, worthwhile concert while constantly being upstaged and interrupted by their half brother, Milford. If "laughter doeth good like a medicine," — then many overdosed that night!

After the entertainment, Holm, Loma Linda Academy vice principal, and Mace, youth pastor for 16 years, shared the importance of Christian education, adding their personal testimonies to those shared earlier by Ford and Hockett.

The appeal by Matthew Butte, CAA principal, to retire the debt for the environmental cleanup found a positive response. After donations and pledges were counted, \$40,000 was available for the match,

bringing the total for the evening to \$80,000.

But God wasn't finished yet. As Butte was locking the building before heading home, he received a phone call. The person on the other end, after hearing about the final count for the evening, wanted to make sure the school didn't miss out on the full match and would be writing a check for the balance. This brought the total for the evening to \$200,000!

The CAA family continues to marvel at God's grace and miracles and at how He uses clay vessels to accomplish His purposes. It truly was and is an occasion for thanksgiving.

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent



School family and friends enjoy time with each other while raising funds to retire Columbia Adventist Academy's unexpected debt.

Crowds Turn Out for Journey to Bethlehem

This year marked the 15th year the Kelso-Longview (Wash.) Church offered their production of Journey to Bethlehem. The event, which takes community members on a journey through which they can see, hear, smell, taste and feel a Bethlehem experience, attracted more than 8,500 people.



Visitors to the Journey to Bethlehem at the Kelso-Longview (Wash.) Church meet Curley the Camel.

from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On the way they came across three magi and their camel, spent time in a Jewish family's tent, were held up by a Roman guard, experienced a Bethlehem marketplace, begged for lodging at an inn, paid their taxes, witnessed an angel, and found a family huddled together at a manger.

Every person taking the journey ended the trip at a large, lighted wood cross where they were instructed: "Tell everyone you see, anyone you meet, that the Messiah, our Savior has been born."

Linda Wilson, Kelso-Longview Church communication leader



This year's production involved nearly 220 volunteers, most from the Adventist congregation but some from other churches. These volunteers worked together like a well-oiled machine in areas such as costumes, set design and setup, parking, greeting, directing,

tending animals and fires, and providing security. The newest cast member this year was Curley the Camel. He replaced the church's camel, Gizmo, who died suddenly last spring.

At the start of their journey, participants were met by two "cousins" who guided them

Brother and Sister Baptized at Gladstone Park Church

Brother and sister Joe and Abby Azrak were baptized at the Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church during the Sabbath worship hour Nov. 19, 2011, by Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park Church pastor.

"I would like to know more about the judgment," Joe told Uhrig during their studies together. This inspired the pastor to do some in-depth study, and he even preached a sermon, providing the answer.

Joe and Abby each met with Uhrig for baptismal studies during the spring of 2011. They made personal decisions near

the same time, so being baptized on the same day seemed a natural choice.

Joe, 16, is a sophomore at Columbia Adventist Academy (in Battle Ground, Wash.), and Abby, 12, is a seventh-grader at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School (in Gladstone).

Mark and Lori Azrak, Joe and Abby's parents, planned a full day with family and friends to celebrate the commitment their children made.

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader



Joe and Abby Azrak celebrate their baptisms with Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church pastor.

God's Closet Launches New Chapter

The Seventh-day Adventist Community Church of Vancouver (Wash.) opened their doors to more than 100 family units from the surrounding community on Nov. 11, 2011. Each unit received two shopping bags to fill with quality clothing items for children newborn to 18. "Shoppers" expressed appreciation for the friendliness of church volunteers, and 15 people signed up for Bible studies.



God's Closet was developed three years ago by an Adventist foster mom, Merryl Tschoepe, of Spokane, Wash., who saw a need in her community for access to free clothing. The Vancouver team, comprised of six moms, began work in September to open a local chapter of God's Closet. Relationships were established with consignment stores, support received from local Adventist churches and schools, and many divine encounters and moments of

undeniable affirmation transpired that demonstrated God's leading.

Inspiration to open a chapter of God's Closet in Vancouver arrived in the form of a little girl attending both Vacation Bible School and FLAG (Fun Learning About God) Camp wearing the same sweatpants and T-shirt daily. Although two moms compiled clothing for the child, a heart-burden developed for identifying and meeting the needs of other children in

the community living without adequate clothing.

The team's goals became threefold: to be the hands of God in their community; to direct people to the love of God and an invitation to fellowship through church programs or Bible studies; and to model to their own children and engage them in acts of service that glorify God.

Each setup day requires more than 100 volunteer hours, and an increasing number of families are anticipated to arrive at each quarterly event. The team and church family look forward to meeting these needs and witnessing the Spirit working on the hearts of community members. The next free shop for God's Closet will be Feb. 10.

Jayne Kack, God's Closet team member



'Trashion' Show Held at HVJA

Hood View Junior Academy (HVJA) in Boring, Ore., is proud of their Oregon Green School status. However, students took it to a new level for Recycling Awareness Week Nov. 14-18, 2011.

Students in preschool through eighth grade created fashions out of trash, displaying their costumes in a special 'Trashion' Show attended by parents, students and staff. With the spotlight shining the way, students walked the red carpet

to cheers and camera flashes. First-, second- and third-place contestants were awarded prizes for creativity.

"This was a great event. It really forced the kids to think outside the box and gave them an opportunity to express themselves," says Glenda Jones, HVJA secretary.

Hood View plans to make this an annual event — after all, green really is the new black.

Holley Bryant, HVJA principal

Faith Caudell, Gage Quiett, Ethan Unruh, Anique Gruia and Christian Unruh model their recycled creations.



PAA's International Program Expands

Both international and American students at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) benefit from a new Smart Start Program.

Organized by Maria Bibb, international director, Smart Start pairs new international students with American students before the school year begins. The pairs spend two weeks attending educational and recreational fieldtrips, learning about the ins and outs of PAA life, and



Portland Adventist Academy's Smart Start international students are paired with American students for sightseeing, practicing English and learning about student life.

such a success, plans for next school year are already being made. "We're looking to expand to three weeks," says Bibb. "And we hope to accommodate possibly 20 international students."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



practicing English.

Bibb's concerns for her students were the catalyst for Smart Start. She noticed that more and more of her students were starting school before familiarizing themselves with their host families, the new culture and the school. Smart Start takes care of those problems while giving Bibb the chance to assess their abilities for proper academic placement.

The Smart Start plan also

gives a financial advantage to the American student mentors, who are paid for the weeks they spend helping the international students with their English. By the time the two weeks are up, they have each earned a month of tuition.

"It's a win-win," explains Bibb. "It provides employment for PAA students while giving a big advantage to our new international students."

This year's Smart Start was



Wednesdays in Gresham

Wednesdays at the Gresham (Ore.) Church are very busy. A small group arrives early and works diligently to tie pre-assembled quilts to be shared where needed. A neighbor with cancer uses one quilt to keep warm following chemotherapy, while seven quilts, plus an additional 16 knitted caps are shipped to a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona.

Following the quilting bee, the women come together with

15-18 other members to enjoy a prayer meeting that includes reading a spiritual book, sharing experiences and special prayer requests. Another project of these prayer warriors is to circulate a box to collect dollars for an ADRA project — helping Thai girls attend an Adventist school to avoid being sold for child trafficking in Asia and America.

Lorraine Miller, Gresham Church communication leader



Seen here are Harriet Christensen, Betty Hiebert, June Iseminger, Evelyn Dickman and Sylvia Demaline.

Rivergate Elementary Celebrates Centennial



The Rivergate Adventist Elementary School and the Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church broke ground in 2009 on an expansion project to benefit both the school and the church.

Alumni, friends, parents, students and staff gathered at the Rivergate Adventist Elementary School (in Gladstone, Ore.) Sept. 23 and 24 as the school celebrated 100 years of Christian education.

The centennial included Sabbath morning services featuring alumni, students and staff. Kim

presented the sermon: When Duct Tape and Basketball Held the World Together.

After church, guests shared an outdoor potluck on the Rivergate campus and toured the new school expansion project while visiting with friends.

A band of Adventist Christians opened a small church school on Harrison Street in Oregon City, Ore., in 1911. They soon outgrew their allotted space. In 1930, the school moved to the Gladstone campgrounds (now Gladstone Park Conference Center), where it became known as the Campground School. They offered 10 grades in two classrooms.

When another expansion was needed, a four-classroom building was constructed adjacent to the campgrounds, and the school became the Rivergate Adventist Elementary School.

With continued growth, the upper grades moved into modular buildings in the early 1990s and, in 2006, the

preschool moved next door to the Gladstone Park Church. A permanent expansion was necessary once again, so the Gladstone Park Church and Rivergate School teamed up to add space to the church for a fellowship hall upstairs and

junior-high classrooms, lockers and showers, a staff workroom, chapel, and Pathfinder club space on the lower level.

To help complete the project, which began in 2009, the school board created the Centennial Capital Campaign to solicit the commitment of 100 families raising \$2,011 in 2011 as part of the school's centennial celebration.

The Rivergate School community is thankful for community and church support as they continue the work of the early pioneers of Adventist education.

Debbie Stanton, Rivergate Adventist Elementary staff

CHIP Graduation

The Clark County CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) Association is proud to announce the graduation of 86 new CHIP participants at the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Wash., in 2011. Their graduation was a celebration with family and friends, with nearly 165 present for a banquet and ceremony.

A number of distinguished guests came to the commencement, including: Michael J. Ciraulo, Battle Ground mayor; Harold O. Burden, national CHIP director; and guest speaker for the evening Hans A. Diehl, Lifestyle Medicine Institute director.

In addition to words by Ciraulo, the evening included introductions, participants visiting and telling tales of "the rest of the story," and an inspiring presentation *To Live is to Give* by Diehl. The Philpot Trio of Lindsey, Stacy and Kelly sang, and Diehl presented CHIP graduation certificates. Other leaders presented CHIP pins and knives. Wayne Alaraz closed the evening with a prayer of dedication.

The church plans to conduct ongoing CHIP trainings.

Carlene Will, Meadow Glade Church CHIP leader



Five generations of the Ruud family have attended Rivergate.

Huey, local historian, recited the school's history, and Warren Minder, Oregon Conference special assistant to the vice president for education, presented a plaque honoring 100 years of teaching excellence. Jonny Moor, pastor and alumnus,

Radio Station KEEH Holds

First Children's Christmas Party

The sounds of giggles and laughter filled the air at the first It's a Kid's Christmas Party, an event sponsored by Positive Life Radio KEEH-FM (in Spokane, Wash.) and hosted at Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) for disadvantaged children ages 4-10.

The children enjoyed face painting, decorating cookies, making crafts, taking pictures with Mr. Snowman (Darin

Patzer, KEEH-FM station manager) and receiving Christmas gifts.

"It's a Kid's Christmas shared what Christmas is about ... loving each other and sharing it with those who God brings into our lives," says Stephanie Gates, PCA principal.

Michelle Weslowsky-Stanfill, KEEH-FM public relations coordinator



Darin Patzer, KEEH-FM station manager, reads a story about Jesus to the children.

Post Falls and Otis Orchards Churches

Welcome New Pastor

Owen Bandy recently returned to the Upper Columbia Conference and began serving as the new district pastor for the Post Falls (Idaho) and Otis Orchards (Wash.) churches. Bandy has been in the ministry for almost 30 years and served in Upper Columbia Conference as the Stateline Church (Milton-Freewater, Ore.) pastor from 1997 through 2004. He was then called to pastor the Calistoga (Calif.) Church in the Northern California Conference.

Bandy graduated with a theology degree from Pacific Union College and master of divinity degree from Andrews University. He is the author of *The Glory and the Covenants*, offered through the Adventist Book Center and Amazon.com.

He enjoys geocaching and walking. He and his wife, Cyndee, are the proud parents of



POST FALLS CHURCH

Owen and Cyndee Bandy enjoy a social event for the Post Falls Church in the district they now serve.

five children and four grandchildren. "We are happy to be back in [the] Upper Columbia Conference," Bandy says. "We feel we are in the right place at the right time."

Maritess Robles-Branson, Post Falls Church communication leader

Abundance of Outreach

At the Northport Church

The Northport (Wash.) Church reached the community with a variety of programs and innovative ideas this past year.

A natural remedies workshop held in August included a three-hour presentation on hydrotherapy and other natural remedies that can be administered at home. The following week, a series called Healing the

Heart spoke to God's power for emotional healing.

These seminars were followed by 10 weeks of Open 7, a concept of opening the church doors at 7 p.m., seven days a week, to present topics ranging from prayer and Bible study to health and family time. Another outreach, the women's tea party, brought 26 visitors this year.

And in another extension

of Northport's outreach, the church is remodeling a neighboring house to serve as a community services location. The church's community services distributed 6,477 articles of clothing and served 1,646 vegan meals this past year.

Ruth Davis, Northport Church communication leader



NORTHPORT CHURCH

UCA Foundation Thrives in 2011



Alumni Steve Wallace, Nolan Kinne, Jordan Kattenhorn and Justin Davis team up for a fun 18 holes in the seventh-annual Upper Columbia Academy Foundation golf tournament.

The Upper Columbia Academy Foundation (UCAF) was greatly blessed in 2011 with the generosity of partners,

friends, and alumni of Upper Columbia Academy (UCA), who brought a vision of full-time staff, a new website and increased funding for students to reality.

Using funds gifted to UCAF for development, the foundation's board hired UCA alumnus Susan Davis to direct the foundations' goals and initiatives. The year's events included the seventh-annual UCAF golf tournament and the second-annual Peach Fun Run held during UCA's homecoming weekend in October.

The foundation's new website at www.ucafoundation.org offers an interactive experience for site visitors and foundation

partners and provides convenient opportunities to give online, subscribe to the founda-



Kevin Molander and his daughter, Samantha, run together in the second-annual Peach Fun Run during Upper Columbia Academy's homecoming weekend.

tion newsletter, watch videos, view photos and communicate with the UCAF. The foundation is also found on Facebook, where fans receive news and updates regularly.

The foundation's mission is to continue building funds for the sole purpose of providing grants and scholarships for students wishing to attend UCA. Because of the generosity of many giving hearts, the UCAF is positioned as a vital connection between those who love UCA and those who desire to have the UCA experience.

Shari Krall, UCA Foundation communication director

Upper Columbia Women's Retreat

Shares Hope and Happiness

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," came to life for listeners of Carla Gober who attended the first Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) Christian Women's/Young Women's Retreat, entitled Share the Hope and held Oct. 28-30, 2011, at Camp MiVoden in Idaho.

Retreat guests experienced rich blessings as they learned biblical principles wrapped in laughter from Gober's Windows of the Heart presentation. In the process, many discovered healing and courage for their daily walk.

Thirty-three young women enjoyed their own track with special guest Kristie Stevenson, who also served as guest musi-



Carla Gober speaks at the Upper Columbia Conference Christian Women's/Young Women's Retreat.

cian for the retreat with her daughter, Edyn-Mae. Stevenson's topics included Everyone Has a Story: What's Yours?, Royalty Training, and True Love Waits.

Three grandmother-mother-daughter groups attended as well as many more mother-daughter combinations. On the return trip, one group reports, "we had so much fun taking turns telling our stories, activities and re-living the retreat. The many hours of our return trip flew by!"

Plan to attend next year's

Edyn-Mae and Ruth are two daughters who attended the Upper Columbia Conference women's retreat with their moms.



Christian Women's/Young Women's Retreat Oct. 26-28, with special guest Gail McKenzie. For more information, contact Patty Marsh, UCC women's ministries director at Pattym@uccsda.org or 509-242-0621.

Patty Marsh, UCC women's ministries director

Journey to Bethlehem

Via Spokane, Wenatchee and Yakima



DEBBIE GILBERT

Three wise men greet visitors at the Yakima, Wash., Journey to Bethlehem.

Churches in Spokane, Wenatchee and Yakima, Wash., each host a huge event every December called Journey to Bethlehem, a living presentation of the Nativity that touches many lives and changes them forever.

The churches offer this event free to their communities. More than 4,800 followed the star (actually a searchlight) to the Yakima Church's Journey. Spokane had 4,978 guests, and

Wenatchee had 3,529 guests in this, its second year.

After taking her children through Spokane's Journey to Bethlehem the first time, Sara* joined another group that was just beginning and journeyed through again. After the second time through, she walked to the church and asked to speak to the pastor's wife. Shelley Blake was summoned, and Sara said, "I'm looking for a church to join where my children are taught about Jesus."

Blake reports that probably half of the people who came through this year were brand new, and many said they came because they saw the huge, bright star hovering over the re-created Bethlehem.

The excitement in the churches just before the event is electrifying as hundreds of cast and crew members perform a dress rehearsal. New this year

in Yakima was a planted "tax evader" who was hauled off to jail from the tax collector's tent. Spokane added the story of the wise men at the beginning of the journey, and halfway through guests saw the widow searching for her lost coin in her little house.

Journey to Bethlehem also blesses beyond those who attend. A donation box at

A vendor sells produce to the crowds surging into Bethlehem via Yakima, Wash.



DEBBIE GILBERT



JACKIE STONAS

The manger scene brings the Nativity story to life in Wenatchee, Wash.

Yakima's event allowed people to donate to the Union Gospel Mission. In Spokane, a Second Harvest Food Bank container received donations from thankful guests who felt it a privilege to be a part of this yearly re-enactment of the time when Jesus was born.

*This is a pseudonym.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

A Half Century as a Librarian for the Lord



Mary Oliver Pick of the Sandpoint (Idaho) Church passes the half-century mark as a librarian.

Humble as she has always been, Mary Oliver Pick of Sandpoint Church in northern Idaho recently went past the half-century mark as a librarian for the Lord. And at age 92, she is still going strong.

After completing graduate work in library science at the University of Southern California, Pick served as a librarian at Walla Walla College, Pacific Union College and several

academies. Later she went on to work with *Our Little Friend* and *Primary Treasure* magazines for the Pacific Press.

Nearly 30 years ago, Pick founded the Sandpoint Junior Academy library and, in her 80s, founded the Sandpoint Church library, which she still operates.

Jack Staff, Sandpoint Church communication leader



JON DALRYMPLE

Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder director, and Allan Williams, Bible worker, share in baptizing Trina Whorely of the Spokane (Wash) Linnwood Club during the Pathfinder camporee.

Many Request Baptism

at UCC Pathfinder Camporee

More than 110 young people made requests to be baptized while attending the fall Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder camporee. The camporee, held at Farragut State Park near Athol, Idaho, was attended by more than 700 Pathfinders from clubs across the conference and even one club from Canada.

Camporees are fun and exciting events for Pathfinders to attend, but they are also designed to be highly spiritual events. "We have been averaging around 60 to 70 requests for baptism at camporees and fairs in the last few years," says Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder director. "So we were surprised to see such a high

number of baptismal requests."

The three-day event, This is My Fathers World, featured Ken Rogers, pastor and Walla Walla University vice president for student life and mission, who told stories that taught how Jesus would relate to people if He were in the world today.

"I really appreciated the rapport that Pastor Ken had with kids and the spiritual applications he made with his stories," says Lisa Malakowsky of the Pend Orielle Valley (Newport, Wash.) Pathfinder Club.

Pathfinders enjoyed presentations by several wildlife experts as well. "I wouldn't have changed a thing about the weekend," says Dottie Gleed of the Othello Outreachers Club. "I'm just glad our Savior was included in the whole thing."

Jon Dalrymple, Upper Columbia Conference communication assistant

Ken Rogers challenges Pathfinders to follow Jesus no matter what it takes.



JON DALRYMPLE

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Emerald City Reconnects With Members

As part of its strategic plan for ministry, the Emerald City Community Church (ECC) in Seattle, Wash., identified a goal to reconnect with missing and inactive members who for various reasons stopped attending.

The reclamation ministry team, led by Alonzo S. Wagner, who has pastoral experience, met with Paul Richardson, from the Center for Creative Ministries, and Mike Jones, an expert with personal experience in reconnecting with former Adventists, for a time of training. Team members also participate in an on-going Sabbath School class for training and to report on weekly visits to non-attending members.

“ECC is going through a process by which it looks for opportunities to extend love to guests and returning members,” says EuGene Lewis, senior pastor. “The church family is intentional in how members respond to those who are returning home.”

A YEAR OF GROWTH

In a little over a year, the reclamation ministry has grown from thought to reality. Emerald City is one of the few churches across the North American Division that has a reclamation ministry, a reclamation ministry director, a reclamation ministry team of 12, and a reclamation ministry strategic plan.

From the ministry’s start until now, 83 members have come home (defined as an inactive member attending church at least twice), and 36 of those

attend regularly (defined as attending church at least twice a month). And this number is growing as the team continues to labor and pray.

Through on-the-job training, praying and studying together, team members discovered how to work effectively and carefully in this ministry of love. Relationship building is the key.

From their experiences, the reclamation ministry team put together a manual of guidelines for sharing this ministry of compassion with churches that have a commitment to seeing missing sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and fathers and mothers come home.

A TIME OF CELEBRATION

The Emerald City Church organized a fall picnic to celebrate God’s blessings in reconnecting with members. More than 200 attending members and non-attending members showed up, some for the first time in many years, to play, pray, fellowship and eat together.



James Ellerbee Sr. is one of the reconnect team members at the Emerald City Community Church.



HEIDI MARTELLA

The Emerald City Community Church has an active reconnect ministry led by church ministry leaders, who plan events throughout the year and visit inactive and former members in the community.

The sounds of laughter, the sight of hugs, the warmth of greetings and the spirit of games gave clear signals that relationships were being established, repaired and deepened. Church attendance the following week was bolstered because of time enjoyed together outside of church at the picnic.

The church is continuing its focus on evangelism and reclamation. The church’s leadership team recently developed a monthly calendar of reconnect-friendly

events and continues in its commitment to reconnect with members.

To request ECC’s *Reclamation Ministry Guidelines*, email eccsda@gmail.com.

Alonzo Wagner, Emerald City reclamation leader

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Volunteers Rebuild Hope in New Orleans

Eighteen people from the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) participated in a homeland mission trip in November 2011 to rehabilitate homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

This was the third Katrina rebuilding trip hosted by the Adventist Community Services (ACS) Washington, with previous trips in 2007 and 2009 to New Orleans, La.

Volunteers this year included members from the Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington conferences, several of whom had volunteered in New Orleans previously. Northwest volunteers worked side by side

Northwest volunteers gear up in protective clothing in preparation for rehabilitating homes destroyed or compromised by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

on three houses with a team from Northeastern Conference to give residents hope of returning to their homes.

Sixty percent of the rebuilding in New Orleans has been accomplished by volunteers from various organizations. ACS focused on helping elderly or fixed-income homeowners who don't have the means to otherwise repair their homes. Some had hired contractors who then left town with the repair money.

During a tour of homes worked on by Adventists throughout the five years, homeowners had a chance to

express their appreciation for the commitment and service of the volunteers who made it possible for them to return home and rebuild their lives.

A ceremony on Nov. 12 at the Caffin Avenue Church marked the end of the Adventist five-year rebuilding response to Hurricane Katrina. ACS-Washington and Washington Conference volunteers were recognized for their multiple years of helping the people of New Orleans.

Colette Newer, Katrina mission trip volunteer



BYRON DULAN

Church Planting Thrives in Western Washington

A congregation begins as a group, grows into a company and finally becomes a full-status church. This process can take a short or long period of time.

"We have a church-planting committee that works with people interested in starting a new Seventh-day Adventist Church," says Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president for administration. "We take a look at the proposal and see how the plans fit our strategic plan for growth."

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Lake City, Wash., reached full church status on Dec. 17, 2011.

"This is a historic occasion," says Alphonso McCarthy, North

Pacific Union Conference vice president for multicultural affairs, who presented a building fund donation. "It's always a pleasure to attend a church organization."

This Kenyan-rooted church first submitted their proposal in September 1997 to reach the North Seattle-Everett area. They were organized into a company on March 14, 2009.

The fledgling congregation defined over time their core values as soul winning, multicultural worship, advocacy ministry for troubled families and spiritual growth. These values helped to define their active involvement in the community.

"In a sense, Lighthouse is an experiment to see what a small,



Members of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Lake City, Wash., a suburb of Seattle, celebrate God's blessings as the congregation becomes a full-status church.

dedicated group can accomplish without the support of a full-time pastor or a mother church," says Byron Dulan, Lighthouse church planter, who works with David Churu, volunteer pastor.

In all, Washington Conference has 110 church organizations: 85 churches, 13 companies and 12 groups.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Auburn Focuses on Community During Holidays

Auburn (Wash.) Adventist Academy focused on the community during the holiday season as a way to give back and make a difference.

The academy has partnered with the Auburn Academy Church for the last six years to bring the Nativity story to life at Journey to Bethlehem, a four-night outdoor interactive drama. Each year, students audition for parts in the story, join their families in the Bethlehem market or participate behind the scenes.

“Journey to Bethlehem is a free, community outreach event that focuses on engaging with our community and facilitating an experience to meet Jesus,” says Wilma Bing, Auburn Academy Church associate pastor and Journey to Bethlehem producer. “We had nearly 6,000 guests attend this year.”



Auburn Academy's Associated Student Body officers including Jordan Stephan, president, and Hannah Roberts, vice president, organized the annual Christmas party for children in need.

Additionally, each year Auburn's Associated Student Body (ASB) turns an all-school Christmas party into an opportunity to give community

children in need a memorable and special Christmas. Students collect gifts to give, decorate cookies with the children, and gain a Christmas blessing of their own watching the little, smiling faces enjoy some holiday cheer.

The giving-back theme on campus at Christmas included well-attended holiday concerts. The jazz band benefit concert, for example, raised money

for a local family who had no money for Christmas gifts. The school community wholeheartedly responded to this need by showing up in support of the event.

Photo archives from these events are available at www.facebook.com/auburnacademy.

Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent



Journey to Bethlehem, a multi-partner community ministry on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy, brings the Nativity story to life through an outdoor interactive drama.

Skagit Academy Gives Christmas to the Community



Skagit Adventist Academy hosts a community Christmas dinner and children's party for a second year. They also have been a part of the Adopt-a-Family program for four years.

Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) in Burlington, Wash., invited 150 low-income community families to a special Christmas party in early December 2011.

Academy students, parents, faculty, and church members prepared a complete Christmas dinner, provided games and planned personalized gifts for the 38 children who attended.

Evening entertainment included a cake walk, interaction with the Timberwolf school mascot and photos with Santa. The North Cascade Church's

primary Sabbath School class assembled goodie bags for each child.

Church members donated children's clothing and toiletries so the parents could “shop” for free at the end of the evening.

Not to be left out, elementary students participated for the fourth year in the Adopt-a-Family program to provide gifts for each member of six community families.

The community Christmas event was in partnership with the Skagit County Community Action Agency, a leading com-

munity resource that fosters and advocates self-sufficiency among low-income families.

This is the second year the agency asked SAA to host the annual party, and the school is proud to be a component of 35 anti-poverty county programs.

Students are learning there are many ways to partner with the community to make a difference in people's lives and they are already making plans for future activities.

Cindy Hartley, SAA volunteer

Industrial Design Takes off at WWU

Jonathan Ive. Michael Graves. Hella Jongerius. Even if these names don't ring a bell, there's a good chance every household has products created by these designers (iPods, kitchenware, Ikea furniture) or, at the very least, products inspired by these legends. Increasingly, industrial designers are adding improved usability and design aesthetics to products ranging from cars to can openers.

The growing field of industrial design prompted Walla Walla University (WWU) to launch an industrial design program in 2007, the only program of its kind within Adventist higher education. More than 30 students are enrolled as industrial design majors, including Joseph Cawood, senior.

products," Cawood says. "When given the opportunity, I excel in taking a client's idea and bringing it to life. Accomplishing these tasks is greatly satisfying."

Industrial design combines the fields of art, business, social science and engineering to design products used by businesses and consumers. These designers are responsible for the style, function, quality and safety of manufactured goods.

To accomplish this work, designers must have a background in both technical skills and creative aptitude. Required classes include 3D modeling, computer-aided drafting, fine art, metal fabrication, photography, consumer behavior and conceptual physics, among others.

"We apply the human aspect to product design," says Bill Lane, associate professor of technology. "Classic schools of design focused only on the aesthetics, whereas today we emphasize the manufacturability, the usability and the aesthetics."

Lane's background has been an invaluable asset in developing the program. The Canadian native has an undergraduate degree in industrial design as well as a master's degree in engineering. In most cases, industrial designers work hand in hand with engineers and other corporate professionals in product development teams.

Cawood is already collaborating with engineers on one of his design projects. He served as the design manager for a WWU engineering student team that



Life-like renderings, like cups and saucers designed by senior industrial design student, Laura Riley, require mastery of Rhino3d and VRay programs.

developed an information kiosk for a commercial company. Cawood reshaped the kiosk design, adapting its shape for a more pleasing visual appearance and applied company branding specifications.

"Joseph's experience will be invaluable when he enters the job market," says Lane. "Our students are immersed in hands-on projects that give them work experience in the classroom."

Damian Donesky, a 2011 industrial design graduate, is using his wide range of skills at

his new job working for Bushwacker, a leading manufacturer of vehicle fender flares and truck accessories. He is a product designer for the Portland, Ore., company.

Industrial design graduates are poised for the job market equipped with knowledge, concepts and skills for making the world a more useable, environmentally friendly place.

Rosa Jimenez, WWU GLEANER correspondent



LAURA RILEY

Laura Riley, senior industrial student, created a pocket watch design.

Cawood's route to studying industrial design included a year as an engineering student before he realized his true interest was in design. "Being an industrial designer gives me the flexibility and creativity to design the next generation's

Joseph Cawood, senior student, is already working on professional-level projects as part of his studies.



Northwest Physicians Win Mission Awards

Adventist Health physicians dedicate their lives to healing others. Providing care, leadership and guidance to the community is no easy task, but these physicians make it their life's work.

To recognize this accomplishment, Adventist Health chose 15 physicians from around our system that exemplify the mission in every aspect of their work. These individuals were recently honored with the Physician of the Year Mission Award. Three of these doctors practice at Adventist hospitals in the Pacific Northwest.

With a smile on his face and a spring in his step, Dick Gingrich is often heard reciting, "Rejoice in the Lord always!" His passion for God, coupled with his genuine interest in his patients, has made him an integral part of the mission at Adventist Medical

Center in Portland, Ore., for more than 40 years.

He is a well-known as a physician who has a heart for service and love for outreach.

His desire to help improve quality of life for others is evident. He is the co-founder of the Portland Adventist Community Services Health Clinic, a medical clinic meeting the needs of those without adequate health insurance.

Physicians and community leaders have often remarked that this wise physician has a heart of gold. Through the years, he has kept his priorities in order: faith, family, patients and community.

Mark Bowman, an emergency medicine physician at Oregon's Tillamook County General Hospital since 1994, personifies the Adventist Health mission with a Christian faith that defines both his personal and professional life.



Mark Bowman, is an emergency medicine physician at Tillamook County General Hospital in Oregon.

His faith reaches out to others in the community and around the world. As a physician provider, Bowman has traveled with Medical Teams International (MTI) to Indonesia in 2004 and more recently to Libya, in spite of the dangerous situation, saying, "God has it all in control."

Loving care guides his approach with patients. Occasionally asking questions, he mostly just listens. When he reaches out to offer comfort and prayer, the reassurance his patients gain is visible. And while Bowman readily shares his Christian faith, he respects each individual's right to express their faith in their own manner.

G. Thomas Underhill has been a member of the Walla Walla (Wash.) General Hospital medical staff for many years. His enthusiasm for life is legendary — he works hard and plays hard.

In the emergency department he is a compassionate leader

who listens to his patients. A recent letter from a patient states that Underhill and his staff are "amazing." The letter goes on to say that the team was "timely" in a way that seems to be "unheard of these days."

This type of devotion to high-quality, timely care is central to Underhill's practice of medicine. As the emergency department's medical director, he has led initiatives that have improved patient throughput and enhanced patient experience.



G. Thomas Underhill, is chief of staff and emergency department medical director at Walla Walla General Hospital in Washington.

In addition to his role in the emergency department, Underhill has been a strong leader within the medical staff, where he recently became chief of staff.

Brittany Dobbs, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



Richard Gingrich, a physician at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., is pictured here with his wife, Gwen.



◀ Pictured here is J. Willard 'Bill' Marriott Sr. in front of the hospitality chain which bears his name. Marriott on the Move photo from Blogs.Marriott.Com.

Whatever Thy Hand Findeth to Do ...

*J. Willard 'Bill' Marriott —
Famous Tithe-payer*

He was born to a poor Mormon sheepherder. By age 14, his father trusted him to move sheep between states, and complete tasks daunting to even grown men. Like most Latter-day Saint (LDS) males, he went on a mission. When he returned home, he found his family entirely bankrupt. Quickly, he assessed his only window out of poverty was education. But he had missed so much school, hadn't earned a high-school diploma, and lacked tuition. By sheer wit, he talked his way into community college and agreed to teach theology classes in exchange for tuition.¹

HE TALKED HIS WAY INTO COLLEGE

J. Willard "Bill" Marriott then transferred to the University of Utah, and worked his way through college selling woolen underwear to lumberjacks. His marketing was simple: Locate the two "meanest-looking" lumberjacks, dare them to tear the cloth apart; if they couldn't, they had to buy it. Always, the strategy worked.

Nearing graduation, Marriott became mesmerized by A&W root-beer stands. Soon flashbacks of his time traveling through hot, muggy Washington, D.C., while on mission came to mind.⁴ "So on May 20, 1927 — the day Charles Lindbergh launched his transatlantic flight — Marriott launched a nine-stool, root-beer stand in the nation's capitol."⁴

Summer heat brought booming business; winter cold halted soda

“Growing up Marriott” meant while doing a job — any job — “perfection was one notch below the desired result.”³

sales. Marriott and his new bride, Alice Sheets, stood to lose everything. What’s more they couldn’t afford to take the winter off like other stand owners did.

Relying on wits again, Marriott boarded a train and traveled to beg Roy Allen (the A in A&W) for permission to change his menu. (“Hot eats/cool treats” weren’t yet the norm.) Simultaneously, Mrs. Marriott befriended the cooks at the nearby Mexican embassy and they loaned her their recipe for spicy tamales.

Rather than yank their shingle down in failure, the two Marriotts reworked the franchise, forming a new display sign¹ and served up “warm” foods with root-beer. By day they watched the stand, by night they washed syrupy nickels and took them to the bank.

NO DETAIL TOO SMALL

Sloppy at nothing, no detail too small, Marriott watched his holdings from dawn till dusk. Employee uniforms were starched and regulated — down to one’s stockings. Equipment was turned upside-down and

inspected. Over 300 menu items were scrupulously prepared and monitored. One day Marriott asked for oatmeal and was told his store was out of the item. “Oatmeal is not negotiable!” he told the employee, since it was clearly promised on the menu. An early Marriott trademark depicts a uniformed serviceman, in full sprint ready to serve.

Quickly, one store became two, then three, then four... Before long, the hard-working Mormons were running a “small empire” of Hot Shoppe drive-ins despite the Great Depression around them.

One day an airline passenger stopped at the Hot Shoppe to buy a boxed lunch before flight. Quick-witted again, Marriott began boxing up lunches for travelers. This spotted “gap” in the food market caused him to diversify his food niche within airline catering, cafeterias, and institutional food service.² Later at the insistence of his son, Marriott hesitantly entered the hotel industry — the hospitality chain which today bears his name.

“Upon his death in 1985, one month short of his 85th birthday,

his company had more than 1,400 restaurants and 143 hotels and resorts around the world, which together earned revenues in excess of \$4.5 billion.”¹ Marriott is an international chain today. Additionally, the top-end Ritz-Carlton Hotels are a subsidiary of Marriott International.

According to LDS Church records, Marriott remained the highest tithe-payer within his denomination. He neither drank nor smoke and remained an avid philanthropist throughout his life.

GROWING UP MARRIOTT

But it is said the Marriotts did not take their success for granted. They taught their children success was NEVER final. In *Spirit to Serve: Marriott’s Way*, J. Willard Marriott Jr. cites “growing up Marriott” meant while doing a job — any job — “perfection was one notch below the desired result.”(1997)³ Marriott principles were exacting. The younger Marriott remembers polishing his father’s Sunday shoes for hours in order to pass “grueling inspections.” Marriott expected from himself, his em-

ployees, and others the highest of standards.

Four principles he lived by were: 1) clean living; 2) hard work and prayer; 3) staying out of debt; and 4) the golden rule. He also believed if he took care of employees, they would take care of customers and the money would take care of itself. His paternalistic policies are studied models of business schools today. These classes always underscore Marriott’s “impossibly” high standards and his relentless attention to details.

The driving belief of this former sheepherder from Utah “to stick with any job until it is done right,” is cited today as the ‘recipe’ for taking “a small nine-stool root-beer stand in 1927 ... [and turning it] into one of the largest hospitality hotel chains and food services companies in the world.”²

Cindy R. Chamberlin,
GLENER managing editor

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MILESTONES



Mazie and Dean Bunker

Bunker 70th

Dean and Mazie Bunker of Willow, Alaska, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2011, with an open house at the Willow Community Center, hosted by their children. Family and friends attended from as far away as Jackson, Mich.

Dean Bunker met Mazie Rogers in Michigan more than 72 years ago when Dean saved Mazie from drowning. Dean likes to say, "She grabbed on to me and never let go." Due to their age and concern about parental consent, they eloped to Ohio. They lived, worked and raised their family in Michigan Center, Mich., until 1960, when they moved to Alaska to homestead. They "caravanned" to Alaska with family and friends, driving a semi-truck loaded with a tractor, Jeep and other necessary equipment and supplies. They homesteaded in Willow, and Dean became a school bus contractor and commercial fisherman, which he is still actively doing. Dean and Mazie are charter members of the Sunshine Church (Talkeetna, Alaska), which they attend.

Their family includes five children and their families: Terry and Juanita Bunker of Willow; Bob Bunker of Wasilla, Alaska; Diana and Joe Walker of Trapper Creek, Alaska; Gloria and Doran Lee of Willow; Phyllis and Tom Symmonds of Longview, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-

grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Fellows 70th

Milo and Mae Fellows celebrated their 70th anniversary with friends and family at their home in Eugene, Ore.

Milo Fellows married Mae Hunt on June 20, 1941, in Battle Ground, Wash. They spent most of their married life in Bandon, Ore. Following a logging accident, Milo worked in accounting for a lumber business. He is still quite good with computers, enjoys playing the piano and practical jokes.

Between raising children and making them practice their



Milo and Mae Fellows

piano, Mae worked for a time in billing at a medical clinic in Bandon. Mae now spends time cultivating her garden and writing letters. They both relish visits from all their friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who love to come over and hang out with them.

Milo and Mae have three children: Michael Fellows of Eugene, Ore.; MariLlyn Fellows of Puyallup, Wash.; Marcia and Byron Roberts of Eugene, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Rogers 100th

Friends and family of Mary Margaret Rogers gathered in Boise, Idaho, on Aug. 28, 2011, to celebrate her 100th birthday.

She was born Mary Margaret

Spear in Weddington, Ark., on Aug. 28, Mary Margaret Rogers 1911. When she was 5 years old, the family moved to a small farm in Emmett, Idaho.

During World War II, Mary was looking for a community where she could pray for her husband, who was overseas. She attended meetings at the Adventist church where she found the truth she sought. And though her husband did return safely from the war, the couple separated shortly afterward, and Mary stopped attending church for awhile.

Mary then met and married Ed Rogers, another soldier who returned home from the war. She returned to church and brought Ed with her. Soon after, the couple moved to Hermiston, Ore., where Ed found work at the Umatilla Army Depot. In 1958, Ed and Margaret, as she was known then, adopted two boys from Korea, Rob and Phillip. The little family became a fixture at the Hermiston Church.

Ed worked at the Army Depot until 1972, when the family moved to College Place, Wash., where Rob was attending Walla Walla College. A few years later, after living in Stateline and Weston, Ore., the couple returned home to Emmett. They served faithfully at the church in Emmett until Ed died in 1988.

Today, Mary lives at an assisted living center in Boise. She still loves to sing hymns, to hear the gospel and to have someone read to her from her Spirit of Prophecy library.

Slayter 65th

Melvin and Ruth Slayter celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2011, at



Discovery Meadow Park in McMinnville, Ore. Their celebration included a potluck, cake, and a slideshow of 65 years of family photos. Friends, family and church members joined them in thanking God for His 65 years of blessings.



Ruth and Melvin Slayter

Melvin Slayter met Ruth Ainsworth in August 1945 at a branch Sabbath School in Jefferson, Texas. They courted by mail after Melvin returned to school in Portland, Ore. Plans for marriage began when he returned for a visit over the Christmas holidays. Following Melvin's graduation, they married on June 12, 1946, in Burea, Texas. They honeymooned by returning to Oregon, where they made their home. Melvin worked in many different occupations, from sawmills to dairy farms to manufacturing. Ruth primarily was a homemaker and mother, but also worked in nursing homes and a laundry service. Melvin and Ruth have been active members of the Sheridan (Ore.) Church and community for 21 years.

The Slayter family includes Darlene and Harold Snow of Hillsboro, Ore.; Diana and Phillip Adams of McMinnville, Ore.; Iris and James Frogge of Aurora, Neb.; Allen and Sharon Slayter of Spanaway, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild.

BIRTHS

ARIAS FRAILE — Lino Osvaldo was born Sept. 22, 2011, to Eric Arias Lopez and Sonia Fraile Jimenez, Salem, Ore.

BONSON — Cyrus Steven was born Aug. 21, 2011, to Adam and Brittany (Stebbeds) Bonson, Travis AFB, Calif.

DILLON — Emmalia Eileen was born March 26, 2011, to Robert and Taryn Dillon, Sedro Wooley, Wash.

HERMENS — Austin Joshua was born Dec. 1, 2011, to Joshua and Rosanne (Sargeant) Hermens, McMinnville, Ore.

HILTON — Morgan Dashiell was born Oct. 20, 2011, to Forrest "Hughes" and Laura (David) Hilton, Beaverton, Ore.

KISSER — Abigail Rose was born July 6, 2011, to Shaun and Brooke (Reiswig) Kissler, Burlington, Wash.

KUGEL — Addyson A. was born Sept. 28, 2011, to Adam and Julie Kugel, Chehalis, Wash.

LEMON — Audrey Evangeline was born Aug. 31, 2011, to Thomas II and Michelle (McFeron) Lemon, Weiser, Idaho.

MCELVAIN — Simon Paul was born June 19, 2011, to Jon and Rachel (Taber) McElvain, Port Orchard, Wash.

ROWLAND — Kate Lindsey was born Nov. 1, 2011, to Jeff and Sara (Keszler) Rowland, Mount Vernon, Wash.

SHIPOWICK — Olivia Emma was born July 26, 2011, to Justin and Adriana (Gutierrez) Shipowick, Orting, Wash.

STEAHLY — Evangeline G. was born June 2, 2010, to Derek and Melissa Steahly, Central Point, Ore.

THORNTON — Joshua James was born May 16, 2011, to Eric and Tina Thornton, East Wenatchee, Wash.

TILBY — William Russell was born Oct. 7, 2011, to Brandon and Michelle (Retzlaff) Tilby, Eugene, Ore.

WHITE — Ryleigh Ann Paige was born Sept. 2, 2011, to Jason and Tasha White, Medford, Ore.

WILSON — Eli Gregory was born April 27, 2011, to Corey and Stephanie Wilson, East Wenatchee, Wash.

AT REST

BURMAN — Robert "Bob" James, 85; born June 12, 1926, Tacoma, Wash.; died Oct. 14, 2011, Glendale, Calif. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Scott); sons, Robert, Glendale; Erik, McKinleyville, Calif.; and a grandchild.

COLVIN — Clifford "Cliff" Norman, 69; born Dec. 1, 1941, McMinnville, Ore.; died July 14, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Phyllis (Hegney); son, Larry, Bend, Ore.; daughter, Linda Sue DeClue, Portland; father, Norman, Grandview, Wash.; sister, Beverly Neil, Grandview; and 2 grandchildren.

CRAIG — Marion Carrie (Heisler), 81; born April 5, 1930, Collingwood, Nova Scotia, Canada; died Oct. 8, 2011, Enumclaw, Wash. Surviving: husband, John Jr., Buckley, Wash.; sons, Jack, Aptos, Calif.; Wayne, Tujunga, Calif.; daughters, Brenda Parker, Buckley; Sheryl Craig, Enumclaw; Carol Craig, Auburn, Wash.; brother, Edward Heisler, Dallas, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

DUTY — Chirls "Charly," 82; born Dec. 20, 1928, Pauls Valley, Okla.; died July 31, 2011, Farmington, Wash. Surviving: wife, Couleen (Wagner); son, Chirls, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Tanya Thygeson, Farmington; 4 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

FEATHERSTON — Olive R. (Munsey), 95; born June 6, 1916, Meridian, Idaho; died Nov. 11, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Daniel P., Sagle, Idaho; John, Sonora, Calif.; daughter, Carolyn Hodgen, Pendleton, Ore.; brothers, Frank T. Munsey, Nampa, Idaho; Jay Munsey, New Meadows, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

FEIGNER — Donald, 84; born Feb. 2, 1927, Fruitvale, Ore.; died Oct. 16, 2011, Portland,

Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Tiffany); son, Steven, Talent, Ore.; daughter, Debbie Eisele, Washington, D.C.; brother, Fred, Beaverton, Ore.; sister, Betty Lou Coe, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FETROE — Pearl I. (Foulston), 99; born Nov. 8, 1911, Tugaskie, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Sept. 24, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Dale, Tri-Cities, Wash.; daughter, Sherry Anthes, Walla Walla; brother, Roy Foulston, Central Butte, Saskatchewan, Canada; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

GILBERT — Margaret Elaine, 98; born July 24, 1912, Portland, Ore.; died July 21, 2011, Crawford, Neb. Surviving: daughter, Elaine Saxton, Crawford; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

HASELL — Robert C., 86; born Jan. 18, 1925, Aberdeen, Wash.; died Sept. 28, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marilyn J. (Gilroy); son, Larry, Eagle Point, Ore.; daughters, Marilyn Mayne, College Place, Wash.; Sherry Nally, Walla Walla; sister, Vivlan Black, College Place; and 5 grandchildren.

HURLEY — Steven E., 37; born Dec. 17, 1973, McMinnville, Ore.; died Sept. 9, 2011, McMinnville. Surviving: wife, Leah (Jackson), Sheridan, Ore.; and father, Raymond, McMinnville.

KRAMER — Miriam Ruth (Ditzel) Darnall, 83; born April 13, 1928, Takoma Park, Md.; died Sept. 24, 2011, Colville, Wash. Surviving: husband, Len; son, Dennis, of Massachusetts; daughters, Sherilyn Booth, Kettle Falls, Wash.; Shonna Frietas, Chico, Calif.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LIPPINCOTT — Alvin Lloyd, 93; born May 16, 1918, Bend, Ore.; died Aug. 3, 2011, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Emma (Ellingson) Jones; son, Alvin L.

WEDDINGS

ESQUIVAL MOSCARDO-WENNER — Jessica Esquivel Moscardo and Abel Cameron Wenner were married Sept. 22, 2011, in Manzanita, Ore. They are making their home in Salem, Ore. Jessica is the daughter of Fidel and Maria Guadalupe (Moscardo Avila) Esquivel. Abel is the son of Douglas S. and Melanie A. (Mahan) Wenner.

HILDE-SPRAGUE — Lauren Hilde and Dylan Sprague were married Aug. 7, 2011, in Auburn, Wash., where they are making their home. Lauren is the daughter of Jeff and Dena (Gilbert) Hilde. Dylan is the son of Kim and Lisa Berg and Wayne Sprague.

KNIGHT-STACEY — Jennifer Knight and Matthew Stacey were married July 27, 2011, in

Coos Bay, Ore. They are making their home in Milton-Freewater, Ore. Jennifer is the daughter of Darwin and Nancy Knight. Matthew is the son of Mike and Patty Stacey.

PETERSON-KACK — Jayne Peterson and David Kack were married Dec. 5, 2010, in Ridgefield, Wash. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Jayne is the daughter of Steven Peeler and Caroline Manown. David is the son of Donovan and Suzanne Kack.

SEVISON-WILL — Ruth Sevison and Nick Will were married July 3, 2011, in Nampa, Idaho. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Ruth is the daughter of Les and Linda Sevison. Nick is the son of Brian and Carlene Will.

AT REST

Lippincott, Ridgefield, Wash.; stepsons, Jack Jones, Arlington, Mass.; Charles J. Jones, Cottage Grove, Ore.; daughter, Shari (Lippincott) Woolman, Yoncalla, Ore.; stepdaughter, Susan (Jones) Lansdon, Eugene; 11 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

MAAS — Genevieve, 86; born June 19, 1925, Grand Junction, Colo.; died Sept. 19, 2011, Midvale, Idaho. Surviving: son, Frank, Midvale; daughters, Mariam Morehead, Boring, Ore.; Sharon Goltry, Boise, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

MASKULE-CARLSON — Lois N. (Wilson), 94; born May 3, 1917, Minkler, Wash.; died Sept. 30, 2011, Clancy, Mont. Surviving: son, Craig Luton, Clancy; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

MCELVAIN — Frances M. (Eggers), 86; born Nov. 4, 1924, St. Louis, Mo.; died Sept. 29, 2011, Kettle Falls, Wash. Surviving: son, Donald, Polson, Mont.; daughters, Donetta Utt, Turlock, Calif.; Dale Sanderson, Las Vegas, Nev.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

MEIDINGER — Lee J., 93; born June 20, 1918, Schuler, Alberta, Canada; died Sept. 28, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Mary (Weatherby); sons, Dennis, Enumclaw, Wash.; Don, Battle Ground, Wash.; Dan, Sunnyvale, Calif.; Duane, College Place, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MUNDT — Gary L., 71; born April 17, 1939, Yakima, Wash.; died Feb. 12, 2011, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Kay; son, Greg, Kuwaite, A.E.; Brad, Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Melissa Brauer, Puyallup; stepdaughter, Lenna, Olympia, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren.

NELSON — Alice (Emick), 94; born July 15, 1917, Brush, Colo.; died Nov. 19, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Elsworth, Moscow, Idaho; Jim, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

NELSON — Enid M. (Ben-son), 88; born April 26, 1923, Danville, Ill.; died Oct. 28, 2011, Central Point, Ore. Surviving: husband, Gordon, Medford, Ore.; sons, Grant, Medford; Todd, Sandy, Ore.; daughters, Jyl Sundquist, Madras, Ore.; Lorna Belboda, Manton, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

NELSON — Marjorie B. (Carpenter), 86; born Feb. 16, 1925, Tomahawk, Wis.; died Aug. 10, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Dan, Conrad, Mont.; daughter, Kay Nelson, Portland; and 2 grandchildren.

PARKHURST — Irvin Edgar, 81; born March 25, 1930, Molalla, Ore.; died Sept. 2, 2011, Elmira, Ore. Surviving: wife, Beverly (Osborne), Roseburg, Ore.; sons, Gary, Drain, Ore.; Tery, Elmira; brother, David, Prineville, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

PRITEL — Betty E. (De Merice) Leeson, 92; born Jan. 11, 1919, Havre, Mont.; died Aug. 2, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, Thomas Leeson, Vancouver; stepsons, Ira LeRoy Leeson, Bend, Ore.; Norman

John Leeson, Ocean Shores, Wash.; a grandchild and 8 step-grandchildren.

ROUHE — Shirley I. (Rosenthal) Carle, 87; born Feb. 14, 1924, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; died July 31, 2011, Harrison, Idaho. Surviving: son, Stephen Carle, Punta Gorda, Fla.; stepsons, Edward Rouhe and Richard Rouhe, both of Riverside, Calif.; daughters, Suzanne Hansen, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; Cathy Keyes, Harrison; stepdaughter, Suzanne Nelson, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; 6 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

SANTRY — Florence (Clark), 98; born May 16, 1913, Santa Ana, Calif.; died July 12, 2011, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Daniel Santry, Portland; daughter, Nancy Youker, Boring, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

SHULTZ — Elizabeth Ann (Dameron), 63; born Feb. 1, 1948, Avalon, Calif.; died July 8, 2011, Medford, Ore. Surviving: husband, L. Charles, Brookings, Ore.; son, Nathan C., San Diego, Calif.; daughter, Rebekah E. Colby, Denver, Colo.; and 2 grandchildren.

SONES — Merna E. (Meckler) Kelley, 90; born Nov. 27, 1920, Lodi, Calif.; died Oct. 14, 2011, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Richard Kelley; stepson,

David Sones; daughters, Kathy (Kelley) Elmendorf; Peggy (Kelley) Eichner, Sandy, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

STAFFORD — Joan (Field) Bechtold, 71; born Feb. 5, 1940, Gillette, Wyo.; died Oct. 10, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Orval, College Place, Wash.; and son, Floyd Bechtold, Phoenix, Ariz.

TERRY — Iris H. (Rea) Allen, 75; born June 16, 1936, Tarentum, Pa.; died Oct. 6, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, Walla Walla; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

VENABLE — Howard J., 94; born Aug. 5, 1917, Burley, Idaho; died Nov. 12, 2011, College Place, Wash. Surviving: stepson, Lorence "Lindy" Hiebert, Boise, Idaho; stepdaughters, Marlys Leeper, Walla Walla, Wash.; Vaughn Krieger, Goldendale, Wash.; sisters, Ann Boschert and Velma Daughters, both of Portland, Ore.; and Vera Jacobs, Vancouver, Wash.

WARD — Patricia L. E. (Ward) Vaira Cockerham Hodgson, 61; born April 4, 1950, Richmond, Calif.; died Sept. 14, 2011, Silverton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Stephen Vaira, Puyallup, Wash.; Roderick Vaira, Bellevue, Wash.; Phillip Vaira, Silverton; Brandon Vaira, Redding, Calif.; Justin Ward, Medford, Ore.; Preston Cockerham, Silverton; and 3 grandchildren.

WESEMAN — Russell Lee, 81; born April 5, 1930, Mountain View, Calif.; died July 17, 2011, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Joan (Kriner); son, James, Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Kathy Opp, Boise, Idaho; brother, Wellesley, San Jose, Calif.; sister, Gloria Carlee, Los Banos, Calif.; and 2 step-grandchildren.

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North Pacific Union Conference

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Walla Walla University

- Feb. 2-4** — February U-Days. For details and reservations, call 800-541-8900;
- Feb. 4** — Total Praise: A Festival of Choirs, 4 p.m., University Church. For details email Pedrito@wallawalla.edu;
- Feb. 7** — Senior Recognition, 11 a.m., University Church, with speaker Greg Dodds, professor;
- Feb. 9-10** — Friendship Tournament;
- Feb. 23** — Egg Drop Contest. For details, go to enr.wallawalla.edu/eggdrops;
- Various dates** — Women’s and men’s basketball, go to athletics.wallawalla.edu; and How to Pay for College Workshops, go to sfs.wallawalla.edu/workshops.

Idaho

Idaho Conference Women’s Retreat

March 2-4 — Elizabeth Talbot is the speaker at the Idaho Conference women’s retreat. For more information or to register, call Cheri Gatton, 208-965-0157, or Leanne Strickland, at the Idaho Conference, 208-375-7524. For room reservations, contact Courtyard Marriott directly at 208-888-0800. Ask for “Idaho Conference women’s retreat” group rates. Book early to guarantee your spot.

Oregon

I Love Lents Centennial Celebration

Feb. 11 — The I Love Lents Centennial Celebration begins at 9:45 a.m. A homecoming dinner will be served. All past members and friends please join us. Bring or send any written memories and/or copies of pictures you have to share to: I LOVE LENTS, 8835 S.E. Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR, 97266; email digital materials to lentsdachurch@juno.com; or call 503-774-7290.

Columbia Adventist Academy Events

- Feb. 10-12** — Fountain of Youth weekend at 1500 Canal Rd., Niland, Calif.;
- March 30-31** — Alumni Homecoming Weekend will honor the Honor Trailblazer Group of those who graduated before 1962, as well as honor the graduating classes of 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. If you are interested in helping to coordinate your class reunion, please contact Larry Hiday at 360-687-3161 or hidala@caaschool.org.

Forks Over Knives

Feb. 19 and 21 — *Forks Over Knives*, a film that can save your life, will be shown at the Castle Rock Elementary School, 700 Huntington Ave. S., Castle Rock, WA. The public is welcome. The first showing will be on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m., and a second showing will be on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Wanda at 360-967-2165.

Annual Big Lake Snow Weekend

March 16-18 — Come and enjoy a winter weekend at Big Lake Youth Camp. Bring snowmobiles, skis, snowshoes, sleds, snowboards and clothes for playing in the snow. Don’t forget to bring your Bible, sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Place all items in an easily identifiable, snow-proof bag. Snowmobile

rides are available for all. Cost is \$75 per person until March 4, and then the price increases by \$10. Your fee includes a 5:30 p.m. snow cat ride in from the Ray Benson Snow Park (snow park permits are required for the weekend), five meals and two nights lodging. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Jerry Walter, marked for Big Lake. Mail to Big Lake Weekend, c/o Jerry Walter, 92395 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448. For more information, call Jerry at 503-789-8911 or Gary at 503-936-7211.

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Upper Columbia

SAGE Annual Banquet

March 11 — The SAGE annual banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the College Place Village Church fellowship hall, featuring the Walla Walla Valley Men’s Chorus. A small fee will be charged. Must receive RSVP by March 5. For more information and reservations, call Larry or Jacque Goodhew at 509-522-2387.

Missing Members

The following members are missing from the Sandpoint Church, in Sandpoint, Idaho: Ada Davis, Tim Fort, Larry Cooper, David Hackney, Tim Herrmann, Torri Lynch, Mark Norton, Jason Rivers and Teresa Thornton. If you have any information on these members, please contact Lynda Bailey at 208-263-3648.

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Ketchikan	4:24	4:38	4:54	5:08

Idaho Conference

Boise	5:57	6:07	6:16	6:25
La Grande	5:00	5:10	5:21	5:31
Pocatello	5:44	5:53	6:02	6:11

Montana Conference

Billings	5:21	5:31	5:42	5:52
Havre	5:18	5:30	5:41	5:52
Helena	5:33	5:44	5:54	6:05
Miles City	5:09	5:19	5:30	5:40
Missoula	5:40	5:51	6:02	6:12

Oregon Conference

Coos Bay	5:30	5:39	5:48	5:58
Medford	5:26	5:35	5:44	5:53
Portland	5:18	5:28	5:39	5:49

Upper Columbia Conference

Pendleton	5:02	5:13	5:23	5:33
Spokane	4:52	5:03	5:14	5:25
Walla Walla	5:00	5:10	5:20	5:31
Wenatchee	5:04	5:15	5:26	5:37
Yakima	5:39	5:07	5:18	5:28

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God is in His holy temple. Quiet everyone — a holy silence! Listen. (Habbakuk 2:20)

“We learn to listen only as we learn the meaning of absolute quiet, complete silence.”

Noah had 40 days and 40 nights to get used to his new surroundings. I was granted just two days and one night. Yet, for that brief span of time, while my parents were away on an overnight trip, the cabin overlooking the Puget Sound would be all mine. I could run on the beach, dodge banana slug land mines in the forest, and sleep, sleep, sleep to my adolescent heart's content. No television or radio (or computers or mobile devices in those dim, dark, distant days) — just me and the solitude.

That first night, after a full day of fun, I took my 13-year-old body to bed and gazed into the darkness. Twinkling points of light appeared far out on the Sound. But in the cabin all was dark ... and quiet. Too quiet. An ant breathed heavily in the next room. Something wild — a mouse, a rat or perhaps a wolverine — commenced an incessant gnawing inside the wall. Every unusual sound, masked during daytime activities, was amplified in the pitch-black silence. A north wind began to blow; clouds parted and shafts of moonlight created eerie, amorphous shadows. Creaking branches slapped intermittently against the windows. Dark shapes danced an irregular jig around the room.

Then there was the owl.

Silence is not always golden or welcome. The awkward lapse of conversation, the uncomfortable pause, is something we avoid. In the face of oppression and wrong, silence is cowardice. Yet our society has rushed, it seems, to embrace the other extreme. Twitter tiffs of the rich and famous and high-decibel debates among political candidates leave little room for thoughtful discourse or quiet

reflection. Online comments on news or blog sites often degenerate into “idiots calling each other idiots,” as someone wryly lamented. Lance Ulanoff, editor-in-chief of Mashable, a news-tech site that covers social media, says, “Silence is never a good idea. People will fill that silence with their own information” — and, I might add, whether or not it is valuable or helpful.

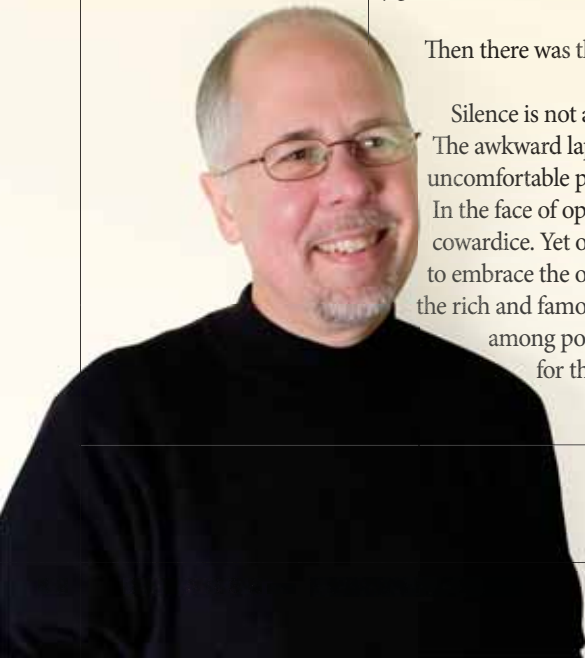
But Ulanoff probably never met Sam Campbell. Campbell's stories and lectures about life in the north woods of Wisconsin were an integral part of Adventist culture in the 60s. His old-school philosophies are in short supply today.

In his book *Too Much Salt and Pepper*, Campbell reminds us of the scriptural advice: “study to be quiet.” He observes, “We learn to listen only as we learn the meaning of absolute quiet, complete silence. It would do us little good if the voices of the wilderness spoke to us constantly, if we had not prepared ourselves to receive mentally those inspirational messages which are the real offering of nature.”

His words are not an ode to pantheism. They indeed have meaning well beyond the hallowed halls of nature. In the frenetic pace of life that swirls around us, Jesus is still able to calm the storm for those willing to listen.

When darkness closes in, when the wind begins to howl, when the noises and fears are overwhelming, His command “Peace, be still!” is still the message I need to hear.

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